

## Belvidere FFA scores in New Jersey contests

# Ladies Have You Heard?

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### REPAIRING YOUR RUG OR CARPET

Snags, cigarette burns and curled or frayed edges are some of several problems you may encounter with your rugs and carpet at one time or another. Such needed repairs must be treated carefully or you will cause additional damage.

Snags may be caused during the manufacture of the carpet when an extra long end of yarn gets curled into the pile. Once in use, the yarn pops up above the pile surface.

Called "sprouting", this condition does not mean your rug is coming apart. Simply snip the protruding yarn at the level of the pile surface.

Occasionally a snag will result from a shoe nail catching on a loop and pulling it up. Again, cut the loop at the surface level of the pile. Never pull high tufts or loops protruding from the carpet surface as this will put tension on the back of the carpet and may create a hole if the tuft is pulled out.

Cigarette burns that have not penetrated deeply into the carpet can be repaired by snipping away the charred fibers. Follow with a detergent solution or shampoo, let dry and vacuum. Severe burns will have to be replaced by a professional carpet repair service.

Some of the newer kitchen carpets, however, can be repaired at home by cutting out a small circle around the damage and glueing in a new matching circle cut from a remnant.

Crushed pile, resulting from the pressure of furniture that has stood in one position for a long time, and curled corners, resulting when no furnishings are placed on the corners of untacked rugs, are two common problems encountered with carpet.

Steaming will help repair both. Place a clean, damp, white cloth over the crushed area, then hold a hot iron about an inch above the carpet. If using a steam iron, use a dry cloth to avoid shrinking wool fibers and scorching.

After steaming, gently brush the fibers to restore the nap. If necessary, corners can be held down with weights after steaming.

For small crushed areas, rub over the area with the edge of a quarter or half dollar. To avoid future crushing, place furniture casters under the legs of furniture.

Repairing carpets and rugs with frayed edges, whipped-out ends, worn hems or worn-out fringe is usually a job for the professional. However, some results may be seen by trimming off the worn or frayed parts. Start where the damage is deepest and most severe, using large sharp shears, a sharp knife or a single edge razor blade.

Cut from the backing side. Follow one of the crosswise or lengthwise yarns or ridges. Save all good scraps of carpet to use for subsequent repairs.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — The New Jersey Association of FFA Chapters held its 51st annual convention at Rutgers University last week.

The convention consisted of contests, workshops, committee work, sessions and recreation.

### SIMPLE CURE FOR VACATION SQUABBLES

Driving with one hand while swatting misbehaving children with the other is no way to vacation and can be a safety hazard.

When the entire family is in the same car for a long trip, fights often occur and you may wish you had forgotten the vacation. The solution to the dilemma, however, may be fairly simple.

Next time a squabble begins in the car, pull over and stop. Say nothing. Wait for the inevitable, "Why are we stopped here?" Then say something like, "I cannot drive while you squabble and hit each other. When you agree to stop, I'll start."

The chances are their promises to stop the misbehavior will last about as long as it takes to drive twice the length of the car.

When the fighting resumes, stop the car. Again, say nothing. Your message will become quite clear. Fighting and driving won't mix any longer. Your vacation will shortly become the pleasant, relaxed experience everyone intended it to be.

You can use the same strategy at home. It only requires the driver, cook or other provider of vital services to do one thing - refuse to mix unpleasant, interrupting conversation with the major task at hand.

The secret to this method is the strategy of natural consequences. It forces the other person to accept the responsibility for the consequences of his own behavior.

By squarely facing the issue of natural consequences, you can enrich the quality of the relationships in your family by eliminating the distracting behaviors.

Belvidere High School had 11 members and 2 advisors attending.

The chapter had 10 members winning individual recognition. Bob Hartung received the highest honor the State Association can give when he was named the Star State Farmer, which includes a check for \$200. He also received a \$100 check when he was awarded the dairy production proficiency award.

Two other chapter members also received \$100 for winning proficiency awards. They were Jim Miles for beef production

and Howie Malon for agricultural mechanics.

The highest degree of membership in FFA on the state level is the Garden State Farmer degree. Twenty-three of those degrees were conferred at the degree ceremony, with five Belvidere members earning the degree. They were: Bob Hartung, Jim Miles, Howie Malon, Janet Johnson, and Vicki Thrun.

Other chapter members receiving awards were Tammy Disbrow, 4th place in Horse Judging; Jim Cowell, 6th place in Fruits and Vegetables judging;

Mike Novak, 6th place in Livestock judging; Ed Makatura, 6th place in Poultry judging; and Janet Johnson, 9th place in Dairy Products judging.

Belvidere was named as a Superior Chapter with 2nd place in the chapter exhibits, 3rd place in the chapter safety contest, and 3rd place in the national chapter emblem and evaluation contest.

Belvidere also won 4th place in the public relations contest and 6th place in the building our American communities contest.

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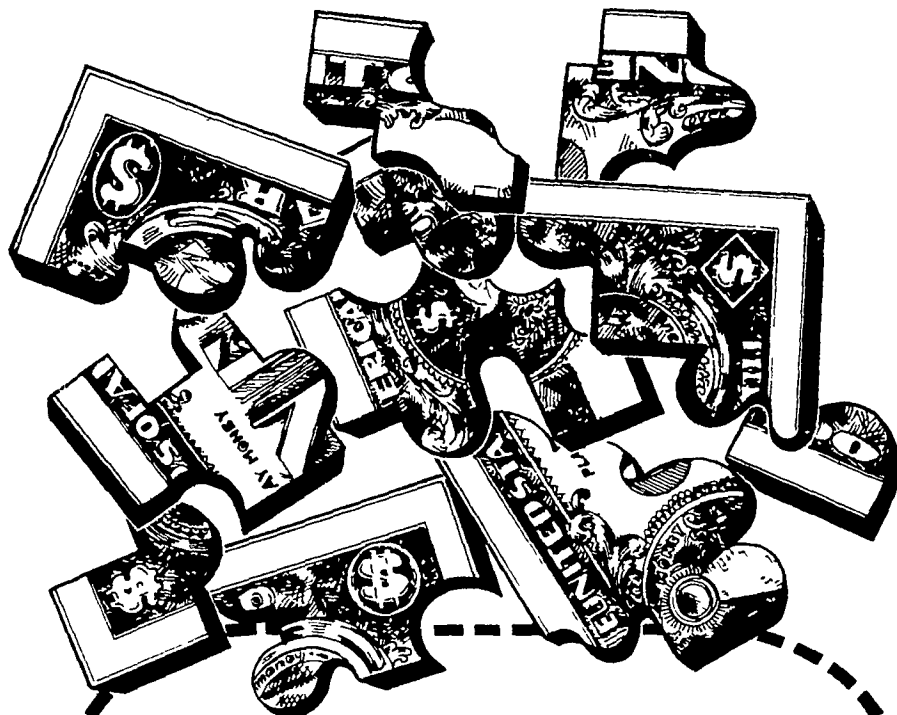
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