

# Kid's Korner



## Readers Write



Michael Holcombe

Hello,  
I'm Michael Holcombe, 5 years old and living in Berks County with my father, James; mother, Karen; and four-year-old sister, Kelly.  
Our house is on a hill in the woods and we can see the deer from my parents' bedroom window. We live near Pop-pop and Grandma Holcombe and visit them often. Sometimes I go along when Pop-pop fixes fence to keep his

Angus cattle in the pastures. I have sent a picture of Pop-pop on his John Deere checking the fences.  
We have a John Deere mailbox too.  
I like to draw and paint. I was given the artist in resident award at my preschool graduation in May. Kindergarten starts in September.  
I'm learning to play the piano and will soon be playing duets with my grandma.

Hello,  
My name is Lizzie Esh. I am 10 years old. My birthday is January 15, 1979. My parents are Henry and Katie Esh. I have 3 brothers and 1 sister. Their names are John, 13; Benuel, 12; me, 10; Henry, 8; and Aric, 4.  
We have 43 cows and some calves and heifers. We have about 30 chickens. We have 3 little kittens. We have a driving horse, named Betty and Sunshine. We have 7 mules named Pet, Pete, Pearl, Polly, Jewel, Jenny and Jane and 1 dog named Rosie. And 1 dove named Blue Boy. I like Kid's Korner.

Bye, Bye,  
Lizzie Esh, Strasburg

Dear Readers,  
My name is Susan Baumgardner. I am going into seventh grade. My parents are Robert and Sharon Baumgardner. I have 2 brothers and 1 sister: Me, 11; Andrew, 9; Erin, 7; and Lee, 2.  
I live on a 145 acre dairy farm in York County. Andrew and I help our parents milk 50 cows. We have a lot of heifers and heifer calves to take care of.  
We also have about 50 chickens. We hatched out some peeps this spring. I have a dog named Lassie. She is eight years old. We have four cats, 2 are snow white and 2 gray and white ones.  
We also have a big garden, and some fruit trees.  
I go to Kralltown School. I like to read Kid's Korner each week.  
Goodbye,  
Susan Baumgardner, Dillsburg

Hello!  
My name is Eli Beiler. I am 11 years old. I am in the seventh grade. My birthday is on July 27. My parents' names are Ben and Katie Beiler. I have 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Elam, 21; Gideon, 18; Sadie, 16; Stevie, 14; and me, 11. John, Lydia, Mary and Benuel are married.  
We have 32 cows and we have a lot of white pigeons.  
We have a little pony. His name is Lucky. We hitch our pony to the cart and ride him.  
We have 8 work horses. Their names are Pearl, Polly, Beau, Maple, Charlie, Beauty, Patsy and Bort. We have 3 kitters. Their names are Barbie, Mary and Albert.  
By now,  
Eli Beiler



Learn to avoid dangerous situations like this one. Weaving down the middle of the road on a bike is careless and can cause accidents.



Children practice bike safety on roads by riding with the traffic, using hand signals, obeying signs and wearing helmets.

## Be A Safe Biker

Biking is the second most popular participatory sport in the United States. But biking can be dangerous.  
Bikes are vehicles, not toys, once they're taken out of the backyard or your driveway and on to the road. Operating your bike makes you a driver, not just a rider. Like drivers of other vehicles, you should act responsibly and know the rules of the road.  
Ride with the traffic and obey all traffic signs. Know and use the hand signals for right turn, left turn, and slowing down. Keep both hands on the handlebars except when signalling.  
Be visible, be alert, be predictable and be defensive are four bike

safety tips worth remembering. Your bike should be equipped with reflectors, a headlight and a flag for better visibility. But avoid biking at night. The accident rate at night is 20 times higher than the daytime rate.  
Most bicycle accidents occur at intersections, and most occur only a few blocks from home — for instance, when you're exiting your driveway. Watch for oncoming cars because most of them won't be watching out for you.  
Because head injuries account for three out of every four fatalities in bike and car accidents, safety experts advise wearing a helmet.  
Follow the biking rules, and enjoy a safe summer.

## World's Largest Pea Picker

How many peas could a pea picker pick if a pea picker could pick peas? The answer: It could, it does and the number is about 10,000 pounds of peas per hour.  
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The machine that picks an amazing amount of peas in an amazingly short amount of time works much like the more familiar corn and wheat combines. As the PSC-156 Hi-Ton pea combine from FMC Corporation moves through the field, it strips the pea pods from the vine, gently shells

the peas, deposits them in a 5,000-pound capacity hopper and simultaneously shoots vines, plant leaves and empty pods back into the field.  
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If food companies had to harvest peas as they did 40 years ago, a can or package of peas could cost as much as five dollars. Next time peas grace your dinner table, you may be grateful they were brought to you in part by the "world's largest pea picker."