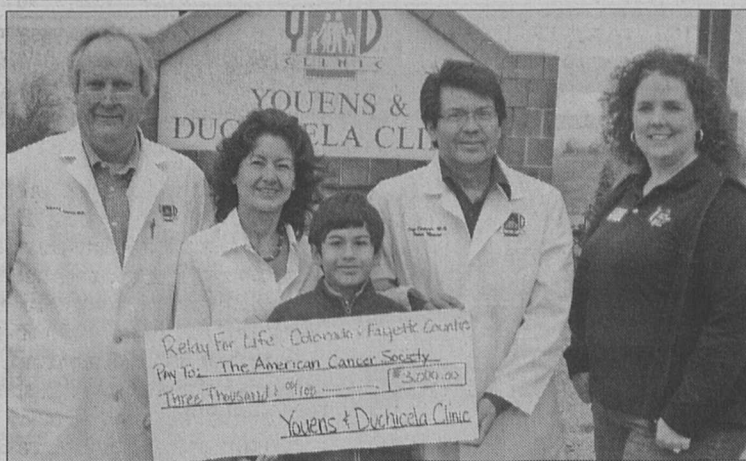




Youens & Duchicela Clinic of Weimar presented on Friday, Feb. 19, a donation for the Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The donation of \$3,000 covers the Relay for Life events in both Colorado and Fayette counties. On hand for the presentation were, from left: Dr. Robert Youens, Dr. Olga Duchicela and her son, Chasca, Dr. Jorge Duchicela and Carie Smith with the American Cancer Society.

Colorado County Relay For Life Recognizes Sponsor

Colorado County Relay For Life would like to recognize Youens and Duchicela Clinic in Weimar.

They have been a generous sponsor of all three Relay For Life events in the area— Fayette County (2 Relay events, Schulenberg/Flatonia and LaGrange) as well as the Colorado County event, in the amount of \$1000.00 per event.

Relay For Life helps raise money to fund cancer research, as well as provide services for people in Colorado County.

The Colorado County Relay For Life will be held on April 23rd at the Columbus High School football stadium.

Cancer survivors are honored

"Healthy Night with the Girls"

By Janis Pfeffer, CEA-FCS Colorado County

Spend the evening with dinner, presentations, exhibits, and FUN! Every woman's life is busy and finding time to do something for you is sometimes next to impossible.

This is why we have combined this special event for the ladies in your life.

This Women's Series will give you information on how to better take care of yourself.

There are small things that everyone can do to make a large difference in their health.

If you would like information that you will need to keep yourself and your family cancer free don't miss this event.

It will be held on Thursday, April 22, in English and on April 29, in Spanish.

Healthy Night with the Girls! will be held at the Columbus Medical Clinic Education Room, 2122 Hwy. 71 S. in Columbus.

Doors will open for viewing of exhibits and blood pressure screening at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served during this time. Dinner on April 22 is

How To Get More Money When Selling Your Home

When selling your home you want to get the most money possible.

But with home values having dropped considerably during the past few years, today's sellers are exploring new ways to maximize the money they can put in their pockets.

It continues to be a rough market, with statistics from the National Association of Realtors showing a median price for 2009 home sales of \$173,200, down nearly 12 percent from 2008 and more than 20 percent from 2007.

And considering that a real estate agent's typical six percent commission will cause sellers to lose even more of their homes' value, many are using the Internet and other modern technology to sell their houses themselves instead of hiring agents.

In addition to handling the sale yourself, there are several other easy ways to take home more cash.

Experts advise every little step helps: cleaning and painting, advertising in the right place and even hiring an attorney to evaluate complicated offers.

Studies from Northwestern and Stanford Universities found that "for sale by owner" (FSBO) sellers are as effective as agents in maximizing a home's sales price.

In fact, a report from the real estate industry's own trade group, the National Association of Realtors, found that FSBO sellers sold their homes quicker and for closer to asking price, compared to homes represented by agents.

"Sellers have realized that paying an agent will cause them to lose even more of their home's value," says Greg Healy of ForSaleByOwner.com, a leading for sale by owner Web site.

"Paying commission is becom-

with a dinner and celebration lap.

Later in the event survivors as well as friends and family that have lost their battle with cancer are remembered in a touching luminaries ceremony.

We are still looking for teams, sponsors, or any other involvement in the event. Upcoming meeting dates include March 30th, April 6th, 13th and 20th.

Meetings are held at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus at 5:30 p.m.

The local Event Chair Robin Maertz, 979-732-1687, would love the opportunity to share more information about the Colorado County Relay For Life.

Keep Your Landscape Lush While Saving Water And Money

It's one of springtime's most popular activities: preparing your yard for enjoyable summertime use.

However, the rising scarcity of water across the country continues to drive up the cost of landscaping and gardening.

In fact, more and more states nationwide are beginning to prohibit daily watering altogether.

"Fortunately, there are an increasing number of efficient approaches to home landscaping that are surprisingly easy to get started, such as mulching and installing new nozzles that use up to 30 percent less water than the nozzles we grew up with," points out Mike Baron, water management specialist. "Using less water doesn't mean sacrificing a beautiful yard."

Go Natural

There might not be an easier technique to save water than mulching.

Placing a three- to five-inch layer of mulch around your plants will help to hold in the moisture and is most effective when used in conjunction with plants native to the local environment.

Easy to Save

There's no need to dig up your yard to completely replace your irrigation system with one that will save water and money.

Every spray should have a removable nozzle that you can swap out for a more efficient one -- and it's literally as easy as changing a light bulb.

One of the key parts of the

conventional irrigation system that has seen the most development in recent years is the spray nozzle.

These nozzles offer higher overall irrigation efficiency while delivering larger water droplets, minimizing the effect of evaporation. Using up to one-third less water of regular spray nozzles, this technology can make a world of difference financially and environmentally.

All the parts of an irrigation system -- controller, valves, sprinklers -- work together to ensure your plants get proper watering. Replacing just one portion of a system with an efficient option helps save water.

Over time, replacing all components with efficient irrigation products ensures optimum savings.

Drip Efficiently

Drip irrigation is another efficient approach to green landscaping.

By putting water only where and when you need it -- at the base of shrubs, flowers, and vegetables -- you can use up to 50 percent less water than conventional sprinklers.

These systems deliver water slowly, allowing the soil to better absorb water and minimize or eliminate runoff.

Because drip systems are designed to put water closer to a plant's roots, they offer the most efficient way to cultivate a lush garden while saving water.

"It's an opportunity to demon-

strate good citizenship.

No matter what type of grass and plants you choose, you can take pride knowing that you can grow a beautiful, natural landscape while still being en-

vironmentally conscious," says Baron.

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I'm sitting in my room, looking at your picture, wondering why you're not a part of my future. Tears stream down my face, while my heart starts to race.

Asking God why he took you from my life, it was more painful than stabbing me with a knife.

I still need you here, you're the one who made things clear. You're a part of me and I'm a part of you, when you died a part of me died too.

I never knew how hard it was to lose someone you love, until the day you went to Heaven above. Even though I can't see, I know you're watching over me.

I miss you more and more everyday but all I can do is pray. In my heart you shall forever remain.

I Love You Boo-Boo... Aunt CoCo

Students at RHS Saving Lives with Pennies

Students at Rice High School collected Pennies for Patients to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the month of February.

After three weeks of students bringing their spare change to school, the total was \$1757.

The top fundraising grade was the sophomore class.

They donated more than \$600 and will be rewarded with an event still to be determined.

"I am so proud of our students," said Eric Grogan, school principal. "The students learned that they can make a difference every penny counts."

They did a great job of giving selflessly to help children and others battling blood cancer.

"These students serve as an example to all of us through their commitment to helping others," said Hope Morrison, campaign

director for the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter.

"Their efforts will help local patients and their families along with funding blood cancer research at Texas Children's Hospital."

Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults.

An estimated 894,543 Americans are living with a blood cancer, and every five minutes, someone new is diagnosed.

Since 2005, 2.75 million dollars has been raised locally by thousands of elementary, middle and high school students.

For information regarding local programs and services of the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, call 713.680.8088 or visit www.LLS.org.

Tannich, Brovec Reunion Held

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candy were Leon Anhaizer and J. R. Richardson. They guessed the number of candies closest to the actual count without going over.

Following the meeting everyone enjoyed the auction and bingo.

It was a delightful event for all.

Everyone enjoyed visiting and laughing with family and catching up on events of the past year.

Next year's reunion will be Sunday, March 6, 2011.

Various descendants that we know of the Tannich-Brovec union

are Nohavitza, Ulbrich, Voitle, Sebesta, Mueck, Urban, Anhaizer, Sekerka, Fojtik, Holloway, Kunschick, Koch, Klimple, Perkins, Shimek, York, Socha, Kubesch, Petersen.

If you know of any others, please invite them to the next reunion. If they do not have transportation, offer to bring them.

We voted to return to the previous food arrangement: everyone brings enough food for their family to the reunion next year.

We will put all of the food together and share with one other.

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