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Ready to get your wine on?

Do you enjoy wine? Make plans to visit the wine tasting event, Grapes on the Lake Saturday, April 27 at the Tadmor Shrine in Akron.

The event includes area wineries, live music, a silent auction and food available for purchase from the FunkyTruckeria. Tickets are \$20 per person pre-sale, \$25 at the door. A ticket includes 10 taste tickets to sample wines, a commemorative wine glass and a red rose for the ladies. Tickets are available at the Barberton Parks and Recreation offices, 500 W. Hopocan Ave., inside the YMCA or call 330-861-7135. Proceeds benefit the Lake Anna Preservation Fund and Special Olympics. Help support two great causes and purchase your ticket today!

Church offers free meal

During Lent First Evangelical Lutheran in Barberton, 249 Second Street NW., will be hosting a free meal for the community Wednesday, April 10. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with a brief service at 6:30 p.m.

Hunt for eggs

The Easter Eggstravaganza will be at River of Life Assembly of God, 133 Fifth St., SE, Barberton, Saturday, April 20. Registration starts at 9 a.m., and the hunt will start at 10 a.m. The egg hunt is for ages 0-18, with drama, crafts, games and lots of fun.

Attend counseling

Rev. Edmond Fast Ph.D. of the Chaplin of American Legion 566, and VFW 1066, will be providing counseling for Veterans at Barberton Area Community Ministries every Thursday from 1:30-4 p.m., at 939 Norton Ave, Barberton, for more information call 330-472-9068 or email edmonfast@icloud.com.

Learn to crochet

If one of your resolutions was to learn how to crochet, you're in luck! Warm Up meets at the Barberton Public Library on the last Friday of the month. Learn a new skill, make new friends, and help those in need. They will meet in the Spillette Meeting Room. Contact Lindaberger325@yahoo.com with questions.

Titanic was just the tip of the iceberg for Margaret 'Molly' Brown

Karen Hornyak
Herald Staff Writer

History buffs were treated to a unique reenactment March 19 at the Barberton Public Library. Anne McEvoy, a member of the Cleveland group Women in History since 1988, dispelled myths and brought forth little-known facts about the woman most commonly known as Titanic survivor Molly Brown. In James Cameron's 1997 film, Kathy Bates' performance was complemented by her physical resemblance to Brown. McEvoy is petite and brings to mind Frances Fisher (Ruth DeWitt Bukater in the Cameron film) more than Bates or Brown herself. As McEvoy immerses herself in the role, however, the physical disparity melts away like an iceberg in the sun. First of all, she says, "Molly" was a construction of Hollywood. Margaret Tobin was born



HERALD PHOTO/Karen Hornyak

Titanic fans pay rapt attention as "Molly Brown" tells her life story.

to Irish immigrants in Hannibal, Missouri. She met her future husband, J.J. Brown, after moving to Leadville, Colorado. The couple married after a brief courtship and moved again to be closer to the Little Johnny Mine, where J.J. devised a technique to extract gold that to that point had been unreachable. The mine owners rewarded the Browns with significant shares in their

company; the Browns became millionaires and moved to Denver. Contrary to popular belief, the Browns were not wholly ignored or shunned there, but one woman did disparage the couple, calling them "new money" and unworthy of high society. Margaret proved herself unsinkable before she ever boarded the Titanic. She dressed as outlandishly as she pleased; studied speech and elocution, held benefit parties to raise awareness of poverty and made other philanthropic contributions. When the marriage soured in the wake of J.J.'s many reputed affairs, the couple separated but never divorced. When John Jacob Astor invited her to join his group on the Titanic, Margaret's fondness for travel quashed any misgivings she may have had from a fortuneteller's vision of bodies in the water. On the Titanic, Brown used the punching bags in the gym among other amenities. Upon the ship's impact with the iceberg, she was thrown to the floor but nonchalantly went back to bed. Once alerted to the danger,

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Ethiopian coffee ceremony creates peaceful environment



HERALD PHOTO/Cierra Thompson

Nardos Street pours three rounds of coffee for everyone. She serves the first round black, the second round with raw sugar and steamed milk and the third round any way the drinker prefers.

Nardos Street presented a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church of Barberton.

She said the ceremony is a therapeutic experience that creates an environment for people to connect and bond. She begins by roasting and grinding the coffee beans, then she brews the coffee in a handcrafted clay pot. According to Street, the process takes experience and a strong skill set. She learned to make coffee for her family when she was a kid. She said

because the process takes so much time, it makes her appreciate every cup that is created.

Street grew up in Ethiopia and moved to the U.S. to attend college. She said that coffee originated from Ethiopia and that the climate there makes it easy for beans to grow.

At the March 23 gathering, Street said she demonstrates this ceremony for a variety of family and group events. For booking information, email her at theethiopiancoffeeceremony@gmail.com

Resident takes advantage of second chance at life



COURTESY PHOTO

Jason Miller shows off an edition of the Herald while exploring the Brooklyn Bridge.

Cierra Thompson
Herald Staff Writer

College Now Advisor Jason Miller reflects on a life changing kidney transplant he received 5 1/2 years ago.

Miller fought against end-stage renal failure, which is the last stage of chronic kidney disease. Dialysis and a kidney transplant were necessary for him to stay alive.

Miller is a Cleveland native and moved to Barberton in 2011 when he interned for the Barberton

Community Foundation. At that time, he was also a student at The University and Akron and receiving dialysis treatment at U.S. Renal Care in Barberton. He said the facility was able to accommodate his busy schedule because they stayed open late.

Miller graduated in 2013 and continued working at The Foundation as an administrative assistant.

In 2014 he began working with Barberton adults for College Now. He helps (See MILLER, Page 10)

6 swans a swimming



HERALD PHOTO/Tim McCracken

After a call from Mike Johnson, six swans are found taking a break in Avilee Webb Park March 21.

Mediums connect with spirits for advice on city's future

Karla Tipton
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Although it can't be said for sure that O.C. Barber was in the building, psychic-mediums participating in an event Saturday night at Lake Anna Hall claimed to have picked up messages from spirits of the city's past.

Among those connecting from beyond were a businessman, a politician, a bearded man with a limp, a little girl who drowned in Lake Anna at the turn of the century, and possibly, O.C. Barber, too.

Angie Agnoni, event organizer, had hoped that by using mediumship, the (See MEDUIMS, Page 10)



HERALD PHOTO/Karla Tipton

Magic City Mediums Patty Mac, Pat Beers, Ellen Bourn, Tim Brainard and Jane Voneman-DuPerow, pictured from left, connected with Barberton spirits Saturday at Lake Anna Hall to obtain advice on the city's future.

Let's get green



COURTESY PHOTO
Audrey Ott, Emily Condon, & Alexa Travis party at the Green Gala Dance.
Students from Barborton Elementary West have fun at the Green Gala Dance March 15.

Simple ways to prevent dog-related lawn damage

Dogs love spending time outdoors. Dog owners with yards know that dogs benefit greatly from some exercise in the backyard. While that time might be great for dogs, it can take its toll on lawns.

Dog urine and feces can adversely affect the look and health of a lush green lawn. Nitrogen is essential to healthy soil, but only at certain levels. When those levels are exceeded, the result can be lawn damage. According to The Spruce Pets, an advisory site that offers practical tips and training advices to pet owners, this is what happens when pets frequently urinate on grass. Urine is naturally high in nitrogen, so when pets urinate on lawns, the grass might turn yellow or brown due to the excess nitrogen content. Nitrogen also is present in lawn fertilizers, further exacerbating the problem for pet owners who fertilize their lawns.

In addition to urine damage, dogs can trample frosted grass, contributing

to problems that may not become evident until spring, and get into areas like gardens where they wreak additional havoc.

Pet owners who want to let their dogs run free in the yard but don't want damaged grass may be tempted to put their pooches in diapers or confine them to crates when letting them outside. But such an approach isn't necessary. In fact, some simple strategies can be highly effective at preventing dog-related lawn damage.

- Speak with a landscaper about planting new grass. Certain types of grass, such as Bermudagrass, can withstand dog damage better than others. Local climate will dictate which types of grass are likely to thrive in a given area, so speak with a professional landscaper about the viability of planting new grass.
- Install fencing. Pet owners with expansive yards can install fencing that allows dogs to spend time exercising outdoors without granting

them access to the entire property. Large dogs will need more room than small ones, but try to build fenced-in areas that allow dogs to run freely and get the exercise they need to stay healthy.

- Work with a dog trainer. Dog trainers might be able to work with dogs so they only urinate in certain areas of the yard, greatly reducing the damage they can cause to a lawn. Trainers also might help curb digging and clawing behaviors that can damage lawns as well as gardens.
- Consider hardscaping. Hardscaping might be most effective for pet owners with small properties. Hardscaping does not include grass and can add visual appeal to a property while saving pet owners the headaches of dealing with dog-related lawn damage.

Dogs need time outdoors, and homeowners can take various steps to protect their lawns from dog-related damage.

Mediums

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spirit of O.C. Barber might be contacted, to offer advice on how the city might regain the prosperity of its past.

"We see places like Barborton that were once thriving, but are now struggling. If we can channel energy from the people who were here, the founders of this city, what would they suggest to revitalize the area?" Agnoni said at the event. "We'll try to see what comes through as a little bit of an experiment here," she continued.

Taking part in the experiment were mediums Ellen Bourn, Tim Brainard, Jane Voneman-DuPerow, Patty Mac and Pat Beers.

"The lake is Barborton's energy point, and prosperity should be built around it," Mac said. "Water is really connected

to business, because we feed off the energy of the water."

"It's a very spiritually based place," she said. "More spiritually based groups are needed for meditation. We need more teachers. That's where the new industry is starting. It doesn't have to do with factories. The time for that industry is unfortunately done," she said. "The spirits are totally agreeing with me."

Bourn, Brainard and Voneman-DuPerow also agreed.

Bourn said that the city should be open to meditative techniques that attract positive energy.

Brainard said, "Out here on the street I could hear the horses and the people dressed in the old clothes. O.C. Barber loved children. The community is family and children, and don't doubt for one second that he's still alive."

"There's a lot of energy here," said Brainard. "If you concentrate on the lake and the places you want to grow, then in this transition you're going to bring everything back," he said. "You have to ask, and you have to think positive."

Voneman-DuPerow said, "I connected to O.C. Barber, and he's telling me a couple of ways we can help the city make more money." These activities suggested focusing on breweries, as well as raising consciousness through public gatherings, poetry readings and ice skating. "I saw the 1800s. It's showing me skating rinks."

Beers said she sensed spirits in the lobby of a businessman and a politician. "I asked them what the message was tonight. They said we've got to go back to being like family. Leaders should work for the good of the people, and not what's best for themselves."

BEE hosts game night



COURTESY PHOTO
Kindergartner Parker Ayers bowls with his mom, as Mrs. Rego's class attended the "Mother/Son Game Night" at Barborton Elementary East March 22. There was cosmic bowling, board games, photo booth and pizza.

Obituaries

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Alice H. Crawford

Alice H. Crawford, age 91, was born Sept. 26, 1927, and passed away March 19. Alice was a graduate of Springfield High School and retired from Barborton Public Schools as a secretary. She lived all of her married life in Barborton. Preceded in death by her husband, James S. Crawford.

She is survived by her children, Jimmie Lee Crawford and Tim S. Crawford (Deborah); eight grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank Pleasant View for their care and support. Graveside services were March 22, at Greenlawn Cemetery (Masonic Section).



Miller

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residents who owe a past due obligation preventing them from obtaining a degree.

In 2016 Miller got a call and was told to be on standby because there was a transplant match. He said his unknown hero gave him a second chance at life.

"There's no Hallmark greeting card that says the appropriate words to thank them for a gift of that gratitude," said Miller, in regards to thanking the family of the donor. "It is sad for me to

think about what they've lost," he added.

He started a Youtube channel called "The World Heritage Quest" to document his life in hopes that the family of his donor will watch and see that a part of him still lives.

The United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List inspired him to explore all 1,092 sites including cultural, natural and endangered sites.

"I'm excited to share "The World Heritage Quest" with the friends and family of my hero.

The quest will allow me to experience the wonders of the world, embrace the culture of unknown societies and honor my hero's gift of life," said Miller.

He let his doctors know he's ready to communicate with the family and hopes to meet them one day. Since the transplant, his mindset and cravings for food have changed and he can't help but to wonder if it's all connected.

According to Miller, he will be featured in "American Association of Kidney Patients", a national magazine, about overcoming his kidney complications.

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