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SWCD project Packer Creek in line for grant to address flooding

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Flooding problems along Packer Creek near the Village of Genoa could be addressed with the help of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mike Libben, district administrator of the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District, said his office has been examining the locations where the creek is prone to flooding at the request of residents who own adjacent property.

He updated the Ottawa County commissioners on the project during their Jan. 27 meeting.

"We've had a lot of discussions with landowners in Genoa about flooding issues," he said last week. "We've taken it upon ourselves to evaluate the creek, particularly the channel from west of the village to the east side of the village, and look for obstructions and what might be holding up the water."

The SWCD has qualified for funding from an organization, the Maumee Area of Concern Committee, that can be used for water quality projects. Through a U.S. EPA grant, Maumee AOC has earmarked approximately \$3.4 million for the work.

Libben said the project is in its planning stages but a few properties have been identified for channel restoration and riparian buffer improvements.

"We're looking at all areas of what we can do about drainage problems and water quality," Libben said. "As Packer Creek goes through Genoa it's pretty much on rock. But as you get west of town and closer to Wood County there has been a lot of development so there is more run-off getting into the creek faster than it used to. Residents west of town brought it to our attention so we've been working

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Shriners gather at Maumee Bay lodge

The Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, Dendarah Court #10 of Toledo, held their annual ceremonial and initiation meeting January 28-30 at Maumee Bay State Park. The group raised over \$4,000 that weekend for St. Vincent's Pediatric Hospital's Oncology Department. Photo at left: Kate Kalmbach, Grand High Priestess (left) of Bothell, Washington and Joyce Bergman, High Priestess, of Genoa, were in attendance. Both have sons who needed Shriners services in the past, making their trials into personal testimonials for the hospital. Top right photo: Sherri Black of Maumee helped provide music as fellow shriners (bottom right) perform. Kalmbach, who has worked with Alec of Shriner's Hospital for Children, says that of the 62 chapters, the Dendarah Court is one of her favorites. For more information on how to get involved locally, call Bergman at 419-514-7659 or go to shrinerschildrens.org. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon OKs design for stream restoration project

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council recently approved an agreement with Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., Maumee, to provide professional engineering services for stream restoration at the Oregon Recreational Complex for \$111,974.75.

In order to improve water quality in Wolf Creek, the city is moving ahead with stream restoration at the Oregon Recreational Complex.

As part of several approved local projects in the Maumee Area of Concern (AOC), the city applied for and received a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 5 Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO). The grant is for the design and construction of a stream and wetland restoration project within the Oregon Recreational Complex, 5401 Starr Ave. Extension. The grant will reimburse the city for 100 percent of the eligible design and construction costs up to a maximum of \$1,344,000 for the project.

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The Stream Restoration at Oregon Recreational Complex will reduce degradation of stream benthic communities (insects, snails, worms, crayfish, etc.) and improve fish habitat by stabilizing 5,300 linear feet of eroding and incised stream banks in Wolf Creek. The two-stage channel design will create a benched floodplain and a low flow channel, which will pro-

mote habitat features such as meanders, pools, and riffles.

Two-stage

"Many of you have seen the wetland work we've done along Wynn Road Brachman Ditch, where you see the very widened channel," Public Service Director Paul Roman said to council. "When we say 'two-stage,' there's a lower bank area that's just a foot higher than the flow line or stream ditch bottom. That is where you have pools and riffles. That's where you have a lot of the habitat restoration."

The project will also reduce nonpoint source pollution by intercepting agricultural drainage and capturing nutrients and sediment and routing them through a constructed wetland system.

A walking path and viewing areas are planned to provide passive recreation and educational opportunities for visitors of the complex.

Qualifications

Roman requested qualification state-

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Packer Creek

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on solutions for a couple years and we are now at a point where we have some funding to do some projects that will help.”

He said the volume of water during heavy storms overwhelms the creek's capacity to move it eastward. Obstructions such as fallen trees will be removed but the focus of the remedial work will be on widening the channel where needed and planting wetlands to absorb more of the overflow.

“We have some concept plans developed and we will be fine tuning them,” Libben said, adding the work will likely start in 2023.

The Maumee Area of Concern Committee was established in 1987 as a facilitating organization for water quality projects. Its predecessor was the Maumee Remedial Action Plan.

Libben also updated the commissioners on the local participation in the H2Ohio initiative – a voluntary state program that promotes the use of conservation measures to reduce run-off of fertilizer from farm fields.

Seventy growers in the county signed up with the program this past year, he said. That equates to about 40 percent of the farmland acreage in the county.

Libben said he was pleased with the response. As part of the H2Ohio program, his office has also been working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on drainage and wetland projects.



Rep takes part in rescue training

State Representative Haraz Ghanbari recently met with Bill Moorman, chief of the Bowling Green Fire Division, to discuss public safety issues. When the chief invited Ghanbari to watch division crews practice ice rescues at a local pond, not only did the representative accept, but he suited up and joined in on the training. (Submitted photo)

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Feb. 7-11. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Feb. 7: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

Feb. 8: WIC Clinic, 7:45-12 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Port Clinton, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Feb. 9: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; 60+ Clinic – Oak Harbor, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

Feb. 10: 60+ Clinic – Port Clinton, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Health Chek/STD/Reproductive Health Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Feb. 11: COVID Vaccination Clinic, 8:30-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.; COVID Vaccine Clinic, 8:30-11 a.m.

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Restoration project

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ments from qualified, professional consultants to provide professional engineering services for preliminary and detail design of the project.

Besides the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., qualifications were received by Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.; GEI Consultants; ECT Inc.; Davey Resource Group; and Oxbow River and Stream Restoration.

“Mannik & Smith was determined to be the most qualified for the design,” said Roman. “They were the designer for our urban runoff Capture Project, which was a passive park and creation of wetlands for Otter in Euclid Park. They did a very good job.”

It will take three years to complete the project, said Roman.

“We submitted this grant application last summer. We were made aware of the award in the fall. The design will probably take a year, and the construction will probably take a year as well. That’s about the norm,” said Roman.

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Bay Township

01/24/2022 BEJ Family Limited Partnership to Heather Straight to Timothy Straight Jr, 5660 West Fremont Road, \$149,000.

Carroll Township

01/28/2022 Nelson Lee Reau to Christine Darrt, 11360 West Toussaint Portage Road, \$99,000.

Clay Township

01/26/2022 Kevin A Makin-Successor Trustee of The Kenneth J and Mary Margaret Makin Trust to Jessica Chappell and David Johnathan Chappell Jr, 23958 West Meadow Drive, \$240,000.

Harris Township

01/24/2022 Robert A Herrig Jr and Melissa Herrig to First Horizon Bank, 2175 Hessville Road, \$191,250.

Catawba Township

01/25/2022 CC Boat Harbor Inc. to Neal R O'Malley and Mary R O'Malley, 0 North Carriage Lane Unit # 53, \$21,000.

01/26/2022 CC Boat Harbor Inc. to Ted Spidle-Trustee Under His Declaration of Trust Dated Jan 15, 2014, 0 North Carriage Lane Unit # 61, \$7,500.

01/27/2022 Stephen B Kump and Linda J Kump

Virtual Alzheimer's programs Feb. 7

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering two free virtual programs on Monday, Feb. 7, to help provide a greater understanding of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The programs include "10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, which will be held" from 12-1 p.m. and "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia," set for 6-7 p.m.

Both programs will be presented on Zoom. Pre-registration is required. To register for one or both programs, call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 and provide an email address. Instructions about how to join the webinars will be emailed to registrants.

"These two programs provide important introductory information about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias for people who may be in the beginning stages of identifying dementia in themselves or a loved one," said Pam Myers, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter program director. "The first program specifically covers some of the common early warning signs of Alzheimer's, while the second offers general information about the stages of the disease and some of the programs the Alzheimer's Association offers."

Hall of Fame induction postponed

The Eastwood Alumni Association has postponed the Feb. 26 induction of the 2021 Eagle Way Hall of Fame class due to COVID concerns.

The 2021 class will be honored with the Eagle Hall of Fame Class of 2022 at a celebration Saturday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Eastwood High School. Dessert and drinks will be served. The cost is \$10. Those with

Real Estate Transfers

to Walter Marfechuk, 4640 East Catawba Woods Drive, \$129,000.

Danbury Township

01/24/2022 Michelle DeArchangelis (Trustee) to Frank Serra, 8534 North Shore Boulevard, \$120,000.

01/24/2022 James Kahoe and Sandra Kahoe to Michael A Ricciuti and Andrea M Ricciuti, 2610 South Waterside Court Unit # 532, \$437,000.

01/25/2022 Samuel D Taylor and Mary L Taylor to Robert W Shevchuk, 5460 South Port Clinton Eastern Unit # 6, \$38,500.

01/26/2022 Wayne E Kennedy to Kara Russo and Mario Russo, 1276 South Englebeck Road, \$163,000.

01/26/2022 Peter Gentles to Sonja Kristensen,

5754 East Harbor Road, \$100,000.

01/27/2022 Lee A French and Deborah J French to Anthony W Zelms and Tonda M Zelms, 5741 Von Glahn Road, \$68,000.

01/28/2022 Shortridge Investments Properties LLC to Bruce Brockert, 440 Hartshorn Road, \$300,000.

01/28/2022 Renee L Claycomb (Trustee) to Michael J Collins and Barbara J Collins, 314 Lighthouse Oval, \$324,900.

Salem Township

01/26/2022 Genzman Enterprises of Ohio LLC to Raymond F Harder and Nancy H Harder, 2951 South Four-Mile House Road, \$340,000.

01/28/2022 Benjamin Bihm to Kim B Smith and Lisa A Smith, 12235 West State Route 105, \$100,000.

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01/24/2022 Gary R Lemaitre and Susan K Lemaitre (Co-Trustee) to Benjamin A Spanfellner and Princelia Spanfellner, 262 West Water Street, \$280,000.

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Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Cats rescued

Agencies in Ottawa County have rescued 37 cats that had been left in the fishing access area at the Old Bay Bridge in Danbury Township.

Sheriff Stephen Levorchick said his office began late last year working on the rescue at the request of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The access road was blocked off to the public and traps were set and those captured were spayed or neutered and homes were located.

The sheriff said the operation was completed before frigid temperatures set in. Some kittens remain with the Ottawa County Humane Society.

The dog warden division of the sheriff's department worked with the ODNR, Oak Harbor Veterinary Hospital, Danbury Police Department, and humane society.

A local resident, Dan Jadwisiak, helped with the trapping and provided temporary shelter, the sheriff said.

Bids to be opened

The Ottawa County commissioners have set dates for the opening of contract bids for two projects.

Bids will be opened Feb. 15 at 11:15 a.m. for an improvement project of Fostoria Road (County Road 2) and bids will be opened Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. for replacing a bridge at Nissen Road over Packer Creek.

Meeting changed

The Woodmore Facilities Committee moved its meeting scheduled for Feb. 2, to Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. in the high school Media Center 633 Fremont St., Elmore. Call 419-862-1060 with any questions.

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Grant received for sewer project

A Community Development Block Grant will pay for half of a sanitary sewer project in two Wood County townships that has been ordered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District, Wood County commissioners, and Wood County Planning Commission are parties to a memorandum of understanding that covers the federal grant of \$750,000.

A local match to the grant is required.

Approximately 10,000 feet of sanitary sewer lines will be extended to an area in Middleton and Center townships that is currently being served by septic systems that the Ohio EPA has determined are failing. About 54 residences will be undergoing the change that will include construction of a low-pressure main with grinder pumps. Planners chose that option due to the presence of high bedrock.

The EPA has determined most of the pollution is from an area of older homes along Sugar Ridge Road near Mercer Road.

Jerry Greiner, president of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District, said that tests revealed releases of septic wastes in a nearby ditch in the unincorporated area of Sugar Ridge.

The main line will link to an existing sewer main west of the area under the EPA order.

The water and sewer district service area covers the project area. Once operating, sewer flows will be conveyed to the waste water treatment plant operated by the City of Bowling Green.

Siren test canceled

The Lucas and Ottawa County outdoor warning sirens are normally activated for monthly testing on the first Friday of each month at noon.

Due to the severe winter storm predicted for Northwest Ohio, the siren was canceled for Feb. 4.

Due to the cold temperatures in Northwest Ohio, officials have decided it was possible that the siren mechanisms could be frozen and, if activated, damage could occur. The next monthly siren test is scheduled to be conducted at noon on March 4. Questions can be directed to Lucas County Emergency Management Agency at 419-213-6503 or Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency at 419-734-6900.

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Reps push for state to invest in passenger rail

By Larry Limpf

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Two state representatives have introduced a resolution calling for Ohio to invest in passenger rail service and to participate in the Amtrak Connects US program.

"A forty-year career in the railroad industry has shown me how integral passenger rail is to Ohio's transportation apparatus," Rep. Michael Sheehy, D-Oregon, said. "Passenger rail will increase the mobility of all Ohioans, especially underserved communities, and would have a substantial positive economic impact on the state. Other states are investing and looking forward. Ohio can't just keep up, we must get ahead."

The resolution calls for:

- Restoring regularly scheduled passenger rail service to the Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati corridor.
- Increasing train frequency by an estimated 22 trains per day in Cleveland and an estimated 16 trains per day in cities such

- Daisy M. Hand, 540 Starr, Toledo, 180 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 170 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.

- Kari E. Schnabel, 1952 Idaho, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 82 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, possessing a drug abuse instrument.

- Erian Trevon Gammell, 2250 Torry Hill, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 83 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.

- Nicola Donna May Balister, 1127 Woodville, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 165 days suspended, \$447 court costs and fines, receiving stolen property.

- Maximillian Ronetrius Frais, homeless, 90 days CCNO, 86 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, criminal damaging or endangering.

- Jennifer Nicole Meneses, 2840 Luverne, Oregon, \$197 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.

- Matthew Thomas Hennessy, 6508 Corduroy, Oregon, \$147 court costs and fines, confining, restraining, debarking dog.

- Kevin Paul Sawmiller, 10005 Jerusalem, Curtice, 30 days CCNO, 27 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$481 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

- Brian Dale Townsend, 202 Burns, Curtice, 180

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as Toledo, Sandusky, Elyria, Ashtabula, Oxford, Bryan, Delaware, Crestline, Sharonville, Springfield and Alliance.

- Bridging existing transportation systems, including the Cleveland RTA Light Rail System, Columbus COTA system and the Cincinnati Metro system.

- Connecting colleges, universities and Fortune 500 companies across the state.

"Improving passenger and commercial freight rail corridors is an important next phase in Ohio's workforce development campaign. Passenger rail positively impacts the economy, creates good-paying jobs, helps the environment and improves convenience," said Rep. Adam Miller.

In addition, the resolution urges Ohio's congressional delegation to support a current infrastructure effort that provides funding for the Amtrak Connects initiative and to push for decreasing the minimum length a route must be to qualify for funding from 750 miles to 250 miles. With the reduction a route from Columbus to Chicago would be eligible for funding.

The infrastructure bill establishes a new Federal Railroad Administration program to identify and fund the development of intercity passenger rail corridors.

During the next 1 1/2 years the FRA will evaluate potential corridors and compile a list of routes that will be eligible for federal grant funding, including \$12 billion for capital improvements and \$250 million in operating assistance.

At present, Amtrak has two routes through Ohio, the Capital Limited and Cardinal. The routes pass through six stations in the state: Alliance, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Elyria, Sandusky and Toledo. (Cincinnati is the only Ohio stop for Cardinal route.)

The Amtrak Connects initiative is a 15-year plan to expand service for up to 160 new communities.

Some analysts have said they think a good chunk of the new funding will flow to the country's Northeast Corridor where a majority of Amtrak's riders and routes are located. One initiative would include rehabilitating the existing tunnel under the Hudson River that carries Amtrak and New Jersey Transit passenger trains between New York and New Jersey.

In 1982, voters in Ohio soundly rejected a ballot issue that would have helped fund development of a high-speed rail system in the state with a sales tax increase.

The measure would have imposed a 1 percent sales tax increase to fund the design and construction of high-speed railways.

Court Log

Oregon Municipal Court



days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, physical control of vehicle.
•Stephanie Nichole Rogge, 2727 Gladhaven, Oregon, \$172 court costs and fines, failure to confine dog.
•Nathaniel Maddox, 2012 Madison, Toledo, CCNO, 28 days suspended, \$247 court costs and fines, menacing.
•Malaysia Sade Carter, 1831 Talmadge, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, endangering children.
•Bret Fry, 1538 Lakewood, Toledo, \$197 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.
•Kendra L. Barr, 3149 Navarre, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$656 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
•Andrew Micah Stevenson, 2275 Pickle, Oregon, \$246 court costs and fines, willful abandonment of junk vehicle.

•Michael Ryan Reaves-Burgin, 2217 N. Erie, Toledo, \$206 court costs and fines, open container.

•Keisha Piggs, 1436 Colton, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 28 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.

•Cheyenne Marcus Jessee, 441 Mountainbrook, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 22 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, domestic violence.

•Lyndsay A. Jeschke, 2716 Mechanic, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.

•Walter James Ward, 3120 Flame, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, confining, restraining, debarking dogs.

•Tracy Shawann Blue, 2555 Albion, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 35 days suspended, \$300 court costs and fines, obstructing official business.

•Tracy Shawann Blue, 2555 Albion, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 35 days suspended, \$397 court

costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.

- Tracy Shawann Blue, 2555 Albion, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 130 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.

- Louren A. Maire, 1612 N. Stadium, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, possession of a controlled substance.

- Billy E. Bell, 386 Big Laurel, Branchland, WV, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

- Lewis D. Nickell, 19972 State 71 N, Blountstown, FL, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

- Jason Michael Large, 2021 Delence, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 174 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$656 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

- Anthony Wayne Austin, 1444 Primrose, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 150 days suspended, possessing a drug abuse instrument.

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Ottawa County Community Foundation launches new year

The Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) recently held its annual organizational meeting, at which trustees elected officers and Board members for 2022.

Outgoing President Jan Preston presented a gavel to Deborah Harmeyer upon her election as the new president of the Foundation.

"This will be an exciting year for the foundation," Harmeyer said. "We are so pleased with our new executive director, Shea McGrew, who was hired as the first executive director for the Foundation last April. He is a remarkable leader for us, as we continue to develop and promote the opportunities available through our growing Foundation."

Other officers elected include Jim Deer, vice president; Marcia Jess, secretary and John Madison, treasurer. In addition, Arlyn Bensch, Deb Harmeyer, Paul Druckenmiller and Ronald Overmyer were re-elected to three-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

Harmeyer welcomed new board member Julene Market, who begins a three-year term.

Highlighting the Foundation's growth since 1999, Harmeyer said, "Our assets are currently over \$12 million in 98 different funds established by generous donors to support their favorite causes for years to come."

In 2021, OCCF granted more than \$136,000 to support 46 projects and initiatives requested by local nonprofit organizations. The Foundation's scholarship funds also provided more than \$152,000 to support 121 Ottawa County students seeking higher education or continuing educa-

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McGrew expressed thanks to individuals and businesses for their generous response to the year-end fundraising campaign. OCCF has been visiting with local businesses throughout the county to share the work that the Foundation is doing to support nonprofits and local students.

"We are also thrilled that we have received a gift from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation to match up to \$50,000 in donations through March," McGrew said. "The support we receive from our year-end campaign enables the Ottawa County Community Foundation to continue its quest of 'Doing Good. Forever.'"

For more information about grants, scholarships, donating, or OCCF updates, email ottawaccf@gmail.com, visit ottawaccf.org or call 419-635-7750. The OCCF office, 306 Madison St., Port Clinton, is open from noon until 3 p.m. every Wednesday.



Ag Notes

Incentive payments for this practice will be paid in spring of 2023.

H2Ohio focuses on encouraging agricultural best management practices, restoring wetlands, and replacing home septic systems to reduce nutrients that contribute to harmful algal blooms. For information on the H2Ohio initiative, please visit h2.ohio.gov.

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The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting an Annual Tree Sale and Tree Workshop.

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Obituaries

Obituary

Christine "Chris" K. Atkin

November 26, 1961 – January 30, 2022



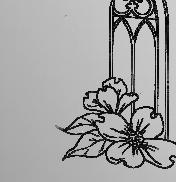
Christine "Chris" K. Atkin age (60), of Woodville passed away unexpectedly at home, on Sunday, January 30, 2022. She was born November 26, 1961 in Fremont, OH to Lorran and Ruth (Rakes) Carroll. On October 20, 1984 she married Todd Atkin at Solomon Lutheran Church in Woodville, OH. Chris and Todd raised three children and celebrated over 37 years of marriage.

In addition to being a homemaker and taking care of her children, Chris also helped her husband on their family farm. She was a member of Solomon Lutheran Church and in her early years she was also a member of the Young Farm Wives. She enjoyed cooking, listening to music, going to livestock sales with her husband, and catering to her K-9 sidekick Nick, but she especially enjoyed spending time with her family, particularly at the family Sunday Meals.

In addition to her husband Todd, Chris is survived by her children: Tanya (Zach) Pickerel of Gibsonburg, Curtis Atkin of Northwood and Kelli (Ryan) McCaslin of Pickerington and grandchildren: Hadyn and Kolt Pickerel and Penelope, Donovan, Conor and Lochlan McCaslin. Her mother, Ruth Carroll, brothers: Michael (Donna) Carrol, David (Michelle) Carroll both of TX, sister, Lori (Mike) Lennhoff of Tiffin and numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law: Robert and Doris Atkin, and her father.

Family and friends will be received 3-7 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2022 at Marsh & Marsteller Funeral Home, 201 West Main St., Woodville. A Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at Solomon Lutheran Church, 305 W. Main Street, Woodville. There will be an additional time of visitation from 10 a.m., until time of service. Officiating will be, Rev. Alan Brown. Interment will be in Westwood Cemetery, Woodville. A bereavement luncheon will be served in the church fellowship hall immediately follow the cemetery committal service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials take the form of contributions to Solomon Lutheran Church. Those wishing to express a word of encouragement, share a memory or photo may do so at: www.marstellerfuneralhomes.com



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Marksman ship, friendship and a welcoming tent

By Ashley Brugnone

It's hard to believe that just months ago, Camp Perry was filled with guests during the summer's annual National Matches – a staple at the Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility since 1907. It's hallowed ground for those in the marksmanship realm; a place where incredible memories are made.

I've been a writer for the Civilian Marksmanship Program for almost a decade, based at our headquarters office at Camp Perry in Port Clinton. The base is quiet most of the year yet, once the National Matches roll around, Camp Perry transforms into its own bustling community.

It was July. I was in my office, escaping the heat, catching up on the work that piles up during our busiest season of the year when I was tipped about a Civil War-era tent resting on the base campground.

I decided to check it out, so I jumped on a golf cart and took the short drive over to the campground. It didn't take long for me to pick out where the tent was located. It was the only period-style dwelling on the entire lot and sat in a corner by itself.

As I pulled up, a woman emerged from the tent. I asked her if she owned it, and she said, "Yes, it's my husband's."

The woman introduced herself as Allston and I told her I had heard about her tent and was interested in learning more. She was delighted and knew her husband would be too. Just as "I'm not sure when he'll be back" crossed her lips, a gentleman walked up who I had seen at other events – Col. Greg Kitchens, a retired U.S. Marine.

He is no stranger to the matches, having been a member and Officer in Charge of the Marine pistol team during his near 37-year military career. He now lives in Charleston, South Carolina, with Allston.

He first came to the National Matches in 2013. Though he has shot both rifle and pistol in the past, he has mainly focused on pistol since his military retirement in January 2017. He went Marine Corps Distinguished with pistol the following year in 2018 – a rare feat for a busy colonel.

I introduced myself to Kitchens and asked him if it would be alright if I wrote a story about his tent.

"Certainly!" he said. "Have a seat, would you like some coffee?"

He was jovial and kind, with a warm smile that made me feel instantly welcomed. Kitchens approached a wooden table set in front of the tent and heated up his small gas camping stove, pulling out a percolating coffee pot. I suddenly felt as if I were in the comfort of his home rather than simply standing in a grass field in the middle of a National Guard base.

I sat down in one of the lawn chairs placed just outside of the tent and listened to the colonel.

"Bullseye shooting is a humbling experience," he said as he continued to ready his coffee. "I've been shooting all my life. It's something I love."

"The first year I came to Camp Perry, I thought there was a real, real good chance that I'd want to keep coming," he explained. "I wanted to see if I could come to Camp Perry every year after retiring, and I have."

Being a colonel, he was offered a per diem for a nearby hotel while attending the National Matches, but he wanted to create his own place to stay. He thought back to his teenage years when he participated in



Col. Kitchens and his wife, Allston. (Photo courtesy CMP)

Civil War and Revolutionary War reenactments and recalled staying in canvassed tents during the events. He immediately thought it would be the perfect accommodations for Camp Perry – cheap and within walking distance to where he would be competing each day.

"I found them wonderfully comfortable compared to a nylon tent," he said. "They breathe real well, and not a drop of rain comes in. They're roomy; you can stand up in them. If you find a nice shady spot, it's just real comfortable living."

The tent is an authentic reproduction of a wall tent – where the military slept at field. Kitchens also keeps an enlistment tent on the Camp Perry grounds for storage during his stay.

The tent had been specially made for Kitchens by a company in New Hampshire years before, while he was on deployment in Iraq. It originally served as the sleeping space for the annual road trip he would take with his daughters, Elizabeth and Ellen, out west, where Kitchens participated in cowboy action shoots.

According to him, the tent took a little over an hour to assemble. The main tent area was filled with two cots, draped with mosquito netting. A colorful rug ran between the cots to create a flooring. Outside of the tent was a canopy that added extra covered space. A hook for food was secured at the top, and a plank table with coolers underneath served as the dining area.

"It's quite difficult to put up. It has wooden beams," Allston said. "We had to adjust things for the wind, poles were falling down, had to get a bread bag to fix the bamboo."

Yet, it's robust and can withstand the Camp Perry storms that are almost guaranteed during the matches. A powerful one had rolled through the night before my visit.

"It rained all night and I slept like a baby," Kitchens said. "It was really wonderful."

The tent was dry, thanks to the higher-ground location where he always sets

up camp. The site is also near a tree where Kitchens is able to hang a chair swing, complete with a foot sling for added comfort.

Our conversation broke momentarily when Kitchens walked to the side of the tent to stake a red unit guidon flag into the ground – a military symbol that signifies guests are welcome to the campsite.

"A lot of people stop by to say 'Hello,'" Kitchens told me.

I didn't think much of the comment until about 10 minutes later, when company really did begin to show. First to arrive was a Marine who had just finished shooting for the day. I assumed that to be the only person to visit when one, two, three more – a whole gaggle of Marines and other comrades – appeared at the campsite.

One by one they appeared, with their own chairs in tow. Some grabbed beers from the coolers while others had wine. Suddenly Allston appeared with a plate full of venison summer sausage and cheese, offering samples to each person. Kitchens even pulled out a humidor, crammed with cigars.

I was no longer a participant in a casual conversation but a guest at an improvised dinner party.

"It's part of what we do," Kitchens said. "It's a social gathering place."

The Marine Corps members made themselves at home, asking each other how they had done in competition that day.

"Did you get yourself something to drink? How did you shoot?" Kitchens asked as more visitors arrived.

Kitchens insisted I try the chair swing. It took me a minute to settle into the thing, but once I did, I completely melted into the fibers of its soft, easing material.

"I'll be back to check on you in a minute. I need a cigar," Kitchens said.

"I hope you're prepared to be here for the next two hours," one of the Marine Corps Reserve Team members leaned over and said to me as he smiled.

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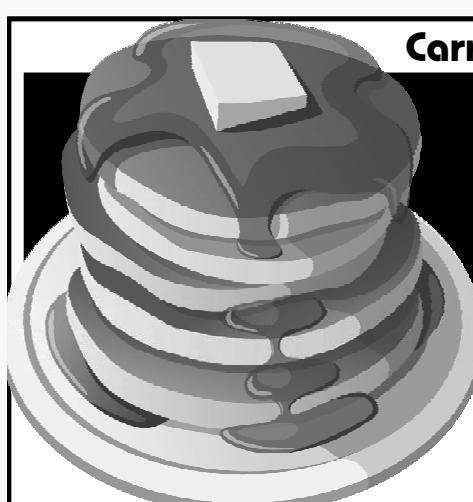
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Turn your life around by assuming control

When you find yourself in your car driving down the wrong road, you turn around. Then you continue toward your desired route. Life works the same way. When you are headed in the wrong direction, you don't keep going. Doing so gets you lost and makes things worse. Instead, you need to turn your life around.

You are not a victim. You're in control of your thoughts and actions. If you are not happy about the direction you are headed, it's up to you to make the necessary changes. Making excuses or blaming other people or circumstances keeps you going in the wrong direction.

Be willing to make the changes necessary to turn your life around. Being set in your ways prevents you from making the needed adjustments. You must be ready to do what is required to change direction.

Connect with positive, motivated people who will provide support and encouragement, while being a good example. Eliminate toxic relationships. These are people who are headed in the wrong direction with no intention of changing. They will drag you down with them if you don't break away.

Toxic relationships are particularly insidious when involving family and friends. Don't be insulting. Simply reduce or minimize your interaction with them. Don't ask them for advice or seek their opinion. Stop sharing your goals with them.

Make yourself a priority by taking care of your mental and physical wellbeing. Since physical issues affect you mentally



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

and mental issues impact you physically, it's imperative for both aspects to be looked after.

You need to make changes if you are constantly stressed, anxious, upset, or on edge. Your state of mind impacts every aspect of your life. Find the root cause of your mental discomfort. This is what needs to be corrected. Attempting to mask the symptoms through substance abuse of self-destructive behavior makes circumstances worse.

Pain or physical discomfort due to inactivity are correctable. Regular exercise, combined with a healthy diet, is essential for your physical health. Just walking for 20 minutes three times a week provides your body with needed movement. Eat foods which enable you to feel good, while maintaining your desired weight.

Pay attention to cause and effect. If what you are doing isn't creating the desired results, change what you are doing. Circumstances don't correct themselves. Stop doing what's not working and take a different strategy.

Learn from the past. Eliminate flawed approaches. Repeat that which is working. Insanity is doing the same thing over and

over while expecting a different outcome. Turning your life around is an ongoing process. It's making corrections as needed.

Have clear, desirable goals. There's no way to know you are going in the wrong direction unless you know where you want to be headed. If you have no goals, you will drift aimlessly. If your current goals are not taking you where you want to go, pick new goals.

Be willing to leave your comfort zone. Change can feel uncomfortable. It's hard leaving what you are used to. Although doing something new and different seems awkward, the alternative is continuing down the same wrong road.

Never, ever give up. Success often requires multiple changes in direction. As soon as you find yourself going in the wrong direction, turn around. Make the best decisions you can with all of the information you have. If circumstances change, make new decisions.

Life is fluid. Be flexible. Be ready to adjust as needed. You are always free to change direction. Being on the wrong path is not permanent. Your age doesn't matter. You are never too young or too old to turn your life around.

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Sedition: American political trait

By Thomas L. Knapp

As the founder and leader of Oath Keepers, an organization allegedly organized to defend the US Constitution, Stewart Rhodes seems like the last guy one might expect to "conspire to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States, or to levy war against them, or to oppose by force the authority thereof, or by force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States, or by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof" (18 U.S. Code § 2384, Seditious Conspiracy).

Nonetheless, Stewart finds himself charged with doing exactly that in actions related to the 2021 Capitol Riot. And while he entered a "not guilty" plea in federal court on January 25, it seems pretty clear that the intent of the rioters in general and of the organized Oath Keepers presence among them was, in fact, to forcibly "prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of Congress's constitutionally mandated counting of electoral votes from the 2020 presidential election.

The devil, of course, is in the details. What did Rhodes actually do? Who did he do it with or for? What was his intent? The obvious counter-argument, from those who believe the election was stolen, is that Congress itself comprised the "seditious conspiracy" and that Rhodes and company were attempting to put down an insurrection against the "legitimate" government. That argument seems unlikely to take flight in the courts, but it's going to be an interesting show.

My interest in the affair is more by way of noticing a massive contradiction between the US Constitution in general, and the seditious conspiracy statute in particular, on one hand, and the founding principles of the United States on the other.

Governments, the Declaration of Independence declares, "derive[...] their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed," and absent such consent for a particular government, "it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it." Which, as you may recall, America's British colonists proceeded to do. By force.

But then came the Constitution: "Oh, we didn't mean THIS government!"

The Constitution was, to put it bluntly, the American counterrevolution. Its purpose was to put the pre-revolution planter/merchant aristocracy back in charge, albeit without the King of England over them, to put the serfs back in their place, and to lay all that "Right of the People to alter or to abolish" guff to rest once and for all.

The dust-up between Congress and the Oath Keepers wasn't about your rights or your freedom. It was about which tyrant's hand would wield the scepter of power for another four years in service to a machine which assumes itself permanently entitled to rule you.

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Do we adopt a no-nukes strategy or a no-win reality?

By Kevin Martin and Brad Wolf

We have grown numb to the world resting on a razor's edge of destruction. Climate catastrophe, pandemics, cyberwar and endless wars seem "normal" by now. However, the far more likely way civilization ends in the near future is one that receives shockingly little attention in the media or in our daily conversation. Nuclear war.

We all know the scenario. Tens of millions die in the first 60 minutes of a nuclear exchange, followed by nuclear winter causing worldwide crop failure and famine. Infernos, radiation, starvation, perhaps a last-ditch effort for survival resulting in barbaric, tribal warfare before human civilization expires.

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' Doomsday Clock remains a potent symbol with its message that if decisive action is not taken, destructive action moves the hands of the clock toward Armageddon. According to the Clock, we have 100 seconds to midnight.

Early in the Biden administration, the president committed to a review of the nation's "Nuclear Posture," the explicit strategy of how, when, and why the United States would use its nuclear weapons. Previous reviews invariably were reaffirmations of the existing nuclear doctrine of the United States.

President Biden, with his decades in government, knows nuclear weapons issues very well, perhaps better than any of his predecessors. He has consistently raised the point that nuclear arms should not be used offensively as a first resort. A recent statement by the Permanent Five members of the UN Security Council, all nuclear powers, repeated the Reagan-Gorbachev era statement that "a nuclear war can never be won and must never be fought."

Logically then, many expected a "No First Use" or "Sole Purpose" declaration might be included in his Nuclear Posture Review (NPR), a pledge that the U.S. would only use nuclear weapons to deter a nuclear attack or in response to a nuclear attack. Accordingly, conventional, biologi-

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cal, chemical, or cyber attacks would not initiate a nuclear response. Such a posture could bring an element of stability to a woefully unstable world where the chances of accidental nuclear war, or conventional war spinning into nuclear war, are perhaps at a most dangerous point. Taiwan, Ukraine, North Korea, Kashmir or Iran could be fatal, apocalyptic tipping points.

As a long-time arms control advocate in the Senate, some hoped Biden would initiate progress on arms reduction, perhaps even move toward President Obama's goal of a nuclear free world. Such hope grows dim.

Unsurprisingly, status quo resistance to change of the Dr. Strangeloves in the nuclear establishment is strong in the NPR process. President Biden nominated Leonor Tomero to oversee his nuclear posture review, but she was removed last year from her position by the Pentagon as part of a staff "reorganization." The military believes maintaining a vague and uncertain doctrine of when to use nuclear weapons is the proper strategy and, more concerning, presses the argument that the nation's nuclear arsenal must be modernized at a \$1.7 trillion cost over the next three decades.

The removal of Tomero by the Pentagon is indicative of the direction the Biden Administration may follow unless quick and clear action is taken. To stop the nuclear spiral and deescalate these arms races, we must act now and pressure Congress and President Biden to take the following steps:

- Reduce the fear mongering about China and Russia that is driving, or rationalizing, outdated policies and runaway spending on nuclear weapons.
- Engage in disarmament diplomacy

with Russia, and later China, to avoid a prolonged new nuclear arms race. Stockpiles can be reduced by mutual agreement or reciprocal unilateral actions.

- End "hair trigger" or "launch on warning" alert status.

- Adopt a "No First Use" policy of nuclear weapons.

- Cut expenditures on nuclear weapons and the escalatory \$1.7 trillion for the nuclear weapons upgrade.

- Eliminate the ground-based missile leg of the "nuclear triad" (and in the interim postpone the planned \$100 billion plus Ground Based Strategic Deterrent).

- Block funding and deployment for new and "more usable" nukes such as (relatively) low yield nuclear warheads for the Ground and Submarine Launched Cruise Missile (GLCM & SLCM) and the Long Range Stand-Off Missile (LRSO).

- Block Star Wars (Missile Defense) Programs and nuclear weapons in space.

- Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

- Take control of the Nuclear Posture Review to promote the above changes.

Our perverse reverence for nuclear weapons is not a "posture," but a deranged dance with death, a flirtation with homicide. Using them would constitute humanity's (and most other species') final resting place. They are, to paraphrase Shakespeare, the country from which no traveler returns. Our international differences are man-made and so can be solved by men and women of good intention.

The hands of the Doomsday Clock continue to tick. It is up to us. A new arms race or even continuation of the status quo is unacceptable.

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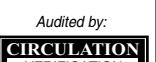
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Taking a new look and different perspective on philanthropy

By Jim Hightower

Our society has coined expressions like "philanthropist" to encourage and hail people's charitable spirit. Look on the flip side of that shiny coin of generosity, however, and you'll find that its base substance is societal selfishness.

After all, the need for charity only exists because we're tolerating intentional injustices and widespread inequality created by power elites. A society as supremely wealthy as ours ought not be relegating needy families and essential components of the common good to the whims of a few rich philanthropists.

Yes, corporate and individual dona-

tions can help at the margins, but they don't fix anything. Food banks, health clinics, and other service providers must constantly scrounge for more charity, while big donors have their "charitable spirit" subsidized with tax breaks that siphon money from our public treasury.

Especially offensive to me is the common grandiose assertion by fat cat donors that charity is their way of "giving back" to society. But if they can give so much, it's probably because they've been taking too much!

As business columnist Andrew Ross Sorkin points out, "All too often, charitable gifts are used... to make up for the failure of

companies to pay people a living wage and treat their workers with dignity."

It's not just the unemployed who rely on food banks, but janitors, nannies, Uber drivers, checkout clerks, and others who work full time, but are so poorly paid they can't make ends meet.

As Sorkin puts it, "The aim should be to create a society where we don't need places like food banks... We should be trying to put the food banks out of business."

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2022 Rossford Walleye Roundup set for April 15-16

Entering its fifth year, the Bass Pro Shops 2022 Rossford Walleye Roundup is scheduled for April 15-16.

The event is open to all two-person teams. Payouts are based on the number of entries and are anticipated to return an estimated \$20,000 back to the winning teams. In 2021 the tournament attracted 53 teams with anglers coming from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Wisconsin.

Last year's first place winners Ron Royal and Josh Everett, of Michigan, took home a check for \$10,000 plus other awards for their two-day catch of 70.82 pounds.

Ron Sharp, this year's tournament director, is an experienced angler with eight years of tournament leadership under his belt. "As an experienced tournament director, I like to make sure that everybody understands and follows all the rules," he said. "This guarantees fairness and helps everybody stay safe. The Walleye Roundup is a fun and competitive event that is growing fast. Running it in a professional manner makes it even more attractive to anglers of all skill levels."

Tournament hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Michigan and Ohio waters of Lake Erie are open for tournament fishing. No Canadian waters are permitted.

The two-day event will launch from



Cullen Park with activities, final weigh-in, and awards at Bass Pro Shops in Rossford. Entry fee is \$500 per team consisting of two anglers.

"The Bass Pro Shops location in Rossford is proud to sponsor this one-of-a-kind event. We take pride in making our fishermen feel welcome and appreciated," said William Sisty from Bass Pro Shops. "The tournament pays out nearly all the registration fees plus additional cash prizes for the Largest 1-Day Bag Weight and Big Fish Purse."

In addition, participants are treated



Josh Noel and Bill Sisty, (left to right), of Bass Pro Shops welcome new Rossford Walleye Roundup tournament director Ron Sharp, (far right). (Submitted photo)

to meals and special perks from Bass Pro Shops for those who stay in the hotels on Clark Drive in Rossford. Rossford hotels including the Courtyard Marriott, Hampton Inn and Country Inn & Suites have planned special room rates for anglers, available on the website.

For more details and online registration, visit RossfordWalleyeRoundup.com. Sponsorships for the tournament are available and can also be found on the website.

For questions, contact Beth Genson, executive director at 855-765-5451 or bethgenson@visitrossfordohio.com.

Join Oregon Community Theater "Under the Sea"



Join Oregon Community Theatre "Under the Sea" as the performers present "Disney's The Little Mermaid," Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. at Fassett Auditorium, 3025 Starr Ave., Oregon.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$14 for seniors 60 and older and students 13-18 years old and \$10 for children 12 and younger.

To purchase tickets, call 419-691-1398 or visit octshows.org.

The show's production team includes Mary Brucker, producer; Victoria Monhollen-Bandein, director; Elizabeth Gibson, music director and Bridget Drew, choreographer.

Rehearsing for Oregon Community Theatre's upcoming production of "Disney's The Little Mermaid" are (from left) Andrew Harris (Sebastian), Patrick Boyer (Prince Eric), Paige Titsworth (Ariel) and Joshua Mohler (Scuttle). (Photo by Bridget Drew)





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Dangerous situations lurk around us every day. Do you know what to do to survive?

Test your limits in Worst-Case Scenario: Survival Experience, a new traveling exhibition opening at Imagination Station on Friday, Feb. 11.

Based off of the internationally best-selling "Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook" series, "Worst-Case Scenario: Survival Experience" is a hands-on, minds-on series of immersive challenges providing the essential instructions for surviving unexpected but possible real-life scenarios.

With a 76,000-ball pit as its centerpiece, a horizontal climbing wall, a train car jump, lock picking challenges, upside-down tic-tac-toe and more, this experience immerses you in various challenges to build your survival smarts.

"Worst-Case Scenario: Survival Experience" is new to the lineup of fresh exhibitions coming to the science center in 2022 and 2023. It will replace "Beyond Human Limits," which will now open in 2023. Also included are "Game Changers" (May-September) and "The Science of Guinness World Records," (September-January 2023).

"Worst-Case Scenario" will be free with paid admission or membership.

For hours, admission and more information, call 419-244-2674 or visit imaginationstationtoledo.org.

"Worst-Case Scenario: Survival Experience" is produced by Exhibits Development Group and developed by Geoffrey M. Curley + Associates in collaboration with Quirk Books and The Franklin Institute.

Nature is breathtaking and overwhelming in the Yukon

The Yukon is an unbelievably beautiful and wild landscape - one of the last largely untouched wilderness areas in North America.

It's so big, it makes you feel small. Stand on high ground off the Dempster Highway - the two-lane Arctic-bound passage over tundra nicknamed the Goat Trail - and look over a wild True North landscape that likely doesn't include another human as far as the eye can see.

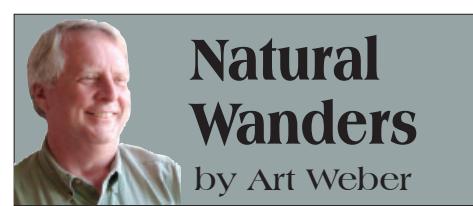
Caribou far outnumber people in this Idaho-shaped Canadian Territory, which shares its western border with Alaska. Moose outnumber people, too, by about two to one. Only 43,000 people call the Yukon home, and three out of four Yukon residents live in the territorial capital of Whitehorse.

Dawson City, the site of the gold discovery that ignited the Klondike Gold Rush in the 1890s is Yukon's second largest settlement - and it has a population of only 1,300 people. The mystique is accentuated by the echoes of the Klondike Gold Rush.

Dawson City still has the ambience of the Gold Rush Days. At the end of town, cancan dancers perform on stage at Diamond Gertie's while players buzz games of chance tables. View the city from a seat in the Eldorado Hotel's Bonanza Dining Room, watching tourists pass by on plank walkways a step above the narrow dirt streets. Up and down the streets, storefronts sport colorful hand-painted period facades. By default and design, Dawson City looks for all the world like something straight out of the 1890s, which, of course, it is.

Looming above Dawson City is Midnight Dome, a must-visit mountain sentinel that offers a breathtaking view of the wild sprawling Yukon River Valley against a backdrop of the remote Ogilvie Mountains. Visit on the longest day of the year when a crowd gathers on the Dome to celebrate the solstice, culminating with a look at the Midnight Sun.

Vehicles can choose among several ways out of Dawson City, all of them scenic and natural. To the north, the Dempster Highway slashes a nearly 500-mile adven-



Natural Wanders

by Art Weber

ture road to the Arctic Circle and beyond to Inuvik in the Northwest Territories.

It's a wonderfully beautifully desolate landscape - sanctuary for grizzlies, caribou and more - with only a small halfway-point enclave at Eagle Plains just south of the Arctic Circle for fuel, food, and limited lodging. If you're feeling daring or aren't bothered by driving a route that reduces some drivers to tears and paralyzing fears, cross the Yukon River and head west on the Top of the World Highway to Alaska's Taylor Highway, then swing south and east to Whitehorse.

It's a very different, sometimes quirky life in the Yukon, seemingly on the edge of civilization.

Take for example the Sourdough Saloon in Dawson's Downtown Hotel. The Sourdough is famous for its swinging doors and turn-of-the-19th century décor. There, visitors will find good atmosphere and drink, and a little thing known as the Sourtoe Cocktail. The Sourtoe isn't normal. It's famous precisely because it's not normal - the kind of thing that can only happen at the edge of the earth. It's served with a human toe lost to frostbite.

Follow the simple, straightforward rules and you'll become a member of the Sourtoe Club. "You can drink it fast; you can drink it slow - but the lips have gotta touch the toe."

And so it is in the Yukon, where humans take a back seat to nature. Nature is everywhere, overwhelming, breathtaking.

The distant Ogilvie Mountains as seen from an overlook along the Dempster Highway, which head northward over permafrost to the Arctic Circle and beyond to Inuvik in Canada's Northwest Territories. (Photo by Art Weber)

People cluster in enclaves where nature often makes raids. It's part of the magic long cherished by writers including Jack London and the Bard of the Yukon, Robert Service.

Consider these words by Robert Service excerpted from "The Spell of the Yukon."

"There's gold and it's haunting and haunting;

It's luring me as of old;
Yet it isn't the gold that I'm wanting so much as just finding the gold.

It's the great, big, broad land way up yonder;

It's the forest where silence has lease;
It's the beauty that fills me with wonder;

It's the stillness that fills me with peace."

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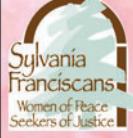
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Northwest Ohio's premiere a cappella chorus is offering three ways to deliver the singing greetings.

The singers are offering a limited number of classic, in-person singing Valentines throughout Northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan on Feb. 14 for \$50. Quartets, wearing masks, will perform one song and deliver a rose and personalized card to the recipient.

Other COVID-friendly virtual options include a video Valentine for \$25, which includes a link to a pre-recorded song and a personalized message to send to loved ones via email, and a phone Valentine — a live song and message delivered for \$15.

The deadline to order is Thursday, Feb. 10. To order, visit thevoicesofharmony.org, call 888-741-7464 (option 3) or email thevoicesofharmony@gmail.com.

Happy Hearts Day

Celebrate Happy Hearts Day Feb. 12 at the Toledo Zoo.

Check out Nature's Neighborhood for special activities, such as ice bowling (weather dependent) and scavenger hunts. Also, look out for animals getting surprised-themed enrichment throughout the Zoo. toledozoo.org/happyhearts.

The schedule includes:

- 10:30 a.m. — Yaks and brown bears, Tembo Trail.
- 11 a.m. — Barnyard enrichment, Nancy L. & Martin Davidson Barnyard; Tigers, Tiger Terrace.
- 11:30 a.m. — Dingoes, Tiger Terrace, Tiger Terrace, Seal Training Demo, Arctic Encounter.
- 1 p.m. — Barnyard Enrichment, Nancy L. & Martin Davidson Barnyard; Otters, Tembo Trail.
- 1:30 p.m. — Snow Leopards, Snow Leopard Exhibit; Wolves, Arctic Encounter.
- 2 p.m. — Elephants, Tembo Trail;

Etc.

Vultures, Vulture Exhibit.

- 2:30 p.m. — Seal Training Demo, Arctic Encounter; Red Pandas, Primate Forest.

For more information, visit toledozoo.org/happyhearts.

Comedy night, spaghetti dinner

Oak Harbor American Legion Post 114, 221 Park St., will hold its annual Comedy Night and Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, Feb. 12.

The spaghetti dinner will be served 5:30-6:30 p.m. Comedians will perform at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public. Only 100 tickets will be sold. The cost is \$20 per person.

For tickets, call the post at 419-898-5888 or stop by Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 4 and 9 p.m.

OHHS Community Clay Night planned

Oak Harbor High School Art Department is sponsoring a Community Clay Night Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 5-6 p.m. in the Art Room (room 609) at the school.

The family-friendly program is open to all ages. Participants will have the opportunity to customize and glaze a ceramic plate, bowl or mug. Glazed ceramic pieces will be available to pick up the week of Feb. 28.

For questions or to RSVP, please email egilbert@bccsd.org. Spaces are limited and masks are required.

Artist in residence

Pittsburgh-based glass artist Percy Echols II has been selected as the 50th

Guest Artist Pavilion Project (GAPP) artist in residence at the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA).

Since its opening in 2006, the Glass Pavilion has combined its role as the home of one of the world's great glass collections with its place as a working glass studio. GAPP invites the most influential and up-

and-coming glass artists in the world to create new work in glass and share their processes with the public.

Echols is in residence from Feb. 2-11, and will present a free Zoom artist's talk on Friday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. Pre-registration for this event is required and available online at toledomuseum.org.

ODNR: Always assume you're on "thin ice"

With lots of winter still ahead of us, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has a warning for all Ohioans — be aware of thin ice. The potential hazards of walking on frozen lakes, ponds, and rivers can be extremely dangerous.

"The cold, snow, and ice add an extra level of risk to outdoor recreation," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "No matter how thick it may appear, stepping out on frozen water can lead to tragedy. People need to remember, there is no such thing as 100% safe ice."

There are a lot of factors that affect the strength of ice besides thickness. Those include:

- Thawing and refreezing can weaken ice.
- Pockets of air can form under the ice on lakes where the water levels are raised and lowered by flood control.
- The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process.
- Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous.

Water temperatures in lakes and streams remain cold. Cold water will cool a body 25 times faster than cold air of the same temperature. In just minutes, even the best swimmers may experience complete exhaustion and symptoms of hypothermia.

It is always a good idea to plan your outdoor pursuits and share your plan with a trusted friend or family member, especially if you are alone or planning to be on or near frozen water. Plans should include where you are going, what you will be doing, a timeline of your travels, and when you expect to arrive home.

If you see someone fall through the ice, it is important not to go on the ice after them. Ice that breaks once will break again. The best solution is to call for help. You can find out the steps you need to take to help yourself or someone else survive.

Cold weather can be dangerous for people looking to enjoy the outdoors. ODNR has a list of steps you can take to stay safe on its website, ohiodnr.gov.

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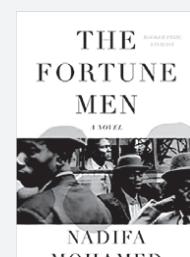


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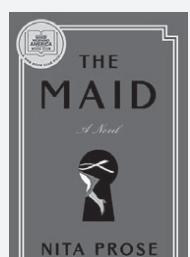
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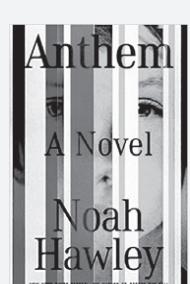
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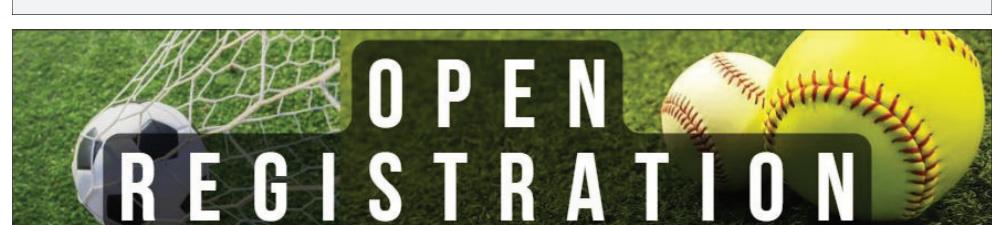
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Entertainment

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A slice of Heaven!

Broadway is Back in Toledo serving up "Waitress" Feb. 17-20

The American Theatre Guild will present the hit Broadway musical, "Waitress," Feb. 17-20 at the Stranahan Theater in Toledo. Tickets start at \$39 and are available for purchase at BroadwayInToledo.com, by calling 419-381-8851, or in person at the Stranahan Theater box office. Group ticket savings for 10 or more are available by contacting Groups@ATGuild.org.

Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Audiences will meet Jenna, a waitress and expert pie-maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. Pouring her heart into her pies, she crafts desserts that mirror her topsy-turvy life such as "The Key (Lime) to Happiness Pie" and "Betrayed by My Eggs Pie." When a baking contest in a nearby county — and a satisfying encounter with someone new — shows Jenna a chance at a fresh start, she must find the courage to seize it. Change is on the menu, as long as Jenna can write her own perfectly personal recipe for happiness.

Based upon the 2007 motion picture written by Adrienne Shelly, "Waitress" is the first Broadway musical in history to have four women in the four top creative team spots, with a book by Jessie Nelson, a score by Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles (composer of "Love Song" and "Brave"), choreography by Lorin Latarro and, direction by Tony Award-winner Diane Paulus.

Please note: BroadwayInToledo.com and eTix.com are the only official sources for tickets to all shows in the Broadway is Back in Toledo Series.

Ongoing events

Fridays-Sundays, Feb. 11-27: Orchid Show, Toledo Zoo ProMedica Museum of Natural History, 2 Hippo Way, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Discover the vibrant colors, delightful scents and interesting backstories of rare and exotic orchid species from around the world. Included with Zoo admission. toledozoo.org.

Through Feb. 27: "The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum," Toledo Museum of Art, Levis Gallery. The exhibition explores armor made for the battlefield, tournaments and ceremonies, highlighting armor's practical function and its cultural role as a symbol of personal identity, social prestige and the values of a heroic past. toledomuseum.org.

Through March 27: Chameleon Effects: Glass (Un)Defined, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit brings together historical and contemporary works from the museum's



collection to explore the spectrum of technical and formal possibilities of glass. toledomuseum.org.

Through May 1: "Living Legacies: Art of the American South," Toledo Museum of Art. A landmark exhibition organized by TMA will present the museum's recent acquisitions of major works by African American artists from the southern United States. toledomuseum.org.

Through May 15: Stan Douglas: Doppelgänger, Toledo Museum of Art, Canaday Gallery. The science fiction-inspired film centers around an astronaut named Alice who embarks on a solitary outer space mission. The work comprises two translucent screens, which can be viewed from either side and display parallel narratives that unfold simultaneously. toledomuseum.org.

Through June 19: "Out of the Dark: A Historic Journey," Toledo Museum of Art. A digital exhibition in recognition of Juneteenth, an observance acknowledging the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. toledomuseum.org.

February

Feb. 4-6: Fremont Community Theatre presents, "Kalamazoo," 1515 Dickinson St., Fremont. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. 419-332-0695, fremontcommunitytheatre.org.

Feb. 5: Ice A Fair, downtown Vermilion, 11 a.m. Featuring 50 ice sculptures created by Elegant Ice Creations (Brecksville), narrated trolley tours of Vermilion's historic district, shopping, dining, ice craving demonstrations and more. mainstreetvermilion.org/ice.

Feb. 5-6: We heART Art at the Art on Market Shoppes, 201 S. Erie St., Toledo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring the family and enjoy family photo minis, crafting for kids, henna art and more family-friendly things to do. facebook.com/events/658149598649578.

Feb. 5-6: Living History Trade Fair, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. \$5 admission; 12 and younger get in free. 419-334-8180, smilingfox@smilingfoxforge.com.

Feb. 6: Toledo Walleye vs. Indy Fuel, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave.,



Kennedy Salters, Jisel Soleil Ayon and Gabriella Marzetta in "Waitress." The American Theatre Guild will present the hit Broadway musical Feb. 17-20 at the Stranahan Theater. (Photo by Jeremy Daniel)

Toledo, 5:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

Feb. 9: Valentine's Craft Night, Wilson Nature Center 720 S. Main St., Lindsey, 5-7 p.m. Make handmade Valentine's-themed gifts, decorations and cards. All supplies provided. Registration required at lovemyparks.com.

Feb. 11: No Kids Allowed! Valentine's Day Archery & Lit Night Hike, Pearson Metropark, Packer-Hammersmith Center, 7611 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon. Enjoy a stress-free date night during Valentine's Day weekend that includes, gourmet s'mores, Valentines, and more. Try your skills at the Cupid Shoot archery station. Warm up inside the Packer-Hammersmith Center with appetizers and seasonal beverages after venturing outside on a lantern-lit walk in the park. Need childcare? Drop the kids off at Kid's Night Out just around the corner at Macomber Lodge (separate registration required). All participants ages 10+ and staff are required to wear a mask while indoors. Masks are not required outdoors if social distanced. Social distancing will be encouraged when possible. Visit metroparkstoledo.com/discover/blog/posts/no-kids-allowed for times and reservations.

Feb. 12: Second Saturdays R 4 Kids, Around the World with Col. Webb Hayes, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. Free. Monthly kids' programs celebrate President

Rutherford B. Hayes' 200th birthday, which is in October, and highlights an important time in the president's life. Drop in between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. to complete the activities. The program is focused for kids in K-3, but kids of all ages are welcome. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

Feb. 12: Spotlight on the Mull Covered Bridge, Wilson Nature Center, 720 S. Main St., Lindsey, 10-11 a.m. Learn about the construction of the bridge, why it was built, how it changed over time and how it is maintained in this sit-down presentation. Registration required at lovemyparks.com.

Feb. 12: Valentine's Carriage Rides at Sauder Village, 22611 SR 2, Archbold, noon-3:30 p.m. and 4-9 p.m. Enjoy a romantic carriage ride with your sweetheart on Sauder Village's Vis a Vie Carriage for \$40. Pre-registration and pre-payment required (non-refundable). For couples or a maximum of four guests per ride. Call the Sauder Heritage Inn at 419-445-6408 to make a reservation.

Feb. 12: Family-Friendly Valentine's Day Celebration, Pearson Metropark, 761 Lallendorf Rd., Oregon. Fall in love with the great outdoors on this self-guided walk that includes gourmet s'mores Valentines and more. Stop by the Cupid Shoot archery station. Warm up inside the Packer-

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Joey Holifield. (Courtesy Lourdes Athletics)



Little Anderson. (Courtesy Lourdes Athletics)

Former Cardinals reaching new heights at Lourdes

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Former Cardinal Stritch basketball players Joey Holifield and Little Anderson have taken different paths to Lourdes University.

Holifield attended Oakland University for a year before transferring to play for the Gray Wolves, and Anderson has attended Lourdes for all three years of his collegiate career.

Lourdes is a private Franciscan university located in Sylvania. The campus covers 127 acres and has nearly 1,300 students.

Holifield and Anderson, both of whom are 6-foot-2, are known to area fans for leading the Cardinals to the state semifinals three years ago under the guidance of current St. Francis coach Jamie Kachmarik. During the run to the final four, Anderson and Holifield were instrumental in helping Stritch win the regional title.

Anderson scored 23 points in the Cardinals' 68-58 win over Coldwater in the regional finals, and two games before that, Stritch beat Genoa, 55-44, in double overtime and Holifield led all scorers with 16 points in the dramatic district final victory.

Now they are having success playing together again at Lourdes. Until recently, the Wolves had set a school record 13-game winning streak and currently finds itself 18-5 and 10-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The Wolves are 2½ games out of first place, which is currently held by Indiana Tech.

Holifield is averaging 15.9 points, which is first on the team, and 4.8 rebounds while shooting 54.9% from the field. He's also shooting 82.6% from the free-throw line.

Anderson, meanwhile, is averaging 12.8 points with four rebounds while shooting 46.1% from the floor. He has been a steady contributor during his time in Sylvania, averaging 10.1 points and 4.3 rebounds last season and 9.2 points and 3.9 rebounds as a freshman.

"The biggest thing is that they're both great kids. Before I got them, they were well-coached kids. They have a great understanding of the game," said Lourdes coach Dennis Hopson. "They're two kids that I can trust who can get the job done on and off the court. Little was my first recruit and he was an All-Freshman (WHAC player), and then second team in the league and first team all defense. They come with a great understanding of the game, and most importantly, they're great kids."

Hopson, who holds a 47-30 (.610) record in his third season with the team, says they fit into the cerebral nature of the college game.

"It's about having the right mental (frame of mind) and the right mindset. The game is played from the neck up, and the guys have to understand the mental side of what's going on. Every game is different, you've got to understand the game plan, and you've got to understand who needs to be stopped," Hopson said.

"If we want to fare well in these last five games, we need to be on the same

page. We need to grow as individuals and grow as a team. The other thing is, players need to hold each other accountable. I think it's big that you have players who will hold each other accountable."

Inside-out basketball

Holifield and Anderson are both in the starting lineup, as is 5-10 guard N'Keeley Elmore (4.3 pts.), 6-6 forward/center McRay White (14.4 pts., 7.9 reb.) and 6-6 forward/center Nick Welch (14.5 pts., 9.4 reb.).

The Wolves are averaging 84 points per game, good for 18th in the country, and shooting 49.6% from the floor, 14th in the NAIA. They are allowing 66.8 points per game and opponents are shooting 40.7% from the field.

"We play inside-out basketball," Hopson said. "We take advantage of the weakest defender, and if you send a double team, we'll kick it out of the post."

But if Hopson's team is going to make a run in the tournament, it'll have to win the fight on the defensive end.

"It's a big part of our DNA. In order to be successful, you've got to be able to stop the ball. We're pretty good on the offensive end. On the defensive end, they understand what we're doing, but it's a big commitment, and it takes a lot of will to want to defend," said Hopson.

"The last two games we've lost, we haven't defended well or scored the ball well. At the end of the day, you want to defend the ball, because there's so much that you can do if you get stops — steals, easy baskets in transition. Unfortunately,

I'm not happy with how we defended the last two games, but we'll get it back. I'm big on doing your job."

During the 13-game winning streak, Lourdes won all but one of its games by double digits. The highlight of the run came in the 12th consecutive win, which broke the school record, came on a layup by Holifield with 9.7 seconds to play to give the Wolves a 65-64 victory over Rochester (Michigan).

As for Hopson, he is known to many in the area for his success at both Bowsher High School and Ohio State University, where he is still the school's all-time leading scorer. He also holds the single-season scoring record, which was set in 1987.

Hopson was then drafted by the New Jersey Nets and won a championship alongside Michael Jordan with the Chicago Bulls in 1991. Hopson then played overseas before retiring in 2000. He coached at Northwood University in West Palm Beach under legendary coach Rollie Massimino from 2007-09, and returned to Ohio to coach with Louis Orr at Bowling Green until 2014.

"I think the biggest enjoyment is doing something that I love to do and I'm doing it in my hometown. I can come home to my family and sleep in my own bed. That's probably the biggest plus for me and it breaks up some of the stress of a coach," said Hopson.

"I've done it so long as a player and as a coach — I have been away from home since I was 18-years-old. It makes it a lot easier when you can do something you love to do where you love doing it."

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Clay gymnasts set the bar high preparing for league

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In their first two meets, the Clay gymnastics team finished in second place, which has coach Faye Smith excited about what her girls may do the rest of the season.

Top gymnasts are senior McKenzie Coger, juniors Gracie Mabry, Chloe Maville and Jacqueline Gwinn and sophomore Laney Newman. Four are returning letter winners. Last year, Newman was second team All-Three Rivers Athletic Conference and Mabry and Maville were honorable mention. Coger and Mabry are the team captains.

Smith says Newman and Mabry are her top all-around athletes because "both have good routines on all four events and do well under pressure."

Mabry also excels on the vault.

"Gracie Mabry has a lot of power on the vault and does well staying tight and sticking her landing," Smith said.

Coger and Newman are the Eagles' top specialists on the beam.

"Both athletes are very consistent in their skills on the beam and often are able to complete their routines without any falls," Smith said.

Smith says Mabry and Kaci Keller excel on the bars, and Mabry and Maville have top billing in floor exercises.

"Gracie Mabry and Chloe Maville both do well with showing off their floor skills and really enjoy doing their floor exercise," Smith said, adding that the floor exercise may be one of her team's strengths.

"I think event wise, our strength would be floor. All of our girls love to show off their floor routines and really put their heart into their skills," Smith said. "They have also worked really hard to improve their bars this year and it has shown, they have really grown as a team on the bars."

"I think this year our event weakness is the balance beam. We have struggled with staying on the beam and sticking our routines. We are continuing to work on improving this event, and I am confident we can improve before the end of the season."

Smith says Coger has really upped



Clay gymnasts Chloe Maville, McKenzie Coger, Jacqueline Gwinn, Laney Newman, Kaci Keller, and Gracie Mabry.

her game from last year and could surprise along with some newcomers to the program, like newcomer Hannah Shultz.

"McKenzie Coger has worked super hard in the offseason to gain skills and improve her routines on all four events," Smith said. "She has really been able to improve her high school routines and become a more competitive high school gymnast and I look forward to seeing how she does in the TRAC this year."

"I think our sleeper gymnasts are definitely (freshman) Kaci Keller and (junior) Jacqueline Gwinn. Both are first-year Clay gymnasts and have come in ready to go. They have done well getting their routines ready this season and have helped to con-

tribute to the team score in several of the meets we have already had."

Despite her optimism, Smith does not see her team winning a TRAC team championship.

"I would expect them to be in the middle of the league standings," Smith said. "We have competed against a few other TRAC teams already this year and done well in those competitions, but we have not yet competed against all the teams in the league."

Smith is an experienced coach, also heading up Anthony Wayne's program since 2011 and previously coached at Central Catholic.

Along with coaching the AW team,

Smith has been at Clay since 2014 and had one athlete, Maddy Gladieux, go to state in the individual all-around two years ago after she won the league and district meet. At AW, Smith has had gymnasts advance to state every year for the past five years and her team finished second in the Northern Lakes League and at districts the last couple years.

Last year in the TRAC, Clay scored 116.150 points to finish fourth behind Notre Dame (128.725), St. Ursula (125.225), and Findlay (124.125). St. Ursula freshman Olivia Erwin was the TRAC Gymnast of the Year. In 10 years of TRAC competition, Findlay has won the league title five times, Notre Dame four times and Clay once.

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Thomas Cluckey. (Photo by Daniel Miller/The University of Toledo)

Rockets' Cluckey was prepping for game-winner

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The University of Toledo football team finished 7-6 this year, including 5-3 in the Mid-American Conference, but no game brought more attention than when the Rockets lost at then No. 7 Notre Dame, 32-29.

Now an experienced football player, Toledo 6-foot-1, 195-pound junior place-kicker Thomas Cluckey (Clay) says it was not that much different than any other game for him and his teammates.

"It was really so surreal to be in that spot," Cluckey said. "Really, it was not much different than a normal game for me because when you are on the field, every football field is 100 yards no matter if there are 100,000 people watching or 5,000 people watching."

"Playing on a big stage is really cool and I think I'm kind of used to it. Some of my better games are actually games playing when you would think there would be more pressure. I thrive in that environment, I think."

Before 62,009 fans at Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Indiana, the Rockets took a 29-24 lead with 1:35 left when redshirt freshman quarterback Dequan Finn bolted for a 26-yard touchdown on third-and-one. Notre Dame came right back and took the lead on an 18-yard TD pass from Jack Coan to Michael Mayer with 1:09 left. Kyren William caught the two-point conversion to put the Fighting Irish ahead, 32-29.

Toledo had one last chance, but the game ended when a Carter Bradley fumble on a sack at the UT 29-yard line was recovered by Notre Dame. Cluckey, who was 3-for-3 on the day, was still waiting for that game-tying or game-winning field goal and was hoping that might be his chance.

"In my opinion, a game winning field goal is one of the greatest moments in sports. Obviously, that would be very cool to add to my resume," Cluckey said.

Toledo coach Jason Candle said if he had the chance to put Cluckey in to kick a 40-yard field goal and send the game into overtime, it was a no-brainer. The Rockets had two red zone drives in a loss

to Colorado State where they chose to have Cluckey kick field goals instead of pushing to the end zone on fourth down..

"Forty yards is different from 50 in our case and in a lot of cases, I think I've got great confidence in him," Candle said. "We were in some situations there that you could make the argument four down territory in the red zone and we chose to kick him."

The Rockets lost to Middle Tennessee State, 31-24, in the Bahamas Bowl in a game Cluckey says he and his teammates would like to have back. There was some good that came out of the trip, however.

"The trip was awesome. We had a normal week as far as football and practice go. We are a morning practice team, so we had the afternoons off to just hang and enjoy the resort," Cluckey said.

Now, Cluckey begins preparing for the 2022 season and he'll have to earn the starting job all over again.

"Ninety percent of the work is in the offseason, like winter lifting, spring ball, and summer lifting and then you have to perform in fall camp and all of that. It leads to who is going to do the job during the season," Cluckey said.

"I'm not going to do much differently. I've been working out, getting ready for winter lifting and progressing to spring ball. I'll try to kick as much as I can on my own — in the offseason, I do usually two times a week I like to kick in the offseason. Summer kind of ramps up into fall and we really get going into fall camp. I don't plan on doing anything differently than I have in the past during the offseason."

He dreams of bigger things, like professional football, but admits his game is going to have improve even more his final two years at Toledo. If not, he has other options for his future.

"While I'm still here as a kicker, my personal goal and I think every player wants to be an All-MAC player and they want to do well for their team," Cluckey said. "When I'm done, depending on how the rest of my career goes, every college football player wants to go play in the NFL. Everybody knows that doesn't always work out, but after college I'll have my (mechanical) engineering degree and hopefully I'll have my master's degree, too."

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Coaches, Thomas say 'psyche' key for a placekicker

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University of Toledo 6-foot-1, 195-pound junior placekicker Thomas Cluckey (Clay) did all of the placekicking for the Rockets last fall.

A former walk-on, Cluckey was 14-for-24 in field goal attempts and nailed a career long 50-yard field goal at Central Michigan. Twice, he hit 43-yard field goals versus Colorado State and Ball State. Cluckey averaged 59.9 yards on kickoffs, sending 38 of 85 kickoffs for touchbacks and was a perfect 52-of-52 on extra points.

"I've got a lot of trust and faith in him and his work ethic and his ability to keep coming out and continuing to get better," Toledo coach Jason Candle said.

"There are not a lot of guys in the country who kick off and kick field goals. He does both and a couple years ago he was actually punting when Bailey (Flint) got hurt as well and he's done all three, which I think he was the only guy in the country at the time doing that."

Candle says when he brought Cluckey into the program, he saw a strong character as well as a skilled placekicker.

"He is a very unique, very committed kid, and very high character guy who gets great grades and a guy who you really, really trust," Candle said.

"Kickers, or any of the specialists, those are the ones that you have to make a decision," Candle continued. "Are you going to keep a scholarship for a long snapper, a punter, or a kicker each year? You probably are. Or are you going to invest that type of stuff into a high school kid that you don't really know a lot about?"

"If you can, you are probably going to try and allow that guy to come in and prove himself and prove his worth, and to that kid's credit he's been nothing but awesome. He keeps his mouth shut, works, does what he needs to do and does a really good job at it. He's a mentally tough kid, too."

"That is a major attribute to that guy when you talk about sometimes, we all get caught up in the psyche of kickers and



Toledo placekicker Thomas Cluckey boots a field goal at Notre Dame. (Photo by Daniel Miller/The University of Toledo)

punters, and that guy is a mentally locked in guy who does it right all the time. I really appreciate that about him."

Toledo special teams coordinator Ross Watson says Cluckey deserved the starting nod over other candidates.

"I think with him, what he displayed early on in the season was his consistency and his work ethic," Watson said. "Those two things coupled together are what pushed him over the top. It was almost a two-year battle for him. He really studied and he worked. It's interesting, if you ask a lot of guys on the team he puts his head

down and goes. He's a great worker."

For placekickers it is about keeping the right frame of mind in game situations. Cluckey says the best thing he can do is stay positive.

"Coach Watson is awesome. He's nothing but positive, which is what a coach should be toward kickers, considering it is 90% mental," Cluckey said. "For that, he was nothing but positive all year even when things were not going my way. That's the biggest thing if you are coaching a kicker is to stay positive and make sure your kicker is in a good mental spot, which they were."

Watson added, "I think one of the biggest reasons that it is mental is that it is so different from other positions in, you may have 20 minutes of real game time between any real action you may have. That makes it very tough."

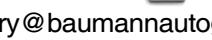
"A lot of times people relate it to golfing. It may be like you and I playing golf where you have to wait 20 minutes on the tee box, but it's still different than that. You're not waiting that long for some action. I think being able to do that and if you have four chances in a game, and you miss one of them, you feel like a bonehead."

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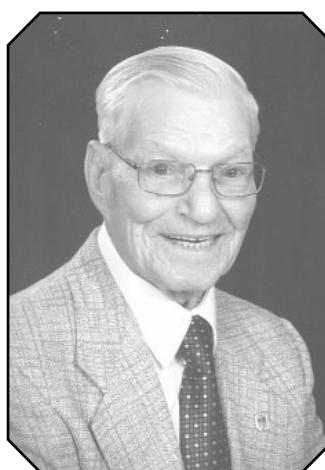
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Bulletin Board policy

As a service to our community, The Press publishes Bulletin Board items at no cost, as space permits. In light of the coronavirus pandemic, readers should verify events have not been canceled or rescheduled. There is no guarantee that items submitted will be published. To ensure publication of events/news items, please speak to one of our advertising representatives at 419-836-2221. A complete listing of events is available at www.presspublications.com.

Toledo

Taco Tuesdays, VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul, 4-8 p.m. Open to the public. Donation \$2 each or three for \$5.

God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-noon at 1705 Tracy St., between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.

Waite High School Class of 1951 meets the 2nd Monday of every month. For info, call Betty at 419-691-7944 or Fran at 419-693-6060.

Waite High School Class of 1955 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For info, contact Ned at 419-893-4336.

Oregon

Mercy Mammography Van will visit Mercy Health – Oregon Clinic, Feb. 8, 4 p.m., 3841 Navarre Ave. Appointment only; call 833-MAMM-VAN to schedule screening. To view a full list of dates and locations, visit mercy.com/toledomobilemamm.

Oregon Schools Foundation Frost Fest Virtual Fundraiser, Feb. 12, 7 p.m., livestreamed from Clay High School. Featuring a reverse raffle with cash prizes and an online silent auction. Tickets \$50 each; 400 available. Sponsorships also available. Proceeds benefit foundation initiatives. Call Amy Hansen at 419-346-7363, email OregonSchoolsFoundation@gmail.com or visit OregonSchoolsFoundation.org for details.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 8 pm. The club normally meets at Firehouse #1 at the corner of Wynn and Seaman roads. However, due to COVID restrictions, meetings are currently being held via conference call/Zoom. Visit www.oregondemocraticclub.org for meeting info and details.

Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com.

Euchre, Sundays at 2 p.m., VFW 9816, 1802 Ashcroft.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation needs, grab-and-go meals, essential services and is open for recreational activities such as bingo, card games, acrylic classes, dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

Food for Thought Food Pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Coy Road and Navarre Avenue, is open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-5 p.m.

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., is open the last Saturday of the month for drive-thru from 12-1:30 p.m. ID required.

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step, Christian-based recovery program to help anyone overcome addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and co-dependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free and everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Hispanic Language Pro-life Prayer Group meets Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine, 655 S. Coy Rd. Call 419-697-7742 or 419-213-0214.

Northwood

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station at 2100 Tracy Rd. Bring any questions or concerns to discuss. Check the group's Facebook page for updates.

VFW Post 2984 Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., 102 W. Andrus Rd. Also featuring steak, shrimp, chicken and macaroni and cheese. Dine in or carry out. Weekly Sunday breakfasts served 8:30-11:30 a.m. Includes two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancake or French toast, potatoes and orange juice.

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Men's Prayer Breakfast, the 3rd Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with COVID, meetings are accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church,

corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the second Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

Genoa

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. Call Tom Chalfin at 419-460-3265 for more info.

Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m., at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. For info, call 419-341-0913.

Trinity Thrift Shop, 105 4th St., Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes and small household items available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

Gibsonburg

Red Cross Blood Drive, Feb. 19, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 500 S. Brentwood Dr. Walk-ins welcome. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Bestseller Saturdays at 7 a.m. (virtual) – A new video each week on Facebook highlighting a best-selling book. Magic in the Kitchen Kits, Feb. 10, 17 and 24 – Kids can try science experiments in their own kitchens (while supplies last); Foodies Night, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m. (in person) – Bring an Italian dish and a friend; Harry Potter Perler Bead Craft, Feb. 17, 4 p.m. – Kids can make a bead craft while supplies last; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. (in person) – Historian Dan Baker will talk about Lincoln, then discuss "The President and the Freedom Fighter," by Brian Kilmeade (registration required). All programs are free. Register at birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

Graytown/Elliston

Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., Elliston-Trowbridge Rd. – LIGHT pantry is open to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food or financial insecurity on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

Luckey

Book and Magazine Sales are going on through mid-February at the Stony Ridge Branch Library. Prices are by donation. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library, which sponsors programs and materials at the library.

Oak Harbor

Annual Comedy Night & Spaghetti Dinner, Oak Harbor American Legion Post 114, Feb. 12, 221 Park St. Spaghetti dinner served 5:30-6:30 p.m. Comedy show starts at 7:30 p.m. Open to the public. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets, call the post at 419-898-5888 or visit the post Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 4-9 p.m.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., will celebrate Black History Month in February with interactive displays and books. Programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Local author David Michael Lee will share his experiences growing up in Oak Harbor, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.; Coffee and a Book Club, Feb. 9, 11 a.m. – Discuss "The Children's Blizzard," by Melanie Benjamin, new members welcome; Fourth Tuesday Book Club, Feb. 22, 6 p.m. – Discuss "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents," by Isabel Wilkerson, new members welcome; Craft Monday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m. – Make and take a snowman craft, supplies provided, registration required; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies; Knitters Group meets Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon – Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials still available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries, a bowl of soup and free clothes for all ages. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more info.

BCS Food Pantry Inc. at St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint St., is open Monday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Open to residents of Benton, Carroll and Salem townships. Providing groceries, as well as personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, when available.

Pemberville

Book and Magazine Sales are going on through mid-February at the Pemberville Public Library. Prices are by donation. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Library, which sponsors programs and materials at the library.

Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the second and last Saturdays of the month from 8-11 a.m. Eastwood School District residents may visit the pantry once monthly. ID and proof of residency required. Info available at Pemberville churches.

Stony Ridge

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St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each

month, 10 a.m.-noon.

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

Walbridge

Dance featuring Crimson Lights Band, Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., dates include Feb. 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 and June 12 and 26 from 2-5 p.m. Dates subject to change. Bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-836-3308 or 419-260-0464.

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are required for adults and children ages 2 and older. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs

include: Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.; Winter Reading Challenge is ongoing for all ages; Magic Trick Mondays in February, 4 p.m. on Facebook Live; Homemade Living, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. on Facebook – Back-to-basics skills for living a simpler life; Adult Book Club, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. – Discuss "The Children's Blizzard," by Melanie Benjamin; Valentine Crafts, Feb. 12, 1- a.m.-3 p.m. – Kids in pre-K through sixth grade can drop in and make a Valentine; Crochet & More, Feb. 14 and 28, 6:30 p.m. – Join other yarn enthusiast for an evening of crochet, knitting, macramé, etc.; Simply Craftastic, Feb. 15, 7 p.m. on Facebook Live – Online class featuring crafts made from items you may have at home; Melted Crayon Art for Teens, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. – Supplies provided, registration required; Kids & Canvas, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. – Supplies provided, registration required. Visit birchard.lib.oh.us or call 419-849-2744.

Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the last Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry.

The Press Church Worship Guide

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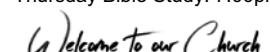
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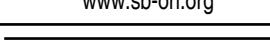
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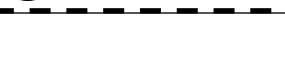
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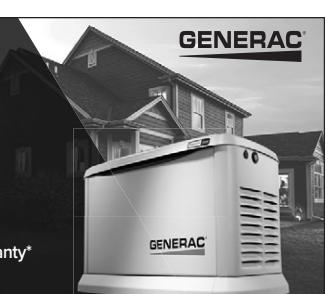
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