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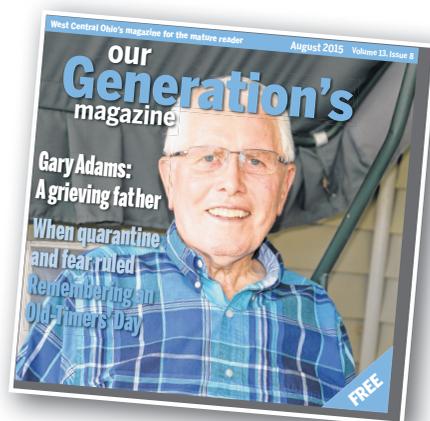
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Van Wert native Gary Adams, 78, has been a farmer, singer, county commissioner, basketball official, and devoted family man. Yet the most difficult life circumstance he has faced is losing his son Chris Adams this past January.

Dennis Saam photo



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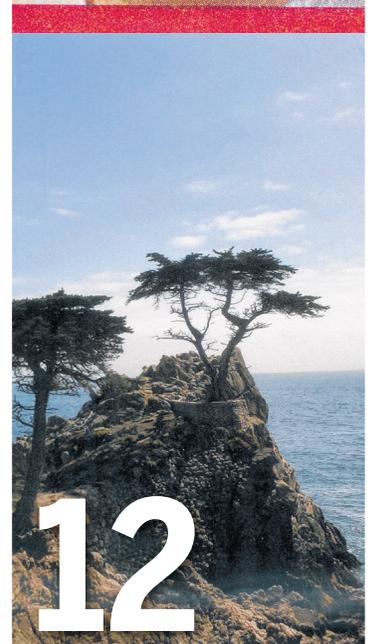
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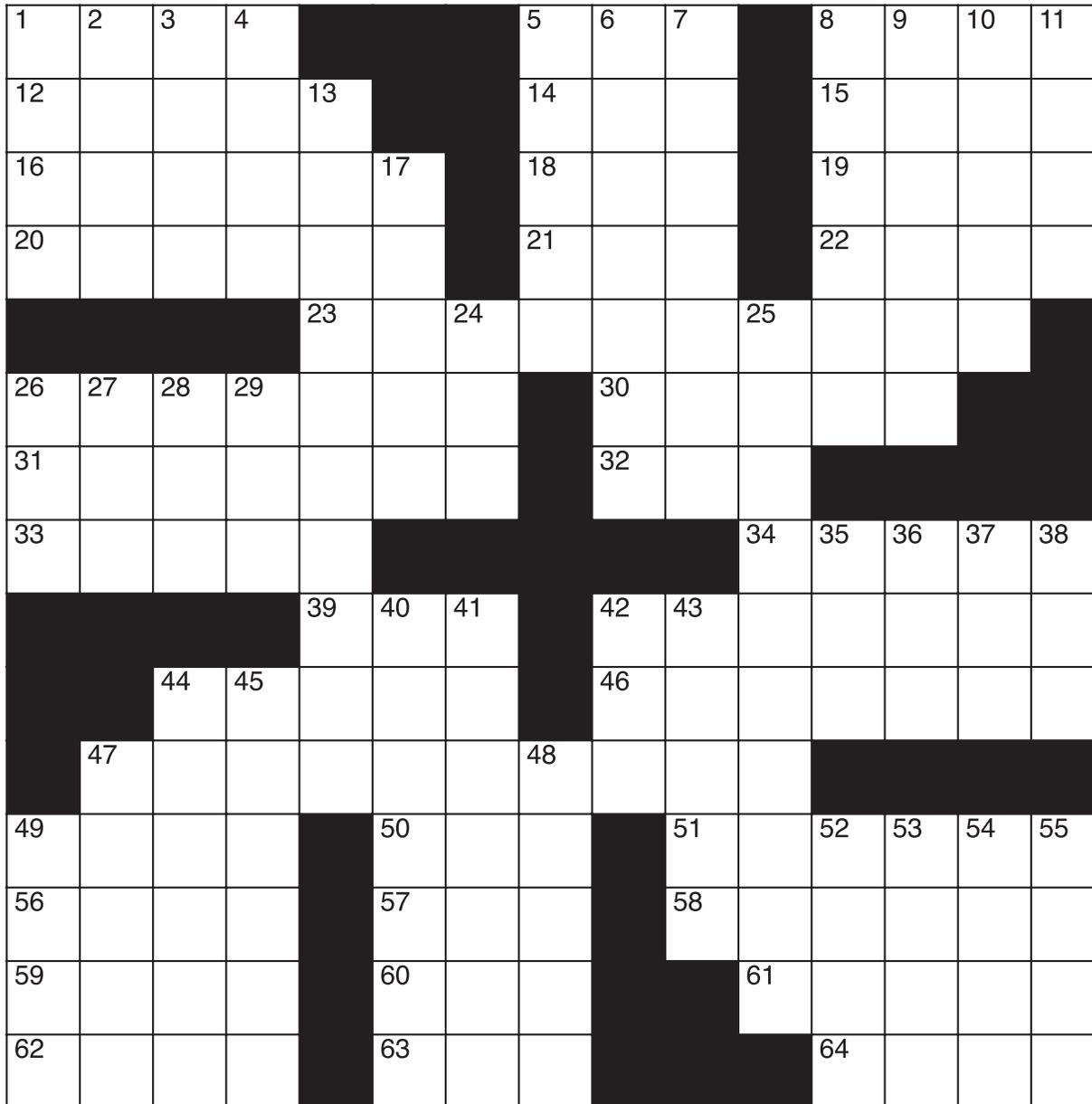
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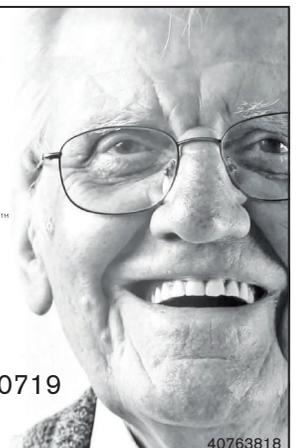
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Story by
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Ryan Claypool

Van Wert's Gary Adams: Farmer, commissioner, singer and grieving dad

Gary Adams, 78, has worn a lot of hats in his lifetime. He spent almost five decades farming, served as a long-term Van Wert county commissioner, still referees at basketball games, and is well-known Gospel singer. The Van Wert county native is also a devoted family man with a huge heart for his community.

A 1954 graduate of Lincolnview schools, Gary has been married to his high school sweetheart, Barbara, for 58 years.

"We started going to church together when she was in sixth grade," Adams said. "She had her eye on me, and I had my eye on her," he added with his classic dry humor.

The couple lives in Van Wert, but for almost four decades they lived on a county farm. Gary's father was in the trucking business and had a Perrysburg office.

"I stayed with my grandparents for quite a few years and started farming with them," he said.

Eventually, Gary and his brother Kent purchased their grandfather's farm with Gary as the working partner. He enjoyed the independence of being his "own boss" and the "flexibility that farming" provided.

While farming, Adams also became a township trustee. Then in 1983, he ran for county commissioner and won beginning his first term in January 1984 and serving seven consecutive four year terms.

"I enjoyed working with people very much," he said.



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Despite wearing lots of professional hats, Gary Adams has a passion for singing and has been a member of Trinity, a gospel trio since 1982. The group's CDs are available at <http://www.trinityvw.com> or learn more about them on their Facebook page. Gary and his wife, Barbara, were high school sweethearts and have been married for 58 years.

According to an archived WLIO-TV news story, "A few highlights of his career are starting the solid waste division, building the correctional facility and redecorating the dome in the courthouse." When he was 76 years young, he decided not to seek reelection to devote more time to singing, something he has done since he was a teenager.

In church circles, Gary Adams is best known for his part in the gospel group, Trinity. He is the only original member of the trio which began in 1982 though his church, Trinity Friends in Van Wert where he served as a song leader for many years.

"I love it — singing," said the

seasoned vocalist. "[You can] express yourself about the Lord. It's difficult to say but you can sing it."

Today, Adams performs with Kim Mason and Cheryl Burk whose husband, Stan Burk, handles the sound for Trinity. Every year, "We have a big expo. This is our 15th Gospel Expo [to be] held at Trinity Friends Family Life Center in [spring] 2016." Recent CDs include: "The Road Home" (2015), "Milestones" (2013), and "Heaven is Real" (2011).

"I've made nine CDs all together," he said. "I started at Bill Gaither's old barn."

Besides being a talented musician, he was a high school

basketball official from 1967 to 1997. He continues to referee for Upwards Basketball at his church.

"I'm instructing as a referee, a little different than [being] a school referee," he said. "My son-in-law and daughter [Kim Owens] coach one of the teams."

His youngest son, Jason, was a basketball player, while his other son, Chris wrestled. It was the sudden death of 53-year-old Chris this past January, which forever changed his world.

"In the loss of my son, I understand that life is so fragile," said the grieving father.

"We were on this cruise

[singing with Trinity] ... and I couldn't be there with him when he passed away," said Gary agonizing over the ship's inability to get the Adams home in time. However, he is thankful the cruise line did everything possible to make arrangements, "Lots of prayers went up on the cruise," he said. "It's the longest flight I ever had in my life. It was for naught. He was already gone."

The entire community was reeling from the shock of Chris's death who was also a gifted musician leading music at Van Wert's LifeHouse Church. Despite this deep loss, his hurting dad clings to his faith. Gary's favorite Scripture is Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

He still finds fulfillment through his music, although "It's tough on me when I tried to sing," said Gary. As a remedy, he plans to record a song that Chris wrote, "Hallelujah to the Father," on Trinity's next CD.

Another source of joy for the Van Wert resident is the blessing of nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

"I love to spoil them," he said. The man who has worn many hats in his lifetime plans to continue contributing to his community and sharing his faith through music.

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By Greg Hoersten

When quarantine and fear ruled

Lima's 'pest houses' dealt with smallpox outbreaks, more

LIMA — Will Swartout left Lima for Chicago late in 1894 for a job with the railroad. He returned to Lima in February 1895 with smallpox, a highly contagious, frequently fatal and always terrifying disease.

"There being no pest house," the Lima Times-Democrat noted Feb. 21, 1895, "the victim will have to be kept at home." Swartout's home on East North Street, the newspaper explained, would be placarded and quarantined with three officers assigned to watch it around the clock to ensure no one entered or left.

Pest houses — "used to house persons afflicted with loathsome or contagious diseases," according to a 1912 article in the Lima Daily News — were a fact of life in the United States into the early 20th century.

Swartout would survive his bout with smallpox but William Price, who, unbeknownst to authorities, had returned from Chicago with Swartout, would not. According to the March 7, 1895, Times-Democrat, Price died "alone and unattended by any fellow being" at the Kiser boarding house in the 200 block of East Wayne Street.

Finding no undertaker willing to bury Price, two doctors clad in protective clothing procured a white horse and a wagon, and at 2 a.m. trans-



The Lima Detention Hospital opened for patients in 1906 and was closed by 1938. The hospital housed people with contagious illnesses, like smallpox. It became less needed over time as vaccinations were improved. It was even used for a time as a drug addiction recovery center in the early 1900s between outbreaks.

ported Price's body, enshrouded in the sheet on which he died, to the old Lima cemetery and a hastily dug grave. "No time was wasted in getting the body deposited beneath the surface of the earth," the Times-Democrat wrote, "and while the sexton refilled the grave, the two physicians removed their capes, robes and gloves and burned them beside the last resting place of the smallpox victim's remains, and it was all over."

Well, not quite. On March 12, 1895, K.B. Nagley, another resident of the Kiser boarding

house, fell ill. "A hasty meeting of the Board of Health was called," the Times-Democrat reported, "and it was decided to take possession of an old dwelling on East Kibby Street for a pest house and prepare it at once for occupancy." Nagley would be its first occupant.

A pest house was an unwelcome addition to any neighborhood. When it was reported the health board was considering a West Elm Street site "a few hundred feet from the Spring Street school building," the Times-Democrat noted March 8, 1895,



Anna Koch worked at the hospital with her husband in 1913.

ONE FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE

Ambrose Koehler, described as a young musician residing in the Klaus block at the intersection of Main and Wayne streets, contracted smallpox in March 1905 and was forced into the pest house on East Kibby Street. He had a lot of company.

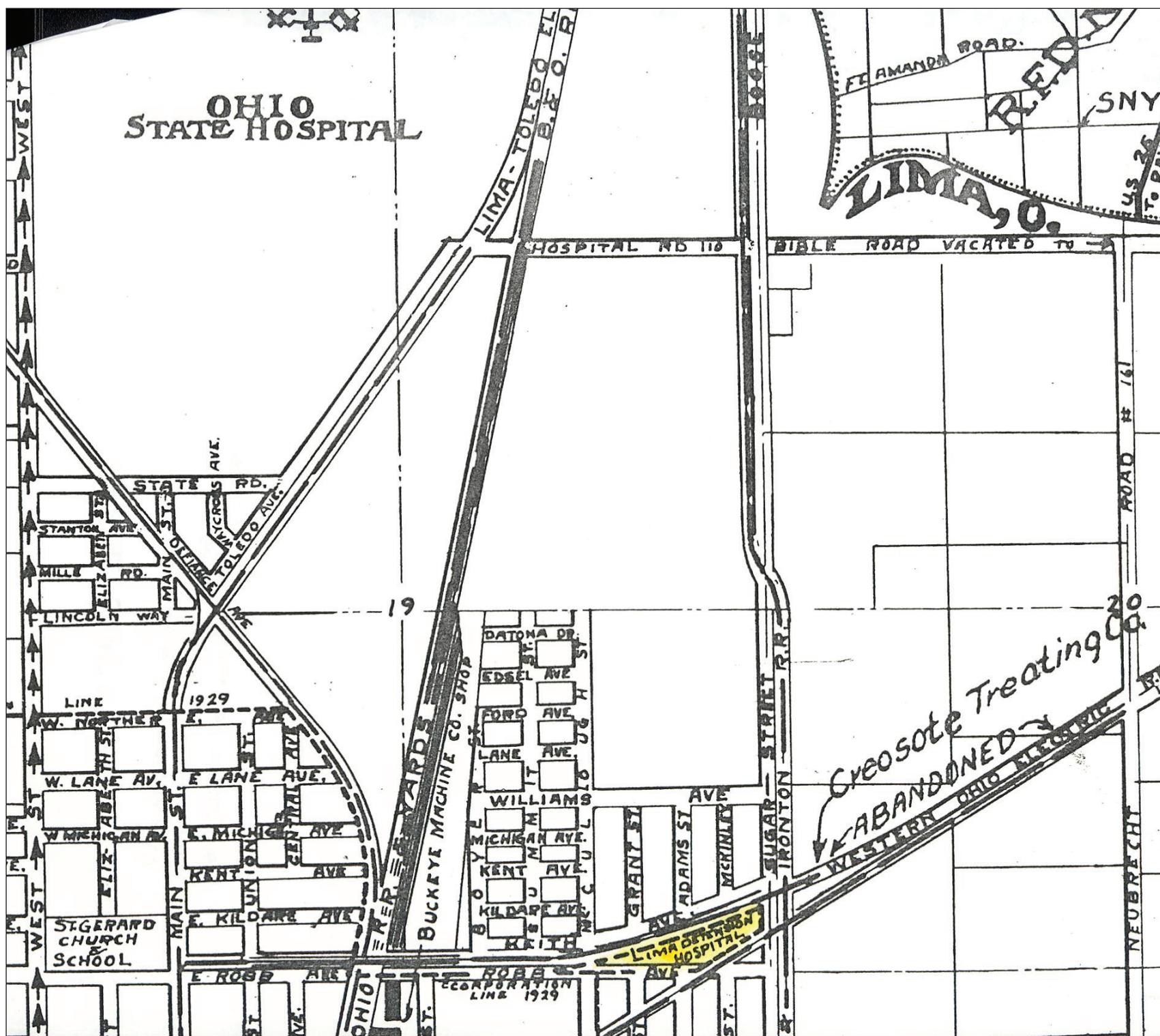
"The Koehler family, consisting of Ambrose, the smallpox victim, his father and mother, three brothers, sister, two dogs, poll parrot and canary bird were taken to the pest house last night, and two other pet birds, overlooked last night, will be taken out this evening," the Lima Times-Democrat reported March 20, 1895. "With the exception of the birds and dogs the entire family was vaccinated before being transferred."

Koehler recovered.

it "aroused the indignation of the people of west Lima to a degree never known before."

The people of south Lima were no less indignant when the East Kibby Street site was settled on and Nagley arrived in their midst. On March 13, 1895, the Times-Democrat reported rumors were circulating "that several school children climbed on the steps of the ambulance as it passed the Pine Street school" and that "two men were seen holding the patient down." A delegation of 50 South Lima residents headed to the mayor's office to "demand protection from what they thought to be a threatened epidemic."

After meeting the mayor and health board "the committee seemed greatly relieved by the information," according to the newspaper. Further reassurance came from an open letter from the "Guards and Patient" of the pest house. "We are all feeling good in our new house and hope we will



The Lima Detention Hospital was at Robb Avenue and Sugar Street, now the site of the Allen County engineer's garage and office. The hospital itself was razed in 1955 when the garage needed room to expand.

Allen County Historical Society photo

get through O.K.,” the letter stated. “As for danger here there is none, for we can’t even hear a frog and the guard says not even a whip-poor-will. It is the most lonesome place in the country.”

Nagley did get through OK, recovering sufficiently by May 2, 1895, to be arrested for public drunkenness and attempt to dispose of stolen property.

A week later someone torched the guard shack at the pest house and the flames spread to the pest house itself. “The latter building was not destroyed,” the Times-Democrat reported May 10, 1895, “but was so badly burned as to be worthless.”

And that’s where the matter rested until 1903 when the city began looking in earnest for a more permanent solution, a detention or contagion hospital. The problem: like the pest house, no one wanted one in their neighborhood. That changed after a particularly vicious smallpox outbreak early in 1905 and an outbreak of diphtheria later that year.

On Nov. 24, 1905, the Times-Democrat noted that “City Clerk O.J. Rose and the board of public service received and opened bids for the construction of the proposed contagion hospital which it has been decided is to be established at the intersection of Robb Avenue with Sugar Creek (Sugar Street) road, in the extreme northeast section of the city.”



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Iva Fay Hadsell was matron at the hospital from 1919 until it closed in 1938.

The Lima Contagion Hospital was ready for patients the following year. “Lima’s experience with the smallpox epidemic,” the Times-Democrat wrote April 13, 1906, “resulted in an appropriation for a contagion hospital which is located in the northeast end of the city and is now ready for any emergency.”

Anna Koch, who worked at the hospital with her husband in 1913, recalled the early days in a Feb. 20, 1955, story in The Lima News. “I liked the work. I had been vaccinated and was never afraid of small-

pox,” she told the paper. “We had 60 patients during our stay there, and got along fine with them. You couldn’t do much in those days for them ... just swab with an ointment to keep them from scratching and keep them warm and quiet.”

Iva Fay Hadsell, who was matron at the hospital from 1919 until it closed in 1938, recalled that patients were coated from head to foot with the analgesic ointment which was mixed with olive oil. “It was applied with a paint brush,” the News noted. “No water was allowed to touch the patients. The ointment, applied as often as needed, just accumulated and was washed off only after the pox disappeared and the patient was ready to go home.”

In 1915, the contagion hospital was used to treat those with a different disease — drug addicts. A March 26, 1915, article in the Republican Gazette optimistically reported that “all those treated at the institution are said to have been cured and have returned to their homes. The terrible craving has gone and they have no desire for the further use of drugs, according to the city health department.”

The Spanish flu epidemic, which killed about 50 million people worldwide, brought a fresh batch of patients to the contagion hospital. “Thirty-six influenza victims are being care for at the Detention hospital,” the News wrote Dec. 13, 1918. The pan-

“With every hammer blow and load of debris, they’ll be relegating to the past the last vestige of an era of fear — when ‘smallpox’ was a word that brightened eyes with fright, drew window blinds shut, turned entire communities into areas to be shunned and even caused folks to place armed guards before the homes of their afflicted fellow citizens.”

— On the demolition of the hospital, Lima News, Feb. 20, 1955

demic peaked in Ohio during the fall of 1918, declined during the winter and spring, and had disappeared by the summer of 1919.

By 1938, as smallpox vaccinations became widespread and pandemics less so, the contagion hospital was closed. On Feb. 12, 1940, Lima accepted bids for property. The county purchased it and, in

August 1944, announced a “new \$40,000 county highway garage” would be built on the 5.52-acre site. During an expansion of the garage in 1955, the “gloomy, red-brick, three-story” structure was razed.

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Sports Spot



by John
Grindrod

Remembering an Old-Timers' Day in Blue Ash

There are time when my two monthly offerings — sports and travel — certainly intersect, and such is the case in this month's offering laced with more than a smidge of nostalgia during the dog days.

For those who live in Blue Ash, a city of a little over 12,000 in Hamilton County and a suburb of Cincinnati to the south, their recollections of Crosley Field, where the Reds used to play before there was a Riverfront Stadium and, certainly, long before there was a Great American Ballpark, are easy to conjure.

The Reds' home ballpark of Crosley operated from 1912 to the final game ever played there on June 24, 1970, and while it has long ago fallen victim to the wrecking ball, it's hard not to be reminded of the field's rich history.

That's because Blue Ash has a Crosley Field of its own, at the Blue Ash Sports Center, which has 11 baseball fields and two soccer fields spread over 37 acres. While in totality, it's quite a sports complex, there is one field that certainly draws the most interest for those who visit, the Crosley replica, which was formally dedicated in July 1988 and is a field reserved for advance-level

play.

The field was constructed using the actual blueprints of the original Crosley Field and includes the same dimensions as well as the same height and angle of the outfield wall. It also has the same grass infield and, of course, in left, the same famous — or infamous for all the outfielders who stumbled running up hill to catch a fly ball — terrace. That's a euphemism if there ever was one, to add a little romance to unlevelled ground.

Additionally, along the third baseline, there are about 400 seats that are from the original Crosley. The scoreboard also was constructed to simulate the original scoreboard the way it looked when the final game was played. That was a 5-4 Reds win over San Francisco, thanks to a pair of eighth-inning homeruns off Giant future Hall of Famer Juan Marichal, by Johnny Bench and hard-hitting first baseman, Lee May. The scoreboard is exact all the way down to the scores from other games that day and the original sponsors.

Much like the historic park that older Reds fans remember so well, I also remember an event in Blue Ash at the replica field that, like the original

park itself, is now sadly gone.

I was at the replica field in August 1991 to attend the Blue Ash Old-Timers' Game, last played in 1996. All together, there were nine old-timers' games in Blue Ash featuring players long-ago retired from baseball before the contest became too difficult to organize.

The game held during those nine summers typically drew 3,000 to 5,000 fans, but the best crowd, Blue Ash organizers will tell you, was the summer Pete Rose came to play.

I'd estimate my 1991 visit was attended by 4,000 to 5,000 on a sun-drenched warm summer day.

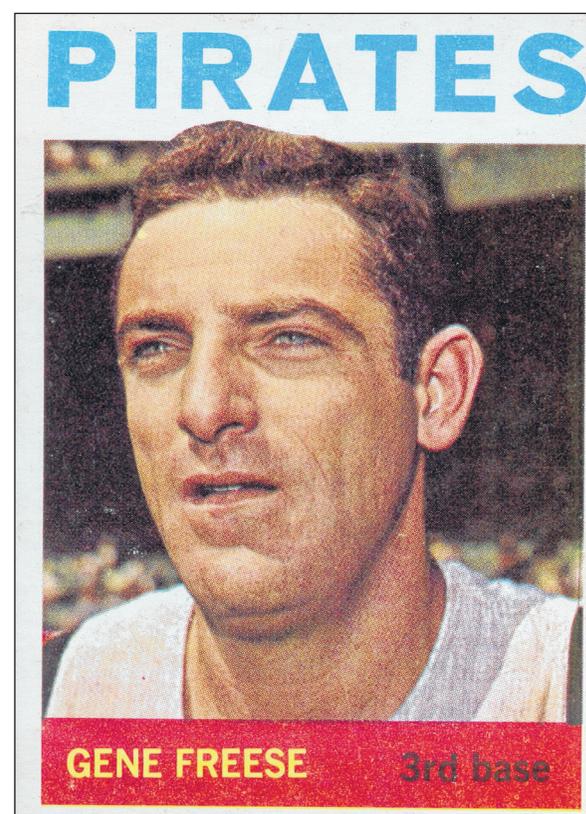
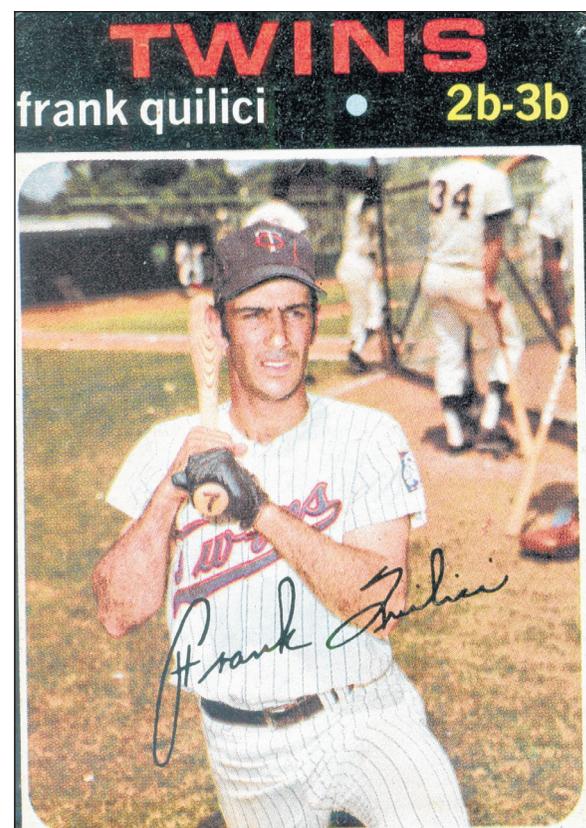
The program I still have listed the names and teams for whom those attending played, and, in Ralph Houk's and Frank Quilici's cases, managed. There were no other statistics, which I found a bit sad. But the program was small and there wasn't room.

I remember in particular the players who seemed to have lost the most steps and, not surprisingly, they were those who caught — Ed Bailey, Johnny Edwards, Hal Naragon, Duke Sims, Don Pavletich and Houk. No doubt, those six collectively squatted more than

two scores behind Major League home plates.

I also loved watching the old-timers who played for the most teams, the well-traveled players as they were called, who made yet perhaps a final trip to join one last team on that sultry dog day. They were men with names like Ryne Duren, Fred Norman and Jim "Mudcat" Grant, who all donned seven different Major League uniforms; infielder Gene Freese, who'd worn six; and a host of five-team players like Ed Bailey, Don Blasingame, Chico Cardenas, Dick Gernert, Duke Sims and Dick Radatz, who, I always felt along with Grant's Mudcat, had the coolest nickname when pitching for the Red Sox, "The Monster." At 6'6" and 230 pounds, Radatz, during the 1960s era in which he played, was a behemoth.

And, that's what to me is so special about baseball, the players not just of today but especially those of yesterday, players who were paid in many cases, not much more than my father or yours. Yes, they are the players who live on in my old programs and on my old baseball cards and, most especially, in my mind, and on a hot August day, they came to play for me just one more time.



Photos courtesy of John Grindrod

Your Money

Travel benefits for those ages 50 and up

By Metro

One of the best things about aging is being able to enjoy the fruits of your labor without as many obligations as you might have had when you were a younger adult. For example, many men and women have a lot more freedom to travel once they turn 50.

Many of today's older adults have a wealth of discretionary time, and those who focused on retirement planning from an early age have the money to fund a recreational lifestyle. Travel companies and other businesses understand that Baby Boomers and other seniors are valuable customers and are rolling out the red carpet with a bevy of discounts and perks.

AARP Services, Inc. has long been a trusted resource in senior-based information and resources. The organization continues to broker relationships with various companies to arrange deals on travel-related services and products for older men and women. Members of AARP can link directly to deals through the organization's website.

In addition to companies that work with AARP, many other travel companies have discounts or other perks available to men and women over 50. All

consumers need to do is inquire about such benefits. When in doubt, log on to the company's website or give their customer service department a call.

Here are some other ways to secure deals on travel and other services.

- Do some networking. Fellow seniors who log in to chat rooms or who are members of social clubs may have the inside scoop on age-based travel deals. Learn the ropes from others who have been there before you and take notes on which companies offer the best deals.

- Read the fine print. Understand the details of senior discounts and compare them to other promotions offered to anyone, regardless of age. You may be able to get a better deal or combine offers if you're not locked into a senior plan. Also, check the dates when deals are valid to ensure you can travel when you want to.

- Always carry proof of age. Whether it is a driver's license, AARP card, passport, or birth certificate, carry proof of your age at all times. You do not want to miss out on a discount because you cannot verify you are 50 or older. Though being mistaken as younger could be a boost to your ego, it will not benefit your bottom line.

- Explore airline

perks. Men and women 55 and older may be eligible for "golden-age" discounts at major airlines. Such deals are not typically advertised, so you may need to speak with an airline representative to secure the discount. Seniors also can request special services, such as baggage assistance, priority seating and a ride to the gate, at the airport.

- Try negotiating with vendors. If you cannot find a senior discount, consider negotiating with vendors for deals. Local hotels or businesses may prove more flexible than national chains. It never hurts to ask for a senior discount.

- Embrace flexibility in scheduling. Unlike students or business travelers, seniors tend to have freedom with regard to the days of the week when they can travel. You have the flexibility to go and come as you please without having to coordinate with vacation time or school breaks. Use this to your advantage and travel during off-peak times when crowds will be small and rates may be lower.

Don't feel down if you're approaching another milestone birthday. Entering into your golden years gives you access to a variety of perks and discounts that can save you time and money on travel.



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Events Calendar

SAT AUG 1, 2015

Delphos Market Fest

10:00 am 10740 Elida Road, 10740 Elida Road, Delphos. Delphos

Rib-Off on Broadway

3:00 pm Broadway, Broadway St., Findlay. \$0-\$5.

4th Annual Lima Senior Alumni Reunion

6:00 pm Eagles Hall, 800 W. Robb Ave., Lima.

Farm equipment and antique tractor exhibit

All Day Coldwater Community Park, downtown Coldwater, Coldwater.

SUN AUG 2, 2015

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MON AUG 3, 2015

Springhill Day Camp

9:00 am Lima Community Church, 2945 N. Cole St, Lima. SpringHill Day Camps include small group Bible teaching, high-energy large group sessions, and adventure activities such as archery, bungee trampoline, camp songs, climbing wall, crafts, & more.

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Town Square Prayer

12:00 pm Town Square, 1 Town Square, Lima.

FCC Incentive Auction Public Meeting

7:00 pm Rhodes State College, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima.

TUE AUG 4, 2015

Blood Drive

7:00 am American Red Cross Allen County Chapter House, 610 S. Collett St., Lima.

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AAUW Book Drop-Off

9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649 W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

CLA Estate Planning Workshop

9:00 am Old Barn Out Back Restaurant, 3175 W. Elm St., Lima.

Courtyard Concert

11:30 am Latham Courtyard, 510 S. Main St., Findlay.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

12:15 pm Allen County Museum, 620 W Market Street, Lima.

AAA Health Fair & Senior

Safety Day
1:00 pm Elmcroft of Lima, 2075 N. Eastown Road, Lima.

WED AUG 5, 2015

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Blood Drive

10:00 am University of Northwestern Ohio, 1450 N. Cable Road, Lima.

Blood Drive

2:00 pm American Red Cross Allen County Chapter House, 610 S. Collett St., Lima.

Blood Drive

2:00 pm Knights of Columbus Delphos, 1101 Elida Road, Delphos.

Ice Cream Social

4:00 pm Ridge United Methodist Church, 6875 Elida Road, Elida.

AAUW Book Drop-Off

5:00 pm Former YWCA, Lima, 649 W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

Intro to Jesus Class

5:30 pm Market Street Presbyterian Church, 1100 W. Market St., Lima.

CLA Estate Planning Workshop

All Day Findlay Inn & Conference Center, 200 E. Main Cross St., Findlay.

THU AUG 6, 2015

Springhill Day Camp

9:00 am Lima Community Church, 2945 N. Cole St, Lima. SpringHill Day Camps include small group Bible teaching, high-energy large group sessions, and adventure activities such as archery, bungee trampoline, camp songs, climbing wall, crafts, & more.

For more information see: www.springhillcamps.com/experiences/day-camps. \$169.

AAUW Book Drop-Off

9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649 W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

Blood Drive

12:00 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church, 160 N. Spring St., Bluffton.

Blood Drive

1:00 pm Auglaize County Fairgrounds, 1001 Fairview Drive, Wapakoneta.

Ada Bingo

5:30 pm Alumni N-Men's Building, 111 Central Ave., Ada.

Chicken Barbeque

5:30 pm Pleasant View Church of the Brethren, 4950 N. Thayer Rd (at I-75 overpass), Elida. Chicken Barbeque - Eat in or Carry-out \$8.00 includes 1/2 chicken, 2 sides and drink Extras: Chicken Noodle Soup, Pies and Ice Cream. \$8.

Paint and Sip

6:00 pm Bluffton Sportsmen's Club, 405 N. Spring St., Bluffton. To register call 419-358-4150. \$35.

Bike Night

6:00 pm J's American Pub, 2307 Spencerville Road, Lima.

Village of Harrod Council Meeting

7:00 pm Allen East Community Center, 9520 Harrod Rd., Harrod.

FRI AUG 7, 2015

Springhill Day Camp

9:00 am Lima Community Church, 2945 N. Cole St, Lima. SpringHill Day Camps include small group Bible teaching, high-energy large group sessions, and adventure activities such as archery, bungee trampoline, camp songs, climbing wall, crafts, & more.

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Blood Drive

1:00 pm Van Wert Health Center, 140 Fox Road, Van Wert.

Rally in the Square

5:30 pm Lima Town Square, Lima. \$2.

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7:00 pm Fountain Park, 200 W Main Street, Van Wert.

Dance in Lincoln Park

7:00 pm Lincoln Park, Shawnee St., Lima. Al Best Band.

Lima Astronomical Society Summer Program

8:00 pm Schoonover Observatory, 670 N. Jefferson St., Lima.

SAT AUG 8, 2015

Community All You Can Eat Breakfast

7:30 am Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church, 7590 Sandusky Road, Lima.

Indian Lake Church of the Nazarene 65th Anniversary

10:00 am Indian Lake Northside Church of the Nazarene, 13699 State Route 235, Lakeview.

Andy Conley Benefit

12:00 pm Springbrook Gardens, 4240 N. West St., Lima. Conley is a sprint car driver and was in a serious dirt track wreck on May 23, 2015. He broke his neck and is currently home recovering.

SUN AUG 9, 2015

Indian Lake Church of the Nazarene 65th Anniversary

9:00 am Indian Lake Northside Church of the Nazarene, 13699 State Route 235, Lakeview.

Blood Drive

1:00 pm Maria Stein Spiritual Center, 2365 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein.

MON AUG 10, 2015

Coffee Connection

9:00 am Birchaven Village, 15100 Birchaven Lane, Findlay. Informal grief support group.

Town Square Prayer

12:00 pm Town Square, 1 Town Square, Lima.

Blood Drive

12:00 pm St. John Lutheran Church, 1100 N Main St., Celina.

TUE AUG 11, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off

9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649 W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

Westinghouse Sundstrand Retirees Meeting

11:30 am Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, 2721 Elida Rd., Lima.

Courtyard Concert

11:30 am Latham Courtyard, 510 S. Main St., Findlay.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

12:15 pm Allen County Museum, 620 W Market Street, Lima.

Allen Water District meeting with the Village Lafayette

7:30 pm Lafayette Branch - Lima Public Library, 225 E Sugar Street, Lafayette.

WED AUG 12, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off

5:00 pm Former YWCA, Lima, 649 W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

THU AUG 13, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off

9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649 W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

Ada Bingo

5:30 pm Alumni N-Men's Building, 111 Central Ave., Ada.

Bike Night

6:00 pm J's American Pub, 2307 Spencerville Road, Lima.

FRI AUG 14, 2015

Blood Drive

2:00 pm Mercer County Fairgrounds, West Market Street, Celina.

Cruise-In at the Fort

4:00 pm Downtown Fort Jennings, Main Street, Fort Jennings. \$10.

Someone's Kids

5:30 pm Town Square, 1 Town Square, Lima. \$2.

Arts in the Park

7:00 pm Downtown Ohio City, Ohio City.

Dance in Lincoln Park

7:00 pm Lincoln Park, Shawnee St., Lima. The final dance in the summer series of live music in Lincoln Park. Music provided by the popular Al Best Band.

Virtuous

7:00 pm Family of Faith UMC, 801

Bellefontaine Avenue, Lima.
**Lima Astronomical Society
Summer Program**
9:30 pm Schoonover Observatory,
670 N. Jefferson St., Lima.

SAT AUG 15, 2015

Delphos Market Fest
10:00 am 10740 Elida Road, 10740
Elida Road, Delphos.
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Starring Ben Portsmouth**
8:00 pm Fountain Park, 200 W
Main Street, Van Wert. \$25.

MON AUG 17, 2015

Town Square Prayer
12:00 pm Town Square, 1 Town
Square, Lima.
Allen County ESC
6:00 pm Allen County Educational
Service Center, 1920 Slabtown Rd.,
Lima.

TUE AUG 18, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off
9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649
W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

Shawnee Board of Education
5:45 pm Shawnee Middle School,
3255 Zurmehly Rd., Lima.

WED AUG 19, 2015

**Veterans Memorial Civic Center
Board of Trustees**
12:00 pm Veterans Memorial Civic
& Convention Center-Lima, 7
Town Square, Lima.
AAUW Book Drop-Off
5:00 pm Former YWCA, Lima, 649
W. Market St. (rear), Lima.
**Allen Water District Board Of
Trustees Meeting**
6:00 pm Allen Water District
Office, 3230 N. Cole St., Lima.

THU AUG 20, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off
9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649
W. Market St. (rear), Lima.
Ada Bingo
5:30 pm Alumni N-Men's Building,
111 Central Ave., Ada.
Bike Night
6:00 pm J's American Pub, 2307
Spencerville Road, Lima.

FRI AUG 21, 2015

Rally in the Square
5:30 pm Lima Town Square,
Lima.
**Lima Astronomical Society
Summer Program**
9:30 pm Schoonover Observatory,
670 N. Jefferson St., Lima.

SUN AUG 23, 2015

**Town Hall Concert Series:
Theory Expats**
7:00 pm Bluffton Town Hall,
Third Floor, 154 North Main St.,
Bluffton. \$7.

MON AUG 24, 2015

Town Square Prayer
12:00 pm Town Square, 1 Town
Square, Lima.
**Apollo Career Center Board of
Education**
7:00 pm Apollo Career Center,
3325 Shawnee Road, Lima.

TUE AUG 25, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off

9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649
W. Market St. (rear), Lima.
**Bluffton Library Board of
Trustees**
6:30 pm Bluffton Public Library,
145 S. Main St., Bluffton.

WED AUG 26, 2015

Toenail Clinic
1:00 pm Adult Day Care Center,
1151 Westwood Dr, Van Wert. \$10.
AAUW Book Drop-Off
5:00 pm Former YWCA, Lima, 649
W. Market St. (rear), Lima.

THU AUG 27, 2015

AAUW Book Drop-Off
9:00 am Former YWCA, Lima, 649
W. Market St. (rear), Lima.
Ada Bingo
5:30 pm Alumni N-Men's Building,
111 Central Ave., Ada.
Bike Night
6:00 pm J's American Pub, 2307
Spencerville Road, Lima.

FRI AUG 28, 2015

Rally in the Square

5:30 pm Lima Town Square,
Lima. \$2.
Rock on the Rooftop
6:00 pm Downtown Findlay, 539 S
Main St, Findlay.
**Lima Astronomical Society
Summer Program**
9:30 pm Schoonover Observatory,
670 N. Jefferson St., Lima.

SAT AUG 29, 2015

Lady Antebellum
8:00 pm Allen County Fairgrounds,
2750 Harding Highway, Lima. 419-
228-7141. \$34-\$63.75.

SUN AUG 30, 2015

**Swiss Mennonite 175: A
Celebration for the Community**
All Day Pandora Sports Center
Lanes, 605 S. Jefferson St.,
Pandora. \$7.

MON AUG 31, 2015

Town Square Prayer
12:00 pm Town Square, 1 Town
Square, Lima.

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Side tripping from Frisco to Seventeen-Mile Drive

Even when visiting an area like San Francisco, I always look for opportunities to take some side trips. This time, Jane and I decided to board a coach after purchasing our tickets for \$85 apiece to experience what many believe to be the most scenic stretch of highway in America, called the Seventeen-Mile Drive.

We left our North Point Street hotel very early in the morning for the all-day adventure. I warn, from San Francisco, you'll actually travel for quite some time, about a hundred miles, before you'll get to the actual beginning of Seventeen Mile.

While technically not a toll road, since a part of California Highway 1 travels through the private community of Pebble Beach, there is a \$10 fee per car and also a fee for tour couches, which is included in the cost of your ticket.

The drive begins south of San Francisco and proceeds through the Monterey Peninsula, a stretch that includes over 20 points of interest, including some of the most scenic and famous golf courses in the country like Spyglass Hill and Pebble Beach. Our stops also included the city of Monterey and also the wealthy community of



The Lone Cypress, in the Pebble Beach area, off Seventeen-Mile Drive.

John Grindrod photos

Carmel-by-the-Sea.

We stopped several times to see points of interest, several of which were wonderful vistas of the naturally beautiful craggy California coastline. The combination

of frothy waves, rocks and the glimpses of seals and a variety of birds made each stop a delight, especially for one like me who loves to snap pictures.

As we passed Spyglass,

the very challenging course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Junior, our tour guide on the mic told us of the significance of the course's name. She said the course has a "Treasure

Island" theme, as it was Robert Lewis Stevenson who was so inspired by Monterey Peninsula and the Pacific Ocean back in 1879. Several of the holes on Spyglass carry monikers like The Black

Spot (3rd hole), Captain Flint (10th hole) and Long John Silver (14th hole).

We stopped at Pebble Beach, and I was so impressed by the opulent lodge that dates to 1919.

The view of the famous 18th fairway and green, I discovered, is even better in person than the times I've seen it over the years on TV during PGA events.

The stop that we enjoyed the most was the longest, a three-hour lay-over in Monterey on the southern edge of Monterey Bay. It's a town of less than 30,000 and has a rich history of fishing and also the arts. There is an abundant array of wild flowers, with many patches accentuating the beauty of the craggy coastline, throughout Monterey. No wonder the community has attracted so many painters and writers since the 19th century. John Steinbeck immortalized Monterey by using the town as a setting three of his most critically acclaimed novels — "Cannery Row," "Tortilla Flat" and "East of Eden."

Despite the fact that Monterey isn't the fishing village it once was when it was considered the capital of the sardine fishing industry before the run dried up in the mid-1940s, the buildings that were the canneries remain and provide a local color that makes the downtown so interesting.

In the historic heart of the city overlooking the Pacific, there is also a marine museum that gave us great historical fabric to understand the city's fishing heritage.

Another highly recom-

mended attraction is the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which now stands on the site where a sardine cannery once stood on Cannery Row. Because it sits overlooking the Pacific, the museum has the advantage of being able to pipe in fresh ocean water, which adds tremendous variety to the displays of over 600 species of plants and animals that are the denizens of the deep.

The Kelp Forest Tank, at a massive 333,000 gallons, is pretty amazing. The kelp grows a robust four inches a day, which means divers frequently have to go in the tank to trim the massive plants.

We also dined in a great place right off Cannery Row, Cooper's Pub and Restaurant. There's a wide array of Monterey beers for a very reasonable \$4 a pint as well as great food. What to eat in Monterey? I had fish, of course!

Once back in the coach, we continued on to the Lone Cypress, one of the most famous trees in all of Northern California and situated between Monterey and Carmel-by-the-Sea. Rarely has a tree ever gained such acclaim, but I suppose fame has come since the tree has been estimated at over 250 years old. It grows seemingly out of a rock overlooking the Pacific and now has a supporting cable to prevent it from falling over.

Our last stop was in Carmel-by-the-Sea, often

simply referred to as Carmel. Like Monterey, Carmel has also attracted a lot of artists, writers and famous actors, and the most noteworthy, Clint Eastwood, served as the town's mayor in the late 1980s. Other former residents of the town of around 4,000 include author Jack London, who gave us such classics as "Call of the Wild" and "White Fang."

Many of the shops were quite interesting, for Jane, none more so than the Carmel Bakery and Coffee Company, which first opened in 1906. For me, I was attracted to Bittner, the Pleasure of Writing, a small stationery shop that sells all things writing, from beautiful leather journals to inks from all over the world to a wide array of fountain pens, some of which were way out of my price range. Others, though, could be had for a little over \$100. For those who truly embrace the art of writing, Bittner is indeed a special place.

Finally, it was time to re-board and head back to San Fran. While our day was long — as in almost 12 hours before we finally got back to our hotel by Fisherman's Wharf — it was most certainly worth it.

Please join me next month for a close look at Alcatraz, the foreboding island where, once upon a time, the most incorrigible of criminals could be found.



The wildflowers and coastline of Monterey, Calif.



Monterey Canning Company once thrived on the sardine industry.

Seasonings

Lettuce wraps are an ideal light dinner option

By Susan Selasky

Detroit Free Press
(TNS)

Lettuce wraps are ideal for a light dinner option. They're also a good substitute for flour tortillas or lavash-style wraps, if you're trying to avoid extra carbs. Another bonus is lettuce leaves are practically a free food nutrition-wise because they're fat-free and nearly calorie free.

When you think about making lettuce wraps, consider leftovers you have on hand. Just about any vegetable or chicken, pork or beef can be used.

Today's recipe for Fresh Vegetables and Noodle Lettuce Wraps with Hoisin feature crunchy carrots and bell pepper mixed in with soft napa cabbage and noodles.

The recipe calls for rice noodles, but you can substitute any thin long-strand cooked pasta, such as angel hair.

Using butter or bibb lettuce leaves is best because they are softer and more pliable. The softer lettuce makes it easier to hold and, if you like, to roll up.

If you want to serve these as an appetizer, use the Little Gem lettuce. The Little Gem are like a tiny version of romaine and butter lettuce mix. I like them because nearly every leaf is uniform in size, making it easy to use for appetizers.

As a dipping sauce, serve these with hoisin sauce — an Asian-barbecue sauce of sorts. Most grocery stores carry it in the ethnic food aisle. Substitute your favorite Asian-style dipping sauce if you like.

This recipe is easily adaptable to veggies you have on hand. Add leftover cooked chicken strips or beef strips for a hearty flavor.



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Fresh vegetables and noodle lettuce wraps are ideal for a light dinner option.

FRESH VEGETABLE AND NOODLE LETTUCE WRAPS WITH HOISIN

Makes: 12

Preparation time: 15 minutes / Total time: 30 minutes

Ingredients

1/2 cup peeled and very thinly sliced carrots
1 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
1 cup shredded napa cabbage
1/2 cup enoki mushrooms, rinsed and well dried, or thinly sliced mushrooms
1 serrano chili, washed, seeded and diced
3 ounces rice noodles, softened in hot water and drained
3 tablespoons sesame oil
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
12 butter or bibb lettuce leaves (from about 2 medium heads)
1/2 cup hoisin sauce for dipping

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the carrots, red bell pepper, cabbage, mushrooms, chili and noodles.

Add the sesame oil, olive oil, lime juice and cilantro and toss them to combine.

Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Allow the mixture to stand 15 minutes.

Lay the lettuce leaves out flat and fill each one with a spoonful or more of the vegetable mixture. Roll the lettuce leaves to close them slightly, or serve them open face and allow guests to roll

them up.

Place the wraps on a platter and serve them with a dish of hoisin sauce for dipping or drizzling over the vegetable mixture.

Adapted from "Kitchen Coach: Weeknight Cooking" by Jennifer Bushman (Wiley, \$19.95).

Tested by Susan Selasky for the Free Press Test Kitchen.

108 calories (50 percent from fat), 6 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 13 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 179 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol, 15 mg calcium, 1 g fiber.

At Our Age Q&A

SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS GENERAL

Question:

My wife didn't work enough to earn 40 credits to qualify for Social Security retirement benefits. Can she qualify on my record?

Answer:

Even if your spouse has never worked under Social Security, she can, at full retirement age, receive a benefit equal to one-half of your full retirement amount. Your wife is eligible for reduced spouse's benefits as early as age 62, as long as you are already receiving benefits. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/retire.

Question:

Do I have to give my Social Security number whenever I'm asked?

Answer:

Giving your Social Security number is voluntary. If requested, you should ask why the person asking needs your Social Security number, how it will be used, what law requires you to give your number, and what the consequences are if you refuse. The answers to these questions can help you decide whether to give your Social Security number. However, the decision is yours. Keep in mind that requestors might not provide you their services if you refuse to provide your Social Security number. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs to read or print our publication, Your Social Security Number And Card.

RETIREMENT

Question:

My neighbor said he applied for Social Security retirement benefits online. Can you really apply for retirement without traveling to an office?

Answer:

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Question:

What is the earliest age I can begin receiving Social Security retirement benefits?

Answer:

The earliest age you can begin receiving Social Security retirement benefits is age 62. If you decide to receive benefits before your full retirement age, which for most people is age 66 or 67, you will receive a reduced benefit. Keep in mind you will not be able to receive Medicare coverage until age 65, even if you decide to retire at an earlier age. For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/retire.

DISABILITY

Question:

Is there a time limit on how long I can receive Social Security disability benefits?

Answer:

Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved and you cannot work. Social Security will periodically review your case to determine whether you continue to be eligible. If you are still receiving disability benefits when you reach your full retirement age, your disability benefits will automatically be converted to retirement benefits. Learn more about disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Question:

Why is there a five-month waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

Answer:

The law states Social Security disability benefits can be paid only after you have been disabled continuously throughout a period of five full calendar months. Social Security disability benefits begin with the sixth full month after the date your disability began. You are not able to receive benefits for any month during the waiting period. Learn more at our website: www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

Question:

What are the rules for getting Supplemental Security Income? I'm thinking about applying based on my disability.

Answer:

To be eligible to receive SSI benefits, you must be disabled, blind, or age 65 or older and have limited income and resources. Income is money you receive such as wages, Social Security benefits, and pensions. Income also includes the value of such things as food and shelter you receive from others. Resources are things you own such as real estate, bank accounts, cash, stocks, and bonds. You may be able to get SSI if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. Learn more by reading our publication, Supplemental Security Income, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

Question:

I have an appointment to apply for Supplemental Security Income. What kind of information will I need to take with me?

Answer:

To help make the application process go quickly and smoothly, you should bring

- Your Social Security card or Social Security Number;
- * Your birth certificate or other proof of your age;
- The name, Social Security number and date of birth or age of your current spouse and any former spouse. You should also know the dates and places of marriage and dates of divorce or death (if appropriate);
- Information about the home where you live, such as your mortgage or your lease and landlord's name;
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- Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen status; and
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tions

- Names, addresses, phone numbers, patient ID numbers and dates of treatment for all doctors, hospitals and clinics;
- Names of medicines you are taking and who prescribed them; and
- Names and dates of medical tests you have had and who sent you for them.

Learn more by reading our publication, You May Be Able To Get Supplemental Security Income at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

MEDICARE

Question:

I lost my Medicare card. How can I get replacement?

Answer:

The easiest and newest way to get a replacement Medicare card is by using your my Social Security account. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount for more information on how to create an account. You also can get a replacement Medicare card by calling us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778). Keep your card in a safe place. You don't want anyone getting hold of your Social Security number. They could steal your identity.

PUZZLE ANSWER:

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