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A Beary Good Attitude

By Debbie McCoy, Baltimore, MD

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Recently I met a close girlfriend, Suz, for breakfast. The day before, I had received some unsettling news. After six years of successful treatments for Stage 4 breast cancer, I learned that my current treatment of monthly shots had failed me. The cancer was now spreading to other parts of my body. Together with my oncologist, we came up with a plan to attack this beast once again. I was feeling down and frightened, but knew that my friend would cheer me up.

Suz reached into her purse and presented me with a kit to build a small brown teddy bear. He was to be my newly adopted mascot. Together we pushed in the stuffing and molded his body. We placed a heart inside – a true representation of her love for me – and two meaningful items: a silver cross to represent a blessing from God and a silver angel to guide and watch over me.

We agreed upon the name "Foxy" – a shortened version of the street on which we grew up – a place where we had played as kids. We filled out his birth certificate, zipped him up, and dressed him in the little blue "Cancer Fears ME" T-shirt in the kit. Such a bold statement! And it describes exactly how I feel. You see, I know that cancer wants to rule my life and bring me down. I'm not letting it!!! I will remain positive, upbeat and strong. I will not think about cancer every day. I will live my life and enjoy my family and friends – and make new ones. Cancer will not stand between me and what I want to do. It will "fear me" because I am not giving in.



Don't let cancer rule YOUR life either! Be yourself. I'm a firm believer in having a positive attitude – it's healing. I hope these tips can help you to feel the same way:

- Do things you enjoy and be with people who bring you joy.
- Don't be afraid to try new things or make new friends.
- Imagine yourself on the "other side of the tough times."
- See beyond the chemo, doctors, hospitals and drugs. Envision being and feeling well!
- Tell yourself this is just a bump in the road and that YOU WILL BEAT this disease!
- It's okay to have a down day; allow yourself the pity party but don't dwell on it.
- Put on your big smile and march on. You are beautiful when you smile – let others see it!
- A great quote: "Some days there won't be a song in your heart. Sing anyway."

My new bear friend Foxy will be by my side – a constant reminder that I can do this. I can fight – and I will win. Every time I hold him it reminds me of Suz, my sweet friend who loves me enough to be by my side offering words of encouragement. Foxy and I plan to be around for a very long time.

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Perfectly healthy; Cancer no longer part of teen's life

by Suzanne Singleton



Although he might have physical and emotional scars to show for it, Billy Gowacki's life no longer revolves around cancer. Diagnosed at age 10 in 2002 with ewings sarcoma in his femur, the now 20-year-old college sophomore boasts a clean bill of health, according to his doctors. "I'm perfectly healthy," he said. "I just go about my life." Possessing an optimistic disposition seems to be a big part of that life. Billy doesn't let cancer define who he is today. "I try to downplay it as much as I can," he said. "Obviously it will always be with me, not literally but figuratively, and I am always open to talk about it. But it doesn't have to be a big deal."

And who is Billy now but a typical young man who majors in biology, hangs with his friends, plays video games, and has a passion for the guitar. When Nashville country music singer Eric Horner visited Billy at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg in 2003, Horner wrote a song about Billy on the plane ride home and produced it on one of his albums. "He found out about me by accident and made it a point to visit," said Billy. "He was very touched when he met me; and I was touched that he was touched. He's a great guy. We've kept in touch." Billy said Horner has written about him in several other songs as well. The guitar given to Billy by Horner was the incentive for the teen to begin playing and writing music. "It

was pretty exciting," he said. "No one had ever written a song about me. And it wasn't to make a profit but to raise cancer awareness; to say – there's a kid out there fighting for his life."

That kid taught himself to play everything from folk music to metal. Billy performs periodically, such as during Open Mike Night for a music store in Tampa. "Bob Dylan is my favorite music artist," he said. "I know his music inside and out."

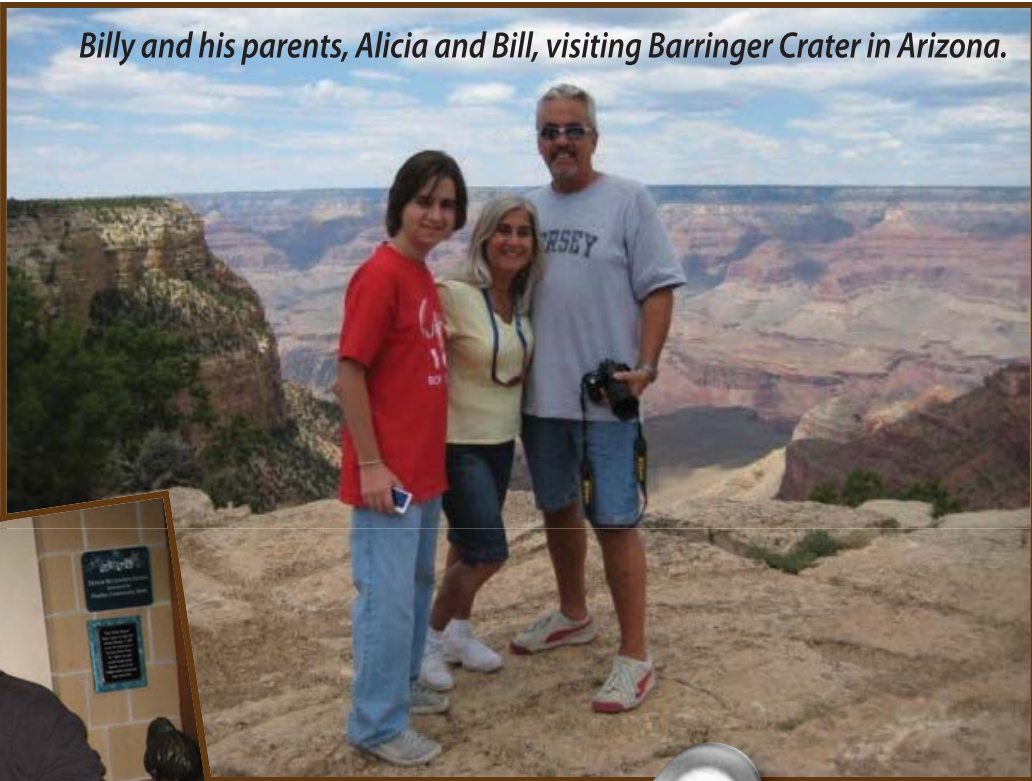
Alicia and Bill Gowacki stood by helpless as they watched their only child undergo nine months of treatment. Billy's hip, femur and knee were replaced with an implanted expandable prosthesis, which grew with him. Because the chemo had destroyed his bone marrow, he then developed myelodysplastic syndrome and needed a bone marrow transplant to survive. An angel by the name of George, a 25-year-old from Minnesota, was a perfect match and agreed to the transplant – it was a complete success. He saved Billy's life.

This monumental gesture of one human being caring for another propelled Alicia and Bill Gowacki to become advocates for kids' cancer. "My family is committed to doing whatever we possibly can to raise awareness," said Gowacki. "We are forever grateful to everyone involved in saving our son's life. Everyone who lives, or has lived, in the world of childhood cancer knows how utterly disappointing it feels to see other cancer foundations receive all the attention on TV and in newspaper ads; even sports teams wearing colored clothing." The Gowackis have taken part in everything from bake sales to fishing

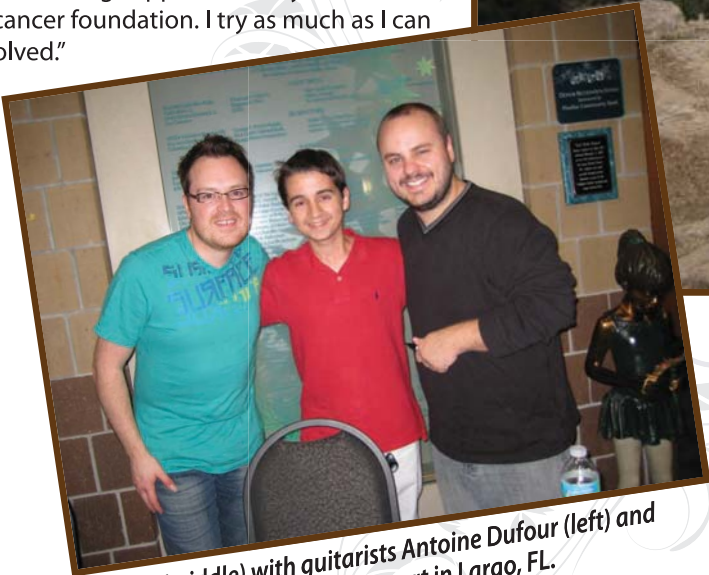


tournaments to help raise as much money as possible for childhood cancer awareness and research."

Gowacki maintains the website fortysixseven.com to share information and to offer decals that read "I'm Aware," "46/7," and "Support Childhood Cancer Research." Funds generated are donated to organizations who deal strictly with childhood cancer research. He also has a page about his son on wcgowacki.com/BILLY.html. "46/7 was my dad's brainchild," said Billy. "That's his thing and I'm glad he has embraced it. I support him in what he's doing and I am a big supporter of any kind of pediatric cancer foundation. I try as much as I can to get involved."



Billy and his parents, Alicia and Bill, visiting Barringer Crater in Arizona.



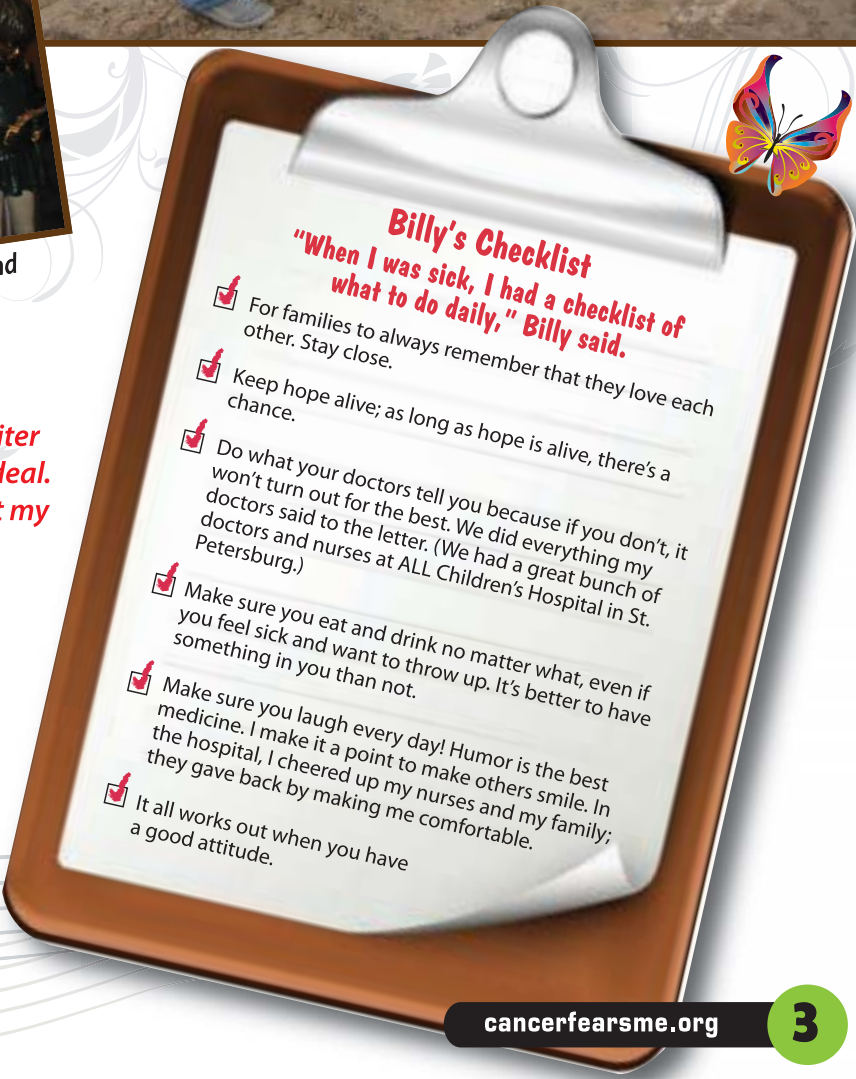
Billy (middle) with guitarists Antoine Dufour (left) and Andy McKee after their concert in Largo, FL.

These lyrics were written about Billy Gowacki after songwriter Eric Horner visited him in the hospital during his cancer ordeal. "I feel it embodies my positive outlook not only throughout my ordeal," said Billy, "but for the future as well."

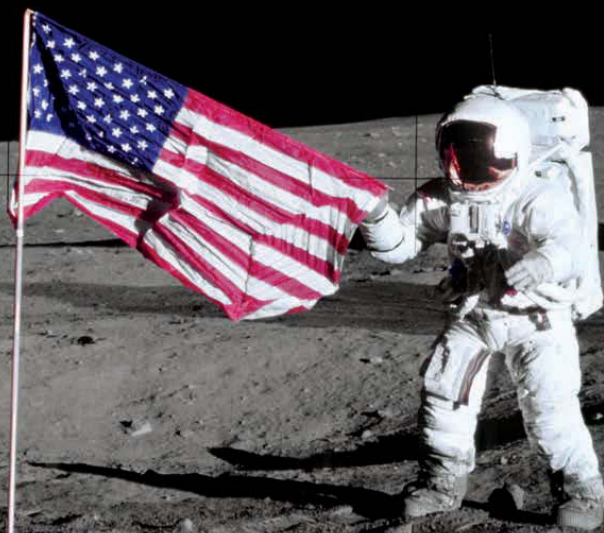
NO NEED LOOKING BACK

By Eric Horner
(Chorus)

The future is bright
Those clouds have rolled away
I'm loving my life
It gets better every day
Those mountains may have slowed me down
But I'm gettin' back on track
And there ain't no need
Ain't no need looking back



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As reported on the website of the St. Baldrick's Foundation (stbaldricks.org), these major accomplishments have been made in childhood cancer research:

New cure for neuroblastoma - Previously only 1 in 3 kids with high-risk neuroblastoma (most common kind) were cured, until research resulted in a new treatment that harnesses the power of the immune system. Now almost half may be cured! This is the first successful immunotherapy for a childhood cancer.

Improved cure rate for ALL - The relapse rate for the most common childhood cancer, acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), has been cut in half by using an old drug in a new way. The cure rate has gone from 80% to 90%!

Raising cure rate for rare type of leukemia - In one rare type of leukemia (Philadelphia chromosome positive acute lymphoblastic), less than 20% of kids were cured, and no progress had been made in 50 years. By adding a new drug (Gleevec), more than 70% can now be cured!

Accelerating scientific discovery for rare cancers - For several types of childhood cancer that are especially rare and difficult to cure, answers to key research questions will be available years earlier, due to an initiative funded completely by St. Baldrick's donations. These kids will also have more opportunity to be treated on a clinical trial, their best hope for a cure!

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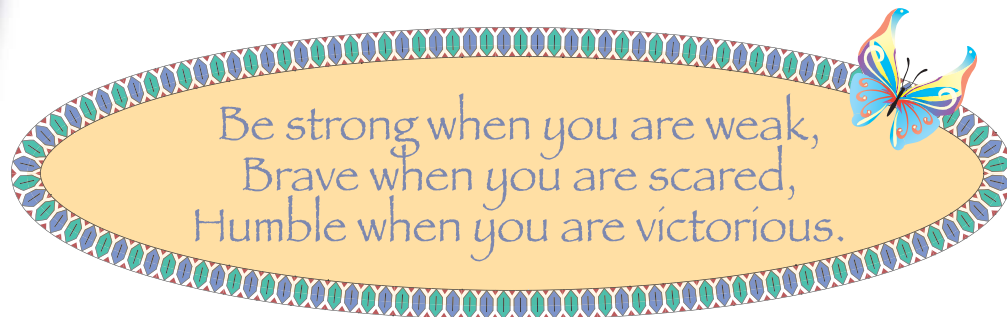
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Molly Twigg of Cumberland, MD was the First Place Winner in a Bookmark Art Contest in the 3rd-5th grade category, sponsored by MACRO (Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office) in Annapolis, MD.

As a baby, Molly was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma. She is now a 10-year-old happy and healthy straight-A fifth-grader. Molly has performed in 16 theatrical plays. According to her mom Kerry Twigg, her most impressive role was as "Christmas Past" two years ago at Frostburg State University, "complete with a British accent!" said Kerry. "Molly loves theatre, singing and reading. She and her brother Jack have a rock band called Cheese Touch."

Cheers to the good energy of Molly from Maryland!



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Kelly Clarkson's hit song "Stronger" made into video by patient at Seattle Children's Hospital

'What doesn't kill us makes us stronger' are the popular words to the hit song by Kelly Clarkson and what the kids and staff at Seattle Children's Hospital's hematology oncology unit are dancing and lip-syncing to in this touching video. As "Stronger" plays in the background, young patients hold up posters reading 'stronger,' 'fighter' and 'hope.' Staff members jive together up and down the hall and one young patient even pedals his go-cart through the halls while a nurse runs after him holding his IVs on a pole.



The idea to produce the video was the brainstorm of 22-year-old cancer patient Chris Rumble, diagnosed with leukemia in April 2012. "I'm everyone's big brother and I have a lot of friends here at Seattle Children's," Rumble said. "I wanted to make a video to send back to my team and I thought what better way to do it than with the kids on my floor?"

Rumble said one of the best parts of the video was watching the kids do something that made them happy, while seeing their parents happy as well, since the children were enjoying themselves through a difficult time.



(Source: cbsnews.com)

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Daughter and her blood marrow donor still bonded after 20 years

By Michele Hamlett, Fallston, MD

Our daughter, Valerie, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on October 8, 1992. She was 2-years-old. Doctors were optimistic – they said her chances for survival were good. After a few months of chemo, Valerie relapsed, and the prognosis wasn't as promising. Stronger treatment was needed. When the baby relapsed again a few months later, things were especially ominous. Her only chance for survival was a bone marrow transplant – and soon!

My husband Tim and I were tested as potential matches, but parents rarely match since children share chromosomes from both. Siblings can match well, but Valerie was an only child at the time – I was pregnant with our son who would not be born soon enough to save his sister. Other family members were tested – no matches. So we turned to the National Bone Marrow registry.

Things were not going well. We were beyond devastated.

Referred to Dr. Ralph Quinones at Children's Hospital in Washington D.C. to plan new radiation and chemo treatments, we searched and prayed for a donor. On a day we will never, ever forget, Dr. Quinones informed us that a donor was found!

"It's a perfect match," he said. They contacted the potential donor to verify that s/he was still willing to donate. Our baby's life was in the hands of a stranger. Several days later, we learned that the donor had agreed. The marrow would be delivered from Seattle, Washington to Maryland in two weeks – ironically on October 8, 1993.

Valerie underwent intensive chemotherapy and radiation, depleting her of every blood cell – cancerous and healthy. Her immune system was nonexistent; it became necessary for her to stay in a sterile room that permitted few people. Visitors were required to wear surgical gloves, masks, paper robes and paper shoes. Everything that entered the room had to be disinfected.

It amazed us how cheerful, energetic and happy our toddler remained throughout this agonizing regimen. Only 3-years-old, she was oblivious to the trauma and panic of the ordeal. She just wanted to play, sing and watch movies! She is what kept us optimistic. Our baby was not letting this pull her down. We, too, played, sang, and watched movies – and tried to smile.

I will never forget the day the bag of bone marrow arrived in the room. Such a small bag of marrow, yet it was absolutely priceless to us. It was LIFE! Valerie's life, our lives. Attached to the bag was a card with a handwritten note from the donor. It read, "You are an inspiration."

The bone marrow transplant is a blood infusion. As this new life, new cells, and new hope dripped into our daughter's tiny body, we prayed that her body would accept it – and that it would accept her. We prayed for the cells to grow, multiply and keep her alive. Then we waited.

In three days, Valerie's blood count went from 0 to 6. It was a blood count! The next day, she had 18 cells, then 40, then more and more. There were some complications, but things went as well as we could have hoped. After a few weeks, we were allowed to leave the hospital to take a drive. A few more weeks and we were able to take Valerie back to the Ronald McDonald House where Tim and I had been sleeping in shifts. A few more weeks and we went home!

One year later (mandatory waiting period), we wrote to the National Bone Marrow registry to attempt contact with the baby's donor. We were awarded with a name and address – Bruce!

I wrote Bruce a letter; it must have been 10 pages long. I had so much to say to him! How do you thank someone for your child's life?

One night, I received a phone call ... "Hi, this is Bruce." I have no words to describe what it felt like to be in contact with this man who saved our family. Bruce told us about his close friend who had cancer – the reason he wanted to help. A doctor had said to him, "There's nothing you can do for your friend, but you can do something for someone else. Get on the bone marrow registry."

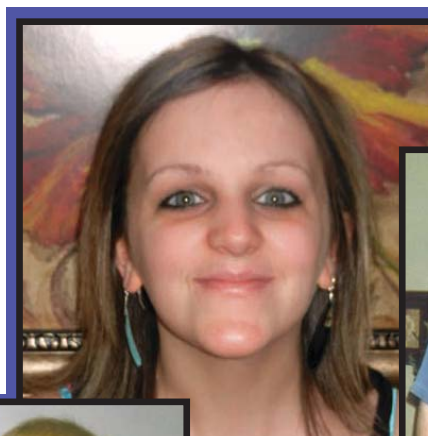
After more calls, letters, and photo exchanges, we flew to Seattle to meet Bruce. He probably didn't know what hit him when Tim and I tackled him with hugs. What I remember most about this meeting is Valerie's reaction to him. For most of her life, our daughter was either in the hospital or isolated at home, not interacting much with people. She was very shy around strangers. Yet she went right to Bruce; the two shared a very real connection. Valerie sat on his lap, played games and giggled with him. While solving a puzzle together one day, she said, "Hey Bruce, thanks for the blood."

Bruce responded, "Hey, no problem."

Fast forward ... Valerie just turned 22. She is doing great! Thankfully, she doesn't remember much about the cancer ordeal. She does, however, remember Bruce! She still keeps in touch with him. Our family and Bruce have visited each other several times. We also email and chat by phone.

I doubt Bruce will ever know the depths of our gratitude. This man was inspired by a friend, which resulted in saving a little girl's life.

If our story inspires you, perhaps you will consider joining the National Bone Marrow registry. You could be someone's hero! Visit marrow.org and click "join the registry."



Left: 2012 - Valerie had cancer at age 2 but today is cancer-free and healthy at age 22!

Below: 2009 - Valerie and donor Bruce during his most recent visit to Maryland



Above: 1993 - Valerie before her bone marrow transplant

Right: 1996 - Valerie and her blood marrow donor, Bruce, when the Hamlett family first met him in Seattle, Washington



PUZZLES AND GAMES



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BUTTERFLIES?

This word search is full of important butterfly vocabulary, such as the parts of a butterfly's body and its lifecycle.

ABDOMEN	EGGS	PUPA
ANTENNAE	FEELERS	SILK
BRISTLES	HEAD	SPINNERET
BUTTERFLY	MOLTING	SPINNINGSPIRACLES
CATERPILLAR	PROBOSCIS	THORAX
CHRYSLIS	PROLEGS	WINGS

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Hidden Butterfly Challenge

How many butterflies in any color or style, including this one, can you count throughout this newspaper?

ANSWER ON PAGE 15

HOW TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN 12 LANGUAGES!

Let your tongue have a little fun before it tastes some birthday cake! Here's one way to say two overused words – "happy birthday" – to friends and family. You're sure to impress them by saying it in one of these 12 languages!

Basque - zorionak zuri

Bosnian - srećan rođendan

Catalan - bon aniversari

Croatian - sretan rođendan

Dutch - gefeliciteerd met je verjaardag
(good luck with that one!)

German - alles gute zum geburtstag

Hawaiian - hau'oli lā hānau

Irish (Gaelic) - lá breithe shona dhuit

Italian - buon compleanno

Japanese - お誕生日おめでとうございます

(we don't how to pronounce it either, but it looks cool!)

Norwegian - gratulerer med dagen

Portuguese - feliz aniversário



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EASY LEVEL SUDOKU PUZZLE

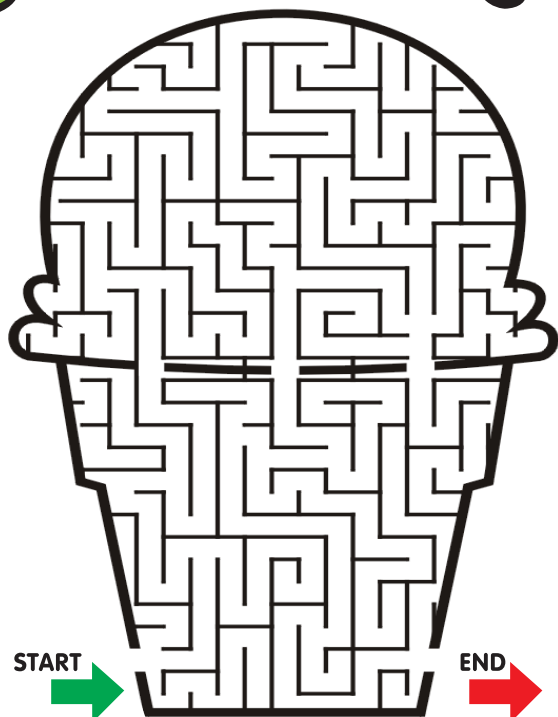
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BRAIN

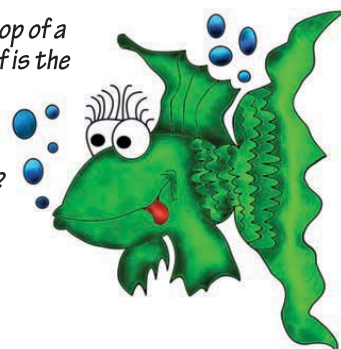
TEASERS



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RIDDLIN' AROUND!

1. What seven-letter word has hundreds of letters in it?
2. A rooster lays an egg at the very top of a slanted roof. On which side of the roof is the egg going to roll off?
3. If you had a ton of feathers and a ton of stones which would be heavier?
4. What do you give a sick pig?
5. Why did the bee go to the doctor?
6. Where do fish keep their money?



ANSWERS ON PG. 15



DICKERIN' AROUND WITH THE DOC

PATIENT: Doctor! Doctor! I think I'm a vampire.

DOCTOR: Necks, please!

PATIENT: Doctor! Doctor! You have to help me out!

DOCTOR: Certainly. Which way did you come in?

PATIENT: Doctor Doctor! Will I be able to play the piano when you've fixed my hand?

DOCTOR: Of course!

PATIENT: Great! I've never been able to play before!

PATIENT: Doctor Doctor! I think I'm a needle!

DOCTOR: Yes, I can see your point!

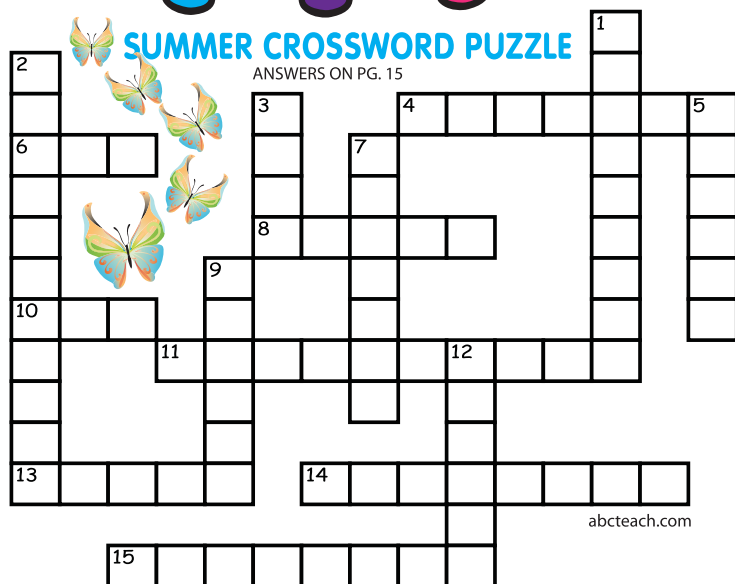
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ANSWERS ON PG. 15

MIND BENDERS



SUMMER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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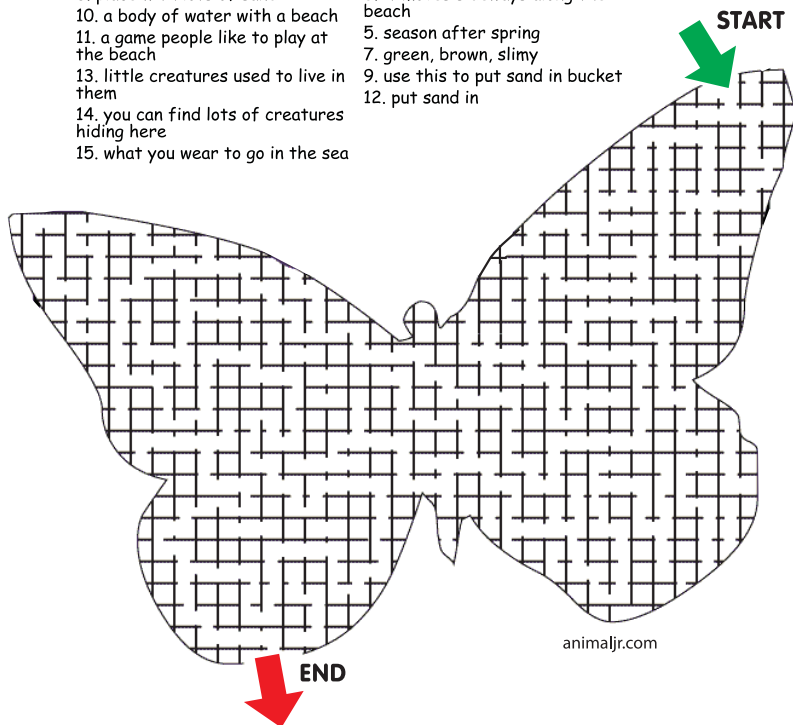
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Across

4. wear these on your feet to be cool
6. use this to fish for crabs in the pools
8. place with lots of sand
10. a body of water with a beach
11. a game people like to play at the beach
13. little creatures used to live in them
14. you can find lots of creatures hiding here
15. what you wear to go in the sea

Down

1. you need to blow air into this to play
2. build using lots of sand and shells
3. it moves sideways along the beach
5. season after spring
7. green, brown, slimy
9. use this to put sand in bucket
12. put sand in



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This very fun word search includes many of the things you might see on a picnic, from ants to watermelon!



ANTS	WATERMELON	TREES	SODA
BIRDS	SANDWICHES	FOOTBALL	JUICE
NAPKINS	BUTTERFLIES	FRISBEE	SUN
BLANKET	APPLES	SOCCER	BUGS
BASKET	PRETZELS	TAG	

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Without telling what the story is about, one player asks another player to call out a word (adjective, noun, verb, etc. as needed) and fills in the blanks with those words. When all blanks are filled, the reader then reads the entire ridiculous story aloud! Guaranteed silly!



Vacation Sports

Today, there are many new and _____ [adjective] things you can do on your vacation. _____ [number] years ago, _____ [plural noun] who went on a vacation, could play tennis or go _____ [animal]-back riding, play 18 holes of _____ [noun], or spend their time _____ [verb ending in -ing] with their family. But today, if you are _____ [adjective] enough to try, you can go skydiving, windsurfing, water-skiing, or mountain _____ [verb ending in -ing]. Skydiving is the most fun, if you are not afraid of _____ [verb ending in -ing]. First you strap on _____ [number] parachutes. Then you get in an airplane with eight or nine other _____ [plural noun] and go up to _____ [number] feet. Then you open the door and jump out. Once in the air, everyone holds hands and you free-fall toward the _____ [noun] below. At the last minute, you yank on your _____ [noun] and open your parachute and float gently to the _____ [noun]. It's a lot of fun if you like to live _____ [adverb]!

To play alone: Without looking at the story, fill in the blanks below with the required words, then transfer them to the blanks in the story. Now you've created your own hilarious MAD LIBS® story!

2 ADJECTIVES _____ 3 NUMBERS _____ 2 PLURAL NOUNS _____ ANIMAL _____
4 NOUNS _____ 3 VERBS ENDING IN -ING _____ ADVERB _____

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WORD PLAY



A. Complete the word ladder by changing just one letter each time.
Example: CAT, COT, DOT, DOG.

HOUR

_____ a number
_____ sometimes happens in sport
_____ a young animal

GOAL

B. Look at the clues below and see if you can make new words by changing just one letter in each of these words.

1. Change DANCE into a kind of spear.
2. Change STORE into something near the sea.
3. Change SLEEP into an animal.

C. Put a different letter in front of ARE each time to make new words with the following meanings.

1. A female horse
2. Uncommon
3. Challenge

D. Can you rearrange the jumbled letters into an 11-letter word for a small creature?

PARCEL TRAIL

E. Can you find a fruit in the words below?

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UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS

Scenes of Summer

1. EWLAOTNREM _____

2. CCIINP _____

3. MSIWGNIM _____

4. ENIHSNUS _____

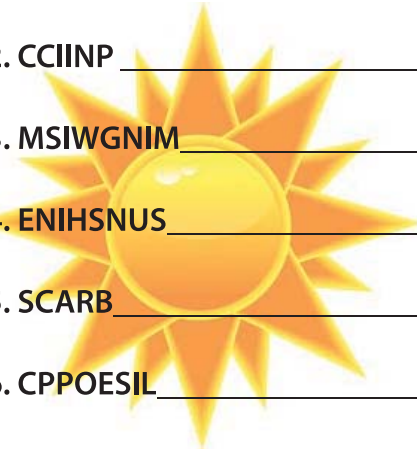
5. SCARB _____

6. CPPOESIL _____

7. HEACB _____

8. AANOITCV _____

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WALKING THE DOG

Three dogs are being taken for a walk by their owners. From the picture and clues can you match the position of each dog (A,B,C) with its name, the name of its owner and the house number where each owner lives (18,20,22)?



1. The owner of the dog pictured at A lives in a house with a higher number than the house where the owner of Lucky lives but a lower number than the house where the owner named Helen lives.
2. Rover has run away from his owner who lives at number 22.
3. The owner named Susan is pictured wearing sunglasses.
4. One of the dogs is called Fido and one of the owners is named Kate.

POSITION	A	B	C
Dog's Name			
Owner's Name			
House Number			

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YOU BLOG- GIRL!

14-year-old writes "Cancer To An End" blog

Fourteen-year-old Cheyenne Spear from Baltimore, Maryland wants to "be there" for other kids with cancer which is why she created an online blog to inspire them. Her posts routinely include an inspirational quote, such as this one from the late Christopher Reeve: "Once you choose hope, anything is possible."

"I was diagnosed when I was 3-years-old in 2001 with acute leukemia," said Cheyenne. "Now I'm very healthy. I get my counts checked every six months. They're always great, thank

God. I created my blog for kids who don't know how to battle this ... kids who need help with staying positive ... and always keeping their heads up. My goal is to help them keep things going smoothly and I want them to know I am always here to talk. Always!! My message for others with cancer is to always THINK POSITIVE no matter what. Because the more negative you think, you're just going to make it harder for yourself. I am proud of all of you!"



You can visit
Cheyenne's blog on
cancertoanend.tumblr.com.
Here's one of
her posts:

"Cancer is a journey, but you walk the road alone.
There are many places to stop along the way and get
nourishment – you just have to be willing to take it."
~ Emily Hollenburg

"Today's blog will be about taking the comfort that people offer to you. Everyone's different, but when you find out you're diagnosed with cancer, a lot of people fall into depression and push away everybody around them. Doing that is just going to make everything worse, and that's how you let the cancer overtake your body. So the next time someone offers you comfort, take it! It's a good thing. The more love and cherish your body absorbs can make it heal faster and you can be happier (and sometimes in less pain along the way). As long as you have a happy spirit, everything will be okay!"

"The human spirit is stronger
than anything that can happen
to it." ~ C.C. Scott



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_____ [male first name] King has written some really _____ [adjective] spooky books that have been made into super-_____ [adjective] movies. For instance, there was "Children of the _____" [type of food] and "Cujo the _____" [animal]. Then there was one about _____ [plural noun], which was called "Pet the _____" [place]. A very successful movie was "The _____" [verb ending in -ing], which starred Jack _____ [last name] and Shelly _____ [last name]. It was Jack's first big movie and since then he has become a/an _____ [adjective] star and has been nominated for _____ [number] Academy _____ [plural noun]. There are other very _____ [adjective] scary films that Mr. King did not write. For instance, the _____ [adjective] classic called "The Chain Saw _____" [noun], which can really curdle a person's _____ [type of liquid]. If you watch any of these movies, chances are you won't sleep very _____ [adverb] that night!

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VERB ENDING IN -ING _____ 2 LAST NAMES _____ NUMBER _____ NOUN _____ TYPE OF LIQUID _____ ADVERB _____

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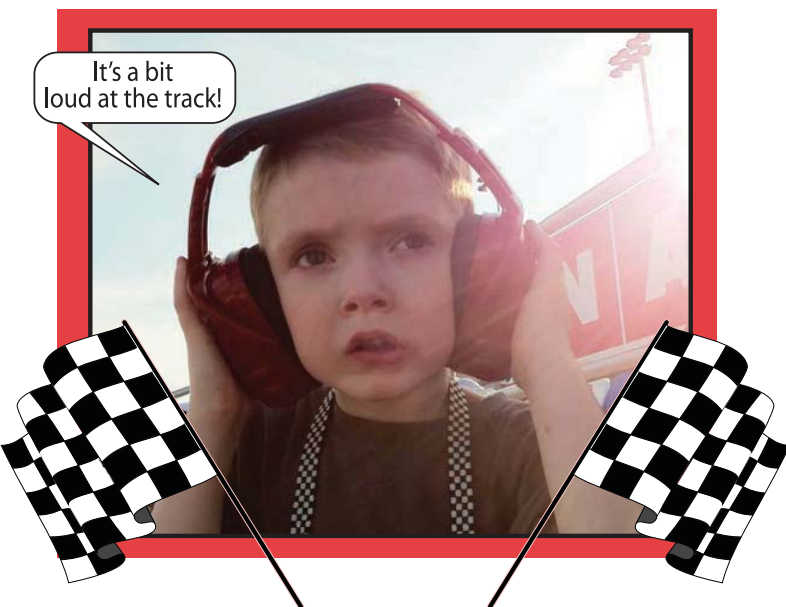
COOL KID



Meet Brendan Fick

How old are you? **6**
 Where do you live? **Timonium, Maryland**
 What grade are you in? **Kindergarten**
 What do you want to be when you grow up? **NASCAR driver**

It's a bit
loud at the track!



What sports do you like to play? **Golf, baseball, basketball**
 To watch? **Football, golf**
 What do you like to do for fun? **Play Wii (baseball)**

COOL CAREGIVER



Meet Brendan's nurse, Lauren Wendt, RN

What is your job title? **Pediatric Oncology Nurse**
 What do you do? **I care for all aspects of my patients. I coordinate care among the providers, administer medications, and teach both patient and parents, but most of all, I make my patients laugh!**
 Favorite part of your job? **Seeing the kids come into the clinic smiling**
 Least favorite part? **Watching the kids in pain or not feeling well**
 What time does your day begin? **My work day begins at 8 am.**
 Favorite sport to watch or play? **I love to watch football**
 Do you have kids? **I have 3 wonderful children**
 What do you enjoy doing for fun? **I enjoy reading, relaxing, and spending time with my kids**
 Favorite movie: **All Good Men**
 Favorite TV show: **hmmmmmm ... Grey's Anatomy**
 Favorite Book: **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (the trilogy)**
 Do you like cats or dogs? **I like both dogs and cats.**
 What's on your iPod? **I have lots of music on my iPod - I like all kinds of music**
 Favorite school subject as a kid? **Recess was my favorite subject!**





Do you have brothers and sisters? **Twin sisters, age 8, Riley & Mackey**

Favorite cereal? **Honeynut Cheerios - no milk!**

Favorite snack? **candy**

Favorite animal? **dog (He wants a Westie)**

What are your favorite subjects in school? **reading & math**

Who's your best friend? **Ethan**

Who's your favorite celebrity? **Tiger Woods**

If you were a Seven Dwarf, which one would you be? **Grumpy**

Favorite movie? **Zookeeper**

Favorite TV show? **Likes to watch NASCAR and golf**

Favorite video game? **NBA 2K Jam**

If you were the President of the U.S., what would be your first law? **Candy for everybody!**



Favorite dessert: **ice cream**

Favorite season: **spring**

Favorite cereal: **Fruit Loops**

Favorite fruit: **strawberries**



What celebrity do you admire and why?

Sean Penn because he uses his celebrity status to help people in need, like the people in Haiti. He not only helped financially, but actually went to Haiti to assist them.

If you could have dinner with one person, who would it be and why? **My mom because she is one of the smartest, funniest and warmest people I know. I enjoy spending time with her.**



ANSWERS



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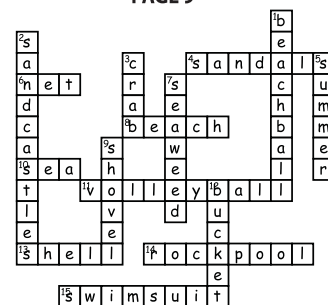
RIDDLIN' AROUND:

1. Mailbox
2. Neither. Roosters don't lay eggs!
3. Neither. They both weigh a ton
4. Some oink-ment!
5. Because he had hives
6. In a riverbank, of course!



BUTTERFLY CHALLENGE
ANSWER: 43

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SCENES OF SUMMER: 1. watermelon 2. picnic 3. swimming 4. sunshine 5. crabs 6. popsicle 7. beach 8. vacation

WALKING THE DOG: The owner of dog A lives at number 20, the owner of Lucky lives at number 18 and Helen lives at number 22 (clue 1). Rover is at C and his owner lives at number 22 (clue 2). By elimination, Fido is at A and the owner at B lives at number 18. Susan is at A (clue 3). By elimination, Kate lives at number 18.

POSITION	A	B	C
Dog's Name	Fido	Lucky	Rover
Owner's Name	Susan	Kate	Helen
House Number	20	18	22

WORD PLAY: A. HOUR, FOUR, FOUL, FOAL B. 1. LANCE 2. SHORE 3. SHEEP C. 1. MARE 2. RARE 3. DARE D. CATERPILLAR E. PEAR



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