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Ottawa County Grants aim to help businesses through pandemic

By Press Staff Writer

Twenty-three small businesses in Ottawa County are receiving grants through a regional incubator program.

The Ottawa County Improvement Corp. in October launched the program to support small companies with special consideration for those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Regional Incubator for Sustainability and Entrepreneurship (RISE) innovation grant program is providing \$61,985 to the businesses.

The program is a collaborative initiative of the OCIC and the Ottawa County Community Foundation and is made possible by a grant from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

The grant award recipients include the following businesses: Bar-B-Que Traveler, Body Works Fitness Studio, Catawba Juice, Christy's Corner Café, Clinton House, Coastal Swing Golf & Bar, Dalena Buchman Beaute, Designs by Marie, Duff's Workshop, Frosty Bar, Jessie's Jewelry, Kpea Original, Lake Erie Island Nature & Wildlife Center, Lilly & Gert's, Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rental, Pisanello's Pizza, R Coffee Corner, Radiant Remodeling, Root to Rise, Salon 53, Spa Catawba, Whimsy & Blue and Wine Flight.

Applicants were asked to provide information on the impact COVID-19 has had on their business, propose "innovation or strategic investment" for sustainability and growth, and provide a plan to ensure intended objectives are met.

"By purchasing the "pay at the table" app, this will allow customers to scan a barcode on their guest check and pay with their phone," said Kim Stoiber Morrison, owner of Frosty Bar. "This will speed up the customer payments, allow for more secure payments, and free up server time for a better customer service experience, which is something we in hospitality need to lure customers back into our businesses."

Mike Shadoan, owner of Radiant

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What's Christmas without the Nutcracker?

Mary Anne Howard, of Oregon, has a Christmas tradition of displaying her collection of over 300 nutcrackers. When asked which is her favorite, she could not narrow it down to one. She has been collecting for over 30 years and has now decided to leave them up all year round. (Photos by Maggi Dandar)

Attorney general

Caution urged regarding COVID vaccine scams

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost is cautioning Ohioans to look out for COVID-19 vaccine-related scams that will occur as distribution of the vaccine begins.

"A single dose of information can vaccinate you against fraud," Yost said.

For example, consumers could see scammers impersonating distributors, providers or local health department claiming to need personal information such as a Social Security number to get on a list to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Other scammers could pretend to be able to help consumers jump to the front of the line to get a vaccine, but ask for advanced payment to secure their place in line. These communications could come through email, phone call, postal mail, text message or even through social media accounts.

Do not fall for these scams.

Also, reports indicate that cards may be distributed to consumers that have been provided the first dose of a two-dose vaccine. These will likely be used to simply remind consumers to get their second dose, not as official "passports" to gain entry into bars, restaurants or other public areas, or to bypass public health orders. Therefore, any attempts to buy these cards will be fruitless.

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Early in 2020, published reports warned consumers to have their guard up when going online to receive information for products and services designed to help protect against COVID-19. In reality, computer hackers were reportedly sending spam emails with links that were designed to infect consumers' computers with malicious software, some of which may steal personal information or passwords stored on their devices.

Within the first week of the COVID-19 lockdown in March, scammers started emailing, calling and texting Ohioans trying to steal their identity or money, according to data from Yost's Constituent Services Section.

Some of those scams asked people to

pay for advice on how to treat COVID-19, pay for access to care and to give personal information in order to get medication or prevent infection.

To date, Yost's office has received 39 complaints of potential COVID-19-related scams.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office recommends several tips to help consumers avoid potential virus and vaccine-related scams:

- Verify any vaccine-related information with legitimate news reports. Double-check any new "too-good-to-be-true" news or claims. You may wish to consider contacting your family doctor, your local health department or the statewide Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 call center (1-833-427-5634) to check on issues you are unsure about.
- Look for some of the red flags of a scam, such as being asked to wire money or send a prepaid money card or gift card to a stranger; being pressured to act immediately; or being told to buy a product or service where the company refuses to provide any information in writing. Also look out if you're asked to keep conversations a secret.
- You likely will not need to pay

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Quote of The Week

This fact is also noted in the lawsuits.

Eric Peterson
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Vaccine scams

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anything out of pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency. You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine. You can't pay to get early access to the vaccine.

- No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer, like a private insurance company, will call you asking for your Social Security number or your credit card or bank account information to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Consumers who suspect an unfair business practice or want help addressing a consumer problem should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.



Artist renderings of the riverwalk project in the Village of Oak Harbor.

Grants

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Remodeling, Oak Harbor, said the grant will enable companies to invest in their business and workforce.

"We appreciate the fact that the RISE Small Business Innovation Grant has spurred this funding program to initiate new ideas for investing in our companies and our workforce to try and adapt in this fast-changing environment to stay competitive and thrive," he said.

Dina Rodgers, owner of Lilly & Gert's, said the additional funding made it possible to fast track planned upgrades in inventory tracking.

"We initiated phase one of our strategic investment in July by acquiring our current Clover, E-Commerce inventory tracking and sales system. Without the RISE grant funding, we didn't anticipate being able to initiate phase two of our planned E-Commerce project for at least another year," she said.

"Our small businesses really took a hit this year and we believe this grant program will provide those businesses with the necessary improvements needed to grow their business," said Jessica Grzechowiak, Program & Office Coordinator for the OCIC. "Since this is a new program for the OCIC, the Ottawa County Community Foundation and the Erie County Economic Development Corporation have been very supportive partners throughout this entire process. We hope to continue this grant program on an annual basis."

RISE is a program of the Erie County Economic Development Corporation in partnership with Bowling Green State University and Norwalk Economic Development Corporation.

Oak Harbor project receives state funds

Funding for a riverwalk project in the Village of Oak Harbor has been included in the state capital improvement budget.

Mayor Quinton Babcock said the village and the Oak Harbor Development Group have been informed that \$500,000 has been allocated for the project.

"This will go a long way towards making our vision a reality," the mayor said.

Preliminary cost estimates for the project are in the \$2 million range, he said.

Last year, village officials garnered support for state funding by asking residents, businesses, civic groups and others to write letters to state legislators.

The waterfront project tops a list of proposed improvements in the village that are included in the development group's

community master plan, which has been endorsed by officials of the village and Benton-Carroll-Salem School District.

Planners have envisioned an ADA-accessible walkway along the river, an amphitheater, shelter house and floating docks.

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Drug seizure totals announced

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, Gov. Mike DeWine and Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge Vance Callender have announced that the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission seized more than \$29 million in illegal drugs this year, resulting in 200 criminal charges and the indictment of 102 people.

“Drug dealers don’t worry about social distancing, and they didn’t take 2020 off,” Yost said. “Expanded funding through RecoveryOhio was integral to our success, and I’m grateful for our partnership with Gov. DeWine and Homeland Security Investigations – the return on funding is evident in these success stories.”

OOCIC’s major drug interdiction task forces, created through partnerships with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state, confiscated the following in 2020: 87 pounds of fentanyl, 168 pounds of methamphetamine, 135 pounds of cocaine, 8 pounds of heroin, 3,117

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pounds of marijuana, 106 firearms and \$6,640,020 in cash

A local task force including the Toledo Police Department, the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, the Wood County Sheriff’s Office, Homeland Security Investigations, the FBI, the Toledo Drug Task Force, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Perrysburg Police Department, the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Northern District of Ohio, and the Lucas County and Wood County prosecutor’s offices seized: 23 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$107,145. Twelve firearms were seized as well as \$146,963 in cash and 15 people were indicted.

Trailers stolen

The Wood County Sheriff’s Office is asking the public to secure trailers and other similar property and watch for suspicious vehicles and people in the area.

Two 18-foot flat bed trailers were recently reported stolen: one in the area of routes 199 and 105 and the other on Holcomb Road.



Donation of toys

Jack’s Superette, Curtice, sent off their 2020 donation to the Oregon Health and Welfare Toy Drive which benefits children in the Oregon, Lucas County, Harbor View, and Curtice areas. Sponsors were Heilberg and Glazer wine companies, and NWO and Truhouse of Munch Beer companies which provided all of the silent auction items. A special thanks went to Maggie Emlinger and Derek Bailey for toy shopping, and to all of the loyal Jack’s Superette customers who made anonymous donations to the store’s collection bin. (Submitted photo)

County planning for vaccinations

The Wood County Health Department has plans for distributing a first shipment of 600 Moderna COVID-19 vaccines that was expected to arrive last week.

The vaccines will be distributed to people who wish to receive them locally in line with Ohio’s Phase 1A plan for offering the first vaccines to health care workers, emergency medical responders and people who are at the greatest risk for severe illness. Vaccine recipients will include health care workers, EMS personnel and people with developmental disabilities who live in group settings.

The two vaccines that have been approved and recommended to prevent COVID-19 require two injections, with several weeks between them, before they begin to offer the best protection. The vaccines Wood County expects to receive this week will be the first dose for those in the identified groups. A second dose will be delivered and administered in the future.

Wood County expects to continue re-

ceiving regular vaccine shipments but doesn’t yet know how long it will take to provide vaccines to those who want to receive them as part of Phase 1A.

As the county receives additional vaccine doses, a multi-sector coalition will allocate them in the best ways to efficiently vaccinate the community. This process will continue to involve working with first responders and representatives of health-care organizations and long-term care facilities.

If you are part of Phase 1A, one person from your organization should complete an online form (<https://forms.gle/Lju4xWNgkTzYT2rX7>) that will gather initial information. Availability of vaccines will depend on future shipments from the state.

Information about vaccines can be found from Wood County Health Department ([Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org](https://www.Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org)), the Ohio Department of Health ([Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](https://www.Coronavirus.Ohio.gov)) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([Coronavirus.gov](https://www.Coronavirus.gov)).

Groups challenge license extension

Two groups advocating for renewable, non-nuclear energy have formally notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission of their petition challenging a license extension the NRC granted the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in northeastern Ohio.

In the petition, six ratepayers and residents who live near the plant criticized NRC data that justified 7.7 additional months of operation to the Perry plant at the end of its 40-year license in 2026.

They claim the agency ignored concerns over the plant’s economic stability. Energy Harbor, the owner of Perry and the Davis-Besse plant near Oak Harbor, was helped financially by a state law passed in 2019. The law, House Bill 6 before passing in the legislature, allows some \$1.3 billion to be collected from electric ratepayers across the state until 2027, expressly to keep the plants operating.

HB 6 passed narrowly and became even more controversial in July 2020 when the then Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, Larry Householder, and four other operatives were indicted on federal bribery and racketeering charges arising from passage of the bill.

Several proposals related to repeal, replacement or deferral of action on House Bill 6 are under consideration in the legislature.

Five of the six plaintiffs in the NRC complaint are members of Beyond Nuclear and the sixth is president of Citizen Power, Inc. Both groups advocate for an end to nuclear power generation on grounds of safety and cost. Their concerns center on reports compiled by agency staff to justify the license extension, which the plaintiffs claim ignore the economic uncertainties that have plagued Energy Harbor for years that have been compounded by the bailout scandal.

Health Dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Dec. 28-Jan. 1, 2021. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Dec. 28: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45 a.m.-noon.

Dec. 29: No clinics scheduled

Dec. 30: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.

Dec. 31: Family Planning, Well Child and Sexually-transmitted Disease (STD), 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 1: Holiday – office closed.

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New water tower in Lake Township planned

By Larry Limpf
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Construction is expected to start next summer on a new water tower in Lake Township.

The project is one of several scheduled to start in 2021, according to the Northwestern Water and Sewer District.

The 1.5-million-gallon tower will be built along Lemoyno Road, between Hanley and Latcha roads, Theresa Pollick, a spokesman for the district, said.

In addition to townships in northern Wood County, the tank will also serve Walbridge, Rossford and parts of Northwood.

Other projects the district plans for 2021 include:

- A new waterline southwest of Bowling Green to enhance water quality and flow.
- A new waterline from Weston to the Village of McClure and extending across

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the Maumee River to provide water service to Liberty Center in Henry County.

•New sewer pump stations at Ford Road in Perrysburg Township and Willowbend in Middleton Township. Sewer systems in McComb and Weston will

also be upgraded.

The district’s board of trustees approved its 2021 budget last week and agreed to not increase service rates.

Depending on the location, some consumers may realize increases if their treatment provider raises rates, Pollick said.

The board approved a \$30 million capital budget that includes \$19 million in projects and another \$11 million invested in the wastewater network across the district’s five-county service area.

“Economic development is the biggest reason there are no rate increases this year. Overall water usage was flat, but a single local industry, that started additional production this year, caused a significant increase in water use. It’s important to note that past decisions by our board of trustees attracted these types of industries, and it’s paying off now. Additionally, our staff has taken multiple steps to safely maintain quality water and sewer services throughout the pandemic. The district team was able to reduce expenses and curtail expen-

ditures during this challenging year,” said district president, Jerry Greiner.

While the full impact of COVID-19 has yet to be assessed, it was not a significant impact on revenue, he said.

Water agreement

The district has also approved an agreement with the Village of North Baltimore for purchasing and distributing water to serve areas in southern Wood County and northern Hancock County, including the Village of McComb.

The district completed a study this year, outlining long-term improvements and estimated costs to maintain the McComb water treatment plant, as well as several options for replacement of the plant.

One option was to secure another source to provide potable water directly to residents at a similar cost.

“This contract with...North Baltimore could make that long-term option more viable”, Greiner said.

Coroner hired in Ottawa County

The Ottawa County commissioners have approved the hiring of Dr. David Applegate to fill the upcoming term of county coroner.

Dr. Daniel Cardigan, who has been the county coroner since 2014, did not seek re-election. Consequently, the position has been vacant for the term starting Jan. 4, 2021.

Dr. Applegate is currently serving as coroner for Union County.

Under his contract with Ottawa County, he will be employed on a part-time basis and be paid \$450 bi-weekly.



Applegate

Interim director at Joyful Connections

Joyful Connections Boards of Directors



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announced the appointment of Tami Matthews as interim executive director, following the departure of Executive Director Shanna Strouse.

Serving Joyful Connections as Program Manager since December 2018, Matthews has varied experience working in nonprofits, including grant writing, special events, budget development, media and communications, and program development and implementation.

Before joining Joyful Connections as a visitation monitor in April 2018, she was



Matthews

a teacher at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor and St. Peter’s Lutheran in Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina. She also served as the development director at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Columbus Branch and a development associate with Canine Companions for Independence.

Matthews holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Wittenberg University and a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Student Affairs from Bowling Green State University. She has been active in the community including participating in Leadership Ottawa County, Class of 2020.

For more info about Joyful Connections or Matthews’ appointment, email joyfuldirector@gmail.com or call 567-262-3181.

Vaccines available

The Ottawa County Health Department received its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines on Dec. 22, 2020.

The vaccines will be distributed locally, in line with Ohio’s Phase 1A plan, which offers the first vaccines to health care workers, first responders, and people with developmental disabilities living in group settings.

The department has received the Moderna vaccine, which has been approved and recommended to prevent COVID-19.

It requires two injections, with one calendar month between them, before they begin to offer the best protection. The vaccines Ottawa County received will be the first dose for those in the identified critical groups. A second dose will be delivered and administered in the future.

Those who are part of Phase 1A, should have one person from your organization contact the health department at 419-734-6800.

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Neighborhoods planning grant awarded

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) has been awarded a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The grant, in the amount of \$450,000, will be used to support the development of a comprehensive neighborhood transformational plan to revitalize the McClinton Nunn Public Housing Development in the Junction neighborhood.

"This grant will revitalize public housing in the Toledo community, increase health and employment opportunities for families and ultimately strengthen neighborhoods through economic development," said HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan.

Lead partners in applying for this grant included LMH, the City of Toledo, Junction Coalition and the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, along with a host of supporting players.

"The city is excited to be a co-recipient of the HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative grant," said Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz. "This grant aligns with my administration's priority to revitalize our neighborhoods, especially our most vulnerable communities that deserve equitable access to opportunities and amenities that exist in any stable neighborhood. It is perfect timing for the Junction community because we will be able to leverage planned public and private investments to support future funding opportunities."

"At LMH, we are committed to leveraging every avenue possible to address housing insecurity and homelessness in our community. This grant provides a catalyst for positive change in one of our larger housing developments that is home to families and seniors," said Joaquin Cintron Vega, LMH President and Chief Executive Officer. "We make it our mission that everyone in Lucas County has a place to call home."

The HUD Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) is a highly competitive grant program that catalyzes a comprehensive, resident-led neighborhood revitalization effort.

Key to that revitalization is the redevelopment of a public housing complex into a modern, desirable, and inclusive community of choice. The Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant will ignite a two-year planning process that incorporates neighborhood goals and public housing redevelopment plans for the McClinton Nunn public housing complex.

Choice Neighborhoods planning grants are the first step in the pursuit of Choice Neighborhoods implementation grants of \$30-35 million, which are used to carry out the bold plans imagined throughout the planning grant process.

With this award, the City of Toledo and Lucas County join a select group of cities nationwide, including Cincinnati and Akron in Ohio.

The McClinton Nunn public housing complex contains 151 apartment homes for families and senior citizens. Built in 1961, it is situated within the Junction Neighborhood.

LMH selected this neighborhood and development through a deliberate process of assessment, which considered neighborhood conditions, public housing capital needs, market conditions, the richness of neighborhood assets and the strength of resident leadership.

In addition, its central location within the City of Toledo is in close proximity to the downtown area as well as numerous other downtown neighborhoods, like Uptown, the Middlegrounds and the Warehouse District. It is often considered the heart of Toledo's African American community.

Junction Coalition serves as the key planning partner, ensuring resident voice remains at the forefront of the planning process. LMH residents will also play a critical role in the planning process to ensure redevelopment plans meet and exceed resident needs.

The process will build upon the Junction Neighborhood Master Plan and leverage the nearby LMH Collingwood Green redevelopment effort.

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending Dec. 18

Allen Township

12/17/20 E Robert and Marietta L Thomas to Theodore W Thomas, 28420 Fostoria Road, \$95,000.

12/18/20 Larry Schlievert to John Beamer, 5731 N Opfer-Lentz Road, \$4,130.

Clay Center Corp

12/17/20 Nancy A Colyer to Kelley S Guthrie (Trustee), 20555 W Camper Road, \$275,000.

Benton Township

12/15/20 Gary F and Jeaney K Diefenthaler Trustees to Kayla M Diefenthaler, 7177 N. Elliston Trowbridge Road, \$75,000.

Carroll Township

12/15/20 John C Kuzeroski to William H and Kathleen A Linder, 5540 N Russel Road, \$11,000.

12/15/20 Alison Golobmek (Trustee) to Robert L Bennette, 6280 N Harris Harbor Road, \$55,000.

Clay Township

12/15/20 Wendell J and Janice K Markley to Jacob D and Summer C Jude, 19187 W. Hellwig Road, \$200,000.

Elmore

12/15/20 Joanne Price to Donald R and Sandra K Widmer, 366 & 364 Rice Street, \$65,000.

Genoa Corp

12/14/20 Robert A and Helen L Prah to Aaron Grob Agency, Inc, 1515 Main Street, \$175,000.

12/15/20 Alfred Gene Sr and Becky Jo Thurman to Michael G Basinger, 606 Superior Street, \$125,000.

Danbury Township

12/17/20 L Terrence Ufholz to James and Herma Pavlosky, 369 Lighthouse Oval, \$159,000.

12/18/20 David M Schlather to Robert E and Amber L Feighner, 303 Channel Grove Road,

\$175,000.

12/18/20 Timothy J Fellar to Marblehead Storage LLC, 5.311 acres Bayshore Road, \$125,000.

12/18/20 Mark A and Lynn M Keefe to Brian C and Kimberly M Walkerly, 287 N Channel Grove Road, \$145,000.

12/18/20 Chester Mann to Amy and Philip Williamson, 1959 S Willard Drive, \$143,900.

12/18/20 Shawn L Barnett to Amanda Berlin, 214 N Hidden Beach & 206 Hidden Beach, \$320,000.

Marblehead

12/15/20 Brian L Musselman to Richard C and Kimberly S Nickerson, 10654 E Bayshore Road, \$300,000.

Port Clinton Corp

12/14/20 Ninety Five, LLC to Dennis S and Clare Kilbane Cleary, 202 West Lakeshore Drive, \$182,000.

12/14/20 Walter T and Vickie K Recht to William R and Maureen T Steffen, 126 Clinton Reef Drive, \$129,900.

12/14/20 Martha (Marty) J Brown to Megan Muetzel, 1015 E 3rd Street, \$62,000.

12/17/20 Mary Ann Moore (aka Mary A Zetino) to Frank Mikes, 703 Abby Lane, \$23,500.

12/18/20 Jerry K Harrison to Randy and Lynne E Ruggles, 706 Clinton Street, \$55,000.

Put In Bay Village School

12/18/20 Terry Ripich and Lauren R Mooney to James and Cynthia Nemec, 0 Maple, \$22,500.

Put In Bay Corp

12/15/20 Eric L Engel (Executor of the Estate) to Eric L Engel, 1569 Langram Road, \$240,000.

Oak Harbor Corp

12/15/20 Oak Harbor Development Group to Snyder Apartments and Properties Ltd, 0 Houghton & 0 Townline, \$30,000.

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Hindsight shouldn't be 2020 on antitrust lawsuit

By Eric Peterson

Recently, New York's Letitia James led 48 other state attorneys general in filing a lawsuit against Facebook on antitrust grounds. Not to be outdone, the Federal Trade Commission then also filed its own antitrust suit against the social media company.

Although there are some meaningful differences in the lawsuits, the main contention of both is that Facebook's purchase of both Instagram and WhatsApp were done to restrict competition, thus giving Facebook a monopoly over "Personal Social Networking Services." Both lawsuits suggest remedies, including spinning off Instagram and WhatsApp from Facebook.

This case raises troubling issues of fairness in the enforcement of American antitrust laws, along with an ex post facto decision-making that could have profound implications for the future of American business. When Facebook went to acquire Instagram, it went through the FTC without a single dissenting vote. The WhatsApp merger attracted even less scrutiny, as the messaging service was a very distinct product from social media.

It wasn't just the FTC that saw little threat from the Instagram deal. Both lawsuits note that at the time of purchase, Instagram had only 30 million users, just more than a dozen employees, and no revenue. Jon Stewart of The Daily Show fame even remarked at the time that Facebook just paid a billion dollars "for a thing that kind of ruins your pictures." But through investment and improvement of the product, Facebook turned Instagram into one of the most popular options for social media. It's plausible that without Facebook's experience and resources, Instagram would not thrive as it does today and instead be just another forgotten photo app.

The complaints against the acquisition of WhatsApp are even more puzzling. Although it's the largest messaging app with over two billion users, Facebook has yet to figure out a way to recoup its investment in the popular app. This fact is also noted in the lawsuits. This is unsurprising, as competition in the messaging space



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is incredibly high. Texts and iMessage, FaceTime, Google Messenger, and dozens of other apps are all available free of charge to connect us to our friends and family.

Many forget it wasn't that long ago when cellular calls were charged by the minute, and there were horror stories of teenagers racking up huge text messaging bills. With WhatsApp, you can voice and video call two billion people across the globe for free. This is an incredible boon for users of the app and consumer welfare generally.

It's clear from examining the messaging and social media space that while Facebook is no doubt successful, it also certainly faces stiff competition. Despite only launching in 2016, Chinese-based Tik-Tok has been downloaded over 1.5 billion times, making it the seventh most downloaded app of the decade. It's the most popular app with Generation Z, while many in that age group are rejecting the Facebook app altogether. Facebook also faces competition from companies like LinkedIn, Twitter, Snapchat and unknown apps currently in development. Yet, due to the incredibly narrow market definition of

"Personal Social Networking Services," the lawsuit dismisses these competitors and hardly mentions Tik-Tok at all.

The other argument the lawsuits make against these mergers is that Facebook's alleged monopoly has led to reduced innovation for consumers and higher prices for advertisers. These claims are specious at best. Anyone on Instagram or Facebook over the past decade has seen the myriad of changes in layout, design, and other features, as they try to keep up with competition. As far as advertisers, prices for online ads have decreased by 40 percent over the past decade. Meanwhile, print, radio and television have all increased. This is far from proof that Facebook is commanding monopoly prices for online ads.

Attempting to roll back previously approved acquisitions simply because they worked out establishes a terrible precedent for both federal agencies and attorney's general offices. Facebook has acquired more than 80 companies with varying degrees of return on investment. Should we only count the successes? How would this affect any other company looking to improve itself by acquiring technology, talent or other brands? Would they also be forced to break off acquisitions if their decision proved too profitable?

The Facebook antitrust lawsuit ironically follows the antitrust lawsuit against Google by the Department of Justice and 13 attorneys general. The Google lawsuit alleged the company had a monopoly on search traffic, allowing for higher advertising profits. Sound familiar? Antitrust actions may also soon follow against Amazon. Given the competition between many of these successful companies, it leads one to wonder if something other than consumer welfare is driving these antitrust actions.

Regardless of the motives, rolling back successful acquisitions is not only impractical but terrible policy. Antitrust should be focused on ensuring consumer welfare, not punishing American business success.

Eric Peterson is the Director of the Pelican Center for Technology and Innovation at the Pelican Institute for Public Policy

Don't let negative thoughts poison your actions

Any negative thoughts and emotions you carry around are a destructive poison which harms you mentally and physically. Anger, resentment, bitterness and jealousy are all toxic emotions. Ironically, they have little or no impact on the people they might be directed towards. The best thing for you is to let go of these poisons.

Avoid turning to destructive behavior in an attempt to mitigate negative poisons. Substance abuse, lashing out, blaming, or denial enhance the poisons potency. Distractions and diversions allow the poison to fester. Attempting to change others is a waste of time and does nothing to improve your mental state.

Be aware of your thoughts. Assess each thought as to whether it helps or harms you. Poisonous negative thoughts do not have to be a way of life. Don't give them a permanent home. Let these thoughts go by replacing them with positive, constructive thoughts.

Break the habit of automatic negative thinking. Too many people habitually default to negative reactions to adverse circumstances. Constantly monitoring your thoughts is so important because it enables you to identify and let go of the poisons.

Your self-talk is a major component of your mental state. What you tell yourself programs your mind. Statements to yourself such as, "I'm so angry," "I'm so upset," "This is making me sick," "I'll teach them a lesson," or "I'll never forget what they have done" are all poison generators.

Positive self-talk displaces toxic self-talk. Some examples of positive statements include, "I'll be OK," "They won't get the best of me," "I'll move past this," "I won't get dragged into someone else's problem," and "I won't sacrifice my well-being."

Develop and cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Start each day by reviewing the list of all you have to be thankful for. Appreciating all of your blessings keeps your mind on a positive track. This positivity is a powerful force displacing poison.

Your body language reinforces your positive self-talk. Negative body language



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such as frowning, scowling, or a slumped over posture counteracts positive self-talk. So, smile and maintain a confident, upright stance.

Although you can't control other people or circumstances, you can control your response. Since your response is based on your thoughts, constructive thoughts lead to constructive responses. Once a problem is identified, look for solutions instead of more problems.

Be willing to change as you discover the incredible benefits of letting go of poison. Discard ineffective behavior which you have been hanging on to. In order to realize positive changes, you have to take positive action.

Keep your mind open to finding ways to improve. When you are feeling off, look for positive changes you can make. Don't get stuck thinking there is nothing you can do. Proactivity is required to get rid of poison. Passivity keeps you mired in negativity.

Stop procrastinating. Take action today which gets you in motion to bring about the changes you want. Think in terms of what you will do, instead of what

you should do, or are going to do. What you do today is what matters.

Don't compare yourself to others because it leads to jealousy. What they have, or don't have does not impact you. Follow your own path. Formulate goals which are meaningful to you. Engage in pursuits which make you happy.

You can be so used to holding onto poison that you are not even aware of it. Don't accept poison as being part of life. Start today letting go of poisons one small step at a time. One small step forward is preferable to inaction. You'll feel so much happier with each bit of poison released.

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Letters

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Library director says thanks for levy support

To the editor: This has been a difficult year. Amidst the pandemic and economic hardship felt by so many of our neighbors, it was time for the Wood County District Public Library levy to go before voters for re-consideration.

The WCDPL board and staff have worked hard every day since the levy was first approved in 2010 (and renewed in 2014) to earn and maintain the trust of our local taxpayers and voters. Extending library services throughout the WCDPL legal service district has been our goal.

While I have often heard how well we are doing, and library metrics indicate how much our community engages with the library, I will never assume support. The voters make the call. As the library placed the issue on the ballot at a time of distress for so many families, I felt some uncertainty.

Now the community has spoken, and has done so loudly, with the levy renewal approved by a margin of 73 percent! This margin is also 3 percent higher than the 2014 renewal.

I want to thank the members of the Citizens in Support of Our Library levy committee for their trust, counsel, and support: Honorary co-chairs Richard and Nadine Edwards, chairs Rebecca Bhaer and Brian Paskvan and treasurer Melissa Krieger.

Bowling Green Neighbors: Mary Boone, Cliff and Judy Boutelle, Sheila Crowley, Ellen Dalton, Kathy East, John Fawcett, Ken Frisch, Sharon Hanna, Chet Marcin, Jason Miller, Robert and Patricia Maurer, Michele Raine, Jane Robb, Barbara Rothrock, Teri Sharp, Michael Sibbersen, and Martha Woelke.

Walbridge and Northeast Wood County Neighbors: Marilyn Baker, Nathan Eikost, Ken Gilsdorf, Edward Kolanko, Kelly Mann, Ken Smith, and JeanE & Ben Waggoner.

On behalf of the WCDPL Board and staff, I wish to thank all of WCDPL's voters for your trust and support. We will get through the pandemic and a bright library future awaits – one filled with crowded story-times, creative summer reading programs, families discovering new books together, author visits filling venues to capacity, and so much more.

Until then, snuggle in for the winter with a favorite beverage and pile of books.
Michael Penrod, Director
Wood County District Public Library

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Penta announces 2020 Outstanding Alumni

Penta Career Center has selected four former students as recipients of the 2020 Outstanding Alumni Award.

Each year the Penta Career Center Outstanding Alumni Award is bestowed upon individuals who have completed a career-technical training program at Penta and who are currently working in a successful career. Since the award's inception in 1993, 168 former high school or adult education students have been honored with the award.

Due to restrictions for large indoor events because of COVID-19, Penta postponed its annual All Boards Banquet, where the Outstanding Alumni were to be recognized. Penta plans to host this event at a date to be determined in 2021.

The 2020 Penta Outstanding Alumni Award recipients include:

- Alicia (Gorsuch) Holdren, of Northwood, is a 2007 graduate of Lake High School and completed her career-technical training through Penta's Administrative Assistant program. She is the executive secretary to the superintendent for the Wood County Educational Service Center.

She earned an associate's degree in applied business from Owens Community College in 2011. She has also earned certifications from the Ohio State Auditor's office and the Ohio Association of EMIS professionals.

- Ryan Jones, of Weston, is a 1998 graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and completed his career-technical training

through Penta's Security & Law Enforcement program. He is a staff training officer at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)-Toledo Correctional Institution (TOCI).

In 2003, he earned an associate's degree in applied science criminal justice from Owens Community College, and also completed the OPOTC police academy.

- Christopher Gunderman, of Delta, is a 1998 graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and completed his career-technical training through Penta's Carpentry program.

He is a general superintendent at OCP Contractors in Holland, where he has worked since completing his training at Penta. He is a graduate of the Carpenters Local 248 apprenticeship training program.

- Chrystal (Moore) Shanahan, of Orient, Ohio, is a 1998 graduate of Maumee High School where she completed her career-technical training through the Penta-Maumee Marketing Education program. She is a marketing education and accounting teacher and is also a real estate agent.

She has been a teacher with Olentangy Orange High School since 2010 and has been a real estate agent with Carleton Realty since 2012. She has post-secondary degrees from Bowling Green State University, Franklin University, Hondros College of Business and Concordia University.

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Salutes Clay High School's December Student of the Month

Carlie Barney

Carlie has a GPA of 4.3032 and is ranked 4th in her class. She is active in Varsity Cheerleading, Student Government and the National Honor Society. Carlie serves as editor on the Yearbook staff and as Vice President of Aevium. She has also been involved in Clay's Competition Cheerleading.

The daughter of David and Shannon Barney, Carlie plans to major in Chemistry on a Pre-Med track at either the University of Toledo or Ohio University.

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Hailey Schiets



Hailey is ranked 3rd in her class and has a GPA of 4.125. She is a member of the Tennis Team, Art Club, Band, Science Olympiad, Student Council and the National Honor Society. Hailey has also served as president of the Science Olympiad and co-captain of the Tennis Team.

The daughter of Colleen and D.A. Schiets, Hailey plans to major in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toledo.

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Salutes Lake High School's December Student of the Month



Brody Howard

Brody has a GPA of 4.414 and is ranked 5th in his class. He is a member of Wood County Teen Court, Students in Action, and is on the Varsity Baseball team.

The son of Tricia Hornyak and Scott Howard, Brody plans to attend the University of Kansas where he will major in Engineering.



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Hayleigh Kinsey

Hayleigh has a 4.20 GPA and is ranked 4th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Broomball and Toledo Excel. Hayleigh is also a member of the varsity softball team.



The daughter of Amber Kinsey and Michael Ault, Hayleigh plans to become an Anesthesiologist and to study at the University of Toledo or Eastern Michigan University.

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Salutes Woodmore High School's December Student of the Month



Olivia Thatcher

Olivia has a GPA of 4.0. She is a member of the Key Club, FCA, TAG and the cross country team. Olivia also serves as president of the National Honor Society and as vice president of the senior class.

The daughter of Gary and Christina Thatcher, Olivia plans to major in biology at a 4-year college, then apply to dental school to become a dentist.



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Ruetz performs

Janelle Ruetz, of Woodville, recently performed in the University of Findlay Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble's concert, "Familiar Sounds in Unfamiliar Times."

The performance included well-known traditional and holiday songs like "Rough Riders," "America the Beautiful," "The First Noel" and "Stille Nacht," among many others. The concert was conducted by Wes King, director of bands.

Academic honors

Berry College: Ellie Griffith, of Luckey.
Capital University: Allison Roach, of Northwood; Taylor Adams, of Woodville.

University of Mt. Union: Alissa Loving, of Northwood.

Ohio Dominican University: Rylee Fredericksen, of Curtice.

Terra State Community College: Heather Hornstein, of Curtice; Carley Kidd, of Northwood;

Christina Cruz, Haley Grames, Cassie Hoover, Terrence Jagodzinski, Kaleb Mosher, Abigail Swartzfager, Justin Turpie, of Toledo;

Kristen Ebert, Mason Gregory, of Elmore; Jaynie Plantz, Matthew Reitzel, Nolan Weaver, of Genoa; Alexander Cutcher, Brendon Kolkemeyer, Olivia Paul, Angelica Sanson, of Gibsonburg; Marissa Overmeyer, of Lindsey;

Ella Dedes, Emily Haar, Samantha Michael, Mackenzie Sigurdson, of Oak Harbor; Andrew Burner, Ethan Davis, of Woodville.

R.C. Waters November top Class Dojo winners

R.C. Waters Elementary, located in Oak Harbor, announced the November winners in the school's schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative.

PBIS includes a set of expectations and behaviors designed to create safer



R.C. Waters Kindergarten November Dojo Winners



R.C. Waters First grade November Dojo Winners



R.C. Waters Second grade November Dojo Winners



R.C. Waters Third grade November Dojo Winners



and more productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn. They include: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready.

Student behavior is documented using a tool called ClassDojo, a behavior-tracking

system that reinforces positive behaviors and quickly engages students in becoming accountable for their own choices. On a scheduled rotation, students are able to "shop" from the Dojo reward cart using the points they have earned for meeting the behavior expectations.

The top Class Dojo winners for November include:

Kindergarten: Wesley Knecht, Wyatt Polm, Grace Brewster, AJ Fleckner, Emily Biggert, Lincoln Greer, Claire Laughlin, and Gavin Porter.

First grade: Ava Ramsey, Rylie

McGuire, Mason Amborski, Quinn Guerin, Cora Wiechman, Bailee Miller, Jonas Rohde, and Payzlie Dinan.

Second grade: Kennedy Martikan, Brianna Simkus, Cara Witkowski, Rylan Sandroock, Braxtyn Hansen, Beckett Blausey, Rhegan Damschroder, and Hailey Sprenger.

Third grade: Lola Jones, Connor Ickes, Garrison Strausbaugh, Parker Riffner, Caroline Avery, Sophia Martikan, Alayna Staler, Rowan McGlothlin and Anna Brewster.

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 salutes Penta Career Center's
 December Student of the Month.



Hannah Van Cleve



Hannah, a senior from Lake High School, is studying Culinary Arts at Penta Career Center. At Lake, she was involved in the band, yearbook committee and the French club. Hannah is an honor roll student and during her junior year, she was the recipient of the Penta Academic Achievement award. At Penta, she is a member of SkillsUSA and FCCLA, both career-technical student organizations. She is also a member of the Drug Free Club. Hannah works at McDonald's in Perrysburg.

After completing her Culinary Arts training at Penta and graduating from Lake, Hannah plans to attend Owens Community College to study Culinary Arts, Baking and Pastry. After earning her degree at Owens, she would like to study Hospitality Management at Terra State Community College. Hannah's ultimate goal is to work as a chef in the culinary industry.



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Salutes Cardinal Stritch's
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Logan Terry

Logan has a GPA of 3.11. He is a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams.

The son of Tricia Terry and David Terry, Logan plans to attend Owens Community College where he will major in Business/Marketing, then on to the University of Toledo.



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Salutes Eastwood High School's December Student of the Month!

Connor Oberhouse



Connor is ranked 12th in his class and has a GPA of 4.200. He is a member of the Soccer, Football and Track teams, Band, Honors Band, Solo and Ensemble, Christmas Ensemble and the National Honor Society. Connor is also a member of the 4-H Rough Riders and the Equestrian team.

The son of Shawn Oberhouse, Connor plans to attend the University of Findlay for pre-vet courses, then on to Ohio State University with plans of becoming a veterinarian.



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Salutes Genoa High School's December Student of the Month

Josie Schwalbe



Josie has a GPA of 4.175 and is ranked 3rd in her class. She is a member of the Band, Key Club - President, Student Council - Treasurer, National Honor Society, and Spanish National Honor Society. Josie also participates in soccer.

The daughter of Jodi and Eric Schwalbe, Josie plans to study chemical engineering at the University of Toledo.

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Applications are due Jan.31, 2021 and winners will be announced by March 1.

NFL Play 60

The American Heart Association and the National Football League (NFL), in collaboration with its 32 NFL clubs, debuted the first-ever NFL PLAY 60 library, which features kid-friendly exercises to help kids get their recommended 60-minutes of daily physical activity.

Amidst the rising number of COVID-19 cases, schools and organized sports have begun to reinstate contact limitations leaving kids in need of fun, easy ways to stay physically active.

The free, digital library is designed to close the physical education gap by providing teachers and parents with physical activities, while incorporating brain breaks in the school day.

"It's so important for our youth to make sure they're able to find resources to get active during this global pandemic, especially as the cold winter months loom over parts of the country," said Anna Isaacson, NFL SVP of Social Responsibility. "We're proud to work with the American Heart Association to provide an exercise library that will help to make sure kids and parents have the tools to help them live the NFL PLAY 60 lifestyle, even when they may be stuck indoors."

Getting active for 60 minutes a day is critical as kids who are regularly active have a better chance of a healthy adulthood, but only one in five kids gets enough activity to meet the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' 2018 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans.

The initial rollout of the NFL PLAY 60 exercise library features instruction by the Atlanta Falcons, Denver Broncos, Jacksonville Jaguars, Minnesota Vikings, New England Patriots, New York Jets, Seattle Seahawks, Cincinnati Bengals, and Washington Football Team. Exercise videos from the remaining teams will be added in the coming weeks.

From Jan. 4-22, 2021, kids will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite team exercise video in the library. The winning exercise video will be announced as part of the NFL PLAY 60 Kids Day, which will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Held during Super Bowl week, Kids Day is a national day of action to inspire kids to get moving, either in-person or virtually, with their classmates, teachers and families. Registration for Kids Day is open now at heat.org/KidsDay.

In addition to the NFL PLAY 60 exercise library, the NFL and the American Heart Association provide a variety of tools to add movement throughout the day. Powered by Go Noodle and Discovery Education, video content, activities and family challenges can be accessed at heart.org/NFLPLAY60.

"Active kids learn better. When kids are active, they focus more, think more clearly, react to stress more calmly, and perform and behave better in the classroom," said Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., MPH, the American Heart Association's chief medical officer for prevention.

In addition to the online resources found at heart.org/nflplay60, the free NFL PLAY 60 app can help kids get more movement throughout the day. The PLAY 60 app allows users to control personalized avatars onscreen with their own physical movement. The app is available for iOS and Android devices.



A mockup photo of the planned expansion at the Birchard Public Library. (Submitted photo)

Terra State, Library partner for expansion

Terra State Community College, in partnership with the Birchard Public Library of Sandusky County, has been awarded \$600,000 from the state to fund a continuous learning project at the library.

The funding is a part of the \$2.1 billion capital budget for the state of Ohio and is used to improve different state projects, including schools and communities.

These funds will be utilized to construct an 8,500-square-foot expansion at the library that will offer space for numerous community services, including more accessibility overall, Wi-Fi café, children's room for early literacy development and STEAM activities, recording studio, tutoring rooms, local history room and a multi-sensory room for individuals.

The expansion project opens up the opportunity for a partnership with Terra State and Birchard. The library will offer continuous learning opportunities for Terra State students and workers. The central location of the library provides many oppor-

tunities to help students with seeking jobs and acquiring new job skills.

Birchard Public Library will offer internship opportunities for Terra State students studying computer systems, digital media technology, management, music, office administration and other certificate programs.

"We are extremely excited to start this new collaboration with Birchard Public Library," said Dr. Ron Schumacher, president at Terra State, "We aim to be a driving force in community improvement. As our students become the next leaders in our community, we are excited to bring further opportunities for them to improve and gain essential skills."

Terra State will also help the library expand opportunities for small businesses and community organizations to conduct training, provide portable equipment for educational and wellness programming in senior centers and daycares and a site for in-house trainings and staff development.

"Birchard Public Library is pleased to partner with Terra State Community College on this joint-use project," said Pam Hoesman, library director at Birchard Public Library, "This state-of-the-art technology center in downtown Fremont will offer continuous learning opportunities for students and workers in all stages of life. Raising the level of tech skills in the community is a critical component of growing a more prosperous local economy. We look forward to working with Terra State to create life-changing career opportunities for local residents."

Construction on the expansion is set to last for 12 months. After the expansion project is complete, renovations will begin on the existing library building.

"We are thankful for Representative Bill Reineke's dedication and advocacy for higher education and workforce development initiatives that expand access and opportunities through the region," said Schumacher.

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Oak Harbor wrestler Wyatt Miller works on a takedown last year. (File photo by Laura Bolander)

Oak Harbor brings plenty of experience

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Oak Harbor has built up its wrestling program through the decades by testing itself against great competition, and this year is no different.

Coach George Bergman's squad has 10 upperclassmen filling the 14 weight classes, and expectations are lofty.

Leading the way is senior Wyatt Miller at 195 pounds, who was a district champion last season. Miller, who is currently ranked No. 1 in Division III and has signed on to wrestle at Appalachian State University. Fellow senior Tyler Davis (126) is a two-time state qualifier and Marc Spindler (182) is the other senior starter.

The state wrestling tournament did not take place last March because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Rockets did place third at the Division III district tournament.

Michael Judge (113) and Cade Petersen (145) both qualified for the state tournament last year. The other starters are Tate Tomor (106), Tait Dusseau (120), Owen Miller (132), Zach Flip (138), Jack Zeitzheim (160), Broch Mansor (170) and Dylan Schiets. Hayden Buhro and Robbie Jacobsen are competing for a spot at 152.

"I think each team you have, you find characteristics of it that you really like," said Bergman. "We have for the first time, probably since 2017 when we had Jake Huston, Dylan Thorp, Kian Thompson and Trevor Scherf, where a majority of our starters are upperclassmen. We just want them to keep getting better, one percent each day. Then they're ready to make that step to meet their goals. We have seven starters that are juniors and three starters that are seniors."

Gone from last year are Matthew DeWitz (138), a state qualifier who is wrestling at Ohio Northern University, and Nathan Mansor (170), a district qualifier who is playing tennis at Tiffin University.

A number of other Oak Harbor wres-



Jack Zeitzheim gets a takedown last year. (File photo by Laura Bolander)

tlers have competed at the collegiate level in recent years like Kian Thompson (Tiffin), Luke Cramer (Ashland), Cam Dickman (Tiffin) and Dylan Mansor (Tiffin), among others.

The Rockets recently competed at the Lakota High School Pool Tourney and faced off against the likes of Eastwood, the reigning Northern Buckeye Conference champion, and Elmwood and Fremont Ross, among others. Oak Harbor won the seven-team tournament convincingly, taking first with 227 points while the Eagles came in second with 190.

Miller won his weight class and Judge, Davis, Miller, Petersen, Buhro, Zeitzheim and Mansor all finished second.

At a recent tri-meet with Genoa and Ross, Oak Harbor won both matches easily, beating the Little Giants, 57-21, and the Comets, 58-18.

Oak Harbor will also compete at the Frickers Duals in Archbold, a tournament that features some of the best programs Ohio has to offer like Elyria, Edison and St. Paris Graham. Elyria and Graham were the state runners-up in the D-I and D-II state duals last year, and Edison won in D-III.

"I want to see them attack and compete and just battle and fight the whole way and see how they do against great competition," said Bergman. "The good thing about great competition is that they're more than willing to point out the flaws. We'll see what we need to work on."

Edison is the favorite in the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division.

"Edison qualified 10 to state last year, and they won the dual meet going away. We wrestled them in the regional dual team finals and scored 16 points, the most any team had against them. We're trying to catch up, they're the clear-cut favorite," said Bergman.

"With the league, we have all the teams meeting on one day — Sandusky has some good kids, Tiffin Columbian has a good program, Bellevue has a good team. There are so many good programs and good kids. It's definitely one of the better leagues in the whole state. Last year, Wyatt was rated second in the state and got beat in overtime by a three-time state placer; that's how competitive it is."

National Walleye Tour returns to Lake Erie in June

The National Walleye Tour Presented by Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's (NWT) announces the tournament schedule for 2021, which includes four regular season events and a championship, all nationally televised and taking place on some of the country's premier walleye fisheries at peak times.

The regular season kicks off April 29-30, 2021, on the Missouri River at Chamberlain, South Dakota. The Missouri River holds great numbers of fish and is known for producing monsters. The NWT will move on to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on May 27-28 before heading to the familiar waters of Lake Erie at Huron, Ohio, on June 24-25.

The regular season wraps up on Lake Oahe at Mobridge, South Dakota, July 29-30. The NWT last visited the lake for the 2016 NWT Championship. Otter Tail Lake will host the championship event on September 15-17. This marks the first time the NWT has visited the lake, an iconic walleye lake with varying topographies that will surely test the best NWT anglers.

The three-day championship will also serve to crown the Pro- and Co-Anglers of the Year, giving the winners custom rings and paid entry fees for the 2022 NWT season.

"Last season was full of challenges, but our fantastic staff and anglers came together to keep everyone safe and we were able to finish the season," said NWT Tournament Director Anthony Wright. "Next season we will visit some classic walleye fisheries along with a stop at a new venue. It is shaping up to be one of our best seasons ever. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in April."

The NWT has implemented new changes for the 2021 season. Pro- and co-anglers will not be guaranteed entry this season, but rather will gain entry based on time and date of signing up and paying. Those who sign up and pay for all four events at once will gain entry over those who pay incrementally. The deadline to sign up and pay for all entry fees is April 12, 2021.

Entry fees for pro-anglers will be \$1,750 per regular-season event, while co-angler fees will be \$500 each. Also new for 2021, only the top 40 pro- and co-anglers will advance to the championship. The NWT Championship requires no entry fees for Pro Anglers and will pay \$30,000 and a Ranger 620FS Pro, valued at a total of \$106,000, to the first-place pro-angler. The first-place co-angler at the championship will win \$6,000 and a Ranger 1882 Aluminum boat for a total value of \$45,000.

Registration for the 2021 season opens on January 11 at 8 a.m.

For more details, anglers are encouraged to call 612-424-0708 or check out the website at www.nationalwalleyetour.com. From here, site visitors can learn more about the NWT, view the TV schedule and learn more about what's in store for 2021 season.

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Comets looking to expedite their rebuilding process

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After a rare season that saw the Genoa Comets deal with their share of setbacks, the team is primed for a rebound.

Gone from last year are Dustin Morgillo, Kevin Contos, Randy Matheny and Corey Welch. Leading the way are five seniors who hope to get Genoa back to competing at a high level against some of the best competition Northwest Ohio has to offer. Coach Bob Bergman likes the look of his team, but notes that there are youth who will need varsity experience.

The five seniors are Tommy Giles (160 pounds), Darin Muir (138/145) Tony Morgillo (152), Devin D'Emilio (132) and Quintin Banks (145/152).

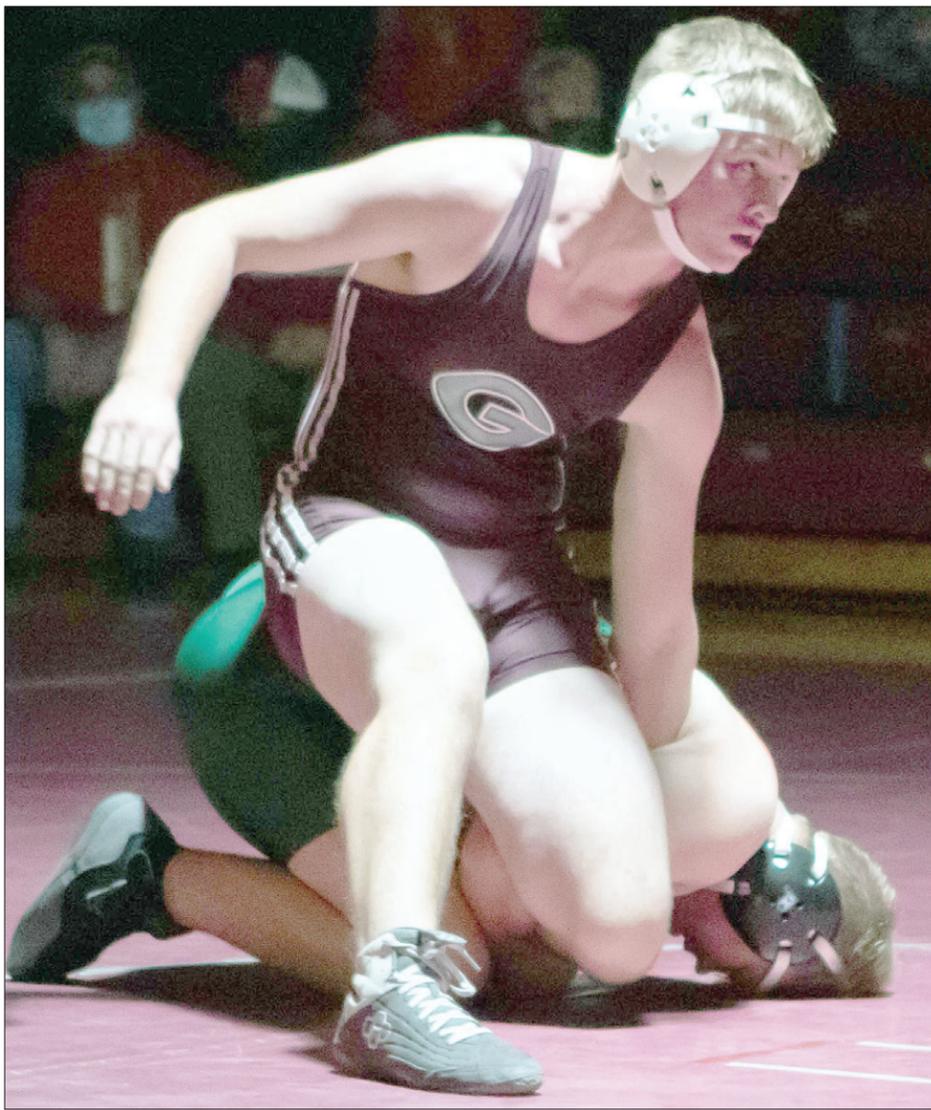
"Those five seniors will be leaders for us. Tommy has been a contributor on our state championship teams and platooned in some matches," said Bergman. "He brings a lot of experience. We're looking at an ideal weight for him. Darin has a big gas tank. He can wrestle for six minutes and then some. Tony is very cerebral, very smart; he'll fit in somewhere, maybe at 152 pounds.

"We're very excited for Devin, he's had to (endure) shoulder surgeries. He went 3-0 in the state duals as a freshman. Quintin was partners of (former wrestlers) Kevin Contos and Dustin Morgillo. He's wrestled in some great matches. He's probably our most explosive wrestler."

A number of other key wrestlers are Drew Posey (285), Ethan Crawford (220), Nate Partin (106/113), Mario Torres (113) and Jesse Sanchez (120).

"Drew put on 60 pounds of muscle. Last year, he was average-sized; this year, he's going to be one of the biggest heavyweights around. He's been a wrestler since he was in the program at 6 or 7-years-old. We hope for him to reach the podium," said Bergman. "Ethan was 30-0 as an eighth-grader, he could've been a state champion had the (state tournament) not been cancelled.

"Nate was a district qualifier, he's a scrappy kid. We've got some high hopes



Colin Brazelton (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.smugmug.com)

for him. Mario took fifth at sectionals in a good weight class. Sanchez showed steady improvement last year. We hope they can be a good 1-2 punch."

Bergman expects a number of oth-

er wrestlers to compete for spots in the starting lineup, a group that includes Noah Tipton, Nate Tipton, Luke Erwin and Colin Brazelton.

"Nate could probably get us some var-

sity time at 126; he's a go-getter. His twin brother Noah is a good wrestler. We've got a couple holes to fill at 170," said Bergman. "Luke Erwin is long, tall and lanky, he's a freshman; he's very experienced and was part of our biddy program. Colin Brazelton is a great kid for us; he's been at 182, could be 170. He's just a dedicated guy that puts in a lot of hours in the offseason; he's probably one of the most committed upper-weight wrestlers."

It's unknown how long it will take for Genoa to get back to the summit.

"We're in a rebuild mode. We have opportunities for our youngsters to rise up. The seniors will look to establish themselves, we like the way they mentor; great freshmen class," Bergman said. "I think in a couple of years, we'll be back to the top."

Last year, the Comets finished seventh at the Northern Buckeye Conference tournament. Eastwood, the reigning league champions, was picked to repeat as champions. Bergman notes that Otsego and Elmwood will be in the mix as well. Genoa won the conference seven straight times from 2013-19.

In 2018 and 2019, the Comets won back-to-back state championships in Division III in the dual team and the individual competitions before regressing last season under younger wrestlers.

"I think we're in great shape. We've had a heck of a run and we plan to be back on top sooner rather than later," Bergman said. "With 115 kids per class, you're going to have some peaks and valleys. We'll do the best we can."

After missing out on the state tournament last year, the Comets are hoping for a return to greatness.

"One of the things we talk about is the fact that the future is guaranteed to no one, the Walter Payton quote. That resonates with us. The time and opportunity we have could evaporate pretty quickly, we need to make the most of that," said Bergman. "The days are not mundane, we have more urgency and we have to prioritize a lot more because with this whole climate, there are so many moving parts. We focus on what we can control — our attitudes and our actions."

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Northwood girls cage program continues to build depth

By J. Patrick Eaken
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Northwood 5-foot-9 senior forward Ashlyn Rable was averaging a double-double — 11 points and 10 rebounds after the Rangers first two games.

The only issue is that Northwood lost those games — to Woodmore 64-34 and to Genoa 48-26, and lost a third to Lakota. However, 7-2 Woodmore is looking to be contenders in the Northern Buckeye Conference this year, picked to finish second in preseason coaches' voting.

Don't count 4-4 Genoa out of the NBC mix. It was a challenging way for Northwood to start the season; especially when there are no Toledo Area Athletic Conference games to play. The Rangers took on Montpelier on Dec. 22 and next week travel to the Swanton Fisher Holiday Tournament.

Northwood will have to wait for TAAC games because the Lucas County Health Department has suspended high school athletics until Jan. 11. The Rangers will play Lakota in non-league action on Dec. 19.

The Rangers are led by Rable, junior forward Randi Wilson, senior guard Emily Bowen, junior guard Meaih Smith and sophomore forward Zoe Turner, who is averaging seven points through the first two games.

Because of 10 letter winners returning, Northwood coach Andrew Dickey says his team plans on "keeping things up tempo this year." Besides his starters returning, he has plenty of others who have already contributed.

"We're going to do things as a team this year. The only score that will matter is the final score," Dickey said. "We're going to need everyone to be our top defensive player. No player is more important than the next on the defensive side."

Dickey has several players who have shown significant improvement since last year.

"(Junior) Bethany Gillespie worked all spring during our virtual sessions, in the summer during our limited open gym, and in the fall was dedicated to our workouts. If we had 17 more girls like her we'd be state champions every year," Dickey said.

"Also junior Alyana Avalos, who came out to basketball just last season made a huge impact for us because of her athleticism. Now that she has a full year and an off-season of work in we're hoping to see what she has. I'm also excited to see what sophomore Mikayla Hanely does this season. She filled in for an injured Rable last year as a freshman and became a valued varsity player. She is a hard worker, listens, and most importantly just plays hard. I'm hoping we see more of her talent this year too."

"We've got some great freshmen



Ashlyn Rable. (Press photo by Don Thompson/Facebook.com/DNRSport)

this year that are incredible athletes. Nat Thompson has been exceptional all season and even during the spring and summer months. Autumn Schroeder, despite a foot injury, will be the complete package on the court when back up to pace.

"Lexi Haas and Cassidy Genson after two years of being small forwards in junior high are set to be the one and two spot on the JV but as they learn more will see their time on the court. And then we have Bree Bolden, who much like Avalos just started playing basketball her eighth grade year but because of her size, strength, and natural athleticism we'll see her progress quickly with more game experience."

Dickey sees his team improving on his team's eight-win season last year.

"We want to win the TAAC. There is no other spot to be in," Dickey said. "This year is all about moving forward. If Northwood plans on becoming a serious competitor in the TAAC we have to be able to not just

compete with teams like TC and Ottawa Hills. We have to be able to beat them one on one. And if you know anything about teams like Cardinal Stritch, Emmanuel Christian, and Maumee Valley, they are not just going to be pushovers.

"We're loaded with experience and



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Team (League)	Overall
Eastwood (2-0, NBC)	3 1
Woodmore (1-1, NBC)	4 2
Oak Harbor (2-0, SBC Bay)	3 3
Clay (0-0, TRAC)	1 1
Genoa (2-1, NBC)	2 4
Gibsonburg (1-1, SBC River)	1 2
Lake (0-3, NBC)	1 5
Northwood (0-0, TAAC)	0 1
Cardinal Stritch (0-0, TAAC)	0 1

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Woodmore (4-2, NBC)	7 2
Lake (3-1, NBC)	4 2
Eastwood (2-2, NBC)	4 2
Genoa (1-3, NBC)	4 4
Oak Harbor (1-2, SBC Bay)	3 4
Cardinal Stritch (0-0, TAAC)	1 2
Clay (0-2, TRAC)	0 2
Northwood (0-0, TAAC)	0 3
Gibsonburg (0-4 SBC River)	0 6

(Records updated to December 22)

athletes. We need to do a good job at channeling out athletes into winning games. We're a team of athletes who play basketball. We need a team to come out and compete as a team to win."

There are challenges that Dickey's team has to overcome, the coach says.

"The injury bug hurt us last year, the number bug the year before. This year it's been COVID restrictions," Dickey said. "I can't wait to see the competitiveness out of the TAAC this year. We're going to have games featuring Division I athlete talents, teams looking to make their mark in the league, and just some awesome fast tempo fun basketball."



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Goalie Billy Christopoulos returning to Toledo Walleye

The Toledo Walleye have suspended their season until January, but they are still picking up players, including the return of goalkeeper Billy Christopoulos.

Christopoulos returns to the pond after playing 29 games with the Fish during the 2019-20 season. The 26-year-old finished his first professional season with a League best .932 save percentage, while posting a 24-3-3 record. He had a 2.29 goals against average last season which finished as the 6th best in the ECHL, while his 24 wins was third most.

"We are very fortunate and excited to have, in my opinion, the best young goalie in the ECHL back in Toledo," said Coach Dan Watson. "He was arguably the best goalie from Christmas time until the season ended. He is an extremely hard worker during practice, which makes himself and our players better. He is a calming influence during the game and our players feel very confident when he is in goal. He has proven that he deserves the opportunity to be a starting goalie and number one goalie for our team."

Twice during the 2019-20 season Christopoulos was honored by the League as goaltender of the week for February 17-23 when he went 2-0-0 with a 1.00 GAA and .977 SVP. The second came as Goaltender of the Month with a 5-1-1 over seven starts in February with a sparkling 1.82 goals against average and a .947 save percentage.

Before turning pro, the 6-foot-2, 193-pound, was recruited to play for the United States Air Force Academy posting a record of 42-35-11 in 93 career games over four seasons. He was named first-team All-Atlantic Hockey during his senior season, and finished his collegiate career tied for second all-time with a .915 save percentage and third with a 2.25 goals-against average. The North Carolina native has been accepted into the World Class Athlete Program (WCAP), where he looks to earn a spot on the 2022 U.S.A. Olympic team.

Forwards Marcus Vela and Nolan LaPorte have agreed to terms with the Toledo Walleye for the 2020-21 season.

Vela, 23, re-signs with Toledo after playing 49 games for the Fish during the 2019-20 season. Vela was assigned to Toledo by the Grand Rapid Griffins late last October after being acquired from the San Jose Barracuda in exchange for defenseman Marcus Crawford.

Watson said, "Marcus was bright spot and somewhat of a surprise for us last season. He is very versatile and can play in any situation. He plays a responsible, 200-foot game and brings quality leadership attributes to the table."

In his first professional season, the 6-foot-1, 205 pound forward scored 12 goals and 13 assists for 25 points with the Walleye. He also skated in three games with the ECHL's Orlando Solar Bears, re-



Billy Christopoulos. (File photo by Scott Grau courtesy Toledo Walleye)

cording one assist and six penalty minutes.

A seventh-round selection, 190th overall, by the San Jose Sharks in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft, Vela made his pro debut with the Barracuda at the end of the 2018-19 campaign and contributed two assists in six appearances.

Before turning pro, the Burnaby, British Columbia, native, had a four-year career at the University of New Hampshire where he amassed 58 points (24G, 34A) and 112 penalty minutes in 135 games from 2015-2019.

LaPorte, 28, spent last season overseas racking up a 39-points (16G, 23A) in 47 games for the Glasgow Clan in the Elite Hockey League.

"Nolan will bring a wealth of experience to our group," said Watson. "He is very versatile and can play in all situations for us. I think the fans will enjoy his style

of play, as he brings a relentless work ethic and high compete level each and every game."

The Chicago native played his first professional season with Quad City in 2016, and also appeared in one game that season for the American Hockey League's Iowa Wild. After a year with the Florida Everblades, the 6-foot, 192 pound forward, signed with Atlanta (2018-19) where he set two career-highs- goals (19) and penalty minutes (107).

A former captain for the NCAA's

Western Michigan University, LaPorte skated in 133 games tallying 33 goals and 37 assists for 70 points and 176 penalty minutes. As a Bronco, he skated two seasons with Toledo's Shane Berschbach (2012-2014).

Defenseman Blake Hillman has agreed to terms with the Toledo Walleye for the 2020-21 season.

Hillman returns to the pond after splitting his time between Toledo, Grand Rapids, and Stockton during the 2019-20 season. He played 35 games for the Fish where he racked up 13 points (1G, 12A) and 8 penalty minutes. The 24-year-old added 12 games at the AHL level- five with the Griffins and seven with the Heat.

Watson is excited to have Hillman return for his second season with the Walleye.

"He has great patience with the puck, plays a smart and detailed game and has tremendous leadership skills. He will be counted on heavily to play against teams' top lines and anchor our penalty kill unit again," Watson said.

Hillman was drafted in the sixth round of the 2016 draft (No. 173 overall) by the Chicago Blackhawks out of the University of Denver. The Elk River, Minnesota native made his professional debut by skating in four games for the Blackhawks at the end of the 2017-18 season that saw him collect his first pro goal on April 4, 2018 at St. Louis. Hillman spent the 2018-19 with Rockford in the AHL appearing in 54 games with four points (1G, 3A) and 20 penalty minutes for the IceHogs.

In his three years at the University of Denver, he skated in 123 games with seven goals, 24 assists and 84 penalty minutes. In total he was a plus 24 for the Pioneers. Hillman's best college year came in the 2017-18 season when in 41 games he posted 12 points (3G, 9A) with 52 penalty minutes while skating as a plus six. He helped lead the Pioneers to the 2017 Frozen Four Championship as a sophomore when Denver defeated Minnesota-Duluth 3-2 in the championship contest. Hillman collected the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA West Regional in 2016 when he picked up four points (2G, 2A) in two games that included a game-winning goal over Ferris State.

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Monday, Dec. 21
(Noon) Editorial
(4pm) Real Estate, Auctions, & Transitions

Tuesday, Dec. 22
(Noon) Advertising Sales
(1pm) Classifieds

Office Closed Thursday, Dec. 24 & will re-open Monday, Dec. 28 at 9am

For the Jan. 4 Issue

Monday, Dec. 28
(Noon) Editorial
(4pm) Real Estate, Auctions, & Transitions

Tuesday, Dec. 29
(Noon) Advertising Sales
(1pm) Classifieds

Office Closed Thursday, Dec. 31 & will re-open Monday, Jan. 4 at 9am

Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board policy

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

Toledo

Front Street Group Friday Night Fish Fry, Jan. 15, T. Whitehead Recovery Center, 2044 Genesee St. Dinner featuring Lake Erie walleye includes fries and slaw. Dine in or carry out. Lunch delivery available. \$15. Call 419-691-8882. Proceeds raised will be used to cover the group's expenses and the ability to offer 12 meetings per week.

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.

Oregon

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

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.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis meet the 2nd and 4th Mon. of each month at noon at The American Family Table, 846 S Wheeling St.

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

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society, Historic Brandville School, located at 1133 Grasser St. remains closed for open-hour tours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. OJHS encourages the community to visit ojhs.org, for information on upcoming, socially distanced events and for historical information on Oregon and Jerusalem Township.

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.

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st Thurs. of the month at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Visit www.OregonRepublicanClub.com or contact Lynn Gibbs at lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

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.

First St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1121 Grasser St., has rental space available for weddings, showers, meetings, family gatherings, etc. Call 419-693-7128 for more 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.

Quilts of Compassion seeks quilters to help make quilts for local charities, hospitals and disaster victims. No experience required. The group meets the last Wed. each month 1-3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 3415 Starr Ave. Call Flo at 419-693-3766.

Northwood

Northwood VFW Post 2984 breakfasts and fish fries are canceled until further notice, due to COVID-19.

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 residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford.

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.

Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The public is welcome to join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. The meeting phone number and link are available on the Jerusalem Township website at: <https://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.

Elmore

Harris-Elmore Public Library is open to the public with enhanced health and safety measures in place. Hours are Mon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Weds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sunday. Curbside service is still being offered for patrons who feel uncomfortable going into the library or for those who are unable to wear face coverings.

Genoa

Genoa Branch Library is open to the public with enhanced health and safety measures. Hours are Mon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Weds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sun. Curbside service is still being offered for patrons who feel uncomfortable going into the library or for those who are unable to wear face coverings. The outside table is gone, but patrons may still call the library, use the online chat feature or fill out the curbside services online form (www.harriselmorelibrary.org/curb-side-service). Requested items will be delivered to patrons' vehicles in the parking lot. Call 419-855-3380 or visit www.harriselmorelibrary.org for details.

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. at Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Sat. each month 10 a.m.-noon 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.

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of virtual programs, including: Gibsonburg Virtual Adult Book Discussion, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. - A virtual discussion of "When Breath Becomes Air," by Paul Kalanithi. All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org.

Graytown

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

Luckey

Luckey Food Pantry is open the last Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. and the last Thursday each month from 6-8 p.m. at 247 Oak St. in the former Loft Youth Center (behind the post office). Open to families residing in the Eastwood School District.

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon. Patrons are asked to wear a mask. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The Local

History Museum Center is open Tues. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-noon by appointment only. Visit the library on Facebook or YouTube for children's activities, local history, crafting projects, book news and more. Call 419-898-7001 for details.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open for appointments on Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. Call or text 419-343-0126 to make an appointment.

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. at the Stony Ridge Library. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

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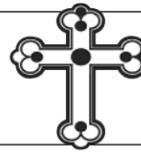
Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public for express service Monday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Curbside pickup: Monday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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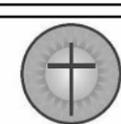
Great Eastern Toastmasters Club has returned to in-person meetings at a temporary location at Taylor's Tae Kwon Do Tumbling and Dance Studio, 200 S. Elm St. Grow your confidence in speaking, presentation and listening skills in a supportive, friendly environment. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Michigan Community Room. Guests welcome. Masks are required at this time. Contact Allan Hoar at 419-698-3733 or visit www.d28Toastmasters.org for info.

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.



The Press Church Worship Guide

Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

Northwood	Walbridge	Toledo
<p>Calvary Lutheran Ch. 1930 Bradner Rd./Corner of Woodville & Bradner Rds. 419-836-8986 Fellowship Breakfast/Learning: 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30am Pastor Robert Noble</p> <hr/> <p>Seventh-day Adventist Church 2975 Eastpointe Blvd. NorthwoodAdventist.org Saturday Worship: 11:00am Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm <i>Welcome to our Church</i></p> <hr/> <p>Unity United Methodist 1910 E. Broadway St. 419-693-5170 Parking Lot Service Sunday 11:00 am <i>No matter who you are, you are welcome.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8am & 10am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">300 Warner St., Walbridge St.JeromeWalbridge.org</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">See You in Church!</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Woodville</p> <p>Solomon Lutheran Church and School 305 W. Main St. 419-849-3600 Sunday Worship: 8am & 10:30am Recovery Worship Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm Pastor Alan Brown School Open Enrollment Nursery thru 6th Grade</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Genoa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">st. john's church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00am Sunday Worship Sunday School begins October 4th at 9am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1213 Washington St. 419-855-3906 www.stjohnsgenoa.org</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 204 Main St., Genoa, OH Masses- Saturday 6:30 pm Sunday 10:30 am www.ourladygenoa.org</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Trinity United Methodist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Main at 4th, Genoa Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Ramp & Elevator Pastor Greg Miller www.genoatrinity.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> GOD'S INSTRUMENTS In-person worship Sundays 12:30pm Bible study Mondays 7pm 601 Nevada St. Toledo, Ohio 43605 All are welcome! Masks required. www.GodsInstruments.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">First St. John Lutheran Church 2471 Seaman St. 691-7222 or 691-9524 Sunday Services: 9:00 am Masks Required Jerald Rayl, Pastor www.firststjohn.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Lake Twp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 26535 Pemberville Rd. (between St. Rtes. 795 & 163) Perrysburg, OH (Lake Township) Phone: 419-837-5023 www.zionlatcha.com Sunday School: @ 9am Church: @ 10:15 am Inside worship--masks required. <i>"God's Work, Our Hands"</i> ELCA</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Elmore</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Lutheran Church 412 Fremont St. 419-862-3461 Stephen Lutz, Pastor Worship 8 am - 10:45 am Sunday School - 9:30 am</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Rt. 51 at Witty Rd., Just north of Elmore * * * Sunday Worship-10:00am In the parking lot, tune your radio to 94.1 FM Pastor Jaci Tiell 419/862-3630 graceelc@gmail.com www.graceelconline.com Check out our facebook page. <i>Praising. Growing. Serving in Jesus' name.</i></p>

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strings are pulled and we rise to the occasion and other times we fail to do so. Social Psychology offers some clues to this puzzle. It turns out that what is referred to as bystander apathy (not helping when you see someone in need) can be overcome by 1) noticing that someone needs help; 2) interpreting the situation as one where you could be helpful; 3) taking responsibility for helping; 4) developing a plan (or deciding what should be done); and 5) implementing the plan. It's not terribly complicated. Most of us could be doing more to help our sisters and brothers in need. "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."—Proverbs 3:27



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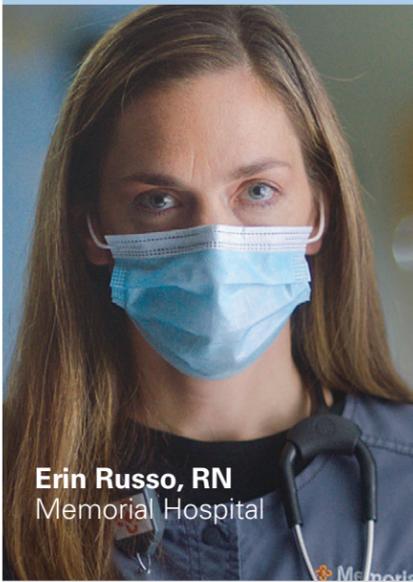
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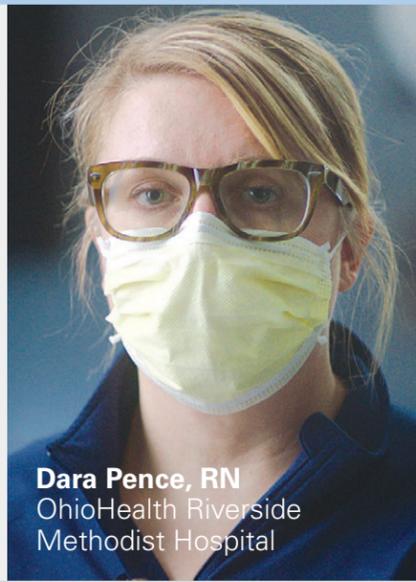
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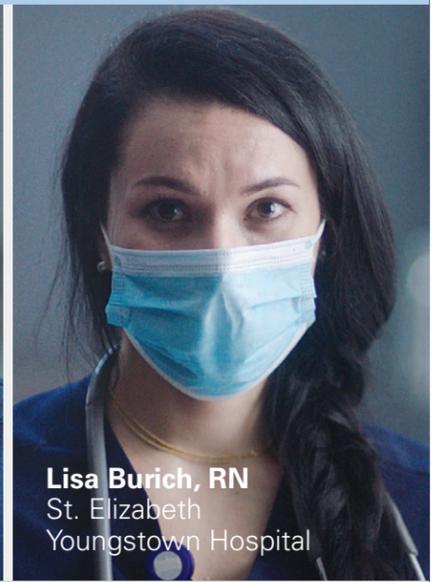
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STAY SAFE OHIO PROTOCOL

1. STAY AT HOME.

- Home is the safest place. Only leave home for household essentials, medical care, work, and school.
- If possible, use drive-thru, curbside pick-up, or delivery services to limit face-to-face contact with others or shop online.

2. Wear your mask.

- Wear a mask whenever you are around anyone you don't live with.

3. Keep interactions short and stay apart.

- The more people you interact with and the longer amount of time you spend together, the higher your risk of becoming infected or spreading the virus to others.

4. Wash your hands.

- Clean hands are a key to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

5. Work from home.

- Everyone who can work from home should work from home. All meetings should be virtual.

6. Celebrate safe. Celebrate small.

- As people gather for the holidays, remember that older family members and those with medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19, so take extra measures to protect them.

7. Don't eat or drink with anyone outside of your household.

- Eating and drinking with others is risky because you can't wear a mask while eating and drinking. Limiting meals to those within your own household is safest.
- Home delivery, curbside pick-up, drive-thru windows, and take-out services are the best options when getting meals out.

8. Limit travel.

- This is a holiday to stay close to home. Remember that spread happens only when you are in contact with others.

9. Keep weddings and funerals safe.

- Conduct weddings and funerals in a COVID-safe way.

10. Enjoy safe holiday activities!

- Stay connected with friends and family who don't live in your home by calling, using video chat, or through social media.
- Choose drive-thru holiday light shows and virtual celebrations over in-person holiday activities.



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