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Summertime in Pittsburgh is a great time to be here. There is so much to do in the city, the suburbs and the countryside of our area. June is officially the start of summer and the warm temperatures, sunny days and pop up thunder showers are all part of it.

To kick off the season, Pittsburgh goes all out. The Annual Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival will be held May 31 - June 9 and they are returning to Pittsburgh's Cultural District.

The festival is free and open to the public, 12-9 p.m. daily with no tickets required!

The Artist Market at the festival features 300+ independent artists selling handmade fine art and fine crafts.

The Dollar Bank Main Stage will be moved to the intersection of Ft. Duquesne Blvd. and 9th Street to provide more viewing area. Another addition is the expansion onto the Rachel Carson Bridge (9th Street). The Artist Market will be on each side of the Green Mountain Energy Stage on the bridge. Maps, information and more details at traf.trustarts.org.

The celebration of culture and community, World Square, is back and will be held during the Three Rivers Arts Festival on May 31 - June 2 and June 7-9. Market Square will become a showcase for International businesses, performers, artists, and more from around the region. Enjoy

live music and entertainment as you journey around the world.

Neighborhood Flea, an open air marketplace, will be starting the summer season this year celebrating 10 years in a new location. Join the fun at SouthSide Works on Sun., June 9, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 27th and Sidney Streets. This event features over 100 sellers of a variety of items including vintage, handmade wares, bath and body products, pet treats and more. Info at neighborhoodflea.com.

Night Markets are back on Saturdays, June 22 - Oct. 26, 5-10 p.m. in Market Square. This free event features an outdoor pop-up shopping market and festival with vendors of clothing, furniture, candles, food, drinks, entertainment and more.

OpenStreetsPgh has returned for the 2024 season. It will be held June 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is a free community event, filled with walking, biking, running, yoga, skating, dancing, eating, and just having fun. The event closes miles of city streets to traffic and opens them to all of us to enjoy. Info at openstreetspgh.org.

Southside Works is having Music on the Lawn + Friday Markets starting June 14 at 27th and Sidney Streets. Each week will feature different live concerts along with vendors and artisans. Also, on June 22, from 12 - 5 p.m. visit town square for Women Who Rock. Enjoy live mu-

sic, women owned pop ups, food, drinks and more! Yappy Hour is back and starts on Thursday, June 20 at 2706 S. Water St., from 5-7 p.m. This is the grand opening of H-Bar at Hyatt House with cocktails, dog treats and a DJ.

Jam on Walnut in Shadyside is back for the summer starting June 22, 7-11 p.m. This free event features many artisan booths, food, fun and of course, music! Info at thinkshadyside.com.

Bakery Square, one of the newer east side neighborhoods in Pittsburgh, will be having Live Music on the Lawn starting Sat., June 1, 6-9 p.m. and will continue every Sat. throughout the summer. While there, be sure to try Jeni's Ice Cream on Bakery Square Blvd. The customer service is amazing and the ice cream is delish as well! Pricy, but worth it as a special treat!

Acoustics in the Parks will be held on Wed., June 19, 6 p.m. at Settlers Cabin featuring Ol Whitetail. More music and other events all through the season. Info at allegHENYcounty.us.

Lastly, the Squirrel Hill Night Markets will be held June 29, August 31 and Sept. 28, 6-10 p.m. on Murray Ave. from Forbes to Beacon St. Event features 75+ "I Made It!" Market artists, local live bands, performers, food trucks, activities for children and more! Info at uncoversquirrelhill.com.

The Free Outdoor Summer Event Series presented by CMOA, Inside Out, will be back on Saturday, June 15, 11 - 4 p.m. and continue every Thurs. at 5 p.m. and Sat. throughout the summer. This series will extend the museum experience outdoors with live performances, cash bar, art activities, food, and more. This event is free and open to audiences of all ages! Reserve your time tickets at carnegieart.org.

The Carnegie Crawl is back and will occur the 2nd Friday of every month from 5-9 p.m. This month will be June 14 and includes arts, live music by Talkin' Shop, shopping, the

Sak Pase food truck along with the restaurants in the area and fun! Info at visitcarnegie.com.

The Allegheny Summer Concert Series will return with live performances starting Friday, May 31, with food trucks, wine and craft beer on site starting at 6 p.m.

Events will begin at 7:30 p.m. and occur every Friday at South Park Amphitheater and every Sunday at Hartwood Acres Park Amphitheater.

All concerts take place rain or shine at open-air amphitheaters with no covered seating. Info at allegHENYcounty.us.

Sips and Sunshine Summer Wine Festival will be held at Trax Farms on Sat., June 8, 12 - 4 p.m. Enjoy unlimited sampling, live music, food trucks, and a wine glass. Advanced tickets encouraged at traxfarms.com.

Feel like a movie but don't want to go inside? Dollar Bank Cinema in the Park offers outdoor movies throughout the area in various Pittsburgh Parks. Get the complete schedule at pittsburghpa.gov/events/cinema.

Summer Movies in the Parks will be showing at various Allegheny Parks throughout the summer. Info at allegHENYcounty.us/events.

Movie Nights at Wilson Park in Green Tree will be having one movie per month on the lawn. Sat., June 17, starting at dusk, they are showing Minions: The Rise of Gru. Bring a blanket chair and swimming (if you want).

Drive-in Movies in the Parks are coming back to South Park and Hartwood Acres on Saturday nights, starting at sunset. Open at 6 p.m. All movies are free!

Dependable Drive-in is open on three screens now. Info at dependabledrivein.com.

Many local communities will offer outdoor movies and various activities at their pools or parks, so be sure to check the borough website near you to see what's happening.

Soak up the summer months and enjoy the festivities Pittsburgh has to offer or just enjoy the season in whatever way brings you summertime happiness!

MUSINGS...REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



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Sharon and Nancy Smyth, her business partner in Two Wise Women, together published, "Chocolate or Lunch, How Choices Impact Relationships." If you have tense relationships, this book is for you. Both books are available through Amazon.

The most sustainable product is the one that already exists.

~Bea Johnson, Environmentalist

A long time ago

The year was 1972. The place Pt. Reyes Station, California. My children were little, and they got all their toys from the toy exchange in the back room of the Pt. Reyes Bookstore. It was perfect. We had no money. But each month they would choose a toy they were ready to part with and we'd take it to the toy exchange, and they'd pick a new one. They were very satisfied.

Doing our part

I doubt if there's anything we can do at this point to stave off eco-collapse. We're in it. Maybe the best we can do is to be mindful of the needs of others, of ourselves, and of the earth. To do that, Jean Ton suggests we embrace the mantra "reduce, reuse, recycle," as our north star.

Reduce

Many of us have too much stuff. I certainly do. Getting rid of some of it, by giving it to friends or a thrift shop is a great idea. It is also a good

idea to think carefully about each new purchase. It's way too easy to buy stuff online...I've taken to waiting until the next day to click Buy, and that's saved me many times. Besides, consuming less means spending less. As the saying goes, "The best way to save money is not to spend it."

Reuse

Reusing items (such as containers, clothing, or electronics) reduces the need for new production. It conserves raw materials and energy. Repurposing items encourages creativity and sharing. Cut up old clothes and use them as patches or craft projects. Donating items fosters community connections, gets what you don't need anymore into the hands of someone who wants it and helps those in need. Check out local groups. Where I live we have Buy Nothing Sewickley, 1514Free and Facebook Marketplace.

Recycle

Recycling keeps materials in circulation, preventing them from ending up in landfills. Besides it's fun. Have you ever gone to a quality thrift store? It's where I get all my clothes.

I go with my daughter and it is so much fun! She found dresses at the thrift store to wear to two of her children's weddings!

Recycling reduces the energy required for manufacturing new products compared to using virgin materials.

Higher Moral Ground

Sustainability isn't just about the three R's. There are additional layers, such as rethinking our lifestyles and supporting eco-friendly companies.

Environmental activist Wangari Maathai said it eloquently,

"In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground."

That time has come.

COACHING TIPS:

1. What is one small action you could take in each category: refuse, reuse, recycle?
2. When?
3. How might you incorporate Refuse, Reuse, Recycle into your life?

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Tick Precautions this Summer



Jayesh Gosai, M.D.

Pennsylvania now has one of the highest rates of Lyme disease in the U.S. Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Black-legged ticks or deer ticks can harbor the bacteria and infect humans. About 51% of the blacklegged ticks in Southwestern Pennsylvania carry Lyme disease, according to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Lyme disease can cause a raft of medical issues, including facial palsy, severe neck and headaches, and arthritis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that after a tick attaches to a host, it usually takes 36 to 48 hours before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted.

It is important to be vigilant in taking precautions when you're out hiking, camping and enjoying the outdoors. Even your own backyard could put you, your family and even pets at risk for a serious illness. You can prevent getting a tick bite in the first place: keep your grass cut low, don't walk in high grass – stay on a trail or pavement; use repellent when outdoors, wear light colored, permethrin products, etc.

After spending time outdoors, make it a habit to check for ticks. Inspect the body thoroughly, including waist, groin and neck, behind the ear – even under the armpit. Also, consider showering after being outdoors. There is a wealth of information about prevention, tick removal and more on the CDC website at cdc.gov/ticks/.

Below are the medical symptoms you should look for if you have a suspicious bite. It is important to get an early diagnosis. Patients treated with appropriate antibiotics in the early stages of the disease are likely to recover completely.

Early Symptoms

Rash: A small, red bump may appear at the site of the bite. The redness may expand forming a rash in a bull's-eye pattern, with a red outer ring surrounding a clear area. The rash is one of the hallmarks of Lyme disease.

Flu-like symptoms: Fever, chills, fatigue, body aches and a headache.

Later Symptoms

The rash may spread to other parts of the body and, several weeks to months after you've been infected, you may experience:

Joint pain and swelling: Your knees are especially likely to be affected, but the pain can shift from one joint to another.

Neurological problems: You may experience inflammation of the membranes surrounding your brain (meningitis), temporary paralysis of one side of your face (Bell's palsy), numbness or weakness in your limbs, and impaired muscle movement.

Less common symptoms

Several weeks after infection, some people develop:

Heart problems, such as an irregular heartbeat.

Eye inflammation.

Liver inflammation (hepatitis).

Severe fatigue.

If you think you've been bitten and experience any symptoms of Lyme disease, if the tick was attached for more than 24 hours or if you are unsure if the head of the tick has been removed, you should see your doctor. Do so, even if any of symptoms listed above disappear. The absence of symptoms doesn't mean the disease is gone. Left untreated, Lyme disease can spread to other parts of your body from several months to years after infection.

UNLOCKING FINANCIAL FREEDOM: A GUIDE TO SMART BUDGETING

Smart budgeting isn't just about numbers - it's about gaining control of your financial freedom. Whether you're just starting or looking to enhance your financial well-being, informed & well planned budgeting is essential.

EVALUATE FINANCIAL STANDING



Begin by taking a look at the balances in all accounts: savings, checking, credit cards, loans, investment & retirement accounts - whatever you have going on. This will give you a bird's eye view of exactly where your budget stands before you can decide the rest.

SET UP SMART GOALS

SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant & Time-Bound. Get out a pen or open a new spreadsheet & record your goals. These must be measurable, *achievable*, & relevant to your budget & needs. Be realistic & give yourself a deadline.



MAKE A REALISTIC PLAN

Look closely at your budget for where realistic adjustments and/or cuts can be made. Account for debt repayment: be sure to pay more than the monthly minimum to pay off faster & avoid unnecessary interest.



REVIEW, ADJUST & BE FLEXIBLE

Life happens & we can't plan for everything. Adjust your SMART goals as needed. Keep in mind that if you are aiming to pay debt faster, try to spend less overall & put more towards your goal. Let us know how we can help!



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The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

The ability to adapt, to adjust, and to make the best of any circumstance is the key to joyous angling. In this column, I have often spoken of enjoying fishing for fishing not for catching. That is one way we adapt and adjust as anglers.

There are many others. I will give you a couple examples of things that happened to me just this past week. Last Saturday morning I was eager to get off to an early start and spend some time at my favorite fishing spot on the Ohio River. I was actually in the parking lot of the bait shop before they were open and waited for the owner to arrive and open promptly

at seven o'clock in the morning. I got my bait and headed happily over to my spot. The sun was up and shining and it looked to be the start of a fantastic day of fishing. As I turned around the bend in the gravel road leading to my "secret spot," it suddenly became very clear that the secret was, well, not really a secret. Three pickup trucks lined the side of the roadway where I would normally park and five anglers lined along my "secret hole" on the river. I was crestfallen. I managed a wave and a quiet "Good luck, leave some in there for seed" out the window as I turned around and drove back toward the main road, with no idea where I was about to go fishing. I found some decent music on the radio, let the sunshine lift my spirits and headed out in search of a new "secret spot." Forty-five minutes later I found it. I will keep this one a true secret, for at least a little while longer. But, just to complete the story, I will tell you that in less than four hours of fishing, I caught double digit Smallmouth Bass and walleye, including a per-

sonal best walleye, on a day that started with "Oh NO, someone's in my spot!"

A couple days later, I found myself with an unscheduled day off from work. Ever intrepid, I headed over to my favorite bait shop and as always arrived slightly before seven in the morning, so as to be there when they opened. Seven o'clock came and went with no sign of the bait shop owner. At 7:10 I finally got out of my car and went to the door only to find they were not scheduled to open until ten o'clock that particular morning. It was time to adapt and adjust. I had never tried catching live bait on my own but decided that this would be the time. I set up to fish for bait with one pole and target game fish with the other. I'll be honest, I did not have a lot of faith in this plan. I thought the first Bluegill I caught was too big to use but I tried it anyway. The first cast and I was rewarded with a ten pound plus Hybrid Striped Bass. More importantly, I was rewarded with the thrill of a crazy idea work-

ing. Try your crazy ideas this summer, see what happens.

I am off to fish at the beach. Expect a full saltwater report in July. Keep those lines tight and send your stories and pictures to samdhall@comcast.net.



I adjusted just fine to catching this whopper! ~photo courtesy of Sam Hall

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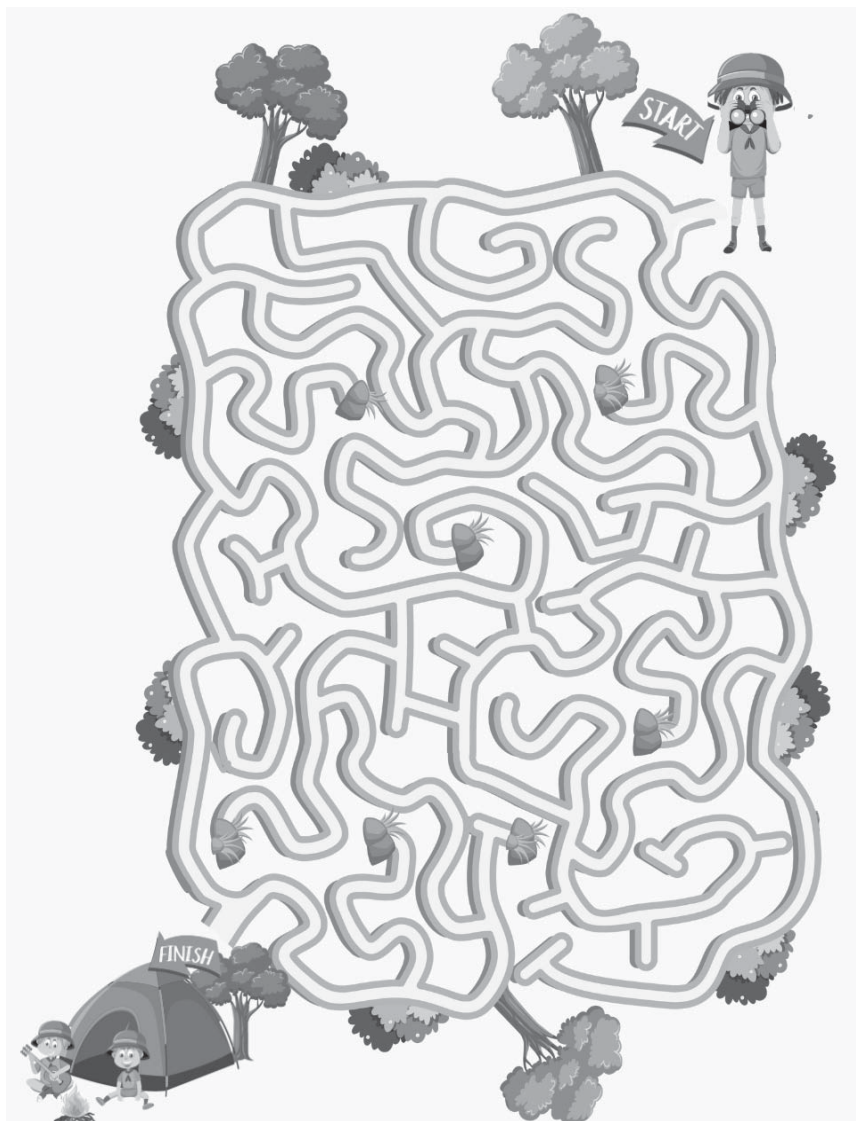
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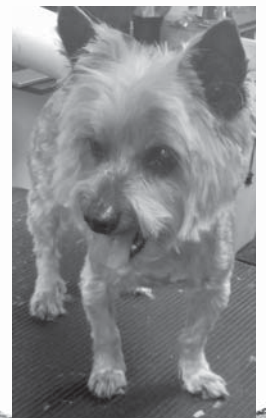
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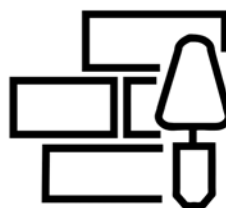
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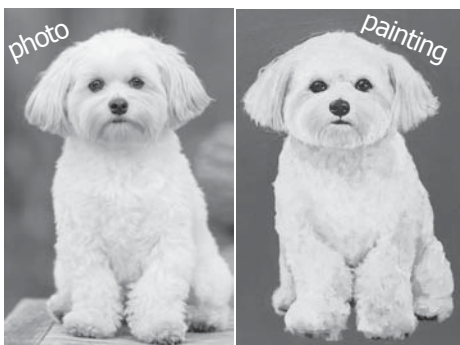
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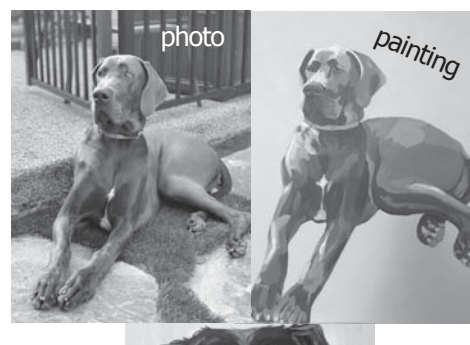


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