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KEEPING CONNECTED

Welcome to the fifth edition of our Newsletter. As we have now re-opened, we will be producing the Newsletter on a monthly basis. If you would like to subscribe to 'Leopold Buzz', or if you would like previous issues, please phone us on 5250 1301 or email us at info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

You can view or download all issues of the newsletter on our website: www.leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

ACTIVE SENIORS CLASSES

The Leopold Community & Learning Centre is offering Active Seniors Classes led by qualified instructors via two different on-line platforms

Weights and Balance Class via 'Zoom'

This Class is an interactive one with Jan instructing participants individually in order to gain the best possible outcome. Classes are held Wednesdays at 11.00 a.m.

Zumba/Cardio Class via 'YouTube' with private settings

The instructor will pre-recorded this class, allowing you more flexibility around time and is accessed with a unique password.

The classes are offered once a week for a duration of 40 minutes.

To register, or if you would like more information about the classes, phone us on **52501301** or email us at: info@leopoldcommunitycentre.com.au



MUSCULOSKELETAL
AUSTRALIA

WHERE TO GET HELP

Club Italia is providing free meals for those who are in need in the greater Leopold area. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a cooked meal, they can be picked up from the Italian Club, 515 Bellarine Hwy, Moolap twice a week. Please contact Leanne on 5250 2349 for more details.

The **City of Greater Geelong** are asking for feedback on how Covid19 has impacted people across our community in order to know the type of support which is most helpful.

They provide some direct services and can also help connect you to other organisations that can help across many different areas.

They can be contacted by email: communityrelief@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or by phone: 5272 5272

Find up-to-date Coronavirus resources and answers to common questions at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/covid19

Chapter 5: Roscoe's Treasure –

Mystery of the Missing Teeth

Mom shut the door and remained in the driver's seat. "Seriously, we don't even know that he's the right person." "Well we should at least try to find him! He's the first real possibility we've found." Mom started the car and headed back out of town towards home. We both were silent. Suddenly, Mom stopped. "Wait, Dan said he was going to take his dad to the dentist. There can't be that many dentists in Marysville." She pulled out her phone and began to search online. "Get out the notebook and pen from the glove compartment and write these names down..." I wrote down the name and phone numbers of five dentists.

Mom called the first three and got a message that said the office was closed on Saturday. It came down to the last dentist. Mom put her phone on speaker, and we waited while it rang...

"Hello, Dr. Whirley's office. How may I help you?" a friendly voice asked. "My name is Sherri Mason. We found a set of dentures, and we're looking for an older gentleman who might be getting fitted for a new denture today with Dr. Whirley." Mom was speaking fast, so that she could get in the whole story before the voice hung up. "His son Dan helped us with a flat tire and happened to mention the dentist appointment. We found the denture plate a couple of weeks ago and have been looking for the owner ever since..."

"Just a minute, please." There was a long pause. Finally a male voice came on. "Hi, this is Dan." Mom and I smiled with delight at each other. "Listen, I'm the woman who had the flat tire. I know this will sound strange, but we may have found your dad's missing denture. Can we please come over and talk to you?"

When we walked into the dentist's office, the man who'd changed our tire came over with a puzzled look on his face. "So, what is this about a denture you found? Dad's with the dentist. I just can't imagine that you could've found his teeth. We weren't even here in town when he lost it." We sat down in the waiting room, Mom and I across from Dan. I was so excited I could hardly sit still. "My dog Roscoe came home with a set of false teeth a couple of weeks ago," I said.

Dan looked questionably at Mom. "It's true. He'd been gone a couple of days. When he returned, he

had a denture plate in his mouth. Anyway we cleaned off the teeth, put an ad in the paper and talked to all the dentists in Atkins. We'd just about given up." "Hmmm. You guys live in Atkins?" "Yes. I know that's fifteen miles from here, but Roscoe was gone two days."

"When did you say this happened?" Dan knit his brow. "Well, it was two weeks ago today." Mom replied. She looked at Dan, "Does that in any way match up to when your Dad lost his teeth?"

He laughed. "Well, our story started two weeks ago Wednesday when we took Dad out to dinner for his 80th birthday at *Fannie's* in Atkins. You see, we'd moved him into Hopkin's Assisted Living after his house sold. He was not very happy about the change, but we felt he just couldn't live on his own. Anyway, we'd taken him out for this nice dinner." "Mr. Brewer?" A pretty girl with a black ponytail and a flowery lab coat was standing near the hallway to the back. "Dr. Whirley is ready to see you." Dan stood up. "Listen, wait here. I'll put a hold on the new denture until we hear the rest of your story. I'd like Dad to hear this too." He followed the pretty girl into the back.

Dad set down a huge platter of baked chicken next to the mashed potatoes on our large dining room table. My tummy rumbled, but I knew that the guests would get served first. Mrs. Brewer forked a drumstick before passing it to her husband Dan. The potatoes followed the chicken. Grandpa took the platter from Dan. He had a bald head with a curly ring of grey around his ears. Stabbing the other drumstick, he winked at me and reached across to lay it on my plate. I smiled and looked away.

"So, tell my family the rest of your story," Mom said passing the rolls. "It's almost too crazy to believe. I've been keeping it a secret until tonight, and my husband and sons can't wait to hear the details." "How did Grandpa lose his teeth?" Jordan asked. Mr. Brewer senior, smiled at my little brother, showing off his fine set of teeth. "You see, I always get food stuck under my plate..." "That's because he forgets to put the dental paste on his denture before putting it into his mouth." Dan added. "Anyway, when Dan left to pay the bill at *Fannie's*, I took out my denture and cleaned off the food. I set it under my napkin so my son wouldn't see it when he got back." He looked over at Dan who was loading chicken with potatoes on his plate.

"When we'd finished eating, I went to find the waitress and pay. I was anxious to get back to Marysville, so I could help settle Dad into his new apartment. I didn't notice his teeth in the napkin, and of course, Dad didn't say anything about them when we were leaving. We drove to Marysville, and I got Dad to the door of his new apartment. I noticed that his mouth was sunken in. "Where are your teeth?" I demanded.

He put his hands to his mouth with a look of surprise. "Oh no, I left them under my napkin at *Fannie's*." "What!" I said in shock. "What do you mean?" "I didn't want you to know that I had taken out my plate to clean it. You always get mad when I do that. So I just hid it under my napkin when I saw you come back from paying the bill."

I left Dad with my wife at the apartment and hurried back to Atkins hoping that *Fannie's* was still open. I saw a couple waiters clearing tables. I gently knocked on the window. A young man with a stack of dirty dishes shook his head to alert me the café was closed, but I motioned him frantically to come to the door. He opened it a crack. "Did you find a denture plate at..." I looked around the room and pointed, "at that table over by the window? My father left it in a napkin when we were here an hour ago. He can't get along without his teeth." "Nope, I don't remember no teeth," the man said, obviously not interested in wasting time with me.

"What do you do with your garbage?" "Throw it in the trash, what do you think? And then set the trash

cans out back. I rushed around back. There was a teenager, with his cap on backwards, stooped down, picking up pieces of food, soggy napkins, and empty containers off the back stoop. He was muttering angrily. "What's the matter?" I asked watching him pick up a slimy piece of lettuce with his fingers. He wrinkled his nose.

"Damn dog! Some stray knocked over the trash can and was eating the garbage when I got out here. Look at the mess he made?" I silently took in the trail of napkins, and bones. "When I reached down to knock out his lights, that stupid dog grabbed something from the mess and ran away with it in his mouth." At that point, I gave up on the teeth and headed back to Marysville, thinking about the expense and hassle of getting Dad new teeth.

Grandpa Brewer stopped eating his potatoes and looked at Jordan. "I knew right away they were mine. My teeth are so familiar, they're like an old friend. And sure enough, when your mom handed me the denture yesterday, I slipped it right into place." He smiled big. "See the perfect fit? I never knew how much those silly teeth meant to me." "And hopefully," Dan added, "he'll use his paste so he doesn't have to take them out except right before bed when he puts them in a bowl of water." We all laughed. And as if waiting for that moment, Roscoe came into the room and settled down right on Grandpa Brewer's feet.

EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN!

1. What covers its face with its hands, speaks no language, yet most known for what it is saying?
2. I am everywhere but cannot be seen, captured or held, only heard. What am I?
3. My uses are changing, but I still remain the same. My interior is quiet, and stories are my game. What am I?
4. I am free the first time and second time, but the third time is going to cost you money.
5. It can be repeated but rarely in the same way. It can't be changed but can be rewritten. It can be passed down, but should not be forgotten.

Last Week's Answers

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| 1. Tea Bag | 2. Bookkeeper | 3. Flag | 4. Wheelbarrow | 5. Grudge |
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TRISTAN'S TECH TIPS

BATTERY BLUES

Oh no, I'm out of battery again! It feels like I need to charge my battery at least once a day, maybe even two to three times on days I'm using my phone a lot. It's especially annoying if I'm nowhere near a power source, now I can't browse the internet or watch videos, because I need to conserve my battery until I can charge again.

Devices have gotten more powerful, but battery technology has lagged behind, there's just no batteries that are small and light enough to fit in a slim phone *and* last a long time.

But there is a solution: power banks.

Power banks are literally just external batteries that you can carry around. They come in all sorts of different sizes and power capacity. Say the power bank is 10,000 mAh (milliamp hour, basically a measure of capacity) and your phone is 3000 mAh, that means that one power bank will charge your phone to full over three times from empty!

Power banks are portable and can be taken with you, all you need to do is charge it, bring your phone USB charging cable and go. They can also charge tablets and even some newer Laptops, so they are versatile too.

Now you can be on your phone or device much longer in the middle of nowhere, perfect for long train journeys and camping. Power banks are sold in various stores, and are often on special online, give them a try if you think it's right for you.

PROJECT CORNER

BOOK MARKS



You are only limited by your imagination, try these easy cute book marks

Equipment: A4 paper scissors,
PVA Glue
Tape
Paint
Coloured paper

Instructions:

1. Cut your A4 paper into a square. Fold in half and then quarters. Open up and cut along the quarter line. Take each half and the fold back and then fold one side back to make a triangle and glue the edges to the edge of your original square shape to make a pocket to slip over the corner of a book,
2. Decorate anyway you like.

GUITAR LESSONS

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play the Guitar? Well now is your opportunity....

Shaun is offering Individual or Group lessons (limit of 3) Monday afternoons at the Leopold Community and Learning Centre

One-on-one lessons –
\$15.00 for 30 minutes
Groups of 3 –
\$10.00 for 40 minutes

For more information contact the Centre on 52501301

What's in the Night Sky?

On the 5th July Jupiter will be in conjunction with the moon, meaning they share the same celestial longitude. In either binoculars or a telescope Jupiter's Moons are always interesting. For more info go to the website below.



<https://www.space.com/moon-jupiter-saturn-conjunctions-may-2020.html>