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FAIREST OF THEM ALL – These five pretty ladies were the winners in different age groups in the "Fairest of the Fair" pageants held last weekend at the Crockett Theater. They are, left to right: Tiny Miss Fairest Kate Brison, Jr. Miss Fairest Abany Dugger, Little Miss Fairest Bree Holder, Miss Fairest of the Fair Amanda Remke, and Tiny Tot Miss Fairest Izzy Garland. They will participate in the nightly events at the Middle Tennessee District Fair through Sunday. - HoJo photo



VAN JOHNSON CUP WINNERS The LCHS Wildcat football team won the Van Johnson Cup Trophy last Friday night for the 13th straight year at Hendrix-Staggs Stadium in Lawrenceburg. The Wildcats took the win, 21-7, over the Loretto Mustangs. LCHS will play Marshall County at home Friday while the Mustangs will host Hickman County. Pictured

Oktoberfest, fall, and fellowship

FORTY-SIX PAGES



Emily Kennedy and her mother, Mary Eleanor Weathers, get into the Oktoberfest spirit on Main Street in Loretto.

Then and now, October, Oktoberfest, and Loretto go hand in glove

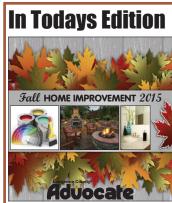
By Emily Weathers Kennedy; Special to the Advocate

On a blistering day in September before the cooler temperatures breezed into Tennessee, my siblings and I cleaned out my mother's garage, and there I found a treasure I had been missing—my photo albums from childhood. Sweat pouring, I flipped through the pages and saw Commerce Street in its glory, a wonderful neighborhood in an idyllic town called Loretto.

Though the photos were dulled with age, the scenes in the photos were as vivid to me as the days we raked those leaves into piles to jump over and over into then dressed up in costumes and went from door to door trick-or-treating. October in Loretto was and still is the most beautiful time

of year, and it reminds me of why I wanted to move back here in the first place.

Back in the mid-1980s, some interested folks in town led by Louise Passarella Brown, Ruth Reeves, and Kitty Meyer formed a committee to spruce



with the team are Advocate Sports Editor Joe Baxter and Co-Editor LaShawn Baxter, who tossed Van Johnson game t-shirts to fans on both sides of the field. - HoJo photo

Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is this Saturday

Residents may bring items to Baler Drive Facility between 8 a.m. and noon

Lawrence County Solid Waste Services is issuing a reminder to all those who have household hazardous waste to dispose of that they can do so this Saturday at the transfer station located at 2126 Baler Drive in Lawrenceburg between 8 a.m. and noon.

The service is free and open to all Tennessee households. HHW is defined as any unwanted to spent household product that can catch fire easily (flammable), eat away at or irritate living tissue (corrosive), react violently with water or other chemicals (reactive), or is poisonous to humans and animals (toxic).

Typical items to dispose of include: cleaning fluids, pesticides, mercury thermometers and thermostats, swimming pool chemicals, paint thinner and automotive fluids.

For more information contact Gary Wayne Hyde at 766-0900.

In today's

As the community honors the memory of Joe Wray (Lawrence County Rescue Squad, Deputy Sheriff, Commissioner, Murray Ohio alum) this week, it seems a good time to review fire safety rules. See page B-1.

County students 'get their Google on'

By LaShawn Baxter

Leoma Elementary's Principal, teachers, and students alike were excited Tuesday when the school system's technology staff arrived with some new equipment. The Lawrence County School System's One-to-One Initiative – student to computing device – calls for all 7th and 8th grade students in the county to receive Dell Chromebooks that they can use in the classroom and at home. Teachers were assigned one at the beginning of the school year.

Leoma Elementary is the second school to receive the books. Summertown Junior High received theirs last

week.

With the Google apps for education such as Google Classroom, teachers and students in the same "group" can use their Chromebooks to communicate and collaborate, including giving and receiving assignments, offering instruction and making changes to class work, and working on the same project

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For the continuation, more photos, and a full schedule of Oktoberfest events beginning tomorrow, see page A-9.

Christmas Pops rehearsals scheduled

Paul Plant, Director of the Lawrence County Oratorio Society, has announced that Christmas Pops rehearsals will begin Monday, October 5th at 7:15 p.m. at Coleman United Methodist Church on North Military Avenue in Lawrenceburg.

Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening until the night of the performance on Monday, December 7th at the Crockett Theater.

"We are excited about this year's show and look forward to having the largest singing group ever," said Plant. "Anyone who enjoys singing the music of Christmas is invited to come and sing with us."

This will be the 29th annual performance and as always will feature a guest artist in addition to the Pops Choir and the Bradley Brass.

For more information, contact Plant at 762-7528.

Parade and a host of fun holiday events are planned for December 5

Courtesy of Main Street

Main Street and the Chamber are teaming up to try and make the Christmas Parade and surrounding events that same day a grand opening for a watershed holiday season for downtown Lawrenceburg and Lawrence County. This year's parade will be on Saturday, December 5th at 5 p.m.

The day will kick off bright and early with the *Ho Ho Hustle 5. Santa* will arrive by train on the Square at 11:30 and lunch will be served inside Providence Hall with *Santa* joining in at noon and sitting for pictures from 1-2:30. *Polar Express* will be shown from 2:45 p.m. until *the lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree* in the center of the Square at 4:45 p.m.

Merchants are encouraged to participate by holding

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Students set up their email on their new Chromebooks. LaShawn Baxter photo

27th Annual Oktoberfest is October 1-11

Oktoberfest...Cont'd from front

things up, to recognize landmarks around the area, and to encourage community events. I remember Mrs. Brown calling my mother, Mary Eleanor Weathers, and talking her into becoming one of the early committee members.

Twenty-seven years ago the Lift-Up Committee, as they were called, started the area's first Oktoberfest to bring people together, literally, during a weeklong celebration in town. Businesses and churches opened up their doors with lunches offered to anyone who wanted to sit down in fellowship. Others sponsored music, an official German meal, sidewalk festivities, an arts and crafts show, a wiener dog race, and a beauty contest. People hosted potluck block parties to encourage even closer fellowship within neighborhoods All over town, people embraced the German heritage of the area's first set-

tlers and celebrated fall with decorations of pumpkins, gourds, and hay bales.

This tradition carries on today and I am happy to report that I will soon be picking up my mother and escorting her to events around town. We didn't get to stay as long as she liked last time at the street festival at Loretto Telephone Company where the Main Street Breakdown trio played a mix of folk and Celtic music, so we'll be sure to make that one.

I look forward to seeing the people in town I have known since I was a child, reminding me of our shared past here, and the new people who have moved to the area, reminding me of this place's lasting charm. This is America at its finest - celebrating the heritage of many immigrants, blending it into the fabric of our country, and making it our own to share with people of all walks of life.



HUND HAUS gets into the Oktoberfest spirit with German decorations and German enthusiasts on hand to sprechen Deutsch (speak German). HH will host a tasting of German beers and wines on Saturday afternoon. – Pumpkin art by Emily Kennedy







The town of Loretto is turning festive with lots of fall decorations dressing up homes and businesses. A charming town with a history steeped in German heritage, citizens are gearing up to celebrate the German tradition of Oktoberfest. The above photo was taken in downtown Loretto by Margaret Rigling.

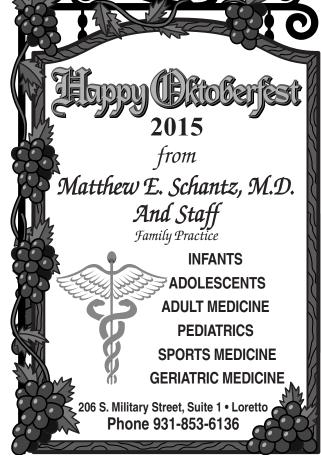
History of Oktoberfest

The first Oktoberfest goes back to a horse race in the year 1810. The occasion was the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Sachsen-Hildburg-hausen. Around 40,000 people attended the event in Munich, Germany.

This celebration soon developed into a harvest festival and as time passed, it became more and more extravagant. Beer was first served in 1818; shows and rides appeared at the same time. Since then, the Munich Oktoberfest has become an international event. Millions of visitors come from all over the world to attend the festival

During the war years, there was no Oktoberfest. After World War II a fall festival was again started but it didn't return to its old form until 1949.

Germans in other countries have clung to the old tradition; they celebrate Oktoberfest in whatever country they would find themselves. Here in Loretto, the German Community, under the sponsorship of the Loretto Lift-Up Committee, is holding its annual Oktoberfest. In the tradition of German Oktoberfests, there will be German food, parties and dancing. You can take part just as you would if you were attending an Oktoberfest in Germany but you don't have to be German to enjoy all the festivities. Everyone is welcome.



New potato and **Bierwurst Salad with** Mustard Cream Dressing

Ingredients:

24 ounces baby new potatoes, scrubbed and cut in half

Dressing This dressing is a good all-

purpose recipe for green





1/2 small red onion, sliced thinly

3 tablespoons oil and vinegar salad dressing (recipe below)

1 dessert apple e.g. Jonagold

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

4 ounces cooked German Bierwurst, sliced thinly 2 German gherkins, chopped

3 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 tablespoon German mustard

2 tablespoons Quark or sour cream

1 to 2 tablespoons milk a little chopped dill and fresh parsley sea salt and freshly ground pepper

Preparation:

Boil the potatoes in salted water for 10 to 12 minutes or until just tender. Drain and mix gently in a large bowl with the sliced red onion. Season to taste and cool slightly. Add oil and vinegar dressing to potatoes and refrigerate for one hour or until chilled. Meanwhile, chop the apple and mix with the lemon juice. Mix into the potato along with the sausage and gherkins. Beat the mayonnaise, mustard, Quark and just enough milk to make a dressing the consistency of cream. Stir this carefully into the salad, spoon into a serving dish and sprinkle with the chopped herbs. Oil and Vinegar Salad

SOURCE: Germanfoods.org leaf, potato, pasta and mixed vegetable salads. Ingredients:

4 ounces rapeseed or vegetable oil

4 ounces olive oil

4 ounces German white wine or German apple vinegar or half of each 1/2 teaspoon sea salt 1 teaspoon German mustard

1 teaspoon German honey (optional)

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Preparation:

Whisk together all ingredients. Store refrigerated in sealed jar. Whisk again just before serving.



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