

LIFE NOTES

Help dealing with a loss

AseraCare Hospice and St. Francis De Sales will host Encounter with Loss and Grief, Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. in the upper room at 4019 Manchester Road, Akron. Call Ann to register at 330-882-6919, there is no charge for this event.

Network over breakfast

Join South Summit Chamber of Commerce's The Breakfast Club to network with professionals. They meet Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Fa-Ray's.

Dive into family history

The Genealogy Club at Night will meet at Barberton Public Library in the board room, 6:30-7:30 p.m., the second Thursday of each month. Each session starts with a 10-20 minute presentation followed by an open forum about genealogy sources, successful searches, difficult searches and more.

Class of '40 and beyond meets

The 1940 and Beyond Barberton High School classes luncheon will be the second Wednesday of each month at noon. Call 330-825-5357 the Monday before the luncheon. It will be at the Moose Lodge, 250 31st St. NW.

Class celebrates 50

The Barberton High School Class of 1968 is planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates. Email cfrey627@yahoo.com or janshillingburg@aol.com.

Fatherhood sessions offered

Embrace Clinic & Care Center and the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative host fatherhood classes. The 7 Habits of a 24/7 Dad program is free and runs 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays at the center, 180 First St. NW. The classes are open to all dads and dad role-models in Summit County. For information or to register call 330-825-1900 or visit <http://embraceccc.org>.

B&W volunteers help feed students



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Margo does her part to organize food packages for school students. She is the daughter of B&W CEO Leslie Cass and her husband Fritz, organizers of the food effort.

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Each month, B&W employees gather in their cafeteria to fill bags with food and snack items for students who need help, especially on long weekends

when they cannot get a meal at school.

"We've teamed up with the Ben Curtis Family Foundation to bring snacks and meals to students in the elementary and junior high schools in the Barberton schools," stated Ryan

Cornell, B&W spokesman. CEO Leslie Cass purchases the food, her husband Fritz organizes the program and volunteers to help bag the food and take it to the schools. It is the first effort outside the Kent schools for the Ben Curtis Foundation, which was founded in 2013 by the 2003 British Open golf champion and his wife to help alleviate childhood hunger.

The Barberton program began in August and is to continue even after B&W moves its offices to Akron, according to Leslie Cass.

Cornell stated he has been shown figures which show more than 70 percent of Barberton students are on free or reduced priced lunch programs, which indicates there is a significant need in the community.

According to Fritz Cass, last winter he and Leslie

were looking for a way to contribute to the Barberton community and after he attended a presentation by the Curtis Foundation it was apparent to them they had found what they were looking for.

Leslie Cass noted that when she took over as CEO in February, she and her husband, a retired Navy doctor, found they had been given a lot and wanted to give back to the community.

"At that time I realized Barberton has been B&W's home for such a long time and we wanted to participate here, recognizing there was a potential we (B&W) could move, but wanted to demonstrate to the community our support and our plan to continue to support," Leslie said.

"We're honored to be able to do this and have an impact," she stated.

Beware of real estate scams

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Let's say you are looking for a house to either rent or buy and see a great deal offered on an internet site. It looks like a great deal, and it could be, but is it true?

A common ploy, according to agent Debbie Shreiner of Helen Scott Realty, is for an unscrupulous person to search legitimate real estate ads or look for vacant properties, then offer them for rent or sale through online pages such as Craigslist. Shreiner said the fraud is not coming from the real estate agents but some buyers.

Shreiner said she has been contacted by people asking the rental price of homes she is representing, even though she does not (See SCAM, Page 9)

Barberton alumna to receive ambassadorship



Lynne M. Tracy

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On Sept. 28, Lynne M. Tracy, was among eight nominations on President Trump's "intention to nominate" list. Tracy would serve as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Republic of Armenia. "We're very proud of her," said Carol Tracy, mother of the nominee, of Alliance, Ohio.

Although this is a career ambassadorship and not a political appointment, Tracy must still go through a formal confirmation by the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations committee. This hearing won't occur until at least November, according to her mother. "There's still a few hoops to jump through."

Tracy spent most of her childhood in Barberton, graduating from Barberton High School in 1982, and received a law degree from the University of Akron.

She previously served as deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow; deputy assistant secretary for Central Asia in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs at the Department of State; deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan;

and principal officer at the U.S. Embassy branch office in Astana, Kazakhstan. She currently resides in Washington, D.C.

She received the Secretary's Award for Heroism in December 2009, after completing a two-year assignment at the U.S. consulate in Peshawar, Pakistan. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who presented the award in Washington, D.C., honored her for "courage and performance under fire" after she became the target of violent

extremists who launched an attack on her car as she was being driven to work... shooting out her car's two front tires and leaving the vehicle riddled with bullets. Thanks to her driver and her bodyguard's quick thinking, Lynne escaped.

She returned to the post on the day she was attacked and completed her mission even after repeated threats against her life.

In 2007, she was named to the Barberton City Schools Academic Hall of Fame.

Students make great library team

As part of their exploratory rotation, students at Barberton Middle School have the opportunity to work in the school library as helpers. Sixth-graders Alexa Guerrero Manzo and Todd Terwilliger are the helpers of the month for August and September.

They are a great team in the library. They come to the library each morning cheerful and ready to work. Each day they look at their assigned duties, without being asked and start working. Alexa and Todd are always polite to other students and teachers in the library. They both do their job reliably.

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COSI educates and entertains

COSI on Wheels from Columbus was at Barberton Elementary East for two days teaching students about nature, habitats, and had eight hands-on stations for students to rotate and experiment. Third-grader Axel Danes demonstrates how pollination works.

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October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

October is known for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But did you know that October is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month? National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a time to recognize and celebrate what people of all abilities have to offer in the workforce.

NDEAM got its start in 1945 and has been working toward an inclusive workforce for all Americans ever since. Summit DD believes that workplace opportunities for people with disabilities ensures a diverse workforce and helps strengthen communities – now and into the future. That's why Summit DD, along with its community partners, is helping to create the employment opportunities for people of all abilities.

This October, join them in celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month to build better workplaces for everyone!