

March 1
MAPLE SUGAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 From sap to sweet maple syrup, experience how this natural phenomenon actually works! From 9 a.m. - noon, enjoy a hearty breakfast of sausage and pancakes with real Narrows Reserve Maple Syrup, and coffee, juice or milk. No registration is needed for the breakfast and the cost is \$5 resident, \$7 non-resident for ages 7 and older; \$3 residents, \$5 non-resident for ages 3-6; under age 3 are free. You can also take a tour of the sugar camp anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The tours are free with the purchase of breakfast, however, for the tour only, the cost is \$2 resident, \$3 non-resident for ages 6 and older; under age 6 are free. Those participating in the breakfast or just enjoying a tour on this day should park at the

he Fairfield Commons Mall, across from Elder-Beerman. The meeting room is on the first floor to your left after you pass the receptionist's desk. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Tony Corvo at creekfairtax@earthlink.net.
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March 1
 Adults are invited to Knitting for Beginners at the Winters-Bellbrook Community Library, 57 W. Franklin St., on Saturdays, March 1, 8, and 15 from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a three-week class, and supplies will be

possible approval of the agriculture security area application for the 609.39 acre Ben and Peg Wildman farm in Cedarville Township. The hearing will be held at 8 p.m., and will be held at the Cedarville Township Trustees Office, 78 N. Main St. Cedarville.

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 The Cedarville Opera House presents Joe Mullins and The Radio Ramblers on Saturday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. featuring Bluegrass and old-time gospel music. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10. They may be purchased in advance at Cedarville Hardware or at the door the night of the program. The Opera House is located in downtown Cedarville at the intersection of Routes 42 and 72 and is handicapped accessible. For more information call 937-766-4531.

Alzheimer's/ Dementia and we will also be discussing care giving strategies on Feb. 29, at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. It will be held at Elmcroft Assisted Living of Xenia, 60 Pachelnie Circle Xenia.

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) A comedy" by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield will be presented by Xenia Area Community Theater at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 29, March 1, 7 and 8, at Xenia Adult Recreation and Services Center, 130 E. Church St., Xenia. A high-speed condensation of all of the Bard's plays, full of pratfalls and puns, willful is reading of names and dialogue, female impersonations and broad burlesque. The gung-ho vitality is impossible to resist. First performed by the Reduced Shakespeare Company and ran for 10 years.

Xenia - Adults can practice what they learn in class during the Adult Computer Lab Sessions, at the Xenia Community Library, 76 E. Market St., on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 3 p.m. No registration required. A Library staff member will be available to answer questions and provide one-on-one assistance. For more information call the library at 352-4000.

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— YELLOW SPRINGS —

Local artists knit tree sweater as downtown art project

Beginning today, this column will be a regular weekly feature, sometimes outlining the newsworthy events of Yellow Springs, sometimes (like today) featuring an interesting event or phenomenon occurring in the village, sometimes detailing a calendar of attendance-worthy musical, artistic, political, or educational events.

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He also is a photographer, a graphic designer, and a freelance publisher of books and other documents. He is a sometimes actor, a (selective) activist, and a singer (bass) in a number of vocal groups, including the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus, the Yellow Springs Community Chorus, several specialty vocal groups in YSO, and barbershop quartets wherever he can find them.

The Knit-Knot Tree, wearing its bright new knitted

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larger, brighter, and generally more interesting. McKee named the project the "Knit-Knot Tree," and since then the sweater has grown in size, colors, and interest to the denizens of downtown Yellow Springs.

Volunteers began contributing to the knitting and to embellishments in the form of knitted pockets and small artistic "surprises" slipped into the pockets. Viewers are invited to contribute their own

small art pieces by placing them in the pockets or to remove pieces of art that attract them and take them home.

The area surrounding the tree has become a favorite place for passers-by to pause, take photos, and socialize. The tree itself usually dominates the smiling conversations.

In response to concerns of some viewers that the tree might somehow suffer as a result of its containment by the growing garment, members of the art group contacted professional arborists including Arbor Care, a local firm, who assured them that the tree will not be harmed by its spectacular habiliment.

The originating artists have planned to remove the knitted garment from the tree on Arbor day in the last week of April. However, this action

may be reconsidered, depending on the condition of the sweater.

As spectacular as the Knit-Knot Tree is generally conceded to be, it is less so than a much larger tree haberdashed by sculptor Carol Hummel in Cleveland Heights, OH, whose knitted sweater completely covered the entire length of every limb of a much larger tree, remaining in place for two years and nine months.

Ron Siemer writes about Yellow Springs each Thursday. Deadline to submit information to Ron is 4 p.m., Monday, prior to publication.



If you can't hug 'em, at least leave 'em warm and cozy. The Knit-Knot Tree, in front of Yellow Springs gathering place The Emporium, is a project of the Jafa Girls, a local art group that knitted the tree's "sweater" and invite viewers to add to the knitting or leave artistic "surprises" in pockets on the sweater for passers-by to enjoy or take away with them.

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