

New World-Record Book Available in Bookstores



Picture a ball of plastic wrap that is 11 feet across. According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, that ball of plastic -- which weighs 281 pounds -- is the largest ball of plastic wrap ever collected. It was gathered by nine-year-old Jake Lonsway. Jake's record is one of the newest records to be added to the latest edition of the *Guinness Book*, which went on sale last week.

The book contains many other new records, including these:

- The tallest teenager in the world: Brendan Adams, 7-feet 4-inches tall
- The largest loaf of bread ever baked: more than 1-1/2 tons
- The most adults gathered in one place at one time to read to children: 3,032
- The most grains of rice eaten (one by one) with chopsticks in one minute: 23

This year's *Guinness Book* contains about 4,000 different records. Some are very serious and others are quite silly. Some require great skill and others don't require any skill at all. Anyone can set a record. New records are set every month. Many people around the world are planning to set new records this year on Guinness World Records Day, November 12.

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The *Guinness Book of World Records* was first published in 1955. Since that time, the book has gone on to become a record breaker in its own right. More than 100 million copies of the book have been sold in 100 countries and 24 languages.

MORE WORLD RECORD NEWS

Last spring, more than 2,000 students in California laid a 65-mile chain of pennies on an auto racetrack. The students had hoped to lay 100 miles of pennies, but they said their achievement still beat the old record of 40 miles. The students are part of an after-school program, and the money they raised will be used to pay for program activities.

THINK ABOUT THE NEWS

About how many pennies did the students need to build a chain of pennies 65 miles long?
Explain how you came up with your answer.