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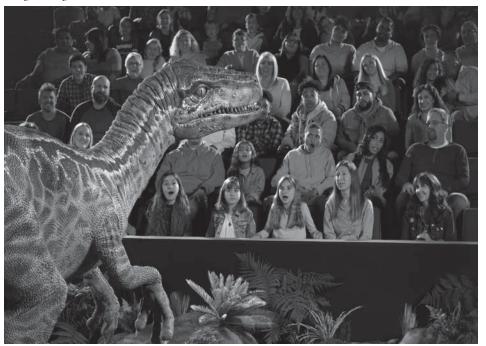
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October has Everything from Pumpkins to Dinosaurs

by Shelly Davis



Jurassic World Live Tour is for all ages and will thrill and entertain.

~photo credit Kerry Ford Communications

The recent warm temperatures have felt like summer, not fall, and that makes it great for getting outside. I'm not complaining but I look forward to welcoming fall and throwing on a jacket as the temperatures drop as well.

Autumn festivals are a traditional part of October and they are located all over the area. I have personally visited many over the years and even though my kids are now older teens, we still like going. We just don't get faces painted anymore.

The Spring House in Eighty Four, PA is having pumpkin patch fun every weekend throughout October including hayrides, corn maze, Giant Pipe Slide, yummy food and fun games! Every Sunday is a 4-H Hog Roast as well. Enjoy the meal and the pumpkin patch! More information at springhousemarket.com.

The Houston Pumpkin Festival is celebrating this year Oct. 11-13 at the American Legion Fairgrounds. Fall fun filled with food, games, a parade, music and entertainment and pumpkin activities.

Simmons Farm is having fun every day all of October and will feature Flying Turtle Pen, Peddle Car Drag Race, hayrides, rubber duck races, hay maze and corn maze, butterfly hut, apple picking, Human Hamster Wheel, apple sling shot and more! Info at simmonsfarm.com.

Janoski's Pumpkinland in Clinton is held each weekend in October and features a corn maze, Pedal Bike Path, straw jump, pony rides, pumpkin patch and painting, concession stand food, garden and more. Info at janoskis.com.

Trax Farms, in the South Hills area, is having a fall festival every Sat. and Sun. in October, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. that is full of activities for the entire family including music, food, games, and it's free admission. Ticket purchases required for some activities. Info at traxfarms.com.

Some other festivals include Seven Springs Autumnfest, Soergel Orchards, Triple B Farms, and Hozak Farms.

A different type of festival, but a great one for a rainy day, is Pittsburgh Shorts. This is a film festival of contemporary short films from around the world. This event takes place Nov. 1-7 at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater. Save the Date. Info at filmpittsburgh.org.

Celebrate the 150th anniversary of the H.J. Heinz Company with Hometown Homegrown: Heinz 150, on Oct. 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Heinz History Center.

This food expo will feature spe-

cial cooking demonstrations, family friendly activities, live music, sampling of food from over 40 vendors, and six floors of fun! Info at heinzhistorycenter.org.

Another fun food event is Best Bites Pittsburgh. This Downtown Pittsburgh Restaurant Crawl will be Oct. 12, 2-6 p.m. and will feature stops at twenty locations ending at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel for the Best Bites Awards After Party. Info at bestbitespittsburgh.com.

Another downtown event that will have you walking throughout the city is Doors Open Pittsburgh. It will be held on Oct. 5-6. You are to go to the website and decide which buildings you want to explore, then go explore! The buildings vary and are Downtown and Northside. Inside there's a guide to help with questions but it is mostly all self-guided. There is a complete list of the buildings and a little about each one to help you choose in advance what your path may be. This year there is a an Exhibitor Event in Market Square that is free. You must get all tickets online at doorsopenpgh.org.

Try something different and include the kids at *Jurassic World Comes to Life* at PPG Paints Arena on Oct. 24-27. This adventure is a story and a show that you are involved in and you will get up close to many different dinosaurs including the T. rex! Info at jurassicworldlivetour.com.

Another show that is appropriate for all ages is The Smallest Show in Town, on Sat., Oct. 12, 6 p.m. at Arcade Comedy Theater. This show has music, laughter, comedians, storytelling and acoustic music for a one-of-a-kind evening. Info at smallestshow.com.

A fundraising event that supports a great cause, The Salvation Army Family Caring Center, and will be a fun night is the 18th Annual Garbage Bag Gala & Fashion Show on Oct. 10, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Sheraton Pittsburgh Station Square.

Local designers create unbelievable outfits from garbage bags and other recycled materials and they are modeled and judged during a fashion

show. There are also hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Guests are encouraged to create their own "trashwear" and wear it to the event.

The message is everyone and everything deserves a second chance to be something great! Info at garbagebaggala.org.

The Fall Flower Show begins on Sat., Oct. 19 at Phipp's Conservatory and will run for only three weeks. The theme of this display is Japanese Inspirations with a celebration of harmony and nature. Enjoy vibrant blooms, origami peace cranes, floating lanterns and a dragon festival display. Info at phipps.conservatory.org.

The National Aviary is offering a Bird Lovers Adventure Bus Tour on Oct. 12, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. This trip to Blue Spruce Park in Indiana County will be the destination whereby 137 bird species have been seen. You will hand feed some birds, enjoy the fall foliage and much more! Lunch is included. Info at aviary.org.

This is also the month of Halloween which means Trick or Treaters will be coming so be prepared with some treats! It also means there are some scary, haunted trails and houses to check out, if you dare. Kennywood has Phantom Fright Nights and includes new extra creepy additions. Carnegie has the Trail of Terror and there are so many more. Go to swpenna.com for a complete list.

October is one of my favorite months outside of summer because the sky always seems so blue and the air is so crisp. This year, so far, the temperatures are really warm but soon, we will need light jackets, then before you know it...coats, gloves, and hats! Quick, get outside now before it's too late!:)



TechTalk 2.0: Putting your Spare Change to Work for You

by David Domalik



The tradition of saving your spare change by putting coins in a jar has been around for decades, but a combination of inflation and the rise of digital mobile payments has been phasing out cash transactions. With fewer coins to put in the jar, a new app has emerged to serve the same purpose but with added functionality for the 21st century. Acorns is a spare change investing app that rounds up your recent purchases to the nearest dollar and invests that money in a financial portfolio.

With Acorns, every purchase you make lets you invest a tiny bit of cash that will likely grow in value over time. For example, if you spend \$45.60 on a tank of gas, you will invest \$0.40 into your Acorns portfolio. To do this, the app securely connects to your bank account and credit/debit cards and monitors the amount of each transaction.

When you set up your Acorns account, you're given the choice of five ETF portfolios to invest in ranging from conservative to aggressive. The portfolios include a wide variety of over 7000 large, small, real estate, corporate, emerging, and international stocks and bonds curated by a Nobel Prize-winning economist. These portfolios are especially convenient if you don't have the time to trade individual stocks or study market trends.

It might take a while to earn anything significant from such modest deposits, so the app allows you to schedule weekly payments as well as make a larger one-time deposit. Based on trends in the economy, it's been predicted that all accounts will grow exponentially with time. Depending on how often you spend and the portfolio you choose, a long-term investment is expected to produce great

returns, while short-term returns will be minimal.

Acorns costs \$1 a month for a core account. With a large enough investment, this fee could pay for itself in time. For \$2 a month, you get access to Acorns Later and special features that make it easy to save for retirement. A third plan for \$3/month adds Acorns Spend that includes a Visa debit card linked to your Acorns account. College students who register with their university email can start investing using Acorns for free. Go to

acorns.com to not only save your spare change, but have it work for you!

If you'd like to learn more about Acorns and other technologies, please visit my website writingbydavid.com. It includes all my past articles, information about me, and ways to contact me. As soon as I'm finished writing my next article, it will also be available exclusively on the website until the release of next month's paper.

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Musings...The Power of kindness



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by Sharon Eakes

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?"

Jean Jacques Rousseau

In the 1930s my dad was a student at CoIlege of the Pacific. He and his fraternity brothers decided to put some research to the test. They'd heard plants were affected by how people talked to them: with kind, encouraging talk they thrived. Trash talk them and they withered.

My dad and his friends named the two large plants on either side of the frat house entrance Fred and Larry. They decided to hate Fred and love Larry......drum roll....Larry thrived and, in a matter of months, Fred drooped and had to be replaced.

The amazing next part of the story is what touches me most (maybe because its ripples actually did touch me.) My dad and his friends were shocked. They called a meeting and concluded that "If being kind and being mean had such an impact on Fred and Larry, it's got to be true for

people too." They then committed to being kind to each other. And it became habitual. My dad was kind to business colleagues, clients, and family, including me. Lucky me!

The lesson of Fred and Larry is twofold, demonstrating both the power of kindness, and the power of unkindness.

I am reminded of a retired divorce lawyer I know. As a practicing lawyer he had a reputation for getting people favorable settlements. Once retired, he reflected on all those divorces and wondered if there were any way he could help save marriages instead. People still call on him occasionally to help with divorces, so he has tried an experiment. He agrees to take a case only if the potential client agrees to his terms, which he promises will "smooth the process." Here are the terms: "for one month bend over backwards with kindness toward the spouse you want to divorce." You can guess the outcome. In almost every case the client falls back in love and decides to stay married.

With kindness both givers and receivers benefit.

Scott Adams said it well:

"There's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act carries a ripple with no logical end."

COACHING QUESTIONS/TIPS

- 1. What is the habit you've developed on the kindness.....meanness spectrum?
- 2. How might you become more aware when you're thinking mean thoughts or about to say or do something unkind?
- 3. When you become aware, choose kindness every time.
- 4. Be extra kind to the people you love.
- 5. Look for ways to do random acts of kindness, which ripple out into the world. (Check the website www.actsofkindness.org, the website of The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. There you'll find ideas for spreading kindness in your workplace and your community.)





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The Fishin' Hole



by Sam Hall

October means that everyone I see will eventually, after the pleasantries, get around to asking me, - "are there any steelhead running in Erie yet?"

The answer for the first two weeks of the month will be, "probably not."

But then I will start to wonder myself, and make some calls, and the answer will still be, "probably not."

Although, the bottom line is, no matter how many people tell you "no" you won't really have the answer until you go.

First good rain on a day with a high temperature in the 50's and that will do it.

Yes - it will likely bring some fish. But what it will really bring are thousands of anglers, and that yuckiest of things, five guys surrounding two steelhead in a hole and bashing them on the head with wooly buggers for four hours.

Wait until November and go on a Monday, or even better, a Tuesday. You can thank me when you come

Instead go for a walk around here and find some of the best small mouth bass fishing of the year. Go down to the river and load up on the fantastic catfishing bite around town right now.

Or if you like trout, Raccoon Lake, Deer Creek, Pine Creek, Dutch Fork and Canonsburg Lake are all scheduled to get visits from the trout stocking truck during the month of October. Dutch Fork and Canonsburg are scheduled to get their fish during the first two days of the month so, as you read this there are fresh new fish much closer than Erie.

It was a pretty dry September with nearly all of the month's rain coming on the first day of the month and the last day of the month. If you were fishing regularly you would have gotten a really good look at the 'holes' in your local stream. If you were not fishing regularly, well I am going to have you stay after class and clean the erasers, sorry.

The dousing we got on the final day of September may make the water high and muddy but it will get back to normal here very quickly in the early part of October. The small mouth bass will now enter a peak period of frenzied eating to get ready for the coming winter months.

If the air and water temps are warm (like they are forecast to be) in the coming days, find the deeper holes at the tail end of fast moving water and you will find the big bass eating big bait. Let your bait run through the fast water until it naturally finds the easing of the current. The fish will be waiting.



October brings beautiful smallmouth like this. ~photo courtesy of Sam Hall

If instead you are thinking of those freshly stocked trout, the fish will be wary after being so recently moved. Smaller bait presentations that look as natural as possible will produce.

If you are a largemouth lover, the freshly oxygenated water should wake up these fish who I have found stubborn and quiet for the last month or so. The water temps in the local lakes and ponds should start to drop and get the largemouth into a more active feeding pattern in the early mornings and late evenings for the entire month of October.

Next month we will get a report on Erie as I write, recovering from my traditional Halloween candy coma, in the Fishin' Hole. Keep those lines tight and send your stoand pictures ries samdhall@comcast.net.





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GREEN TREE PUBLIC LIBRARY Manilla Ave Pittsburgh 15220

10 Manilla Ave., Pittsburgh, 15220 greentreelibrary.org, 412-922-9292

Annual Used Book Sale - Oct. 3 - 7. Great bargains and helps the library!

Storytimes for toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children.

Book Donation Day, first Sat. of month **Saving Gives you Power: Kids,** Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m.

Adult Book Bingo, Oct. 10, 7-8 p.m. Alert 360 Self Defense Training, Oct. 12 & 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.- recurring age 17+.

Art Discussion Group, Oct. 14, 2 p.m. Adult Board Games, Oct. 12, 12-4:30 Block Party, Oct. 14, 1 - 3 p.m. Ghost Stories (Adults), Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Cookbook Club, Oct. 18, 2 p.m. Book & Film Club, Oct. 21, 2-3 p.m. Alcohol Ink Tile Coasters, Oct. 22, p.m.

Halloween Scavenger Hunt, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Celebration of Animation: 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. Halloween Storytime and Parade, Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m.

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SCOTT TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

301 Lindsay Rd., Scott Twp., 15106 scottlibrary.org, 412-429-5380

Storytimes and activities for toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children.

Book Sale, Oct. 10 - 13, Shop from a wide selction of books and more!
Cooking Club, Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m.
Conversation Salon, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.
Simple Wire & Bead Jewelry Workshop,
Oct. 9, 1 p.m., teens and adults.
Adult Scrabble and Games, Tuesdays
Senior Chair Exercises, Tuesdays
Puzzle Time, Fridays, 1-4 p.m.
LEGO Club, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Yoga Class, Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Drop-In eBook Assistance, Oct. 10 & 17, 3 p.m.

Adult Color Time, Oct. 11 & 25, 2 p.m.

Video Games After Hours, Oct. 11, 5 p.m. for 3rd - 12th grade. Pizza and prizes.

British Discussion Group, Oct. 28, 6 p.m.

STEM in the Kitchen, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.

FOSTPL Card Party, Oct. 19, 1-4 p.m.

Bring board games or cards, enjoy 50/50 raffle, basket raffles, desserts and refreshments. \$15/person.

Improv Night/Costume Contest, Oct. 24, 6 p.m.

Escape Room-Harry Potter Hogwarts Halloween, Oct. 25, 5 - 9:15 p.m. and Oct. 26, 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Call for details.

Halloween Origami, Oct. 26, 11 a.m.

Cult Movie Classic Series:

Some Like it Hot, Bullitt,

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH WEST END

47 Wabash St., Pittsburgh, 15220 carnegielibrary.org, 412-921-1717

Book Sale, Oct. 17-19, Shop from a wide selction of books and more!

Storytimes for toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children.

Kids' Club, Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m.
Teen Time, Tuesdays, 4:30-6 p.m.
West End Writing Club, Weds., 10 a.m.
Book Ends Book Club, Oct. 10,11 a.m.
Board Games, Oct. 12, 2-4 p.m.
Adult Craft: Acrylic Pour, Oct. 16, 6 p.m.
CookBook Club, Oct. 26, 1 p.m.
Tween Scene Halloween Party, Oct. 30, 3:30 p.m.

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720 Sherwood Ave., Pittsburgh, 15204 carnegielibrary.org., 412-331-1135

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One-on-One Computer Assistance and Resume Assistance, Mondays and Wednesdays, all day, by appointment. Green Grocers - Mobile Farmers Market, Every Tues. 4:30 p.m.
Teen Time, Mondays, 3:30 p.m.
The Labs:Open Labs, Thursdays, 3 p.m

The Labs:Open Labs, Thursdays, 3 p.m Kids Club, Tuesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. Reading Buddies, Every Mon., Tues., & Wed., 4-6 p.m.

Family Playshop, Thurs., 10:30 a.m. Adult Open Craft Hour, Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.

A Novel Bunch Book Club, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.

CRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

140 Bradford Ave., Pittsburgh, 15205 craftonpubliclibrary.com, 412-922-6877

Storytime for babies through preschool.

Family Storytime, Mondays, 11 a.m. **Homeschool Art Class**, Oct. 1 & 8, 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Teen Space, Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. **Yoga**, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Technology Help, Weds. at 1 p.m. After School Artists, Oct. 2 & 9, 3:30

Art for All Ages, Oct. 23 & 30, 6 p.m. Scrabble, Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. STEAM Night, Thursdays, 6 p.m. Teen Anime Club,Oct. 14 & 28, 3:30 p.m. Conversation Salon, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. Movie Classics, Saturdays, 1-3 p.m. Monster Mash Bash, Oct. 26, 5 p.m. Fibromyalgia Support Group, Oct. 5 Super Smash Bros Night, Oct. 22, 4-8 p.m. for ages 16 and up.

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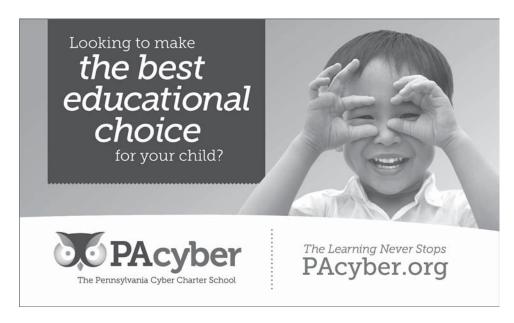
Teen Tuesdays, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,

4-5:30 p.m. Lego Club, Oct. 9, 4 p.m., ages 5-10. 2nd Sat. Lecture, Oct. 12, 1 p.m. STEAM on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. for K-5.

PALS Book Club, Oct. 23, 1-2 p.m. Family Evening Storytime, Mondays, 7 p.m. Listen Locally Downstairs: Rachel Whitcomb, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Pumpkin and PJS, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Teen Ghost Hunt, Oct. 31, 8:30 p.m. Call for details

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October speakers are Oct. 10, TBD; Oct. 17, Sharon Sumansky -Mercy Homeless Services; Oct. 24, Brian Lockman - PA Cable Network; Oct. 31, no speaker; Nov. 7, Robyn Vitteck - WQED

More info call Rick Porach 412-655-4174.

TRAIL OF TERROR

This haunted attraction will be held at Carnegie Park on Forsythe Rd., Fri & Sat. Nights, Oct. 11. 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26.

The younger kids can attend the Annual Halloween Promenade on Sat., Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m. starting at the East Main St. Bridge. Treats, surpeises and prizes! Come early to register. Info at carnegieborough.com.

GREEN TREE WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

The Green Tree Woman's Civic club is celebrating 40 years of service and being an active organization in the community. The club was charted in 1979 and is dedicated to developing the educational, civic, and social interests of its 48 members and to advance the welfare of the community. Through its history the club has given over \$40,000 in scholarship money. The Organization holds an Annual Spring luncheon to support the scholarship fund. The group holds

community events and supports the military community with their Celebrate Our Heroes program. The club gives annual donations to many organizations.

The anniversary celebration will be held at the monthly Nov. 7 meeting, 7 p.m., Carlisle Social Hall, Green Tree Fire Hall. Guests are welcome. Marilyn Albitz will present on the history of the club. Carol Trexler will bring items and pictures from the Historical society. There will also be a tea. Please wear a hat and gloves or a 70's outfit for an evening of excitement, fun and celebration.

FORUM FOR COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, at 45 East Steuben Street, Pittsburgh, is offering a forum for community members and leaders to discuss issues and concerns relevant to our neighborhood on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. October 10: Opioid Addiction Crisis - Guest Speaker: Fr. Jay Geisler; October 24: Youth and Teen Concerns - Guest Speaker: School District Personnel; November 7: Senior Concerns - Guest Speaker: Representative Dan Deasy's Office

Info at 412-921-1125.

26TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

The South Park Women's Club will have their 26th Annual Craft Show on Sat., Oct. 12, at Broughton Vol. Fire Hall, Cochran Mill Rd, South Park Twp. From 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission FREE and includes 59 skilled crafters, raffle, Chinese Auction, lunch, baked goods. Proceeds benefit club and 3 scholarship funds.

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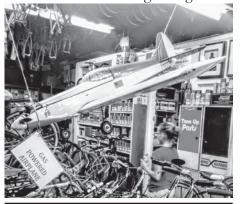
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Around Town

Hi, and welcome back to Around Town!! I'm going to talk about visits to Bicycle Heaven, Randyland and Rolling Hills Horse Farm.

At Bicycle Heaven, the outside of the building gave me a stunning first impression. It was painted exceptionally well and had a welcoming feeling. Once



There are amazing sites at Bicycle Heaven.

I was inside, I was speechless once again. I had never seen so many bicycles at once! I was immediately intrigued and started exploring.

One of its oldest bikes was called the penny farthing bike. If the name doesn't ring a bell, then this will help: the penny farthing bike is famous for it's extremely large front wheel. This wheel is very big, so with every rotation you go three times farther than the modern bicycle. It is named "penny farthing" after the two British coins, the penny, a large coin, and the farthing, a small coin (information from Bicycle Heaven and Wikipedia). One of the most artistic parts of the museum was two bikes that a tree had grown around. The two bicycles were leaned against a tree in a junkyard, and, over time, a wonderful work of art was created!



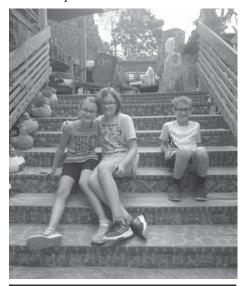
A very unique bike!

Bicycle Heaven also has a bike trail. The trail is 15 miles of Pittsburgh sightseeing and you can rent almost any bike from Bicycle Heaven for only \$8.

If you are in a situation where you need just one bike part, like a banana seat, but you can't buy a whole new bike, you

can go to Bicycle Heaven and buy almost any bike part, no matter how small. There is also an online ordering option! Bicycle Heaven is a great place to go, especially on a rainy day. Plus, its free, so on one of those days when you can't find anything to do, I suggest you drive to Bicycle Heaven.

Randyland, on the North Side of Pittsburgh, is one of the dreamiest places I have ever been to. It's like a kid's idea of the perfect yard. It has toys, old phones (which are my favorite!), and tons of selfie spots.



Randyland is the perfect place for pictures.

If you're feeling energetic, check out the rocking ponies, sand piles, and random toys scattered around. My little sister, Mary, thinks you should try out the toy rats and snakes. My little brother, Jacob, likes the ponies the best. As I already mentioned, the toy phones are my personal favorite. Something about them both amuses and fascinates me.

If you are the type of person who enjoys sitting quietly and enjoying the view, then Randyland has something for you, too. There are plenty of places to sit and



A cheery site at Randyland.

relax, and I think that you may feel the need to look until your eyes are sore.

Taking pictures alongside the amazing scenery seemed to be the main



Relaxing at Randyland!

thing to do. People would pose in front of everything: on a staircase, inside a chair that looked like an actual hand, and astride a kids' toy horse. So if you are feeling like everywhere you turn there is unhappiness and you need a pick-meup, head on down to Randyland. Oh, and it's free as well!

The world always looks better astride a horse. At least, that's what I



Getting ready to ride.

thought as I rode on Fiona, one of the 50 trail horses at Rolling Hills Horse Ranch. Rolling Hills is a cool place where, not only do they have horses for people to ride, but they take care of other people's horses. They take care of 70 privately-owned horses.

Anyone age 8 and over can ride a horse there, and you have the option of wearing a helmet or not. I strongly suggest that you do wear a helmet unless you are an experienced rider.

by Sophia Paulick, 6th grader

The horse trail takes you up and over a hill and down into a tree-filled area. You're traveling in what feels like a forest and pop out onto another grassy hill. You have the option of running up and down the hills, then heading back to the main building.

When you ride a horse, especially for the first time, you need to learn how to control it. You need to learn how to turn a horse left and right by steering the reins. You may also wish to learn how to make the horse canter, trot or gallop. Don't worry if you don't know all these things, because the people who work there will teach you everything you need to know. I learned all sorts of interesting things about taking care of horses that day, including



Riding horses is for all ages!

how much and what they eat (oats, hay and grass). Fun fact: it's better for horses to be put in a somewhat grassy field than an extremely grassy field. Can you guess why? (Hint: It has to do with evolution.)

If you are a horse lover and feel you are miles away from your favorite animal, don't worry - Rolling Hills is right down the road.

Thanks for reading Around Town!! I'll see you next time!!

Take a Look...

Zoo Challenge Games and Puzzles Around Town Art Fun with Lydia Lion King Review

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Take the Challenge!

The 8th Annual Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium challenge is back! Each issue there will be a "What am I?" animal quiz with the answer on the back page. Try the October quiz to the right.

Cut out the quizzes and print the articles and create a book. It can just be the pages stapled together or get as fancy as you would like. At the end of the school year, bring your completed book to the Zoo for a free admission between June 15 and August 15, 2020 and save \$\$\$!

Good luck!

Answers for puzzle on back page. (Don't Peek!)

Strand of witch hair candy by pumpkin April, because she lied cat's tail top of broom bristles about getting her mail. Witch panty hose hat buckle There is no mail delivery finger missing tooth missing on Sundays.

Can you solve the crime!:

The Eight Differences:

TRICK-OR-TREATER'S GUIDE

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Older children should always walk in a group.

Use flashlights, glow sticks or reflective tape to make it easier to be seen in the dark.

Only go to houses with the front porch light on.

Do not go inside anyone's house.

Only cross at crosswalks and look carefully before crossing.

Be careful when walking past driveways.

Do not eat candy until it is checked by an adult.

Eat only factory wrapped candy, no homemade treats.

Walk don't run!

Be sure your costume fits well to avoid tripping and only wear a mask that doesn't hinder your sight.



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- 1. I am about 4 to 41/2 feet tall and weigh between 500-700 pounds.
- 2. I live in Africa in the open grasslands, savannas and woodlands. I live to be 15 25 years old.
- 3. My hair is short and coarse and is a white or buff base color with black or dark brown stripes over my entire body.
- 4. I have a stiff mane, like a mohawk on my neck.
- 5. I mostly eat grass and sometimes shrubs, herbs, twigs, leaves and bark.
- 6. We live in herds with usually one male and up to six females, or mares. Mares give birth to one baby or foal at a time. That baby can stand within 15 minutes of being born and can run after a few hours.
- 7. A fun fact: We live in a sentry system whereby most of the herd sleeps and some stay awake to keep guard.

I am a(n)

Look for the answer on the back page.





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Fun with Lydia

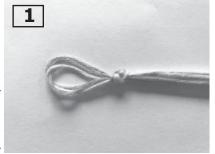
by Lydia Deimel, 6th grader

Did you know there are many types of fiber arts? Some examples are: weaving, friendship bracelets, tapestries, and embroidery. Today we are going to be further exploring friendship bracelets.

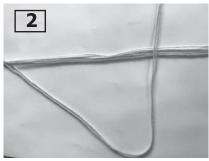
Friendship bracelets originated in Central America. They became popular

in the 1970s, which is when macrame became popular as well. So, friendship bracelets are a type of macrame, which is making crafts by stringing knots together.

Today I am going to be teaching you how to make two different styles of friendship bracelets. One is called the Chinese staircase, which is moderately easy. The other is made with alternating half

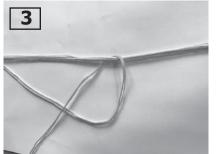


hitch knots. This one doesn't have a name (that I know of) so we'll just call it the Hitchhiker!



I'll start with the Chinese staircase. You'll need 3 pieces of different colored string (I use embroidery floss), each 50 inches long. Next you will fold them all in half and tie a not at the top, resulting in a loop. [Image 1] Then, separate your strings by color and tape or pin the top loop down to a table or your jeans! You will have 2 pieces of each color.

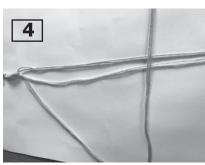
Start with the two pieces on your left hand side. Bundle the remaining 4 strands together. Next, make a "4" with the two strings on the left. [Image 2] The strings then need to slide under your bundle and through the center of your 4. [Image 3] Pull it tight to the top knot and repeat until you have a section big enough for your liking!

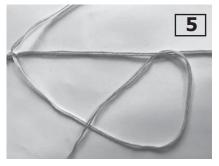


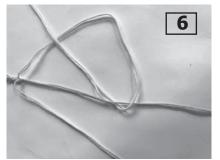
To switch colors, set your first color into your bundle and take up your second color. This color should now make the "4". [Image 4]. Continue switching colors until you feel that the bracelet is long enough. When you're ready, tie a knot at the bottom and give it to your friend!

The Hitchhiker is a slightly more difficult bracelet to make. Start the same way that you started the Chinese staircase, with a loop at the top. You will need the same amount of string for this bracelet. The middle color of string will not be seen, so don't make it your favorite color!

Start by making a "4" with the left color around the center strings only. [Image 5] Tighten it to the top in the same way that we did the Chinese staircase. Then take the right hand color and make a backwards "4" around the center strings only. [Image 6] Continue alternating from the left to the right side until your bracelet is finished. Then tie it off and give it to a friend!







Friendship bracelets should be worn until they fall off naturally to symbolize the love and friendship of whomever gave the bracelet. Friendship bracelet colors have certain meanings. Think about what colors to use when making your bracelets.

Red: love, action, adventure Yellow: friendliness, optimism,

creativity

Green: calm, natural, compassionate Blue: peace, hope, reliability Purple: strength, sophistication,

Black: mystery, power, confidence

Orange: happiness, joy, excitement Pink: affection, enthusiasm, youth

Brown: stability, comfort, loyalty

White: kindness, truth, clarity



Enjoy making and giving!!

The Lion King was Wonderful!



The Lion King

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The sensory friendly performance of the Lion King was wonderful! The costumes and the puppets were beautiful. The dancing and the music was fantastic. The sound level in the auditorium was at a good volume. Not too loud! There were a lot of lights on in the theater. The Benedum atmosphere was relaxing and laidback. Families were happy!

I thought it was amazing how everyone was accepted. If kids were loud or couldn't sit still, it was fine. We were all there for the same reason, to see the Lion King.

by Shelby Coccagna



At the Benedum for The Lion King.



Fun and Games



Answers on page Jr. 2.

Find the eight differences in the pictures below.







Can you solve the crime?

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Shauna's bike was stolen Sunday early afternoon. The following are the alibis of the questioned suspects. Who most likely stole the bike and how do you know?

April said she was getting her mail. Alyssa said she was doing laundry. Reggie said he was cooking. Mark said he was planting in the garden.



We are looking for kids ages 6 - 13 as writers, artists, or anyone interested in contributing to this kids' newspaper. We also need someone who likes to try new things, write and can commit to writing a bi- monthly column for the front page.

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Zoo Challenge: I am a Zebra.

Community Bulletin Board

SOUTH HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB

The South Hills Women's Club next general meeting will be held on Mon., Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. The club meets at Vanadium Woods Village, 50 Vanadium Road, Bridgeville.

Bob Byers, a specialist in Medicare insurance, will speak to the group regarding the many options afforded senior citizens and help clarify the choices. Interested in attending call Sue at 412-257-1057

ROSTRAVER SPORTSMENS ASSOCIATION

The Rostraver Sportsmens Association located at 539 Cedar Creek Rd., in Belle Vernon, Pa. will a special youth Pheasant hunt for for ages 12 to 16 year olds on Sat., Oct. 12, 8-12 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Must register with the Pennsylvania Game commission. Information call 412-779-1250.

The monthly meeting will be held Mon., Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Applications are now being accepted from both men and women. For more information call 724-984-6611.

WHITE OAK AMERICAN LEGION

The White Oak American Legion Post #701, 2813 Capital St. in White Oak.Pa. will sponsor oldies dances on Sat., Oct. 5 & 19, 7 - 11p.m. Admission is only \$5 per person. All proceeds benefit veterans programs. Music from the 50s & 60s by Candy and Mike. For more information call 724-984-6611.



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SOUTH HILLS COIN CLUB MEETING

The monthly meeting of the South Hills Coin Club will be held on Tues., Oct. 8, at 8 p.m. at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, 2999 Bethel Church Rd., in Bethel Park. All members and the general pubic are invited. This months program will be on proof coins. A 50/50 will be offered and childrens prizes to be awarded. Applications are now being accepted for membership. For more information call 724-984-6611.

SS. SIMON & JUDE FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

SS. Simon & Jude Parish is hosting "Food Truck Fridays" during the month of October with live music, bon fire, s'mores and lawn games. The food trucks will be in the church parking lot, 1607 Green Tree Rd., and the music, etc will be on the lawn beside the church. Event will run from 4-8 p.m. with the entertainment from 6-8 p.m.

KYIV UKRAINIAN DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES

The Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble is pleased to present - Dance Through Decades, Oct. 26, at the Andrew Carnegie Music Hall in Carnegie, at 2 p.m.

Three friends. A rainy day. An attic full of fun and discovery! Be dazzled by 40 dancers in brilliant costumes and exhilarating choreography.

The performance begins at 2:30pm and is preceded by the Ukrainian Market Place with traditional foods and vendors starting at 12pm. A reception with food and dancing will follow at 5:30pm at St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall in Carnegie. Tickets \$18/adults, \$15/seniors and students. Call 412-527-5359 or kyivdance@aol.com. Info at www.kyivdance.org.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCHEON

Retirees are invited to our October 17, Thursday luncheon with event speaker Sta n Gordon who is

an international UFO expert and author of three books about UFO's. He is widely known and was the principal investigator of the 1965 UFO crash in Kecksburg, PA. He will present a historic video of UFO's and other strange phenomena. Lunch is at noon. Cost \$8 door and the lunch will be at the Plea sant Hills Presbyterian Church, 199 Old Clairton Rd., Pleasant Hills. The Men 's Group is non-denominational. Reserve lunch by calling 412-655-2000, option 0. Come socialize with us and enjoy the presentation.

"HUMOR ME!"

Mark Rackley, a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church, will give impersonations of various comedians and share personal reflections on his Christian walk. Come join the funon Oct. 17, at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 740 Washington Ave., Bridgeville at 6:30 p.m. for pizza, salad and cookies then program at 7 p.m.A free will offering will be taken. Info at 412-221-5132.



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310 Mansfield Avenue, Green Tree 412-921-0745 Fax: 412-921-0707

www.stmargparish.org

Mass Schedule: Tuesday and Friday: 9 a.m. Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation: Saturday: 12-1 p.m. and any time by appointment Administrator: Fr. Robert Grecco Parochial Vicar: Fr. Aleksandr Schrenk Deacons: Kevin Lander & Jim Mackin

Wednesday Bible Study: 10 a.m.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Steuben St. & Lincoln Ave.

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Teaching From God's Word

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Carnegie, PA 15106

Minister Robert W. Hale,

412-279-5030

carnegiechristianchurch@gmail.com

Sunday Services:

Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.

Worship & Communion: 10:45 a.m.

412-921-1125 Pastoral Office Hrs. by Appointment 10:15 a.m. Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Rev. Douglas Kinsey, Pastor Rev. Shawn Markarkey, Pastor

All Saints Polish National Catholic Church

500 Fifth Street, Carnegie 412-276-2462 Fax: 412-276-9677

www.allsaintspnccpa.org

all.saints.pnc.church@verizon.net Weekday Mass: See Bulletin Weekend Masses: Sat.., 4:35 p.m. and Sun., 8:30 a.m. Very Rev. Richard Seiler, Jr. Pastor Independent - Catholic - Sacramental

Hawthorne Avenue Presbyterian Church

90 Hawthorne Ave., Crafton, PA 15205 412-921-2504 Handicapped Accessible 11 a.m. Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Adult Bible Study Pastor Paul Nigra www.hawthornechurch.org

Crafton United Presbyterian Church

80 Bradford Avenue 412-921-2293 Fax: 412-921-0348

www.CraftonUP.com

All Are Welcome Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor Diane Flynn Office: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., M-Th

1st United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights

50 Stratmore Avenue 412-921-6153 9:30 a.m. Faithbuilders 11 a.m. Worship Service Child Care Available All are welcome! Pastor: Dave Carver

Church of the Atonement (Episcopal)

618 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106 412-279-1944 Holy Eucharist Rite II: Sunday, 9 a.m. The Rev. Ben Wright Bible Study: Wed., 6:30 p.m. www.atonementcarnegie.org

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Unity Presbyterian Church

"Serving God, Loving All." Greentree Road at Potomac Ave. Phone: 412-561-2431 Fax: 412-561-0696

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9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Kids' Disciple Zone Class (4 yrs-adult; childcare under 4 yrs.) Rev. Dennis W. Molnar, Pastor

Saint Philip Parish

St. Philip Church, 50 W.Crafton Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15205 Ascension Church, 114 Berry St. Pittsburgh, PA 15205 412-922-6300

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7, 9 & 11 a.m. - St. Philip

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Saint Stephen Lutheran Church

55 Forsythe Road, Pittsburgh15220 Off Greentree Road in Scott Twp. 412-279-5868 Pastor Maurice C. Frontz III, STS Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Saturday Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Church of the Nativity (Episcopal)

33 Alice Street, Crafton 412-921-4103

www.nativitychurch.org

Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Child care provided at 10 a.m. The Rev. Shawn Malarkey

Ambassador Baptist Church

"Representing Jesus" 1926 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh 412-477-3210 www.HisService.com ambassador.montgomery@gmail.com Sunday Services: 9:45, 11, 1:15 Thurs.Bible Study and Kids Club: 7 p.m. Western PA Theological Institute Independent, Fundamental "Preaching and Practicing the Word of God"

Carnegie Presbyterian Church

219 Ewing Road, Carnegie 412-279-3223 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Colleen F. Molinaro www.carnegiepresby.org

United Presbyterian Church in Ingram

30 West Prospect Avenue 412-921-2323

Website: ingramupchurch.org

Worship Service: 11 a.m. Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Rev. Bonnie Taylor

Bible Baptist Church

412 Old Washington Pike Carnegie, PA 15106 412-276-7717

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Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Breakfast 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Evening Worship Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Children's Program Rev. Phil Golden Jr., Pastor

Carnegie Primitive Methodist Church

640 Dow Ave., Carnegie, 15106 (Corner of Fountain St. & Dow Ave.) 412-563-4484

Welcome

Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Thursday Bible Study & Prayer: 7 p.m. Daniel Pastorius, Pastor

Mount Washington Baptist Church

112 W. Sycamore, Mt. Washington 412-431-8396

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Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer & Bible Study: 7 p.m. Nursery Available Independent-Fundamental-Premillenial-Soulwinning Rev. Ray G. Cunningham, Pastor

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900 Chartiers Ave., McKees Rocks, 15136 412-331-3760 Fax: 412-331-3888 meyercccministry@verizon.net Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m Wednesday: 7 p.m. Thrift Shop Monthly: 2nd Sat., 9 a.m. Free Community Dinner Monthly: Last Saturday, 5-7 p.m. Rev. Wayne D. Meyer, Pastor

Church Corner News

Mt. Pisgah Church, 31 Warriors Rd., Green Tree, is back to the fall schedule with worship hours and Sunday School. Sunday school will be at 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to attend Pisgah Pasta, an "All You Can Eat Pasta Buffet" on Friday, Oct. 11, from 4-8 p.m. This buffet offers six homemade sauce choices, all made from scratch, which include Marinara, Traditional Meat, Garlic/Butter, Fettuccine Alfredo, and more.

Also included is BreadWorks breads, AYCE pasta, salad and beverages. Cost: \$9 for adults, \$5 kids 3-12, and free for little ones 2 and under. Everything is available to go.

Trunk or Treat fun (Nintendo version as well) will be on Sat., Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Marry Stichers will meet on Sat., Oct. 19 at 10 a.m.

Daytimers will meet Oct. 29 at 11 a.m.

Info at 412-921-8444.

Unity Presbyterian, (formerly Wallace Memorial Presbyterian) Church, Greentree Rd. at Potomac Ave., will be offering Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Joyful Noise (4 yrs old - grade 1), Disciple Zone (grades 2-6) and adult classes.

Have fun at the BBQ and Car Cruise on Sat., Oct. 19, 12 p.m. Event will feature BBQ chicken and pork, baked beans, pasta salad, cole slaw, bake sale, 50/50, raffle baskets and cool cars! Cost \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.

The AARP Pancake breakfast will be Sat., Oct. 26, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Trunk or Treat for the kids will be Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m. filled with candy and fun!

Enjoy a piano duet featuring Ken Burky and Sandy Rubright on Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. Free and open to all.

Information at 412-561-2431.

Crafton United Presbyterian Church, 80 Bradford Ave., is still holding the weekly food bank on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30-12:30 p.m. as part of the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. Those who wish to receive food must reserve their space by calling 412-921-2293, opt. 3, ahead to schedule their day and time for pickup.

Info at 412-921-2293.

Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 601 Washington Ave., Carnegie, will be holding services of Holy Communion each "Come as You Are" Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m.

As part of Saint John's Music on the Avenue, Rachel Spry Lammi, CAGO, will play an organ ricittal on Oct. 13, 4 p.m. Rachel holds a Masters of Sacred Music degree from Duquesne University with wonderful experience as both an organist and singer. This concert is free and open to the public.

Information at 412-279-2952.

Carnegie Presbyterian Church, 219 Ewing Road, Carnegie, is having Halloween on the Hill on Oct. 27. Trick or treat, games, pumpkin decorating,

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candy maze, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Live music and Clue style mystery game, 7-8 p.m. Live magician, 6-7 p.m. This is free and open to all.

The church has both Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups that meet monthly. Anyone is welcome to join. Contact Heather at 412-860-1142.

Info at carnegiepresby.org.

1st United Presbyterian Crafton

Heights, 50 Stratmore Ave., is having a Free Family Fun Night on Fri., Oct. 11, 6-7:30 p.m. at the church. Event includes dinner and kids activites.

A 6week Positive Parenting class will start Wed. Oct. 16 from 5:30 -7 p.m.and continue every Wed. Thisis a free program.

Exercise indoors M -W-F at 9 a.m. at the church. All levels welcome.

Information at 412-921-6153.

Information at 412-921-61

St. Bernard School, will be holding their Annual Fall Auction on Sat., Oct. 26, in the Our Lady of Grace auditorium. Earlt entry at 5:30 p.m. with VIP tickets (\$60) and 6:30 p.m., general admission (\$40).

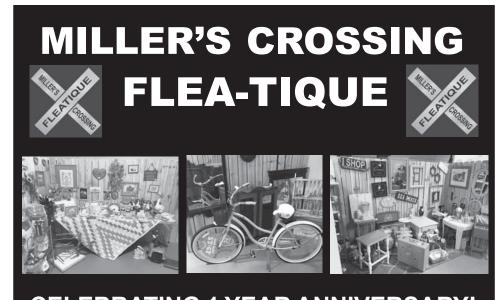
Bring a 3 lb. or 6 lb. can of Crisco or a 4 lb. bag Domino cane sugar for 25 extra small prize reffle tickets.

More info at 412-341-5444.

Note:

See Community Bulletin Board (pages 6 and 7) for Food Truck Fridays at SS. Simon & Jude and for the Community Forum Discussions on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.





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By Marilyn Sorvas



Fire Survivor, 11 year old Oreo, needs a new home.

In order to place a rescued, abused, neglected or homeless pet, the biggest, perhaps most important factor after good health, is the sociability of the pet. And here we're mostly talking about cats and dogs. The pets with the most engaging personalities, those with no trust issues, those that already have self confidence and an acceptance of strangers, will have no problems being adopted.

Let's talk about so called "stray" cats. Once animals are picked up off the streets, they have to be taken to a vet before they can go anywhere where there are other cats, for example. Animal Advocates provides all age-appropriate vaccinations and tests, including feline leukemia and FIV testing. The latter two are the most prevalent health issues affecting cats who were not cared for early

in life, those who are feral and/or born in colonies. "Colonies" are large groups of unvaccinated, wild felines who have not interacted closely with people and who are thus afraid. These cats are called "not socialized."

Rescued animals who run and hide when people try to interact with them are not the ones who get adopted. Therefore, after the vet exams and any treatment required, the next step is to form a relationship with the cats to teach them how to trust humans.

They have to learn that we provide the food, the touching, the care and playing. Yes, feral cats need to learn how to play. They were too busy trying to find food, with little time to play. Playing with your pet forms a bond between you both, a necessary attachment. Needless to say, all this takes time, effort and patience. Many volunteers spend countless hours working at this again and again, repeating the procedures for each new feral cat who needs it. Then the opportunity for adoption is much greater.

At Animal Advocates, 35 Wabash Street, in the Historic West End, a small number are housed above the thrift store and cared for by dedicated volunteers. An approved foster family takes in a cat or kittens and works on the socialization aspect, teaching once totally outdoor cats how to live inside as part of a family of humans and likely, other animals.

Animal Advocates is a "Rescue," not a brick and mortar shelter with regular hours and a paid staff.

The procedures outlined above for cats also apply to dogs, but all dogs are in foster homes as their needs are different. The more foster homes that are available, the more cats and dogs that can be re-homed.

If you would consider being a foster, prospective foster families need to fill out a form answering questions about children, other companion animals in the family, what area is available for foster animals, a plan for exercise and more. Animal Advocates provides vet care and considers which breed, age and size would be a good fit for a prospective foster family. And yes, sometimes animals who start out as fosters end up being adopted by the foster family, which is not a bad thing!

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