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Engineering Surprises

By Bryce Dirnberger

The eighth graders recently had some engineering students come in and talk about engineering. The eighth graders got to watch a really neat demonstration video on how the engineering software design products and gave us something to look forward to. That is not all though, they also got to build a ping pong ball shooter. They shot them towards the end and see who built the most accurate gun. Seth Niederkorn, Drew Reischman, and Tommy Vendin were on one team and on the other was Alyssa

Moore, Ethan Yamnitz, and Bryce Dirnberger. The winners were Tommy's team. At the very end, we shot a tennis ball gun in the gym that the engineering students made. It proved what you can learn. The gun they made was unbelievable! We learned a lot, and they proved how much you can learn by going to college. They gave us an idea if we were going to take engineering what we would have to look forward

to, and some of the classes we could look into taking.

If you are thinking about going to *continue on page 4*



Top left: Tom, Seth, and Drew construct their ping pong shooter
Right: The teams shoot the ping pong balls to see who made the best gun.

Senator Wallingford

By Tom Vendin

On January 24, 2014, Senator Wallingford came to Kelso C-7 School District. In Ms. Hale 7th grade civics class, he wanted to meet students of Kelso C-7. Also, he agreed to teach how the legislative process works and tell how certain laws will effect the students. He was very nice, and we hope that he will come again to tell about new laws and how most of them can affect us. It was an honor to have Senator Wallingford in our school.



Above. Senator Wallingford teaches the 7th graders about legislative process

Science Fair

By Seth Niederkorn

The 2014 Science Fair at Kelso C-7 had 12 participants. The whole 6th, 7th and 8th grades were in it with all sorts of different projects. In the 6th grade, they had four projects. Allison Colbert did a project by herself titled, Left vs. Right. She was awarded Grand Champ and 1st place. Morgan Kern and Kalyn Michael presented their project, Flying Eggs, they were awarded 1st place and Student Choice. Last, but not least, was Jakub Lindsey and Andrew Enderle. Their project was titled, Dissolving Eggs, they were awarded 2nd place. Carson Allan presented his project titled, Water Resistant Glue, he was awarded 3rd place.

In the 7th grade, there were four projects: Amanda Enderle and Lindsey Kiefer presented, Grow Plants Grow, they were awarded 1st place Grand Champ and Student Choice. Alex Kern presented, Balloon C String. He got 2nd place. David Posey and Emma Wilhelm their project was Does Color Matter. They got 2nd place. Brianna Fouts and Michaela Overbey presented, Hair Raising Fun, they were awarded 2nd place.

In the 8th grade, they had four projects just like the other classes.

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Reindeer Games

By Alyssa Moore

Every year the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students compete in a head-to-head battle of holiday themed games. You know what I'm talking about the Reindeer Games! The reindeer games are something you don't want to miss. The different games get more creative every year. Here are some games we played this year.

To start out, we played get your Rudolph nose. In this game you had vase-line put on your nose. When the teachers said go, the student bolted off to the other end on the court. They had to put their nose on a Rudolph nose and make it stick then run back. This continued until everyone had a Rudolph nose. After that, the students played Decorate the Christmas Tree. This

game was a particularly interesting one. The students would start on their scooters on one side of the court. When they heard the word go, they sprinted off to collect their colored ornaments and brought them back to their paper tree. Another game played was Pin the Nose on Rudolph. In this classic game, the students had to be blindfolded, spun around, and guided by their classmates to pin Rudolph's nose right in the exact spot. Of course they had to play Mrs. Claus knock-out. This was just a simple knock-out game, but with a little twist. The students had to shoot the ball granny style, tossing it instead of actually shooting. Toward the end, the students played Guess the Christmas Carol. The student were handed a paper with some pictures on it describing a Christmas carol. They had to riddle it out and guess the carol. Last, but not least, Knock the Bottle Over. This game was

probably most interesting overall, because you had to wear a pair of pantyhose with a tennis ball in it on your head, and swing it toward the bottles to knock them over. I think this really was the eye catching game this year. Not only did you look ridiculous, but it was really fun.

All in all, the 8th grade and Mrs. Schubert did a fantastic job planning the Reindeer Games. Everybody had a good time and really enjoyed themselves. The Reindeer Games were a good way to get the students active while still celebrating Christmas. I really hope to be seeing students enjoy themselves again next year.



Right :
Participants line up for a scooter race at the Reindeer Games

Make Up Days

By Ethan Yamnitz

Who's ready to make up some snow days? I'm definitely not ready at all. We have to make up nine days because we were off school for so many days of snow. It was a heck of a winter storm that we had and it was fun but it's not going to be one day on April 21st e fun making up all these days. We are having to make Now since we have to make up these days our last day of school will be on May 28,

2014. We are supposed to get more snow in March but I hope we don't because I don't want to make up even more snow days. It is exciting being out of school for snow but it is definitely not fun making these days up. Well I hope we don't get another winter storm and have to make up more days because I want our last day to be on May 28, 2014.

YMCA Fundraiser

By Alyssa Moore

The 8th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Hale, came up with a great idea. Why not have a Spring-Break Trip? Well, that simple question has evolved into a great big trip. All the students are extremely excited. As Drew has said, "I'm excited to hang with my buds, and beat them in basketball." Before I continue, why not give you all some background information.

First of all, it is called YMCA Camp Lakewood. This beautiful camp and lake is in Potosi, Missouri. There are 13 students in the

6th, 7th, and 8th grade that are going on this trip. We will be staying from Monday, April 14 to Wednesday, April 16. Thirteen students are participating in this trip. Five boys and 8 girls. There will be a variety of activities the students will be participating in such as, an Underground Railroad, a mud cave, archery, and many team building activities. This trip isn't free though.

To pay for this fun-filled trip, the students are having a fundraiser. They are selling Stonie's snack sticks. They are locally produced, good source of protein, and require no refrigeration. These

snack sticks are very delicious. They come in 5 flavors; BBQ, teriyaki, sweet and sassy, jalapeño, and original. I know you are really wanting a snack stick right now, right? They are being sold in the morning in the cafeteria before dismissal to class. They will continue being sold until the end of March 2014. They only cost \$1.00 If you are craving for something delicious and tasty, snack sticks are what you need!

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Burger Bits

By Mrs. Kim Burger

Ever been sitting in class or at work when your belly grumbles so loud that everyone hears it? Me, too! It's very awkward, right? Then you remember that you should have taken the time to eat breakfast before leaving home. It brings me great pleasure to announce that Kelso C-7 is bringing breakfast back! During the months of April and May our school will complete a trial run to assess the feasibility of a full-time breakfast program for upcoming years.

Test Taking Tips

By Alyssa Moore

It's that time of year again! Test time! With all the practice tests and new common core material, what's a kid to do? Yes, tests are always so nerve wracking and stressful, but there are tricks you can use to help relieve the stress. Let me begin with preparing for the test. It all starts when you go to bed. Always get a good nights rest. The University of Michigan recommend 9.5-11 hours of sleep for

Counselor's Corner

By: Mrs. Creech

Something New! Our 6th-8th graders have had the opportunity to see Aaron from SEMO Safe House. Aaron has been visiting some surrounding schools. The focus of his visit was teaching about healthy relationships: What makes a healthy relationship, what makes an unhealthy relationship and what to do if a rela-

Meals will range from hot meals, such as biscuits and gravy, pancakes, and oatmeal, to other prepared items, such as cereal and muffins, served with milk and juices. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 am and last until 7:50 am each morning. Students will be asked to sign up the day prior to help us plan and prepare. Breakfast meals are planned around the minimum requirements of one serving of grains, one cup serving of milk, and one cup serving of fruits. A full priced breakfast will cost \$1.10, reduced price is \$0.30, and an



kids age 5-15. Then when you wake up, make sure to eat a healthy breakfast. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day they say! A good breakfast would be cereal, a fruit, and a glass of milk. As for what to do during class, you can take good

adult breakfast is \$1.25. You can't even get a breakfast at a fast food restaurant for that! I assure you Mrs. Laura's cooking is better, too.

Come have breakfast with us to help kick-start our program on April 1, 2014. Sign-up sheets and a menu will be coming home with your child very soon! I'm very excited for our school to be able to offer this service. After all, our bodies work best when properly fueled.

notes to help you study. Get the main points. Don't just write down all that the teacher says. That makes studying ten times harder. Another good study habit is to review your homework and worksheets you have done. Also reviewing with the teacher when you don't understand something is a must-do. Lastly, budget your time. Never cram the day before your test. Spread out what you will study on each day until the test. That's just some tips to help you prepare for an upcoming test.

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What's Been Going On?

Besides all those snow days...we've been pretty busy in the counseling department with the discussion of CAREERS! This is my favorite time of the year! I always tell the students that they will be spending approximately 50 years working, so, it better be something that they enjoy! Students in the

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tionship becomes unhealthy. This lesson is based upon CDC research and is evidence based. The 6-8th grade students watched a 13 minute video located at the following link. Search word is "Choose Respect". <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q45TjYKjjY4>. The entire presentation took 45 minutes. Aaron came Tuesday, March 25th last hour. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Engineering Surprises

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college or are interested in engineering, wait until you get to eighth grade with Mrs. Hale, I'm sure she'll have something similar like that for you. You will learn a lot about what classes to take in high school, the best school for you, and about the A+ program in high school. You will be amazed on how much you can learn through demonstrations.

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St. Patrick's Day

By: Ethan Yamnitz

Everyone thinks that the St. Patrick's Day is to wear green right? Well unfortunately the color is supposed to be blue. St. Patrick's blue can still be seen on Ancient Irish flags by the members of the Irish citizen Army and in 1916 which attempted to end the British rule. People began to wear green during the 1798 Irish rebellion when the clover became a symbol wearing green. Then everybody started to wear this green all around the world. Since that had happened that made blue the thing of the past.

The Science Fair

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Alyssa Moore her project was Weather vs. Mood she got 1st place and Grand Champ. Drew Reishman and Seth Niederkorn with their project Burn Baby Burn they got 1st place. Ethan Yamnitz and Bryce Dirnberger their project was Depth Effect, they got 1st place. Tommy Vendin his project was

Test Taking Tips

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Are you asking, "Now what do I need to do during the test?" Well that's simple. Just remember to stay cool, calm, and collected. Stay positive! Also, it's a good idea to look over the test before you begin answering. This'll help you decide how to budget the time you're allowed. This also keeps you from staying on one question too long. Also, remember if you are questioning your answer always go with your first answer. Second-guessing yourself isn't going to get you anywhere. Make sure you read the question thoroughly. Don't assume what you think the rest of the question is going to be. You will end up misunderstanding the question. When you're finished the test double check your work to make sure you haven't missed any questions or answered any wrong. You'd be surprised how double checking your answers can save your life. Lastly make sure your handwriting is neat. If the teacher can't read your handwriting then she is going to count it wrong. Fixing your handwriting is probably One of the easiest tricks you

Soda Explosion he got 3rd place and Student Choice.

The people that got 1st, 2nd, Grand Champ, and Student Choice will attend a science fair at SEMO on March 11th. The 6th grade will not be participating because they are too young.

any questions or answered any wrong. You'd be surprised how double checking your answers can save your life. Lastly make sure your handwriting is neat. If the teacher can't read your handwriting then she is going to count it wrong. Fixing your handwriting is probably One of the easiest tricks you can use to make your test better. That's what you should do during a test.

Waiting for your test to be graded can be pretty nerve-racking. Just remember to do your best during the test that way you have no regrets after you finished and turned it in. When you do get your test back and it's not a good grade here's the things you can do. Make sure you understand your mistakes. If you know what you did wrong you will not be doing it again. Like they say learn from your mistakes. Also If your grade is that bad ask the teacher if you can get extra credit.

There you have it. Now you should be a pro at Preparing for a test, Taking your test, And what to do after your test. I know you guys will do great. Just remember if you try your best, you will always succeed. Happy testing!

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2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried no. 3
6. When you did no. 3 you realized it's possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You're smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped no. 5
9. You just checked to see if there is a no. 5
10. Share this with your friends to have some fun too! :-)

Counselor's Corner

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in the 6-8th grades have been spending their time on a wonderful website called Missouriconnections.org! Feel free to check it out, it is valuable for adults too! It is a free website developed by the state of Missouri that is basically a "one stop shop" all about careers. It is amazing how much helpful information and fun activities that are packed into this website! Students in K-5 have been focusing on careers as well. We've been talking about the 6 different career paths which is an organization system to classify careers based upon interests! Ask your child what the six different career paths are!

What's Happening Next? Besides guidance lessons... one word... TESTING! Yes, it's that time of the year! Students are gearing up to take the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) grade level tests for grades 3-8. Students in the younger grades will be taking the Acuity online. This will be the last year for the paper version of the MAP test. Next year, all testing will be done online. Got to save those trees...

Other assessments coming up by the end of the school year include:

- *Safe and Drug Free Schools Survey for 6-8th grades (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education)
- *DIAL-4 (incoming kindergarten students)
- *EOC (8th grade Algebra students)

Kelly Track and Field

By: Seth Niederkorn

Kelly and Kelso C-7 have signed a contract that allows 7th and 8th grade boys from Kelso C-7 to run track at Kelly elementary. There are some things that you will need to know about the Kelly Jr. High track and Field. The track practice will start on Monday, March 3rd. You must have the physical completed and signed before the first day of practice. Turn in the complete forms to the Middle School Office. They will practice every day after school from 3:00 – 4:30. Each athlete will have to buy one uniform shirt. (\$10) Warm ups will be available but not required for and additional cost. They will have 10 track meets. Track will end around the first of May. It is open to all 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. See COACH HUSSMAN or COACH DUBY for additional information.

What Kelly form said Reasons to run track and field

- Keeps the cross country, basketball, and football coaches happy.
- Opportunities to miss 7th hour as much as possible.
- Practice on the finest track and football fields in Benton, MO.
- Hang out with friend after school.
- Enjoy Missouri's beautiful spring weather.

Helpful test taking advice is on the school website. Some extra hints and tips are located on my website and blog at www.creechthecounselor.weebly.com. Just scan the code below!





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- Make new friends.
- No need for fashion decisions on meet days.
- No such thing as a "starter" or "sub". Everyone gets to compete.
- It's a great way "get into" or "stay" in shape.
- Its COED!!! Girls and Boys are going to participate

PTO gifts to the Children

The awesome PTO bought the K-8th students wonderful toys to play with. To each and every classroom the students got a waffle ball and bat, basketball, football, board games for inside recess, a jump rope, and other fun stuff. The kids loved the new toys; they even brought the whole bucket outside during recess instead of taking a couple of sports balls out. So thank you PTO for all the stuff you do for the students, teachers, staff and the school.

Spring Training

By: Drew Reischman

The St. Louis Cardinals are looking for a bit of redemption in the 2014 season after losing to the Boston Red Sox in the World Series last year. They lost some of the players that were key to their World Series win in 2011. The Cards lost David Freese who was the hero in that World Series. They lost him and Fernando Salas in a trade with the Los Angeles Angels. The Cardinals also lost Jake Westbrook who had retired after an injury-prone 2013 season with the Cards.

With all those losses, the Cardinals also have some exciting new talent coming into the organization. The Cardinals signed Jhonny

Peralta to a 4-year 53 million dollar contract. They also acquired Peter Bourjos, a center fielder, and Randal Grichuk, a minor league pitcher, from the Angels. The Cardinals have a lot of young pitchers who are expected to do a lot of amazing things this year. Coach Mike Matheny said, "It was a great experience for the young pitching staff we have and a great learning opportunity. I look forward to next year." He stated this in a press conference last year after the World Series

The Cardinals pitchers and catchers reported on February 12th, with the remainder of the team reported on February 17th. Spring

Training games start on February 28th at 1:00pm against the Miami Marlins. Their season starts on April 2nd against the Cincinnati Reds at their home stadium. I hope the Cardinals have a great season, and I am looking forward for the season to start. I can't wait to see all their new talent, and I hope they win the World Series this year.

The Superbowl

By Ethan Yamnitz

February 2, 2014, was the day of the Super Bowl with the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos. This game was very exciting, but it was a total loss for the Broncos. In the second quarter, the score was 15-0. That was really bad for the Denver Broncos. There was a good halftime show with Bruno Mars singing. In the fourth quarter the score was 43-8. The Seahawks were ahead and Denver was not going to catch up. The game was over and the Seattle Seahawks had won the Super bowl with the quarterback Russell Wilson. They had congratulated Russell for this year. Maybe next year Payton Manning and his team will do better, and congratulations to the Seattle Seahawks for winning the Super Bowl.



2014 Sochi Olympics

By: Drew Reischman

From February 7 to February 23 the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia had been the talk all over the world. Russia won the medal competition with 33 in total and the United States was in second with 28 medals. Norway won third in the medal count with 26. The Winter Olympics had games and sports that include ice and snow. There were 15 sports with some sports containing multiple contests to make more competitions. For example figure skating can have solo skate and couples skate. Some events in the Olympics included skiing, skating, riding on sleds, snowboarding, and curling. There were approximately 2,800 athletes from 88 countries that competed in the Olympics this year.

This year was the most expensive Winter Olympics and it costs 51 billion dollars. It was originally supposed to cost 12 billion dollars but the Olympic building costs 600 million dollars alone. There were 12 new events introduced for the 2014 Olympics. Most of these events have already existed they were just making the events longer, adding a women's event in that sport, or adding a new way of going down the hill like a snowboard or on skis. The next Olympic Games will be the Summer Olympics in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Next Winter Olympics will be in 2018 in PyeongChang, South Korea.



The 2014 Dodge Cummins

By: Ethan Yamnitz

The 2014 3500 Dodge Cummins is an awesome truck. This truck produces 350 horsepower and 850 foot pounds of torque. That truck has a lot of torque! Some of these trucks are called Dodge Rams which run on gas instead of Diesel. Dodge earned \$1.65 billion in sales of \$17.3 billion in 2012. Now the retail price is \$30,595. This truck weighs approximately 14,000 pounds. It also has a three link front suspension. It has a six speed automatic transmission. This truck will go from 0 to 60 in 9.4 seconds, and the motor is a 6.7 liter. That is the new 2014 3500 Dodge Cummins.

Kelso C-7 has a Facebook page. Stay in touch and get all the latest updates.



Happy Easter

By: Ethan Yamnitz

On Sunday April 20, 2014, Easter will be here. Easter originated and celebrated from religion. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everybody usually gets candy and tries to find the Easter bunny. In many churches Easter is preceded by a season of prayer, abstinence, and fasting called lent.

The Easter bunny originated with the hare, an ancient symbol for the moon. That is all the information about Easter and hope you have a good one.

The New Duramax

By Bryce Dimberger

The all-new 2015 Chevy/GMC Duramax 6.6 liter turbo diesel is out. These are outstanding trucks with 397 horsepower stock engine. This truck is amazing. It has 765 foot pounds of torque. These trucks get 21 miles per gallon. You can pick up this beast for 32,000 dollars. They have an all new design with a backup camera that tells you how far away from the trailer you are. The bed has led lights built in the side and a spray in bed liner. The 2015 Duramax has trailer sway control, which means if your trailer starts swaying sideways, the sway control will kick in keeping the trailer straight. It also has an engine brake which means when you're pulling a trailer and push the brake, the engine helps stop the truck. They have a 32 gallon tank which is a big difference from their old 21 gallon tank. These beasts have touch screen radio that you can download apps on. The adaptors for plugging in your phone have a wall-plug in so you can plug anything into them. Yes, if you're thinking about getting a new diesel truck, I would definitely think about getting a Duramax. Dealers you can get them from around here are Coad Chevrolet, Autry Morlan Chevy, and the GMC dealership right next to Coad.

Welcome to the World

By: Tommy Vendin



Above: This is Mrs. Dumey's new baby girl Anabel. She was born on February 19, 2014. She is 8 lbs. 13 ounces and 21 inches tall.



Above: This is Mrs. Hale's daughter's new baby boy Karter. He was born on January 15, 2014. He is 9 lbs. 2 ounces and 21 inches tall.

Mystery People

By Seth Niederkorn

Mystery Teacher

This teacher will be celebrating her 25th wedding anniversary this summer. They have two kids, Kaelin, and Ryan. This teacher has a dove grey MKZ. Her favorite food is smothered burritos, but she says they're nothing like Taco Bells. "They're so much more delicious," she says. Her favorite color is navy blue. She loves teaching social studies. She has taught here 1 year and does not drive the bus. Who is she?

Mystery Student K-4th

The mystery student in grade school goes to his grandmas after school. This person also likes doing crafts, their favorite food is pizza. They also have a four wheeler, and their favorite sport is basketball. This person's favorite subject is math, and they are nine years old. He/she has a favorite teacher but I can't say who. They don't have a brother or sister who goes to this school. Their best friend is Dillon. Who is this person?

Mystery Student 5th - 8th

This person has a favorite tractor. It is John Deere. Their favorite teacher is Mrs. Schubert. He plays mostly sports after school. They have a cell phone, and doesn't take naps. He isn't very musical, but love's pizza. This person hunts and lives in New Hamburg. He might be only a young lad, and can't drive yet, but loves Chevy trucks. Who is it?

Classic Tractors

By: Bryce Dimberger

Have any of you ever heard of classic tractors? Well, if you haven't you should know a little background information I'm about to give you. If your grandpa farms or farmed, I will guarantee he could tell you some stories about one of his old tractors. Many people now days will try buying their grandfathers or fathers classic tractor that they used to drive. After they find them they usually restore them, but here is the cool thing. If they are

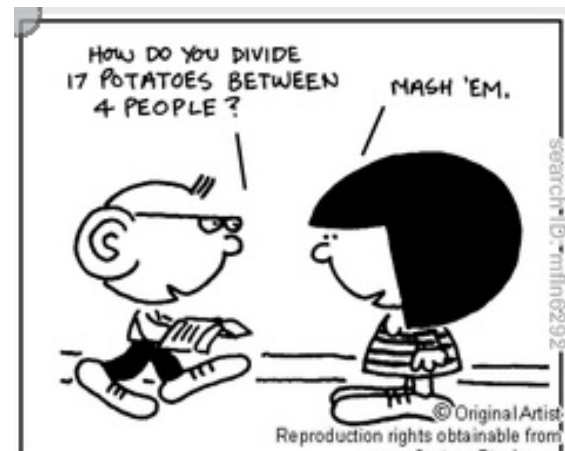
parades, shows, and maybe even take them on a plow day. Another cool thing if you fix them up really nice at shows, you can win money, but if you own one classic tractor I guarantee you you'll buy more. It is a fever. A good fever that cannot be cured!

Restoring classic tractors can be really fun. You get to hear stories from your grandpa or dad of how that tractor looked the day it rolled off the assembly line. It can take some time, patience, and money. It is not as boring as you may think. Working on them is really fun. You learn so much including patience, budgeting, and most importantly, you will learn how a tractor works mechanically.

The average restoration depending on what kind of shape your tractor is in, will take around three months. If you get a grand total most expenses will not go over five thousand dollars. When all that hard work is done it will pay. Everyone will be

talking about your tractor, and once you fire up that thing after being restored, I guarantee you will be glued to that freshly painted seat. A grand total most expenses will not go over five thousand dollars. When all that hard work is done it will pay. Everyone will be talking about your tractor, and once you fire up that thing after being restored, I guarantee you will be glued to that freshly painted seat.

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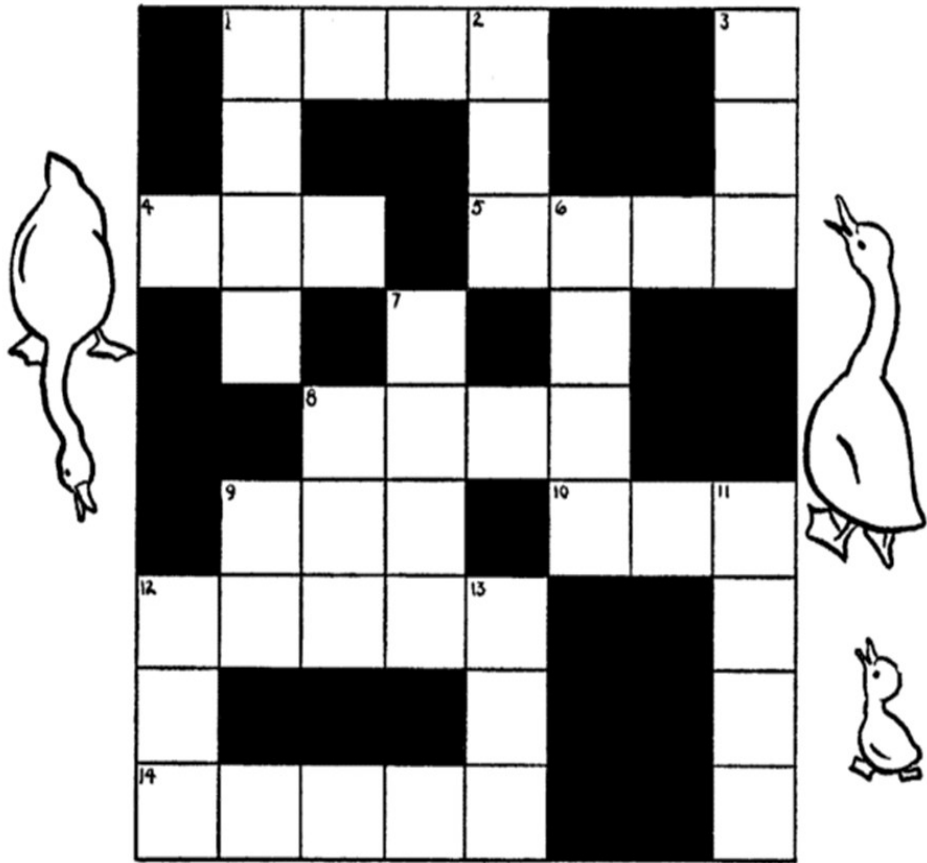
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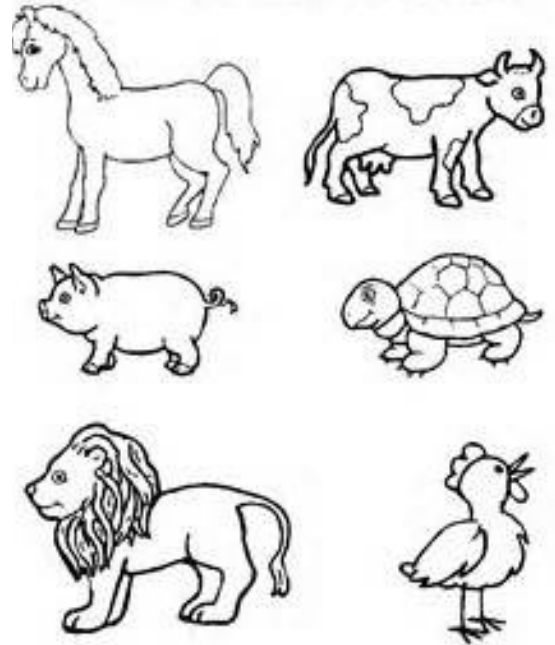
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A FARM CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Who lives on a farm?

Color the animals that live on a farm.



Across:

- 1. Yield of a planted field
- 4. A kind of tree, like oak
- 5. This machine digs up fields
- 8. A place where animals and crops are raised
- 9. Opposite of stand
- 10. Sack to carry feed in
- 12. An animal to ride on
- 14. A long-necked bird which honks

Down:

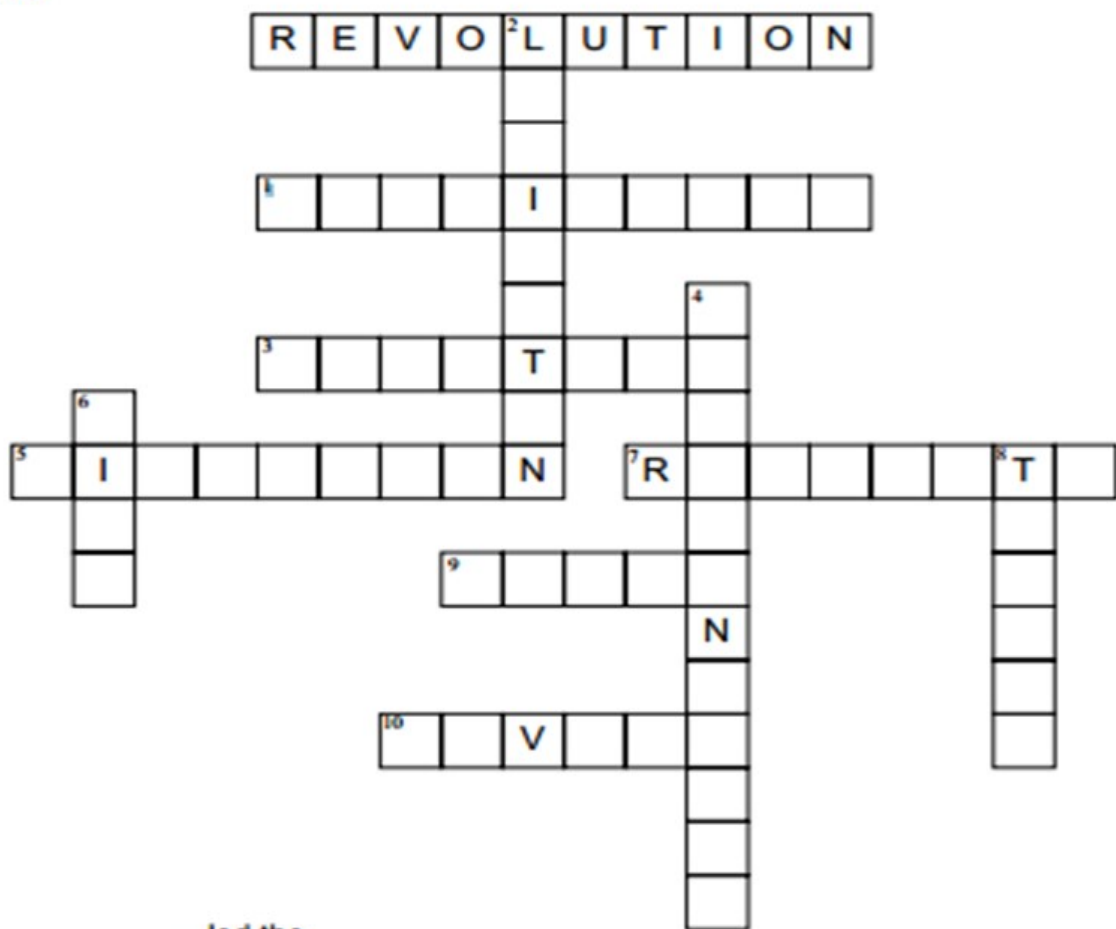
- 1. A baby horse
- 2. A baby dog
- 3. An animal that gives milk
- 6. A baby sheep
- 7. Animals that chase mice
- 8. A kind of evergreen tree
- 9. Word that rhymes with go
- 11. Animal with horns
- 12. Another word for pig
- 13. What we see with





THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

People in the thirteen colonies united to fight against the well-trained British army. General George Washington led the Continental Army into many battles against the British. Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- George _____ led the Continental Army.
- British troops surrendered at _____.
- Part-time colonial soldiers were called _____.
- Nickname for British troops _____.
- Thomas _____ was the author of *Common Sense*.
- Paul _____ was a silversmith.

Down

- The first shots of the American Revolution were fired at _____ and Concord.
- Colonists fought to win their _____.
- British monarch, _____ George
- The _____ of Paris ended the war.