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Community Calendar

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Mystery Dinner Theatre featuring "Vanderhoof Diamond: the World's Most Valuable Gem." 6 p.m., Wed., Aug. 15. Contact Nevis Knisely 740-667-6526 for invitation.

Second Showing 6 p.m. Fri., Aug 17. *Due to the heavy security during the shows, we ask that you refrain from carrying personal pistols. Security check at the door; anyone disregarding the rules will be escorted out. Security personnel will have warm hands for your comfort.* Donations to go the the Vanderhoof Jolly Workers.

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 a.m., first Saturday of every month. Coolville Volunteer Fire Dept, Pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Donations accepted.

Storytime, 2 p.m., Tuesdays, Eastern Public Library, 38900 State Route 7, 740-985-3747.

Family Game Night, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 9, Old Roots Store, Coolville. Door prizes, food. Free and open to the public. Call Donna Hall, 740-667-0726 or Hope Tilley, 740-667-2206.

Coolville Karaoke Contests, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Fri., Aug. 10, Old Roots Store. No entry fee for youth 21 and under; adults 22 and up \$5 entry fee. Medals given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. Call Donna Hall, 740-667-0726 or Hope Tilley, 740-667-2206.

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Coolville Founder's Day planned for August 4

By **ROXANNA RUPE**
Editor

Plans for the 17th Annual Coolville Founder's Day on August 4 are well under way.

Festival attendees may participate in several new activities such as a pie baking contest and auction, games for kids, and a no-tech game exhibit and demonstration put on by the Athens County Historical Society and Museum.

Traditional activities also are on the agenda, such as a parade, a car show, and all-day musical entertainment in front of the old Root's General Store.

The pie baking contest, to be held at the Coolville Masonic Lodge Hall, will have four categories; apple, cream, fruit/berry, and miscellaneous. Trophies will be awarded for first place in each category and also for Best in Show. Pies may be entered in any or all of the divisions. Participants must bring two pies; one for judging and one for the auction. The auction will be held outside of

the Lodge hall at 2 p.m.

Carnival games for kids will be held in the street by Village Charm.

The Athens County Historical Society has agreed to set up an exhibit on marble games beside the Coolville Public Library. The first 50 children at the exhibit will receive a bag of marbles. Be sure to stop by to relive your childhood or to learn some new tricks.

The car show will be held at the Coolville Elementary School. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. until noon. Winners in all categories will be announced and trophies or plaques given out at 4 p.m.

Musical entertainment will begin at 12:30 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. with the street dance. Schedules of entertainers will be posted throughout town.

The Cooley family will return this year to participate in the parade. The family has also agreed to set up a display in the Coolville United Methodist Church and will be available for questions from the public.

The Coolville Public Library will be hosting a book sale in the meeting room. There will also be a modest local history display and the video collection of "My Life as a Kid" playing throughout the day.

This year the Concerned Citizens of Coolville Association, in partnership with the Athens County Health Department, will host a Founder's Day Walk at Meadow Lane Park (turn left at CoggsHall-Simmons Insurance and follow the dead-end street). It will begin at 8 a.m. and will have no entry fee. This walk is to raise the public's awareness of what the park has to offer.

A few vendor spaces are still available for anyone interested in selling items such as yard-sale items, crafts, fresh vegetables/ fruits, etc.

If you would like to participate in the festival as a volunteer or as a vendor, please contact organizers George Gilbert at 740-667-6799; Roxanna Rupe at 740-667-3354; or Mary Lantz at 740-667-3197.

Volunteers required to continue

The Route 7 Report is seeking volunteers for writing, soliciting sponsorships and getting the newsletter prepared for delivery to the post office in, Tupper Plains.

We are looking for at least three volunteers who are able to help at least through December. We have funding to publish the Route 7 Report at least that long. Two of our original staff members have left us and we are looking for committed replacements.

No experience is necessary; we are willing to assist and train anyone who would like to participate. Contact Roxanna Rupe at 740-667-3354 or 740-667-6429; or Patty Conrad at 740-667-3231.

Look for Language arts pieces

Works of area seventh grade students from Federal Hocking Middle School Language Arts class are highlighted in shaded boxes throughout this month's issue.

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Coolville Garden Club, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14. To be held at Carl & Rosa Lee Klingenberg's home, 29078 Torch Rd. New members/visitors are welcome. Annual dues are \$5. Contact Rosa Lee at 740-667-6231.

Coolville Public Library
740-667-3354

Baby & Me 10 a.m., Mondays, Songs, stories, play for babies and caregivers

Cartooning Workshop, 4 p.m., Wed. Aug. 1. Cartoonist Terence Hanley will present basic cartooning methods. Materials will be provided.

Healthy Girls/Healthy Women, 4 p.m., Wed. Aug. 15. Jennifer Lykens of the OU College of Osteopathic Medicine will discuss topics such as: body image, peer pressure, anatomy, puberty, and healthy lifestyles. Parents and caregivers encouraged to attend with young women. Any woman interested may attend. Call for details & registration.

Recollections (a gathering of seniors), 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug 21.

Route 7 Report Meetings & Deadlines

Held at the Coolville Public Library

Planning for Sept. Issue, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

Deadline for Sept Issue, 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17. All articles, announcements and ads due.

The Community Calendar offers free listings for public, non-profit activities in the Coolville and Tupper's Plains communities. The editor may not be able to publish all calendar submissions.

To submit items for the community calendar, include the name, date, time and location of the event, and the name and contact information for the person in charge.

By Mail: Route 7 Report, P.O. Box 354, Tupper's Plains, OH 45783

Front porch memories from my childhood

By **ALLAN ELBERFELD**
Staff writer

In the good ole' days when television sets were oddities and the only air-conditioned place in town was the movie theater, no one spent their evenings inside. The entire family would sit on the porch or walk next door to lean on the banister and exchange pleasantries with the neighbors. Kids from toddlers to teenagers would congregate, and the segregation by age that is so prevalent today was non-existent. We didn't care if it rained all day. We enjoyed each other's company and found pleasure in simple conversation.

Remember sitting on the porch snapping beans, shelling limas and peas, or doing some other garden chore that kept your hands busy, but let your jaws flap? We kids mainly listened, but once in a while we would get to tell a story or express a dream. You never remembered the tedium of the snapping and shelling when everyone sat down to dinner during the winter and

ate the canned goods everyone helped lay by that summer.

The porch was a good thing during the evenings for family, but it also was a blessing for the grown-ups during those rainy days when Mom had chores to do and didn't want us underfoot. She would make lemonade and we would round up the other urchins and sit on the old wicker rug to play Rook, Fish, or Monopoly. I suppose we quarreled a bit, but by and large, it was good clean fun and didn't take a guidance counselor to plan our day.

Yes, the front porch was the focal point for the family during the hot summers of yesterday, and I feel it's a shame they have passed from the scene.

The porch sometimes could be the *enemy*, however. When Grandmother decided it was time to wash it, most of the labor fell to the kids. All the furniture had to be moved to the lawn and the rug rolled up. In those days porch furniture was substantial, not made from plastic strips and aluminum tubing as it is today.

It was *heavy* and the old glider could never be moved without careful and deliberate attention. It would always rock or slide and the thought of those steel runners on bare feet fostered conservatism in movement. We'd scrub it down, be given a treat or two for our labor and then be told to report back when everything had dried so that we could put it back into place.

I remember one porch in particular that had a swing suspended from the ceiling by chains that squeaked when in use. Early in the fall when it was chilly but fairly pleasant, it was a good place to swing and talk with their daughter. I don't recall what we talked about, but I do remember when the squeaking stopped her father would come out to check the weather!

Front porches are no longer common, but I remember the evenings of my youth, and long for a front porch and a squeaky swing of my own. *My daughter is coming of age, and weather reports are notoriously undependable!*

My favorite place to be would be sitting on the bank of the river with my family fishing and having a good time. Will I lose my fishing from a big catfish? Will it be hot or cold? Is it going to be shady where we are? It is a nice place to fish ... shady, roomy. — *Isaac Stack*

Bits and pieces from recent Orange and Troy township meetings

By **ALLAN ELBERFELD**
Staff writer

The Orange Township Trustees met in regular session on July 3. Present were trustees Roger Ritchie, Wilbur Robinson, and David Sheets; Fiscal Officer Osie Follrod; and Clair Follrod.

The budget for fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$103,298.93 was discussed and approved. Outstanding bills were approved and paid. Mowing schedules were discussed as well as repairs needed for the tractor. All were hopeful the repairs could be completed in a timely manner so mowing is not

delayed.

The Trustees are responsible for the upkeep of 37.44 miles of Orange Township roads. Most of the roads are gravel. Upkeep includes grading, ditching, graveling, chip and seal work, mowing twice a year, snow removal when required, and removing fallen trees from the roadway. In addition to those road duties, the trustees also mow and trim five cemeteries.

The next meeting of the Orange Township will be on August 7. Meetings are held in the residence of Osie Follrod at 41520 Keebaugh-Follrod Road.

Township meetings are open to the public.

By **PATTY CONRAD**
Associate Editor

Troy Township Trustees met in special session at the Hockingport Community Building on June 7.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the closing of a portion of State Route 124. County Commissioners attended to answer questions.

Twenty-four property owners attended in hope of finding a way to continue using the road after its closing. The Director of ODOT was given the opportunity to solve the matter.

Gas prices and property taxes

WOW! Everyone's head in the room just snapped in my direction! Sorry to disappoint so many people who are looking for answers on these topics, as all I have are questions.

I've always wondered why gas prices move up in bigger chunks than they move down? Seems to me if raw material prices go up five percent, then gas prices should move up the same percentage. Just the opposite should happen if raw material drops five percent.

What exactly is a slightly under-educated farm boy missing in this scenario?

However, relief should be on the way from an entirely different source ... **PROPERTY TAX REDUCTIONS!!**

I'll wait until everyone regains their composure from laughing

so hard.

Here's my theory:

Since home values have been falling two to four percent a year over the past two or three years, then everyone should be seeing a "kickback" of seven to ten percent on their property taxes.

I am wondering if the county tax man will be out to give me my reduction check as quick as he would be out to measure my new room addition!

Sounds to me like the guy who prices gas is moonlighting a second job at the county tax office.

It's a good thing they haven't found a way to tax sarcasm as I would be headed for the poor house!

Still looking for answers,

— C.S. Bandit

My Favorite Place

The woods behind my house
 Where it is quiet as a mouse
 That is my favorite place to be
 Be alone with only me
 The sticks and the leaves
 Blow with the wind as if it

breathes
 The darkness from the trees
 The water rushing downstream
 I wish that no one knew about
 this wondrous place

— Jordan Furner

Postmaster's Corner

Protect yourself from identity theft

By DOT NORMAN

Tuppers Plains Postmaster

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Coolville woman's battle against this year's zucchini harvest

By LINDA WALKER

Staff Writer

It began at the end of June: the zucchini harvest (aka the zucchini glut). On June 25, I harvested the *first* zucchini. Two days later as I prepared to leave for a horse show, I had to find a home for some zucchini which I knew would be the size of clubs if I waited until I came home. Thankfully, the preacher's family does not have a garden, so a home was found.

When I returned home from the horse show, I found two zucchinis so large that they would only be useful for making zucchini bread or cake. Fortunately, one of the librarians

wanted to make zucchini bread. I called the preacher's family again and they took another three nice-sized ones off my hands.

That evening I sliced and froze three quart-sized bags to use in future meals of omelets, soups and casseroles. The next day I had fried zucchini for dinner. The following day with a harvest of seven, I parceled out six at the library, ate some of the last one in an omelet and froze the rest.

After only a week of harvest I began to wonder about my sanity when I recalled paying 99 cents a pound for two zucchinis just a few weeks before!

The harvest continues with twice daily checks of the plants (you never know when one

hiding beneath a leaf in the evening may appear as a club-sized monster by morning). I roam the streets of town with a bulging sack of zucchini. The library, the town hall, church, my friends — all can expect to see me with my offerings. The neighbors accept some and I eat many. Everywhere I go I seem to have a bag of harvest at my side. So far people have not begun to avoid me, *but I know it is only a matter of time.*

Luckily, blight wiped out five of my twelve plants, so it may be a while before I become a person to shun.

I know, I know, what kind of fool who lives alone would plant *twelve* zucchini plants? I didn't


plan to, but Bob's Market was out of zucchini seed, so I had to purchase plants and they were in a twelve pack. After all, I did have a zucchini crop failure last year (a first in all my years of gardening). I have often thought that if everything produced as prolifically as zucchini that there would be no such thing as famine.

In the meantime, if you need any zucchini you know who to see. And if you see John and Nevis Knisley out with a sack of harvest, *they only have yellow squash*; so hold out for my zucchini!

Oh, by the way, I made the first picking of the green beans the other day!

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1. ~VOTING SEASON~
Birds of a feather, flock together.
Are we BUZZARDS or EAGLES?

2. ~EAGLES~
One of strength and beauty
Symbolizing
GOD & AMERICA

3. ~BUZZARDS~
One of less beauty and stature
but are needed for
BALANCE

4. ~GOD'S RAIN~
Falls upon the just
&
unjust alike
Matthew 5:45

5. ~VOTING~
Represents yourself,
your family and your integrity
Remember..
Birds of a feather, flock together.

6. ~EAGLE.....~
warrior of the sky, building and protecting our nation.
EAGLES DO NOT ENDORSE...
immoral acts, selfishness, or cruelty.
They do support our troops.

7. ~BUZZARD.....~
quite the opposite of eagle.
If it is wrong, they support it and *then they gobble it up!*
In the upcoming Presidential election, will you be an eagle or a buzzard?

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~DIVIDED WE FALL~**
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Hazel Barnhill reminisces of past Tuppers Plains businesses

By **KIM HAWTHORNE**
Staff Writer

If you were asked about businesses in Tuppers Plains, which ones would come to mind? People today would probably say Subway, Coolspot, or Dollar General. Very few would mention a funeral home, a sawmill or a shoe repair shop.

Spend a few minutes with Hazel (Christy) Barnhill, 92, and you'll learn years of Tuppers Plains history as I did when I spoke with her and her daughter Dorothy Stout.

Barnhill, known to me as Grandma B, grew up on Silver Ridge, between Alfred and Tuppers Plains, one of 13

children.

As a child she attended the Tuppers Plains School, which was located across from the more recent Tuppers Plains Elementary School. A fire destroyed the school during her freshman year, so students attended classes in the top of a general store where Spencers B&D Market now stands. "There was not much school then but it still went on," Barnhill said.

She married Carl John Barnhill in 1935 and they moved to Tuppers Plains in 1939 where they bought what was to be called the Barnhill Gulf Station located where the BP station now stands.

The Barnhill station not only

sold gas for 35 cents a gallon, a loaf of bread for 15 cents, and candy bars for 5 cents, it served as the town's only restaurant. Here one could purchase a hamburger for 10 cents! And, of course, there was always a container of "penny candy" for the kids.

People from many walks of life appeared in the restaurant. At that time the schools did not provide students with lunch, so many of them would go to Barnhill's when the lunch bell rang. Hazel also remembers serving the construction crew lunch when they were building Route 7 in 1950.

Hazel described a typical day with her husband working on

cars in the station and herself preparing lunch for locals.

Her daughter, Dorothy, stated, "When I was a child, the sawmill woke me up every morning at 7 a.m." She also recalled a shoe repair shop on one end of town and a Presbyterian Church where the Tuppers Plains Dairyette is today. "It was a beautiful church with stained glass windows before they tore it down," Barnhill chimed in.

Tuppers Plains seems to have been teeming with businesses in the early days as Hazel also told me of the Arbaugh Funeral Home, a blacksmith shop, a skating rink and a feed store.

I wonder what the 21st century has in store for Tuppers Plains.

Love is pink.
It smells like new roses in a garden.
It tastes like sweet chocolate.

It sounds like a newborn baby.
It feels like silk.
It looks like a box of candy.

Love is the sweetest thing
in the world.
— Leah Allen