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Work continues at Howard Marsh Metropark Phase II

A 243-acre addition to Howard Marsh has made progress despite the wettest October on record. Hayes Construction has completed the majority of the dike work, with stone surfacing coming up next. When it's completed next spring, the addition, west of Howard Road, will include another 2.3 miles of trail, 4 more miles of water trail, a boardwalk overlook, a kayak share and an accessible kayak launch. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon OKs bid for infrastructure improvements

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Oregon City Council on Monday accepted the \$2,331,108 bid of Underground Utilities, Inc. Monroeville, Ohio, as the contractor for the Cedar Point Development – Parkway Road infrastructure improvements project, and for the replacement of the Wynn Road waterline.

The city was awarded a \$2,716,716 grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Cedar Point Development – Parkway Road Infrastructure Improvements for the construction of a roadway and utilities to connect Parkway Drive and Wynnscapes Drive, the city's industrial area.

Bids were received and opened on Oct. 7. The project funding will be appropriated as part of the 2022 CIP budget.

"The bids we received were very competitive," said Public Service Director Paul Roman. "Underground Utilities was the lowest and best bid. The bid was so low, it was actually \$400,000 less than the grant, so we have made a request to the EDA to extend the water and sewer on Wynn Road a little bit further. We also included an alternate bid to replace the waterline on Wynn Road from eight-inches to 12-inch-

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es, which will go from Cedar Point Road to Wynnscapes Drive."

Roman said if the EDA approves of the extension, the city would have to bid out the project separately.

"We hope in the next two months we'll get that approval," he said.

The city has worked with Underground Utilities, Inc. on previous projects and found their work to be satisfactory.

The project is to start in the early spring of 2022 and be significantly completed by Sept. 30 of next year following notification by the city for the contractor to proceed with final completion by Oct. 28.

Criminal Justice

Also at the meeting, council:

• Heard from Mayor Mike Seferian

about receiving commitments from "places that serve food" that are interested in locating in the town center. "We don't really want to announce any names yet until they sign some leases. We don't want to do anything to drive them away," said Seferian. "Some people will be very pleased. I don't want to do anything to jeopardize those who have got to their first level of commitment."

• Accepted the resignation of Sommer Vriezielaar, executive director of the Oregon Economic Development Foundation, effective November 30. "Sommer worked here for approximately four years," said Seferian. "Early in her career with the Economic Development Foundation, we noticed some of the business and industry she dealt with took an interest in her abilities. I told (Administrator Michael) Beazley we would be lucky to keep her for a while because there were several people interested in taking her away from us, which they did."

• Entered into an agreement with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) to provide criminal justice information through the Northwest Ohio Information Systems (NORIS) and records management support for the Oregon

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Santa's coming
See Family

Prison sentence upheld by appeals court

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The Ottawa County Common Pleas Court was correct in reimposing a prison sentence for a man who pled no contest in 2005 to six counts of aggravated vehicular homicide and one count of aggravated vehicular assault, an appellate court has ruled.

Brian Woody had served 12 years of a 19-year sentence when he was granted release and placed on community control.

However, after his release he violated terms the common pleas court had imposed, including prohibiting him from possessing illicit drugs and regularly meeting with his probation officer.

Months after his release, Woody filed a request for limited driving privileges but was denied by the court.

"The record before the trial court indicated new misdemeanor charges and a positive drug test indicating cocaine use, followed by appellant ceasing all contact with his probation officer for over a year. Considering appellant's conduct, we find the trial court's decision to reimpose appellant's prison sentence rather than continue appellant on community control was not unconscionable, or arbitrary," the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals ruled.

Woody was given credit for time served in prison when the common pleas court reimposed his sentence. He had framed his appeal as a review of a new sentence subject to two sections of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeals court, however, cited a different section, writing that: "Under Ohio law, it is well settled that an appellate court reviews the trial court's decision to revoke community control under an abuse-of-discretion standard."

The fatal crash for which he was convicted made headlines.

On June 21, 2004, Woody was westbound on State Rt. 2 when his vehicle crossed the center line and

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Quote of The Week

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Kim Kraemer
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Infrastructure bid

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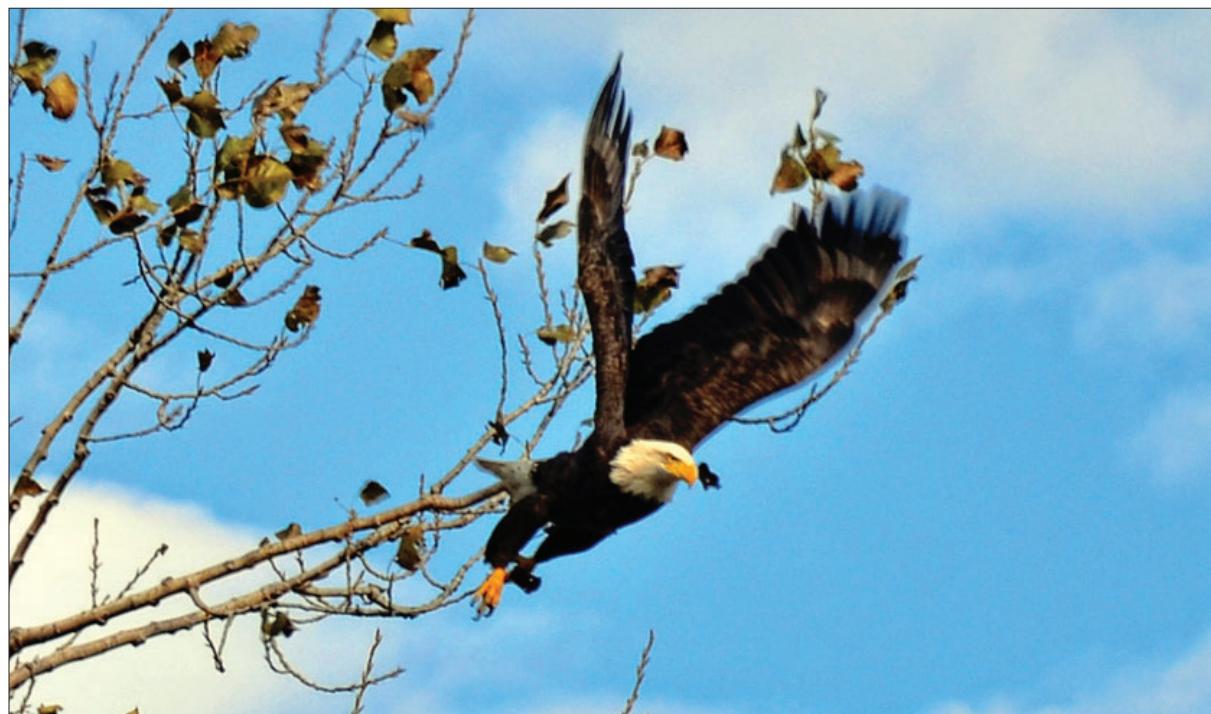
Municipal Court from Jan. 2 through Dec. 31, 2022 in the amount of \$52,446.

"This service is essential to the operations of the Oregon Municipal Court," said City Solicitor Melissa Purpura. "This is a yearly agreement they enter into. You generally get one for police, also, as that is their records management system."

Entered into an agreement with the Lucas County Public Defender Commission to be in effect from Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022 for counsel to represent indigent defendants charged with violations of municipal ordinances in the city at a fee of \$39,692.

The city is required to provide counsel for indigent defendants for violations of state statutes. It is economical for the city to provide the services through the public defender's office, said Purpura.

"This is another ordinance that is presented to council on a yearly basis," she said. "The amount for this contract is the same. There is no change from last year to this year."



Take off

A Bald Eagle takes flight from a tree near Howard Marsh Metropark. No doubt it's been checking out the progress of the park's new section. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

Oregon

Woman seeks return of typewriter sold at estate sale

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In September, a typewriter was sold at an estate sale at 2837 Eastmoreland Drive in Oregon to a man who bought it for his son. Unfortunately, the item was not for sale. It holds sentimental value to a relative who was supposed to inherit the typewriter from its previous owner, her late, great uncle.

The estate sale was inside the house, a yellow ranch style residence. The man who purchased the typewriter came a week or two before the published date of the sale due to photos of furniture from the estate being promoted on Facebook Marketplace.

"The man saw the ad for the furniture on Facebook Marketplace and came to look at a couch for his daughter, who is in college," said Robin Abbruzzese, who hopes to get the typewriter back. "He saw the typewriter in the basement and asked if it was for sale because he wanted to purchase it for

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his son. My uncle did not realize it was not for sale, and sold it to him. That typewriter was in the basement because it was left to me and was not supposed to be sold."

Family heirloom

The heirloom holds sentimental value to her.

"I wanted it because he typed all of his letters on it. All of the notes I got from my great uncle I remember were typed on this typewriter. My great uncle owned it for the

entire time I knew him," she said. "It's the only thing I asked for when he passed and it was all I had left of him."

After her great uncle passed away, it ended up at her grandmother's house, said Abbruzzese. She did not obtain it at that time because she lives in Florida, but still hoped to acquire it when she got back into town. When her grandmother died in August, she had planned to pick it up.

Although she doesn't know the make or model of the vintage typewriter, she said it is black with silver keys, including a silver return key.

"It may be an antique, but I don't know specifics. My great uncle had the typewrit-

er for the entire time I knew him, and I'm almost 40-years-old," she said. "It was not electric. This was an old school typewriter with ink that you just plugged away at the keys, and it had the full return to spin the paper to the next line."

The man, who bought the typewriter for \$20, is described as middle aged, and drove a black pickup truck.

She is offering to buy it back from the man, or buy him a new one. She is also offering a reward for its return.

"I just want it back," she said.

She can be reached at 419-569-1488 and by email at rabbruzzese12@gmail.com

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Historical society inviting members

The Catawba Island Historical Society's 2022 membership campaign is under way.

The organization's activities bounced back significantly after being severely curtailed by the COVID crisis in 2020. The museum's mid-May to mid-October operating season saw an increase to 843 visitors in 2021, up 53% from last year. Additionally, the society restarted its speaker's program with a presentation last month about President Rutherford B. Hayes.

"We remain vigilant," said CIHS President, Craig Koerpel. "Nevertheless, we are hopeful the worst of the pandemic is behind us and look forward to doing an even bigger and better job in 2022."

"Our board made a policy decision not to charge admission for either the museum or the speaker presentations," said Koerpel. "We did not want to build a financial barrier between people and their history. The historical society depends heavily instead, upon membership dues for its operating income."

The museum is located in the iconic 1888 Union Chapel on E. Porter Street at the north end of Catawba Island.

Two levels of annual Historical Society membership are available — the Historian level at \$25 and Curator level at \$100 per year. A lifetime subscription to the Society's Council of Nabagon can also be acquired for a one-time investment of \$1,000.

Prison sentence upheld

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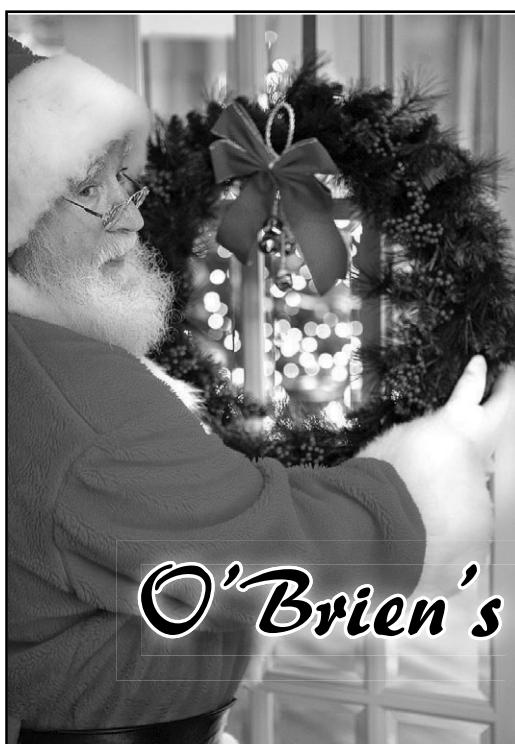
collided with an east-bound semi-trailer truck, according to court records.

The collision sent the semi into west-bound traffic where it glanced off one car and struck a Cadillac Escalade head-on. The crash killed two adults and four children in the Escalade. A seventh passenger, a 13-year-old girl, suffered debilitating injuries.

Woody and those in the Escalade were headed home from Cedar Point when the crash occurred.

First responders noted the odor of alcohol on Woody and he admitted to consuming two beers earlier in the day.

According to statements made at his original sentencing hearing, blood tests performed two hours after the crash indicated alcohol, within legal limits by the time of testing, along with THC and valium/Diazepam, and another motorist noticed Woody's vehicle weaving just before the crash.



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Lownsberry Chevrolet Main Street, 1930s



Employees are lined up in front of this brick building in the 400 block of the recently widened Main Street in East Toledo, when Lownsberry Chevrolet was the largest of the many car dealers along the street in the 1930s and 1940s. Built in 1923, it was later known as the Steger-Showell building, and has been occupied by several other businesses over the years. In the 1950s, Lownsberry moved to 801-811 Front St., where it remained until the 1970s.

History Corner

East Toledo Historical Society
by Larry Michaels



Court Log

Oregon Municipal Court

- Mark Hester, 829 Toronto, Toledo, 90 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 87 days suspended, \$137 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Scott G. Granger, 34 Magyar, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 145 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.
- Jeffrey Bruce Horton, 914 South 15th, Toledo, bound over to the Lucas County Grand Jury, trafficking in drugs.
- Jeffrey Bruce Horton, 914 South 15th, Toledo, bound over to the Lucas County Grand Jury, drug abuse.
- Matthew L. Bertz, 651 Cloverdale, Toledo, bound over to the Lucas County Grand Jury, gross sexual imposition by force.
- Kendra M. Pinkerton, 1528 Freedom, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, theft.
- June Ann Barber, 23 Birmingham Terrace, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 79 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, domestic violence.
- Mary Victoria Sharp, 2653 Luverne, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$147 court costs and fines, endangering children.
- Taylor O. Geiner, 104 E. Union, Walbridge, \$172 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Christopher Adam Marshall, 2844 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 179 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, domestic violence.
- Christopher Adam Marshall, 2844 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 179 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, telecommunications harassment.
- Brandon Michael Rahm, 337 Heffner, Toledo, \$147 court costs and fines, prohibitions station ownership of wildlife.
- Mychayla Marie Wright, 2718 Pratt, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 165 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, theft.
- Christopher Adam Marshall, 2844 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 178 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, violation of a protection order.
- Daniel Scott Huggins, 1605 Upton, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 25 days suspended, \$117 court costs and fines, menacing.
- Jada La Sha James, 140 Dearborn, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Joseph Allen Meeker, 913 Chestnut, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 135 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.
- Jeffrey Bruce Horton, 914 Bloomfield, Toledo, bound over to the Lucas County Grand Jury, drug paraphernalia.
- Jeffrey Bruce Horton, 914 Bloomfield, Toledo, bound over to the Lucas County Grand Jury, open container.
- Joseph Allen Meeker, 713 Chestnut, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 45 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, obstructing official business.
- Devin Andrew Gabel, 145 N. Yondota, Curtice, \$197 court costs and fines, polluting state land or water.
- Kaine Garrison Hanudel, 1115 S. Wheeling, Oregon, \$197 court costs and fines, polluting state land or water.
- Austin T. Rogers, 1265 Key, Maumee, \$152 court costs and fines, migratory game bird possession.
- Austin T. Rogers, 1265 Key, Maumee, \$55 court costs and fines, seasons and limits on ducks, brant.
- Eric J. Toncre, 8138 S. Bridge, Maumee, \$152 court costs and fines, seasons and limits on ducks, brant.
- Mary Victoria Sharp, 2653 Luverne, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$481 court costs and fines, persons under the influence of alcohol.
- Daniel Lee Davenport, 2107 Autooke, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$1,106 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

Terra State Preview Day

Terra State Community College will host a Preview Day Friday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Activities Center on Terra State's Fremont campus. The event is free and open to the public. Masks are required, and guests can park in the General Technologies Building (Building B) parking lot and enter the Student Activities Center (Building C).

During Preview Day, prospective students can tour the campus, including The Landings residence halls; attend sessions to learn about each academic division; meet with current students and talk to the admissions and financial aid teams. Each person will also receive a free lunch.

The schedule includes:

- 9 a.m. – Check-in, Building C Lobby.
- 9:20 a.m. – Tour (optional for early check-in), Building C Lobby.
- 10 a.m. – Welcome, Student Activities Center.
- 10:30 a.m. – Session A, Building D classrooms.
- 11:15 a.m. – Session B, Building D classrooms.
- 12 p.m. – Lunch with Admissions/Faculty Presentation, Student Activities Center.
- 1 p.m. – Event conclusion.

For more information, contact Kyleigh Lash at klash01@terra.edu. To register, visit Terra.edu/PreviewDay.

Prescribed burning planned at refuge

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is entering its fall prescribed fire season, which typically runs now through Dec. 1.

During this time, smoke may be visible above refuge properties throughout Ottawa and Lucas counties.

Prescribed burning on the refuge is conducted to improve wildlife habitat and reduce the accumulation of fuels that lead to uncontrolled wildfires. Ottawa NWR has historically treated between 100 and 800 acres annually with prescribed fire. A prescribed fire during this time period is especially productive for habitat management and brush control.

Refuge officials have informed local officials of planned management actions. Prescribed fire will only be conducted when conditions allow for safe implementation.

Direct questions concerning the prescribed fire season to Refuge Manager Jason Lewis or Private Lands Biologist Jeff Finn at 419-898-0014.



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Nursing homes down 221,000 jobs since start of pandemic

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), representing more than 14,000 nursing homes and assisted living communities across the country that provide care to approximately five million people each year, released a report Nov. 10 showing long term facilities are suffering from the worst labor crisis and job loss than any other health care sector.

Nursing homes alone have seen its industry's employment level drop by 14 percent, or 221,000 jobs since the beginning of the pandemic.

While hospitals, physicians' offices, outpatient care centers and other health care facilities have reached or surpassed pre-pandemic staffing levels, nursing homes and assisted living communities are still experiencing substantial job losses, according to the latest October employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Mark Parkinson, president and CEO

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Nov. 15-19. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Nov. 15: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45-12 p.m.

Nov. 16: WIC Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 17: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 2-6:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

Nov. 18: Family Planning, Well Child and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Port Clinton, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Put-in-Bay, 9:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Nov. 19: WIC Clinic, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

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of AHCA/NCAL said that these workforce challenges for nursing homes and assisted living communities could be attributable to multiple factors.

"As many caregivers are getting burned out by the pandemic, workers are leaving the field for jobs in other health care settings or other industries altogether," Parkinson said. "Chronic Medicaid underfunding, combined with the billions of dollars providers have spent to fight the pandemic, have left long-term care providers struggling to compete for qualified staff."

"We desperately need the help of policymakers to attract and retain more caregivers, so that our nation's most vulnerable have access to the long-term care they need," said Parkinson.

Comparing the latest BLS employment data released last week with pre-pandemic employment back in March 2020 shows nursing homes have lost the most jobs than any other health care sector.

AHCA/NCAL released a survey of long-term care providers earlier this year showing that the labor crisis is worsening

and impacting access to care for vulnerable seniors:

- 86% of nursing homes and 77% of assisted living providers said their workforce situation has gotten worse in recent months.

- 58 percent of nursing homes are limiting new admissions.

- 78 percent of nursing homes and 61 percent of assisted living communities are concerned workforce challenges might force them to close.



Deer spotting

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Fire district wants input in planning process

By Larry Limpf
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The Allen-Clay Joint Fire District is asking for community input as it plans for the future.

The district is asking residents in its service area to complete a questionnaire that asks respondents to rate the department's fire and emergency medical service if they've received a service and what would be an acceptable response time for a 9-1-1 or non-emergency call in the future.

The survey also asks on a scale of 1 to 10 for residents to separately rate the importance of how quickly fire trucks arrive on scene, the appearance of vehicles and uniforms of firefighters, safety of firefighters while on the job, training of firefighters, the ability to respond to every service call, and support for a tax increase to hire more firefighters.

The survey also includes space for respondents to voice their concerns or suggestions for the department.

Michael Musolf, fire chief, said the department will also host a series of pub-

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You just can't find
people.
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lic meetings in the coming weeks to gather public input.

“During this phase, we will identify key areas that may need attention and develop objectives and goals to better the service we provide you,” he writes in a letter accompanying the surveys.

The meetings are tentatively scheduled to start the first week of December, the chief said last week.

Flyers will be distributed with the dates and times of the meetings.

Residents interested in taking part in the sessions should contact the chief by email at: chief@allenclayjfd.oh.gov to be added to

the contact list.

“We've received a fairly good response so far,” chief Musolf said. “Rudy Ruiz, of Resource Management Consultants, is assisting us with this. He said he would like to keep it to about 50 participants. We're looking for people interested in helping us steer where we go in the future. It's a way to ask some questions and see what kind of feedback we get from the community. We could sit here and plan and say we want to do this and hire a number of people and put a levy on. If people say no then all that planning was for naught.”

The district is funded by a 5-mill, continuous property tax levy. It was formed in 2000 with the voter-approved merger of the Clay-Genoa, Clay Center and Allen Township fire departments.

“We're pretty proud of the fact that we've been fiscally responsible and haven't had to go back and ask for a replacement levy (based on updated valuations) since

2009,” the chief said. “But we are getting close to that point. Going through this process is going to help identify where we are financially and where we need to go. For example, staffing issues. It's not an Allen-Clay problem, it's not a Northwest Ohio problem, it's not a fire service problem. It's everywhere now. You just can't find people.”

He estimated the department's current roster at about 78, including 10 or so support personnel who are retired but still assist with operating radios and other duties.

Chief Musolf said the initial phase of the planning process began with a revamping of the department's mission statement. The new statement reads: “Provide service with integrity.”

Survey forms can be printed from the department website or answered online. The link is www.allenclayjfd.oh.gov/survey.

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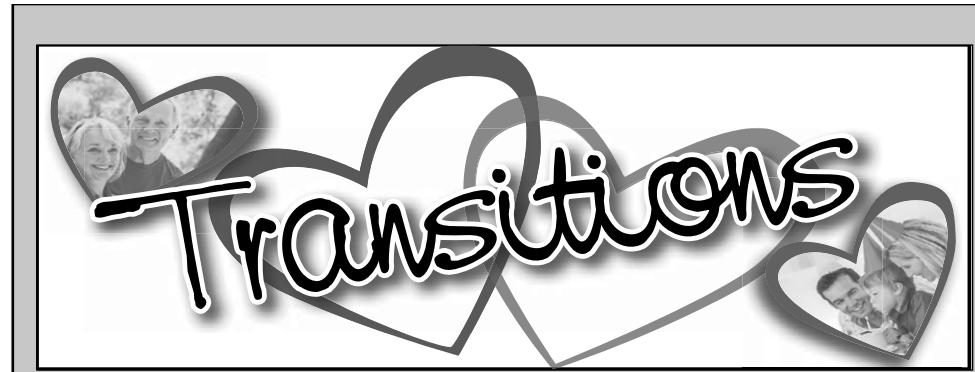
Restaurant opens in Northwood

The Prime Thyme Eatery, 4505 Woodville Road, Northwood, observed its opening with a ribbon cutting. Co-owners Jeff and Cathy Burson (left) and Bob Anderson, city administrator, and Terry and Chris Kretz, co-owners, are shown. (Submitted photo)



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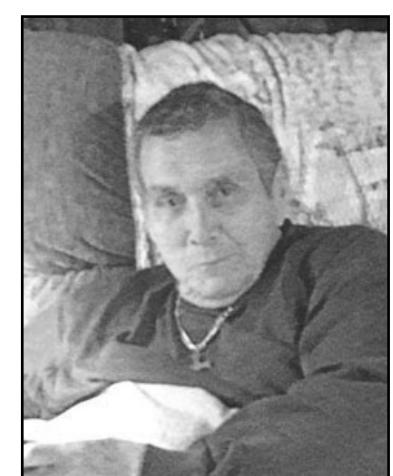
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We thank you.

We appreciate you all so much. We can never repay you, but we will try to pay forward. Our hearts are broken. We lost our family member and one of the best friends we ever had, but we trust God has a plan. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts.

**God Bless,
The Rodawalt Family**

A tree planting ceremony will be held in the spring for George and Jerry.



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Opinion**The Press**

When projecting into the future try to be positive

What you project into the future has a powerful impact. Your mind works to create the future you imagine. If you project a problem filled future, this is what you will attract. Conversely, you will attract a positive future if this is what you project.

You can also use future projection to minimize any anxiety you might be feeling today. Most, if not all of the issues you are worrying about now won't materialize. You already know this from experience. So, if what you're worrying about now won't happen in the future, save yourself all the needless stress by not worrying today.

What about something which makes you angry or upset today? Will it bother you tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, or five years from now? If it won't, why allow it to bother you now? Save yourself a lot of misery by letting these troubles roll off your back instead of taking hold.

Don't allow your past to pollute your future. Just because you had a bad experience doesn't constrain you to the same negative experiences in the future. There's



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

nothing forcing you to relive your past.

Learning from your past enables you to improve your future. The past shows you what doesn't work and what does. Eliminate any unsuccessful behavior while repeating effective strategies which worked. Something which went wrong should be considered a learning experience rather than a mistake.

Adverse childhood experiences are often used as excuses for why one's future has been negatively impacted. What's already transpired is over. It becomes an anchor only if you let it. As an adult, you are free to decide what path to follow. There's no point to being tethered by your past.

Don't project fear into your future.

Fear can be based on your past experiences. When something didn't work out well, you become afraid to attempt it again. Fear can also be based on your insecurities. Unchecked fear, regardless of the source, is a roadblock to achieving your goals.

Since fear exists in your mind, you can vanquish it. Instead of using fear as a limitation, just go and do what you want to do. Failure only occurs when you give up. So, when something doesn't work as expected, figure out what went wrong, make corrections, and keep moving forward.

Insecurities, or a lack of self-confidence are often projected into the future. Both of these factors are overcome by improving your knowledge, skills, and abilities. If you don't want to acquire knowledge, skills, and abilities yourself, you can connect with someone who already has the resources you need.

Unreasonable self-judgment can also be projected into the future. If you feel you don't deserve, or feel guilty about success, your future will be limited. Being success-

ful is good as long as you achieve it honestly and ethically. The more successful you are, the more you can be of service to others.

Projecting a positive future is much more appealing than a negative future. You want a future which is rewarding and worthwhile. Instead of making excuses for why you can't get what you want, formulate reasons for why you can and will.

You must project a future which is in line with your core beliefs. Acting contrary to your beliefs is typically unsuccessful and leads to increased anxiety. Doing what you believe in provides lots of satisfaction.

Imagine your future as a movie screen upon which you can project any story. You are the writer and director. Anything is possible in your movie. You can have any scenario play out. Your future is up to you.

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Guest Editorial

"The public good" isn't Mark Zuckerberg's - or Congress' - priority

By Thomas L. Knapp

Facebook "whistleblower" Frances Haugen, the Washington Post reports, has "repeatedly accused [Facebook CEO Mark] Zuckerberg of choosing growth over the public good." The Post's headline puts it a slightly different way: "Growth over safety."

The meaning of "growth" in this context is pretty obvious: Zuckerberg's company makes a lot of money, and he wants it to make even more.

The meaning of "safety" is somewhat more nebulous. Facebook spokeswoman Dani Lever refers to "difficult decisions between free expressions and harmful speech, security and other issues" before going to a place that should chill the blood of anyone listening:

"Drawing these societal lines is always better left to elected lead-

ers which is why we've spent many years advocating for Congress to pass updated Internet regulations."

The Post story opens with a more accurate account of what Lever proposes: "Late last year, Mark Zuckerberg faced a choice: Comply with demands from Vietnam's ruling Communist Party to censor anti-government dissidents or risk getting knocked offline in one of Facebook's most lucrative Asian markets."

Zuck decided to work for Hanoi instead of for Facebook's users in Vietnam. And in the U.S. he'd be happy to work for Congress rather than for Facebook's American users, as long as doing so doesn't get in between him and his real customers (advertisers), and perhaps even herds more of those customers his way.

Neither "the public good" nor "safe-

ty" (for anyone or anything but the political class's power and Facebook's profits, at least) enter into the equation.

Zuckerberg's job is to grow his company's profits, thereby growing his and his shareholders' wealth, full stop. That's what companies do. Their goal, in three words, is to "increase shareholder value."

One of the most effective ways of doing that, if he can manage it, is getting governments to ensure that Facebook faces little or no competition in its chosen marketplaces.

With market capitalization approaching \$1 trillion and annual net income of \$30 billion or so, Facebook is well-positioned to meet the costs of complying with whatever censorship regime Congress might choose to impose to protect the interests of the ruling class (not "the public good"). Smaller social media platforms or

potential new competitors, not so much.

As for the politicians cosplaying as Facebook's opponents while actually working overtime to turn it into a monopoly, they'd have you believe that any speech they dislike (they call it "misinformation") equates to shouting "fire" in a crowded theater, and that they're heroic guardians of your safety. In reality, they're just muggers attempting to run off with even more of your freedom than they've already taken.

Mark Zuckerberg may not be your friend, but if you let him become Congress's friend he'll surely be your enemy.

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Following leaders

To the editor: If someone wanted to get rich quick he or she would only have to follow the leaders.

My wife went to her doctor to get a yearly influenza shot. The shot took about two minutes and cost \$62.

If that shot was for the "regular" influenza and cost \$62, how much would we be charged for a Covid shot were it not covered by the government - \$100 each?

Think about this. If some "leaders" were to create a need for all people around the world to get a vaccination for a man-made sickness and the cost was \$100 each.

Leaders of such a movement would extend it by telling the world a booster shot is needed because the first shot wasn't as effective as expected.

The shots are being funded by our tax dollars. Thank God for the men and women who go to work every day. We are today's working men and women.

Larry Erard
Walbridge

Questionable actions

To the editor: Why did our leaders close down the Keystone pipeline day one in office? Why would our leaders want to close down the Line 5 pipeline in Michigan at a time when gas and home heating costs are skyrocketing?

They will claim it is due to the climate crisis. Is it more advantageous to use a pipeline or railways to move the oil? Is it more advantageous for us to be energy independent or have to beg OPEC for more oil? Has there really been a debate? I have my opinion but they could pretend to at least debate the best way to move the oil. They could pretend to debate being energy independent versus begging OPEC for our oil needs. It would seem they skipped the debate and just went with their pockets being lined by special interests.

On Nov. 5 Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm cackled when asked by a reporter what the administration was going to do to ease the burden energy costs are having on Americans. Seems like a rather heartless reaction to a question that affects so many. Why would our leaders beg OPEC for more oil when we were and still have the ability to be energy independent?

Why would our leaders go on an overseas trip and attend a climate summit that required an 80-plus car entourage? Don't

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forget all the jet fuel. Best choice for the environment?

Protecting the environment is a noble cause we can all participate in but not while watching the hypocrisy of our leaders. I say not while watching Americans scrape by just trying to heat their homes, fill their gas tanks or buy groceries.

Those who claim to be at the forefront of this cause are getting their pockets lined. Americans are losing jobs by their decisions, paying more at the pump, grocery store, and for heating costs. Are American citizens' concerns really a concern for them? Actions clearly speak louder than words.

Kim Kraemer
Elmore

Fair map needed

To the editor: In 2018, Ohioans overwhelmingly came together to pass a reform measure that overhauled the congressional redistricting process. Because of the successful reform effort, our state constitution now requires transparency in map drawing and ample opportunities for public input on the map that will shape our political future for the next decade.

However, the Ohio Redistricting Commission duties are ending in a fizzle since it announced it wouldn't be meeting their Oct. 31 deadline to adopt a 10-year map.

As the pen moves to the Ohio General Assembly, Ohioans are still demanding a fair and transparent process with ample opportunities for public engagement that ends with a fair map. That means public hearings that are scheduled with plenty of notice and with virtual options to ensure widespread accessibility. And a fair map is one that reflects how we vote, keeps our communities together, and ensures communities of color have real pathways to representation.

We cannot afford a repeat of the egregious state legislative map-drawing process nor continued failure of the congressional process to date because of certain politicians' inaction. The Ohio General Assembly must get to work immediately to convene a joint redistricting committee, the Republicans must propose their own map, and public hearings must be scheduled

quickly.

We're running out of time to live up to our 2018 reforms. Ohio is 46 percent Democrats, yet Republicans are drawing maps that give them 87 percent representation. If fair maps are not drawn, Ohio Democrats will declare any elections conducted under these conditions as rigged, illegal, invalid, and unconstitutional. There will be lawsuits holding up government and the elections in the courts for years.

It will be a lot simpler for all of us if the maps are drawn fairly to begin with, Governor DeWine.

Paul Szymowski
Curtice

Best Christmas gift

To the editor: Chad and Victoria (Rogers) Albright, in partnership with the Eastwood Key Club, Freedom American Legion Auxiliary Unit #183 Pemberville, and Troy Webster American Legion Auxiliary Unit #240 Luckey, are spearheading the effort to put wreaths on veterans' graves in the Eastwood district for the Christmas holiday.

The Albrights brought the "Wreaths Across America" project to the local organizations in 2019. This year, the group has expanded its goal to eight cemeteries, including Webster Township, Old and New Belleville Ridge, Salem, Pemberville Union, Fish, Eisenhour and Troy Township.

The wreaths cost \$15 each, and more than 1,450 are needed to assure that all veterans buried in these cemeteries have a wreath on their grave for Christmas.

This year, we have arranged for a "buy two, get one free" agreement with Wreaths Across America. If you are interested in supporting this project, please make a check payable to Wreaths Across America for \$15 for each wreath you wish to sponsor. Remember, if you sponsor two wreaths, you will get the third one free.

Sponsorship forms are available at Unvaulted Treasures in Luckey, Eastwood High School and Frobose Meat Locker and IGA in Pemberville. They are also available on the Eastwood Community Wreaths Across America Facebook page. The form includes a QR code.

If you wish to sponsor online, please visit website wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/162817 for a secure online transaction. Use the Fundraising Group ID: OH0225. You may also contact one of the committee members listed below for forms, questions, or volunteer information.

Orders must be received by Wreaths Across America before Nov. 30. Mail forms early.

Wreaths will be shipped directly to the location, not to individuals. The wreath placement ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. in the Eastwood High School Auditorium. Following the ceremony, the groups will move to the respective cemeteries immediately following the short ceremony.

As longtime advocates of veterans and their families, we can't think of a better Christmas gift.

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Becky Dippman,
President Troy-Webster Unit #240, 419-409-6032

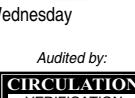
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Why a successful retirement starts with income planning

There are several questions that hopeful retirees are consistently asking as they seek to build a successful retirement. Some of these questions are:

- When can I retire?
- How much do we need?
- Will I have enough?
- What if there's a major healthcare, stock market, or inflationary event that threatens what we've saved?

While all of these questions are certainly different from one another, they are largely variations on the same theme.

Essentially, the process of addressing these concerns requires converting one's pile of money into an income that lasts as long as they do. When we can do that successfully, the risk factors can be managed quite well. But how do we do it? Put more bluntly: "Adam, how do you know that this plan will work?"

When it comes to retirement income planning, there are a number of approaches. While I won't go into great depth here, we can certainly hit the high points.

There are two distinct approaches in retirement income planning: probability-based and guaranteed.

Probability-based retirement income planning

The first relies on historical market performance and extrapolates those returns and offers a statistical probability of future



Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufr

success. For baseball fans, consider that a great hitter may have a batting average of .320, allowing you to run the numbers and expect that trend to continue into the future. Yes, there's a 68% chance that he'll not find success at the plate, and injury, illness, and an occasional slump may contribute further to some tough days for fans, but you can expect him to perform comparatively well given his history.

Not unlike a hitter in baseball, the stock and bond markets can be counted on to deliver future performance that is quite similar to past performance, but – and repeat after me – past performance is no guarantee of future results. When things go well, they can go really well, as we've seen over the past few years. When the market stumbles, however, a retiree's ability to draw the necessary amount of income from a probability-based stocks and bonds portfolio can result in real potential for failure. As defined in income planning terms, that means the money runs out before you were ready for it to do so.

Guaranteed income planning

For those who appreciate a sure thing, and sleep better at night when not reliant on finicky and volatile stock and bond markets, there's a way to have your cake and eat it too. The answer is to get you and your closest thousands of friends together and agree that some of you will live longer than expected, while others will fall short of a very long life. As such, you pool your money together and agree to make sure everybody receives an income for life, regardless of how long each person lives. The tradeoff? Some people get a little more than their fair share and others only get their fair share.

This arrangement, of course, involves highly regulated insurance companies, very long-term investment portfolios, more cash reserves set aside than obligations created, something called reinsurance, and a state-run guaranty fund that ensures the whole thing pays out without the risk of going it alone in the stock and bond markets.

By converting the appropriate portion (generally not all) of your pile of retirement money to this arrangement, a stream of payment checks arrives in your bank account each month for the rest of your life, guaranteed. The rest of the money you may have set aside is able to live in the finicky and volatile stock and bond markets described above. Since these markets often provide

superior long-term growth, that means you'll allow yourself the means with which to manage a health care event, inflationary era, and occasional market drops...all while enjoying a retirement income that lasts for the entire life of you and your spouse.

Synergy, in summary

When approaching retirement, income planning is where it all starts. It's on this foundation that all else is built. With the right architect, a clear blueprint, and materials that will stand the test of time against the elements, you create for yourself a fiscal house that allows you to get the most from your money and the best for your life.

See, when we embrace the risks and anticipate them, we allow a sort of double vision to occur. We can protect what's needed and prosper to achieve what's wanted. I call it synergy; you can call it what you'd like. Simply put, it's retirement planning done well and you deserve no less.

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Riverview Healthcare Campus to offer independent living

Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus announces the addition of independent living to its campus.

Independent living will be offered at Riverview's Hartford on the River, along with assisted living service.

Riverview will offer studio units for \$1,350 per month and one-bedroom units for \$1,750 per month. The monthly rate includes rent, all utilities, including WiFi, cable and telephone service, as well as three meals in the Hartford Dining Room.

The monthly fee does not include any nursing services, however, each unit does include an emergency nurse call that can be utilized if an emergency occurs. There will be small additional fee, for each time this call light is activated.

"With independent living offered alongside of our assisted living, when a resident decides they need more help, they can be switched to our assisted living services without moving," said Kendra M. German, LNHA, administrator. "It's a true opportunity to age in place."

For more information or a tour of



Hartford on the River, contact case manager Cara Densic, RN, at cdensic@co.ottawa.oh.us or 419-898-2851, ext. 4041.

Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus, located at 8180 W. SR 163, Oak

Harbor, is a Medicare 5 Star Facility and has been locally owned and operated for 150 years. The campus offers traditional long-term care, memory care, short term inpatient rehabilitation stays, outpatient

therapy, assisted living and independent living. The facility is contracted with U.S. Veteran Affairs to serve our veterans and takes most insurances.

Ottawa County Riverview healthcare Campus is offering studio and one-bedroom independent living units in the Hartford on the River addition, where assisted living units are also available.
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Businesses to collect hats, gloves and more for veterans

Arbors at Oregon, located at 904 Isaac Streets Dr., Oregon, will be collecting donations of adult gloves, hats, socks and underwear for a veteran's holiday drive, Nov. 11-Dec. 11.

Arbors asks that gloves and hats be new or gently used, and that socks and underwear be new. While both women's and men's items are accepted, the need is great for men's items.

Arbors at Oregon will have a donation box inside the front door, so no contact is needed for drop off. There will also be donation boxes at the following partner locations (hours and availability may vary, so please call ahead):

- City of Oregon Municipal Building, 5330 Seaman Rd., Oregon (center doors vestibule). Call 419-698-7095 for info.
- Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce, 4350 Navarre Ave., Oregon. Call 419-693-5580 for an appointment.
- Frisch's Big Boy, 2669 Woodville Rd., Northwood, 419-693-4401.
- Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital, 2600 Navarre Ave., Oregon, (main entrance lobby), 419-696-7200.
- Pete MacDonald State Farm, 3545 Navarre Ave., Oregon, 419-698-4393.
- Tractor Supply Co., 3942 Navarre Ave., Oregon, 419-691-2715.
- Unique Healthcare Solutions, 3430 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee, 419-794-8565.

Donated items will be taken to the Veteran's Administration for distribution to those who need it most.

For more information, contact Myndi Dawes at 419-691-2483 or mdawes@arborsatoregon.com.

Alzheimer's & Dementia program set for Nov. 30

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will hold an educational program on "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia for families and community members impacted by the disease."

The program will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Alzheimer's Association NW Ohio Chapter Office, 480 W. Dussel Dr., Suite 150, Maumee.

PrimeTime Briefs



The program covers the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia and provides a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis, as well as those who wish to be informed.

The free one-hour program:

- Explores the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Examines what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's.
- Details the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease.
- Identifies FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms.
- Looks ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research.
- Offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

Register online at alz.org/CRF or call 1-800-272-3900.

Medicare open enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment continues through Dec. 7. Anyone looking for help comparing plans for 2022 can call Rachel at Magruder Hospital 419-732-4061, or the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program at 1-800-686-1578.

Holiday Outreach Project

The Wood County Committee on Aging is partnering with the Wood County Job & Family Services to help grandparents raising grandchildren during the upcoming holiday season.

Monetary donations will be accepted at all Wood County Senior Center locations including:

- Northeast Center, 705 N. Main St., Walbridge, 567-249-4921.
- Pemberville Area Senior Center, 220 Cedar St., 419-287-4109.

- Perrysburg Center, 140 W. Indiana Ave., 419-874-0847.
- Rossford Center, 400 Dixie Highway, 419-666-8494.

Donations will be used to purchase gifts for grandchildren (birth to 17 years of age). Interested grandparents in need are asked to complete an application. The application deadline is Friday, Dec. 3.

For more info or to receive an application, contact the WCCOA Programs Department at 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or email programs@wccoa.net.

Sock, blankets needed for seniors

As colder weather approaches, Ottawa County Senior Resources is collecting Socks for Seniors (and blankets, too).

New socks and blankets may be dropped off at:

- All Ottawa County senior centers including Elmore Golden Oldies (19225 Witty Rd.), Genoa Senior Center (514 Main St.) and Oak Harbor Harbor Lights (8180 W. SR 163).
- Senior Resources Main Office, 8180 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor.
- Ottawa County Courthouse (Madison Street), Port Clinton.

Call 419-898-6459 for more details. All items collected will be distributed to Ottawa County seniors and homebound clients.

Big Charity Raffle

Oregon Senior Center is among the beneficiaries of Baumann Auto Group's 19th Annual Big Charity Raffle.

The raffle winner will have the choice of a new Chevy Trailblazer, Ford Escape or Jeep Compass. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave., through Nov. 19. The winner will be drawn Dec. 11.

Senior center hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

To learn more about the center's program and events, follow on Facebook at

facebook.com/oregonseniorcenter.

National Hospice & Palliative Care Month

Throughout the month of November Hospice of Northwest Ohio is joining organizations across the nation recognizing National Hospice and Palliative Care Month.

For 40 years, Hospice of Northwest Ohio has helped provide comfort and dignity to more than 65,000 people, allowing them to spend their final months wherever they call home, surrounded by their loved ones. Hospice ensures that pain management, therapies, and treatments all support a plan of care that is centered on the person's goals. Hospice care also provides emotional support and advice to help family members become confident caregivers and adjust to the future with grief support.

"It is essential that people understand that hospice and palliative care is not giving up; it is not the abandonment of care, and it is not reserved for the imminently dying," said Edo Banach, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "Hospice is a successful model of person-centered care that brings hope, dignity and compassion when they are most needed."

In 2018, 1.61 million Medicare beneficiaries received care from hospices in this country, reports NHPCO. Hospice is unique in that it offers an interdisciplinary team approach to treatment. Caring for the whole patient allows the team to address each patient's unique needs and challenges.

Palliative care

Hospice of Northwest Ohio also provides community-based palliative care through their Sincera program. Palliative care delivers expertise to improve quality of life and relief from pain for those with serious, chronic illness who are still seeking curative treatment. It can be provided at any time during the illness – during and after treatment, beginning at diagnosis.

More information about hospice, palliative care, and advance care planning is available from Hospice of Northwest Ohio at hospicenwo.org.



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Maintain proper nutrition for lifelong bone health

By ProMedica Nutrition Team

As we age, we tend to lose bone density. Too much bone loss can result in osteoporosis, a progressive condition that makes bones porous and brittle. If you have osteoporosis, you have a higher risk for fragility fractures, which often result from falls that seem insignificant — like slips or trips while walking, or other stresses.

"Annually, 50 percent of women over 50, and 25 percent of men over 50, will experience a broken bone from osteoporosis," says Kristie Jones, PA-C, an orthopaedic physician assistant with ProMedica Physicians. "The number of women over 50 who will fracture a hip is surprisingly greater than the combined number of women who will develop breast, uterine and ovarian cancer."

Taking preventive measures early on, including proper nutrition, bone-building exercises and improving balance, can keep your bones strong and help prevent falls and fractures.

"And that's crucial since 25 percent of people over 50 who fracture a hip die within a year," says Jones. "Once you've fractured a hip, you can't get around as much, you might not be able to eat correctly, and you may need hip surgery. It just becomes harder to pick up where you left off."

Nutrients to keep bones healthy

Osteoporosis can result from having too little calcium and vitamin D, smoking, excessive alcohol use, and even long-term use of steroid medications, including those used to treat chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Taking calcium and vitamin D supplements may be beneficial in helping to prevent osteoporosis. Just remember to talk with your primary care provider before taking any supplements.

Calcium

Because your body can absorb only a certain amount of calcium at a time, consider taking one 600 milligram (mg) tablet twice a day, for 1,200mg. If your diet already includes good calcium sources, consider taking only 600mg daily. Take 2,000 international units (IU) of vitamin D daily. Be sure to look for the USP mark on any supplements you get. Since 1820, U.S. Pharmacopeia has ensured standards of ingredient levels, quality and safety.

Calcium supplement pills can cause constipation, and the large pills may be hard to swallow. Chewable gummy types of calcium may be more tolerable and easier to swallow. You can also try calcium citrate or liquid calcium supplements.

Vitamin D

Vitamin D helps you absorb calcium. You can get vitamin D from being out in the sun, from supplements and from a few foods, including:

- Eggs and egg yolks.
- Fortified cereals.
- Salmon.
- Mackerel.
- Trout.

If you're lactose-intolerant

Although dairy foods like whole milk, cream, yogurt and cheese are high in calcium, they're not an option if you're lactose intolerant. That said, you still have plenty of food options, including foods fortified with calcium and Vitamin D. These include:

- Almond milk.
- Cooked beans.
- Cereals.
- Hard cheeses like Swiss, parmesan and cheddar.
- Leafy greens like kale or spinach.
- Nuts like almonds, pistachios and walnuts.
- Oranges and orange juice.
- Seafood such as salmon, canned tuna or shrimp.
- Yogurt with active cultures.

"Our hope," says Jones, "is that those with lactose intolerance in future generations can get some of these foods in their

diet from a young age. This can help improve bone density early on, compared to people who are 50 and older who didn't have these fortified food options when they were younger."

Exercise and balance for bone health

In addition to diet, exercise can help build your bone density, but it's important you do the right kind of exercise. When it comes to your bone health, walking and

weightlifting are good options, because you're putting weight on your bones. Other lower-impact exercises aren't as effective.

"Even though swimming and water aerobics can help relieve joint pain from arthritis," says Jones, "they're not as good for the bones because they're low impact. You're not putting your weight on your bones like you would with other exercise."

Age also affects our sense of balance.

To strengthen your muscles, increase your endurance, and restore or strengthen your sense of balance, try exercises like knee curls, leg stretches and yoga. "You can also sign up for balance classes at a gym or community center, sometimes free through Medicare," says Jones.

To learn more about orthopaedic care at ProMedica, visit ProMedica's website, promedica.org.



A howling good time

A good time was had by all at the Genoa Senior Center's pizza party/costume party. The seniors really got in the Halloween spirit this year, with quite a few participants dressed in costume. Prizes were awarded to the top four costumes.

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Holiday tips for the family dealing with Alzheimer's

By Pamela J. Myers
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The holiday season is upon us once again – a time filled with opportunities for togetherness, laughter and sharing of memories. But sometimes our holidays bring stress and sadness. A person who is living with Alzheimer's may feel a special sense of loss because of the changes they have experienced – and their caregivers may feel overwhelmed maintaining holiday traditions while providing care.

How does a family who finds themselves dealing with Alzheimer's disease in a loved one cope with and survive the holiday season? Here are some useful tips and strategies to not just endure, but to enjoy this special time of the year.

- Make sure that everyone understands your caregiving situation and has realistic expectations about what you can and cannot do. No one should expect you to maintain every holiday tradition or event.

- Give yourself permission to do only what you can reasonably manage. Think about having a potluck dinner, asking someone to order and bring dinner, or asking others to host.

- Involve the person in safe, manageable holiday preparation activities that he or she enjoys. Ask him or her to help you prepare food, wrap packages, help decorate or set the table.

- Maintain the person's normal routine as much as possible, so that holiday preparations don't become disruptive or confusing. Taking on too many tasks can wear on both of you.

- Build on traditions and memories. Your family member may find comfort in going caroling, but you may also experiment with new traditions that might be less stressful or a better fit with your caregiving responsibilities, such as watching seasonal movies.

“...may feel a special sense of loss...”

- Provide people with suggestions for useful and enjoyable gifts for the person, such as an identification bracelet or membership in a wandering response service (contact the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 for more information). Or, suggest comfortable, easy-to-remove clothing, favorite music, photo albums of family and friends or favorite treats.

- Depending on his or her abilities and preferences, involve the person in gift giving. For example, someone who once enjoyed baking may enjoy helping to make cookies and pack them in tins or boxes.

- If friends or family members ask you what you'd like for a gift, you may want to suggest a gift certificate or something that will help make things easier, like house-cleaning, lawn, handyman or laundry services; restaurant gift cards or even volunteer to visit with the person for an afternoon so you can have some time off.

- Celebrate over lunch or brunch, rather than an evening meal, so you can work around the evening confusion (sundowning) if it sometimes affects the person living with Alzheimer's. Consider serving non-alcoholic drinks and keeping the room bright.

- Prepare for post-holiday letdown. Arrange for in-home care so you can rest, enjoy a movie or have lunch with a friend, and reduce post-holiday stress and fatigue.

For more tips, resources, or just someone to talk to during this holiday season, reach out to the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 or call our 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.



Golden Care Award winner Amy Lee, a community caregiver from Portage, with Sen. Theresa Gavarone. (Submitted photo)

Caregiving Heroes honored

On Nov. 1, the Wood County Committee on Aging honored compassionate caregivers at the annual Golden Care Awards, held at the Wood County Senior Center in Bowling Green.

The event was designed to recognize National Caregivers Month in November and to honor caregivers within Wood County communities and facilities.

The Wood County Committee on Aging accepted nominations from friends, family, and coworkers of caregivers who go above and beyond every day to care for those they serve. All nominees from three categories, including agency support staff, medical professionals and community caregivers, were recognized at the event.

Event committee sponsors included Bowling Green Manor, Briar Hill Health Care Campus, Bridge Home Health & Hospice, Brookdale of Bowling Green, Kingston of Perrysburg and Wood Haven Health Care.

Winners included Laura Steffan, agency support staff caregiver from Wood Haven Health Care; Deb Klasen, medical staff caregiver from Wood Haven Health Care and Amy Lee, community caregiver.

A special award for "Wood County

"Advocate of the Year" was presented to Maureen Veit, Adult Protective Services, Wood County Job & Family Services.

The complete list of caregiving heroes honored includes:

- **Support staff:** Jim Cress, Michelle Davenport, Jennifer Lewellen, Laura Steffan and Tabitha Tippen.

- **Medical professionals:** Amanda Esquivel, Scott Fornwald, Linda Hazard, Shannon Herrig, Deb Klasen, Alaina LaCourse, Tanai Lyles, Korie Poling, Shelly Ruehl and Amanda Wagner.

- **Community caregivers:** Gail Baden, Amy Lee, Ken Lohman, Doug Ringler and Bill Scovell.

This year's Golden Care Award ceremony can be viewed on WCCOA's YouTube page at youtube.com and searching "WCCOA, Inc."

"WCCOA and our partner organizations would like to thank those caregiving heroes in our communities," said Danielle Brogley, director of programs.

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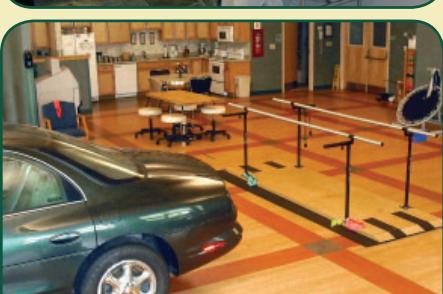
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Tree lighting kicks off Lights Before Christmas Nov. 19

For 36 years, the Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank has been a cherished holiday tradition for families in Northwest Ohio and beyond.

This year's display will kick off with a tree-lighting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 19 at approximately 6 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WTOL 11. All are welcome to join in at the countdown of the lighting of the award-winning "Big Tree" – an 85-foot Norway spruce and its brand-new state-of-the-art lighting package.

The tree-lighting ceremony is the kickoff of the six-week long event which features over one million lights, 200+ illuminated animal images, an ice slide, and photo ops with Santa at North Star Trading Post gift shop. There will also be various holiday concessions, including the return of the Yuletide Food & Spirits tent, located on the historic side of the Zoo, featuring freshly prepared seasonal sandwiches, soups, appetizers, desserts as well as holiday cocktails and seasonal beers.

"Every year, we work to create an even more spectacular and magical light show for visitors to enjoy," said Shayla Moriarty, chief of staff and senior vice president of the Toledo Zoo. "We look forward to helping make this holiday season both merry and bright with this Toledo tradition."

Lights Before Christmas will be open Nov. 19-Dec. 31 including Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Admission gates for Lights Before Christmas are open 3-8 p.m. with the Zoo closing at 9 p.m. daily. Reservations are required for members and non-members and are released one week at a time. Tickets may be purchased at toledozoo.org/lights.

Special events planned in conjunction with Lights Before Christmas include:

- Nov. 18 – Brewdolph Bash (21 and older event), toledozoo.org/brewdolphbash.
- Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 – Ice carvings at Lights. Watch ice masterpieces take shape in the Zoo's Main Plaza at 6 p.m. on



The Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank – has been a must-see holiday tradition for 36 years. This year's display will kick off with tree-lighting ceremony Friday, Nov. 19. (Toledo Zoo photo)

Thursdays in December.

- Dec. 12 – Polar Paws & Santa Claws 5K Run/Walk, presented by Buckeye Broadband, toledozoo.org/polarpaws.

Cast a vote

Once again, Lights Before Christmas

has been nominated for USA Today's 10Best Zoo Lights. In 2020, the Toledo Zoo earned second-place honors in the contest.

"It is an honor to be nominated yet again for the 10Best Lights," Moriarty said. "We urge the community to vote for us – it

would be a great source of Toledo pride to be voted first this year."

To vote for the Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank as the number-one Light Show, visit 10best.com/awards/travel/best-zoo-lights.

Celebrate the season at the 1920s Holidays on Main Street

Families are invited to enjoy a roaring good time at the 1920s Holidays on Main Street event at Sauder Village.

On Saturdays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4 and 11 from 6-9 p.m., Sauder Village will be decking the halls of Main Street with holiday lights, 1920s window décor, and a 20-foot Christmas tree to ring in the Christmas season.

Guests can take a stroll down Main Street to hear about holiday activities at the hardware store, bank, clothing store, jewelry store and other shops. There will be free train and trolley rides (weather permitting), and carolers will share festive Christmas music as Santa arrives on a vintage fire truck. Enjoy watching a short holiday film, visiting animals in the livery, and experiencing a 1920s Christmas at the Grime Home and the District 16 School. The Soda Fountain will be open with hot



Sauder Village will be decking the halls of its 1920s Main Street for special holiday events Saturdays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4 and 11. (Submitted photo)

cider and cocoa, doughnuts, and other tasty treats for sale.

A visit to Sauder Village would not be complete without some home-style comfort food at the Barn Restaurant.

The Sauder Village Gift Shop remains open year-round and will be open during the evening for this special Christmas event.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required for this new holiday event. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$8 for Sauder Village members and students ages 6-16. Children 5 and under are free.

Sauder Village is located at 22611 SR 2 in Archbold. The Historic Village is open seasonally and for special events. The Doughbox Bakery, Barn Restaurant, Sauder Heritage Inn, retail shops, and banquet facilities are open year-round.

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Family**The Press****National Museum of the Great Lakes****Christmas Tree Ship to bring in the holidays**

The National Museum of the Great Lakes, 1701 Front St., will herald in the holidays with the arrival of the Christmas Tree Ship on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 12:45-4 p.m. The event is held in partnership with Geo. Gradel Co.

This year, the museum chose to move the event to the afternoon to encourage visitors to participate in the neighboring East Toledo Holiday Parade, which will begin at 11 a.m. The parade will travel along East Broadway and Starr Avenue.

Inspired by the original "The Christmas Tree Ship" tale, participants can pre-purchase a live Christmas tree for themselves and/or donate a tree or gift card to a family in need. The museum has partnered with United Way of Greater Toledo and 2-1-1 and are working with East Toledo Family Center, Family House, Lucas County Children's Services, and Sylvania Area Family Services to distribute trees and holiday support to families in need.

Trees are \$55 each. Gift card donations start at \$25.

"On Nov. 23, 1912, the schooner Rouse Simmons sank while carrying Christmas trees," said Ellen Kennedy, the museum's Director of Education and Visitor Experience. "Known as the Christmas Tree Ship, her captain, lovingly referred to as 'Captain Santa,' was remembered for giving trees to families in need."

Spectators can see Santa Claus and a boatload of Christmas trees navigate the Maumee River via Facebook Live and then watch in-person as the decorated tugboat docks behind the National Museum of the Great Lakes. Once at the museum, Santa will take his place for the remainder of the day atop the deck of the Museum Tug Ohio, where children can share their Christmas wishes from afar to Santa via the Great Lakes tradition of "Mail by the Pail" delivery.

The Facebook Live stream will begin at 12:45 p.m. with the ship arrival at approximately 1 p.m.

Admission to the museum exhibits



Santa and Mrs. Claus read wish lists and pass out holiday surprises using the Great Lakes mail delivery tradition of "Mail by the Pail," at last year's Christmas Tree Ship event at the National Museum of the Great Lakes. (Submitted photo)

“ ‘Captain Santa,’ was remembered for giving trees to families...”

will be free for all who purchase a tree, donate a tree or donate toward a gift card. Outdoor event activities are free and don't require museum admission.

To learn more about the event, purchase a tree or make a donation, visit nmgl.org or call 419-214-5000.

Those interested in learning more about receiving a donated tree are encouraged to call 2-1-1, United Way's community service helpline.

Survivors benefits explained

By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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Toilet paper collection continues to help “wipe out poverty”

Eastern Region Churches United (ERCU) – a group of more than 25 churches in Oregon, Northwood, Curtice, Walbridge, East Toledo and surrounding communities, are collecting toilet paper to help “wipe out poverty” in area communities.

All toilet paper collected will stay in the east region and will be shared with the following ministries:

- Food for Thought at St. Paul's Episcopal and Waite High School.
- Ashland Church.
- Birmingham Food Pantry.
- Jerusalem Township Food Pantry.
- Personal Needs Pantry at First St. John Lutheran Church.
- Helping Hands of St. Louis.
- Martin Luther Lutheran Church.
- Providence Center.
- St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Toilet paper may be dropped off at any of the following churches through Thanksgiving or call any of the churches to inquire about a pickup of donations.

Those who prefer to make a monetary donation may send checks payable to any of the participating churches. Write ERCU or Wipe Out Poverty in the memo section of the check.

- Ashland Church, 2350 Starr Ave., Oregon, OH 43616.
- Calvin United Church of Christ, 1946 Bakewell, Toledo, OH 43605.
- Cedar Creek Church – Oregon, 3450



Seaman Rd., Oregon, OH 43616.

- Christ United Methodist Church,

5757 Starr Ave., Oregon, OH 43616.

- Faith United Methodist Church,

Through Thanksgiving, Eastern Region Churches United (ERCU) are collecting toilet paper to help area food pantries and ministries stock their shelves. (Submitted photo)

- 3415 Starr Ave., Oregon, OH 43616.
- First Baptist Church, 5157 Seaman Rd., Oregon, OH 43616.
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 - Hope Community Church, 5650 Starr Ave., Oregon, 43616.
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 - Unity United Methodist Church, 1910 E. Boundary, Northwood, OH 43619.
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Hayes Holidays: Spirits of Christmas offers evening tours

Experience the magic and supernatural side of Christmas with beloved Christmas stories, including “A Christmas Carol,” by Charles Dickens, during an evening tour of parts of the historic Hayes Home.

Hayes Home Holidays: Spirits of Christmas tours will be offered Saturday, Dec. 18; Sunday, Dec. 19, Wednesday, Dec. 22 and Thursday, Dec. 23.

Dickens, one of the most popular writers of the Victorian era, was a favorite author of President Rutherford B. Hayes and lived at the same time as Hayes. Hear Dickens' beloved stories in Hayes' Victorian mansion, which will be lightly decorated for Christmas.

The Victorians believed Christmas was a time when the portal to another world was opened, which made the holiday popular for telling ghost stories. Many of Dickens' works, including Christmas stories, feature the supernatural.

Enjoy the warmth of the Hayes Home at night, a time when it is not often open to visitors. Hear stories that will tingle your spine and leave you with a warm feeling and partake in a cup of wassail – a traditional holiday drink during Victorian times.

Tours will be offered at 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. each day. If those slots sell out, additional tours will be added.

Tickets for Hayes Presidential mem-

bers are \$15 for adults 19 and older, \$8 for ages 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger. Tickets for non-members are \$18 for adults ages 19 and older, \$10 for kids 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger.

Advance tickets are recommended and can be purchased at rbhayes.org/events/2021/12/18/events/hayes-home-holidays-spirits-of-christmas/. Tickets will be sold at the front desk the days of each

event, pending availability.

Those who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 must wear a face covering. Additional safety protocols may be put in place. For updates, visit rbhayes.org.

This is the fourth year Hayes Presidential has offered Hayes Home Holiday tours. Each year, the event has a different theme and experience for visitors. The tours are part of Hayes Presidential's

holiday season events, called “A Presidential Christmas.”

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues, Fremont.

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Oh, What Fun! Genoa Annual Christmas Celebration

The 4th Annual Genoa Christmas Celebration will be held Sunday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. on Main Street in Genoa.

The parade will line up at 5 p.m. on the baseball diamonds. After stepping off, it will start on Washington Street, making its way to 9th Street and onto Main Street, ending at the Genoa Town Hall.

To participate, submit registration forms to Sprouse Insurance, 601 Main Street, by Nov. 22.

Decorating Contest

Light Up Your Holiday by participating in the Genoa Area Christmas Decorating Contest. Judging will take place Dec. 15. No registration is required. Prizes will be awarded for the best residence and best business.

Ottawa County Family Advocacy Digital safety program

The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center will offer a presentation on keeping children safe online Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the center, 570 S. McKinley, Port Clinton.

Speaker Scott Frank will discuss current trends, online risks and how to empower your child to make good choices on the web.

Limited childcare will be available but must be reserved. For more information, call 419-301-0225.

The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center advocates for the stability and success of the children and families in Ottawa County.

Mothers in Need Community Baby Shower

Mothers in Need is hosting an open house and Community Baby Shower Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Our Lady of Toledo Shrine, the MIN program, located at 3447 Navarre Ave, Oregon, assists area mothers with material items for the care of their baby and young children. Items available to



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them range from diapers, bottles, clothing, formula, and some toys. These items are available by appointment by calling 419-213-0214 or by drop-in on Fridays from 1-2 p.m.

The program is seeking baby blankets, onesies, and coats and gently used toys (for up to 5 years of age), diapers of all sizes, new baby bottles, sippy cups, baby food, and formula.

A donation will enter the donor into a raffle for a \$25 gift card. The community baby shower offers an opportunity to help moms in need in the Oregon and surrounding communities. This is especially helpful with the upcoming holiday season and cold weather.

MIN is also in need of volunteers to expand its drop-in hours and donations of these much-needed supplies. Local churches and community organizations are invited to become program sponsors and/or to collect items. A MIN representative will pick up items on a bi-weekly to monthly basis.

MIN has speakers that will come to your church or community organization to speak about the program and the need in our community. To schedule a speaker call: 419-213-0214.

Emergency blood shortage continues

As the holidays approach, and with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warning about a potential spike in flu cases this year, the American Red Cross continues to address an emergency blood and platelet shortage.

Donors of all blood types – especially type O - are needed to help combat the low-

est blood supply levels at this time of year in more than a decade.

There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give Nov. 1-23 will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email. Those who come to give around the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 24-28, will receive a pair of Red Cross socks, while supplies last.

Red Cross blood drive and donation centers follow high standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Toledo Donation Center, Sunday and Monday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Oregon: Nov. 26, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., ProMedica Bay Park Hospital, 2801 Bay Park Dr.

- Curtice: Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Jerusalem Township Fire Department, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

- Fremont: Nov. 30, 12:30-6:30 p.m., East Side Presbyterian Church, 1020 Kentucky St.

- Stony Ridge: Nov. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 5520 Fremont Pike.

Donors can save time by completing the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire using RapidPass on the day of donation from a mobile device or computer. Learn more at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood

Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification.

Holidays at the Manor House

The 46th annual Holidays at the Manor House will return as an in-person event Dec. 4-12 at Wildwood Preserve. Reservations for time slots will be required this year to manage the number of people in the House at a time. Masks will be required. Admission is free.

Online reservations are being accepted now.

Each year, volunteers from the community transform over 30 areas of the 30,000-square-foot Manor House into a holiday wonderland.

Visit Metroparks Hall on the same dates from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. to see the model train exhibit by the Swanton Area Railroad and Model Club. Reservations will not be required to see the trains; however, a limited number of people will be allowed inside the building at one time. Mask are required regardless of vaccination status.

Also, enjoy a walk along the lighted trails on the grounds surrounding the Manor House.

For reservations and more details, call 419-407-9810 or visit metroparkstoledo.com.

Downtown Fremont holiday happenings

Downtown Fremont Inc. will host the Terra State Community College Holiday Events in Downtown Fremont to kick off the holiday season.

The celebration will kick off with a Tree Lighting Friday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at the corner of Front and State streets, by the Santa House.

Before the tree lighting, from 5-7 p.m.,

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 and we hope to see you there!



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Santa will be in his house for children to visit and tell him what they want for Christmas. Santa will also have hours from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27.

The tree-lighting festivities will include dancers from Cassandra's Dance Academy. The Garrison Restaurant will be roasting chestnuts and providing other holiday treats.

For the tree lighting, Front Street between State and Croghan streets will be closed to traffic. Portable bleachers will be available for seating. The Terra State Concert Choir will also be performing prior

to and after the lighting.

The following day will be Small Business Saturday – an effort which encourages people to Shop Small & Shop Local. From Nov. 26 through Dec. 20, for every \$10 shoppers spend at participating downtown retail businesses, their names will be added into two drawings being held Dec. 21. The first name out will receive a \$250 Think Fremont Community e-gift Card, redeemable at 35 downtown Fremont Inc. member businesses. The second name drawn will receive a \$100 Think Fremont Community e-gift Card.

Santa House hours

Santa will also welcome young visitors in the House on the corner of Front and Croghan streets in December on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. Outside the Santa House, a mailbox will be located for children to mail Christmas letters to Santa and receive a letter back from the North Pole. No stamp required, but each envelope must have a return address.

For more info, call 419-332-8696, visit DowntownFremontOhio.org or follow the organization on social media.

HealthCare.gov Plan help available

Federal navigators at with Get Covered Ohio want to remind consumers that now is the best time for shopping for and enrolling in health insurance through the federal marketplace.

"We have appointments available now to help you check this off your list for 2022," said Zach Reat, director of health initiatives at the Ohio Association of Food-banks. "If you want coverage that begins Jan. 1, you must enroll by Dec. 15, so the time is now."

"Shopping for health insurance can be a complicated process, but we're here to make it easy for you," Reat said. "Plus, four out of five consumers can find a plan for \$10 a month or less."

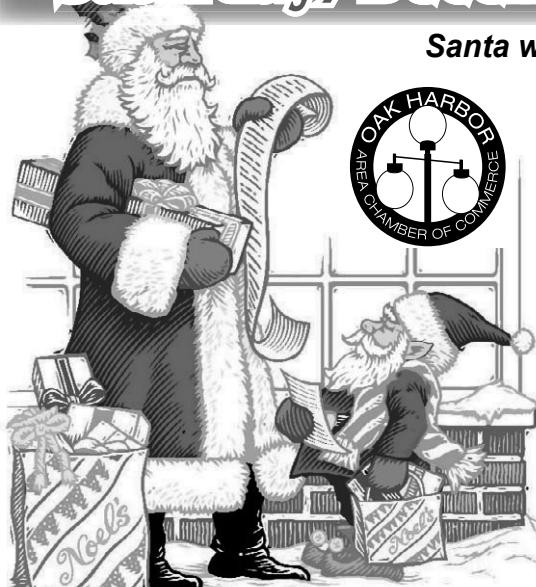
Navigators like those working as part of the Get Covered Ohio campaign are certified and licensed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Ohio Department of Insurance. Not only are their services free, but they are required to be completely impartial when helping consumers shop for the best health coverage.

Services are available in-person, online and by phone and in multiple languages.

Open enrollment for 2022 health insurance plans runs through Jan. 15. Enrollment in Medicaid coverage for consumers with limited incomes, as well as special enrollment periods for consumers that experience life changes or loss of coverage or those with incomes below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, is available year-round.

Events and available appointment times to meet with a navigator are available at getcoveredohio.org or by calling 833-628-4467 or 833-NAV-4INS.

Join us for an Olde Fashioned Christmas Saturday, December 4th • 4pm-7pm Downtown Oak Harbor



Santa will arrive in Oak Harbor at 4:00pm and will be escorted by Portage District Fire trucks through the streets of town and then to the Log Cabin to visit with children.

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- Secret Santa Shopping, Cookies & Hot Cocoa – Portage Fire Station 5pm – 7pm
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- Christmas Light Show & Toy Drive – 460 Burdine Dr. 6pm-10pm

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Toledo

Sunday Supper Drive-Thru, Nov. 21, VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul. Featuring spaghetti with salad, roll butter and dessert, \$10. Pick up between 2 and 4 p.m. at the back door. Advance order by calling 419-698-4411. Open to the public. For auxiliary or post membership, call 419-698-4411.

Holiday Craft Show, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul. \$5 sloppy joe lunch special, bake sale, raffle table and Bloody Mary special.

Birmingham Area Neighbors Helping Neighbors meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul. Everyone welcome.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis have resumed face-to-face meetings. The Kiwanis meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

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

Waite High School Class of 1951 meets the 2nd Mon. 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 Tues. of each month. For more info, contact Ned at 419-893-4336.

Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy Health – St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

Oregon

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Homemade Apple Butter for sale Sundays from 2-4 p.m. at the Brandville Museum Complex, 1133 Grasser St. \$8 per pint jar. Free local delivery also available. Call OJHS Trustee Sharon Newton at 419-691-3635 to order.

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Book Sale continues at the Harbor View Historical Society, located at 2083 Autokey St., just outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club. Antique books and extensive collection about the Civil War sold by the pound. Call 419-691-1517 for info or visit the Harbor View Museum on Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m. Free admission.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club is meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club provides a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Contact Allen at 419-698-3733 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thurs. 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 held via conference call/Zoom. Visit www.oregondemocraticclub.org for meeting information and details.

Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thurs. 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.

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second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation, grab-and-go meals and essential services. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum is located at 4350 Navarre Ave. For private tours, contact Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383.

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., 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 Wed. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Everyone welcome; free. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals and accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-704-5381 for details.

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 VFW Feather Party, 102 W. Andrus, Nov. 13, 6-10 p.m. Turkeys, hams and steaks to be raffled. Food available for purchase. Public welcome.

Northwood Food Distribution, Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (or while supplies last) at the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd. Attendees should remain in their vehicles and a city representative will bring the food box out.

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the 2100 Tracy Rd. Fire Station. Bring any questions or concerns to discuss. Check the block watch Facebook page for updates.

Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1975. A class representative is needed for 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, and 1975. Show your Ranger Spirit and volunteer to represent your class. Email your name and contact info to rangersfun@yahoo.com to volunteer or to be added to the invite list.

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, every 3rd Sat. 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 Chambers at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with coronavirus variants, meetings are accessible via Zoom through the end of 2021. 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 Twp. Food Pantry, open 2nd Wed. of every month, 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

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Genoa

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast, Nov. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Genoa American Legion Post 324, 302 West St. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and applesauce. \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Dine in or carry out.

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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 8 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Sat. 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 more 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.

7001); Fourth Tuesday Book Club, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. – Discuss "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid; Watercolor Wednesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. (bring your own supplies); Knitters' Group, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon (bring your own supplies). Contactless pickup 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.

Pemberville

Pemberville United Methodist Church Carryout Public Dinner, Nov. 20, 4 p.m. until sold out, 205 Perry St. Curbside pickup. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade dressing, and dessert. Donation \$10.

Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St., is open every Tues. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the second and last Sat. 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

Port Clinton

Ottawa County Genealogical Society Meeting, Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m., Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison St. Tom Neel will discuss, "The Ladies of the Club – Your Ancestors and Their Social Groups." Public welcome.

Stony Ridge

St. John's Lutheran Church's Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

Walbridge

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.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.; Hooked on Yarn, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. – Join other yarn enthusiasts for an evening of crochet, knitting, macrame, etc.; Benghazi – Nov. 17, 7 p.m. – Meet Yousuf, an exchange student, and learn about his homeland; Turkey Crafts for Kids, Nov. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. birchard.lib.oh.us.

Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thurs. of the month 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the last Fri. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry. Accepting help from the pantry will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

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According to data from the online wedding resource The Knot, the average wedding catering cost per guest is roughly \$70. However, catering costs will vary depending on the reception venue, the number of guests, the foods chosen, and the region of the country where the wedding takes place.

When creating their guest lists, couples may wonder if they have to offer all guests the option of bringing a "plus one" to the occasion. As with other wedding day etiquette questions, the plus one concept is not set in stone.

Any guest who is married
It's typically standard to invite a couple as a whole to the wedding, even if you've never met the spouse.

This often comes up when inviting work friends, according to Vogue magazine. Even if you have never interacted with a coworker's spouse, etiquette dictates that all married guests be allowed to bring their spouses along.

Any guest who is engaged or is in a serious long-term relationship

It can be challenging to know the relationship status of everyone who will be invited to the wedding, but chances are you'll have a good idea of those people closest to you. Include a plus one for guests who are engaged or in long-term relationships.

Consider guests who may not know others

Weddings often are times when childhood friends reconnect, or people who haven't seen each other in a while come together. If there's a good chance someone who is single and is invited to the wedding may not know anyone else there except the couple, extend a plus one as a courtesy.



Include the wedding party

All members of the wedding party should be offered the option of bringing a date to the wedding.

Apart from these guidelines, couples can establish any other rules, such as no plus ones for guests under a certain age or those who are not in serious relationships. The Knot also says it is polite to find out who the plus one will be so that wedding reception seating cards include that person's name instead of "and guest."

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