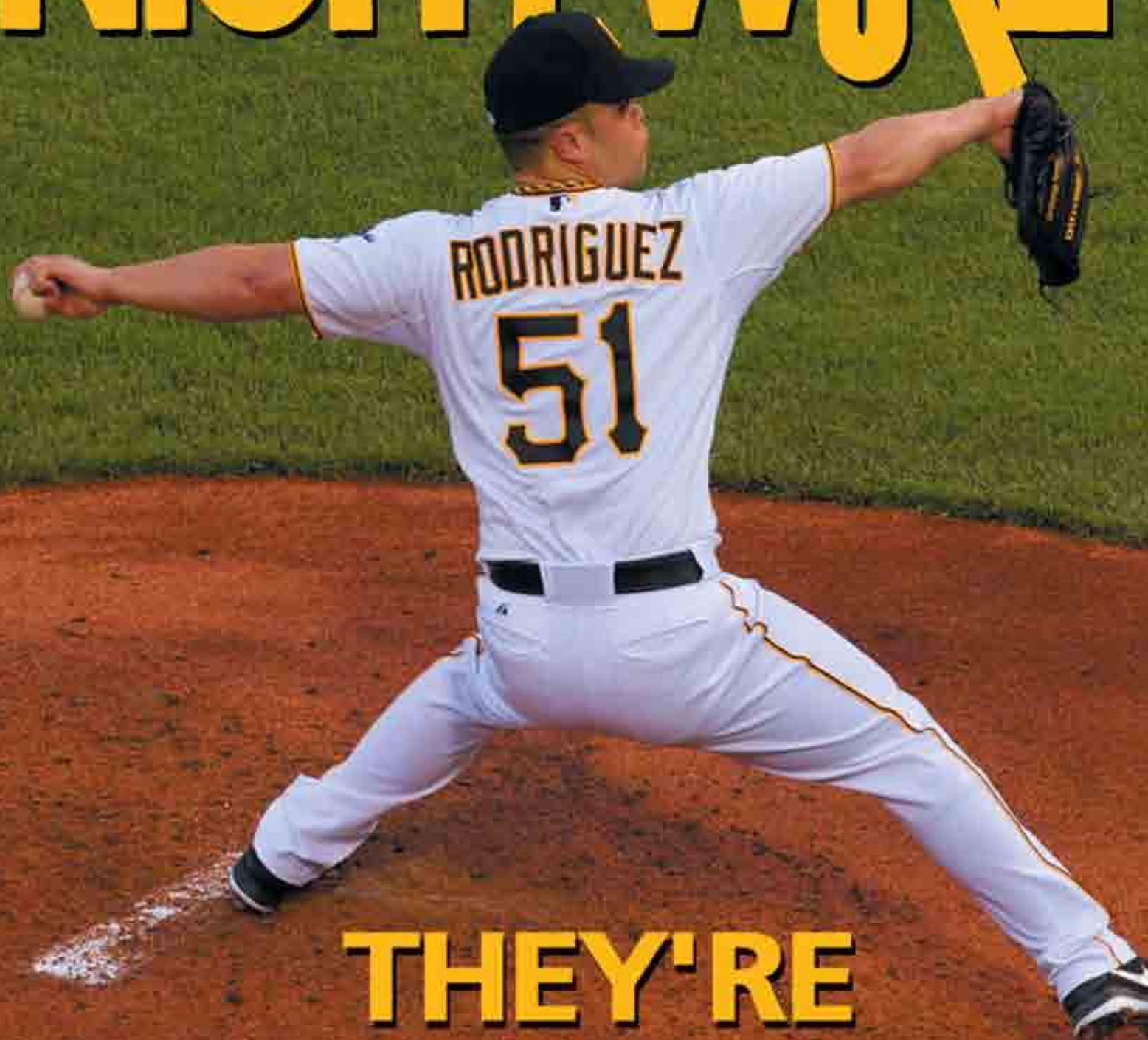


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# 2014 SCHEDULE

## 2014 GAME SCHEDULE

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## 2014 PROMO SCHEDULE

### MARCH/APRIL

- Mon March 31 🍀 Opening Day/Magnetic Schedule
- Fri April 4 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat April 5 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun April 6 🍌 Kids Pedro Alvarez Louisville Slugger Plastic Bat/Kids Day
- Fri April 18 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat April 19 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun April 20 🍌 Kids Pirates Sock Monkey/Kids Day

### MAY

- Fri May 2 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat May 3 💎 Pirates Fedora/Scratch'n Win
- Sun May 4 🍌 Kids Jason Grilli Replica Sunday Alternate Jersey/Kids Day
- Fri May 9 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat May 10 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun May 11 🍌 Moms Pirates Reusable Tote Bag
- Fri May 23 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat May 24 🍌 Pedro Alvarez Silver Slugger Bobblehead/Scratch'n Win
- Sun May 25 🍌 Kids Andrew McCutchen N.L. MVP Wristbands/Kids Day

### JUNE

- Fri June 6 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat June 7 🎆 FanJam Postgame Concert featuring Goo Goo Dolls/Scratch'n Win
- Sun June 8 🍌 Kids Player Poster/Kids Day
- Thu June 26 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks
- Fri June 27 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat June 28 💎 Andrew McCutchen N.L. MVP Bobblehead/Scratch'n Win
- Sun June 29 🍌 Kids Player Poster/Team PhotoFest/Kids Day

### JULY

- Fri July 4 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat July 5 🎆 Scratch'n Win
- Sun July 6 🍌 Kids Player Poster/Kids Day
- Fri July 18 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat July 19 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun July 20 🍌 Kids Player Poster/Kids Day

### AUGUST

- Fri Aug 8 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Aug 9 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Aug 10 🍌 Kids Pirates Ice Cream Bowl/Kids Day
- Fri Aug 29 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Aug 30 🎆 FanJam Postgame Concert featuring Gavin DeGraw/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Aug 31 🍌 Kids Starling Marte Replica Batting Practice Jersey/Kids Day

### SEPTEMBER

- Fri Sept 12 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Sept 13 🎆 FanJam Postgame Concert featuring Lynyrd Skynyrd/Scratch'n Win
- Sun Sept 14 🍌 Gerrit Cole Fathead Jr. Wall Decals/Kids Day
- Fri Sept 19 💎 Free Shirt Friday
- Sat Sept 20 🎆 Zambelli Fireworks/2015 Magnetic Schedule/Scratch'n Win
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## Finally... It's Time To Play Ball

By: Stacy Kauffman Sports Feature Writer for Nightwire, Photos Dave Arrigo/Pittsburgh Pirates

Opening Day  
induces giddy  
feelings of  
excitement and  
optimism all  
around. This year  
especially.

Can you smell it? The freshly cut grass, foot long hotdogs and scent of cotton candy? Can you hear it? The sound of bat on ball, the vendors schilling their wares and the roaring cheers from the crowd? Can you feel it? The breeze from jolly rogers waving in the air all around you, the smack of high fives after a big hit and the anticipation of what a new baseball season will bring. A baseball season free from speculation over whether or not “this will be the year” that the Pirates have a winning record. Free from anxiety over yet another collapse. Free from being the butt of many a baseball joke. Feels good, doesn’t it?

Opening day induces giddy feelings of excitement and optimism all around. This year especially. After the Pirates reignited Pittsburgh’s love affair with its baseball club, fans in this city are hungry for more. Will the team build on the success of last season or regress back into mediocrity? If I was a betting woman, I would bet on the former, however as with most teams, there are some questions. How will the starting rotation shape up? Will the offense improve? And of course, WHO IN THE HECK IS ON FIRST?

It seems the Pirates have been searching for a first baseman since Kevin Young left the building. In the past ten years, the Bucs have trotted out 18 players at first. Adam LaRoche spent two and a half seasons manning the bag until he was traded to Boston in 2009. Other than that? Nada. Going into this year, as I write this, the Pirates have a half baseman in Gaby

Sanchez. The other half is unknown, with journey man Travis Ishikawa, project Chris McGuiness and the Pirates’ minor league player of the year in 2013, Andrew Lambo, battling it out in spring training. The good news? This is kinda the same situation they were in last year and it worked out okay in the end. Sanchez and Garret Jones combined for 22 HR and 87 RBI, which was better production than the aforementioned LaRoche and the oft discussed trade piece, Seattle’s Justin Smoak. Oh and they were also on par with Mike Napoli of the world champion Red Sox (23 HR, 92 RBI). So you see, I’m not that worried about first base. It’ll work out.

The other thing I’m not worried about? Pitching. The loss of A.J. Burnett has been discussed and debated ad nauseam ‘round these parts, so I won’t torture you further. Yes, 191 innings of solid pitching and 209 strikeouts are hard to replace, but pitching is what the Pirates do best. A healthy – knock on wood - Wandy Rodriguez, a full season of Gerrit Cole and probable mid-season call up of the next phenom in the pipeline, Jameson Taillon, will more than suffice. Newcomer Edinson Volquez has a lot of work to do as he has looked awful so far in Grapefruit League play. But remember, Jonathan Sanchez looked good when the Pirates broke camp last year. So I’m holding out hope that an efficient defense, a top notch battery mate in Russell Martin and pitching coach/wizard Ray Searage can help the guy get right. If not, it’s a five million dollar mistake.





Signing Charlie Morton to an extension this off season certainly was not a mistake. In his 20 starts last year he compiled a 3.26 ERA coming off of Tommy John surgery and I expect him to be just as good in 2014. Comeback Player of the Year, Francisco Lirio, pitched his way to a 3.02 ERA and 16 wins, which he will do his best to duplicate in the walk year of his contract. The bullpen is as stacked as ever, with the same arms that made up the third best reliever group in the majors last season. Volquez aside, there is a lot to like about the pitching staff. Just keep doing what you've been doing, boys.

Last year the analytics applied to the defense coupled with the focus on pitching to contact was a recipe for success. The Pirates' director of baseball systems development, Dan Fox helped to implement an aggressive positioning strategy, increasing the number of defensive shifts from 105 in 2012 to the most in the majors in 2013, according to Baseball Info Solutions. Can we quantify the impact of those shifts? Abso-bucn-lutely. In just one year, the Pirates went from minus 25 in the defensive runs saved department to plus 70. That's a 95 run difference. That's what Clint Hurdle calls "a gap-closer." That's how they were able to win 94 games without the offensive firepower other playoff teams had.

Speaking of offense, Fox will build on their use of analytics this year by using a new pitch recognition system to analyze how hitters see the ball out of the pitcher's hand. How quickly can the batter recognize whether or not the pitch will be a breaking ball? As soon as its let go or as the bat comes through the

zone way ahead of the ball? Being able to pinpoint each batter's weakness in this very important area will give the coaching staff more specific information to use as they work with each player. Hopefully this will improve the team batting average of .245 from last season and cut down on the 1,330 strikeouts, which was third most in the NL.

A focus on pitch recognition is exactly what the doctor ordered for Starling Marte. Just like last year, he is my player to watch. After a full big league season under his belt, I'm looking for the leadoff hitter to draw more than the 25 walks he did in 2013 in addition to striking out less than 138 times. Keeping an eye on the evolution of Jordy Mercer at shortstop and how a healthy Neil Walker produces at the plate – both sides – are also on my "what to watch for" list. And how can I forget the NL MVP and NL homerun leader? Andrew McCutchen and Pedro Alvarez will just get better this year, especially if El Toro can provide protection for Cutch from the cleanup spot. If the Pirates can improve on offense the way they improved on defense last year, the sky is the limit for this squad. Get to PNC Park and watch 'em.

Here's to a great season! Let's go Bucs!

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# Wines and Spirits - *Spring Clean Your Palate*



**The Pro: Michael Schachner**  
Contributing Editor, Wine Enthusiast

**The Trick: Pineapple**

This tropical fruit does for wine flights what sorbet does between multicourse meals, says Schachner. But the key is to bite into a slightly under ripe slice. "You want the pineapple to be crunchy and firm, not rock hard, and the fruit should be white, not yellow," says Schachner. "The acidity, raw texture and dryness refresh the palate, scour away any tannic build-up, and leave you better prepared to taste."

**The Pro: Joe Czerwinski**  
Managing Editor, Wine Enthusiast

**The Trick: Banana**

"When I've got a big day of tasting ahead, I like to reset my palate with a banana," Czerwinski says. "The mellow flavor seems to cancel out any lingering aftertastes of toothpaste or breakfast." But if you do peel one back, Czerwinski says, the key is to follow it with plenty of water. "It'll rinse out any sweetness left behind before tasting that first wine."

**The Pro: Paul Brady**



**Manager, Hearth, NYC**  
**The Trick: Beer**

"When I think of those grueling days of going from portfolio to portfolio tastings... On those doubleheader days, I like have a beer in between to cleanse the palate," says Brady, who also works at Terroir Wine Bar. If you try his sudsy secret, skip the Guinness or heavy IPA. "Go for either a light and refreshing pilsner, or even a medium-weighted IPA. I like it because it takes my mind off of wine for the moment, and amps me up to then get back into tannin-and-acid mode."



**The Pro: Scott Turnbull, CMS**  
Sommelier, Solbar, Calistoga, CA

**The Trick: Tortilla Chips**

"I find that fresh tortilla chips combined with sparkling water with lemon gets the palate ready to go for the next tasting," says Turnbull. He says the combination of texture, fat, salt, acid and bubbles scrubs away any gunk and neutralizes the mouth. "I used to eat a banana, but at a tasting, chips are easier to slip in your pocket."





**The Pro: Kevin Zraly**  
**Author of The Windows on the World Complete Wine Course**

**The Trick: Beef**

Tannins are the enemy for Zraly when he's making his way through big, heavy reds, so he forks in a few slices of red meat. "My experiences in doing international wine tastings is that, especially with red wine, rare beef is used as a cleanser of your palate," he says. "The fat and protein of the beef absorb the tannins in the wine."



**The Pro: Jeffrey Kellogg, CMS**  
**Wine Director, Maialino, NYC**

**The Trick: Chablis**

Before tasting, Kellogg subs in Chablis for his morning coffee. "It's key to calibrating my palate," he says. And no, he's not drinking it. He's rinsing, and spitting. Well, usually. "It's kind of this unwritten rule that candidates (of the Court of Master Sommeliers) have two glasses to relax before the service portion of the exam. It's where the guests try to rattle you. I've even heard of having three, but two is the standard. Maybe three afterward."



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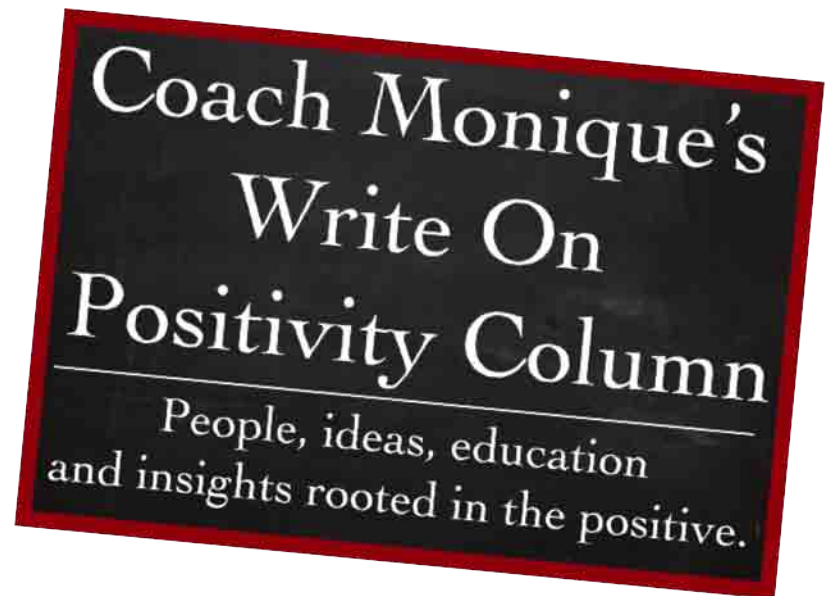
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2. **Take action in an area of your life where you are unhappy. Complaining can sometimes feel like we are doing something about a situation, but complaining without action only keeps you stuck and feeling powerless.** You don't have to change things over night; however, sometimes drastic measures are possible or warranted, but you can begin to make changes by intentionally doing things that will make a difference ...start a conversation, research your options, make plans that will put you on the path to happiness. If you aren't motivated to make a change for your own happiness, consider are you the kind of person who enjoys being unhappy? When you are unhappy enough, you will make a change.
3. **Let go of your past and embrace today and beyond.** Since no one can change the past, if you are playing the "Blame Game" with your parents, childhood or other people or circumstances, you are setting yourself up to never ever be happy... notice how I said Never Ever! When YOU keep the past alive and well in your TODAY, you are victimizing yourself. No matter what has happened in your past, someone somewhere lived through worse and went on to create happiness, success and peace in their life and YOU can too!
4. **Stop finding fault with everyone and everything else but yourself.** Consider this, YOU are the consistent presence in all your relationships and experiences and you are the person most empowered to make a change in your life. If you are unhappy in a personal relationship don't focus on what the other person needs to do differently instead ask yourself "What can I do differently to make it better?" If you are unhappy in your job, try focusing on the things about your job that are going well... begin by being thankful you have a job. Your happiness is your responsibility.



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# 18(5)72 **Straub** —BREWERY—



by Chris Wise

Founded by Peter Straub in 1872, Straub Brewery has been producing delicious lagers with virtually the same process since its foundation over 140 years ago. Peter Straub began as a cask craftsman in Germany before moving to Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in 1869 at the young age of 19, immediately going to work at the local brewery, Eberhardt and Ober Brewing Company. In 1872, Peter Straub settled in St. Mary's, Pennsylvania, which would become the home of his brewery for years to come.

The standard Straub Brewery date of 1872 reflects when Straub moved to St. Mary's and soon after began courting the daughter of local brewery owner, Francis Sorg. Straub married Sorg's oldest daughter Sabina on November 23, 1875, and they would go on to have 10 children together. Family remains important to the Straubs, as many are still either directly or indirectly involved in the brewery after all these years and the company remains under family ownership to this day.

Early on, Peter introduced his sons to the world of brewing. Straub used wooden kegs for his beer. He always placed a red band around his barrels to ensure that people would know they were drinking his beer and so that he would get them back. As a lasting trademark tribute to Peter, the brewery continues to place a bright red band around each of its barrels. Red has become a trademark color for the brewery.

Following Peter's death on December 17, 1913, his sons assumed control of the brewery, renaming it the Peter Straub Sons Brewery. During this time, the brewery produced Straub beer as well as other beer, such as the pilsner-style Straub Fine Beer and Straub Bock Beer. In 1920, the Straub Brothers Brewery purchased one-half of the St. Marys Beverage Company, also called the St. Marys Brewery, where St. Marys Beer was produced. During Prohibition, which lasted from January 29, 1920, until December 5, 1933, the brewery produced nonalcoholic near beer. On July 19, 1940 they purchased the remaining common stock and outstanding bonds of the St. Marys Beverage Company.

## Beers

### Straub Lager

The recipe that started it all, this traditional pale lager is brewed in the American-style using domestic malted barley and corn to produce a refreshing and extremely sessionable beer. Available in both green and brown bottles depending on your location, this American classic is the Straub mainstay that helped them build a brewing legacy and survive over 140 years. Available in Light at 3.2% ABV, the traditional recipe comes in at 4.1% ABV.

### Straub Amber

Amber Lager is the most recent addition to Straub's line of year round offerings, along with Straub Lager and Straub Lager Light, and is another well-balanced offering. Slightly sweet flavors are balanced nicely with Pacific Northwest hops, and give this lager a beautiful copper color. With a nice malty character and gentle hints of caramel, this lager is 4.1% ABV.

### 1872 Lager

The first recipe brewed by Straub after the original Lager and Amber beers, this recipe is a throwback to the heritage that helped build Straub's legacy. Straub brewed this pre-prohibition era recipe for the first time in decades 2 years ago for their fall Legacy Sampler Pack, and received such warm support for it they are bringing it back for the Sunshine Sampler Pack this summer.

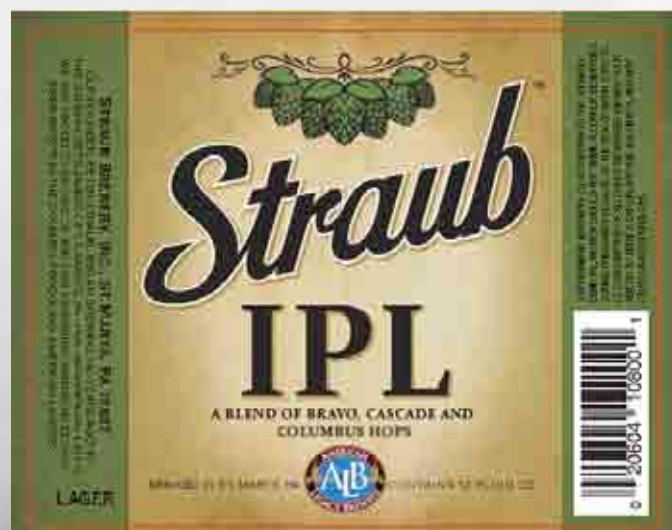
### Groundhog Altbier

While Straub offered a Groundhog Special Brew for a number of years, it was simply the traditional Straub Light with a nifty new label. However, last year Straub introduced the world to their first Altbier, a traditional German-style beer brewed with German Pilsner, Vienna, Munich, and Black Hops, Straub's first recipe without their traditional flaked corn found in their other recipes. The perfect warmer against the winter cold, this altbier is copper in color with a pronounced malt flavor. Groundhog is brewed with imported German hops for a firm, bitter edge, and fermented with authentic German Ale yeast. Boasting 40 IBU's and 5.4% ABV, this is the drink to reach for when it looks like six more weeks of winter outside.

### Maibock

This pale bock was brewed with imported German Pilsner and Vienna malts along with domestic Munich and Caramel malts. By balancing the malty sweetness with Liberty and Mt. Hood hops







# TIMMERMAN'S

By: Chris Wise

With over 300 years of family tradition under their belts, Timmerman's Brewery is the oldest Lambic Brewery still operating in Belgium today. Founded in 1702 in Itterbeek, just outside Brussels, by Jacobus Walravens, Timmerman's was originally known as "The Mole Brewery." Renamed Timmerman's Brewery in honor of Frans Timmerman in the early 20th century, they remain one of only six breweries in the world to produce Lambic beers. All six of the breweries are located around Brussels due to the highly unusual way Lambic beers are fermented.

## LAMBIC BREWING

Unlike lagers or ales, which are fermented according to the carefully selected strains of yeast picked out by a brewer, Lambic beers use the naturally occurring yeast in the air of the Zenne valley of Belgium to ferment. By reacting to the yeast and microbacteria in the air around Brussels, the beer is spontaneously fermented and given its unique sour finish. Since the brewers do not control how much yeast is involved or when it is introduced, the process can take much longer than other styles, with many taking multiple years to complete a batch.

The process begins by filling grain silos with up to 30,000 kg of grain, after which the grain is then crushed on machines Timmerman's has been using since 1911. Priding them on using traditional machines in their brewing process, most of the equipment has not been changed since the early 20th century.



In the crusher, the grain's core and husk are separated, and then conveyed to a malt hopper, where the ingredients are stored before heading to the thickening tank.

This thickening is achieved by heating the tank with water at 195°F till the mash reaches the desired thickness. The process then continues through a filtration tank, where the mash is meticulously filtered and washed in order to extract as much as sugar as possible from the grains. This sugar will be transformed into alcohol during maturation. The process then moves onto the shallow cooler, where the fermenting takes place.

The shallow cooler is the origin of the most crucial and mysterious phase of the Lambic's production. Here the mash will be naturally cooled to 68°F, in contact with the ambient air, and the two micro organisms (*Brettanomyces Bruxellensis* & *Brettanomyces Lambicus*) will blend into the mash, provoking the magic of natural spontaneous fermentation, without the addition of yeast. These micro organisms are only found in a 10 mile radius around Brussels, a phenomenon that remains unexplainable to this day, even for the greatest of specialists.

The cooled mash is transferred to the maturation rooms, where two kinds of kegs can be discovered: Casks (6500 litres) and Pipes (650 litres), kegs made of 100% oak and chestnut. The Lambic traditionally matures in these casks or pipes, many of them once used for Port Wine. To transform all the yeast, the entire fermentation process can take two to three years. Fermentation is a chain reaction that clarifies the complex flavour and odour of Lambic. Depending on the weather, fermentation begins after several days.

Depending on the style of Lambic, the process can either end here, or continue in the addition of more ingredients, but only after the Lambic brew is allowed to fully finish fermenting. Some Lambics have fruit added to them, such as raspberries, cherries, or strawberries. Timmerman's then ages these fruit Lambics six more months after the fruit has been added, to allow the fruit to naturally dissolve completely. By using real fruit and allowing it dissolve completely, the taste of the fruit is added but not the sweetness, so the sour finish of the brew is preserved. Other Lambics are known as Gueuze Lambics combine Lambics of different recipes and ages to result in a very interesting twist on the style.

With over 300 years brewing experience, Timmerman's has consistently produced stunning beers, unique not only in the unusual way they are fermented but also in their flavor profile. While some beer drinkers used to lagers and ales may not



be immediately know what to make of beers, which pride themselves on tart and sour flavors, these delicious brews, will win over the most skeptical beer drinker. If you're trying your first Lambic beer, try one of the fruit styles first which have a milder flavor profile compared to the more tart styles. Timmerman's offers a wide range of Lambics, which will please everyone from the beginner to the most experienced Lambic beer drinker.

## BEERS

### FRAMBIOSE LAMBICUS

Faithfully reflecting the distinct color and flavor of raspberries, with subtle traces of lambicus acidity, this beer is matured in 100% oak casks. This recipe's wonderful flavor reaches its peak with its intensely fresh after-taste and is A great introduction to the world of Lamic beers.

ABV: 4.0%

### KRIEK LAMBICUS

Owing its sweet, fruity bouquet and tart flavor to the distinct Nordic sour cherry, this Kriek beer is light yet flavorful and easy to drink. Adding whole cherries, pit and all, gives the beer an almond flavor, which balances the tartness, both naturally occur in Lambics and from the Nordic cherries. This beer uses more cherries per liter than any other beer; the fruity flavors balance the earthy flavors nicely. This beer is fermented an additional six months once bottled to achieve the perfect taste profile.

ABV: 4.0%

### STRAWBERRY LAMBICUS

It's light and fruity freshness comes from an abundance of delicious strawberries, which first catch the nose upon opening the bottle, then with every sip that follows. Its taste is constant and spreads very quickly in the mouth to finish his journey on a touch more fruity than sweet. Another great addition in Timmerman's fruit infused Lambics.

ABV: 4.0%

### TIMMERMANS BLANCHE

By adding spices such as coriander and dried orange peel, a fruity beer, light, cleverly subtle and "spicy" is obtained. Deliberately cloudy and aged at least one year, this recipe is brewed in the style of traditional farmers in the region by the Lambic with wheat to achieve a truly unique Lambic. A bit sourer than the other "fruit Lambics," this is a good introduction into the world of sour beers.

ABV: 4.5%

### TIMMERMAN'S PUMPKIN

Upon visiting the United States and being amazed by the amount of seasonal beers offered, Timmerman's decided to try out this inspired Lambic. Aged between 8 months to a year, this recipe combines earthy pumpkin aromas and delicate fall spices to produce a crisp, sweet acidity followed by a subtle dryness to finish.

ABV: 4.0%

### BOURGOGNE DES FLANDERS

Brewed by Timmerman's while the brewery in Rogue is finished,

this Lambic starts with a high gravity, high alcohol content Belgian Brown Ale and infuse it with 1-year-old Timmerman's Lambic. The mixture is then fermented in a port barrel for another 8 months, and the result is a Lambic with a somewhat sweet depth of Belgian ale to start, with rich toffee flavors and a tart finish.

ABV: 5.2%

### OUDE KRIEK

Fermented in the bottle, this Lambic produces a light and crisp beer with a sour, cherry explosion. This recipe is one of the most labor intensive of Timmerman's products, with years of work going into every batch, but the beer will keep in the bottle for up to 12 years!

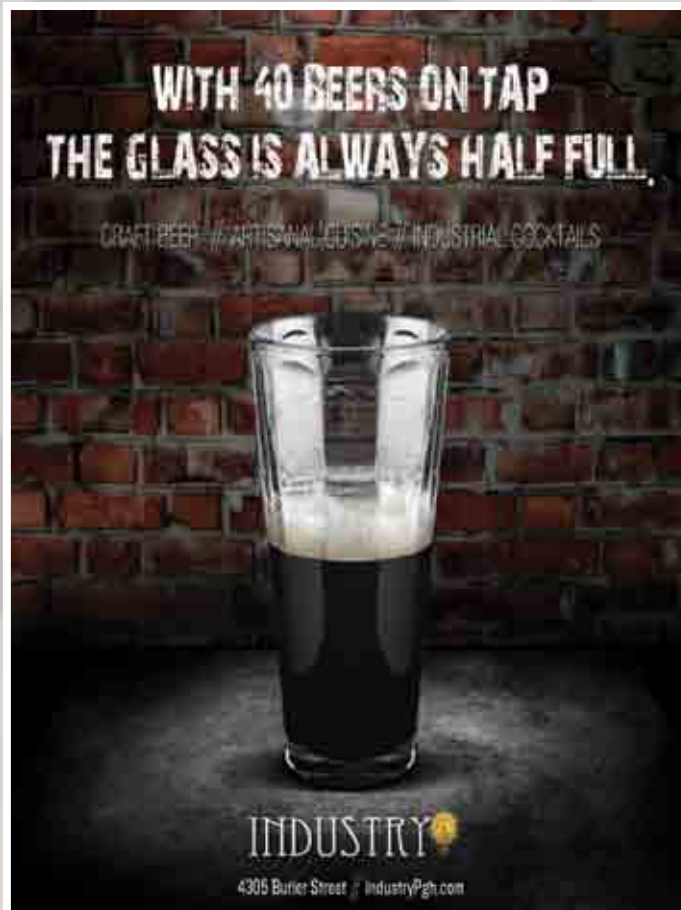
ABV: 4.8%

### OUDE GUEUZE

A mixture of 3-year-old Lambic with 1-year-old Lambic, this gueuze spontaneously ferments inside the bottle, and produces a sparkly, tart and citrusy Lambic. The most striking flavor profile among all the Lambics, this recipe highlights the effects of the mysterious spontaneous fermentation indigenous only to this region. This Lambic will continue to age well for 20 years after bottled.

ABV: 5.5%

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# southern tier

brewing company

By: Lori Czekaj

Growth is a part of the game for every brewery trying to make a name for their product. Well, this brewery has reached the peak of opportunity. From a few barrels a day to a couple hundred, production is constantly on the rise.

Southern Tier Brewing Company now crafts around 90,000 barrels a year, and can be found in over thirty states nationally and some points internationally. Expansion has been the name of the game for this brewery, constantly working to keep up with the growing demand and crafting of new recipes. In 2009, they opened their 20,000 SF facility, and followed in 2010 by adding a conditioning room and a state of the art bottling line that is notably one of the best in North America, producing 10,000 bottles per hour. In 2012, the new brew house installation began and was completed in March of 2013 consisting of a building constructed in Germany and actually assembled "around" the new brew house! This awesome production showcases a tasting room "overlook" featuring 14 fresh draught lines as the highlight of their tasting tours.

The owner, Phin DeMink, began the brewery with friend Allen "Skip" Yahn in 2002. He and his wife Sara are at the helm of this dynamic business, serving as president and vice president. It's the blood, sweat and tears this couple pours into the brewery that have led to its stardom. The facilities and crafts have developed together throughout the past ten years. And Southern Tier is just one tier of an entire beer culture that continues expanding.

"It's been a really interesting ride," said Nathan Arnone, media representative for Southern tier, located in Lakewood, New York. He insists it's the vast catalogue of beers that draws in drinkers. Light beers, dark beers, hoppy beers, malty beers – there are an array of colors and flavors from which to choose, ranging from lower four percent alcohol all the way up to 14 percent.

Each craft holds its own unique flavor, with six being absolute year-rounds, and a new seasonal released every month.

"I think all that combined is one of the things people really like about our beers," Nate commented on the spice of variety.

But despite the large-scale production and rapid release dates, the brewery keeps a close eye on every craft recipe. The founders set out to make a brewery focused on small-batch brewing, and they intend to not stray away from that.

Tiers and Tiers of Beers

With the new release of another seasonal each month, there are multiples of craft greatness from which to choose. Besides the year-rounds of both standards and imperials, there exist series, like the Blackwater series, as well as variety packs and limited edition beers.

Right now, there's pilsner malt prepping to release for spring. Also, the brewery's delicious barley wine, Backbone, is set to release at the end of February. It has been aged with oak and fermenting for two weeks before meeting drinkers.

It's Not a Far Journey

Despite how far away New York sounds for Pittsburgh locals, it's really only over a two-hour drive. Nate said that the last tour he gave had 60 people in attendance, and out of, that one-third were from Pittsburgh. "We really like Pittsburgh," Nate said. "It's close!" That being said, Pittsburgh was actually one of the first cities that Southern Tier distributed to outside of New York.

Southern Tier has a beautiful setting, perfect for featured tasting tours! During the spring and summer, Southern Tier is crawling with special events. There are parks and grounds surrounding the brewery with nature, accompanied with a relaxed atmosphere that entices visitors to spend the day strolling the grounds and experiencing the exquisite tastes straight from the tap! Tours are given each Saturday at 1 PM, 2:30 PM and 4 PM. Lakewood, NY is a few short hours drive away from Pittsburgh and would make a great road trip to check out this incredible brewery. Southern Tier is actually much closer than many PA Craft Breweries. Check out the website for details and directions and special upcoming events; [www.stbcbbeer.com](http://www.stbcbbeer.com)

## BEERS

### UNEARTHLY IPA

Yum, a great spicy and hoppy India Pale Ale. The color pours a light copper. The smell is fresh, grassy and sweet while the taste is highly bitter with light sweet caramel to boot. The spice comes out strongest toward the end. It has a higher alcohol of 9.5 percent. Pairs well with sharp cheeses, poignant foods and a lot of spice. Want more IPA per bottle? Also try the 2XIPA or simmer down with the original Southern Tier IPA.

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#### PHIN & MATT'S

Three types of hops and three types of malts come together in this craft. Founder Phin and pal made this pale ale to taste crisp and clean, using perfectly filtered water, whole hops and the best crop of barley. The smell is bready and earthy and the taste is of light grassiness and flowers. It holds a 5.4 percent alcohol percentage. Pair with earthy cheeses, grilled chicken, buffalo mozzarella, seafood and the classic American cheeseburger, of course.

#### 2X IPA

An India Pale Ale brewed with 4 varieties of hops and 3 types of malts. This beer is kicked up a notch to form a true Double IPA: feverishly hoppy with a malty backbone and higher-than-standard alcohol content. Citrusy hops tease the senses with aromatics and lingering bitterness, while just the right balance of malts disguises 2XIPA's extra gravity. Double your expectations, this is an ale that demands reverence. Pair with beef brisket, garlic fries, strong, spicy food.

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This version of our crowd-pleasing variety pack contains 4 bottles each of their famous India Pale Ale, Phin & Matt's Extraordinary Ale, and 422 Pale Wheat Ale. A wide selection which makes it perfect for the person trying new beers, or for the seasoned drinker looking for a range of flavor. Their IPA is brewed with 4 varieties of hops and 4 malts and comes in at 7.3% abv. Phin & Matt's is brewed with 3 varieties of hops and 3 types of malts, and is 5.7% abv. Pale Wheat Ale, known as 422, is a tribute to Earth Day, and at 5.8% is no slouch in this box.

Southern Tier also produces a variety of other seasonals, and they are the #1 Pumpkin Beer in the market with their Pumpking beer, brewed since 2007. Pumpking is a medium-light bodied, low-bitter ale, with a malty sweetness, offering a hint of vanilla, spice, cinnamon and nutmeg. It is paired best with the traditional "comfort" foods of the season, as well as desserts! This much sought after seasonal is available from August release through the season, as availability permits.

Checkout the brewery's awesome website to find your favorite brews - [www.stbcbrew.com](http://www.stbcbrew.com) - Proudly distributed locally by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale.



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# Who's Your Driver? Uber!

By: Rachel Mende

How many times have you gotten out of an event in Pittsburgh and waited mindlessly, sometimes for hours, for a cab to pick you up? Where are they coming from, Mars? Literally? Many Pittsburghers have pondered this question many times, wondering why a city as large as New York can have a cab on every street corner, and three more trying to run you over as you precariously cross the road, yet spotting a cab in Pittsburgh is like a Big Foot sighting. One has to wonder, "Do they even exist"? Well wonder no more Pittsburgh, Uber App is here!

The popular app Uber has finally made its way to Pittsburgh. The mobile app, which connects riders to drivers worldwide, is making transportation much easier in the Steel City. Pittsburgh now has a viable solution to the severe taxi shortage, enter Uber App, and all you need in your time of need is a smart phone!

Uber's East Coast Regional General Manager, Rachel Holt describes Uber as a "technology company that has revolutionized consumer access to efficient, reliable and affordable transportation options in nearly 85 cities around the world. The app provides a transparent experience with pricing based on time and distance; to deliver a ride at the touch of a button."

Users simply type in their pickup location and the nearest licensed, professional driver appears within minutes. Before confirming your request, you can estimate your travel fare and track your waiting time. If you're satisfied with the wait time, you can request a ride and Uber will send a text notifying you when your car arrives. While waiting, users are able to track their driver through the interactive map.

To access Uber, simply download the Uber App, and register with a credit card. Your credit card will be automatically charged when you reach your destination and Uber will email you a detailed receipt. The tip is included as 20% of the metered fare, so customers don't have to worry about carrying cash!

A trip from Shadyside to Lawrenceville ranges anywhere from \$9-\$11 and traveling from Oakland to Southside is a mere \$8-\$11 ride.

I've personally used the app myself, traveling from Shadyside to downtown's Butcher and the Rye. I was thoroughly pleased with the service I received. For safety purposes, Uber makes it possible for patrons to see a picture of the driver, as well as the type of vehicle they are driving. The driver arrived within minutes of my request and I had a short, easy trip downtown. I used the service to return home at the end of the night and had a very pleasant experience.

When asked why Pittsburghers should choose Uber over competitors like Yellow Cab and Lyft, General Manager Holt responded by saying, "Uber is 25% cheaper than a taxi in Pittsburgh, making it the cheapest (private) transportation option in the city. Since our recent launch, thousands of Pittsburgh residents and visitors have been able to experience convenient, reliable and affordable transportation alternatives. We're also constantly innovating to ensure we bring maximum transparency and efficiency through our Smartphone application."

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# TRAVEL - DOOR COUNTY

Door County is a popular vacation destination in the middle of the upper Midwest “inland seas” of Wisconsin. With 300 miles of shoreline overlooking Lake Michigan, its scenic and serene landscape encompasses a wonderful variety of seasonal escapes. Whether you like lighthouses or landscapes painted in watercolor, boating, or just clean air relaxing, this series of quaint villages is small town Midwest, slower paced vacationing at its finest. The bay and the harbors lap at the breathtaking shoreline, filled with beautiful, lush state parks. Art galleries, restaurants, wineries, recreational activities, and a thriving culture take the place of fast food restaurants and convenience stores. Although most of the peninsula operates on a seasonal schedule, some Door County establishments operate year round.

The minute I knew I was going to visit Wisconsin, I immediately thought of one thing: CHEESE. I was only about an hour or so into my trip from Green Bay to Door County when I landed at Renard's Cheese. Since 1961, Renard's has been making some of the best Wisconsin Cheddar in the Bay area. Chris Renard recently earned his certification as a Wisconsin Cheese maker, joining an elite group of cheddar and mozzarella cheese specialists. Cheese making is a family tradition at Renard's, as is tasting! We don't see a lot of cheese curds in Pittsburgh, but at Renard's they take great pleasure in demonstrating how the fresh curds squeak in your teeth. Yes, I said squeak in your teeth. They have a great website, [www.RenardsCheese.com](http://www.RenardsCheese.com) that sells their authentic Wisconsin cheddar cheese. I have to mention, I bought several different kinds of cheese to bring back to Pittsburgh and I made THE best macaroni and cheese using just a hint of their Ghost Pepper Cheddar!

Door County's most nostalgic place to eat cheese curds is



Wilson's Restaurant and Ice Cream Parlor. <http://www.wilsonsicecream.com/main.htm> Located in Ephraim, right in the heart of this quaint little bay town stands this Door County landmark. The old fashioned soda fountain opened its door in 1906, serving up simple fare and home-brewed root beer to families and friends. The classic red and white décor of ice cream parlors welcomes all patrons and the friendly service makes it a destination for both refreshment and relaxation year after year.

The historic Hardy Gallery sits just across the street on Eagle Harbor. The gallery, which aims to educate the public on the importance of the arts, as well as promoting the visual arts and artists of the Door County Peninsula with seasonal exhibitions, educational programs and special events that help enrich the cultural fabric of Door County. One of the gallery's most successful fundraising endeavors is The Community Mosaic Project which sells 300 6 x 6 canvases through a lottery process, charging \$25 for each canvas. You can read more about the project at [www.thehardy.org](http://www.thehardy.org).

Evenings in Door County offer the beautiful sunsets over Sister Bay. Fred and Fuzzy's Waterfront Bar and Grill, located on the edge of the bay is the ideal spot to enjoy both quality food, and those beautiful sunsets. It offers a casual, relaxing atmosphere in addition to the breathtaking scenery. Reasonable prices, friendly service and a smoke free environment only add to the charm. The menu boasts a wide variety of options, ranging from burgers, wraps, salads and fish fry. Nightwire recommends Fred and Fuzzy's original, Door County Cherry Margarita. Check them out at [www.fredandfuzzyz.com](http://www.fredandfuzzyz.com)



# WISCONSIN

BY SUZ PISANO



Door County Coffee Company, located in Carlsville, WI is a "must see" for coffee lovers. The family owned business, which has grown exponentially since 1993 serves and ships some of the finest Specialty Class 1 Arabica coffee beans to customers near and far. Founder Vicki Wilson hosted a breakfast and tour of her company, offering a delicious meal, accompanied with even better coffee. Vicki and her staff roast several types of beans in their processing facility, which can be seen through the café windows. If you're in need of a little retail therapy, Door County Coffee Company offers a fully stocked gift shop, or visit their website at [www.doorcountycoffee.com](http://www.doorcountycoffee.com).

By now, it's probably clear that Door County is made up of many small villages resting on the harbor. What you might not know is that Door County is home to dozens of artists, artisans and fine craftspeople. As an artist myself, it seemed like heaven. I saw beautiful barns converted into studios and galleries filled with patrons looking to buy and collect works of art. With a Land Trust to protect the natural environment of the area, you'll find yourself taking a leisurely drive to admire the beauty of the area. However, that leisurely drive will quickly result in many stops at the shops and galleries are tucked quietly away on the back roads of Door County. A particular stunning example of working artists involves a visit to Morning Mist Studio at Windmill Farm where painter Ed Fenendael and his partner Frank Villigan operate a Bed and Breakfast in a restored farmhouse. The farmhouse is

absolutely picturesque and serves as inspirations for many of Ed's watercolor paintings. The Bed and Breakfast offers reasonable rates, but books up fast, so if you're interested in staying at a great Bed and Breakfast, visit their website at [www.1900windmillfarm.com](http://www.1900windmillfarm.com)

Further down the road, we stopped for a visit at potter Renee' Schwaller's Studio and Gallery, Off the Wheel Pottery. Another renovated farm and granary turned into creative space, Renee demonstrated pulling a pot from clay during our visit. To see more of Renee's work, visit her website [www.offthewheelpottery.com](http://www.offthewheelpottery.com)

Our next stop was Edgewood Orchard Galleries, which is one of the Midwest's most respected art galleries. Located on 80 acres between Egg Harbor and Fish Creek, the gallery features paintings, jewelry, sculptures, glass, clay and wood pieces from more than 100 artists. In its third generation of family ownership, current gallery owners Neil and J.R. Jarosh welcome visitors to this unique place that calls people to return year and year. Edgewood hosts a spectacular sculpture garden where I felt I could wander around all day. The grounds are just as beautiful as the gallery and I highly recommend a visit! To check out more about the gallery, go to



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My favorite studio visit was Woodwalk Gallery where painter Margaret Lockwood's ethereal landscapes draw you in through misty layers and muted colors. The 1890's barn and straw bale construction house 47 regional artists in a contemporary art gallery, rivaling any gallery in any city. I fell in love with Margaret Lockwood not only for her studio barn space or her lovely paintings, but also for the way she spoke about believing in young artists. She has pieces of art in her gallery that take years to sell, but she believes in those artists so much that she doesn't get rid of them. Woodwalk Gallery also has a large performance/event area where live music is played during the summer. Underneath the large gallery is Woodwalk's Handmade Paper Center.

Artist Kirsten Christianson teaches classes and workshops promoting handmade paper as an art form and means of creative expression. She encourages students to explore natural materials from the environment. What fun we had creating our own paper! Check out this amazing space and all of its offerings, as well as Margaret's stunning paintings at [www.woodwalkgallery.com](http://www.woodwalkgallery.com)

Hands on Art Studio offers authentic artistic and creative experiences through many different mediums including jewelry, glass fusing, metal sculpture, spin art, ceramics and mosaics. The staff is very knowledgeable and talented! This farm/art complex has something for everyone, including activities for the young and old. My hardest decision was what to make. My traveling companion and I settled on glass fusing. We sat outside on the fresh air patio with our parts and pieces and began to create art! The studio ships pieces to you so you don't have to worry about breaking them in your luggage. Special Adult Nights, Summer Camps and other fun activities are offered. Read all about Hands on Art Studio at [www.handsonartstudio.com](http://www.handsonartstudio.com)

Traversing the peninsula and traipsing through shops and galleries can start to make you hungry! Here's a few local favorites you might want to try:

Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant is an authentic Swedish, family owned establishment where you can find goats grazing on the grass roof! It's one of the most famous places in Door County and not just for the goats. Lignonberries are served by girls in Scandinavian attire and the Swedish meatballs are a must! We went for breakfast so we would be sure to see the goats, but it's not all kitsch. Al Johnson's is a favorite for the food, the friendliness and the hospitality. The website, [www.aljohnsons.com](http://www.aljohnsons.com) is worth a look for the goat cam and the video of "How the goats got on our roof!"

Bistro 42 located at Door County Winery in Carlsville hosts







a classy but casual dining experience. The menu features exceptionally fresh and local ingredients, which compliment the award winning wines. If wine isn't your thing, Door County Distillery offers liquors and Shipwrecked hand crafted beers. We had a nice, relaxed lunch in the middle of a hectic day. I suggest trying one of their delicious brick fired pizzas with a glass of red wine. Check out their menu at [www.bistrofortytwo.com](http://www.bistrofortytwo.com)

Rowley's Bay Restaurant is another local favorite where you can have an authentic fish boil. Chefs brought our fresh Lake Michigan Whitefish that were lowered into a boiling pot of salted water, with potatoes and onion, where they were cooked like they were 100 years ago by Scandinavian settlers. Rowley's is a small vintage resort with so much charm; you might never want to leave. The modern restaurant presents the fish boil on a buffet with many choices and homemade goodies. When visiting Door County, Rowley's is a must! To learn more about the restaurant, visit their website at [www.rowleysbayresort.com](http://www.rowleysbayresort.com)

In addition to the wonderful tasting restaurants, Door County is a cultural hub for theatre and music. Each year the Peninsula Music Festival hosts a 3-week run of concerts featuring a symphony with musicians from all over the country. The American Folklore Theatre ([www.folkloretheatre.com](http://www.folkloretheatre.com)) performs at Peninsula State Park's Amphitheater in the open summer air. It was a wonderful experience to see such a high quality production in the middle of a state park. Another theatre worth visiting is the Peninsula Players Theatre, America's oldest professional summer theatre. Located in the gardens of Fish Creek, the theatre was built with sliding walls that are opened on warm summer evenings. To see what else the Peninsula Players Theatre offers, visit their website at [www.peninsulaplayers.com](http://www.peninsulaplayers.com)

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by: **Lori Czekaj**

After a long, excruciating winter, all of Pittsburgh anxiously awaits the smell of freshly mowed grass, robins chirping, flowers blooming, and a beautiful display of color lighting up the night sky. Fireworks have become a signature sign of summer fun in the City of Champions, and Pyrotecnico in New Castle, Pennsylvania is bringing their "A game" for PyroFest 2014.

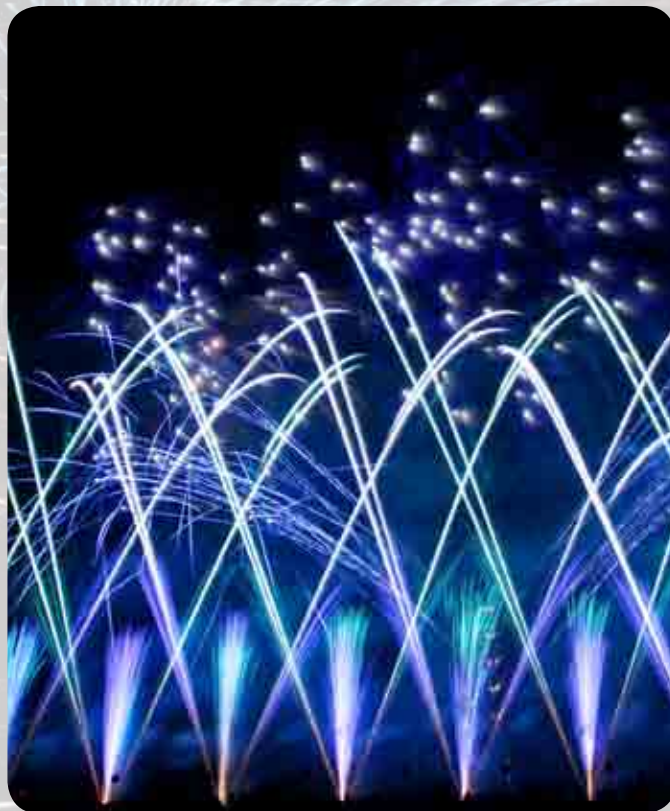
Pittsburgh has long been renowned for its family owned companies, built over generations of hardworking immigrant families settling here from abroad to make a name for themselves. The Vital family did just that back in 1889. Constantino Vitale came from Naples, Italy and settled in New Castle Pennsylvania to work in the Tin Factories by day, and design fireworks by night, as did many Italian immigrants of that time. In the 1940's the company ceased the production of fireworks to aid the Nation's military forces in designing warfare explosives. In the 1990's Steven Vitale took the reins of the company as a fourth generation pyrotechnic. Steven has led the company to become one of the premier fireworks companies in the world, and one of the only companies to have an entire division dedicated to special effects and laser presentations. Pyrotecnico has become nationally renowned for their displays at Professional Athletic events, concerts and indoor pyrotechnics, including the 20/20 Justin Timberlake Tour. They complete over 2,500 Fireworks events a year alone, with offices all across

the country; New Castle, Pennsylvania being their National Head Quarters. From special events such as weddings to community day celebrations, to the National Democratic Convention, no event is either too big or too small for this passion-infused company, whose motto is their commitment to innovation that "impacts audiences visually and emotionally" creating the complete artistic entertainment "experience".

Pyrotecnico has been recognized nationally and internationally in pyrotechnic competitions. L'International des Feux Loto. LaRonde or Montreal's International Fireworks competition is the most celebrated fireworks competition in the World. Not only is Pyrotecnico one of only a few US based companies to win First Place recognition, but the only local company to be recognized at all. At GlobalFest in Calgary, only four fireworks display production companies are invited to compete by designing and producing intricate pyromusical presentations. Pyrotecnico won back to back People's Choice Awards for "Best of" 2012 and both the "People's Choice and Kids' Choice Awards 2013! Rocco Vitale, the Show Producer, was internationally acclaimed for bringing home every pyrotechnic award possible, in just two years.

Their most notable local claim to fame is "PyroFest", America's largest Fireworks festival. Designed to enthrall, entrance and entertain the masses amidst a festival like local atmosphere, this is





one local event destined to become a Pittsburgh Annual Tradition! The event is held at Hartwood Acres, and hosts several National bands, a variety of food vendors and various other family-oriented participants. The event features two daytime pyrotechnic shows and four evening shows, all completely choreographed and orchestrated down to the nano-second to music, with special effects and structural displays, the likes of which are never presented outside the realms of a feature pyrotechnic display. At PyroFest, the fireworks are not an added attraction, they are the FEATURE event!

Steven Vitale traveled across Europe and Asia to find the unique products and designs that are featured at PyroFest. In my interview with Derek Weber, Producer of PyroFest, I asked him what makes this show different. "With no creative restrictions, Pyrotecnico has no limits to their creative design, and imagination is the driving force that creates a one of a kind experience that can be seen nowhere else!" replied Weber. Spanish/Italian shells are used in the design feature, as opposed to Chinese shells, which is what most fireworks in the U.S. are made from. The daytime shows feature pyrotechnic "smoke shells" which feature colored smoke to create the visual display, as the pyrotechnics do in the evening performances. Each year, the displays include a feature by the world renowned award winning pyrotecnia Ricardo Caballer Ricasa from Spain. In the first year of PyroFest, one of

the feature presentations included a 300 ft. structure of a sun, that rose up behind the trees of the horizon, with pyrotechnics choreographed to The Beatles' hit song "Here Comes The Sun". Weber assures that this year's PyroFest will be a once in a lifetime experience for young and old alike. Top international designers are working on pyrotechnic "lollipops" that will offer a unique 360 degree explosion of color for your entertainment pleasure! In addition, there will be sky divers with pyrotechnics attached to them as they free-fall from the sky, and a special military tribute to the troops. As a special recognition for current armed forces and veterans alike, there will be a drawing to win a weekend stay at Nemacolin Resort, valued at \$3,000 for the lucky recipient! Entry requires a military ID. PyroFest 2014 will be held May 24th at Hartwood Acres, and Derek Weber promises a show you will never forget. Although he could not divulge what the "main attraction" would be, he promises a "once in a lifetime entertainment experience". If you live in Pittsburgh, this is one hometown team you just have to see! Pyrotecnico of New Castle; bringing a pyro-packed Memorial day extravaganza to the city of Pittsburgh at Hartwood Acres, an entertainment spectacle that lives up to the City of Champions! For more information about PyroFest and a video of the event, please visit [pyrofest.com](http://pyrofest.com).



# Humor

## An Italian Mother Joke

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner...who lives with a female roommate Maria... During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate was (she had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this had only made her more curious). Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and the roommate than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates." About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" "Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure."

So Anthony sat down and wrote:

Dear Mamma, I'm not saying that you 'did' take the sugar bowl from my house; I'm not saying that you 'did not' take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Love, Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mamma which read:

Dear Son, I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now. Love, Mamma

Lesson: Never lie to your Mamma...especially if she's Italian

## Marital Misunderstanding

How men and women record things in their diaries.

Wife's Diary: Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it.

Conversation wasn't flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he didn't say much. I asked him what was wrong; He said, 'Nothing.' I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me, and not to worry about it.

On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving. I can't explain his behavior. I don't know why he didn't say, 'I love you, too.' When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly, and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted, and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep; I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary: A two-foot putt ... who the hell misses a two-foot putt ?

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## 10 Easy Ways to Get Out of a Rut!!

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1. A sunken track or groove made by the passage of vehicles.
2. A fixed, usually boring routine.

Cross-country skiers make ruts in the snow - and it's usually helpful for their speed, because they're not breaking new ground... But in life, most people don't benefit from ruts. So, We've come up with a list of 23 things you can do TODAY to get out of a rut, and start experiencing life in a whole new perspective.

Here they are, in no particular order:

1. Rearrange your furniture
2. Change your cologne or perfume, your shampoo, and your body wash or soap
3. Call an old friend or relative that you miss talking to
4. Change your hairstyle or something about your look
5. Take a cold COLD shower
6. Drive a completely different route to work or to the store
7. Go 24 hours without eating any food (just drink water)
8. Spend time reading a good book that's inspired you in the past
9. Try to make two new friends, and go visit a new restaurant with them
10. Eat something you've never eaten before
11. Buy a new pair of shoes that are different from any you have
12. Read a new book that you normally wouldn't read
13. Write in your journal

14. Go to the library
  15. Ask a stranger what they would do if they won the lottery, and listen
  16. Visit a few people at an old-folks home for a couple hours
  17. Sign up to learn a new sport or activity
  18. Have a picnic out in the country - on the ground, with a blanket
  19. Stay up late and look at the stars, far from the city lights
  20. Skip, don't walk, in every parking lot you're in
  21. Make a "bucket list" - a dream list, or a wish list of what you want in life - allow no boundaries
  22. Get up 30 minutes earlier, and go to bed 30 minutes earlier
  23. Buy a new toothbrush, and use a new kind of toothpaste
  24. We could probably go on and list another 20-30 things, if we kept writing... but now it's your turn. Take action!
- Get out of your rut, and do a few things from the list above!

## Bee's

A man was driving down the road and ran out of gas. Just at that moment, a bee flew in his window. The bee said, 'What seems to be the problem?' 'I'm out of gas,' the man replied. The bee told the man to wait right there and flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car and into his gas tank. After a few minutes, the bees flew out. 'Try it now,' said one bee. The man turned the ignition key and the car started right up. 'Wow!' the man exclaimed, 'what did you put in my gas tank?' The bee answered, wait for it. wait for it.. You're just going to love this..... BP!



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## An example of how the news can distort a story :)

A biker is riding by the zoo, when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tries to pull her inside to slaughter her, under the eyes of her screaming parents. The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly. A reporter has seen the whole scene, and addressing the biker, says - Sir, this was the most gallant and brave thing I saw a man do in my whole life. Why, it was nothing, really, the lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, and acted as I felt right. Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist, you know, and tomorrow's papers will have this on the first page. What motorcycle do you ride? A Harley Davidson. The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the paper to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and reads, on first page: **BIKER GANG MEMBER ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH.**

## HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love....whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.


### AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

## Two Doctors

Two doctors (a psychiatrist and a proctologist) opened an office in a small town and put up a sign reading: "Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones: Hysterias and Posteriors." The town council was not happy with the sign, so the doctors changed it to read: "Schizoids and Hemorrhoids." This was not acceptable either. So, in an effort to satisfy the council, they changed the sign to "Catatonics and High Colonics." No go. Next they tried "Manic Depressives and Anal Retentive." Thumbs down, again. Then came "Minds and Behinds." Still....no good. Another attempt resulted in "Lost Souls and Butt Holes." Totally unacceptable! So they tried "Anal-

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ysis and Anal Cysts.” No way. “Nuts and Butts?” Nope. “Freaks and Cheeks?” Still no go. “Loons and Moons?” Forget it. Almost at their wit’s end, the doctors finally came up with: “Dr. Smith and Dr. Jones, Odds and Ends.” Everyone loved it!!

## Gentle Thoughts for Today

- Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.
- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- He who hesitates is probably right.
- Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are “XL.”
- If you think there is good in everybody, you haven’t met everybody.
- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child’s middle name is so he can tell when he’s really in trouble.
- There’s always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don’t hurt .
- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words “The” and “IRS” together it spells “Theirs?”
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know “why” I look this way.
- I’ve traveled a long way and some of the roads weren’t paved.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.
- Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today, it’s called golf .
- Lord, Keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth... AMEN

## Before Marriage

John – Ah....At last. I can hardly wait!

Jane – Do you want me to leave?

John – NO! Don’t even think about it.

Jane – Do you love me?

John – Of course! Always have and always will!

Jane – Have you ever cheated on me?

John – NO! Why are you even asking?

Jane – Will you kiss me?

John – Every chance I get!

Jane – Will you hit me?

John – Hell no! Are you crazy?

Jane – Can I trust you?

John – Yes

Jane – Darling!

After Marriage

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- If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want, stay on the line so we can we can trace your call.
- If you are bipolar, please leave a message after the beep or before the beep or after the beep. Please wait for the beep
- If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9. If you have short-term memory loss, press 9.
- If you have low self-esteem, please hang up our operators are too busy to talk with you .
- If you are menopausal, put the gun down, hang up, turn on the fan, lie down and cry. You won't be crazy If you are delusional, press 7 and your call will be forwarded to the Mother Ship.
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- If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.
- If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press, nothing will make you happy anyway.
- If you are dyslexic, press 9696969696969696.
- If you are blonde, don't press any buttons, you'll just mess it up

## Another blonde joke...

It was a really hot day and this blonde decided to go buy a can of Coke. She went to the Coke machine and when she put her money in, a can of Coke came out -- so she kept putting money in. Now since it was such a hot day, a line had formed behind her. Finally, a guy in line said, "Will you hurry up? We're all hot and thirsty!" And the blonde said, "No way. I'm still winning!"

## The Speeding Ticket

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often? When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror. The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand. Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow. Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform. Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this.' 'Hello, Jack.' No smile. 'Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids.' 'Yeah, I guess.' Bob seemed uncertain. Good. I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit -just this once.' Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement. 'Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?' 'I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct .' Ouch. This was not going in the right direction. Time to change tactics. 'What'd you clock me at?' 'Seventy. Would you sit back in your

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car please?’ ‘Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65.’ The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket. ‘Please, Jack, in the car’ Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard. He was in no rush to open the window. The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad. Why hadn’t he asked for a driver’s license? Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again. A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip. Thanks.’ Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice. Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:

Dear Jack, Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I’m going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again. A thousand times I’ve tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Please be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left.’ ‘Bob’ Jack turned around in time to see Bob’s car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived. Life is precious. Handle with care. Drive safely and carefully. Remember, cars are not the only things recalled by their maker. And remember, friends don’t let friends drive if they have had too much too drink. ‘Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.’?

## I Hate My Job

When you have a ‘I Hate My Job’ day, [even if retired you have those sometimes] try this: On your way home from work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the thermometer section and purchase a rectal thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson. Be very sure you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the curtains and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed. Change into very comfortable clothing and sit in your favorite chair. Open the package and remove the thermometer. Now, carefully place it on a table or a surface so that it will not become chipped or broken. Now the fun part begins. Take out the literature from the box and read it carefully. You will notice that in small print there is a statement: ‘Every Rectal Thermometer made by Johnson & Johnson is personally tested and then sanitized.’ Now, close your eyes and repeat out loud five times, ‘I am so glad I do not work in the thermometer quality control department at Johnson & Johnson.’ Have a nice day and remember, there is always someone else with a job that is more of a pain in the butt than yours!

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## Man Jokes

- Why are all dumb blonde jokes one liners? So men can understand them.
- How are husbands like lawn mowers? They're hard to get started, they emit noxious odors, and half the time they don't work.
- What is the difference between a sofa and a man watching Monday Night Football?
- The sofa doesn't keep asking for beer.
- What do men and pantyhose have in common? They either cling, run, or don't fit right in the crotch!
- Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive, caring and good looking? They all already have boyfriends.
- Why do men whistle when they're sitting on the toilet? Because it helps them remember which end they need to wipe.
- What should you give a man who has everything? A woman to show him how to work it.
- What is the difference between Government bonds and men? Government bonds mature.
- What is a man's idea of helping with housework? Lifting his legs so you can vacuum.

- What is the difference between a man and E.T.? E.T. phoned home.
- How are men like noodles? They're always in the hot water; they lack taste and they need dough.

## Words of Wisdom

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
- It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Always remember that you're unique. Just like everyone else.
- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.
- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- Duct tape is like 'The Force,' it has a light side and a dark side, and it holds the universe together.
- There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
- Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.
- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Mommy, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart." I was thinking quickly. "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "OH...I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy." "Exactly" I replied back with a big smile on my face.

## Top 15 Signs You've Been Out Of College Too Long

- 15- Your potted plants stay alive.
- 14- You keep more food than beer in the fridge.
- 13- 6:00am is when you get up, not when you go to sleep.
- 12- You hear your favorite song on the elevator at work.
- 11- You go from 130 days of vacation time to 7.
- 10- Jeans and a sweater no longer qualify as "dressed up".
- 9- You're the one calling the police because those damn kids next door don't know how to turn down the stereo.
- 8- Older relatives feel comfortable telling sex jokes around you.
- 7- You don't know what time Taco Bell closes anymore.
- 6- Your car insurance goes down and your car payments go up.
- 5- You feed your dog Science Diet instead of McDonald's.
- 4- MTV News is no longer your primary source for information.
- 3- A \$4 bottle of wine is no longer "pretty good stuff".
- 2- Grocery lists are longer than macaroni & cheese, Diet Pepsi & Ho-Ho's.
- 1- Over 90% of the time you spend in front of a computer is for real work.

## Life before computers...

- Memory was something you lost with age
- An application was for employment
- A program was a TV show
- A cursor used profanity
- A keyboard was a piano
- A web was a spider's home
- A virus was the flu
- A CD was a bank account
- A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- And if you had a 3-1/2 inch floppy ... you just hoped nobody ever found out

## Moms and daughters...

I was out walking with my 4 year old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked. "Because it's been on the ground, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied.

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## Just Lucky I Guess

I ended up with an older woman at a club last night. She looked OK for a 65-year-old. In fact, she wasn't too bad at all, and I found myself thinking that she probably had a hot daughter. We drank a bit, and had a bit of a snuggle, and she asked if I'd ever had a Sportsman's Double. "What's that?" I asked. "It's a mother and daughter threesome," she said. I said, "No, but I would sure like to..." - excitedly. We drank a bit more, and then she says that tonight was "my lucky night..." and we went back to her place. She put on the hall light and shouted upstairs: "Mom, you still awake?"

## Divorce Court

A man and his young wife were in divorce court, but custody of their children posed a problem. The mother leaped to her feet and protested to the judge that since she brought the children into this world, she should retain custody of them. The man wanted custody of his children, so the judge asked for his justification. After a long silence, the man slowly rose from his chair and replied... "Your Honor, when I put a dollar into a vending Machine and a Coke pops out, does the coke belong to me or the machine?"

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## Catholic Priest and Nun Golfing

A Catholic priest and a nun were taking a rare afternoon off and enjoying a round of golf. The priest stepped up to the first tee and took a mighty swing. He missed the ball entirely and said "Sh..t, I missed." The good Sister told him to watch his language. On his next swing, he missed again. "Sh..t, I missed." "Father, I'm not going to play with you if you keep swearing," the nun said tartly. The priest promised to do better and the round continued.

On the 4th tee, he misses again. The usual comment followed. Sister is really mad now and says, "Father John, God is going to strike you dead if you keep swearing like that." On the next tee, Father John swings and misses again. "Sh..t, I missed." A terrible rumble is heard and a gigantic bolt of lightning comes out of the sky and strikes Sister Marie dead in her tracks. And from the sky comes a booming voice ..... "Sh..t, I missed."

## Home Depot Warning ..

Please send this to all the guys you know it is very Urgent!!!!!!!. A 'heads up' for those of us men who may be regular Home Depot customers. Over the last month I became a victim of a clever scam while out shopping. Simply going out to get supplies has turned out to be quite traumatic. Don't be naive enough to think it couldn't happen to you or your friends. Here's how the scam works. Two seriously good-looking 20-21 year-old girls come over to your car as you are packing your shopping into the trunk. They both start wiping your windshield with a rag and Windex, with their breasts almost falling out of their skimpy T-shirts. It is impossible not to look. When you thank them and offer them a tip, they say 'No'

and instead ask you for a ride to another Home Depot or Lowes. You agree and they get in the back seat. On the way, they start undressing. Then one of them climbs over into the front seat and starts crawling all over you, while the other one steals your wallet. I had my wallet stolen February 4th, 9th, 10th, twice on the 15th, 17th, 20th & 24th. Also March 1st, 4th, twice on the 6th, three times just yesterday, and very likely this coming weekend. So tell your friends to be careful.

## Definitions:

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

CANNIBAL: Someone who is fed up with people.

CHICKENS: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST: Mud with the juice squeezed out.

EGOTIST: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.

HANDKERCHIEF: Cold Storage.

INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

MOSQUITO: An insect that makes you like flies better.

RAISIN: Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET: Something you tell to one person at a time.

SKELETON: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.

TOOTHACHE: The pain that drives you to extraction.

TOMORROW: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN: An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES: Something other people have. I have character lines



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## THE BOTTLE OF WINE

For all of us who are married, were married, wish you were married, or wish you weren't married, this is something to smile about the next time you see a bottle of wine: Sally was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intently at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally. "What in bag?" asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband." The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: "Good trade."

## Test for Dementia

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You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer: If you answered that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, you are second!

Try not to screw up next time.

### Second Question:

If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

Answer: If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST Person? You're not very good at this, are you?

### Third Question:

Very tricky arithmetic! Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it.

Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?

Answer:

Did you get 5000? The correct answer is actually 4100.

If you don't believe it, check it with a calculator! Today is definitely not your day, is it?

Maybe you'll get the last question right.... Maybe.

### Fourth Question:

Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer:

Did you Answer Nunu? NO! Of course it isn't.

Her name is Mary. Read the question again!

Okay, now the bonus round:

### Last Question:

A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop who wants to buy a pair of sunglasses; how does HE indicate what he wants?

Answer:

He just has to open his mouth and ask...

It's really very simple.... Like you!

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 Before the days of Dylan,.....  
 Or the dawn of Camelot.  
 There lived a race of innocents....  
 And they were you and me,  
 Long ago and far away.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 For Ike was in the White House...  
 In that land where we were born,  
 Where navels were for oranges.....  
 And Peyton Place was porn.  
 We learned to gut a muffler.....  
 We washed our hair at dawn,  
 We spread our crinolines to dry.....  
 In circles on the lawn.  
 We longed for love & romance.....  
 And waited for our Prince,  
 And Eddie Fisher married Liz.....  
 And no one's seen him since.  
 We danced to "Little Darlin".....  
 And Sang to "Stagger Lee"  
 And cried for Buddy Holly.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 Only girls wore earrings then.....

And 3 was one too many,  
 And only boys wore flat-top cuts.....  
 Except for Jean McKinney.  
 And only in our wildest dreams.....  
 Did we expect to see  
 A boy named George with Lipstick.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 We fell for Frankie Avalon,.....  
 Annette was oh, so nice,  
 And when they made a movie.....  
 They never made it twice.  
 We didn't have a Star Trek Five.....  
 Or Psycho Two & Three,  
 Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 Miss Kitty had a heart of gold.....  
 And Chester had a limp,  
 And Reagan was a Democrat.....  
 Whose co-star was a chimp.  
 We had a Mr. Wizard.....But not a Mr. T,  
 And Oprah couldn't talk yet.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 We had our share of heroes.....  
 We never thought they'd go,  
 At least not Bobby Darin.....  
 Or Marilyn Monroe.  
 For youth was still eternal.....  
 And life was yet to be,  
 And Elvis was forever.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 We'd never seen the rock band.....  
 That was Grateful to be Dead,  
 And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson .....  
 And Zeppelins were not Led.  
 And Beatles lived in gardens then.....  
 And Monkeys lived in trees,  
 Madonna was a virgin.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 We'd never heard of microwaves.....  
 Or telephones in cars,  
 And babies might be bottle-fed.....  
 But they weren't grown in jars.  
 And pumping iron got wrinkles out.....  
 And "gay" meant fancy-free,  
 And dorms were never coed.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 We hadn't seen enough of jets.....  
 To talk about the lag,  
 And microchips were what was left.....  
 At the bottom of the bag.  
 And Hardware was a box of nails.....  
 And bytes came from a flea,  
 And rocket ships were fiction.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 Buick's came with portholes.....  
 And side shows came with freaks,  
 And bathing suits came big enough.....  
 To cover both your cheeks.  
 And Coke came just in bottles.....  
 And skirts came to the knee,  
 And Castro came to power.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 We had no Crest with Fluoride.....

We had no SVU,  
 We all wore superstructure bras.....  
 Designed by Howard Hughes.  
 We had no patterned pantyhose.....  
 Or Lipton herbal tea  
 Or prime-time ads for condoms.....  
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 There were no golden arches.....  
 No Perrier to chill,  
 And fish were not called Wanda.....  
 And cats were not called Bill.  
 And middle-aged was 35.....  
 And old was forty-three,  
 And ancient were our parents.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.  
 But all things have a season.....  
 Or so we've heard them say,  
 And now instead of Maybelline.....  
 We swear by Retin-A.  
 And they send us invitations.....  
 To join AARP,  
 We've come a long way, baby.....  
 From the Land That Made Me Me.  
 So now we face a brave new world.....  
 In slightly larger jeans,  
 And wonder why they are using.....  
 Smaller print in magazines.  
 And we tell our children's children.....  
 Of the way it used to be,  
 Long ago and far away.....  
 In the Land That Made Me Me.....

## Blonde Wal-Mart Joke

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air. She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?" Stay! Stay!" The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in park?"

## Eyewitness

A man with a gun went into a bank and demanded their money. Once he was given the money, he turned to a customer and asked, 'Did you see me rob this bank?' The man replied, 'Yes sir, I did.' The robber then shot him in the temple, killing him instantly. He then turned to a couple standing next to him and asked the man, 'Did you see me rob this bank?' The man replied, 'No sir, I didn't, but my wife did.'



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## Children's Science Exam

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean Section'

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

## Will I Live to See 80?

I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive Lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 80?' He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer or wine?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!' Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?' 'I said, 'No, my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!' Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?' 'No, I don't,' I said. He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?' 'No,' I said. He looked at me and said..... 'Then, why do you even care??



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## Ethel

Ethel was a bit of a demon in her wheelchair, and loved to charge around the nursing home, taking corners on one wheel and getting up to maximum speed on the long corridors. Because the poor woman was one sandwich short of a picnic the other residents tolerated her and some of them actually joined in. One day Ethel was speeding up one corridor when a door opened and Kooky Clarence stepped out with his arm outstretched. STOP! he shouted in a firm voice. 'Have you got a license for that thing?' Ethel fished around in her handbag and pulled out a Kit Kat wrapper and held it up to him. 'OK' he said, and away Ethel sped down the hall. As she took the corner near the TV lounge on one wheel, weird Harold popped out in front of her and shouted 'STOP! Have you got proof of insurance?' Ethel dug into her handbag, pulled out a drink coaster and held it up to him. Harold nodded and said 'On your way, Ma'am.' As Ethel neared the final corridor, Crazy Craig stepped out in front of her, Butt- Naked, and holding his 'You-Know-What' in his hand. 'Oh, good grief,' yelled Ethel, 'Not that \_\_\_\_Breathalyzer Test again!'

## Nerd Season

A truck driver, hauling a tractor-trailer load of computers, stops for a beer. As he approaches the bar, he sees a big sign on the door that says, "COMPUTER NERDS NOT ALLOWED - ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK!" He enters and sits down. The bartender comes over to him, sniffs, and says that he smells kind of nerdy. He then asks him what he does for a living. The truck driver explains to him that he drives a truck, and the smell is just from the computers he is hauling. The bartender serves him a beer and says, "OK, truck drivers aren't nerds." As he is sipping his beer, a skinny guy walks in wearing a pair of glasses with tape around the middle, a pocket protector with twelve kinds of pens and pencils, and a belt that is

at least a foot too long. The bartender, without saying a word, pulls out a shotgun and blows the guy away. The truck driver asks him why he did that. The bartender replied, "Don't worry. The computer nerds are in season because they are overpopulating Silicon Valley. You don't even need a license." So the truck driver finishes his beer, gets back in his truck, and heads for the freeway. Suddenly, he veers to avoid an accident, and the load shifts. The back door breaks open and computers spill out all over the road. He jumps out and sees a crowd already forming, snatching up all of the computers. The scavengers are comprised of engineers, accountants and programmers - computer geeks. Each of them wearing the nerdiest clothes he has ever seen. He can't let them steal his whole load. So remembering what happened in the bar, he pulls out his gun and starts blasting away, killing several of them instantly. A highway patrol officer comes zooming up and jumps out of the car screaming at him to stop. The truck driver said, "What's wrong? I thought computer nerds were in season." "Well, sure," says the patrolman, "But you can't bait 'em!"

## Interesting Facts

- 'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand. And 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand. (Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'. ? (Are you doubting this?)
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- The sentence: 'The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' uses every letter of the alphabet. (Now, you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)



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