

WELCOME neighbors

When I told friends and colleagues I was emigrating to America, naturally people asked where I would settle.

The answer was pre-ordained, and close friends already knew – my wife is from Munroe Falls originally, though she struggles to convince people of that fact after they hear her talk.

Since the objective of the transatlantic upheaval was to be near her family, we were only ever going to be living in a tight radius of one particular zip code in northeast Ohio.

But for those friends that had only known us in more recent years, we had overlooked the fact that many did not know my darling wife heralded from the former colonies, since her accent had changed to a broadly northern English – south Mancunian to be precise – intonation.

(Accents are highly localized in Blighty – 20 or 30 miles is enough for a new cadence or dialect altogether.)

When our newer friends enquired as to where we would be living – and where they naturally hoped to talk their way into free bed and breakfast accommodation for their next summer holidays – they were always somewhat taken aback with 'near Cleveland' as our answer.

There was no point in giving the name of the city as they would not have heard of it. Even 'Akron' tended to elicit blank stares. Older people recalled hearing of Kent for the infamous protest, but it was easiest to stick with 'near Cleveland'.

Since people drive 30 miles on this side of the pond just to buy a gallon of milk, it didn't seem so farfetched.

But the inevitable reaction was 'Cleveland? Why?'

(Actually, had we been moving to Cleveland in England, we would have had much the same reaction to be fair.)

The more knowledgeable would laugh sardonically and mention the burning river. A lot.

More sports-minded friends would laugh at the state of the sports teams, though happily since reversed. Unless you follow American Football, that is.

(Claim to fame – I have always nominally rooted for the Cavaliers since a lad a few years ahead of me at high school became the first English chap to play in the NBA donning the Cavaliers shirt. Mid-to-late 1990s if you want to send your answer on a postcard...)

But for most, they wanted to know why, out of 50 states and 3,000 miles of country in each direction, plus a few islands here and there, why on earth Cleveland?

They were expecting one of the obvious answers – New York, Miami, Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles...

Not least they were hoping for a better holiday destination.

But much as northeast Ohio may have been a preset destination, I would not have it any other way.

Writing this after a long Easter weekend, my family took a (small for American, huge for British) road trip to Columbus and made the most of COSI.



The ancient Winnebago

Then we reversed completely and took our 30-year-old Winnebago on a miraculous trip along 190 towards Pennsylvania, and disappeared into a quiet campsite in the woods.

The children rode their bikes, played games, collected wood for a campfire, and my wife and I read books with a glass of wine in the evening light.

What a perfect long weekend. (Sorry, I will never accept a few days passing as a 'vacation'. Legal minimum in the UK is 20 days a year.)

There is so much for us to enjoy in northeast Ohio – all the advantages of city life with museums, sports, theatre, galleries and restaurants.

And yet all the tranquility of rural America with farms, barns, parks, lakes, rivers and forests just waiting to be explored.

So, on that note I am off to plan the next adventure as a Brit abroad.

Until June, have fun.



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Hen feeding time with (I-r) dad Terry, mom Lillian, daughter Tiffany and husband Neil

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hile many families dream of living and working together, the Mushrush family made it come true as two generations literally bought the farm.

Tiffany Mushrush-Mentzer, 37, had been dreaming of owning her own farm for a few years and was delighted to discover husband Neil Mentzer, also 37, was onboard with the dream.

Her mom and dad, Lillian and Terry, were familiar faces in Chagrin Falls through previously running an equestrian farm and a construction business.

And when Tiffany started talking about her dream five years ago, mom and dad were quick to offer support.

Lillian, 61, said: "About two years later we found this piece of land and bought it. Terry and I sold our property and moved in, then the kids sold their home and moved in too. We have been living together now for going on two years."

The property they bought was a 20-acre rundown farm which has been renamed Harvest Bell Farm and the foursome are hard at work turning it into their family dream.

And Tiffany's sister Heather, 33, may well be lending a hand in the family farm in the near future – she is currently teaching history in South Carolina but hopes to move back home soon. "She is quite artistic, and her touches are around the property," said Tiffany.

Lillian said: "We owned a horse farm in South Russell for about nine years, where The Lantern is today. We both really wanted another farm, and Tiffany and Neil did as well."

The extended family have been sharing their new living quarters with three dogs – Becca, a black Labrador mix, Henry, a mini pincher mix, and May, an English springer spaniel – and cats Oliver, Millbrook and Leo, while Terry and Lillian build another house of their own on the property.

Harvest Bell Farm is more than just a business for the family – Tiffany's goal is to put strong values behind what they are doing together.

"When we started talking about farming I knew I was not ever going to stop eating meat but I wanted to know the animals I did eat were raised humanely and ethically," said Tiffany. "So we decided we would start with hens for eggs, and pigs, and then we would see what we wanted to grow."



Tiffany tending to one of the farm's pigs

The farm started with about 80 hens and now has around 220, with another 175 on the way this month, and is also home for between five and 10 pigs depending on the time of year.

Neil said: "The animals are always pleased to see you as they know you are the keeper of the food, and they get belly rubs."

Lillian added: "Last Thanksgiving we added turkeys into the mix. Neil headed that up with 25 to

start and it was a huge success. They were all sold at an average of 24 to 28lbs and everyone raved at how wonderful the meat was."

The farm is not just for livestock – the family is looking forward to trying their hands at crops as well. Terry said: "We started with an eighth of an acre of garden just to see if we could manage it. To see if we could grow anything at all."

Grow they did – and last year's harvest was from a full acre of land. From an initial experiment with just tomatoes, peppers and lettuce, the family expanded their green thumbs to a wider variety of tomato types, along with zucchini, herbs and celery, and pumpkins – 'a lot of pumpkins'.

Terry added: "No one seems to grow celery around here. There must be a reason for that, but we are going to try it."

Today Tiffany is proud of what they are achieving – their hens were initially moved around the farm in a mobile coop but are now fully free range.

"We let them just roam all over. They have good health, they are eating good stuff from all over, but as we have learned, you cannot have good landscaping and free range chickens as they will just dig everything up." And thanks to the happy hens, the family is collecting 120 eggs a day.

The family story started when Terry and Lillian met at Wilmington College, an agricultural school in southern Ohio, which is where they gained their shared love of animals and agriculture. Lillian then moved on to The Ohio State University and graduated with a degree in horse management.

Lillian said: "I had always been a horse lover so when Terry and I got married we bought our first property in South Russell which was a horse farm we brought back to good condition."

Terry originally ran a landscaping company, later moving into house building with MJ Construction, an offshoot from Lillian's parents' business in heavy construction.

Lillian gained her real estate license in 1979, which she still holds today and continues to work in the field – only Terry – who is 66 - is officially retired and works full time on the farm. "If I am going to die one day, I want it to be out there," he said. "Running around with a bunch of 70-year-olds is not my idea of fun."

Tiffany and Neil became friends during high school – but from rival schools as Tiffany attended Kenston and Neil was at Chagrin Falls.



Terry and Lillian - and a hen

Neil went to culinary college in Pittsburg and then worked as a chef for six years, before moving into his present job as sales manager for Southern Tier Brewing Company out of New York, covering Ohio and surrounding states. He said: "I love my career right now but I know how much Tiff wanted this so I was right on board to play with chicks and pigs and turkeys."

The pair married in 2005 and lived in South Russell before moving to Harvest Bell Farm.

Tiffany graduated from Ursuline College with a degree in fashion merchandising, and then worked for her alma mater for a decade before taking her current role as a fundraiser for Flying Horse Farms, a nonprofit organization for children with severe illnesses and part of the Paul Newman network of camps.

"A lot of things are done by democracy around here," said Tiffany, "we took a vote when we were naming the farm and 'Harvest Bell' was the winner." Fitting, as the farm is located on Bell Street.

There is history to the bell which is now in place of pride at the farm. "My grandmother purchased it when she had a property in Moreland Hills," said Tiffany, "and it has followed my family all the way here. Dad has had to move and replant the bell many times."

Tiffany said: "We all play a part and we all have strengths and weaknesses which is great. When we bought the farm, the land was not in great condition, but dad could see its potential and cleaned it up."

Terry added: "It's 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent perspiration."

He is left with the morning chores while everyone else heads to their day jobs. Neil tends to projects around the property while Tiffany and Lillian hold it all together as a daughter-and-mother team.

Lillian confessed she does have a few pets on the farm. "There is a mini horse, Sam, and a mini donkey, Pippin, and a couple of ducks – Howard and Felix – that I am rather fond of."

They are pleased the farm covered its costs last year and they are all to

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Howard and Felix

be seen taking their turn selling their produce at various venues including the Geauga Fresh Farmers Market. "That has been a nice way to get ourselves into the community," said Tiffany.

They are always looking for a good opportunity – their eggs are stocked by Mazzulo's Mar-

ket in Bainbridge and Neil, who enjoys CrossFit exercise, has found three gyms where fellow CrossFit buffs are happy to buy.

Neil has also called on his chef's training to provide fresh breakfasts at the Cleveland Flea over the winter months, and by teaming up with 'nomadic chef' Kelli Hanley-Potts of the Cleveland Field Kitchen, they have hosted their first dining event in their barn.

Lillian said: "We did a Sunday brunch. Kelli used our eggs and pork which was wonderful. There were appetizers in the orchard, and we set tables in the barn with straw bales for seating and Kelli cooked right there in the loft, with a fire pit outside. We sold out at 60 people and the barn was filled and all lit up – it was beautiful."

Further events are planned, with a dinner in August and a sausage making class in September – keep an eye on their Facebook page at facebook.com/harvestbellfarm for details.

Tiffany concluded: "It is a lot of fun. We would not do it if we didn't enjoy it. Our belief is in working with our community. Our family farm is your family farm."





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Parting Ways, Staying Healthy

WRITTEN BY ERINA CAULDER, LIFE COACH, WWW.ACOMFORTABLEMIND.COM

ow can I stay healthy during divorce? Why is divorce so hard?

I have some theories, and I would like to share two.

The first reason is change. From your house to your schedule, family structure and finances, everything is changing at once.

Internally, divorce changes your concepts of self, love, relationship, family, personal routines...on and on.

Why is this such a problem? One big reason is that cognitively you are working overtime for an extended period. It is scientifically documented that our brains are not wired to make change feel easy. For most of us this quantity of change is severely draining.

The second reason is grief. Everyone suffers some level of grief during divorce, and grief shows up in different ways. It can look like anger, fear, guilt, denial, depression... the same emotional responses we have coping with a death.

So is it possible to have a healthy divorce journey?

As a Life Coach, I believe the answer is yes. For brevity, I will offer just three of the many ways - you can download the full list on my website at www.acomfortablemind.com

- Work with a trained, professional coach or counselor during your divorce. This is not your mother or your best friend. This is a compassionate, neutral listener. Someone committed to helping you move forward in a healthy way, process grief, plan for the future, and make the best choices for you, as you navigate this path. This work will not always be easy but it is incredibly beneficial.
- Shop around until you find a family law attorney you like and trust, and stay proactive throughout your litigation. Respond to their requests quickly, like it is your job. Make yourself familiar with the legal lingo and the necessary steps. Do not be afraid to ask your attorney lots of questions. Check out the free guide on my website for more on these steps.
- 3. Practice extreme self-care. Create a support team around you. Plan fun activities into your calendar. Get more rest than usual, to help offset all that cognitive change. Eat nutritious food, to feed that changing brain. Take care of your body and combat depression and worry by exercising daily, even if it is just a walk around the block. Journal, meditate or pray whatever method you use to slow down and touch base through the day.

You can greatly impact how well divorce goes for you. Set your intention early on to emerge from this season of life healthy, and even stronger than when you started.

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The Pen is Mightier than the Sword

WRITTEN BY CHRISTINE WEISS

nventive solutions to the modern danger of texting while driving were wide and varied in the second annual 'We Solve Problems Essay Contest' for high school students.

The contest, sponsored and created by Alex Gertsburg from Gertsburg Law in Chagrin Falls along with Molly Gebler, director of Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce, sought essays from 9th to 12th grade students from four area high schools.

Judges from across the community selected 27 finalists from 865 entries and



Essay winner Benjamin Karyo of Chagrin Falls High School

awarded best of school, grade level and an overall winner.

Finalists, who all submitted a compelling argument to improve the impact of teen texting and driving in 600 words or less, each won \$100 and a t-shirt from Big Frog, with larger awards going to grade level and the overall winner.

WINNERS

Overall Winner - \$1,000 and a Toshiba laptop
Benjamin Karyo

Grade Winners - \$1,000 each

Molly Sobota 9th grade (Chagrin Falls)
James Sadowski 10th grade (Chagrin Falls)
Riley Kirkpatrick 11th grade (Chagrin Falls)
Benjamin Karyo 12th grade (Chagrin Falls)

Runners Up - \$250 each

Chloe Barnes 9th grade (Kenston)
Alexa Paull 10th grade (Orange)
Abbey Cloonan 11th grade (Chagrin Falls)
Christina Weber 12th grade (Newbury)

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WINNING ESSAY BY BENJAMIN KARYO

Texting while driving: the act of composing and reading messages while operating a vehicle.

According to the Brain Injury Society, texting while driving is equivalent to driving after consuming four beers.

Consequently, texting while driving makes a driver 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash.

In 2016 alone, phones were involved in 1.6 million car crashes and 4,015 car related deaths in the United States.

Despite this, texting while driving is still very common and on the rise. Currently, some technologies exist that can limit such distracted driving, however, none are feasible options for widespread use because of economic obstacles and personal choice - this means that people will not willingly give up their ability to use a phone in the car when they feel that they can self-monitor their own phone use.

Rather, to solve texting while driving I believe it is important to look at how drunk driving - an extremely similar problem - has been substantially curbed over the past few decades.

Policy experts agree that the main decrease in DUIs has been as a result of strictly enforced no-tolerance laws. These laws carry impactful punishments such as a minimum six-month loss of license and a minimum fine of \$250 after being convicted for a DUI in Ohio.

Contrast that with the penalties for texting while driving, a misdemeanor fine of up to only \$150 in Ohio, and it becomes clear as to why texting while driving is still a problem - weak and ineffective laws.

In fact, in some states - Ohio included - police officers cannot pull violators over for texting while driving, instead they need to pull someone over for speeding or for another offense first, this is called a secondary offense.

Such inadequate laws reveal their own incompetencies when put into practice. For instance, the states with the least comprehensive texting while driving laws and penalties are also the states with the most distracted driving accidents. Similarly, the states with the strictest texting while driving penalties and laws have the lowest distracted driving accident rates.

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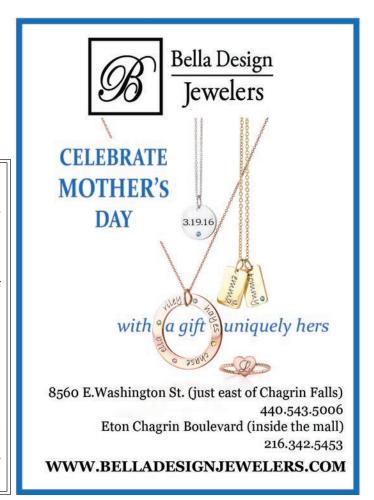
Utah, for example, bans all drivers from texting while driving and levies a minimum \$750 fine for those convicted. As a result, Utah is the safest state in the country when it comes to distracted driving accident rates. On the other hand, states like New Mexico and Kentucky that do not have strict punishments for texting while driving have some of the highest accident rates in the country.

My proposal is to treat texting while driving and drunk driving the same under the law - except in emergencies and occupational necessities. This would mean making texting while driving a primary offense, police can stop a car if the driver is texting, extending minimum license revocations, and implementing possible jail time.

Such a proposal is not overly complex nor exceedingly difficult to implement. What it lacks in awe factor it makes up in feasibility.

Although some would argue that texting while driving can be solved through either technology or education of the masses, realistically both of these approaches rely on too many outside dependencies including people's willingness to devolve their own responsibility and not overestimate their multitasking abilities.

The only true way to make an impact on people's driving habits is to threaten punishment. It worked with drinking, it will work with texting. Now is the time to rigorously legislate texting while driving and drastically curb the number one cause of death for American teenagers.



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Flipping Good News for Pancake Lovers

WRITTEN BY MARK GEORGE, BAINBRIDGE CIVIC CLUB SECRETARY

Nearly 3000 people enjoyed breakfast over three Sundays at the 65th Annual Bainbridge Civic Club Pancake Breakfast.

Proceeds from the pancake breakfast support area organizations in their fundraising efforts, civic club scholarships, and other programs that contribute to the general welfare of Bainbridge and Auburn Townships.

The 3,000 meals could not have been served without the



Lots of pancakes . . . Dan Davis, Dr Dave Fakadej, Mark Kautzman, student Ben Blazek

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First the batter . . . left to right: Student Evan Measures with Bainbridge Civic Club secretary Mark George, and fellow student Ben Blazek

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Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market Open Again

Producers of fresh produce once again brought their goods directly to customers as the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market opened for the season.

With the market's opening day on May 6, the seasonal fixture will be held every Saturday from 9am-12pm.

Located in the South Russell parking lot, the Geauga Fresh Farmers' Market offers buyers the very best that Geauga County has to offer.

First held in 2002, this year the market has many new vendors with great products like small batch coffee, barbecue pork and chicken, lamb, jam and jellies, more fruit and a more diverse selection of baked goods.

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At the end of May and early June it will be strawberry season at the market. If the weather is kind, the market will be bursting with luscious red strawberries.

The market will also offer three farm tours this summer, on June 17, August 12 and September 9. They are free but anyone interested must pre-register.

For more information visit www.geaugafarmersmarket.com, Facebook and www.a2zlivingwell.com.



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Rolling the Dice

WRITTEN BY JESIKA KEENER, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR FOR GEAUGA HUMANE SOCIETY'S RESCUE VILLAGE

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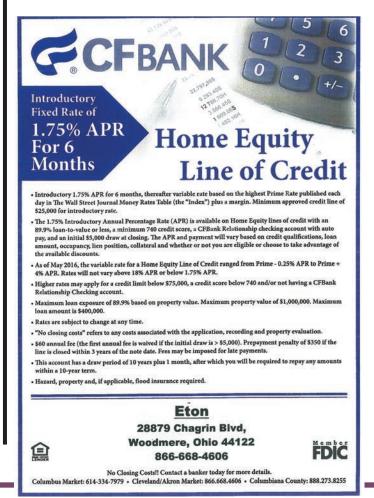


Chagrin Falls Farmers' Market

The Chagrin Falls Farmers' Market will be starting on Sunday, June 5.

Held along North Franklin Street, next to the bandstand and Triangle Park from 10am to 1pm, the market is managed by North Union Farmers Market, a non-profit organization, currently operating other markets in Northeast Ohio including the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland State, Crocker Park, Lakewood and Shaker Square.

Chagrin Falls Farmers' Market will run weekly until October 23.





News and Events Around the Valley

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Youth Leadership Opportunity

Future leaders of Geauga are wanted to join a prestigious leadership program.

The Leadership Geauga Youth Program is designed to teach young people about Geauga County, develop leadership skills and encourage them to serve their schools and be engaged in their communities.

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The program is sponsored by University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center and is available to public, private and homeschool students who are 16-17 years old and in their junior year or equivalent.

Contact Melanie Scanlon for information 440-286-8115 or email her at executivedirector@leadershipgeauga.org or visit www.leadershipgeauga.org.



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Art by the Falls

One of the harbingers of summer in the Chagrin Valley is the annual Art by the Falls festival.

This year's show will be held June 10-11 at Riverside Park in the heart of the village.

A nationally recognized event, the 34th annual festival, orga-Art Center, features juried fine art and crafts from 120 artists from around the

Each year, Art by the Falls attracts about 10,000 visitors who enjoy viewing and buying art and crafts while being serenaded by local performing artists on the Riverside stage.

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Breathe Deeply

Student volunteers are wanted by Holy Angels Church to help care for special needs children as part of an evening respite program.

The Breathe program allows the parents of special needs children to take the night off, and go have fun with some friends or each other.

Their children are taken care of by volunteers, staff, and professionals at the Holy Angels Church.

Anyone is welcome to help, and volunteers do not have to be a member of Holy Angels Church.

Organizer Karen Sunderhaft said: "It is a very rewarding experience and greatly appreciated by both the children and the parents."

Volunteers need to register before the date of the events and anyone interested in helping can visit Holy Angel's Church website under the 'Heal and Service' menu or call the church on 440-708-0000.

More Breathe events are already scheduled for June 23, September 29, and a special December 15 program with Santa. Volunteers are welcome and needed for all dates.

If you have any questions or need more details you can contact Karen Sunderhaft at 440-279-7617 or email her at ksunderhaft@yahoo.com.



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Chautaqua-in-Chagrin

Chautauqua-in-Chagrin is back this summer with more thought-provoking lectures and interactive conversations.

The focus of this year's series is 'America Today', looking at some of the most significant subjects affecting Americans.

Each topic relates to how Americans are living their lives and the social and judicial factors that are influencing the quality, choices and personal expression of those who live in the United States.

The 11th season of Chagrin Arts' Chautauqua-in-Chagrin begins June 13 and continues through July 18 with four evening programs, plus related educational children's programs hosted by the Chagrin Falls Library.

The four evening programs begin at 6.30pm with a presentation from the speakers and will end with an audience question-and-answer session.

Lectures will be held in Chagrin Falls at the Federated Church. Single evening tickets are \$16-\$23 for adults and \$5 for students 25 years and younger, or subscriptions for the entire lecture series are \$60 for general seating and \$85 for preferred seating.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at 440-247-9700 or at www.chagrinarts.org.

Safety Town Registration is Now Open

Children entering Kindergarten this autumn have the chance to take part in a safety awareness program.

Chagrin Falls Safety Town is a nationally recognized safety awareness program for children entering kindergarten.

Taught by the Chagrin Falls Police Department and youth volunteers, with the cooperation of the Chagrin Falls Fire Department and the Chagrin Valley Jaycees, the classes are 80 minutes a day for 10 days.

Classes will be held July 17-28 at the Gurney Primary School on Bell Road and children must be registered by June 1.

For more information contact Patrolman Jason Fischer at jfischer@chagrinfallspd.com and registration forms are online at www.chagrin-falls.org.

Green Thumbs Wanted

It takes a village to keep things blooming downtown Chagrin Falls for the enjoyment of the community and its visitors too.

More than 700 hours of volunteer work help keep the village urns, hanging baskets and gardens filled to make Chagrin Falls a colorful showplace in the spring, summer and fall.

Individuals can help by taking on tasks such as spring cleaning the gardens and urns, planting and maintaining flowers throughout the seasons.

Volunteers can offer as many hours as they wish. If you enjoy gardening and would like to be a volunteer, please contact Anne deConingh of the Chagrin Falls Village Beautification Committee at awomb@yahoo.com.



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Looking Through The Glass Asylum

WRITTEN BY CHRIS CRIMALDI, OF THE GLASS ASYLUM

The Glass Asylum is a premier glassblowing studio right here in Chagrin Falls.

We produce hand-crafted glass art and light fixtures for residential and commercial needs. We teach classes, rent studio time, and host events for both corporate and personal parties.



Our aspiration is to offer multiple outlets for the public and creative community to expand their appreciation and knowledge of the art of glassblowing.

Our founder and head artist, Christopher Crimaldi, has created a studio that is as approachable as it is fun and rewarding to all who enter. His lighting work can be seen in restaurants and homes throughout Cleveland.



Chris Crimaldi

We feature glassblowers monthly. May's featured artist is Dean Wehrenberg. He will be doing live demonstrations the first and last Fridays in May.

Stay tuned for information about our 2017 lighting line coming soon.











BAINBRIDGE LIBRARY

Author Presentation No Money, No Beer, No Pennants: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great **Depression** by Scott Longertt Thursday, May 18

Time: 7pm

Program is for adults, registration and information online or at 440-543-5611

Chagrin Valley Herb Society Herb Sale

Saturday, May 20

Time: 9am - until all herbs are sold No registration required, call for information on 440-543-5611

Learn to Ride a Bike Sunday, May 21 Time: 10am-12pm Program is for children, registration and information at 440-543-5611

Tie Dye T-Shirts Monday, May 22

Time: 7pm

Bring a favorite white shirt to tie dye with local experts Program is for adults, registration and information at 440-543-5611

Cost: \$5

Cool Classics for a Hot Afternoon: Some Like it Hot Friday, May 26

Time: 2pm

Program is for adults, registration and information at 440-543-5611 Free movie and popcorn

Basic Bicycle Maintenance - Part 1

Wednesday, June 14 Time: 7pm

Program is for adults, registration and information at 440-543-5611 Bring your bike and the pro mechanics of Bike Ohio will show you how to change a flat tire, clean and lubricate a chain, and make minor adjustments

Build a Better Bainbridge Saturday, June 10

Time: 12pm

Families can drop into the library to work on service projects for local charities.

May 2017

Make Garden Markers Monday, June 12

Time: 7pm

Program is for adults, registration and information at 440-543-5611 Cost: \$10 for 3 markers. \$1 for each additional marker Sara Pemberton from Aras and Nod will guide participants in making unique garden markers from recycled silverware.

The library offers a number of summer programs for kids and teens, visit online or stop by for brochures

CHAGRIN FALLS LIBRARY

Coloring Club for Teens: Grades 5-12 Friday, May 12 Time: 3.30-4.30pm Registration requested for this

Get Wimpy @ the Library Saturday, May 13

free event, call 440-247-3556.

Time: 2-3pm Children ages 7-11 are welcomed to the Chagrin Falls Branch Library for an hour of Wimpy Kid trivia, Cheese Touch Hot Potato, and Wimpy Kid Bingo Registration requested for this free event, call 440-247-3556.

Beekeeping Essentials Monday, May 15 and 22

Time: 7-8.30pm

Amalia Haas, beekeeper and environmental educator, will lead an interactive series on beekeeping at the Chagrin Falls Branch Library. Registration requested for this free series, call 440-247-3556.

Friday Films: Books into Movies Friday, June 2 Time: 12pm

This week, Me Before You, viewing and discussion This program is for adults

The library offers a number of summer programs for kids and teens, visit online or stop by for brochures

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS IN CHAGRIN VALLEY

Popsicles in the Park Wednesdays in June Time: 11am

For all ages Stories, songs and a sweet treat

in Riverside Park

Geauga Fresh Farmers' **Market Opening Day** Saturday, May 6 Time: 9am

Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra presents: Proud To Be An American Saturday, May 13

Time: 8 pm

@Chagrin Valley Little Theater Cost: \$25 adults, \$15 students Information at www.cvlt.org or 440-247-8955

TriTones Surf and Rock Band Saturday, May 13

A musical duo featuring Chagrin Falls attorney Greg Glick, will perform at Joey's Italian Grill in Chardon between 8-11pm.

Chagrin Falls Historical Society presents: Know **Your Antiques**

Wednesday, May 17 Time: 7 pm

Information at www.Chagrin-FallsHistoricalSociety.org

Fire Up! Chagrin Falls Art **Benefit** Wednesday, May 17

Time: 6:30 pm @Pine Lake Trout Club

TriTones Surf and Rock Band Thursday, May 25 A musical duo featuring Chagrin Falls attorney Greg Glick, will perform at Burntwood Tavern in Solon between 7-10pm.

Your HomeTown presents the Historical Home Tour Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3 Time: 9 am- 5 pm

Chagrin Valley Little Theater presents DROP DEAD! June 2 - June 24, 2017 Friday and Saturday nights, 8pm Sunday, June 11 at 2pm Cost: \$18 regular, \$14 students and seniors Information at www.cvlt.org or

Chagrin Falls Farmers' **Market Opening Day** Monday, June 5 Time: 10am-1pm

call 440-247-8955



Valley Arts Center: Art By The Falls Friday, June 9, 9am-8pm Saturday, June 10, 9am-5pm

Ice Cream Social with Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band Saturday, June 10 Time: 2-4pm For all ages

Chagrin Falls Historical Society Clock and Watch Appraisal event Sunday, June 11

Time: 12 pm-4 pm

@ Riverside Park

Cost: Free, but donations are appreciated

Chautaugua in Chagrin: **Compassionate Kids** Tuesday, June 13

Time: 4pm

Kids age K-5 work alongside residents of Hamlet Village and volunteers to make blankets for local shelters

Chautauqua-in-Chagrin presents Our Cities: Building **Better Communities** Tuesday, June 13

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: Subscription holders or \$5-\$23 based on seating Location: Federated Church

KENSTON SCHOOLS

Last day of classes May 26 School resumes August 17

CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOL

Last day of classes June 5 School resumes August 21

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Chagrin Falls Historical Society Raffle

The Chagrin Falls Historical Society is holding its annual raffle. This year's winner can choose one of three top prizes - a round coach airfare to NYC for a three-night stay including tickets for Hamilton and a \$1,000 stipend, or one of three Celebrity Cruise options for two with \$1,000 cash, or a \$5,000 cash prize. Tickets sell for \$100 each, with only 250 sold. The winner will be drawn Sunday, May 28, after the Blossom Parade. Tickets can be purchased at the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. For more information, visit www.chagrinhistorical.org or call 440-247-4695.

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