

# Yard Talk

"This is a link to you. Be a part of the chain. We value your ideas and input."



## Garden Tool Tip

Try this tip for cleaning rusty garden tools. Rub them with a steel wool pad dipped in turpentine and then polish with some wadded up aluminum foil.

## No Pun Intended

A Native American chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief exam, the medicine man took a long, thin strip of elk hide and gave it to the chief instructing him to bite off, chew and swallow an inch of leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the melody lingers on."

**D O Y O U  
K N O W . . . . .**  
*what Rowdy Yate's horse's name was?*  
We asked last month if anyone knew the name of Uncle Fester's rifle. Mary Morris of Travelers' Rest remembered his cannon was called "Old Reliable" but couldn't recall the rifle. Her name was Genevieve. Seems like it might have been a black powder blunderbuss or something. Anyway, what a hoot to remember the cannon. If you answer 1st and correctly you will win the door prize. Keep trying!

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*"Democracy, like love, can survive any attack-  
save neglect and indifference."*

Paul Sweeney

## Lint Trap Protocol

The devil is in the details. Did you know that by cleaning out the lint trap in your clothes dryer that you could save about \$40 a year? Doesn't sound like much, but when you consider all the small changes you can make when it comes to saving energy they all begin to add up.

Check this out:

- By cleaning the lint trap after each load you can decrease dryer energy usage by up to 30%.
- You can increase your dryer efficiency by also cleaning out the dryer vent hose at regular intervals.
- Use the fastest spin speed available on the last cycle to remove as much water as possible from clothes.
- Try to coordinate your dryer loads so they dry one right after the other. This way the dryer doesn't have to heat up again between loads.
- Separate light, fast drying clothes from heavy, slow drying clothes. Put a clean, dry bath towel in with the heavies to speed up

the drying time. Supposed to work!

- Believe it or not, fabric softener or dryer sheets actually slow down the drying time. Use half the amount of softener or cut the dryer sheets in half. Clean out the lint trap with a toothbrush and then shampoo the trap to get rid of the build up left by softeners.
- You can save even more by eliminating the use of softener or dryer sheets altogether and use Dryer Balls. Never heard of them? Check them out at [www.darbydistribution.com](http://www.darbydistribution.com) and go to the Do It Best website.
- With the onset of warmer, drier weather you can use FREE solar and wind power to dry your clothes. However, if there is rain in the forecast and you can't hang clothes outside, try partially drying them in your dryer and then finishing them on dryer racks inside.

DoItBest has vent cleaning kits, drying racks, all manner of clothes lines, the Dryer Balls, outside clothes dryers and clothes line poles.

Order on line at [darbydistribution.com](http://darbydistribution.com) or by special order here at the store.

## I think that I 'll shall never see, a poem lovely as a tree.....

Did you know that trees and shrubs not only add to the curb appeal of your home and increase property value, but they also help reduce your heating and cooling costs?

Plan your landscape design according to your weather patterns. Plant deciduous trees in order to offer shade during the summer months and allow the sun to shine through during the winter months. Plant evergreen trees as a dense line of defense against prevailing winds to offer a wind break. If you plant shrubs, bushes or vines alongside your home they'll create a dead air space which helps to insulate against heat during the summer and as a buffer against the cold in the winter. Be sure to allow at least 12 inches of space between the full grown plant and the exterior wall. As additional protection against wind chill during the winter, plant dense, low lying trees and shrubs along the north and north eastern sides of your home. Darby Distribution currently stocks many flowering shrubs, decorative bushes and deciduous trees from Landmark Growers. Be sure to browse through the display area. If there's something you'd like which is not shown, please ask. We'll try to find it!

## Grand Opening Recap

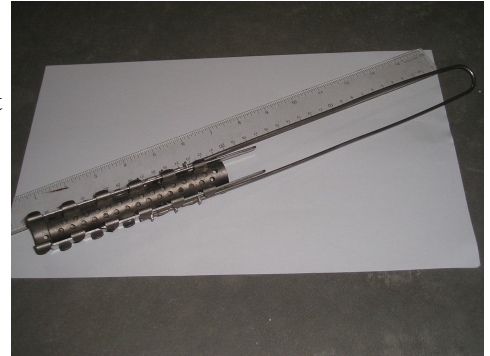
The weather was cool but it didn't rain, the crowd was huge and the food by all accounts was great. The demonstrations were informative and the kids had a blast. The DD Grand Opening celebration on June 20th was well attended and we thank each person that came. Without you we would have been all dressed up with no place to go.

Our prize winners for the hourly drawing for a free gallon of paint were Jack Stanford, Mike Morris, Mike Wiles, Zeldia Williams, Martha Schrock, Shirley Gurly, Joe Stevens and Mike Gandy. The winners of the hourly \$100 gift card drawing were Cyn Kanner, Travis Bush, Charlie Utzinger, Bryan Dufresne, Randy Alford, Jett Temple and Heidi Irwin. Keith Smith was the \$500 Gift Card Grand Prize winner. LD Roundy won the \$50 Chamber Gift Certificate, Jeff Stout the Kinetico Filter System and Mary Grace Jones the BBQ set.

There were many great buys to be had and there are still some items available. The 1x8x6 Cedar Channel Siding, 1x6x6 Cedar T&G, 1x10x6 Cedar Channel Siding, 1x4x8 #3 Pine and 4x8 sheets of 1/2" 8" O/C Dura Temp Siding are still on sale for the Bargain Alley prices. If there was something you saw and couldn't take it on Saturday, stop in again. You never know, it just might still be here and at those grand opening prices.

## 'Tis a Mystery . . .

It may be a little hard to get a good perspective from this picture, but can anyone identify what this implement is? Tom Duke found it out in his shop and hoped that someone out there can help de-mystify the function of this odd looking piece of equipment. Travis Ernsberger was pretty sure he knew what it was, but we're looking for other input. There's no prize to be won, just bragging rights should you be able to tell us what it is. The overall length is right at one foot as indicated by the ruler laying along side. If you'd like to take a closer look at it, you can see it in the flesh so to speak. It currently resides on Dana's desk here at Darby Distribution. Stop by. We'll let you know what it is in next month's newsletter. Thanks for your participation!



## July Festivities in Darby

It's that magic time of summer again! Remember that Logger Days and the Strawberry Festival are slated for the weekend of July 17th and 18th. Something new this year is the Bull-A-Rama which is being held in conjunction with the Logger Days Celebration. The Bull A Rama is going to be held at the Darby Rodeo Grounds on Thursday night, July 16th and for those folks who follow the PBR, you'll get a chance to see Soulja Boy and some other top bulls featured in the BFT Series events. This is quite a coup for Darby to pull off. Logger Days kicks off the weekend on Friday night and finishes off on Saturday the 18th with music and dancing after a day of competition in timber events for loggers from all over. The Strawberry Festival, held Saturday afternoon, is the DVFD fund raiser for the year and features strawberry shortcake and bluegrass music on the lawn at the park. Be sure to take advantage of all the fun and excitement these events have to offer. P.S. July 22nd is the next Red Cross Blood Drawing too. Call Sheelah at 821-4659.

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## Hard Time Keepin' Up!

Seems like every time you turn around there's something new!

**Caulk Remover & Finisher** - This two piece kit has a 3 blade design caulk removal tool which will remove any type of caulking even if it's dried. The finishing tool can make even a rank amateur look like a pro. The flexible finishing tool creates a smooth, even bead while forcing the caulk into the gap. The right tool makes any job easier.

**BC749 Construction Adhesive** - This construction adhesive as a replacement for the tried and true BC490 Builders Choice. It is a CARB compliant adhesive, but still offers the same great holding capabilities as the BC490. To be used on sub floors, decks, sheathing, siding etc. It bonds to most building materials. Not recommended for polystyrene or treated lumber however.

**2 Bag Combo** - From Custom Leathercraft, here's a 2 pack of soft sided tool carriers. They have reinforced bottom panels and strong web carry handles. They'll help you keep small parts and hand tools organized and contained.

### **Wide Angle, Wall to Wall Portable Work Light**

This work light contains two heads, in a single, hinged face frame with weatherproof ON/OFF switches. The heads angle away from each other covering 160 degrees each. Includes 2, 250W halogen bulbs. Portable, lightweight and stable. This little work light packs a lot of light in a small unit.

## Sparkling Specials

Limited to Quantities On Hand

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| 18" Polypro Push Brooms<br>#639656  | Reg. Price<br>\$15.99 | Sale Price<br><b>\$6.97</b>  |  |   |
| Stanley 30' Max Steel Tape<br>#386391   | Reg. Price<br>\$23.99 | Sale Price<br><b>\$9.97</b>  |  |   |
| 25' Hi Vis DIB Tape<br>#328200  | Reg. Price<br>\$4.29  | Sale Price<br><b>\$2.00</b>  |  |   |
| 4 Pc. Dlx. BBQ Set<br>#807979   | Reg. Price<br>\$25.99 | Sale Price<br><b>\$14.99</b> |  |   |