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Cleaning

Goodwill truck visiting; clean-up coming

Whatever didn't sell during the city-wide garage sale might still make it out the door.

The first opportunity is Saturday when the Goodwill truck stops in Morenci. The second chance comes one week later when it's time for the biennial unlimited trash collection.

Restrictions are in place both weekends, and if a refrigerator or freezer is on your disposal list, you're out of luck. Neither the Goodwill nor Archbold Refuse Service is interested in those items.

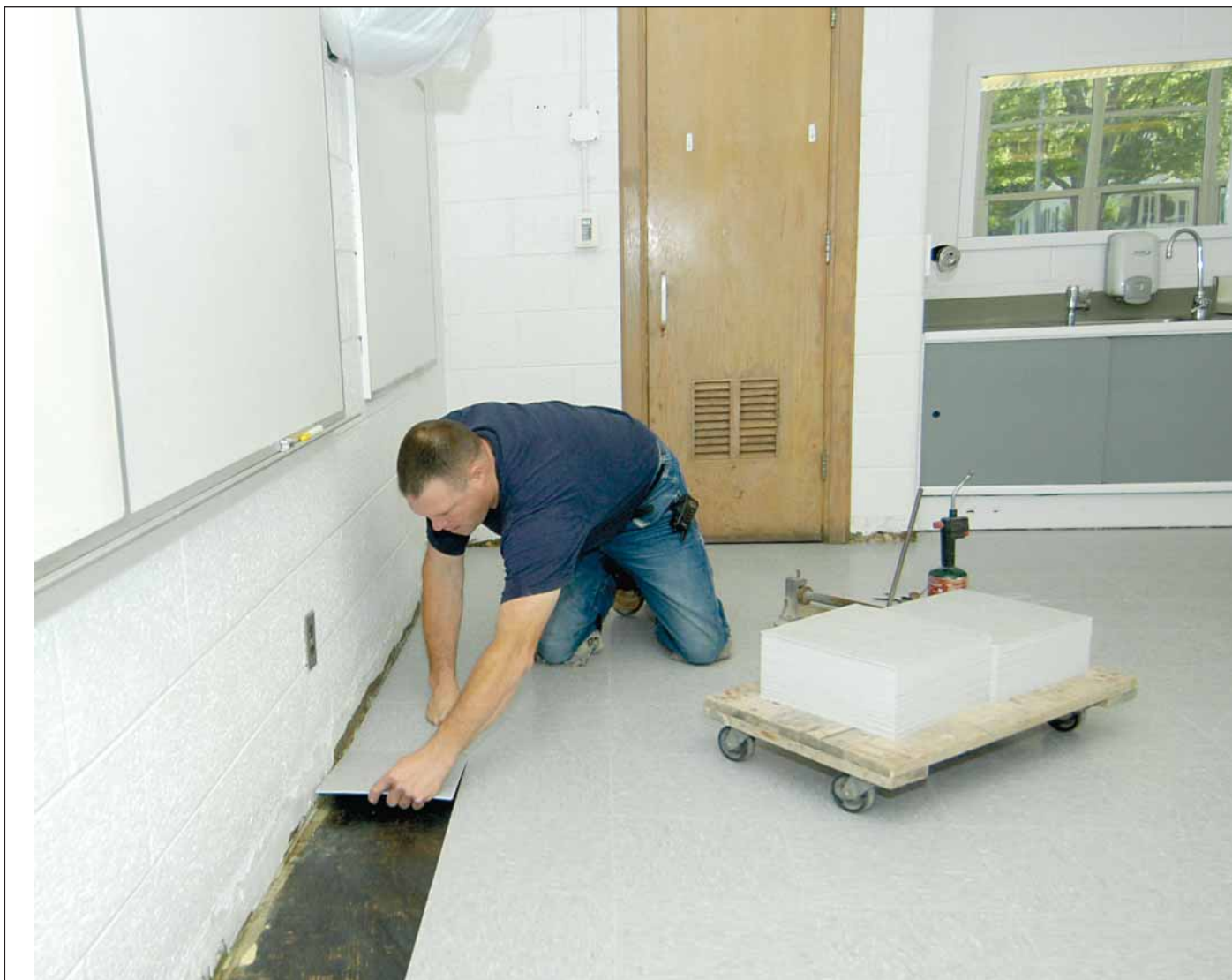
Goodwill's general rule for donations is this: If the item is something you would feel comfortable giving to a neighbor or friend, then donate it to Goodwill. If it's not good enough for a friend, then don't push it off on Goodwill. Save it for the city-wide collection.

Clothing, books, furniture that isn't in need of repair, housewares, linens and small appliances such as toasters, microwaves, computers and computer-related equipment are all on the donation list.

Items not acceptable include large appliances, construction material, mattresses,

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LIKE NEW



A MORENCI Elementary School classroom takes on a new, brighter look with replacement of floor tiles. The old tiles were wearing thin in some areas of the school. Brett Southwell of Rome Center, an employee of Legacy Commercial Flooring, installed tile last week as

the project progressed through one of the wings of the 50-year-old school. The tile replacement is one of many projects approved by voters in a maintenance millage.

DAVID GREEN/Observer Photo

Manure spill fouls four miles of creek

By DAVID GREEN

Faulty irrigation equipment is suspected of sending partially treated liquid manure into Little Bear Creek from a field near the Chesterfield Dairy on Fulton County Road 14 in Royalton Township.

Representatives from the Ohio EPA were still investigating the manure discharge on Tuesday while clean-up work continued.

Fulton County Emergency Services director Brett Kolb said he was notified of the incident about 9:30 p.m. Thursday by a call from the sheriff's department.

Kolb said township resident Maurice Barden was inspecting crops in a field near County Road 12 when he discovered manure in the creek that flows through his property. He reported the manure to law enforcement officials.

According to the Ohio EPA report, Kolb called the agency at 10:08 p.m. to report the stream was "running black with manure" and said he would investigate further. Kolb later reported that it could be coming from a nearby dairy, but he said later that tracking the source in the dark would be difficult. The agency took the report and sent workers to the scene the next morning.

Kolb said the creek was temporarily dammed near County Road 10 to prevent

the additional flow of manure. A pump is removing contaminated water from the stream and transporting it to a sealed container.

At that point, manure hauling equipment siphons the mixture out and applies it to fields. Kolb spoke with dairy owner Karel van de Kolk at the scene and learned that

about one load an hour was being removed Tuesday.

The pump is capable of removing much higher quantities of water, Kolb said, but the rate of flow in the creek slows the process.

Kolb said he learned from van de Kolk that the arm of a pivot irrigation device became stuck in an open position and flooded the field with liquid manure. van de Kolk told him the manure was from the final lagoon in the farm's treatment system, when it's ready for field application.

Dina Pierce, media specialist with the Ohio EPA, said the investigation continues.

"We're asking a lot of questions, so the details may change as we get a clearer picture of what happened," she said.

The agency wants to know if the irrigation equipment was unattended.

The manure initially traveled through a field tile before reaching the creek. The tile was plugged to stop the flow of manure and efforts Tuesday also focused on cleaning out the tile without adding additional manure to the creek.

Fish kill

The Ohio DNR was also called to the scene after dead fish were found floating downstream.

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FISH KILL—Ohio DNR workers are still tabulating the fish kill resulting from a manure discharge last week southwest of Lyons. Manure flowed through Little Bear Creek for about four miles. The photo was taken where the creek crosses under Fulton County Road 11-1.

Photo by John Klein/ECCSCM



FINE FIDDLING—Only 13 of the 23-member Fiddlers ReStrung group performed during Stair Public Library's "Beats and Books! Music in the Library" Summer Reading Program, but their performance was mighty entertaining. The group is made up of Saline High School students. The Morenci Bible Fellowship church accommodated the crowd of around 160 people.

Fiddlers ReStrung

Saline students show their musical skills at a Morenci library program

Photos by David Green



ON YOUR FEET—At the start of the show, Josh Herter, director of the group, invited audience members to clap, sing and dance to the music. Brooke Arno, above, swings her partner in an impromptu square dance. Additional photos from the Morenci visit can be viewed at the group's website, www.fiddlersrestrung.com. Click on the "slideshow" tab.



TALENT—Singing, dancing, and fiddling...members of the Fiddlers ReStrung group showed their talent and love of music. The group will perform a free concert July 29 at the Lenawee County Fair.



MUSIC MAKERS—Several audience members were given musical instruments for one song and joined in with the fiddlers. Above, Salem Eichler played a shaker instrument and Haley Sellers played the bongos. Graceann and Charlene Glisson, left, joined forces to make music with a rainstick.



STEP TO IT—Several of the girls in the group took a break from fiddling to perform several Appalachian stepdances.