

**LIFE NOTES**

**Beekeepers meet**

Portage County Beekeepers will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, from 7-9 p.m. at the Portage Soil and Water Office, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna, OH 44266. Melanie Seal from Blue Sky Bee Supply will discuss how to read frames and determine how a hive died over winter. Free and open to the public. For further information, please contact Mary Lovin at 330-325-3028.

**Prepare to swim**

Season passes for Summit Metro Parks lake swimming go on sale April 1. Passes offer access to the beach areas at Munroe Falls Metro Park in Munroe Falls and Silver Creek Metro Park in Norton.

Daily entrance and season pass rates remain unchanged this year. Season passes are \$40 for adults and teens 13 and older, and \$20 for ages 5 to 12 and seniors 65 and older. Daily admission is \$5 for adults, teens and kids age 5 and up. Children under age 5 are always admitted free. A person's age at the time of purchase determines the rate.

Season passes may be purchased at the following locations:

- Online at [summitmetroparks.org](http://summitmetroparks.org) beginning April 1.
- The administrative offices (975 Treaty Line Rd., Akron), Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 1 through Aug. 9; cash, check, or credit card.
- Munroe Falls Metro Park/Lake Area (521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls) and Silver Creek Metro Park/Bathhouse (5000 Hametown Rd., Norton), Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, noon-3 p.m. and during regular swim hours each day during the season; cash or check only.

The 2019 swim season runs from May 25-Aug. 11 and during the season, both areas are open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekends and holidays. For more information, please visit [summitmetroparks.org/swimming.aspx](http://summitmetroparks.org/swimming.aspx) or call 330-867-5511.

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**Magic City Mediums ask what would O.C. Barber do?**

**Karla Tipton**  
Herald Staff Writer

A panel of five mediums will ask advice about Barberton's future from the city's late founder, O.C. Barber, Saturday, March 23, at Lake Anna Hall. The panel event will cap off a night of mediumship and magic sponsored by the Magic City Mediums.

"Can psychic-mediums tap into the spirit of Barber to gain insight on the future direction he sees for the city he founded? We're going to attempt to find out," said the event's organizer, Angie Agnoni. With the growth of technology, the old order of industrialism is fading, she said. "In light of Barberton's recent economic problems, how can we bring that magic back? We need to channel the old entrepreneurial spirit that built the city and rediscover the magic that O.C. Barber used in his lifetime."

Agnoni chose to feature a magician, as well as the mediums, to contrast illusion and intuition.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Magic Mike, an illusionist from Cleveland, will present a magic show with assistant Paige DeMattie at Lake Anna Hall.

"In mediumship there's a little bit of magic. In magic, there's a little bit of mediumship. Which is the illusion? Is it the person doing sleight of hand or the person with ability to see and hear the supernatural since they were a child?"

"It's an alternative view in exploring consciousness and it is where we need to

go," said Agnoni. "I don't think there is a better place than the Magic City to do it."

The Magic City Mediums hosted its first sold-out mediumship night Nov. 24. The new event offers additional activities scheduled over two days, including hour-long classes 1:30-4 (See MEDIUMS, Page 10)



Medium Jane Voneman-DuPerow will present the class "Tune into the Magic Within" 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Lake Anna Hall, as part of a two-day event sponsored by Magic City Mediums.

**St. A's raises funds for ministries**



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St. Augustine has raised over \$10,000 annually through their Lenten Almsgiving Project and this year they are hoping to carry on this tradition. Their project benefactor for 2019 is Barberton Area Community Ministries as well as the Soup Kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church. If you would like to make your donation online go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH278/31493>.

**Amanda Flower visits library**

Local author Amanda Flower will visit the Barberton Public Library Thursday, March 28 to speak about her newest books.

Her presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Flower will be selling and signing copies of her books at the program. She is a USA Today bestselling and Agatha Award-winning mystery author. Her works include the Amish Candy

Shop mysteries, Amish Quilt Shop mysteries, India Hayes mysteries, Magical Bookshop mysteries and the Magic Garden mysteries. She also writes the Andi Boggs mysteries for children. Registration is not required for this free program. For a complete list of programs offered, visit the Reference Department for a program guide or visit [www.barbertonlibrary.org](http://www.barbertonlibrary.org).

**Students perform 'Peter Pan'**



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Fourth-graders at Barberton Elementary East, or better known as "The Eastside Players," performed "Peter Pan," March 14, for their family and friends. The students rehearsed for two months, two times a week. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Laphen and Mrs. Firtha for helping direct the show.

# Magics' boys track expects success

**Jake Allen**  
Herald Staff Writer

Barberton's boys track team will look to have a successful season with a new head coach.

Conner Seeman will take over a group that lost several key players to graduation last season, including Dee Smith, Chris McCarroll, Macolm Boyd, Mason Haywood, Keye Thompson, Jeff Parker and Dana Kelson. The Magics jumped out to a 5-0 record before losing to Kent and Highland in conference play.

Seeman believes the team will now be led by seniors Moses Petrie, Jared Storm and T.J. Moss and junior Tyler Eberhart. "This year I am expecting leadership from them to lead what will be a young group filled with lots of potential."

Last season Storm took first in districts with a

time of 50.15 seconds in the 400-meter dash, then placed sixth with a time of 49.87 seconds. He was also in the top three in the Suburban League in the event. "Jared will be fundamental to this year's success as he is somewhat of a utility knife at meets because he has the versatility to run and be successful in multiple events. He will look to build on that success this year and has the potential to be very competitive throughout the Suburban League again."

The team opens the season Saturday, March 23 at home versus Norton at 11 a.m. They will also compete with each of their Suburban League American Conference foes throughout the season, compete in the Chippewa Invitational Friday, April 26, the Byers Field Relays Friday, May 3 and the Suburban League championship Tuesday, May 7.

# Panthers' tennis looking for league title

**Jake Allen**  
Herald Staff Writer

Norton's boys tennis team will again look to compete in the Portage Trail Conference following a second place finish in 2018.

That team went 10-6 overall and two players, Dan McElhaney and Nolan Talercio, graduated. The team will return Matt Anderson, Jed Swym and Connor Kropp for singles play. "They are all similar in skill," said head coach Phil Seenes, who has led the Panthers to a 112-25 record in his eight seasons as coach. "We are in the process of figuring out who will play which spot by having challenging matches. Matt is the most experienced player as he was first singles player last year. Jed played third singles last year but improved in the

offseason. Connor played second doubles last year but is a good athlete and it will be hard to keep him off a singles court because of the ground that he can cover."

Playing doubles will be the teams of Jared Thomas and Seth Brunty and newcomers Deven Horvath and Caleb Campbell. Seenes believes Thomas and Brunty will compete for a league title while the latter pair can win in their first season at the varsity level.

The team opens the season Saturday, March 23 at Barberton at 10 a.m. "I didn't know what to expect from this team before the season but as practices are going along, I'm excited to see how competitive we can be. I feel we have a good shot to battle for a PTC Title, which is always our number one goal."

# Mediums

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p.m. Saturday, with mediums Ellen Bourn, Tim Brainard and Jane Voneman-DuPerow.

Following at 7:30 p.m., psychic-medium Patty Mac of Canada, and Pat Beers of Uniontown, will conduct individual readings for randomly selected and willing audience participants. Mac is a psychic-medium in Hamilton, Canada. Beers is a radio and television personality, and a retired real estate broker.

The performance of illusionist Magic Mike of Cleveland will be followed by the five-medium panel attempting to contact Barber. There will be also vendors at the event, including Barberton native John Rehak, author of the book, "Doctor of the Soul."

Seven mediums will be available for individual readings from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Sign-ups for one-on-one sessions will be taken Saturday. Walk-ins are also welcome for open time slots.

Bourn, who has been a medium for 40 years, will present a class, "What's it like on the other side?" at 4 p.m. Saturday, in which she will discuss "just a few of the FAQs I've gotten over the years," she said. "When somebody comes to me from the other side, where do they come from, what does it look like for them, where do they go when they're not talking to you? People have a lot of questions about that." Bourn was an emergency room nurse for 30 years, is a former president of the Lily Dale Assembly, and serves clients in the Western New York area.

# HERSELF

by Margaret Frost



## Poetry Day

This is in-between time. We aren't quite ready to don our hiking shoes, for one thing, there's too much mud but we don't want to stay inside watching television, either. It's a good time to resuscitate that creative twinkle we all have somewhere deep (or not so deep) in our being.

Open the doors and windows and let the spring breezes blow the cobwebs out of your mind. Think spring. They do say that in spring we get inspired by thoughts of romance. Why not write a poem to rejoice in romance or just to reflect on the fact that winter is over?

In 1999, UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) declared that on March 21st we should all celebrate World Poetry Day.

The oldest surviving love poem was written on a clay tablet in Ancient Sumeria around 3500 BCE. Archaeologists called it "Istanbul 2461." Not a very romantic title for a love poem. Translated, the poem begins: "Bridegroom, dear to my heart, Goodly is your beauty, honey-sweet, Lion, dear to my heart, Goodly is your beauty, honey-sweet."

Thought to be the longest poem ever written, Mahabharata is an Indian epic verse that contains about 1.8 million words. Written in ancient Sanskrit it tells the story of a war that took place in the 13th to 14th centuries in the kingdom of Kurus. Regarded as a historical account of the birth of Hinduism, it is also considered a code of ethics for the faithful.

Surely, dear reader, you can improve on either of these. A Haiku, for example, might be an interesting challenge for your creative muscles. No need for a rhyme, it consists of 17 syllables arranged in three lines of 5, 7, and 5. Carl Sandburg was trying to work in the Haiku format when he wrote the poem "Fog."

"The fog comes on little cat feet. It sits looking over harbor and city on silent haunches and then moves on."

Perhaps you might like to read a few sayings by Dr. Seuss. For example: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose" Or: "In my world, everyone's a pony and they all eat rainbows and poop butterflies!"

Himself says the world's shortest poem is entitled "Fleas" and reads simply: "Adam had 'em."

## Property complaint deadline nears

Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise CPA, CFE reminds taxpayers that the deadline to file a complaint against the valuation of real property is Monday, April 1, for taxpayers who do not agree with the valuation of their property. The board does not hear complaints regarding real estate taxes.

Complaint forms (DTE 1) must be dated, signed, notarized and received or

postmarked by Monday, April 1. Submissions can be made in-person during regular business hours or by mail to Summit County Fiscal Office, 175 S. Main St., Room 302, Akron, Ohio 44308 or to the satellite office at Summit County Board of Revision, 1180 S. Main St., Suite 250, Akron, OH 44301. To obtain a complaint form (DTE 1), please call 330-643-2631 or visit <http://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net>.

# ABOUT YOU RELAY FOR LIFE

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How can you become a Hope Club member? The Hope Club is a program for Relay For Life

participants who are taking a stand against cancer and committed to taking action. The dedicated participants raise \$100 or more and receive a Relay For Life event T-shirt as thanks and appreciation for their support. Thanks to the donations and support of relays across the country, we can make significant strides to improving the lives of cancer patients.

- \$20- could provide free information and support to patients and their caregivers.

- \$50- could provide four rides to and from treatments.

- \$100- could help four women facing breast cancer through their journey.

- \$500- can offer a cancer patient having to travel for treatment five nights of free lodging.

### Please see below fundraisers.

- Relay For Life planning meeting Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Barberton Moose.

- Crop for the Cure Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Crossroads Church, Doylestown.

- Euchre tournament Friday, March 29, from 7-9 p.m. at the Barberton Moose Annex.

- Bingo Bash-Saturday, April 13, from 6-8 p.m. at Prince of Peace Church, Barberton.

- Cleveland Monsters vs Lehigh Valley Phantoms Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m. at Quicken Loans Arena. Call Jennifer Arden 330-318-4109 to get tickets.

- Adult only Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon at Water Works Park in Cuyahoga Falls.

- Malley's Easter Sale- visit <http://Malleys.com/fundraising/campaign/American-cancer-1/>. The deadline for orders is Monday, April 15.

- Nom Nom Fundraising- gourmet popcorn, beef jerky, coffee and more, go to [www.supportyours.org/luckycharms](http://www.supportyours.org/luckycharms).

- Pancake breakfast- Saturday, May 11, 8-10 a.m. at Applebee's in Wadsworth. Contact Terri at [tmn50459@aol.com](mailto:tmn50459@aol.com) for tickets.

- Bus trip- Saturday, May 18, to The Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh- cost is \$35 per person. The deadline for payment is Thursday, April 18.

- American Cancer Society Relay For Life Saturday, July 20, noon-midnight at Lake Anna Park.

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