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MAYOR'S TIDBITS

Tom Bozarth

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games are now history. The impact of the Games have been significant to Midway in exposure to the world and increased sales for our businesses and restaurants. We saw visitors from all over the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Holland, Israel, and France...

This is a story of Joan (sounds like Johan) and Jet Roell who visited us from Holland.

On the first Saturday of the Games I met a group from Holland walking around downtown. I learned talking to them that they wanted a tour of a horse farm. I arranged a tour of Three Chimneys for the group that afternoon. In that group was Joan and Jet who were guests at Midway Station. Everyone enjoyed the tour and I brought Johan and Jet back to Midway Station and looked forward to seeing them again around Midway. Little did I know but they were real tourists and took off to experience the Keeneland sale, Keeneland racetrack, Woodford Reserve, downtown Lexington and



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MAYOR'S TIDBITS CONT

they both learned to ride a reining horse.

Everyday they would ride their bikes to downtown and park them in front of the Drug Store. Inside they would each take a booth and use the free Wi Fi and check and send emails. Joan was always in the back booth putting together a scrapbook of his experiences in Midway and the Games. They really enjoyed the time in Midway and the hospitality that was shown by each and one of our citizens. Great job everyone we showed the world what a great place Midway

MARGARET WARE PARRISH

Margaret Ware Parrish, 91, died Fri, Oct 1, 2010, at her home. She was the daughter of the late Charles Ware and Catherine Wallace Parrish, and was a direct descendent of Judge Caleb Wallace, who was instrumental in establishing the State of Kentucky in 1792. A 1941 graduate of Centre College, Margaret Ware went on to complete graduate work at the University of Kentucky and the University of Indiana. She was a pioneer in Kentucky women's sports and her influence on women's sports grew from a teaching and coaching career that spanned more than three decades. In 1973 she received a merit award from the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; and in 1996 she was inducted into the Centre College Athletic Hall of Fame. She was the author of several books including Outstanding Kentucky Women in Sports 1900-1968 in which she shared her insights into expanding opportunities for women in sports; and was a co-author of Woodford County, Kentucky: The First Two Hundred Years. Margaret Ware was active in civic affairs in Woodford County for over forty years; was a past President of the Woodford County Historical Society; Board member of the Woodford County Humane Society; was a three time recipient of the Midway Lion's Club Citizen of the Year Award; and served as co-chairman of the Woodford County Bicentennial Celebration in 1989. She taught physical education and coached all sports at Midway College until she retired in 1979. After retirement she remained active and continued her life-long love and caring for animals, including the homeless cats of Midway. She was a member of the Midway Christian Church.

QUIRK BREAKFAST GROUP



John Coyle, Tricia Kittinger, Bill Nave, Sharon Turner, Carl Rollins, Ben Chandler, Doris Leigh, Tom Bozarth

MIDWAY HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, December 11th

1:00-5:00

Tickets \$20

Proceeds to benefit Thoroughbred Theater

Tickets available at May & Company, on line with the theater and at each house on the day of the tour

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf Collection began this month and pick up days for your street are listed below.

Tuesday:

Ann St.
Charlie St.
Church St.
E. Bruen St.
E. Cross St.
E. Higgins St.
E. Stephens St.
Elkton Place
Gratz St.
Highview
Johnson St.
Muffin St.
Oak St.
Richardson St.
Smith St.
S. Brand St.
Standish Place
Walnut St.

Thursday:

Gayland Dr.
Merrywood Dr.
Parrish Ave.
S. Turner
Starks St.
Wausau Place
W. Bruen St.
W. Cross St.
W. Higgins St.
W. Main St.
W. Stephens St.

Friday:

Carriage Lane
Carriage Lane Ct.
Coach Station Rd.
Cottage Garden Lane
Cottage Grove
Dudley St.
E. Main St.
First St.
Martin St.
Newton St.
N. Brand St.
N. Gratz St.
N. Winter Ct.
N. Winter St.
Northridge Dr.
Old Towne Walk
Second St.
S. Winter St.
Towne Walk Ct.
W. Main St.

BOOK CLUB

The Midway Branch Library has formed a new book discussion group for adults who love to read. It meets every Thursday morning 11:00-noon and is for those who love to discuss authors and books. There are no assigned books, only fellowship, fun, and great conversation.

MIKE HAYES - BOYS RECREATIONAL COACH

Mike began coaching in the early 1980's and has had stints in Richmond, Woodford county and since 2003, Lexington Youth Soccer

Since 2007, Mike has served as an instructor for the

Lexington Youth Soccer Player Developmental Camps

Aside from teaching fundamentals, he preaches a positive work ethic, discipline and the respect for self and others.

He has an intentional and conscious method of coaching to include conditioning, skill work, methodology, and most importantly, working as a team.

Coached teams to the 2009 and 2010 Kohl's American Cup elimination rounds.



Midway resident Michael. B Hayes (center) accepts the 2010 Kentucky Youth Soccer Eurosport Boys Recreational Coach Of The Year Award from Kentucky Youth Soccer President Tim Turney (left) and Kentucky Youth Soccer Director Of Coaching Adrian Parrish. The Award was handed out at the Annual Kentucky Youth Soccer Awards luncheon held at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in August.

SPARKS IN THE PARK



MIDWAY RENAISSANCE

The Kentucky Heritage Council approved our grant application to fund a Market Study for Midway! The Market Study will provide recommendations to guide effective planning and economic development in Midway for years to come. The process itself will involve a valuable collaborative effort between citizens, City government, Midway Renaissance and the Midway Business Association. Recommendations proceeding from the Analysis will provide incentives to prepare multiple projects for potential future funding. Visit our website for news and updates as the Market Study proceeds. See website for more information.

Save the Date –

Midway Renaissance Annual Membership Celebration - Thursday, November 11th at 7pm - Thoroughbred Community Theater – complimentary coffee and dessert, presentations on accomplishments and plans from Greenspace, Francisco's Farm, and the Midway Living History Committees– a FUN community gathering! Visit www.MidwayRenaissance.org for details.

STREET WALKING IN MIDWAY

Sidewalks play an important role in any community. Like roads, they connect us to important destinations, make our daily lives more convenient, and are representative of the economic vitality and beauty of the community. In Midway our sidewalks are traveled by children, dedicated walkers, older citizens, residents and visitors, and by our beloved family pets.

Over the past several years an interesting phenomenon is occurring in our quiet and quaint town. Street Walking is on the rise in Midway! I am sure you are as astonished as I am! It is true... but with a little twist! Our Street Walking is not the variety that makes you blush or is whispered when you speak of it, or prompts you to immediately call city hall or the police to report it. It's Street Walking of another kind! On any given day in Midway you will find our street walkers using the streets as they travel from place to place instead of our sidewalks.

Over the past sixty years sidewalks in our community have been deteriorating and many are now nearly impassable, hindering public safety and welfare. Concern about these conditions prompted the Streets & Lights Committee of Midway City Council to examine all city sidewalks.

After discussing the conditions, researching possible replacement applications, and reviewing ordinances, the committee reported their findings to council. Following considerable deliberation, Midway City Council designated certain funds to provide economic incentive through financial assistance for property owners to help defray the costs of sidewalk repair and also established criteria for qualifying properties. In the coming weeks, notification letters will be mailed to homeowners where sidewalks are in poor condition and need repair.

A fund in the amount of \$7,500 was established by council with a maximum of \$500 available to any one property owner for sidewalk repairs. Therefore, owners of qualifying Midway properties who wish to repair their sidewalks may possibly receive up to \$500 in matching funds to help meet the costs of such repairs.

Midway City Ordinance Section 91.060 ordains that the owner of real property abutting sidewalks is responsible for repair and maintenance of the sidewalk, and Section 91.006 states that construction or repair of sidewalks is to be supervised by an authorized city official.

As we move forward we sincerely hope you will find the fund helpful to you in repairing and improving your sidewalk. The improvements you make will protect you as a homeowner, provide safety for many who walk in our pedestrian friendly community, and will continue to preserve our community as a wonderful place to work and live.

Property owners interested in applying for these matching funds should call City Hall (846-4413) for additional information.

OUT ON A LIMB

Larry Hanks

"The tree is more than first a seed, then a stem, then a living trunk, and then dead timber. The tree is a slow, enduring force straining to win the sky." -Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Wisdom of the Sands, translated from French by Stuart Gilbert

I recently ran across an article about the Anne Frank Chestnut Tree that I would like to share.

By TOBY STERLING – AP – 11/20/07

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - The chestnut tree that gave Anne Frank a link to the outside world while she hid from the Nazis won a reprieve Tuesday when a judge ordered the city to reconsider whether the diseased tree can be saved. Judge Jurjen Bade adjourned a hearing and took witnesses and court officials with him to inspect the tree, watching as experts tapped its trunk to point out the rotten wood afflicted by fungus.

He listened to experts from both sides, and looked to see what might be crushed if the tree fell, including the nearby Anne Frank House museum, which includes the apartment where the Jewish teenager and her family hid from the Nazis for 25 months during World War II.

Anne Frank referred to the tree several times in her diary. She could see the tree through the attic skylight, the only window that wasn't blacked out.

The city ruled last year that the tree, estimated to be 150 to 170 years old, was in danger of toppling and causing serious injury or damage. Conservationists argued that it was strong enough to withstand a storm and could be saved. Last week, the city issued the order to fell the tree.

Reconvening in his courtroom after the inspection, Bade ruled that the city had given insufficient consideration to alternative plans, such as anchoring the tree with cables. He said the city had failed to prove the tree was an imminent threat.

Felling the chestnut would be "a last resort," he said, and told the city to meet with conservationists to find a solution.

In testimony Tuesday, the Netherlands' Trees Institute argued to save the tree.

"This is a monumental tree of unusual cultural and historical value," institute spokesman Edwin Koot testified. "It's a symbol of freedom all over the world and it summons forth a lot of emotion, as you can see."

The Anne Frank House, which had remained neutral until Tuesday, told the judge it favored cutting the tree, out of concern for the safety of the building and the hundreds of thousands of people who visit it each year.

Museum director Hans Westra said if the tree remains standing he would take legal action to ensure that Henric Pommès, who owns the property where the tree stands, is held liable in case of injury or damage.

The museum has taken grafts of the tree to try to replace it with a sapling from the original. As of April 2009, 10 horse chestnut saplings, each about three feet high, are presently in different locations throughout the United States and are intended as a living expression of that mission.

"We would rather have a young living tree that will be 10 meters (about 30 feet) tall in 10 years," Westra said.

The Frank family was arrested in August 1944. Anne died in a Nazi concentration camp eight months later at age 15, but her diary was rescued and has been read by millions.

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OPERATION S.E.N.D. CHRISTMAS



It's that time of year again! As most of us are heading to the pumpkin patch, tailgating at football games and raking leaves, volunteers at Military Missions, Inc. are busy getting ready for Christmas. OPERATION S.E.N.D. CHRISTMAS is just one of the projects that this organization undertakes each year, and it is definitely one of the biggest! Military Missions, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public organization dedicated to supporting our military and their families, as well as our veterans. The organization sends care packages out on a year round basis, but efforts for Christmas increase tenfold. "On Christmas Day, our troops will not be gathered around the tree at home with family and friends. Instead, they will be standing watch over each of us, protecting us from harm and defending our liberties," states Beth Pennington, Founder of Military Missions, Inc. "Each one is a parent, a sibling, a child, a spouse, a friend and an American. We need to send them encouragement as well as our thanks."

There are a number of ways that people can get involved in OPERATION S.E.N.D. CHRISTMAS. Military Missions is accepting donations in the form of care package items, cards and letters, and monetary donations to cover postage which will be about \$25,000 for boxes mailed out this December. If you can help with donations, you can take them to Midway City Hall. For more information please go to: www.military-missions.org If you have any questions, please contact Susan Tucker at sltucker4@windstream.net

Donation Suggestions:

SOCKS: Socks to be worn with combat boots, including calf-high athletic socks and wool socks.

DRINK ITEMS Coffee singles, Hot Cocoa Mix, Tea Bags (individually wrapped), Powdered Drink Mix for Bottled Water

SNACK ITEMS Hard Candy, Gum, Twizzlers, Lifesavers, Cookies (individual serving) Crackers, Trail Mix, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Granola Bars, Sunflower Seeds, Pop Tarts, Microwave Popcorn

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS Lens Cleaning Wipes, Chapstick, Pocket Size Tissues, Baby Wipes (packets, not tubs), Eye Drops, Foot Powder, Socks, Batteries, Nasal Saline Spray, Boot Insoles CHRISTMAS CARDS Store bought or homemade!