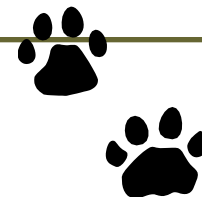




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## Twist your Tongue on This!

When you just feel like having some fun, but it's raining or you're grounded, always have a tongue twister sheet handy.

Here's one for that sheet!

**A big black bug bit a big black bear which made the big black bear bleed blood.**

Or possibly this!

**Freshly fried flying fish.**

Or maybe this one! **Cedar shingles should be saved and shared.**

I bet you would like to make up some of your own. Feel free to write any tongue twisters on these lines.

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By Lily Lengerich

## Ski Cooper vs. Monarch

By Cody Collyer



Have you ever wanted to know all the differences between Ski Cooper and Monarch?

Well, at Monarch there is a lot of traffic going up the pass to get there, and Cooper doesn't have much at all. Once you get there, Cooper has a really little ski lodge and Monarch has a huge ski lodge because they get more people.

You get better deals for food at Cooper because you can go through the taco bar and get anything you want for \$5. That's my opinion.

There is some history behind Ski Cooper. Ski Cooper was used to train the soldiers at Camp Hale, the Army's Tenth Mountain Ski Division. The soldiers stayed at Camp Hale to train them to fight while skiing.

Here is some history about Monarch. It started as a ski area in 1939, but before that there were people skiing all over that area as early as 1914.

Ski Cooper and Monarch were experimenting with

different ways to get people to the top of the mountain. In the old days they tried using pull ropes where you hold on to an orange handle and it pulls you up to the summit. Just hope you don't let go and go sliding down backwards! At Ski Cooper you can see the pull rope because it is still there.

But most of all, you can have fun skiing both Monarch and Ski Cooper!!!



## Crows By Reece White

One day when the sun was high in the sky, I was peacefully sitting on my eggs, I suddenly heard Mrs. Magpie come squawking, "Help, the crows stole one of my eggs!"

I flew out of my nest and made sure it was guarded, and then I flew and flapped my wings until I was at the magpie's nest. I saw her husband crying and then Mrs. Magpie started to cry, too.

"Did he look like the egg thief we saw on SquawkVision?" I asked.

Mr. Magpie said, "Yes, he did have that purple scar on his wing and that red eye patch, but he looked scarier in person than on SquawkVision."

Then, Mrs. Magpie and I went to the wing station and asked the officer if he knew about the egg stealing crows. He said, "Well, I did get a report on a hawk thief, a report on a dingo stealing an ostrich's egg, but no report on that evil crow in town."

Then he said, "Are you sure you saw the wanted crow that has a purple scar on his wing and a red eye patch?" Mrs. Magpie piped up and said, "Sir, I am absolutely positive that it was the wanted crow, to be exact, his name was Danger. After that, the officer set up a troop of officer jays to go out and find the crow."

To be continued in the next edition of LOL...



## All About Vets by Annie Hill

Have you ever wanted to be a veterinarian? A veterinarian is a doctor for animals.

My dad is a veterinarian. He owns and practices at Salida Veterinary Hospital. I think he likes his job pretty well. He mainly treats cats and dogs.

Veterinarians use the same diagnostic tools that human doctors use.

My dad started out wanting to be a wildlife veterinarian. After that, he decided he liked the idea of treating domestic animals.

A domestic animal is a common animal, like a dog or cat. My dad likes his job, and many of the animals like him.

Every vet has to take a 4-year degree in biology or another science. Then, you must apply and be admitted to a veterinary school. Veterinary school is a 4-year professional program.

Once that 4-year degree is completed, the doctor must sit for state and national boards. Boards are exams, or long,

hard tests.

In order to specialize in an area, one must be board certified. A board certification usually requires four more years of specialized training and passing a comprehensive test.

There are 38 specialties in veterinary medicine. Among these specialties are: dentistry, nutrition, surgery, and oncology (cancer).

“My goal with every patient is to make its life better. The most rewarding thing I do is finding and eliminating pain,” says my dad.

## Dirt Biking

By Issac Hutchings

Have you heard of Yamaha, Suzuki, KTM, Kawasaki, or Honda? These are names of types of dirt bikes. There are also street bikes so you can ride on the street.

Two stroke engines are for Motor Cross and Super Cross; four stroke engines are for Enduro.

Protecting yourself is very important so you don't break a bone. For example, you need a helmet to protect your head. These are the other things you need to protect yourself: neck braces, chest protector, boots, helmets, and gloves. You need these because you could crash, rocks pop up when you are behind someone, or you could hit your chest on the handle bars.

When I ride my dirt bike, I like when I'm going fast and the cool air blows against my body.

You don't have to go fast or race; you can ride dirt bikes just for fun!



This is me!





## Duct Tape Fever!

By Kaylynn Schaffer

Duct tape has become a top fashion craft. There are lots of things you can do with duct tape. You can make a bag, a bracelet, a wallet. Duct tape ideas never stop! You can make anything with duct tape.

Did you know that duct tape spelling has changed from duck tape to duct tape? Amazing!!! Remember you are the puppet master when it comes to duct tape, because you control the "strings."

For more ideas on how to make other duct tape crafts you can look on You Tube or Google Images. Take a look at these amazing pictures to help come up with an idea on what to make!

## Love Brings the World Together

By Kobi Jones

### *Why we feel love, and how it benefits us.*

Have you ever had an experience where there was someone who you, however hard you tried, couldn't get off your mind, or couldn't stop gazing at and admiring their every movement? Or perhaps one of the members in your family was devastatingly ill and you sat by them and cared for them all day and you stayed up all night worrying about them? What you were feeling was probably love. But why so, and why them, and what propels it? Can it even help your health?

The simplest form of love is the kind that you feel toward your parents or siblings. Ever since the moment you were born you have known them. You have formed a deep bond with them. They have cared for you. They fed you and kept you safe from every type of danger. You have grown so close to them you almost wouldn't know what to do without them. But love goes deeper than that.

Say there's someone you know that, to you, seems so lovely and perfect, even though you know they have flaws of all sorts. You don't understand why you like them so much. This sort of love gets complicated. It is partly your judging. Many of their movements and actions may match your personal acceptance standards. For example: the way they walk or talk, and how they look. This may sound a bit judgmental, but mostly it's their personality you take into mind, how they think and approach different things. But you don't need to love people, do you? It's just a waste of time, or, is it?

Some of this may go back to when we were still half ape millions of years ago. We fell in love to regenerate and create the next generation. Our genes have held on to that. But love, surprisingly, can benefit your health and personal happiness. Couples are less likely to be prone to disease and other illnesses. Married people are also happier and more self-confident.

People may fall in love just to expand themselves. Loneliness or the feeling of being disregarded by others can make us love just to know that somebody loves you back. People may fall in love after they have accomplished something. They feel more confident to do something they never had the guts to do before.

Love may seem like something people can take for granted, but it has reason in it, too.

## Spring

The stubs of the green grass start sprouting  
 The garden seeds start blooming into huge flowers  
 The birds tune their voices for a cheerful spring  
 Then the grass grows lush and the mowing begins  
 And then the flowers start getting taller and hoeing needs to be done  
 The beautiful birds sing as many tunes as they can  
 And that's how I know its spring

By: Raley Patch



## Reading Counts Giving Tree

By Caroline Edgington



We give back! The town of Salida voted yes on 3A for a new elementary school. We are all thankful for everyone who voted, so everyone in Longfellow wants to give back to the community.

The school has brainstormed a few ideas. All of the students in Longfellow will vote. The possibilities are: plant a tree in Riverside Park from Longfellow, give money to the humane society, or donate to Caring and Sharing.

Every year in March, 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students read books that they can take a test on and earn points. Every student's teacher gives them a number of points that they have to earn or, the student can decide point goals. If the book is worth 17 points that means that the person who just took the test earned a \$1.70 for the Giving Tree.

We will let you know the results in our next issue.

### Interviewing Quinn! (and her horse)

Quinn does dressage which is an equestrian sport. It is kind of like horse ballet, with very graceful movements. Judges score the rider and horse team from 0 to 10. Zero points means not being executed and ten points means excellent. Six is the passing number.

The common dressage horse breed is Lipizzaner. Now that you know what dressage is, let's get to the interview.

**Me:** What is your horse's name?

**Quinn:** Sterling.

**Me:** How old is Sterling?

**Quinn:** 19 horse years, 35 our age.

**Me:** Have you been in horse shows?

**Quinn:** Not yet.

**Me:** How long have you been riding?

**Quinn:** Ooooooh, that's hard, maybe since I was two years old.

**Me:** What's the hardest part of dressage?

**Quinn:** Not getting nervous if Sterling starts to freak out.

**Me:** On a scale of one to ten how fun is dressage?

**Quinn:** Ten and a half!

**Me:** What's the worst part of dressage?

**Quinn:** None.

**Me:** Thanks for your time Quinn. That's the end of the interview!

P.S. Dressage is a French word and is pronounced drus-ahi.

By Rubv Shomion

## Aikido: an AWESOME Martial Art

By: Sophie Pressly

Do you like karate? Well, here's something new, exciting and much better than karate! Aikido!!

Sensei Rick Thompson, an Aikido teacher, teaches at the Yama Dojo. Sensei means teacher in Japanese and Aikido is a Japanese martial art. Sensei Rick started martial arts when he was 14. His first sensei's name was Gaku Homma. He says, "I want a way to practice and teach kids too." So he became a sensei.

A Japanese martial arts tradition is to use belts to indicate what level of skill you have. The belt order goes white the lowest, then red, orange, yellow, blue, green, brown, purple, and black is the highest.

Then there are degrees for the black belt: first, second, third and so on. Sensei Rick is currently at a five degree black belt.

He says "I love to teach kids and let them learn. It's a fun experience." Kids love Aikido and get benefits beyond learning how to beat up your big brother when he eats all the pancakes. Kids learn how to defend themselves, have discipline, and of course, have fun!

I currently take lessons from 5:15 to 6:30 on Wednesdays. I'm sure Sensei Rick would love to teach you too!

If this sounds interesting  
Please contact Rick Thomson  
At 719-207-3998



We play fun games, too!



That's me.



That's my Sensei.

## A Win for Longfellow *By Cassidy Gillis*

Have you heard of the mask competition? Well, the 4th graders at LES did for sure.

Kobi Jones got first place in 3rd through 5rd grade levels for the whole state of Colorado! That's very amazing!

This mask competition was held by CCIRA (Colorado Council of the International Reading Association.)

In the beginning, Kobi didn't really have any interest in doing a mask, but he decided if he was going to do it, he would make it professional, and so he did.

Kobi loves writing so much he wanted to make a mask about writing. On his blue and white mask, Kobi made little pop-up books and added his favorite phrase about writing: "Writing is like making a clay sculpture. you can smash it as many times as you want until your story is perfect."

He never thought he could win a state competition, but he did. Congratulations Kobi!

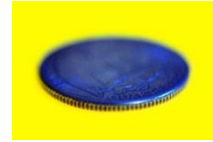


Kobi's winning  
mask



## Cash In

By Maddie Porter



Have you ever wondered where our money comes from? Well, if you haven't, then you will be surprised.

The money in our country comes from a factory called a *mint*. The mint is not like a candy or mint toothpaste, it is a factory where our half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies are made. The mint also makes bills.

Did you know that there is a mint in Denver? Next time you see a coin, check to see where it is from. Here is a tip to finding out where the coin is from. If it was made at the Colorado Mint, there will be a small "D" on the front of the coin. If it was made in Philadelphia there will be a small "P". If there is an "S" it was made in San Francisco.

### Front Side Faces

What is with the face on the front side of the coin? Well, those faces are all former presidents of our country. Washington's face is on the quarter, Franklin D. Roosevelt's face is on the dime, Jefferson is on the nickel, and Lincoln on the penny.

### The Tails (backside of a coin)

On the back side of a coin there is often a marking of an animal, place, or scenery. On the American penny there is the Whitehouse; on the nickel there is often a mountain, on the dime there is a torch in between two trees, and on the quarter there is an eagle perched on a branch.

### Interesting Facts

Did you know that our paper money is made out of cotton and linen instead of paper? Dollar bills were first made during the Civil War.

### Want to find out more?

Go to the Internet and search United States coins. You can also go to the Numismatic Museum of Money in Colorado Springs, or visit the Denver mint.

**Colorado  
Quarter**



## Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

### Meteor hits Russia

By: Andrew Lundquist

Friday, February 15, 2013 was a tragic day for the people of Chelyabinsk, Russia. A 150 foot meteor struck this town at a speed of 33,000 mph.

The weight of the meteor was estimated to be 7,000 tons. This meteor was the size of a bus even though NASA called it "tiny".

It injured over 1,000 people. Most of them were injured by flying glass. 3,000 buildings were destroyed in Chelyabinsk.

### Q&A

Q: How often do meteors hit earth?

A: Five to ten times a year.

Q: When was the last event like this?

A: In 2008, astronomers spotted a meteor similar to the one in Russia, but that one exploded before hitting Earth.