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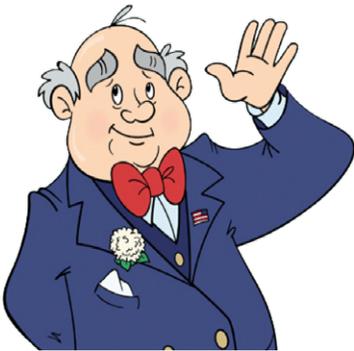
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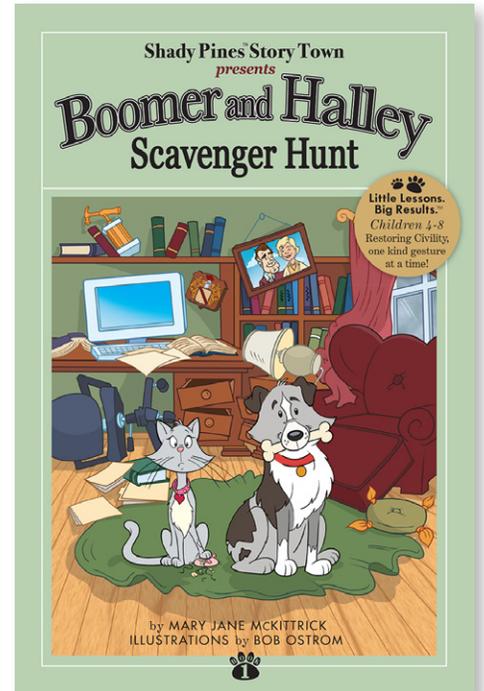
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## BREAKING NEWS: TIME TO GET UN PLUGGED!

Quick, turn off your TV and your cell phone. Shut down the computer and all electronic devices. That's what's going on in Shady Pines this week. It's all part of Operation Un Plugged. The person, or family, that comes up with the best ideas on how to stop being stuck to a screen, can win a prize. The winner gets a check for \$500 and a framed proclamation from Mayor Beauregard P. Fibbs himself. It seems there's been a bunch of accidents



and mishaps all around town. People are running into each other, falling off bikes, and getting hurt because they're not paying attention. Take the challenge for yourself: how can you spend more time being unplugged? To find out about the contest, [Click HERE](#). 



**NEW BOOK RELEASE!**  
*Boomer and Halley – Scavenger Hunt, Discover Rewards by Working Together* (Ages 4-8)

Hide and seek takes on new meaning when Harold and Edna Sanders devise a game to keep their four-legged “kids” entertained on a rainy day. Boomerang, an Australian Shepherd dog, and Halley’s Comet, a silver streak of a cat are on the hunt for hidden toys and treats. Along the way they learn about Teamwork, Manners, Sportsmanship and Cleaning Up messes. Your young reader will delight in the adventure. —CONTINUED

## —ON THE PULSE—

by Zula Talmadge

This PAWS Button device is amazing! Everyone is talking about it. I tell you, the phones here at the Gazette office have



been ringing off the hook. I've had Scoop, the cub reporter, out investigating. Our local author, Mary Jane McKittrick, introduced the —CONTINUED



# Today's Weather



**Fred's**  
Corner Grocer

## Weekly Specials

- Boomer's Doggy Biscuits **\$3.50** PER BAG 
- Halley's Halo Kitty Treats **\$3.25** PER BAG
- Edna's Blue-Ribbon Chocolate-Chip Cookies **\$4.00** PER TIN
- Harold's Rootin'-Tootin' Root Beer Soda **\$5.75** PER 6-PK.

## Get our FREE Civility Guide

 [CLICK HERE!](#)



Hardly a day goes by that we aren't exposed to example of rudeness. Maybe you're like a lot of people who feel civility is a lovely notion we've lost along the way. Take heart. Two of our most popular Shady Pines characters provide examples of simple ways we can instill good behavior starting with very young children.

 **5 Civility Tips that Earn Your Kids a Gold Star!** 

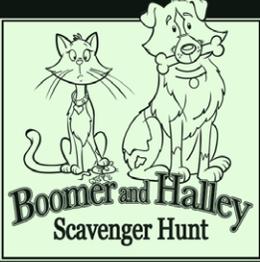
*PAWS Button*—continued  
PAWS Buttons in those **Boomer and Halley** books. The whole idea, she says, is to motivate and educate young children to be kind and caring. I caught up with Mary Jane over coffee at Cup O' Joe's. She told me she's added a bookmark to each installment with prompting questions. In that way, adults and kids can discuss the lessons in the book if they want. The humorous adventures of Boomerang, the Australian Shepherd dog, and Halley's Comet, that silver streak of a cat, are pure entertainment. I tell you, those critters turn the lives of their human parents, Harold and Edna Sanders, upside down! Each story is illustrated animation-cartoon style by nationally known talent Bob Ostrom. He lives up the road a bit. There you have it. Now where is Scoop when I need him?

*Zulah Talmadge*  
Editor, The Shady Pines Gazette

*New Book Release*—continued  
You can use the perforated bookmark (shown below) to find out if your youngster is understanding the four embedded, featured lessons that pop up on the page with a PAW print. Come on. Join in the fun!

**BUY NOW!**

**PAWS Little Lessons. Big Results.™**



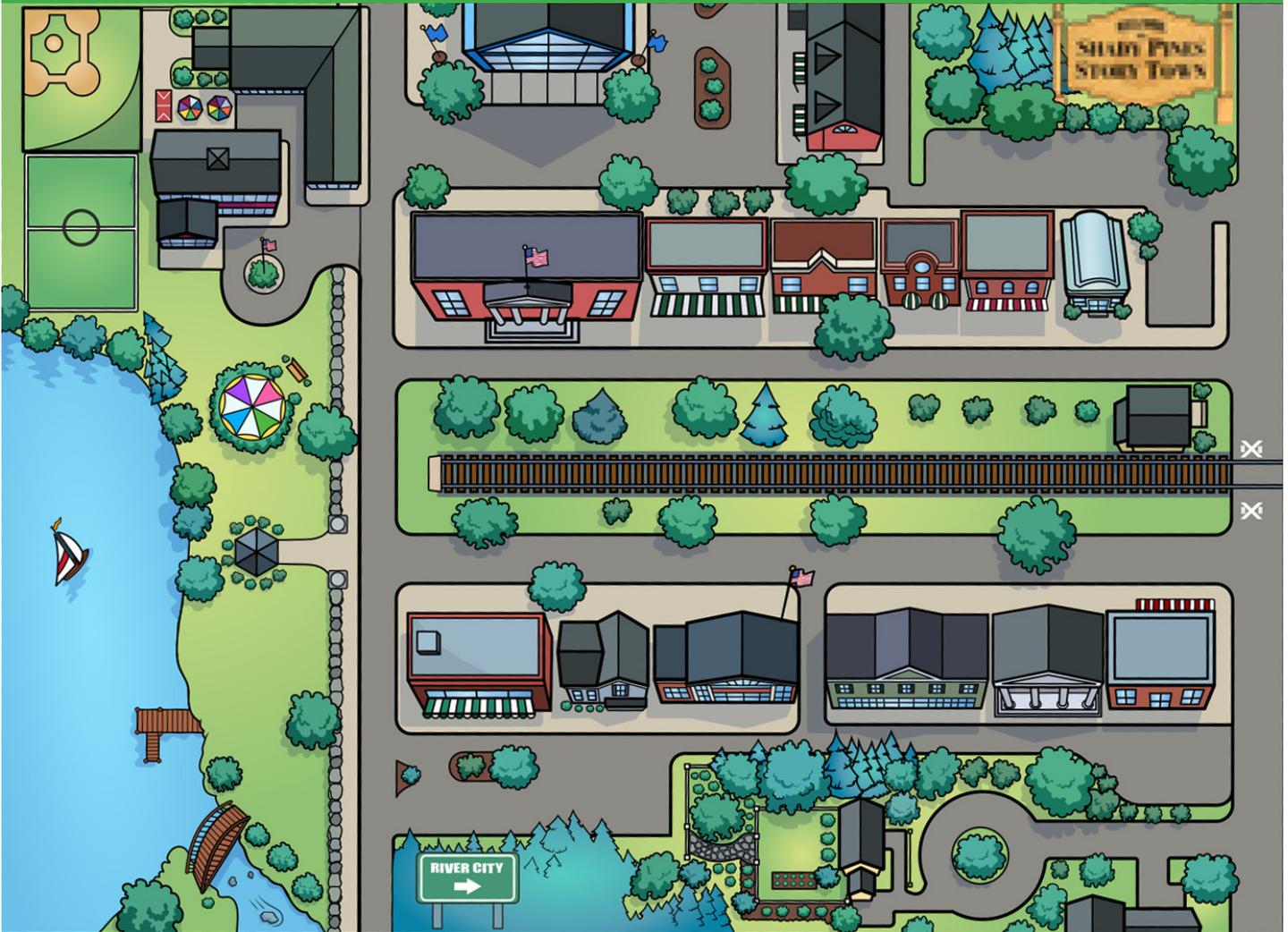
**Boomer and Halley Scavenger Hunt**

- PAWS TEAMWORK**  
*Can you find examples where Boomer and Halley are working together? When they don't? Do Harold and Edna work together?*
- PAWS CLEANING UP**  
*What happens when Boomer and Halley make a mess? Who has to clean up? Why?*
- PAWS GOOD MANNERS**  
*What's an example of Boomer and Halley forgetting their manners? When do they practice good manners?*
- PAWS SPORTSMANSHIP**  
*Why is sportsmanship important? Are you a good sport?*

**BOOK 1**

**TALK BACK!**  
If you'd like to contact us in Shady Pines, please go [HERE](#).

# YOUR VERY OWN MAP OF OUR SMALL SOUTHERN TOWN!



Here's your very own map of our small Southern town. You can use it as your guide to find all the places and people you'll want to visit. If you look at the bottom of the map you'll see where Boomer and Halley live with their parents, Harold and Edna. To find out more about our neighbors, [CLICK HERE!](#)