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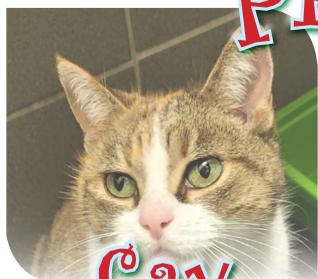
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PETS OF THE WEEK

Cay



Tia



Jupiter



Stella Ann



Cay and Tia were surrendered together because their owner passed away. These two girls are a bonded pair and are best buddies. Cay is a female calico who is 9 years old. She is grey and orange with a white chest and paws. Cay is very friendly and will come to greet you when you enter her cage. She loves treats and has an excellent working purr motor.

Tia is 7 years old, she is a brown tiger with orange markings. Tia is a bigger girl, she must love her snacks. She looks to her buddy Cay for security and is a little more timid. Tia and Cay both have lovely, big green eyes. They get along with other cats, dogs and children. Together they would like to find a new start in a home together. Won't you come meet these pretty girls

today? The Shelter is located at 3370 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Visiting the shelter is always best, but other resources include: On-line applications: <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/803>, fax to: 517-780-4750 or email to: animalshelter@mijackson.org.

See our website for more information at: mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter. Come find us on Facebook! Current Shelter Hours: Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri., 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thu., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jupiter is one adorable little girl! Well, maybe she is technically medium-sized at 35 pounds, but she looks dainty and little to us! She is a great size for anyone and would fit

well into an apartment, even. She is only one year old and still has some of that puppy curiosity and energy, but nothing too much, we promise! She love, loves, loves treats and takes them so gently. She is learning how to 'sit' and do 'down' but needs a little work still. We think she is very trainable, however! She is just an all-around adorable girl! She has been spayed, brought up to date on vaccines, micro-chipped and tested negative for heartworm disease.

Stella Ann was dropped off by her owner, who was no longer able to take care of her. With long tabby-colored fur, she sure is a beauty! All of the staff gasp when they see her, and have to give her some pets. Which, of course, she loves! She is very curious and loves

to explore her surroundings. She has become relaxed and doesn't seem to be nervous in her new temporary home. This eight month old stunner has been spayed, vaccinated, micro-chipped and tested negative for FeLV and FIV.

If interested in Jupiter or Stella Ann please call or come see us at Cascades Humane Society, 1515 Carmen Drive in Jackson, MI.

Cascades Humane Society is open for adoptions. They prefer appointments, but walk-ins are welcome. Currently all visitors are required to wear masks.

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(Family Features) This year, you can change things up and start new traditions with a fresh ingredient like Envy apples, which provide an easy way to update classics due to their sweet taste and availability. The sweet, sophisticated flavor; uplifting, fresh aroma; delightfully satisfying crunch; beautiful appearance; and naturally white flesh that doesn't brown as quickly as other apples all lend themselves to shareable recipes like this Apple Wreath Salad or Roasted Apple Macaroni and Cheese, both perfect for holiday parties.

Find more memory-making recipes at [EnvyApple.com](https://www.envyapple.com).

Apple Custard Sponge Trifle

Servings: 8-10
 6 Envy apples
 2 tablespoons golden caster sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, water
 1 tablespoon corn flour
 1 large plain sponge cake
 2 cups vanilla bean custard
 1/2 cup caramel or butterscotch sauce, plus addition-

al for garnish, divided
 1/2 cup cream
 fresh apple slices
 fresh strawberry slices
 Peel, core and dice apples; place in large saucepan. Add caster sugar, cinnamon and 1/2 cup water. Simmer apples 5-8 minutes until tender.

Combine corn flour and remaining water. Stir corn flour mixture into apples until apples are syrupy.

Cut sponge cake into 2-centimeter diced pieces. Arrange 1/3 of sponge pieces in base of serving bowl. Add half of cinnamon apple pieces, including syrupy juices. Add 1 cup custard and drizzle with 1/4 cup caramel sauce. Repeat with remaining ingredients, finishing with sponge cake; chill.

Whip cream and spoon dollops over sponge cake to cover top. Garnish with apple slices, strawberry slices and caramel sauce.

Apple Wreath Salad
 Recipe courtesy of "The Produce Moms" (@theproducemoms)

Balsamic Dressing:
 1 tablespoon honey
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt



1/2 teaspoon black pepper, finely ground
 1 large garlic clove, minced
 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Salad:
 10 ounces baby arugula
 3 Envy apples, sliced
 9 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
 3 ounces pomegranate arils
 3 ounces pecans, toasted

To make balsamic dressing: In small serving bowl, whisk honey, Dijon mustard, salt, pepper, garlic, balsamic vinegar and olive oil.

Place dressing bowl in center of large board or platter. Arrange arugula around dressing bowl in wreath shape.

Place apple slices on top of arugula. Sprinkle on goat cheese, pomegranate arils and pecans.

Brown Butter Apple Pie Streusel Topping:
 1/2 cup flour
 1/4 cup chopped pecans
 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
 4 tablespoons butter,



cut into 1/2-inch cubes
Filling:
 4 tablespoons butter
 2 pounds Envy apples, cut into 1/4-inch slices
 1/2 cup light brown sugar
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/8 teaspoon grated nutmeg
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 3 tablespoons flour
 1 deep dish frozen pie shell

Preheat oven to 375 F. To make streusel topping: Mix flour, chopped pecans and light brown sugar. Stir in butter using fingertips until incorporated with small lumps of butter visible. Refrigerate.

To make filling: In large skillet over medium heat, melt butter until amber, stirring often. Set aside to cool. In large bowl, stir sliced apples, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, vanilla and flour using spatula. Pour brown butter over apples and mix, scraping skillet with rubber spatula to incorporate brown butter bits.

Place frozen pie shell on baking sheet. Add 2 cups apple mixture into shell, gently pressing apple slices for even

base. Add remaining apple slices and gently press. Sprinkle streusel topping evenly over apples.

Bake 30 minutes then reduce oven temperature to 350 F and bake 35-45 minutes until topping is golden and apples feel tender when pierced with fork.

Roasted Apple Macaroni and Cheese

Salted water
 1 pound macaroni noodles
 4 tablespoons butter
 1 Envy apple, peeled and diced
 4 tablespoons flour
 2 cups heavy cream
 2 cups milk
 3 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated
 1 cup Romano cheese, grated
 1 cup gruyere cheese, grated
 1 tablespoon kosher salt
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire

Topping:
 2 tablespoons butter
 1 cup panko breadcrumbs

Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add noodles and

cook until just tender. Drain and set aside.

In large pot over high heat, melt butter then saute diced apple until caramelized and tender. Sprinkle in flour and stir. Cook 1 minute, stirring frequently.

Whisk in heavy cream and milk; bring to boil, whisking frequently so milk doesn't burn.

Once boiling, turn heat to low and whisk in cheddar cheese, Romano cheese, gruyere cheese, salt and Worcestershire. Continue whisking until cheese is melted thoroughly.

Carefully pour mixture into large blender and blend on high until smooth.

Pour cheese sauce over noodles and stir.

Pour macaroni and cheese into 9-by-13-inch pan and spread evenly.

Heat oven to broil.

To make topping: In medium bowl, melt butter and stir in panko breadcrumbs.

Sprinkle breadcrumbs over macaroni and cheese; broil until golden brown.

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 Source: Envy Apples

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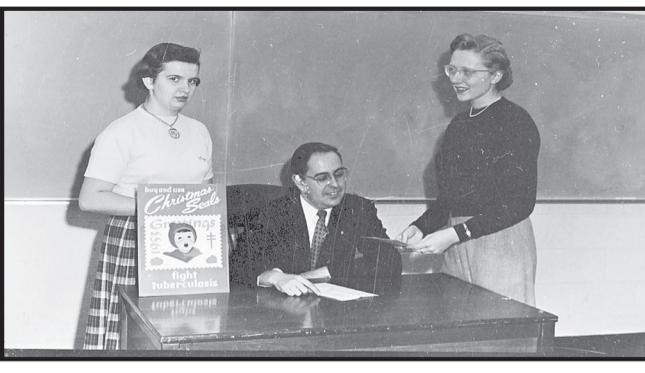
HISTORICAL NOTEBOOK
 by Frank Passic
 Albion Historian



CHRISTMAS SEALS

A very Merry Christmas to all my readers of this column! Thank you so much for your support and providing me historical Albion items, documents and materials over the past year. This helps me keep this column interesting. With Christmas being on a Sunday this year, you have to make a choice of either going to church for Sunday service, OR opening presents at home with the kids and family on Sunday morning. Which will it be?

Do you remember Christmas Seals? These were “stamps” that were licked and placed on the backs of envelopes at Christmastime each year, usually at the bottom triangular end of the top flap. These were not authorized by the U.S. Post Office. Rather, they were issued from 1917 to 1968 by (first) the Red Cross, and then the National Tuberculosis Association, presently the American Lung Association. I bet, however, that some people might have tried to use them as real stamps on occasion.



The Christmas Seals would contain a decorative holiday theme in the center, and were easily identifiable by their red double-barred cross someplace on the stamp. A different stamp was issued each year. Perhaps you have old envelopes from years ago that have Christmas Seals on the back.

Christmas Seals were used to raise money to fight tuberculosis, which once was a major disease, even into the 1950s. Numerous Albionites died of “TB” as it was called in the 20th century, while others spent time in the Battle Creek sanitarium. This disease often afflicted children of immigrants and minorities living on the “west end” of town. A 1953 local article stated, “Tuberculosis kills more Michigan people, steals more productive years from the lives of Michigan people than all other infectious diseases combined.”

The Calhoun County Tuberculosis Association would send out letters containing Christmas Seals to approximately 30,000 residences in the county. People would send back donations, and place the seals on the back of envelopes. The CCTA purchased X-ray equipment and sponsored free chest X-rays in schools and factories to detect TB. Yours truly remembers being X-rayed as a young child at school for the annual “TB” chest X-ray. The CCTB would X-ray approximately 10,000 Calhoun County residents each year.

Various “drives” were often held to raise money for the CCTA, including an annual drive held at Albion College between Thanksgiving and Christmas. In 1952, \$500 was raised by students and faculty, which benefited because of the X-rays given to the College community by the CCTA.

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For more information or an application call 269-781-1257. Applications are available at the Superintendent's Office at 100 East Green St., Marshall, Michigan or by visiting the schools' web site at: www.marshall.k12.mi.us

Please be advised that as per Section 105 of PA300 and 105 C of PA119 of 1999 (School Aid Act), the Marshall Public Schools (MPS), by Board action on March 21, 2022, determined that MPS will be a “School of Choice” district for the first and second semesters of the 2022-2023 school year.

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Dear EarthTalk: Why are coyote sightings so much more common in urban areas these days? Should I be worried about kids and pets outside? Is this a bad sign for the environment at large and is there a humane way to deter these carnivores from residential areas?
— Max B., Norwalk, CT

Coyotes, known as the Song Dogs of North America, are the sole canid predator endemic to North America. They can be found as far north as Canada and Alaska, and as far south as Central America, but are most prevalent in the Great Plains, where they began their outward migration 100 years ago. Since the 1950s, they've managed to expand their territory by 40 percent, and can now be found anywhere from remote plains to bustling urban parks.

As many experts agree, the coyote is an incredibly adaptive animal. This evolutionary advantage has kept the species not only surviving, but thriving in response to human expansion. This is one of the reasons the coyote has

prevailed where other species have faltered, and why their sightings have only increased along with urbanization. Coyotes are flexible creatures on many counts: their time of activity, their preferred habitat, even their diet. When they aren't eating rabbits or small rodents, coyotes can be seen eating small fruits like berries and apples, and even vegetables like carrots to maintain their daily caloric needs.

Coyotes also have flexible temperaments. They are aggressive enough to hunt small prey, but skittish enough to avoid deadly human contact. Indeed, coyotes are relatively harmless to humans (but they will definitely eat a small pet!). A 2021 study from Madison, Wisconsin discovered that most human-coyote interactions were benign, lacking any aggression by the coyotes whatsoever. When participants in the study were asked to pick a number from zero (calm) to five (aggressive), 90 percent chose zero.

That being said, they are not completely harmless to humans and should always be approached with caution. Last year, four people were injured by a coyote in San Francisco, including a four-year-old.

Counterintuitively, of all the factors influencing coyote population increases, one of the greatest may be population control. According to multiple studies conducted since the 1970s, the indiscriminate killing of coyotes, which has occurred for decades

across all of North America, causes what is known as pack disruption, whereby normally "sterile" females become sexually active in a pack when an alpha male or female is killed. This phenomenon inevitably led to a positive feedback loop, where the encouragement of hunting reduced coyote population levels in the short-term, but increased them in the long-term.

Coyotes are considered a keystone species, meaning their presence or absence significantly influences an ecosystem. This also means their overabundance can lead to ecosystem disruption.

If you're looking to humanely deal with a coyote, hazing—waving your arms and yelling—is often considered the best method of deterrence. Keeping pets inside and livestock penned securely is also encouraged, as is the removal of any garbage or pet food that you may have outside.

CONTACTS: Evaluating human-coyote encounters in an urban landscape using citizen science, academic.oup.com/jue/article/7/1/juaa032/6055886; Preliminary Interpretations of Coyote Population Mechanics with Some Management Implications, jstor.org/stable/3799066.

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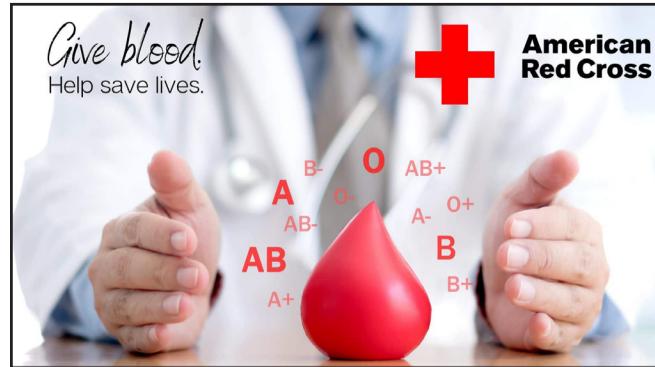
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