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DEAR GERRY: I'm sorry to hear that! Introducing a new pet into an established household can be stressful for both pets and sometimes unpredictable. And any negative interactions that occur - from hissing and barking to an all-out boxing match - can make future harmony nearly impossible to achieve. One or both pets may begin to exhibit behavioral issues like aggression, soiling in the house, chewing and scratching, and more.

For the foreseeable future, you'll need to manage and monitor all interactions between Max and Nora. As soon as they begin to react negatively, they need to be separated.

Reintroduce the two gradually. I recommend taking Max for a nice, long walk before each meeting so that some of his puppy energy is worked off beforehand. Work intensively with Max on basic commands like sit, stay, lie down and come here. When Max is in the room with Nora, have him sit or lie down close to you - they don't have to meet face to face. Limit interaction time to five minutes or less at first, then gradually increase the time.

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NOV. 28-Jan. 1: Pearson Park's Parade of Lights, drive through, 5pm-12midnight, use Mercer Rd. entrance; 179 Pearson Park Dr., Neshannock

NOV. 30-Dec. 23: Christmas in the Park, 6pm-9pm; stroll through and enjoy the displays; Ewing Park, Washington Ave., Ellwood City

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DEC. 21: New Life Bread Basket Food Bank, drive/walk through, 9am-10:30am; 346 E. Washington St., New Castle. Questions: Pastor Trent 724-946-2816

DEC. 21: Drive-Thru Food Giveaway, 8:30am-?, while supplies last; Cascade Galleria Plaza, rear lot, 200 S. Jefferson St., New Castle

DEC. 21-29: The Weekly Bargain Bulletin office will be closed for year end bookkeeping and systems maintenance. Find the Dec. 27 online only puzzle edition on our website! Find us back in stores Jan. 3, 2025!

DEC. 22: Special Christmas celebration in Scripture and Song, gathering 10:30am, service 10:45am, Pastor Albert Librizzi; Barnstone Ministries, 251 S. State-line Rd., Pulaski, 16143, off Rte. 422, behind Family Dollar near OH/PA border 12-20

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DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Worship, 6:00pm; Grace United Methodist Ministry, 135 Decker Dr., Neshannock Twp.

DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm, special music, Dr. Randy Stringer; Center Presby. Church, 1134 Center Church Rd., New Castle

DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Services, 1pm deaf interpretation; 3pm, 5pm; New Life Church, 3414 SR208, New Wilmington 724-946-2816, nlbc.church

DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 6pm; Wiley Hill Baptist Church, 1778 Windover Ave., Ellwood City

DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7pm; The Chapel at Mercer, 300 S. Pitt St., Mercer

DEC. 25: Free Christmas Dinner, 1pm-3pm, dine-in, curbside pickup, or delivery available; Clinton Church, 1147 Old Rte. 18, Wampum; 724-657-4328

DEC. 26: No Line Dancing today; Grace Ministry, 135 Decker Dr., Neshannock Twp.

DEC. 26: No Celebrate Recovery today; New Life Church, New Wilmington. Questions: Pastor Trent 724-946-2816

DEC. 27: NOTICE: There will be no printed Weekly Bargain Bulletin today. Find our online only Dec. 27 puzzle edition on our website. See you Friday, January 3, 2025!

JAN. 2: Monthly prayer gathering for nation and New Castle, every first Thursday, 6:30pm; YMCA, 20 W. Washington St., New Castle, 724-771-0822

JAN. 2: Celebrate Recovery, every Thursday 6:30pm-8:30pm, for any life issue; New Life Church, New Wilmington. Questions: Pastor Trent 724-946-2816

JAN. 4: Free Family Movie Night, dinner 6pm, movie 7pm; Edinburg Christian Church, 186 Clay St.; info. call 724-466-2482 JoAnne

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Whip Up Aunt Ina's Swedish Meatballs for the Holidays

My great-aunt Ina had no children of her own, so we always included her at holiday gatherings where we played endless rounds of Boggle and Scrabble and did lots of eating. She'd win the games, then happily drift into the kitchen to make her Swedish meatballs, a recipe passed on to her from her immigrant parents more than a century ago.

Now that she is no longer with us, we find ourselves reminiscing about her when we pull out her recipe for our Christmas Eve smorgasbord. As we do, I root around in the fridge for eggs, beef and pork, then Mom gathers spices from the cupboard. Without a word being spoken, we both have similar thoughts remembering Aunt Ina and others who gathered around the warm kitchen in Christmases past.

Heirloom recipes and special traditions make the holiday season bright for families everywhere. "And they help us slow down," says Blake, an energetic 4th-grade teacher and father of four active kids under 11.

Traditions aren't fast-moving. They call us to put our super-busy lifestyles aside and come together to do something that matters. When we prepare Grandma Signa's Julgrod (a Norwegian rice pudding), it gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling. I'm passing along something from my heritage while connecting with the most important people in my life. It's real, and that's what counts," he explained.

Find a pause during your family life to celebrate your unique traditions this month. And if you are in need of a new one, I am sharing great-aunt Ina's Swedish meatball recipe with you. We serve ours with lingonberry sauce on the side, but you might prefer topping them with your favorite gravy or even a spicy barbecue sauce! Let's get rolling ...

AUNT INA'S SWEDISH MEATBALLS - Makes 48 meatballs

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 pound ground pork
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup breadcrumbs or cracker crumbs
- 1 large onion, grated
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Pinch of pepper

Here's the fun: In a large bowl, let your child mix ingredients thoroughly for several minutes. Shape into firm 1-inch balls. Aunt Ina dipped her fingers in a bowl of cold water to make it easy.

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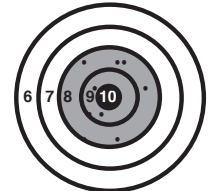
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I love Christmas. The celebration of the birth of Christ and the beauty and wonder of the season make it “the most wonderful time of the year” for me. In recent years, however, the season has been accompanied by a growing irritation. Every year “Christmas stuff” comes out earlier and earlier—creeping all the way back to early fall.

Christmas used to be limited to December, but now we find radio stations playing Christmas music in early November. Stores start advertising Christmas specials in October, and Christmas candy appears in late September. If we're not careful, this growing deluge can numb us—even sour us to what should be a season of gratitude and awe.

When that irritation begins to rise in my spirit, I try to do one thing: Remember. I remind myself what Christmas means, who Jesus is, and why He came. I remember the love and grace of a forgiving God who sent us rescue in the Person of His Son. I remember that, ultimately, only one gift really matters—God's “indescribable gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15). I remember that the salvation Christ came to provide is both the gift and the Giver all wrapped up in one.

Jesus is our life all year long, and He is the greatest wonder. “O come, let us adore Him!”

Living God, I thank You for the unspeakable gift of Your Son.

Draw my heart to Your own, that my worship to and gratitude for Your Son will never be diminished by the distractions of the world around me.

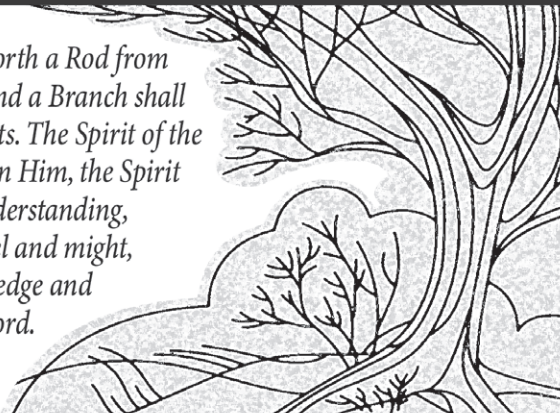
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 4. LITERATURE: Which American novelist also wrote under the pen name Edgar Box?
 5. SCIENCE: What is the process called in which plants lose water through their leaves?
 6. HISTORY: What was the name of the international group that was supposed to keep the peace after World War I?
 7. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom featured a holiday episode titled "Abed's Uncontrollable Christmas"?
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3. Clarence Odbody.
4. Gore Vidal.
5. Transpiration.
6. The League of Nations.
7. "Community."
8. Constellation.
9. "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby.
10. 1,000.
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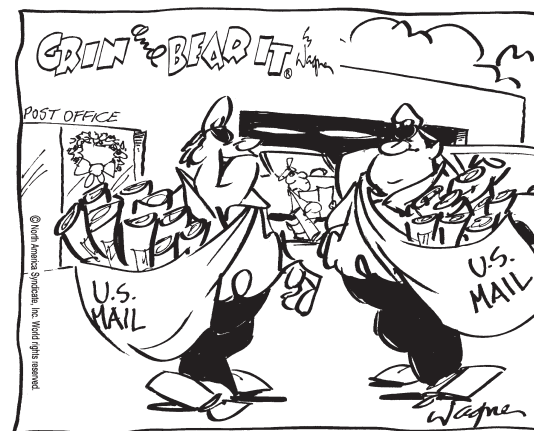
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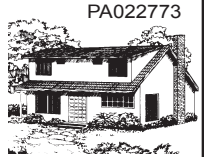
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- 2 apples, thinly sliced
- 1 C. sour cream
- 1 egg

Heat oven to 350°. Combine first 2 ingredients; mix until crumbly. Reserve 2/3 C. for topping; add brown sugar to reserved topping mix. Mix well; set aside. Place the remaining mixture onto bottom of an ungreased 9"x13" pan. Arrange apples over the base. Blend sour cream and egg; spread evenly over the apples. Sprinkle reserved topping mixture over all. Bake at 350° for 25 to 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown and bubbly. Serve warm. Refrigerate leftovers. Makes 12 to 15 squares.

CHICKEN AND BROCCOLI

- 2 pkg. frozen broccoli
- 3 whole chicken breasts
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder
- 1/2 C. shredded American cheese
- 1/2 C. bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. melted butter

Cook broccoli until tender; cook chicken and remove from bone. Grease a 9"x13" baking dish. Place broccoli on bottom, then chicken. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over chicken. Top with bread crumbs and melted butter. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

PHILLY 15-MINUTE CHEESECAKE

- CRUST:
- 1 C. chocolate sandwich cookies, (about 12), crushed
 - 3 Tbsp. Parkay margarine, melted
- FILLING:
- 3 (8 oz.) pkg. Philadelphia cream cheese, softened
 - 3/4 C. sugar
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 C. mini semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 1 tsp. vanilla

CRUST: Heat oven to 350°. Mix crumbs and margarine; press into springform pan. Bake for 10 minutes.

FILLING: Beat cream cheese and sugar at medium speed with electric mixer until well blended; add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing well after each egg. Stir in chips and vanilla; pour over crust. Bake for 45 minutes. Loosen cake from rim of pan; cool before removing from pan. Refrigerate. Makes 10-12 servings. Variations: Substitute 9" square pan for springform pan. Bake as directed. Omit chocolate chips and top with one 6 oz. package

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CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

2 1/4 C. whole grain pastry flour
 1/4 C. cornstarch
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt
 4 Tbsp. butter, at room temperature
 2 oz. reduced-fat cream cheese, at room temperature
 3/4 C. granulated sugar
 3/4 C. packed light brown sugar
 1 large egg
 1 large egg white
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 3/4 C. semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375°. Coat 2 large baking sheets with cooking spray. In medium bowl, mix flour, cornstarch, baking soda, and salt. Place butter and cream cheese in large bowl. Using electric mixer on medium speed, beat for 1 minute, or until smooth. Beat in granulated and brown sugars until light and creamy. Beat in egg, egg white, and vanilla. Reduce mixer speed to low. Add flour mixture in 2 batches, beating just until combined. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop dough by rounded tsp. about 1 1/2" apart onto the prepared baking sheets. Bake 1 sheet at a time 9-12 minutes, or until golden. Cool on a rack for 2 minutes. Remove from sheet and place on rack to cool completely.

PARMESAN BUTTERED RICE

3 C. water
 1 1/2 C. uncooked long grain rice
 1/2 C. butter, no substitutes
 1 1/2 C. grated Parmesan cheese
 1 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley

In large saucepan, bring water to boil; stir in rice. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook for 20 minutes or until tender. Meanwhile, in skillet over medium heat, melt butter until browned. Place rice in serving dish and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Pour butter over rice; cover and let stand 2-3 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley.

COUNTRY COOKIES

2 C. all-purpose flour
 2 tsp. baking powder
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 3/4 C. vegetable oil
 1/4 C. molasses
 1 C. granulated sugar
 1 egg
 1/2 C. raisins
 Confectioners' sugar

In large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cloves, ginger, and cinnamon. In medium bowl, combine oil, molasses, sugar, and egg and stir until thoroughly mixed. With electric mixer on medium speed, add to flour mixture and beat for 2-3 minutes, or until dough forms. Add raisins and stir until thoroughly mixed. Roll dough into a ball, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350°. Evenly divide dough into thirty-six 1" balls and set them about 1" apart on a large nonstick baking sheet. Flatten each cookie by pressing gently with tines of a fork. Bake 10-12 minutes. Remove to a rack to cool. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

CANDY BAR PIE

5 (2.07 oz.) Snickers candy bars, cut into 1/4" pieces
 9" pastry shell, baked
 12 oz. cream cheese, softened
 1/2 C. sugar
 2 eggs
 1/3 C. sour cream
 1/3 C. peanut butter
 2/3 C. semisweet chocolate chips
 2 Tbsp. heavy whipping cream

Place candy bar pieces in pastry shell; set aside. In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, sour cream and peanut butter; beat on low until combined. Pour into pastry shell. Bake at 325° for 35-40 minutes or until set. Cool on wire rack. In small heavy saucepan, melt chocolate chips with cream over low heat; stir until smooth. Spread over filling. Refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight. Cut with a warm knife.

GREAT LOW-CAL OATMEAL COOKIES

1 1/2 C. all-purpose flour
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt
 3 C. old-fashioned or quick oats
 1 C. dark or golden raisins
 1 C. walnuts or pecans, finely chopped
 1/2 C. reduced-calorie, trans-free margarine
 1/4 C. granulated sugar
 1/4 C. firmly packed brown sugar
 1/4 C. Splenda
 2 large eggs or 1/2 C. egg substitute
 3/4 C. unsweetened applesauce
 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat 2 or 3 heavy baking sheets with cooking spray. In large bowl, stir together flour, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt. Stir in oats, and then raisins and nuts. In another large bowl, with electric mixer at medium speed, beat together margarine, granulated and brown sugars, and Splenda until well blended. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating well after each (or beat in one-half of the egg substitute, followed by the other half). Beat in applesauce and vanilla. With mixer at low speed, add dry ingredients, in 2 batches, just until blended. Drop dough by heaping tablespoons onto the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 1" apart. Bake until crisp and lightly brown, 10-12 minutes. Cool on sheet 1 minute, then transfer cookies to racks to cool. Repeat with remaining dough.

HAM LOAF

2 lb. ham loaf mix
 2 unbeatn eggs
 1 C. cracker crumbs
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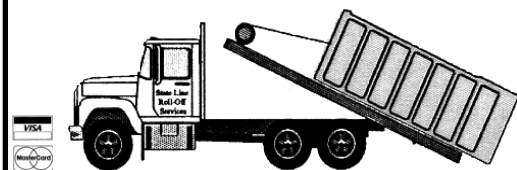


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**Aw, Who Knew? Awe is a Key to Health
& Happiness and a Whole Lot More!**

Every once in a while, you come across a scientific-related news piece confirming something you've intrinsically learned for yourself over the years and incorporated into your day-to-day living. Back on Nov. 10, 2024, the Apple News feed on my smartphone contained a story titled, "Scientists Have Found Experiencing This 1 Surprising Emotion Each Day Can Have Huge Health Benefits." The piece was originally published by HUFFPOST under their "Life" category and was a summary of an episode of the "Am I Doing It Wrong?" podcast. The exposition focused on the scientific research of Dacher Keltner, a Professor of Psychology at the University of California - Berkeley and the Director of the Greater Good Science Center. For over 20 years, Dr. Keltner has studied the stories of people in their own words, from 26 diverse countries around the world (including the United States, Brazil, Poland, India, and Mexico).

Through his research, he has become one of the world's foremost Awe researchers and has examined Awe's effects on our minds, bodies, and outlooks. Dr. Keltner elaborated, "Awe is particularly hard to describe with language" and "In fact, a lot of people are like, 'it's ineffable. It's beyond words, you can't put rationale thought to it.'" However, he disagrees and personally summarizes Awe as "the feeling we have when we encounter vast mysteries and at the core is being connected to something larger than yourself." Through his research across all 26 countries, he has identified "eight wonders of life" and at the top of the list, the two most powerful wonders are moral beauty (other people's kindness and courage) and nature. In his words, "It's profound what nature does to your mind and body. Experiencing Awe lowers inflammation, helps alleviate anxiety, pain, and depression, and triggers the release of oxytocin, the 'love' hormone that promotes trust and bonding." His findings were collaborated and replicated in peer reviewed studies. The Bottom Line - "If we want more Awe in our lives - and all the health benefits it can bring - what should we do? Give yourself a few minutes a day, slow down your schedule, put away your electronic devices, start breathing deeply, and open your mind to something larger than yourself. Consider taking regular Awe walks and relate to something that's larger than you out in nature."

Call it Awe, Wonder, or Curiosity, I hope you've never lost that feeling chil-

dren seem to innately have and unfortunately many individuals seem to lose as they grow older. It is one of the primary forces propelling me outdoors as often as possible to explore our woods and waters, and what's over the next hill on the trail or around the next river bend. I know I've recently experienced Awe taking in numerous glorious sunrises and sunsets, the power of rushing winds or a torrential storm, the hushed sound of snow falling, a bald eagle soaring, standing on the shore of vast Lake Erie as the waves crashed ashore, looked out from a lofty vista in the PA Wilds Region to observe endless mountains and vast forests, and paused by several waterfalls tucked away on remote PA waterways. I can't tell you how many times I've paused while hunting, fishing, hiking, or paddling to say aloud to myself, "This is amazing. I'm privileged to be here, right now, experiencing this." It has always been my goal here in the pages of the Weekly Bargain Bulletin to convey my ongoing Awe of nature with readers and to motivate others to get outdoors to experience Awe for themselves! Now we know there are numerous health benefits derived from our Awe!

You know what amazes me even more than the sheer Awe of the natural world around us? It's the fact that the God of the Universe, the Creator of it all, wants to have a loving relationship with each and every one of us individually. It is why He sent His Son Jesus as an infant over 2,000 years ago on that First Christmas as our eventual Savior. It was part of God's plan, as shared in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Let us never forget Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. He is the core of what we celebrate at Christmas. The lights, carols, trees, wreaths, cards, gifts, and Santa are all manmade additions to Christ's coming, which is the greatest story ever told. Please read the true Christmas story found in Luke's gospel, chapters 1 & 2. That "whoever" in John 3:16 applies to you, me, and everyone else, no matter who we are or whatever we've done in our past. The true gift of Christmas is asking God to come into your heart and your life. I don't care if you are 9 or 90 years-old, if you've never opened that special Christmas gift for yourself, now is the time, in December 2024, to make that life-changing profession of faith! I sincerely wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! **God Bless, Be Safe, and Great Outdoors!** ©WBB 2024

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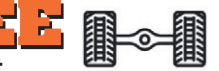
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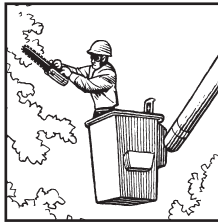
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Puzzle Difficulty: ♦ ♦ ♦ HooBoy

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Am I Required to Recycle Curbside?

All residents and businesses of the following municipalities are required by state and local laws to recycle curbside: *City of New Castle, Ellwood City Borough, Neshannock Township, Shenango Township, and Union Township.*

These are called "Mandated Municipalities." Residents and businesses in New Wilmington Borough are required to recycle curbside by local laws. Residents and businesses of all other Lawrence County municipalities are not required to recycle curbside, but are encouraged to do so voluntarily. See "I live in a Municipality where I am not required to Recycle Curbside, but I would like to do so. What options do I have for curbside recycling?" for more information.

What Can I Recycle?

Most curbside recycling programs in Lawrence County collect recyclables via "single stream" recycling. Single stream recycling is designed to make recycling as easy as possible for residents. All of the materials listed below can be mixed together in the same container. There is no need to separate them. The following materials are usually included in single stream recycling programs:

- #1, #2, and sometimes #5 Plastic Bottles & Jugs
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk Mail

There may be differences in programs depending on where you live. Always check with your recycling hauler or municipality if you have questions about your program.

If it is not on the list - it belongs in the trash. When in doubt, throw it out or recycle it elsewhere. Acceptable materials may differ between haulers. Be sure to follow the guidelines provided by your hauler!

What are the advantages of curbside recycling over a drop-off recycling program?

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I live in a municipality where I am not required to recycle curbside, but I would like to do so. What options do I have for curbside recycling?

Effective October 9, 2014, all haulers providing regular trash collection services are required to provide recycling services to residents that request it but do not live in a Mandated Municipality. This requirement is for haulers only. Residents are not required to request the service and may decline it if offered. There may be additional fees for recycling. To summarize: if you want to recycle curbside at your home, your hauler must provide you with the service.

What kind of recycling bin can I use for curbside recycling?

Recycling bins vary. Some haulers and municipalities will provide you with a container. You can also purchase your own container through a local hardware or department store. Wheeled containers and carts are easy to move and provide adequate room for all your recyclables. Additionally, wheeled carts have lids that prevent litter and keep recyclables dry. Traditional bins may be used as well but are prone to accidental littering in windy conditions.

What about Plastic Bags, Toys, Windows, etc.?

These items do not belong in your recycling bin. Plain and simple. Plastic bags can be recycled at some local stores. Items such as plastic toys, chairs, and food containers and glass windows, ceramics, and Pyrex all go into your trash. If it is not a bottle, jug, can, jar or clean piece of paper, it does not belong in your bin.

Including items not listed for recycling contaminates your recyclables and significantly increases the cost because all contaminates must be removed before the material can be recycled.

What about Leaves?

All Mandated Municipalities, including New Wilmington, offer leaf waste collection. Contact your municipality for details.

What about Electronics, Paint, Chemicals, Fluorescent Lights, Tires, etc.?

Local options do exist for these items. Check out the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling Solid Waste Department website, www.co.lawrence.pa.us/ recycling for information about these materials. Click the "Calendar of Events" link for a listing of planned events that serve our area.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers
4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance
5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron
6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not (Answers Below)

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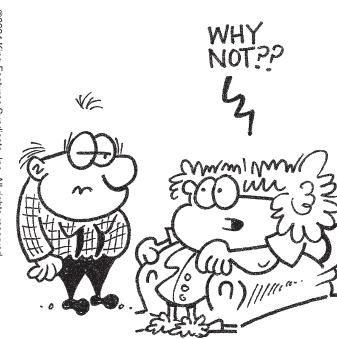
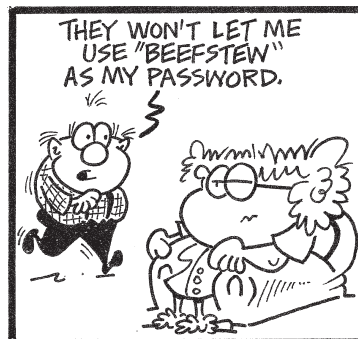
- After four years of planning and two months of working nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., a team of hackers at MIT turned their Earth and Planetary Sciences Department building into a giant, multicolored, playable Tetris game.
- "Gigi" author Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette could only write after she had plucked fleas off her dog.

- The cymothoa exigua, a parasite that severs the blood vessels of a fish's tongue and becomes a new functional tongue, is the only known parasite capable of replacing an entire organ.
- Some areas in Scotland and Japan switched to blue street lights at night and saw a decrease in crime and suicide rates.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS:

- 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not ©2024 King Features Synd., Inc.



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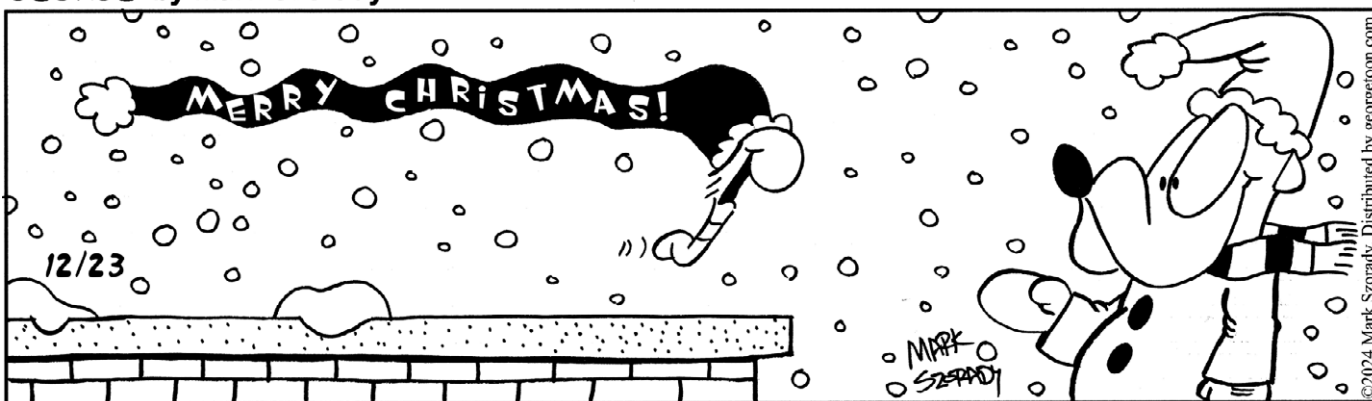
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**CHOCOLATE OAT
SNACK CAKE**

1 3/4 C. boiling water
1 C. quick-cooking oats
1/2 C. butter, softened
1 C. sugar
1 C. packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 3/4 C. all-purpose flour
2 Tbsp. baking cocoa
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
11 1/2 oz. milk chocolate chips, divided
1 C. chopped walnuts

In bowl, combine water and oats; let stand for 10 minutes. In larger mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in oat mixture. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in 1 C. chips. Pour into greased 13"x9"x2" baking pan. Sprinkle with walnuts and remaining chips. Bake at 350° for 40-45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

**GOLDEN RAISIN
BRAN MUFFINS**

1 C. unsweetened applesauce
1/3 C. vegetable oil
1/4 C. milk
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 C. All-Bran
3/4 C. all-purpose flour
3/4 C. whole wheat flour
1/3 C. packed brown sugar
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 C. golden raisins

In bowl, combine applesauce, oil, milk and egg. Stir in bran; let stand for 5 minutes. In another bowl, combine flours, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; stir in bran mixture just until blended. Fold in raisins (batter will be thick). Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 375° for 15-20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack. Serve warm.

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**CRANBERRY
ALMOND MUFFINS**

1 1/2 C. all-purpose flour
1/2 C. sugar
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
2 eggs
1/2 C. sour cream
1/4 C. butter, melted
1/4 tsp. almond extract
3/4 C. sliced almonds, divided
1/2 C. whole-berry cranberry sauce

In bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, whisk eggs, sour cream, butter and extract; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in 1/2 C. almonds. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 1/2 full; drop 1 Tbsp. cranberry sauce into the center of each muffin. Cover with enough batter to fill cups 3/4 full; sprinkle with remaining almonds. Bake at 375° for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted 1" from edge comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pan to wire rack. Serve warm.

**CARROT CAKE WITH
HOT GLAZE**

2 C. sugar
1 1/2 C. salad oil
2 C. carrots, grated
2 C. self-rising flour
2 C. pecan pieces
4 eggs
1 tsp. cinnamon
Dash of salt
Hot Glaze:
1 C. sugar
Juice of one orange

Cream 2 cups sugar and oil. Add eggs one at a time. Add carrots, flour and salt and stir. Stir in nuts and bake in 8" tube pan for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350°. Hot Glaze: heat orange juice and 1 cup sugar. Bring to a full boil. Turn baked cake upside down on serving plate. Slowly spoon filling over top and sides of cake. Repeat until all glaze has soaked in cake.

**HAM WITH
PINEAPPLE SALSA**

8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
2 Tbsp. orange marmalade
1 Tbsp. minced fresh cilantro
2 tsp. lime juice
2 tsp. chopped jalapeno pepper
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/2 lbs. bone-in fully cooked ham steak

For salsa, combine first 6 ingredients in small bowl; set aside. Place ham steak on an ungreased rack in broiler pan. Broil 4"-6" from heat for 8-10 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 140°, turning once. Cut into serving-size pieces; serve with salsa.

**CORN
CHOCOLATE
CRUNCH**

3 qts. popped popcorn
3 C. Corn Chex
3 C. broken corn chips
11 oz. pkg. butterscotch chips
3/4 lb. dark chocolate candy coating

In large bowl, combine the popcorn, cereal and corn chips; set aside. In saucepan over medium-low heat, melt butterscotch chips and candy coating; stir until smooth. Pour over popcorn mixture and toss to coat. Spread into 2 greased 15"x10"x1" baking pans. When cool enough to handle, break into pieces.

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 4 eggs
 8 oz. light or no fat cream cheese, softened
 4 C. milk- skim or 2%
 3 (3 oz.) pkgs. sugar free instant vanilla pudding
 8 oz. Cool Whip Fat Free
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Melt butter in water. Add flour and cook stirring constantly until it forms a ball. Turn ball into a bowl and beat in eggs one at a time, beating well between each. Spread flat in a 9"x13" greased baking dish. Bake at 400° for 35-40 minutes. Cool. Mix together cream cheese and milk, beat until smooth. Add instant pudding, one package at a time. Spread over cooled shell. Top with whipped cream and drizzle chocolate syrup on top. Chill at least one hour before serving. Refrigerate leftovers.

CHOCOLATE PIZZA

3 C. vanilla or white chips, divided
 12 oz. semisweet chocolate chips
 2 C. miniature marshmallows
 1 C. Rice Krispies
 1 C. chopped walnuts
 1/2 C. halved maraschino cherries, patted dry
 1/4 C. flaked coconut
 1 tsp. vegetable oil

In microwave-safe bowl, combine 2 1/2 C. vanilla chips and chocolate chips. Microwave on high 2 minutes; stir. Microwave for 1-2 minutes; stir until smooth. Immediately add marshmallows, cereal and walnuts; mix well. Spread evenly on 13" pizza pan that has been coated with non-stick cooking spray. Arrange cherries on top; sprinkle with coconut. Microwave the remaining vanilla chips on high for 1 minute. Add oil and stir until smooth. Drizzle over pizza. Chill until firm. Serve at room temperature.

SWEET POTATO FRIES

2 Tbsp. thawed orange juice concentrate
 1 tsp. onion powder
 1/2 tsp. table salt
 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
 1 lb. sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2" sticks

Preheat oven to 375°. Spray large baking pan with butter-flavored cooking spray. In large bowl, combine orange juice concentrate, onion powder, salt and cayenne pepper. Add potato sticks. Mix well to coat. Arrange coated potato sticks on prepared baking pan. Bake for 10 minutes; turn carefully and continue baking for 10 minutes more or until tender.

CHERRY FRUIT SALAD

20 oz. can cherry pie filling, no sugar added
 1/2 C. Splenda Granular
 1 C. Cool Whip Lite
 1 C. banana, diced
 8 oz. can pineapple tidbits, in fruit juice, drained
 1 C. mini marshmallows

In large glass bowl, combine pie filling, Splenda and Cool Whip. Add banana and pineapple. Mix gently to combine. Fold in marshmallows. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving.

AUNT MYRTLE'S SALAD

1 pt. tomato juice
 3 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
 2 envelopes plain gelatin
 1/2 C. cold water
 1 C. Miracle Whip
 1 C. cut-up celery
 1 C. cut-up peppers (red and green are pretty)
 1 Tbsp. minced onion
 1 tsp. salt

Soak gelatin in cold water and dissolve in hot tomato juice. Mash softened cream cheese and add to tomato juice. Refrigerate and, when cool, add other ingredients. Pour into an oiled mold and refrigerate until firm.

HUMMINGBIRD CAKE

3 C. all purpose flour
 2 C. white sugar
 1 tsp. baking soda
 1 tsp. salt
 1 1/2 C. canola oil
 3 eggs
 8 oz. can crushed pineapple (drained)
 2 C. mashed bananas
 1 C. chopped black walnuts
 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese (softened)
 1/4 lb. butter (softened)
 1 lb. confectioners' sugar
 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour two 9" cake pans. Sift together the flour, sugar, baking soda and salt - set aside. In large bowl, combine the oil, eggs, pineapple, bananas and nuts. Add flour mixture and mix by hand. Equally pour batter into prepared pans and bake for 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from oven and allow to cool on racks. Prepare the frosting by blending together the cream cheese, butter, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Evenly spread frosting on the top of one cake - then place other cake on top. Complete the cake by spreading the frosting on top and sides.

NO-BAKE CHOCOLATE CRACKLES

3 oz. semisweet chocolate
 2 C. crispy rice cereal
 2 graham crackers (5"x2 1/2" each), broken into small pieces

Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. In 2-quart microwave-safe bowl, heat chocolate in microwave oven on high 1 to 1 1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring once. Add cereal and crackers; stir until coated. Drop mixture by 1/3 cups onto lined cookie sheet. With fingertips, shape mixture to form rounded mound if necessary. Refrigerate cookies 30 minutes to set. Store cookies in tightly covered container at room temperature.

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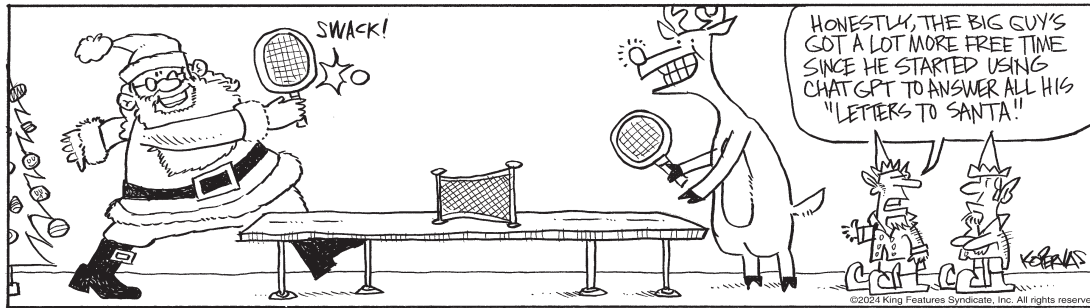
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APRICOT SALAD
 2 pkg. apricot jello
 2 C. hot water
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 1 can crushed pineapple, drained, (but keeping liquid)
 2 bananas, sliced
 1/2 C. sugar
 2 Tbsp. flour
 1 egg
 1 1/2 C. pineapple juice
 2 tsp. butter
 1 (8 oz.) cream cheese
 1 pkg. Dream Whip (or Cool Whip)

BEEF STROGANOFF
 3 Tbsp. chopped onions
 1 lb. chuck steak, cut into cubes
 1 C. beef broth
 2 Tbsp. flour
 1 pkg. noodles
 2 Tbsp. butter
 1 C. mushrooms, sliced
 2 Tbsp. tomato paste
 1 C. sour cream
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Garlic salt to taste

PEACH CHICKEN BAKE
 4 pieces chicken breasts
 1 1/2 lb. sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced
 1 medium onion, sliced
 1/2 C. brown sugar
 3 Tbsp. honey
 16 oz. can peaches, drained
 1 Tbsp. orange juice
 Salt and pepper

In a large skillet, melt butter and brown cubes of steak. Add onions and mushrooms and cook until tender. Add broth, paste, salt, pepper, and garlic salt. Simmer for 30 minutes, covered. Stir in flour blended with sour cream. Bring to a boil. Simmer for 5 minutes; set aside. Cook noodles per package instructions. Spoon Stroganoff over cooked noodles.

Heat oven to 375°. Arrange chicken in 1 layer in baking dish. Scatter potatoes and onions around chicken. Add salt and pepper; cover and bake for 30 minutes. Mix brown sugar, honey, and orange juice in a small bowl. Drizzle over chicken and potatoes. Bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes, basting occasionally. Add peaches and bake another 30 minutes, uncovered. Arrange on serving platter.

Mix jello with hot water, then cold water; add pineapple and bananas. Let set until firm. Blend sugar, flour, egg, pineapple juice, and butter. In saucepan, cook until thick; add cream cheese. When cool, add Dream Whip. Spread on jello. (Use 3 pkgs. jello and 3 C. hot water for a 9"x13" pan - topping is enough for a large pan.)

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 me on things I know nothing about. They repay me
 evil for good and leave me like one bereaved.
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A Guide to doing it right in Lawrence and Mercer Counties

1. Always check with your recycling hauler if you have questions about your program.
2. There may be differences between programs depending on where you live.

What to toss into your recycling bin can be confusing. It is important that residents and businesses follow the rules, policies, and guidelines established for their local programs.

What Can I Recycle?

Always check with your recycling hauler or municipality about what can be recycled in your program. What may be acceptable for one municipality, may be different for a neighboring municipality. In general, most programs accept:

- #1 & #2 Plastic Bottles,
 - Metal Cans (Aluminium, Steel, and Bi-metal), and
 - Clean Paper (Cardboard, Magazines, Newspaper).
- Some programs may accept:
- Junk Mail
 - Glass Bottles and Jars

Plastic is the most confusing material because it comes in a variety of forms and resins that are chemically different. People often think that because something is "plastic" that it is recyclable. This is not the case. The same holds true with the "recycling" symbol and number commonly found on plastic items. The purpose of the symbol and number is to indicate the resin type. It has nothing to do with recycling!

Instead, focus on the shape of the item. When it comes to recycling, think "plastic bottles/jugs, metal cans, and clean paper." If you're holding a plastic item, consider if it is a bottle. For example, butter tubs, yogurt containers, and clam-shell/take-out food containers are plastic and usually have a recycling symbol and number on them. But - they are not a bottle/jug and belong in the trash. When in doubt, throw it out.

"Wishcycling" and Contamination

Contamination occurs when people put trash/unacceptable materials into the recycling program. "Wishcycling" occurs when people mean well, but unintentionally hurt recycling programs by placing the wrong materials into their bins. Examples include plastic toys, food containers, tubing, or buckets. These and similar items put into recycling bins must be physically removed and then landfilled. It is estimated that up to 20% of the cost of recycling is used to deal with items that should have been placed in the trash. Items that are not listed as recyclable WILL NOT get recycled. This includes plastic bags.

Preparation

A simple rinse of food/beverage bottles and jugs is all that is needed. Cardboard should be flattened and mixed papers (magazines, junk mail, newspapers) can be placed in your bin loosely or in a brown paper bag. Do not put any materials in plastic bags! Plastic bags must be ripped open. And loose bags jam conveyor belts and gears. They are a significant cost to manage when they get into the system. Plastic bags will not get recycled at the recycling center. Many local grocers accept plastic bags for recycling. Greasy pizza boxes and other food contaminated materials belong in the trash. Residents committed to recycling may rip off and recycle a clean lid, while placing the dirty bottom in their trash.

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- 5 Emmy winner Alan
- 9 Blond shade
- 12 Actor Epps
- 13 --do-well
- 14 Female rabbit
- 15 Biscuit type
- 17 Poetic tribute
- 18 Big bargains
- 19 Himalayan land
- 21 Baseball's Cobb
- 22 Meager
- 24 Boxing arbiters
- 27 Hasten
- 28 Flintstones' pet
- 31 Capote nickname
- 32 Very long time
- 33 Itinerary word
- 34 Long tale
- 36 Boring routine
- 37 Superman's alias
- 38 Alphabetized list
- 40 Yours truly
- 41 Lauder of cosmetics
- 43 Tyke
- 47 Marseilles monarch
- 48 Relating to the intellect

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- 55 Canine cry
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- DOWN**
- 1 Seed holders
- 2 Send forth
- 3 Stuffing herb
- 4 Goodies
- 5 Picnic interlopers
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- 7 "Lion" star Patel
- 8 Stadium
- 9 Like some parents
- 10 Fizzy drink
- 11 Cad
- 16 Devious
- 20 Conclusion
- 22 Crazy Horse, for one
- 23 Penny
- 24 ACLU concerns
- 25 Time line period
- 26 Escapee
- 27 Roll call reply
- 29 French diarist Anais
- 30 Feedbag tidbit
- 35 Hydrocarbon suffix
- 37 Didn't lag
- 39 Shill
- 40 French pronoun
- 41 Sea eagle
- 42 Any time now
- 43 L-Q bridge
- 44 Tower city
- 45 Always
- 46 Try out
- 49 Raw rock
- 50 Solidify

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