

Family

Household vinegar helps quell milk smell

By Heloise

Dear Heloise: When bringing home groceries one day, the milk leaked. I didn't have time to clean it up at that moment, so you can imagine the smell in my car that greeted me the next day! (This happens often. If the carton or jug is defective, take it back to the store. — Heloise)

I tried everything to get that smell out. I remembered vinegar and tried a diluted solution first. It helped, but I could still smell it. So, I poured straight vinegar on the spot, waited about 10 minutes and blotted it up with clean, white rags. I did it again the next day, and the smell was totally gone! — Lori, Staunton, Va.

Don't you love plain old household vinegar? It's not surprising that it helped your situation, given that vinegar has amazing odor-busting qualities. It's the first thing you should reach for, especially since it's all-natural and safe to use around children and pets, and it's cheap! For a list of cleaning and deodorizing hints for everything from air-conditioning vents to windows, order my Fantabulous Vinegar Hints & More pamphlet by sending \$4 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (58 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Another vinegar hint? To deodorize T-shirts that have been stored and smell musty, simply soak in 1 part vinegar and 2 parts water for 20 to 30 minutes, then wash and dry. — Heloise

Fast facts
Dear Heloise: Here are a couple of ideas for reusing pantyhose:

- My mom always cut the tops off the elastic part and used them as large rubber bands for boxes, etc.
- We always cut the legs off to tie around tomato plants.
— A Reader, Port Huron, Mich.

- Pantyhose have a variety of uses once they have "run" along. Here are a couple of favorite ideas:
 - Use a large piece of pantyhose to strain paint.
 - Cut hose into small pieces and use to stuff pillows or cushions.
 - Cut different-size "bands" from the hose.
— Heloise

Shoe treads
Dear Heloise: I wear high-heeled shoes daily and often slip on the tile floors at work. I decided to buy treads for the bottoms of my shoes, but was shocked at how much they were, so I bought tread for bathtub floors and cut it to fit the bottoms of my shoes. Most discount stores sell these for a couple of dollars, and one package has enough in it for several pairs of shoes. Now all the ladies at work are doing this for a lot less money. — Meredith in Ashburn, Va.

Sound Off
Dear Heloise: My Sound Off is when shopping — buying something on sale, either from the sale ad or marked on a sign in the store, and then being charged full price when you check out. Oftentimes you do not notice until you are at home looking at the receipt. — Marlene Skold, via e-mail
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Card Shower

Card shower requested in honor of couple's 65th anniversary

The children of Ray and Juanita (Neet) Repshire are having a card shower in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary June 7. Cards may be sent to them at 1617 K25, Russell Springs, Kan., 67764.



Ray and Juanita Repshire

Salvation Army donates money to Greensburg

By Patty Decker

Free Press Editor

Thomas County's Salvation Army donated \$1,000 to help victims affected by the Greensburg tornado, which destroyed the town May 4.

In recent months, the local unit received money from Citizens Medical Center specifically for Greensburg and also from Wal-Mart and Boy Scout Troop 141 during the bell-ringing drive last winter, said Jane McDougal, one of the board members.

"With the help of Wal-Mart and their dedicated employees and the Boy Scouts, we raised about \$3,500 for our unit," she said, and the Colby hospital collected almost \$700 for Greensburg.

Emergency disaster services mobile feeding vehicles, also known as canteens, from Dodge City, Kansas City, Mo., Olathe and Wichita have assisted in Greensburg, she said.

"More than 33,500 meals have been served at the Greensburg canteens to not only displaced residents," she said, "but also to law enforcement officers, including state police, fire and the Kansas National Guard."

At the end of May, almost 60 Salvation Army volunteers, staff and social workers went to Greensburg to help comfort almost 700 families, McDougal said.

The money donated from Thomas County has already been added to the more than \$187,000 used to offer financial assistance in the form of vouchers.

Sue Draper, another Thomas County board member, explained other ways the Salvation Army helps at the local level.

"A large part of what we do is in helping with medical expenses for

our local families," Draper said.

Other ways the organization helps is in providing money for rent, utilities and emergency care.

The Thomas County Salvation Army is part of the Kansas-Missouri Division, with almost 90 percent of donations staying here.

The bell-ringing campaign during the 2006 Christmas season by Wal-Mart employees, said Thomas County Board Member Kathy Ryan, was an unselfish act.

The Boy Scouts and employees who volunteered to ring the bell throughout the season included: Steven Reed, Lisa McEwan, Amber Bona, Kathryn Ballard, Teri Chase, Glenda Merideth, J.C. Carter, Jessica Rummel, Randy Wilson, Rebecca Vyzourek, LoriAnn Gotchall, Brandi Emmott, Emery Elmore, Vanessa Gray, and Jeana Simpson.

Donations are always needed, McDougal said, and those wanting to drop off money can either stop by or mail to Thomas County Sheriff's office, 225 N. Court Ave., Colby, Kan. 67701; Thomas County Health Department, Attn: Kathy Ryan, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 2, Colby, Kan. 67701; or to the Salvation Army, 3637 Boardway, Kansas City, Mo., 64111.

Thomas County board members include McDougal, Draper, Ryan and Mike Baughn, who make decisions on how the money is used locally.

The group, Draper said, gets referrals from agencies and requests from private individuals.

Editor's note: More than 9,600 service centers offer help to more than one hundred nations around the world.

The Salvation Army is an international movement and evangelical part of the universal Christian church.

Rexford Fitness Center closes its doors

What was known as the Rexford Fitness Center, which eventually had to close the doors due to lack of interest, has been sold. The building was sold to Keith and Marcy Gilbert. They plan to use it for selling fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday.

It is undetermined at this time what will happen with the exercise equipment.

Bill Luna did an excellent job repairing and painting the Red Barn's window frames.

Vernon and Shirley Vance have a new address, 310 School Street. Janell Antholz and children have moved to 120 Main Street.

Pastor Lane and Patty Purcell have returned from a weeks visit with Patty's parents in Minnesota.

Janell and her children, Hannah and Jacob, spent a week in Springfield, Mo., vacationing.

On Saturday, Dennis Allison went to Nickerson to an alumni reunion. On the way he stopped in Lyons, Kansas to visit friends.

The community is saddened over the loss of Lonnie Ketchum. Sincere sympathy, thoughts and



Vicki Allison

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prayers are extended to Sharon and family. The funeral arrangements are pending.

The Red Barn Gang performed Sunday, June 3, during the Selden Annual Tractor Pull.

Cleda Moeder and her grandson, Taylor Moeder, from Colby, traveled to Wichita May 23 and stayed with Jack and Mary Minnick. The next day they flew to Houston, Texas, for Cleda's grandson, Joshua Moeder's high school graduation. They stayed with Cleda's son Greg and granddaughter, Collette, and Joshua.

Taylor and Cleda flew back to Wichita on May 29 again staying over night with Cleda's brother and wife and driving back to Rexford May 30.

Marjorie Leh's daughter, Yvonne and her husband, Pat, from

Harrison, Ark., came to Rexford on Thursday, May 31, and the three of them drove to Wann, Okla., for the sale of the personal belongings of Marjorie's late son, George, who passed away in February. Marjorie's son, Rodney and two grandsons, from Santa Fe, N.M., brought Marjorie home early Sunday morning, June 3.

A family reunion was held, May 20-21, at the home of Doris Jean Oliver in Rexford. Those in attendance on Sunday were Rita White, Fort Myers, Fla.; Betty Wharton, Elkhart, Ind.; Darlene McCall, Hurst, Texas; Aremen Micek, Claremore, Okla.; Carol Bollig, Aliso Viejo, Calif.; Joyce Fortin, Quartz Hill, Calif.; Donald and Maurine Fortin, Topeka; Daryl and Marjorie Hartzog, Jennings; Tex and Charlene Shaw, Selden; Doris Jean Oliver, Rexford. All had a great time of sharing memories and are looking forward to another reunion in May 2009.

A Happy Birthday to Bill Dible and to Bill Gilchrist who both celebrated a birthday on June 2 and to Abbie Miller on June 3. Rex and

Betty Carswell have an anniversary on June 6.

Vacation Bible School will be July 10-12 at the Rexford Community Church. S

hepherd's Staff Creative Arts Camp will be July 22-29.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows and Come on Down to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex and Betty Carswell, Grace Cheney, Lawrence Horinek, Darlene Robben and Dick Sanford. This week at Koffee Klatch were Margaret Arasmith, Delores Dible, Jean Hawkins, Eunice Sanford, Doris Jean Oliver, Sondra Barnett, Cleda Moeder and Deborah Gamboa.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

Markets

| Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op | |
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| Wheat | \$4.77 |
| Corn | \$3.86 |
| Milo | \$6.08 |
| Soybeans | \$7.07 |