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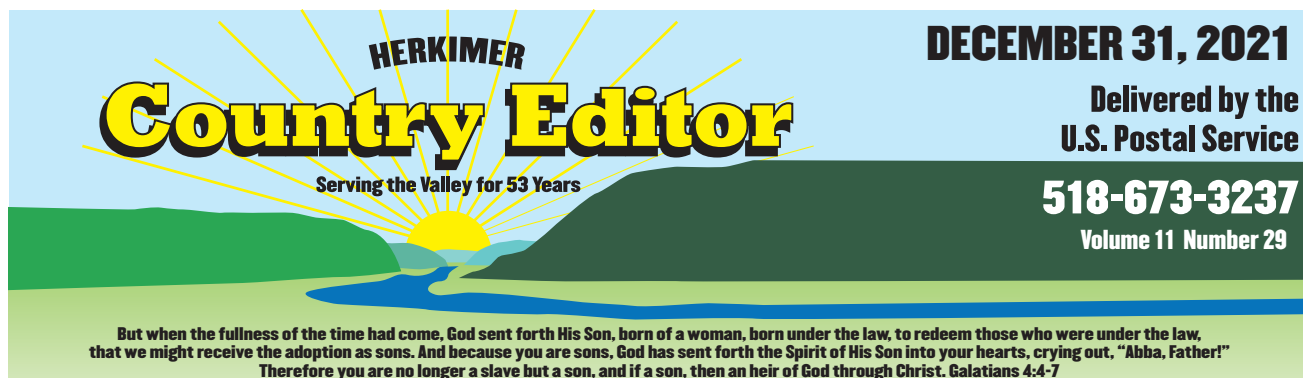
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Poland brings back assemblies to celebrate elementary students for positive behavior

For the first time in 21 months, Poland Central School District recently held a PPP Assembly to

easier distancing.

Through all of the changes, elementary students have done a great

ond grade and then a session of third grade to fifth grade. Cuthbertson opened both sessions by

"the three Ps" are and what "character" means.

"It's been a while since we've done one of these,

Cuthbertson also addressed how much has changed since the last PPP Assembly. "Things

have been a little bit strange the past couple of years, would you agree with that?" he said, receiving a supportive response from the students. "I would agree with that too."

Cuthbertson told students that being "prepared, productive and proud" is a good way to approach each day of school. "That's a good motto to have even when you're an adult," he said.

After taking student comments about what character means, Cuthbertson added his thoughts. "I look at character as the person you are," he said. "We're here to celebrate everybody's character." Cuthbertson also repeated – with students joining in – a statement about how character develops.



It was a very different time the last time Poland Central School District held a PPP Assembly on March 6, 2020. For photos of the student award winners from the first PPP Assembly since then, held on Dec. 17, 2021, visit facebook.com/PolandCSD. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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honor elementary students with awards that connect to the school motto of "prepared, productive and proud."

The last PPP Assembly before COVID-19 impacted schools was on March 6, 2019, and the PPP Assembly returned on Dec. 17, 2021, with Poland Principal Greg Cuthbertson and school counselors presenting awards to students in kindergarten to fifth grade.

"I think it's important that kids get recognized and they have some celebration of the good things they do," Cuthbertson said. "These kids have been through a lot, and we've missed out on a lot of opportunities to get together and celebrate accomplishments like this. We're just trying to get some normalcy back – as much as we possibly can."

The recent PPP Assembly looked much different than the last one almost two years ago. During the time that passed, the school theater where the assemblies took place was remodeled through Capital Project 2020. During the recent assembly, students sat distanced from each other and wore masks, and the assembly was split into two sessions to allow for

job adjusting to wearing masks and following all of the requirements without complaining or causing issues, Cuthbertson said. "They've been awesome," he said.

'It's been a while'

The idea behind the PPP Assemblies is to provide some positive reinforcement to students and help motivate them to contribute to the school with strong character and good behavior so they can be recognized at the next assembly, Cuthbertson said. He and school counselors hope to continue the PPP Assemblies going forward.

The recent assembly was split into a session of kindergarten to sec-

ond grade and then a session of third grade to fifth grade. Cuthbertson opened both sessions by

so I want to talk a little bit about why we have these assemblies," he said, to the students.

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Poland from 2 ——— “Thoughts become your habits, your habits become words, words become your character and actions, actions become your character deter-

mines your destiny,” he said.

The attitude you approach school with can

affect your results, he said. “If you put good things out, you usually get good things back in

return,” he said.

After awards were given out and students were

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Principal Greg Cuthbertson speaks to Poland elementary students during a PPP Assembly on Dec. 17 to recognize students for showing strong character in line with the school motto of “prepared, productive and proud.”



Principal Greg Cuthbertson (far right, standing) speaks to Poland elementary students during a PPP Assembly on Dec. 17 to recognize students for showing strong character.

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photographed with their certificates, Cuthbertson closed the assembly with some motivational comments for students regardless of whether they won an award during this particular assembly.

"You may not have gotten an award today, but this is really about you doing the best you can on a day-to-day basis," he said. "We want you to do your best every day."

Attitude and effort are two important aspects of a person's character, Cuthbertson said. "You control those things, and you just need to do the very best that you can," he said.

Individual student awards

Students received PPP Awards for showing strong character in line with the school motto of "prepared, productive and proud." Safe Walker Awards and Safe Rider Awards were given to students for good behavior walking home from school or riding the bus. The winners are listed below:

PPP Awards:

- Julie Dutcher's kindergarten class: Michael Atwell and Peyton Pomichter
- Carrie Roark's kindergarten class: Alexa Kermizian and Willow Przeliski
- Sarah Barron's first grade class: Brynn Dutcher and Addison Graves
- Kathleen Hess's first grade class: Hadley Rommel and Keith Lindsey
- Christina Kress's first grade class: Brooke Lubeck and Hunter Hoffert
- Patricia Linneen's first grade class: Kayleigh Colucci and Jamison Crabtree
- Michelle Garrett's second grade class: Ella Przeliski and Brantley Lawson
- Rachel Hitt's second grade class: Gracie Nightingale and Jeffrey Gee
- Heather Judd's second grade class: Cassidy Brenning and Reese Beyel
- Barbara Brinck's third grade class: Hunter Rommel and Aaliyah Rinaman
- Maria DeIorio's third grade class: Harper Lachut and Aiden Bidwell

Bible Trivia

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?

2. Isaiah, who prophesied about the birth of Christ, lived about how many years prior? 50, 150, 400, 700

3. Where does the Bible tell us that Jesus was born on Dec. 25? Does not, Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:1, Luke 7:7

4. From Luke 2:2, who was governor of Syria at the time of Jesus' birth? Augustus, Barabbas, Cyrenius, Dalphon

5. What priest was told he would not die until he

saw the Savior? Joazar, Matthias, Simeon, Elioneus

6. Who informed Joseph that the baby's name was to be Jesus? Herod, Pilate, Mary, An angel

Answers: 1) Neither; 2) 700; 3) Does not; 4) Cyrenius; 5) Simeon; 6) An angel

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- Cheryl Gorinshek's third grade class: Abella Franks and Graig McOwen
- Tracy Graulich's fourth grade class: Sydney Dodge and Eric Bowles
- Elizabeth Lepper's fourth grade class: Jackson Bell and Charlee Moorhead
- Lori Seymour's fourth grade class: MacKenzie Lee and Jared Greiner
- John Allen's fifth grade: Hailey Haver and Hunter Lein
- Todd Manley's fifth-grade class: Luci Virgil and Bradley Hoffert

Safe Walker Awards: Alexa Kermizian, Harper Bell, Logan Clark, Alex Topham, Charlee Moorhead and Ben Barton

Safe Rider Awards: Jett Wisdom, Abella Franks, Gwenevere Smithson, Marlee Roark, Cassidy Brenning, Annalyce LaSalle, Gianna Wheatley, Willow Przeliski and Vivienne Riecker.

Class awards

Behavior during lunchtime, while in the hallway and when attending classes taught by other teachers is recognized with homeroom awards. The class receive-

ing the Golden Spatula Award for lunchtime behavior gets to keep a golden spatula until the next PPP Assembly.

The winning class awards are listed below:

- Golden Spatula Award: Mrs. Garrett's class
- Single File Award: Mrs. Linneen's class and Mrs. Gorinshek's class
- Physical Education Award: Mr. Allen's class and Ms. Dutcher's class
- Music Award: Ms. Hitt's class and Mr. Manley's class
- Library Award: Ms. Dutcher's class and Mrs. Graulich's class
- Social-Emotional Learning Award: Ms. Hitt's class and Mrs. Lepper's class
- Art Award: Ms. Dutcher's class and Mr. Manley's class

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Winter Concert marks return of Poland bands, choirs as music classes get back closer to full swing

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Band students stood spread out from

each other on the new gymnasium floor, and choir students did the same in the bleachers, as audience members looked on while wearing masks.

It wasn't a typical concert scene, but nonetheless, the music was back.

On Dec. 14, in the new school gymnasium, the Poland Junior Band, Senior Band, Junior Choir and Senior Choir put on their first concert since COVID-19 impacted schools. Poland instrumental and music teacher Paul Brown directed the bands, and new Poland vocal and music teacher Margaret Kraeger directed the choirs.

"We tried to get back to as normal as

possible," Brown said. "It was the first concert in close to two years. The kids were excited. I was excited. You could feel it."

The Poland general music classes have had to adapt through COVID-19 regulations, and band and choir classes were put on hold for an entire school year, so the path back to putting on the 2021 Winter Concert came with challenges.

Winter 7

Poland Elementary students donate winter clothing items to help others



More than 175 warm winter clothing items were donated this year as part of Poland Central School District's elementary school "mitten tree" drive under the guidance of teaching assistant Tracy Irwin. The drive accepts donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children and adults. Organizers first check with Poland teachers about any Poland students who could use the items, and then the rest are donated to local charities. Elementary students pose in front of the mitten tree with some of the donated items. Photo courtesy of Herkimer BOCES

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Poland Central School District music teacher Paul Brown conducts band students during the 2021 Winter Concert on Dec. 14 in the new school gymnasium. Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES



Poland Central School District music teacher Margaret Kraeger directs choir students during the 2021 Winter Concert.

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"It felt good to get students singing; to get them showing off what they have worked on," Kraeger said.

'Ready for something

like this to happen'

At the Winter Concert, the family and community members in the audience seemed attentive and engaged throughout the performance, Brown

said.

"It was the quietest audience I've ever had here," he said. "I think they were ready for something like this to happen too."

The last times the school bands and choirs performed were for the 2019 Winter Concert and then at a Utica Comets game on a Friday night before the holiday break in December 2019, Brown said.

Not having an opportunity to perform since then made the return feel more special, Brown said.

"It was nice and refreshing to have the kids want to play," he said. "The kids seemed differ-

ent. They seemed like they wanted it."

The atmosphere affected Brown too.

"I was nervous mainly because we hadn't played a concert in so long," he said.

For Kraeger, it was also her first concert at Poland.

It felt strange for her to be in a different venue with a different setup and crowd than she was used to from her previous job, she said. There was a lot of nervousness among students – particularly younger students – with the return to putting on a concert, but the preparation paid off, she said.

"The concert went much better than I anticipated," Kraeger said.

'Just made sense'

Kraeger started working at Poland Central School District on Sept. 21, after fulfilling her required 30-day notice with Utica City School District, where she worked as a music teacher for the past 13 years.

It would have been nice to start with Poland at the same time as school started for students, but the delay did give Kraeger the opportunity to say goodbye to her Utica students and gave Poland students a chance to get used to the idea that their former music teacher, Jocelyn Rauch, had left the district, Kraeger said.

"It wasn't ideal, but there were blessings in it," Kraeger said, of starting on Sept. 21.

Kraeger is a graduate of Holland Patent Central School District. She then went to college at the Word of Life Bible Institute for two years. Next, she earned her music education degree from

Baptist Bible Seminary, which is now known as Clarks Summit University.

Around February 2006, Kraeger started doing per diem substitute teaching at Poland and continued to be a substitute at Poland and Holland Patent through June 2008, before starting at Utica.

Kraeger said she decided to become a music teacher because of her own interest in music.

"I was a musician myself – singing and playing piano and violin – so when I had to pick something that would work for a job, music education just made sense," she said.

Some of Kraeger's earliest memories are of singing in the choir pews at church, so her interest in music came naturally.

"I think I just liked it," she said, "and my family nurtured that."

Her grandmother put her into piano lessons at the end of first grade and she started playing violin in third grade.

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Calendar of events

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January 3

Town Board of the Town of Stratford 2022 Reorganization Meeting 6:30 pm at Town Hall, 120 Piseco Road Stratford. Reorganizational meeting follows the Executive Session beginning at 6 p.m.

January 19

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Herkimer BOCES kicks off campaign to support United Way by sharing messages of gratitude

Herkimer BOCES kicks off campaign to support United Way by sharing messages of gratitude.

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES staff members launched their annual campaign to support the United Way of the Mohawk Valley this year by focusing on a theme of "grateful, thankful, BOCES."

After it was determined that the theme for this year's kickoff would be based on "gratitude," a plan was developed for

the kickoff, said Herkimer BOCES School to Careers liaison and work-based learning coordinator MaryBeth Napolitano, who is the Herkimer BOCES employee campaign coordinator for the United Way.

For four weeks of December, employees submitted comments on what they're thankful for about Herkimer BOCES, and each submission entered them into a weekly prize drawing.

"I thought, 'Why can't we focus on our own gratitude for the wonder-

ful organization we work for?'" Napolitano said. "Reading the responses was just humbling. Many

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Charley Priola, secretary for the Herkimer BOCES Office of Instructional Support Services, uses a program on her computer to randomly select the winner of a prize drawing for the Herkimer BOCES United Way campaign kickoff.

Photos courtesy of Herkimer BOCES



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Those beginnings led to where she is now, teaching general music to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and leading the vocal music program.

'So much nicer'

In March 2020, when schools closed to in-person learning due to COVID-19, Brown maintained a presence with students virtually and had discussions about music. About three weeks into it, he went into school and sent instruments home to students, and he was

able to conduct individual, virtual lessons with students.

For the 2020-21 school year, in-person learning returned at Poland, but band classes weren't able to be held.

"It was absolutely no band," Brown said. "General music and study hall is what we did."

This year, Brown is the band teacher and gives instrumental applied music lessons for grades 4-12. He also teaches one section of general music for third

grade and one section for fourth grade, as well as general music for seventh grade.

It's good to be back closer to normal with general music classes this school year and to be back to teaching instruments and band, Brown said.

Kraeger said she is happy to be teaching general music this year in a music classroom. She said it's great that Poland had in-person classes for the full 2020-21 school year because at Utica, she didn't return to in-person teaching

until March 8, 2021, almost a full year after the pandemic first affected schools.

After virtual teaching, hybrid teaching and visiting other classrooms, Kraeger said she's happy to have students visiting the music classroom this year at Poland.

"It's so much nicer because students can come into the room and use the music equipment and instruments," she said. "I'm very much a fan of hands-on education."

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times, my eyes welled up with tears. Gratitude is a wonderful feeling – especially this time of year.”

Herkimer BOCES supports the United Way of the Mohawk Valley with an annual campaign and provides a pledge form to employees, who can choose to make a one-time donation or ongoing donations each pay period if they want to.

“We’re giving back as well,” Napolitano said.

Napolitano said Shawn Maxson, Herkimer BOCES district clerk, and Charley Priola, secretary for the Herkimer BOCES Office of Instructional Support Services, were also instrumental in the United Way campaign kickoff.

Herkimer BOCES partners with the United Way in other ways as well.

One way is through the Herkimer BOCES School to Careers program’s Advanced Career Immersion Experience (ACIE) program. ACIE student Julianne Fike, of Central Valley Academy, is doing a 24-week internship this school year at the United Way of the Mohawk Valley.

For the Herkimer BOCES United Way campaign kickoff, the re-

wards given out from the weekly drawings were gift cards to Hannaford, Lowe’s Home Improvement, Stewart’s Shops and Walmart. The four winners of the weekly drawings were Herkimer BOCES employees Donna Roback, Erica Haver, Christer Zambri and Ian Wiernicki.

Heading into the final drawing, Napolitano, who supplied the prizes, wanted to add some extra motivation for staff to submit comments.

“Then I thought, ‘We need to up the ante,’” she said.

A bonus drawing for a tray of freshly baked Italian cookies was announced, and Herkimer BOCES District Superintendent Sandra Sherwood put out an email about it. Staff received one entry into the bonus drawing for each time

they entered one of the weekly drawings.

The bonus drawing took place in the afternoon of Dec. 22. Employee Patricia Wilson was randomly selected as the winner.

Napolitano said United Way campaign organizers are still encouraging employee pledges for one-

time or ongoing donations, and she also would encourage anyone in the community to donate to the United Way.

“Any amount is so appreciated,” she said. “We see the needs of our community right here, and we see the wonderful work the United Way does.”



Herkimer BOCES School to Careers liaison and work-based learning coordinator MaryBeth Napolitano (L), who is the Herkimer BOCES employee campaign coordinator for the United Way, poses with Herkimer BOCES Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, & Curriculum Initiatives Patricia Wilson. Wilson won a tray of Italian cookies through the Herkimer BOCES United Way campaign kickoff.

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Poland bus driver Debra Renodin retires after 35 years

Debra Renodin recently worked her last day as a full-time bus driver, after nearly 35 years driv-

ing buses at Poland Central School District.

School Transportation Department staff gathered on Nov. 30 to celebrate her retirement in the bus garage with food, laughs and some tears. Renodin said the celebration meant a lot to her.

"They're family, when you've been here this long," she said.

Renodin's final trip through her bus route as a full-time driver wasn't behind the wheel. Instead, school Transportation Supervisor Eric Taylor drove and allowed her to enjoy the experience from a different point of view.

"She's been driving the bus for 35 years, and I thought it would be nice to do for her - give her one last ride on her bus with her students," Taylor said. "She was pretty emotional."

For Renodin's retirement party, not only did current Transportation Department staff attend, but some retirees returned to wish her well. This included Bob Tabor, who was the school transportation supervisor when Renodin started, and three former bus drivers: Karen Smith, who retired in May 2021; Margaret Santmier, who retired 3.5 years ago; and Ann Johnston, who retired 7.5 years ago.



Poland Central School District bus driver Debra Renodin celebrates her retirement with school Transportation Department staff on her last day of full-time work culminating in 35 years with the district.

"I've seen the strong relationships Deb formed with the students, parents and coworkers," Taylor said. "Having three retired bus drivers and a former transportation supervisor return to campus really says a lot about Deb and about the close bonds in the department."

In retirement, Renodin plans to do some traveling and enjoy more time with her family and interests. Although she is moving past her role as a full-time driver, she does

plan to help the transportation department on a substitute basis.

When she started as a Poland bus driver 35 years ago, she never expected to spend the rest of her career in the role.

"I just thought I would do it for a little while," she said.

Renodin had four daughters in school at Poland when she began driving buses and thought it would be great to have the same schedule as her children.

"Driving worked out and still allowed me to raise a family," she said.

As the years went on, her daughters graduated from Poland and went on to successful careers, but Renodin had grown to like being a bus driver and decided to stick with it, she said.

Her presence was always a positive for the Transportation Department, Taylor said.

"She's always got a smile to share with everyone," he said.

Smiles weren't the only thing she shared. "She brought in many cookies and cakes for the whole department to enjoy," Taylor said. "She is a great baker."

Renodin has seen a lot of change over the years - such as the style of buses - many improvements being made and the buses changing from all standard when she started to all automatic now. Renodin said she actually misses the standard shift buses because she liked how they pulled the hills.

In recent years, Renodin has been transporting some students whose grandparents were on her bus when she first started as a driver, she said.

Renodin said she always remembers the important role bus drivers play in students' education.

"Getting them here safely - that's the main priority," she said.

Renodin reflected fondly on her years as a full-time bus driver.

"I've enjoyed it," she said.



Poland Central School District bus driver Debra Renodin and Transportation Department Supervisor Eric Taylor pose for a picture together at Renodin's retirement on Nov. 30. Taylor drove Renodin's bus for her on her last day as a full-time bus driver to allow her to enjoy the ride as a passenger with the students. Photos by Herkimer BOCES

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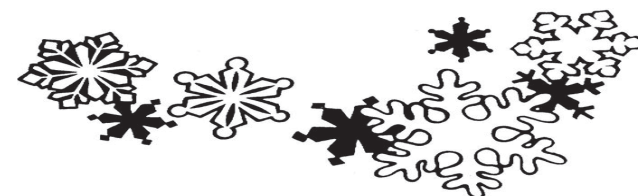
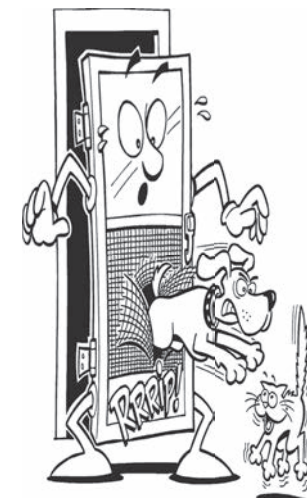
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by Sam Mazzotta
Help Feed Hungry Pets
This Holiday Season

In 2020, local shelters, businesses and other groups came together to collect donations of food or money to purchase food and supplies for pets. These were a great help. However, we're not out of the woods yet. Rising prices due to inflation and supply chain issues, plus continued financial instability, means that many pets will go hungry again this year. Can Paw's Corner readers rise to the occasion again this year and help neighbors and their pets to stay fed and healthy? - Shelter Volunteer in Wichita, Kansas

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by JoAnn Derson

- To prevent candle wax from sticking to a candleholder, swipe the inside with a little olive oil. It'll do the trick!
- Make your own gift wrap from everyday items like newspaper (think color comics) and children's drawings, which can be glued together along the edges. For a really unique wrapping, try inexpensive fabric.
- Cookies are so fun to make (and to eat). To save some of your favorites for the new year, simply place dough balls on a cookie sheet and freeze. Pop into a freezer-safe bag, and you can have freshly baked cookies pretty much anytime! - JoAnn
- "I have two carafes that I use for my breakfast bar. I keep coffee in one, and the other holds milk or cream. On holiday nights, I prep the cream carafe

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Home Country

by Slim Randles

It doesn't really take much prompting to get ol' Windy Wilson to start holding court on all things strange... not at

the Mule Barn truck stop. All it takes is someone slowing down enough to listen to our aging camp cook. Someone accidentally said the word "quail" and that was enough. Now ol' Horton lived 'way up Lewis Crick from here, Windy said. Had this old mule named Putner. Ol' Putner got his name 'cuz when he was foaled, he putner died. But Horton trained Putner to do things Horton liked to do. In fact, that's

the reason them two bird hunters from the city drove over to Horton's place that day. Opening day of quail season, doncha see. They was told ol' Horton he had him a mule who could point quail, and Horton says he sure as sugar does. He said he'd rent ol' Putner out to 'em for 10 dollars a day. Guaran-dog-teed him steady to wing and shot, don't you know. So they gave him the 10 bucks and Horton turned Putner loose and he galloped around through

the puckerbrush and then slammed into the prettiest long-eared point you ever seen. Sure enough, he found them a covey of quail, and when they shot the birds, ol' Putner retrieved them back to the hunters. Picked 'em right up in his mouth just as gentle as a marshmeller. Well, those ol' boys had their limits by lunch time and they couldn't believe it. They took Putner back to ol' Horton and said they had to have him, and

they didn't care how much it cost them. Horton shook his head and said he couldn't do 'er. Nossir. Not for any money. Why not? Those hunters asked him. Why boys, said Horton, it's almost time for the salmon run, and Putner would rather fish than hunt, any day. Brought to you by "Packing the Backyard Horse" by Slim Randles, now available on Amazon.

Oh My Peanut Butter Pie

Submitted by Susquehanna County Dairy Maid Maci Harvatine

My name is Maci Harvatine, and I am a Susquehanna County Dairy Maid. I'm in the fourth grade at Mountain View Elementary School and I love Peanut Butter Pie. Today I will share my favorite recipe with you.

Crust:

- 1 1/2 cups crushed graham crackers
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup melted butter

In a small bowl combine the crumbs and sugar. Add the butter and mix well. Press in the bottom and sides of an ungreased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 375° for 8 - 10 min-

utes and cool or refrigerate for 30 minutes. If you don't want to make your own crust you can always buy one in the store.

Filling:

- 8 oz. cream cheese (at room temperature)
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup powder sugar
- 1 tub extra creamy Cool Whip made with real cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix all ingredients together until fluffy with an electric mixer.

Put the filling into the prepared graham cracker crust.

At Christmas time I like to decorate with M&Ms, making

a Christmas tree so it looks festive.

You may want to let your favorite person lick the bowl, spoon and spatula you use to put the filling in the pie crust! Even though I am lactose intolerant I still get my three servings of dairy, milk, cheese or yogurt every day (I just use Lactaid).

(Front row, L - R) Dairy Maids Maci Harvatine and Emmory Coy-Puzo. (Back row) Dairy Maid Kali Harvatine and Dairy Ambassadors Holly Harvatine and Ava Hughes and the Christmas Cow. Photo courtesy of Evie Goff



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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Good for
Good on
How are

I ask
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Over to
Same to

Says
Shame on
Thank
Up to

What have
What's eating
Will

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1 Earring site
5 Smack
8 Blog entry
12 Regrettably
13 Fuss
14 "May It Be" singer
15 Dealer's foe
16 Moving-day rental
17 Aviation prefix
18 Energetic person
20 Galley supply
22 Strikers' queue
26 Manhandled
29 Chemical suffix
30 Hobbyist's abbr.
31 Rue the run
32 German conjunction
33 Lavish party
34 — Paulo
35 Fuel stat
36 Devil's domain
37 Playgoer's souvenir
40 Writer
41 Short jacket
45 Gambling game
47 Jay follower
49 San —, Italy

DOWN

1 Crow's-nest
2 Skin care brand
3 Hoedown site
4 Jailbreak participant
5 Mayhem
6 Greek mountain
7 Ad nauseam
8 Oyster's prize
9 Biased
10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
11 Eastern "way"
19 Central
21 Consumed
23 Monarchs
24 Evening, in an ad
25 Peepers
26 Bygone days
27 Exotic berry
28 "So what?"
32 Chimney pipes
33 Maker of ornate eggs
35 Gents
36 Coloration
38 Shoelace woes
39 Secret rendezvous
42 Dread
43 Send forth
44 Portrayal
45 "Terrific"
46 Lawyers' gp.
48 Altar constellation

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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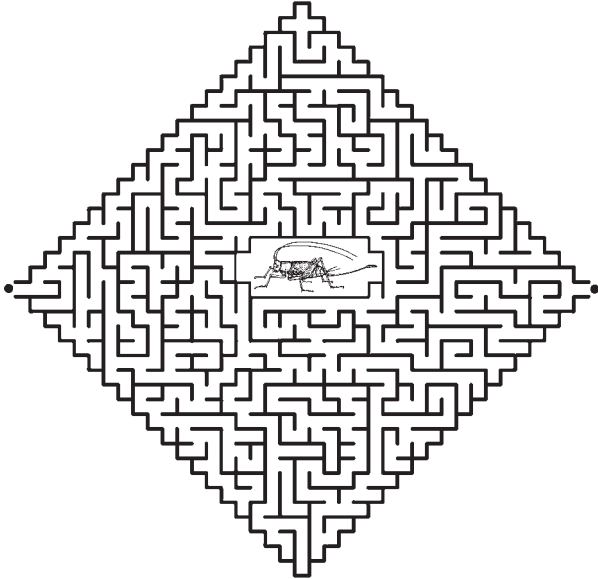
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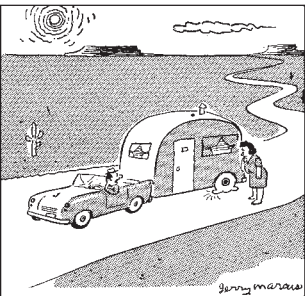
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