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Summer, 2026

Greetings!

Hope you're doing well and enjoying your summer!

Thanks for picking up a copy of The Ohio Country Register. This issue contains our Annual Shopping Guide on pages 4 & 5. This guide will tell you which shops feature various items and what page you can find their ad on. It's an easy way to find what you're looking for in a hurry. It's a great guide to refer back to throughout the year.

Summers are always so busy, so we've selected some quick & easy recipes for this issue. Our Secret Shopper visited **Second Thyme Around** in Olmsted Falls - sounds like a fun trip. (check their ad on page 11)

Our next issue will be our Sept/Oct fall issue - it will be out by the first of September. Be sure to stop at your favorite shop to pick up a copy. While you're there - be sure to thank them for putting an ad in our paper.

Have a great summer - Cheers!

Barb

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The Country Register Story

The Country Register began in Arizona in the fall of 1988 to provide effective and affordable advertising for shops, shows and other experiences enjoyed by a kindred of readership. Since then, the paper has spread to many other areas, all of which are listed below. Look for the paper in your travels. The Country Register is a United States and Canadian network of independently owned and published specialty newspapers for the consumer who enjoys outstanding shopping, events, day and overnight excursions and specialty classes. We provide targeted, effective and affordable advertising for the promotion of specialty shops.

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In the Spirit of Friends Folk Art & Antique Show

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Sat, Sept 26, 2026, 10am-4pm

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Handmades-FolkArt-Rug Hooking-Prim Antiques
in Main Barn, Outbuildings & Grounds



2025 Harvest Extravaganza

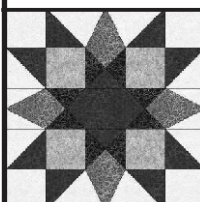
Sat, Sept 26, 10-6 & Sun, Sept 27, 10-5

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Primitives - Boutiques - Antiques - Jewelry - Good Ol' Rusty Junk!



44th Annual Harvest of Quilts

Fri, Oct 23, 9-5 & Sat, Oct 24, 9-3

Towne Squares Quilt Club

Darke Co Fairgrounds, New Brick Bldg in Front,
800 Sweitzer St, Greenville

Over 200 quilts on display, vendor mall, door prizes, quilt auction

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Sat, Oct 24, 1PM Auction & Raffle Quilt Giveaway!

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For entering quilts
to be displayed &
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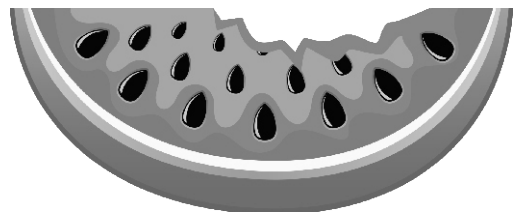
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For more info go to ohiostatefair.com

ABOUT THE CoverArtist



Jo Moulton

Artist and photographer, Jo Moulton, continues to be inspired by everything that comes her way. She loves creating with many subjects, textures, and mediums. Jo paints in many diverse styles from heartland folk art to a chic urban feel, all with the final emphasis of creating visual comfort for any style home.

Her deep love of travel has given her inspiration from all over the world and is an important part of her creative endeavor. There is so much to discover and be a part of," she says. "To honor any part of the uniqueness of the wonderful world in a painting, and then having others connect with it, is a blessing that I count each day!"

Jo makes her home in the quaint mountain village of Highland, Utah.

To view Jo' art prints, go to www.PennyLaneFineArt.com or call Penny Lane Fine Art at 800-273-5263 for more information.

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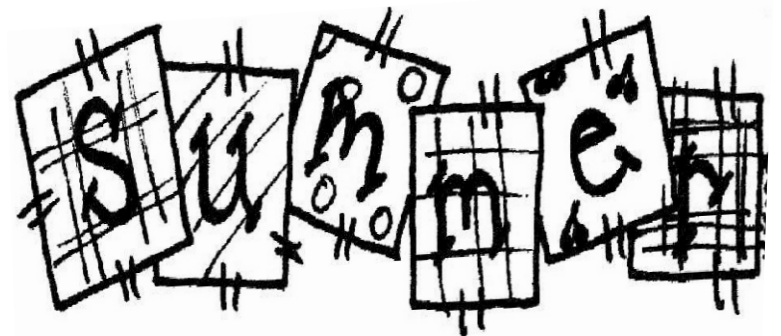
Country Register Recipe

Creamy Cucumber Salad

1/2 med red onion - sliced
3 T. apple cider vinegar
3 cucumbers, peeled (leave some of the green on for color)
& sliced or cut into bite size pieces
1/3 c. sour cream
1/3 c. olive oil
1/4 c. fresh dill, chopped
3 T. parsley, chopped
salt & pepper to taste

Place all ingredients into a large bowl and toss to combine. Serve immediately or chill before serving.

NOTE: to remove some of the harshness from the onions, place in a bowl of cold water for 5 min. Drain and repeat. Pat onions with paper towel to dry off before adding to the remaining ingredients.



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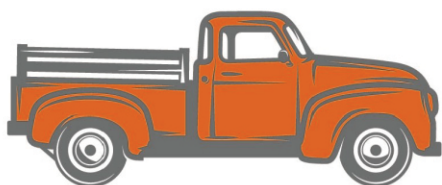
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10 AM—3 PM

Wood County Ag-Venture



GIRLFRIEND WISDOM



God makes
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Ecclesiastes 3:11

Summer is the time to see Nature in full bloom!

The sky is more blue, the green leaves are in their full glory!

The brightness lifts our spirits and gives us more energy.

Sunlight triggers the release of hormones in our brain.

Those hormones boost our mood and helps a person feel calm and focused.

Have you ever noticed that when you walk in nature you seem to notice the birds and other nature sounds more clearly? Slowing down to enjoy our neighbor's beautiful flowers is secretly lowering our blood pressure too.

Beauty is often only thought of as external, like a person, a landscape, a moment of grace, but it is clearly connected to the mind, heart, and spirit.

GIRLFRIEND WISDOM: True beauty goes beyond what we see because it shines through in our actions, and our kindness. Let that smile come into full expression the next time you "feel" a thing of Beauty!

Joy & Blessings,

Jody

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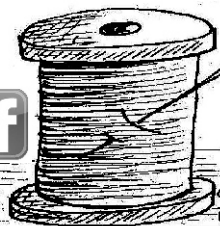
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Annual

Wellington Harvest of the Arts

Sept 20, 2026, 11am-4pm

101 Willard Memorial Square, in Historic Wellington,

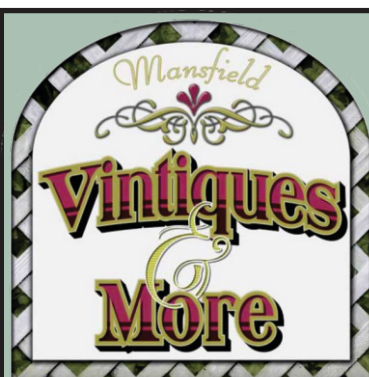
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Wed-Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4



Country Register Recipe

Easy Strawberry Cobbler

4 T. butter, melted
1/2 c. sugar
2 tsp. lemon zest
3/4 c. flour
3/4 tsp. salt
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
2/3 c. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
4 c. strawberries, hulled and quartered

Melt butter, add to an 8 x 8" baking dish. Set the baking dish in the oven and preheat the oven to 350°F.

In a bowl, combine the sugar and lemon zest by rubbing them together to release the oils. Then add the flour, salt, and baking powder and whisk to mix. Add the milk and vanilla extract. Whisk until smooth.

Remove the baking dish from the oven when the butter is melted. Pour the batter into the baking dish with the butter. Do not stir. Add the strawberries on top of the batter.

Bake in the preheated oven until the cobbler is golden and set in the middle, 45-55 min. Cool for 15 min. before serving.

That's So Weird

by Kirby Gast

I heard two stories this week that made me think about how much the world of technology has changed. The first was a teenager of today talking about this cool new music she and her friends had found online. It was parody songs written and performed by what must be a new app called Weird AI. Yes, you read that right, Weird Ai not Weird AI. The thing that really got me about that story was how the teenager thought it was more likely that artificial intelligence would make such music than actual recording artists.

The second story was about Thomas Y. Levin, a professor and media theorist at Princeton University who collects 20th-century "voice letters". These voice letters were really the first ever voice mail. Starting in the 1930s, recording booths were opened where anyone could pop in and record a personal message for a loved one or friend. They would pay a small fee and then receive a lightweight vinyl record with their recording on it. This record could then be put in an envelope and mailed anywhere in the world. I don't know about you, but when I see that I have a voice mail on my phone, it's almost annoying, because you know there is a 10-to-1 chance it is just a scam call that went to voice mail, and there is nothing there once you get through all the menu options. I think that would have been quite the opposite ninety years ago.

I can almost imagine the excitement of receiving one of these lightweight vinyl records in the mail. I can only imagine someone waiting all day after the mail arrived for everyone in the family to get home so they could listen to it. What if the family didn't have a record player? Not only would they have had to wait to get the whole family together, but they would also have had to find a neighbour or another family with a record player they could use. And you could bet if that happened, both families would have gathered around to listen. There would have been no private messaging.

From what I hear time and time again from our readers of The Country Register, we provide a bit of the latter. "When is the new issue coming out?" or "I check every time I go into my favourite shop in hopes that the new one is out." These are just some of the things I hear from our readers. It gives us great pleasure to know that, in a new world where everyone wants what they want and wants it right now, we can provide something worth waiting for.

Country Register Recipe

Summer Corn Salad

4 ears corn on the cob, slice off corn
1 cucumber, peeled & diced
1/4 c. cherry tomatoes, halved
1/4 c. red onion, diced
1/2 c. crumbled feta cheese

Dressing:

4 T. olive oil
2 T. red wine vinegar
2 T. fresh lime juice
2 T. fresh parsley, chopped
2 T. fresh basil, chopped
1 T. fresh dill, chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Combine corn, cucumber and tomatoes in large salad bowl. Combine ingredients to make dressing. Refrigerate dressing. Just before serving pour dressing over salad and top with feta cheese.



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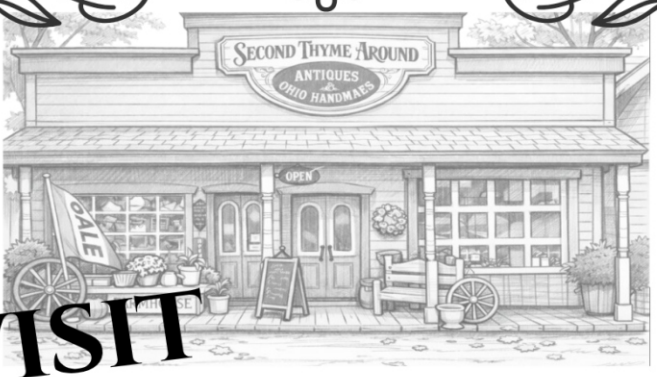
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Hello Country Register Friends!
 Hope you're all enjoying this summer weather! It seems like it took extra long to get here this year, but has finally arrived. Last week on one of the rainy days I decided to take a little day trip and go to Olmsted Falls to visit **Second Thyme Around**. I had heard they were under new ownership and I hadn't been there in awhile so I wanted to check it out. It turned out to be a very nice day and I really enjoyed my trip.

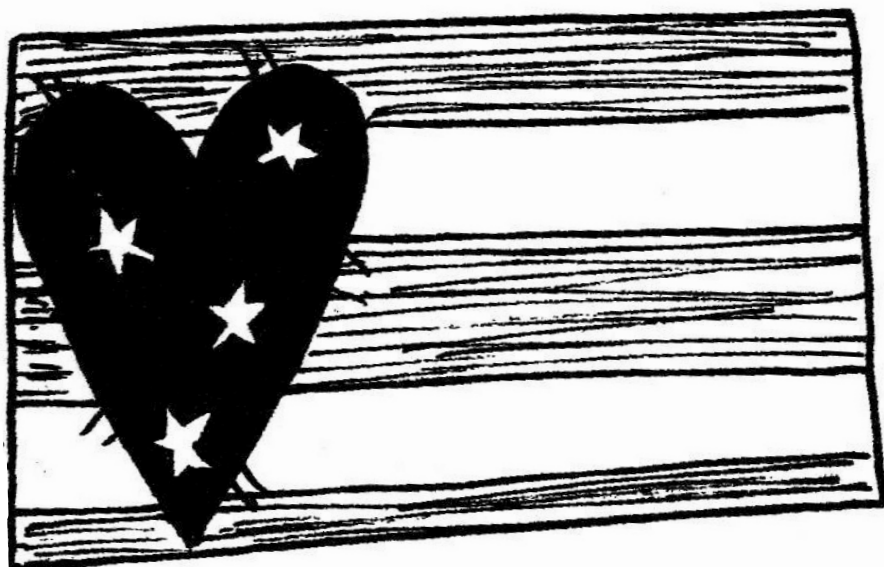
I was so pleased with everything at **Second Thyme Around**! So many nice antiques and vintage goods. They are stocked with many top quality handmade items - from flags to dolls and everything in between. They also carry a great selection of food products including locally made jams, candies, honey and coffee. I picked up some chocolates for the car ride home! and I also chose some very nice smelling bath salts.

Second Thyme Around is part of a little village of shops at Olmsted Falls and they're excited to join in on all the summer activities that have been planned. A list of the activities is included in their ad (*to the left*).

Do yourself a favor and plan to visit **Second Thyme Around** soon. You won't leave empty-handed!

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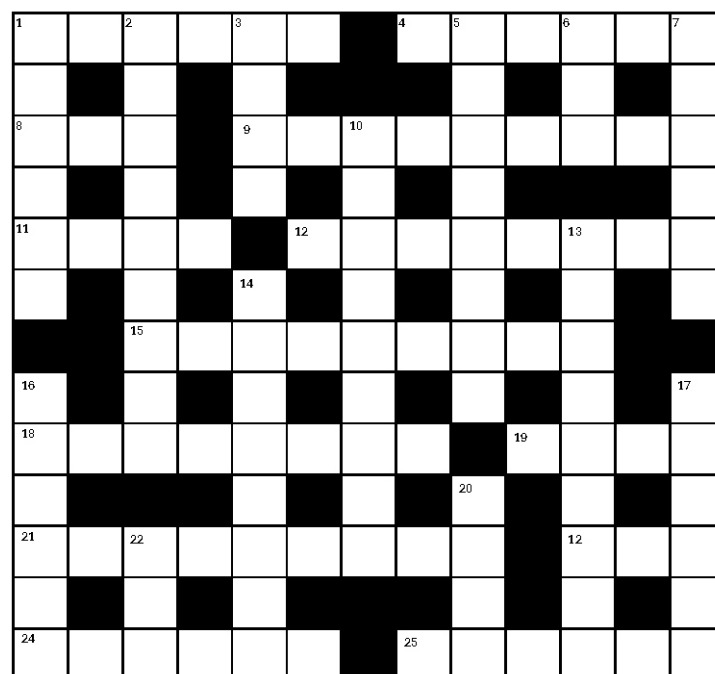
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- 8 Farmyard milk producer (3)
- 9 Recipient (9)
- 11 Muslim ruler (4)
- 12 Exchanged (8)
- 15 Modify (9)
- 18 Five-sided polygon (8)
- 19 Cry noisily (4)
- 21 Being (9)
- 23 Treasure (3)
- 24 Tangle up (6)
- 25 Reliable (6)

DOWN

- 1 Electronic investigator (6)
- 2 Edited (9)
- 3 Mockery (4)
- 5 Fail to notice (8)
- 6 Letter-width units (3)
- 7 Financial returns (6)
- 10 Rebuke (5,4)
- 13 Crusades (9)
- 14 Of enormous size (8)
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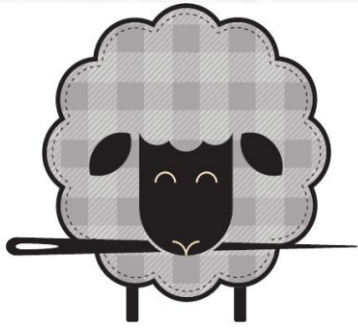
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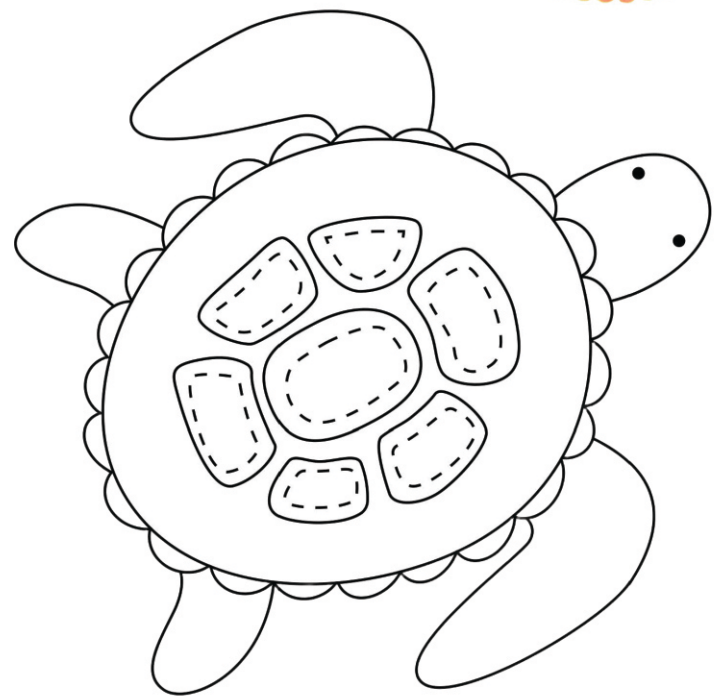
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12 oz. can tomato juice
3 cucumbers, diced
1 large onion, diced
2 oz. can pimientos
1 green pepper, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 c. fresh parsley, chopped
salt & pepper to taste
6 oz. Italian salad dressing

Mix all ingredients together. Put tomatoes
in last to hold color. Chill.

Serve individual portions with cucumber
stick, croutons, dollop of sour cream.

A Celebration of Strength

by Annice Bradley Rockwell

In 2026 with the approach of the height of the year, we have so much to be proud of. As our nation celebrates its 250th year, one of the best ways to proclaim our patriotic pride is through decorating. Our yards this time of year are naturally filled with the beauty of green lawns and gardens filled with color. The stands of red beebalm that attract the hardworking hummingbirds are in full bloom now. Our blue hydrangeas that are always lush and vibrant are all part of the backdrop of a spectacular and especially patriotic summer.



To decorate our porches, gorgeous primitive buntings of red, white and blue expand our décor and lend historic appeal. Small bicentennial flags lined along our fence let people know we are truly celebrating our nation's proud history.

To make our enthusiasm even more evident, we might even create historical decorative vignettes that are unique and have an even stronger colonial appeal. A huge copy of The Declaration of Independence paired with a Revolutionary cloak and tricorn hat can be placed next to an inkwell with a quill and American flag. It's a way to celebrate freedom and to honor history.

Participating in the Past - Taking part in our town's 250th celebrations will no doubt be a time to remember. Whether it is a tour of the local museum's bicentennial collection curated just for this year, or an historic home tour designed with 250 in mind, the activities for this very special summer abound. Summer favorites such as the July 4th parade or the quaint shoreline town's boat parade will be received with exceptional fanfare and enthusiasm this year because this historic milestone deserves it.

Spirit of 1776 - So as summer gets into full swing and festive events start to gain momentum, consider taking part and enjoying the "Spirit of 1776" fun. As people who are naturally passionate about history, colonial antiques and the legacy of our nation's past, this summer is a time to bring our absolute best.

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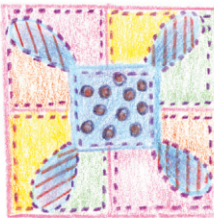
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Writing From Life

by Jeanette Lukowski



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Yes, I was brainstorming all of the different words to finish the title with, when I realized I didn't want to limit the focus of our exploration.

My craft is quilting. Talking with a quilting friend the other day, she shared pictures of a quilt top she had been working on—but was planning to take apart in order to make improvements. "I can do better," she explained.

Her comment lingered. Of course she can do better! I've seen her skill. I'm also eager to see how she re-designs the quilt top.

Walking my apartment building's hallways, I see varieties of paintings on both canvas and wooden boards, I see embroidery, I see beads which were arranged then fused together with heat; in town, I have seen classic car touring groups in parking lots, where car owners visit with others about the cars they have restored; I walk into the public library, and see posters about upcoming crafting classes; I open my mailbox and see the community education mailing about crafting classes available to residents throughout the year.

All of these crafting opportunities, available to anyone who is interested, are just a sampling, of course. Unlike formal school courses, however, there aren't grades assigned to the crafts we create. Oh, sure, there are contests and competitions any of us can pursue if we are interested—but we don't have to. I, for instance, tend to make things which interest me. A flannel quilt for a new baby or friend who lives in colder climates; a quilted table runner for a wedding gift;



a quilted door hanging to celebrate the seasons; quilted placemats, quilted picnic "blankets," quilted wall hangings...even a quilt to record the daily high temperature for the first year in a new town.

Might I now add to my earlier list of adjectives?

Crafting is invigorating, as it provides me with a sense of freedom like no other activity, and it's...

Okay, it's not necessarily free. But freeing? Yes!! Liberating.

There have been a number of times I thought about ways to make an income from my crafting. Unlike when I first started sewing, technology has created so many ways for crafters to monetize their skills—to share a new bit of knowledge, insight, even their thoughts or skills with people well beyond their geography. (This very publication, for instance, provides a platform from which to share thoughts, ideas, and information.) Every time I think about it, though, I come back to the same conclusion: I love crafting because I don't have to care about the critics. Instead, I get to do absolutely only what intrigues me, tickles me, or draws me to it out of curiosity. Granted, I don't get a raise or promotion like a job might provide, but I also don't fear being fired—or encouraged to retire.

Crafting supports autonomy, allowing each of us to choose our own path!

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1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. peanut butter
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 T. powdered sugar
pinch of salt

Add milk and cream to a large mixing bowl. Add sugar, cocoa powder, vanilla and salt and whisk to combine. Heat and whisk intermittently until sugar and cocoa powder are dissolved.

In a separate mixing bowl, add peanut butter and powdered sugar. Whisk to combine. Heat the peanut butter and powdered sugar until it loosens enough to add to other ingredients.

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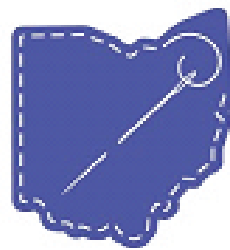


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Shop Hops: Supporting our Communities

Shop Hop is a familiar term to many quilters. These unique events benefit quilting and sewing businesses, shoppers, and local communities. Shop Hops can vary in size from just a few stores to statewide or regional events. They expose customers to new stores and experiences.

Many of us have a “favorite” store. A place that’s convenient, familiar, and that carries the stuff we like. But there is a whole world of new and different fabrics, notions, equipment, and personalities you’re missing out on if you don’t occasionally branch out. A Shop Hop provides quilters with a specific plan to do just that.

In a day when brick and mortar retail locations are dwindling across the nation, a Shop Hop works to promote and support quilting and sewing stores, so we can touch and feel the fabric *in person*. Most quilters “get this” and understand how important it is to support these places if we want them available in our communities.

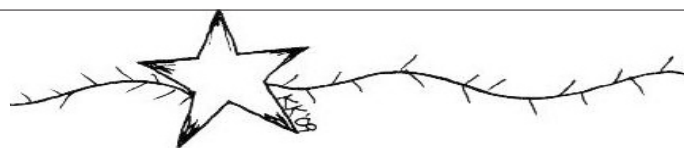
Many quilters shop with friends, family, or their favorite “quiltsie.” They’re not just shopping – they’re making memories as they travel around an area together. Shop Hoppers not only get to visit sewing stores, they also enjoy traveling through large and small towns, discovering places they may have never visited before.

The towns and cities that shoppers travel through also offer many treasures. Small town main streets still exist and evoke many fond memories. Shop Hoppers also support these towns as they take a break to enjoy lunch or dinner at a quaint restaurant. Someone along for the ride may visit a local antique store or boutique while shoppers are visiting a sewing store.

Hops are also about other kinds of fun. Most offer a reward, like prizes or discounts, for visiting participating shops. And of course, you get to express your creative side when you return home by making something beautiful with the items you picked up along the route.

The All Ohio Shop Hop is coming to Ohio for their fourth annual event during the months of August and September, 2026. It offers the opportunity to explore 80+ stores across the state. Start your adventure by picking up the *All Ohio Shop Hop Magazine* in mid-June at participating stores. This is a great resource to help you navigate the Shop Hop and something you can use all year long as you travel throughout the state.

Whether you hop to enjoy or support your community, we hope that you’ll mark a few days on your calendar to explore the great State of Ohio and all that its sewing industry has to offer. To learn more, visit AllOhioShopHop.com and join the Facebook Group [Facebook.com/groups/AllOhioShopHop](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AllOhioShopHop). (see page 28 for the *All Ohio Shop Hop* ad)



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Parmesan Beef Linguine

- 12 oz. linguine
- 1# ground beef
- 2 T. unsalted butter
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- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, finely diced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1-1/2 c. beef broth
- 1 c.p heavy cream
- 1 c. grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 T. chopped fresh parsley

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the linguine according to package directions until just tender, about 9-11 min. Drain and set aside.

Heat olive oil and butter in a large skillet over med-high heat. Add the ground beef and onion, cook for 6-8 min, breaking up the meat as it cooks, until browned. Drain excess grease. Add the garlic, salt, black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, and Italian seasoning. Stir and cook for 30 seconds. Add beef broth and cream, stirring well. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook for 3-4 min. Stir in the Parmesan cheese until melted and smooth.

Add the cooked linguine to the skillet and toss until fully coated in the sauce and heated through, about 2 min. Sprinkle with parsley and extra Parmesan over top before serving.

Pieces From My Heart

by Jan Keller

Summertime Taste Sensations

It was a dream come true when my husband and I traveled to New Zealand many years ago. After our very long flight, we boarded a cruise ship and visited many towns on both the north and south islands. We found the country to be as beautiful as we had imagined and the New Zealanders were exceedingly friendly.

We enjoyed all of our shore excursions, but I was especially excited to sign up for a visit to a sheep ranch which included lunch with the family who owned the ranch. In addition to getting to watch the trained shepherd herd the sheep, I was eager to get to visit and see inside of a typical home—and taste a New Zealand home-cooked meal.

New Zealand seemed like a perfect place to live. The weather was wonderful and reportedly moderate year around. One very surprising feature was that homes don't require screen doors. There's no need. They don't have bugs or flies. In warm weather they simply leave their doors and windows wide open. As an added bonus, they also don't have snakes.

Our visit was in January, but because the seasons are reversed, we were delighted by the summertime taste sensations our hostess served picnic-style in their backyard. Along with a variety of barbecued meat offerings, the menu included a couple of simple salads that combined ingredients I never realized could be so complimentary. I am sharing these recipes because they were simply sensational—and perfect for serving at any backyard gathering!

WATERMELON, CUCUMBER & ONION SALAD

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| Watermelon, cut in chunks | Cucumbers, sliced |
| Sweet Onion, thinly sliced | 2 Tablespoons Salad Oil |
| 2 Tablespoons White Vinegar | 1 Tablespoon Brown Sugar |
| 2 Tablespoons Mint, chopped | 1/4 cup White Wine |

This recipe as given to me did not indicate amounts for the watermelon, cucumbers or onion—but don't worry about it because the recipe is flexible. The watermelon is primary, cucumber is secondary, and onion is complimentary. Play with the amounts as you prepare and combine them.

The remaining ingredients should be mixed together, poured over the salad and tossed. The dressing is adequate for a medium-sized salad.

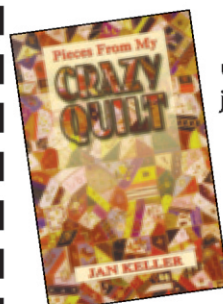
STRAWBERRY & MUSHROOM SALAD

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| Fresh Strawberries, sliced | Fresh Mushrooms, sliced |
| French Salad Dressing of choice | 1-2 Tablespoons Mint, chopped |
| Fresh Lemon Juice | Sour Cream |

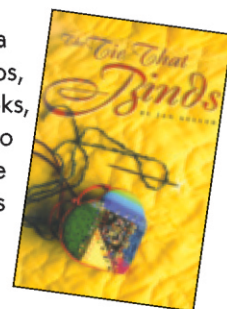
Again, this recipe is flexible. Simply slice the strawberries and mushrooms into a bowl. Mix together the French dressing, mint, lemon juice and sour cream according to taste and toss together with the strawberries and mushrooms.

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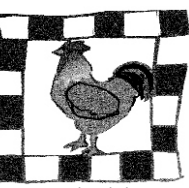
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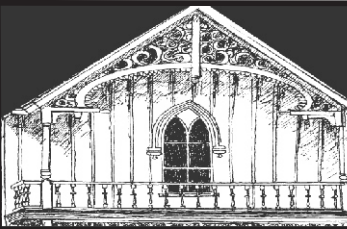
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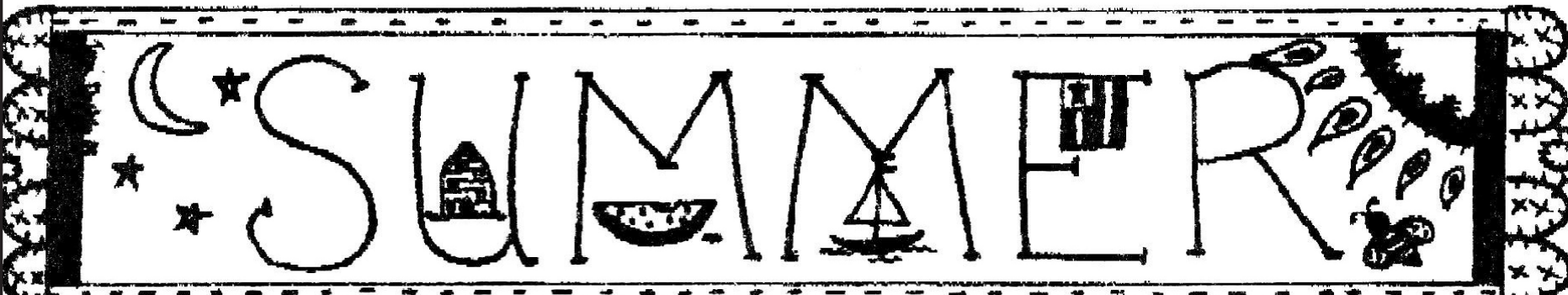
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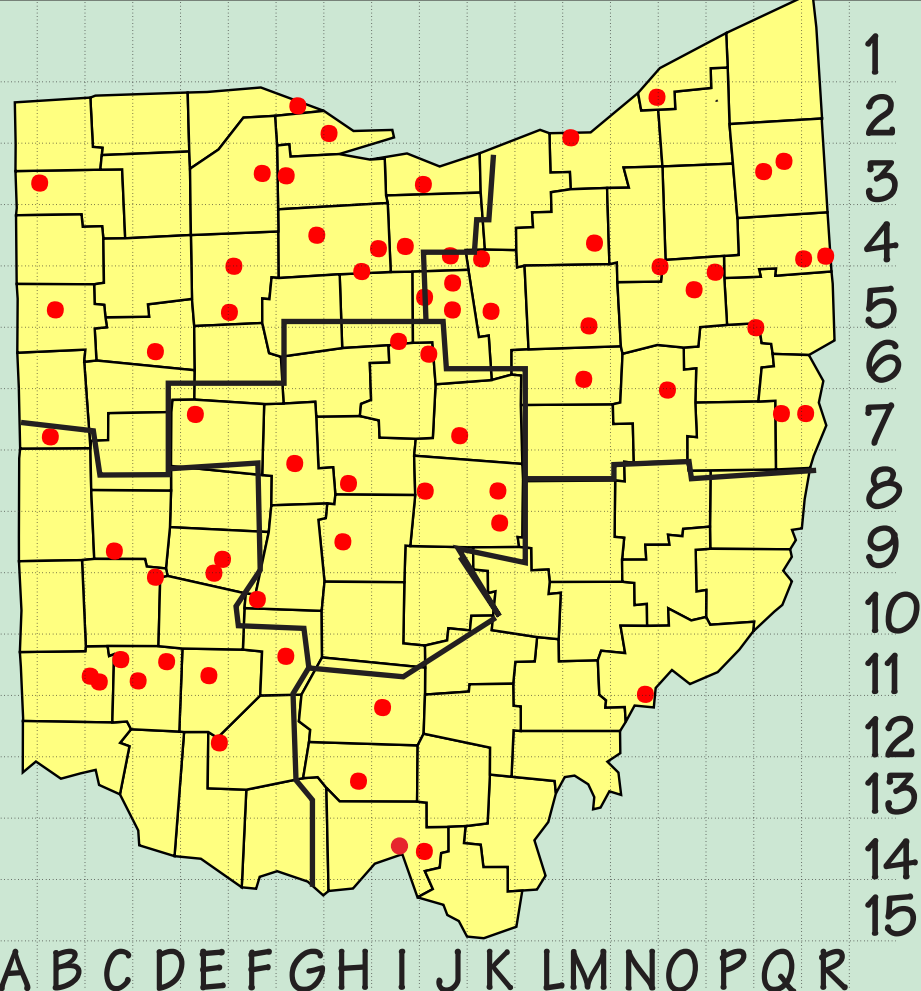
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1 c. black olives, sliced	1/4 c. olive oil
1/2 c. parsley, minced	freshly ground pepper
1/2 c. green onion, minced	Parmesan cheese, to taste

In a large skillet, lightly toast the pine nuts in the butter; drain on paper towels & cool. Cook the orzo in boiling water; drain & rinse in cold water. (Be extra careful not to overcook the pasta.) Very gently, mix together all ingredients; cover & chill. ♥

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