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CREATURE FEATURE DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE!

DUCKLINGS AND GOSLINGS RECEIVE DIFFERENT kinds of parental care. For example, upon hatching, and for a few or even several days thereafter, most waterfowl babies are incapable of thermoregulating -- that is, they are incapable of keeping warm by automatically regulating their body temperature -- so to maintain a proper body temperature, they rely instead on a parent that provides warmth by covering them with their body and wings. Called 'brooding', this behavior also protects hatchlings from harsh precipitation, strong sunlight, wind... and predators.

Protecting vulnerable offspring from predators is a critical form of parental care among many waterfowl species, especially as young often leave the nest within a few hours after hatching. Parents typically sound an alarm call when they detect danger, causing the young birds to scatter, freeze in place or move closer to their parent(s). In most duck species, the hen raises her brood alone and may try to lure a predator away from her ducklings by feigning a broken wing.

I'd wager that at least some readers have experienced the wrath of Canada geese after having passed too close to their nest or goslings. Papa goose, in particular, vigorously defends his family; and if the pair's vociferous honks and scorching hisses fail to deter a trespasser, he may attack, biting and using his powerful wings to pummel any animal or person that threatens his family. While these hostile behaviors earn geese a reputation as bullies, it's important to recognize that the aggressiveness is defensive and can be avoided if we respect their family space. After all, don't we demand the same for our own families?

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The seasonal transition from winter to spring is the perfect time to freshen up your home. If you're like most people, and you don't have unlimited time to devote to working on your home, small weekend projects are perfect because they're quick, easy and affordable. And from April 15th-28th you can save more during the Spring Sale on gallons of Benjamin Moore Regal Select Interior paint.

#1 Hit refresh with paint. Nothing says "refresh" quite like bringing new life to a tired piece of furniture. A fresh coat of paint is the perfect solution to make old, dated furniture seem trendy and new. Look for pieces that have solid construction and interesting shapes. Headboards, wardrobes, chairs and side tables are all great pieces to transform. If you are unsure of the condition of the furniture or how to paint it, just ask - Nightingale's paint center can ensure you get the product that is right for your project.

#2 Amaze with an accent wall. Feature walls are a great way to make an impactful change to a space. Many people think accent walls need to be very bold and vibrant hues, when they can also be neutral to create a more cohesive and harmonious

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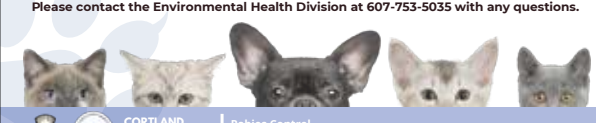
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SPRING HAS FINALLY SHOWN UP in upstate New York and with that comes a lot more time outside. I love it! Your mood improves, your energy shifts, and everything feels lighter. But this is also where I remind my clients that sun protection is not just a Summer thing.

Lately there has been a lot of talk online about sunscreen being harmful. Most of that conversation is referring to certain chemical filters and how they interact with the body. What we actually know from research is that sunscreen, when used appropriately, helps prevent skin cancer and slows down premature aging. That part is not up for debate. If you feel unsure, this is where mineral sunscreens come in. Zinc Oxide and Titanium Dioxide sit on the skin and reflect UV rays rather than absorbing them. Zinc Oxide is my personal favorite because it is naturally anti-inflammatory, which makes it amazing for acne, rosacea, and reactive skin.

Protection is not just about sunscreen though. Think layers. Wear a hat, stay in the shade when you can, and be extra mindful between the hours of 10 and 2 when the sun is strongest. One of the simplest tools you can use is the UV index. If it is a 3 (moderate) or higher, your skin needs protection. If it is lower, you have a little more flexibility.

And just to be clear, UV radiation is the number one cause of premature aging. Fine lines, hyperpigmentation, loss of elasticity, all of it. Protecting your skin now is an investment you will see later.



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Valley View Gardens Retail Nursery and The Cinnamon Apple Cottage Gift Shop are located just around the corner on Luker Road opposite Builder's Best Do-It Center. We are open April 13-30: M-F 10-5, Sat 10-4; Closed Sundays. May 1-31: M-F 9-5, Sat 9-4; Closed Sundays & Memorial Day 5/25. EXCEPT Sunday, Mother's Day: 10-3; & Memoria Day weekend Sunday, 5/24: 10-3.

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CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA DID YOU KNOW?

By Tabitha Scoville, CCHS Director

TODAY'S TRIVIA IS ABOUT AN artifact in the collection of the Cortland County Historical Society. This humble little jug was found behind a log by the roadside near the village of Fabius in 1847. David Conable discovered the partly filled jug of whiskey and took it home where it found new life as a catsup bottle! The little brown jug had a place on the family table for many years. So, who were the Conables? And why "catsup" and not "ketchup"?

The Conable family left behind Conable Avenue and Conable Cemetery, though none of the family are buried there. David and Celesta Conable had six children, two of whom were sons--George and Frederick. The Conable brothers owned farms just over the Port Watson Street bridge, and their land encompassed the street and cemetery that came to be named after their family. Both brothers had four children, and

their families were close. Frederick's son was named George Willard Conable, and he became a noted architect.

George W. Conable worked on the Singer Building in New York City with architect Ernest Flagg in 1908. At the time, it was the tallest building in the world. However, George did not forget his roots. He designed the chapel at Cortland Rural Cemetery, the Cortland Democrat Building on Central Avenue, and the Cortland Central School (now the County Office Building). His name is connected to several other building projects in the city of Cortland as well.

The history of catsup is a long one, but it was brought to America by the British, who picked it up from their travels to modern day Malaysia where it was a popular seasoning, though nothing like the condiment we know today. Originally catsup was made from variations of oysters, mushrooms, walnuts, or fish, along with spices like cloves, nutmeg, cayenne, red pepper, salt, and mace. It was watery and did not contain sugar, and it relied on vinegar and wine to make it shelf stable. Catsup was a favorite for flavoring meats. America is where the tomato was introduced to the long list of possible ingredients, tomatoes being a crop native to North America. Catsup was the common spelling until Henry Heinz used "ketchup" to distinguish his product from that of his competitors. The use of our little catsup jug predates the development of Heinz Ketchup, so catsup it is!



TEXAS-STYLE SMOKED BRISKET RECIPE

- 1 whole packer brisket
- 6 Tbsp fresh cracked black pepper (my pepper cannon is set 23 clicks from the finest mesh)

- 4 Tbsp diamond kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp Lawry's seasoned salt (copy cat below)
- 1 1/2 Tbsp paprika
- 1/2 Tbsp cayenne pepper
- 1 Tbsp granulated onion powder
- 1 Tbsp granulated garlic powder
- 2 Tbsp course garlic
- 2 Tbsp crushed red pepper flakes

Directions

Preheat the smoker to 225-250 degrees.

Thoroughly coat the brisket in seasoning.

Place the brisket fat-side down in the smoker with a meat thermometer in the thickest part.

Smoke 4-6 hours until internal temperature reaches 160 degrees F.

Remove brisket from the smoker. Double wrap in aluminum foil and add 1-2 cups beef broth. Return to smoker.

Continue smoking the brisket until the internal temperature has reached 205 degrees.

Remove brisket from smoker and wrap in a towel. Place the brisket in an empty ice chest to rest for up to two hours.

Unwrap the brisket. Place the brisket on a cutting board. Find the silver skin and separate the flat and point.

Slice against the grain in 1/4"-1/2" thick slices and serve!

Smoking a brisket is one of the most rewarding—and technically demanding—preparations a pitmaster can take on. A whole packer brisket is a substantial cut that requires time, patience, and precision, often cooking low and slow for the better part of a day. While there are countless approaches to brisket, when we're working with a full packer, Texas-style remains our preferred method for delivering exceptional flavor and texture.

When executed properly, the result is a beautifully smoked brisket with a deep, peppery bark and a tender, juicy interior that slices like butter. Serve it plated with steamed vegetables and creamy mashed potatoes for a refined comfort-food presentation, or layer it onto a toasted brioche roll for an elevated take on a classic smoked brisket sandwich.

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annual • grass • mow • flowers • daffodils • lilacs • seeds • planting
blossom • evergreen • sprouts • gardener • bloom • forsythia • shrubs • plants
landscape • mulch • trowel • trees • foliage • hedge • fence • herb • yard
stones • bedding • maintain • perennials • spade • trellises • pruning • weeding

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LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLES

SUDOKU

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3	9	6	4	7	5	8	2	1
1	7	8	2	3	6	4	9	5
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THIS ISSUE'S TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Spring
2. Orchid
3. Brazil
4. Bamboo

WORD FIND

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