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Lake Twp. Trustees: No biosolids on farm fields

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For the second time in two years the Lake Township trustees are asking the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to cease allowing the application of Class B biosolids on farm fields in the township.

The trustees Tuesday approved a resolution asking the Ohio EPA to stop the practice and requesting the Ohio legislature give townships the authority to prohibit the application on land that trustees deem unsuitable.

The resolution is similar to a resolution approved by the trustees in September 2017 after residents raised concerns about residue from the City of Toledo's waste-water treatment being applied to a 73-acre field along Ayers Road.

The OEPA notified plant operators, the trustees and Wood County Health Department of the site being authorized for the application.

Richard Welling, a trustee who drafted the 2017 resolution, said he brought forward last week's resolution after a resident of Lemoyne Road noticed a sign designating a field for application near her home.

The resolution approved last week notes the township is required to prepare a storm sewer management plan designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants and protect water quality. The application of Class B biosolids may hinder those efforts, the resolution says.

According to EPA regulations, the biosolids must be applied at least 300 feet from a residence and 100 feet from "waters of the state."

The township resolution states the rules don't take into account precipitation levels and the resulting runoff into creeks and rivers that drain into Lake Erie.

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Gingerbread challenge

The Oregon Branch Library held its fourth annual Gingerbread Challenge. Top left, Aiden, age 4, and his brother Devin, age 6, get some help from their parents Jessica and Brad Luce. Top right, Grace Mittendorf, age 8, works on her creation. Bottom left, Alonzo Gallardo, age 7, works on his project with librarian Connie Herrera. Bottom right, a finished product is displayed. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon

A minimum of signatures needed for recycling

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Residents who want curbside recycling can sign up with a service provider, but a minimum of 350 signatures is needed for the program.

Former Councilwoman Sandy Bihn has been looking into a subscription service for curbside recycling since it was dropped in the city's new refuse contract with Republic, which started last week.

Bihn said a company, Recyclops, has expressed an interest in providing curbside recycling. A minimum of 350 residents must first sign up on their website recyclops.com. If enough sign up, then a \$10 registration fee, and an annual \$10 cost for bags would be required.

The company services several communities in Utah and Arizona, and one in Texas. Besides Oregon, there are several "pre-launch" locations across the country as well.

"They haven't really come into the Midwest yet," said Bihn. "They saw we were no longer going to have curbside recycling and reached out to us. Some people

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from the city and myself followed through and asked some questions.”

She said she had talked to officials in a town in Utah who have had the service with Recyclops for a year and a half. They were pleased by the service.”

“You have to have a certain number of people to sign up before it will start. For Oregon, it's 350 minimum. They ask for your credit card number because that's how they get paid. You don't get charged until the 350 people are signed up.”

The company then hires local people with pickup trucks at around \$25 per hour,

she said.

“They pick up the recycling every other week. They will take it to a material recycling facility. There is one in Southfield, Michigan, and one outside Cleveland. One of the problems is we don't have material recycling facilities near here, which would make it more economical. Right now, there's no cost to anybody until we get the minimum of 350 residents to sign up.”

Changes

Oregon residents saw changes in their refuse collection starting Dec. 1. Automated trucks are now picking up containers, though residents may still put out bags of garbage. The city still provides unlimited refuse pickup.

City council weeks ago voted for a five year contract with Republic Services of Toledo for refuse and yard waste collection and disposal. It had previously contracted with Waste Management, whose refuse collection and recycling service with the city ended last week. The new contract with Republic Services of Toledo does not include curbside recycling due to a big increase in costs.

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Quote of The Week

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No biosolids

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The OEPA defines biosolids, which are often reused as fertilizer, as treated solid, semi-solid or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage. Class B biosolids may contain micro-organisms after treatment.

Mike Hossler, township zoning inspector, said he's been frustrated by a lack of information about the application program from the OEPA.

He said the agency hasn't kept him informed on who regulates the application and how often fields are inspected.

In the letter the agency sent in 2017 regarding the Ayers Road field, it said it considered the site's soil type, distance from residences, ground water conditions and proximity to waterways and wells in making the decision to authorize the application of biosolids.

Other fields in the township have been authorized to receive the sludge, Hossler said, but not all approved fields have actually received the sludge.

In December 2014, Synagro, a Baltimore-based company, announced it had an agreement with the City of Toledo for a five-year biosolids recycling program that would save the city \$900,000 annually by avoiding landfilling costs.

Under the agreement, Synagro said:

-Toledo's biosolids will be used as fertilizer on farm land, eliminating the need for more than 400 tons of chemical fertilizer.

-The use of biosolids as fertilizer will reduce the potential for phosphorus runoff to waterways by 98 percent.

-The program will be in compliance with Ohio's environmental regulations.

Handbell choir Returns to TMA

The Rejoice Handbell Choir of Olivet Lutheran Church in Sylvania will perform at the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) in the Peristyle Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

"For more than a decade the handbell choir has performed its crowd-pleasing holiday concert at the Toledo Museum of Art," said Scott Boberg, manager of programs and audience engagement. "The Peristyle is the perfect setting for this community group's big and bright holiday sound."

Great Performances is supported in part by the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Fund, the Victoria Majure Souder Program Fund, Hartmann & Associates, Joseph and Judith Conda, Shaun Coughlan, Carlos A. de Carvalho, Geraldine Mowery, Nancy K. Phlegar, and an anonymous donor.



Razing

The former S & K Mowing, on the former Kmart site, is being razed for downtown development in Oregon. The city expects to meet with developers next year, according to City Administrator Mike Beazley. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Ugly Christmas Sweater run & walk

A Gibsonburg holiday tradition – the Ugly Christmas Sweater Run & Walk – will be held Saturday, Dec. 14 at 9 a.m.

The 5K (3.1 mile) run and walk will start and finish at Hilfiker Elementary School on Sunset Avenue in the village.

As in years past, the entry fee for the event is a new and unwrapped toy or non-perishable food items. Toys are distributed to children in the community by the Gibsonburg Ministerial Association and Gibsonburg School District, and food items are given to the Gibsonburg Food Pantry.

Limited edition event shirts are on sale by pre-order and while they last on race day for \$15 each with all proceeds benefitting the Gibsonburg Food Pantry.

For more info or to obtain an entry form, call 419-637-2634 or email m.glotzbecker@gibsonburgohio.org.

Signatures needed for recycling

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Curbside recycling services are facing challenges across the country, with many communities discontinuing their recycling programs. Much of the items placed in recycling bins are being rejected at the recycling center or are being shipped overseas and put in landfills. The global market has not changed or improved, and the cost to process the recycling continues to rise. China used to be the biggest importer of recycled materials for the U.S. But in 2018, it stopped accepting most foreign recyclables to cut down on pollution. China continues to limit its recycling import product to a 0.5 percent contamination limit. This limit massively affects the global market for recycling and increases the processing costs.

The city is providing recycle drop-off sites in conjunction with the Lucas County Solid Waste District. The sites are shown on a map on the city's website.

There are four drop-off sites: The Starr Avenue side of Pearson Metropark, the municipal complex at 5330 Seaman Road, Fire Station No. 3, 4421 Bayshore Road, and the Eastern Community YMCA, 2960 Pickle

Road between Coy and Wheeling.

The drop off sites will accept aluminum, plastic, paper, glass, and clean cardboard containers.

Private option

City Administrator Mike Beazley said the city hopes that curbside recycling will be included in a future contract. He is taking a "wait and see" attitude with a subscription service with Recyclops.

"This is the sort of thing, if we can get it going, we can put on our website," said Beazley. "We want people to know there is a private option available to them in addition to the recycling drop-off sites. We'll see how it goes. As we said over the last few months, we're all kind of learning the new path on recycling. We're trying to figure out the best approach as we go forward. This is one possible approach. Let's see what kind of interest there is, get some community sense of it, and see what council wants to do. Just take it a step at a time."

Residents can sign up at the recyclops.com website. Click "Oregon" under "pre-launch locations."

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Christmas double feature

The Heart Theater Group will present a Christmas double feature, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "One Bethlehem Night" (a Broadway style musical). Pictured, townspeople give honor to baby Jesus during a rehearsal of "One Bethlehem Night." Performances will be Fri. Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm, Sat. Dec. 14 at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm and Sun. Dec 15 at 6:00 pm at Eisenhower Junior High School, Oregon. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for age 12 and under, and are available online at www.fromtheheart-theatergroup.org, or with cash or check at Bartz Viviano, Oregon. Tickets will also be available at the door. (Submitted photo)

Oregon council approves zoning change requests

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Oregon City Council recently approved zoning change requests following three public hearings.

Council approved an application for a Special Use in a C-1 Commercial Industrial Zoned District for the purpose of erecting a telecommunications tower at 4001 Cedar Point Road. The applicant/owner is BP Husky Refining, LLC.

"It's going to be used for the communications and security at BP Husky Refining," said James Gilmore, commissioner of building and zoning. "The reason they can't co-locate is because it has to be inside their property lines and close to their refinery."

Councilman Steve Hornyak asked if the city knew the type of tower planned at the site.

"The last time we approved one of these, we had pressed for the monopole style. Is that going to be our consistent request as we see these moving forward?" asked Hornyak.

Mayor Mike Seferian, who also has a seat on the Oregon Planning Commission, said a monopole is the standard used by the planning commission.

"We try to adhere to the monopole, or something compatible to that, when they are out in the public," said Seferian.

Juliana pig

Council also approved a Special Use in a Medium Density Zoned District for the purpose of housing a Juliana pig at 125 S. Coy Road. The matter was before council once before, but was sent back to the planning commission for full approval before council could act, according to Council President Dennis Walendzak.

Gilmore gave an overview of the zoning change request.

The owners had offered to install a privacy fence to help appease the neighbors who were dissatisfied that the pig, named Newton, was living at that location.

"They were asked to put up a fence, which they did," said Gilmore. "We had no complaints in the meantime about the pig."

Nicole Kesling, who lives at the 125 S. Coy Road address, said there have been no complaints about the pig.

"Nobody has said anything that we're aware of," she said.

"During the summer, I stopped by to take a look at it," said Walendzak. "I didn't smell any odor. It was well maintained."

Horse

Council also approved a Special Use in an R-1 Low Density Residential Zoned District for the purpose of housing one miniature horse at 5828 Seaman Road.

Gilmore said the request went before the planning commission, which recommended approval.

"There was no opposition from the

neighbors," he said

Randy Peters, who lives on S. Stadium Road, located behind the site, expressed concerns at the public hearing.

"I have five acres behind him," he said. He asked about a fence on the property.

"Is this a friendly pony? I have alfalfa out there. Is he going to get into that?" asked Peters.

Gilmore said approval by the planning commission had conditions, including the installment of a fence.

Applicant/owner Timothy Anderson said he planned to build a 16' by 20' shed. The fencing will be 12' by 20', he added.

"It will be inside the property lines," he said.

He said he had talked to Peters regarding the waste from the horse.

"I told him I plan on hauling it away," he said.

"That was my biggest concern," said Peters. "I wanted to know where your fence is going. How friendly is this horse? Is he going to be in my alfalfa?"

Anderson said the horse would not cause any problems to Peters' property.

"He's going to be within the fence," said Anderson. He also said the miniature horse would be in his house.

"You're going to put him in the house?" asked Peters. "Okay then," he said.

Councilman Tim Zale asked about the size of miniature horses.

"They get to about 31 inches," said Anderson. "So they look like a bigger dog."

Wild turkey season ends

Ohio hunters checked 1,054 wild turkeys during the 2019 fall hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife.

The season was open in 70 counties from Oct. 12-Dec. 1. Ohio hunters took 1,131 wild turkeys during the 2018 fall season.

The totals for each county were (2018 totals in parentheses):

Adams: 11 (11); Allen: 10 (8); Ashland: 15 (14); Ashtabula: 27 (39); Athens: 9 (20); Belmont: 19 (29); Brown: 11 (11); Butler: 16 (7); Carroll: 31 (22); Champaign: 7 (2); Clermont: 35 (13); Columbiana: 42 (17); Coshocton: 44 (52); Crawford: 7 (2); Cuyahoga: 0 (6); Defiance: 15 (14); Delaware: 11 (9); Erie: 8 (6); Fairfield: 7 (12); Franklin: 1 (4); Fulton: 10 (10); Gallia: 17 (32); Geauga: 24 (34); Guernsey: 31 (42); Hamilton: 9 (11); Hancock: 6 (4); Hardin: 7 (2); Harrison: 16 (35); Henry: 2 (3); Highland: 24 (26); Hocking: 15 (20); Holmes: 24 (32); Huron: 9 (12); Jackson: 14 (21); Jefferson: 24 (8); Knox: 26 (18); Lake: 7 (9); Lawrence: 6 (19); Licking: 22 (25); Logan: 7 (11); Lorain: 13 (5); Lucas: 11 (12); Mahoning: 17 (11); Medina: 13 (13); Meigs: 20 (19); Monroe: 15 (29); Morgan: 18 (28); Morrow: 9 (6); Muskingum: 16 (25); Noble: 22 (30); Paulding: 8 (3); Perry: 16 (18); Pike: 6 (18); Portage: 12 (18); Preble: 6 (9); Putnam: 3 (5); Richland: 21 (19); Ross: 17 (17); Scioto: 18 (25); Seneca: 8 (2); Stark: 19 (16); Summit: 13 (9); Trumbull: 26 (21); Tuscarawas: 40 (40); Vinton: 13 (11); Warren: 5 (4); Washington: 14 (19); Wayne: 6 (9); Williams: 21 (14); Wyandot: 2 (4).

Waterkeepers' meeting

Scott Butterworth, district manager of Ohio Department of Natural Resources Wildlife District 2, will discuss how the agency plans to spend \$46.2 million on Northwest Ohio wetlands at the Lake Erie Waterkeeper's monthly meeting Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Manos Restaurant, 1701 Adams St., Toledo.

Butterworth has been with ODNR for 22 years and oversees a staff of 85 from his Findlay office. His talk, which is open to the public, will be followed by a roundtable discussion of the health of the lake. For more info, visit lakeeriewaterkeeper.org.

Northwest Ohio will have more wetlands in the coming year: 24 will be newly constructed or reconnected to ditches, creeks, and rivers in an effort to deliver cleaner water to Lake Erie, thereby helping to reduce the annual summer scourge of harmful algae.

The wetlands' aquatic plants will absorb nutrients such as phosphorus, and allow sediment such as soil, to settle out before reaching Lake Erie.

Projects will range in size from a few acres to several hundred acres, and will be located on both public and private land, said Butterworth. Some will be reconnected to flowing water; some will be on the coast. Both the Maumee and Sandusky bay areas are included in the project, part of Gov. Mike DeWine's H2OHIO effort, using funds from the state's budget surplus.

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Tree planting

The Wood County Commissioners have announced the planting of a new Heritage Oak tree on the east lawn of the county courthouse.

Expenses for the new tree were paid by a donor. North Branch Nursery in Pemberville worked with Steve Blausey, county facilities director, to complete the planting.

In April of this year, two prominent oak trees that had grown in the location for nearly 100 years, were removed due to declining health as a precautionary measure.

Viable sections of the tree trunks were salvaged, sawn into lumber, and are currently being dried.

The commissioners said there is no immediate plan for use of this lumber and it will be saved for future projects.

Collecting for dog shelter

The Lake Township Police Officers Association is collecting donations that will be forwarded to the Wood County Dog Shelter.

Association members are asking area residents to donate new or used blankets, food, toys, leashes and collars, and treats. Any cash donations will be used to buy new dog beds for the animals at the shelter.

Donations may be dropped off at the Lake Township Police Department, 27975 Cummings Road, Millbury.

“Alyse in Wonderland”

Eastwood High School will present, “Alyse in Wonderland” adapted by Jo Strom Lane, Friday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are available at the door, or in advance at the high school office.

All tickets are general admission and cost \$7.



Christmas in the village

Pemberville’s “Christmas in the Village” featured horse and carriage rides, a lighted Christmas Parade, tours of the Pember-Furry House and a Festival of Trees at the Pemberville Opera House. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were on hand to greet visitors. (Photos by Tony Everhardt)

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House Bill 6 case

Referendum questions before Ohio's top court

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With the Ohio Supreme Court dismissing a lawsuit over a state-wide referendum effort that would have repealed House Bill 6 and its provisions benefiting nuclear plants in Ohio, attention now turns to whether the court will decide a related case.

The supreme court announced recently it was dismissing the dispute between FirstEnergy Solutions and Ohioans Against Corporate Bailouts, saying the case lacked "...a current controversy for which it has jurisdiction to decide."

FirstEnergy had filed the suit to stop OACB from pursuing signatures for a referendum to let voters decide if HB 6 should become law. The bill reorganizes the state's energy policies and provides about \$1 billion over seven years for nuclear plants operated by FES. Supporters of the bill argued that it included a tax increase and according to the state constitution was exempt from a referendum.

"The decision by the Ohio Supreme Court is a victory for Ohio's electric customers and recognizes the attempted referendum on HB 6 is over. Those opposed to the bill were unable to gather the requisite number of signatures to initiate a referendum, therefore there is no longer a need for the court to rule on the case. HB6 allows the Davis-Besse and Perry nuclear plants to continue providing 90 percent of Ohio's carbon-free power, in addition to substantial employment and economic benefits for the state." Tom Becker, a spokesman for FirstEnergy Solutions, said.

Gene Pierce, a spokesman for OACB, also saw a win in the decision.

"The Ohio Supreme Court decision correctly rejected FirstEnergy Solutions' argument that HB 6's billion dollar bailout is not subject to referendum, one of many desperate and greedy FES maneuvers trying to deny Ohioans' right to vote on bad legislation," he said. "The argument was ridiculed from the first time it was aired in public and this legal proceeding was a waste of the Ohio Supreme Court's time

and taxpayers' money."

In its announcement, the supreme court also said the decision doesn't impact another pending case involving the OACB, which had filed suit in U.S. District Court, arguing that a 90-day deadline to gather signatures for the referendum – and how the deadline was being interpreted – was a restriction on free speech.

In October, U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus, Jr. ruled OACB's challenge of the 90-day period should be placed before the state supreme court and he certified five questions to the state court.

The 90-day window for OACB opened July 23 when Gov. Mike DeWine signed HB 6 and filed it with the secretary of state, giving the coalition until Oct. 22 to submit 265,774 signatures to the secretary of state.

On July 29, the group filed a required initial petition with 1,000 signatures and a summary of the law voters would be deciding on the November 2020 ballot. On Aug. 12, Attorney General Dave Yost rejected the initial petition summary language, saying it contained inaccuracies, and OACB filed a revised petition on Aug. 16. Yost certified the revised version on Aug. 29 and a day later Frank LaRose, Secretary of State, informed OACB the petition contained the required 1,000 valid signatures.

That process left OACB with 52 days to gather more than a quarter million signatures, which must come from at least half (44) of Ohio's counties. State law prevented OACB from gathering signatures while the reviews were being conducted and the group failed to meet the deadline.

"We argue that the state constitution should take precedence over legislation, and that the Ohio Supreme Court should at least clear up what '90 days' means. Does it mean 90 days for the entire process, or just for collecting signatures? A motivated attorney general could run out the entire clock without ever allowing citizens to see an approved petition. That would be a truly onerous result that denies the clear intent of the Ohio constitution language guaranteeing Ohioans the right to petition," Pierce said last week.

In a filing with the supreme court, at-

torneys for OACB say the first question is paramount to the case. It reads: "Whether the right to referendum set forth inthe Ohio Constitution guarantees those circulating petitions in support of a referendum a full ninety days solely for the purpose of circulating petitions?"

A memorandum filed with the court by OACB attorneys says, "Upon the certified questions tendered by the district court, this court should accept for consideration Question 1 as that question alone involves a pure matter of law of constitutional significance."

An amicus brief filed by the Ohio Environmental Council, Moms Clean Air Force, Ohio Citizen Action and Ohio Voice also urges the supreme court to consider the questions.

"If the Ohio Supreme Court upholds the current law, it will affirm what Ohioans now know: only with millions of dollars and an army of ironclad signature gatherers can citizens place a referendum on the ballot," the brief says.

An amicus brief filed on behalf of Ohioans for Energy Security, which supports HB 6 and opposed the referendum effort, urges the court to not consider the questions.

"The referendum proponents tried to convince a federal court to rewrite Ohio's Constitution and statutes—and failed. And since it is too late for the referendum proponents to file a proper state cause of action to answer the questions posed by the federal court, it is also untimely for this court to answer those questions," it says.

As of last week, the supreme court has not stated whether it will consider the questions.

The other questions submitted to the court ask if the statutes covering the petition review process violate the state constitution by shortening a full 90 days solely to accommodate a fair review. Also, if the state constitution guarantees a petitioner 90 days to circulate petitions, are the number of days attributable to a petitioner's own errors in submitting a referendum petition 'credited' to the petitioner, or deducted from the 90 days."

Petitions filed

State Representative Haraz N. Ghanbari, R – Perrysburg, said his election petitions have been filed and verified to run to retain the position of representative for the 3rd District.

The district encompasses all of Wood County. Rep, Ghanbari is currently in his first term.

State Senator Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) has also filed petitions for election to a full, four-year term in the Ohio Senate.

Her candidacy follows her appointment to the senate in February, filling the vacancy created by former Senator Randy Gardner, who became chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Senate's Committee on Higher Education as well as holding seats on the Senate's Education Committee; Government Oversight and Reform Committee; Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee; and Judiciary Committee.

The 2nd Senate District includes Erie, Ottawa, Wood and parts of Fulton and Lucas counties.

Christmas open house

Harbor View Historical Society will hold a Christmas Open House Saturday, Dec. 14 from 1-5 p.m. at the museum, located in the historic neighborhood of Harbor View, off Bayshore Road, at 2083 Autokee St.

The event is open to the public and has crafts and surprises for the kids along with snacks and food provided by local charitable organizations including Vito's Pizza of Oregon. A special visit from Santa is also planned.

For more info, call 419-691-1517.

Downtown open house

Downtown Fremont Inc. will host a Downtown Open House Saturday, Dec. 7.

Downtown businesses will offer extended hours and holiday savings.

At 3 p.m., Paramount Cinema will show "The Lion King," "Dora and the Lost City of Gold" and "A Dog's Journey." Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

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Fiber optic service expands into village

Amplex Internet has started installing fiber optic lines in the Village of Pemberville, with the home of mayor Gordon Bowman one of the first to receive the service. Justin Boylan, a fiber technician, is shown. The company has installed fiber service in the Village of Woodville and plans to expand into other towns. Submitted photo.

'The Elf on the Shelf' playing at Stranahan

"The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Musical," will play at the Stranahan Theater for the first time ever Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Stranahan Theater Box Office, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo; online at BroadwayInToledo.com or by calling 419-381-8851.

Ticket prices start at \$30. Group orders

of 10 or more may be placed by calling 866-314-7687.

The musical opens with a friendly Elf on the Shelf named Tater Tot speaking directly to the audience. When Tater Tot, top Scout Elf of his graduating class is sent to a disconnected, multi-generational family struggling to rediscover Christmas spirit, he's got to find a way off the shelf and into their hearts.

Funds released for local projects

Several local projects have been approved for funding by the state controlling board.

The board approved the release of funds for projects in Erie and Ottawa counties through the Ohio NatureWorks grant program, including \$84,031 for a walking/fitness path in the Village of Oak Harbor.

Mayor Quinton Babcock said the path is included in a master plan for the village designed by the Oak Harbor Development Group.

He said the plan is a collaboration between the village and development group to identify projects that "maintain the charm of Oak Harbor by creating unique venues for people to gather and interact as a community and identify opportunities that will attract future investment in the village."

The controlling board also approved the release of \$27,959 for improvements at Abernathy Park in Perkins Township and \$56,060 to improve access to the Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center at the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area.

The center, which highlights the history and vegetation of the area, is accessed by a 50-foot bridge that crosses a fishing pond. The original wooden piles of the bridge are deteriorating, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

A new steel bridge will be installed. Work is expected to be complete by March 6, 2020.

hauling stone will be in use.

The construction project was initiated after high water caused damage to the area. The project includes repairing and rebuilding the shoulder of the road on the canal side. The shoulder will be reshaped, and a protective fabric and riprap will be added to prevent future damage from high water.

Questions about the project can be directed to the Wildlife District Two office at 419-424-5000.

For more information on Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area and other local recreational access locations, visit wildohio.gov.

Hometown Holiday

Celebrate a Hometown Holiday Saturday, Dec. 14 in Elmore.

The schedule includes:

- 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Storytime with Santa at the Harris Elmore Library.
- Noon-2 p.m.: Pictures with Santa at Commodore Perry FCU.
- 1 p.m.: Tree-topping ceremony at the corner of Rice and Toledo streets.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Christy's Corner - Kindred Harps music and hot cocoa.

In addition, there will be a Pack a Sleigh Food Drive at Harris Elmore Library from 10 a.m. -5 p.m., free carriage rides in downtown Elmore provided by the Elmore Historical Society and possible Santa sightings throughout the village.

Holiday performances

Fremont Community Theatre and Floyd Collins will present "Charlie Brown Christmas" and Disney's "Frozen, Jr." Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 13-15 at the theatre, 1515 Dickinson St.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" will feature our adult members, while Disney's "Frozen, Jr." will feature youth and teen members. Both shows will be performed on each date with an intermission in between.

Regular tickets have been sold out for all performances, but get added to the waitlist by calling the Box Office hotline at 419-332-0695.

Fremont Community Theatre is currently hosting a giveaway for a pair of free tickets for Opening Night on their Facebook group.

Road repairs

Scheduled road repairs at Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area in Lucas County will temporarily close Metzger Marsh Road, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Repairs will begin on Monday, Dec. 9 and are estimated to continue through mid-February 2020. During this time, Metzger Marsh Road from the main boat ramp to the fishing pier on Lake Erie will be closed weekly Monday through Thursday. The road will reopen for public access Friday to Sunday. Access to the main boat ramp will not be affected. Visitors are urged to use caution while in the area during the construction as heavy equipment and trucks

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Your Voice on the Street: By Stephanie Wade

Who is the hardest person to shop for on your Christmas list?



**Ryan Gargas
Genoa**

"By far, my wife. We've been together five years but I've already gotten the ring. I've done the necklace thing and the earring thing. Now, it's like, 'Where do I go from here?' I feel like everyday accessories are harder to pick out."



**Andrew Calmes
Gibsonburg**

"I would say probably my wife. Mostly because you don't want to get that one wrong."



**Selena Calmes
Gibsonburg**

"My mom because she always says she doesn't want anything. It's hard to find something for someone who means so much."



**Helen Boggs
Genoa**

"My parents because they pretty much have everything they need so I never know what to get them."



**Karla Keller
Woodville**

"My husband because he's really into Star Wars but he's 6'3" and needs a big and tall size. I always have to shop online because I can't find anything he'd like in store."

Big things are accomplished in small steps

The largest brick building is constructed one brick at a time. A long journey by foot is completed one step at a time. A home is built one board at a time. The most monumental accomplishments are achieved through a series of small, manageable steps.

Any goal is achieved by taking enough small steps. You start where you are and then take just one step. Taking action initiates your forward progress. If you want a new job, begin by applying to one job posting. If you want to get a college degree, sign up for one course. If you want to become a chef, cook one meal. All successful journeys consist of small steps.

Smaller steps are more manageable. A common strategic error is attempting steps which are too big. This leads to frustration, and possible abandonment of a goal which then seems unattainable. For example, a person sets a goal of losing 20 pounds in one week. Accomplishing this goal is virtually impossible. The inability to lose the desired weight in one week has the strong potential of having someone abandon their weight loss objectives altogether.

Motivation grows with success. Developing the necessary skills enhances success. Setting and achieving small goals builds both motivation and skills. For someone embarking on a diet, a starting goal might be eating a quality breakfast each day. Once this goal is accomplished, lunch could be the next meal improved.

For someone who wants to engage in more reading, an initial goal could be reading one page a day from a book they have been putting off. Success at this reachable objective would lead to one or more books being completed within a year. The prog-



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

“Accomplishing small goals builds confidence while moving you forward.”

ress would be easily doubled by only reading two pages a day.

A person who wants to engage in more exercise can start small with one 15 minute walk each week. Although this alone would have minimal impact on one's physical conditioning, it will get someone successfully started. With the accomplishment of the initial goal, the frequency and distance can then be increased. Doing something is always preferable to doing nothing.

Incorporating the action steps needed for each small goal into your daily routine is another effective strategy. You could read one page in your book before or after a meal

or before going to bed. When food shopping, avoid those foods you don't want to be eating. Get up 15 minutes earlier to go for a walk.

Take the stairs instead of an elevator. When going to a store, park away from the entrance. These examples demonstrate how you can adapt new behaviors into your normal routine. Goal achievement does not require a major revamping of your lifestyle.

Accomplishing small goals builds confidence while moving you forward. Achieving a small goal is significant. It's much more effective than failing to reach a large goal. Once you have reached one small goal, set another one. If reaching the completed goal was too easy, make your next one a little bigger. Success is what matters, not the size of the goal.

While working on a goal, consistency matters more than speed. It doesn't matter if arriving at your goal takes longer than planned. Taking longer than expected to become successful is always preferable to failing quickly.

Set at least one small goal today. Don't put it off. Procrastination is a goal killer. Start from where you are right now. Even small goals may require several restarts. Since quitting ensures failure, never ever give up. Achieving each goal is an exhilarating experience.

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Campaign finance reform needed

To the editor: With the 2020 general election ramping up, most citizens want more transparency and less big money in our elections. Over 80 percent of Americans – of all political persuasions – agree that our electoral system is out of control. Billions of dollars pour into campaigns from corporations, unions, and special interests. Americans want a representative government in which our votes matter.

In October, over 300 Americans met in Washington, D.C., for the National Citizen Leadership Conference. Voters, organizational leaders, constitutional scholars, and members of congress in attendance supported a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to allow congress to regulate campaign spending and financing.

On Lobby Day, Ohioans met with staff from the offices of our Senators and Representatives. Over 140 meetings took place that day, with Americans from across the nation urging legislators from both political parties to support a 28th Amendment.

To their credit, the Sandusky City Commission has supported this grassroots initiative in 2019 by passing a resolution for a 28th amendment and sending this resolution to our state and federal legislators. We want other local communities, such as Port Clinton and Oak Harbor, to step up in 2020 to get money out of elections.

We urge constituents to get involved in this movement. You can learn more at americanpromise.net or by emailing pcohamendment28@gmail.com.

Ellen Greene Bush
American Promise Ohio
Port Clinton

Banning animals in studies could be mistake

By Matthew R. Bailey

The Environmental Protection Agency is looking to end certain kinds of animal research.

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler just directed the agency to reduce requests and funding for studies with mammals in toxicity studies by 30 percent by 2025. The goal is to eliminate chemical safety tests in mammals by 2035.

In theory, that's a noble goal. Everyone in the research community should be on board with reducing the usage of animals in toxicity tests where scientifically feasible.

But we also must be realistic about the limits of alternatives to animal research. In some cases, there's no other way to evaluate the safety and efficacy of substances than to study their impact in animals. Nowhere is that truer than in biomedical research -- science that yields treatments that save and enhance the lives of humans and animals alike.

Scientists are trying to develop computer models powerful enough to simulate research in animals. But the technology just isn't there yet. And while cell cultures can indicate the impact of a substance or chemical at a very basic level, they can't replicate the myriad ways compounds affect complex living beings.

For example, scientists cannot extrapolate the impact of a chemical on our immune system from research in cells or organs. It's conceivable that a compound could cause an immunological condition



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like lupus -- but not demonstrate as much in basic cell tests or organs-on-a-chip.

Similarly, animal models are the only way to determine whether chemicals will cause problems during different developmental stages like pregnancy, childhood, and adolescence.

"At present, we don't have test systems that mimic all phases of human development," said Leigh Ann Burns Naas, past president of the U.S. Society of Toxicology. "Predicting effects on higher-order functions like cognition, learning and memory will also be a challenge . . . Toxicologists are working diligently on all these problems, but it isn't possible to say with confidence that we will have solutions any time soon."

Counter-intuitively, banning toxicity research in animals opens the door for more toxic chemicals to make their way into humans. Such research is the last step in determining whether a product is safe for humans. Eliminating that step could lead to toxic chemicals being cleared for human use -- simply because scientists would be unable to conclusively demonstrate they

were unsafe.

The EPA's decision also risks opening the door to banning animal research in other contexts -- most notably medical research. That would be disastrous for humans and animals alike.

Just look at the history of medical progress. It took decades of research in monkeys, rats, and mice to develop a polio vaccine. Research in chimpanzees was instrumental in developing a vaccine for hepatitis B. Animal research is the reason we're able to perform organ transplants, heart bypass surgery, chemotherapy, and blood transfusions.

Animals have benefited from this research, too. The vaccines we administer to our pets for distemper, rabies, tetanus, and feline leukemia were all developed in animal models.

More breakthroughs are on the way. Scientists are currently using animals to develop new treatments for Alzheimer's, cancer, diabetes, and countless other debilitating diseases.

All this progress could come to a halt if other agencies follow the EPA's move -- and look to restrict animal research. While the effort may be well-intentioned, it may also end up being a costly mistake by putting the long-term health, safety, and well-being of the public and their pets at risk.

Matthew R. Bailey is president of the Foundation for Biomedical Research. This piece originally ran in RealClearScience.

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What are the odds?

Pregnancy leads to life-saving diagnosis for Pemberville woman

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Every pregnancy is different, and this couldn't be truer for one Pemberville mother.

In March of this year, Heather Haynes went in for her eight-week prenatal appointment, expecting it to be routine like it was with her now 1-year-old son, Grayson. It was determined that Haynes was overdue for a pap smear, and being simple enough, it was taken care of at her appointment.

The pap results appeared abnormal. A few days after that prenatal appointment, Haynes was diagnosed with neuroendocrine carcinoma of the cervix, the rarest form of cervical cancer.

"I was kind of like shell-shocked because I got the final diagnosis on [a] Friday and got the port on [that] next Tuesday and started chemo on Wednesday," Haynes said, "It was kind of like 'Holy smokes, what is happening?'"

"It was devastating," she said.

Terminating the pregnancy was not an option in Haynes' mind. She was determined to fight, so the medical team working with her at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital swiftly crafted a treatment plan to keep her and her baby alive. During her pregnancy, Haynes received six rounds of chemotherapy.

"It was like 'Okay, let's do this.' I'm going to fight for my life, I'm going to fight for my baby's life, and we're going to make it," she said.

As part of her treatment plan, Haynes had a C-section and immediate total hysterectomy.

Ashton David Haynes was born Aug.



Heather Haynes and her sons, Grayson (left) and Ashton (right), were invited to Bay Park Hospital's Tree Lighting on Dec. 4 where Haynes lit the tree. (Photo submitted by ProMedica Bay Park Hospital.)

14, 2019. He spent three weeks in the NICU for some help learning how to eat — a result of his premature birth — but otherwise is in perfect health.

"He's chunking up and sleeping good," Haynes says of Ashton. "He's doing really well."

Haynes' older son is enjoying being a

big brother. "Grayson loves life," Haynes chuckles.

After her son's birth, Haynes received two more rounds of chemotherapy to finish up her treatment.

"As of right now, I am officially done with treatment," she said. "I had a PET scan on Monday, and it was clear, so for now we're done."

Through the kindness of others, Haynes husband, Jordan, was also able to take time off during her pregnancy and chemo treatments to offer the support she needed. "I'm so grateful for my family," Haynes said. "Not only my immediate family, but my sisters and my church family. They were there every step of the way, encouraging."

Every year, Bay Park Hospital invites a special patient to light the Christmas tree in their main lobby. This year, the staff knew right away who to pick.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, Haynes and her family were invited to light the Bay Park tree. The hospital also surprised the family with gifts for each of the Haynes boys and for Haynes and her husband, and provided refreshments for all in attendance.

"I would say if it wasn't for the fact of getting chemo and having cancer, it was one of the best experiences," Haynes says of her time at Bay Park Hospital. "I mean, they have made it — all the nurses — they made it fun. We had fun; we joked. Everyone here, the staff has been amazing and so warm and helpful. I will truly miss seeing them when I'm not coming here every week."

For those who'd like to help the Haynes family, a cousin of Haynes' husband set up a GoFundMe page for donations. Visit www.gofundme.com/f/trczw7-the-haynes-family for more info.

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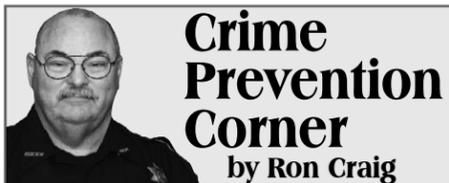
Credit card skimmers can lead to big monetary losses

By Ron Craig

In light of recent reports that someone had installed a credit card skimmer on a Toledo ATM machine, leading to the loss of an estimated \$13,000 for customers of that bank, Lake Township police are asking citizens to be vigilant in their credit and debit card use.

There are thieves attaching skimmers to ATMs, gas pumps, and other devices people use to insert their credit and debit cards. The skimmers are used to collect data from the cards, which leads to identity theft and theft of funds from the cardholders' accounts.

While many county auditor personnel inspect pumps at gas stations on a regular basis and check for the skimming devices, it can be long lengths of time between these inspections.



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by Ron Craig

That means it could be several months before the officials may find the skimmers. In the meantime, customers can lose hundreds or thousands of dollars from the thefts that occur.

Some of the skimming devices are made to "blend in" with the ATMs, gas pumps, and other card devices. This can make them difficult to spot.

Before you insert your card into any machine, look at it closely to see if there is anything unusual about it. If there is anything that doesn't seem right, don't use it.

If you are at a gas station, go inside and pay the cashier. If you are at an ATM, go somewhere else to get your cash.

Because it is more difficult for someone to install a skimming device on an inside ATM, try to use those machines to make withdrawals, deposits, and transact other bank business.

When using an inside ATM, you should make sure no one is inside the vestibule before entering and watch for others approaching the building while you are inside. Don't hesitate to cut your transaction short if you see someone walking toward the building.

Contact your financial institution to ask where they may have inside ATMs. You can also ask what safeguards they have put into place to detect skimming devices on their machines.

If you think a machine or gas pump has

been tampered with, you should immediately contact the bank or business to report it. Also, contact the local law enforcement agency to advise them of your suspicions.

If you have already inserted a credit or debit card into a machine you suspect may have been tampered with, it is best to immediately contact the bank or business that issued the card.

They can monitor your account for unusual activity or cancel your card and send you a new one. If the card has already been used for fraudulent activity, they will also be in a position to take those charges off your account.

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Twelve tips to keep your holidays joyful and stress free this season

Holidays entice the senses with colorful festivities, aromatic meals and family togetherness, but they can also evoke sadness, anxiety or agitation when there is just a little too much of a good thing.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers some tips this season to help parents preserve the magic and beauty of winter holidays while keeping children safe and healthy.

“With a thoughtful approach, families can avoid some of the holiday frenzy, and focus on what is meaningful to them,” said Benjamin Hoffman, MD, FAAP, chair of the AAP Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention. “We know that children take their cues from their parents. By taking a step back and slowing down, parents can model better ways to cope with excitement and stress and enjoy some quality time together.”

AAP offers 12 top health and safety tips for families to consider:

- Stick to your child’s usual sleep and mealtime schedules when you can. It’s not always possible when you are juggling the demands of shopping, cooking and travel, but maintaining household routines will help ward off tantrums and maintain holiday cheer.

- Take care of yourself, mentally and physically. Children sense the emotional wellbeing of their parents and caregivers, and if you cope with stress successfully, your children will learn how to do the same.

- Don’t feel pressured to overspend on gifts. Consider helping your child make one or two gifts.

- Participate in a volunteer activity and include your child, whether it’s helping serve a holiday meal at a local food bank or shelter or writing letters to members of the armed forces who can’t be home for the holidays.

- Toys don’t need to be expensive or electronic to make great gifts, but they should be suited to the child’s age, abilities, skills and interest level.

- Speaking of toys, if you are consid-



Spend the holidays making memories with your loved ones. (Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection).

ering a digital device for a child or a teen, such as a tablet, smartphone or game system, think about the purpose of the device and the rules you want to set around its use.

- Cooking with children can be a great way to bond over a family recipe and offer a sense of accomplishment to budding chefs. Be sure to follow food safety guidelines, wash hands frequently and keep hot foods and liquids away from the counter’s edge.

- When decorating, watch for fire haz-

ards. If you have an artificial tree, make sure it’s labeled “fire resistant,” and if it’s live, make sure it’s fresh and not losing too many needles.

- Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of reach of children to prevent them from swallowing or inhaling pieces.

- When visiting friends or family, remember that the homes you visit may not be childproofed. Keep an eye out for dan-

ger spots like unlocked cabinets, unattended purses, accessible cleaning or laundry products, stairways, or hot radiators.

- After a holiday party, clean up immediately. A toddler could rise early and choke on leftover food or come into contact with alcohol, tobacco or vaping products.

Most important of all, enjoy the holidays for what they are – time to enjoy your family. Find ways to spend time together, make memories that will last a lifetime!

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Gibsonburg recognized as “Heart Healthy Community”

For the first time ever, the Northwest Ohio Division of the American Heart Association (AHA) has recognized communities throughout the region that have made citizen health a priority by establishing policies and encouraging activities that create a culture of health and align with the AHA, which is “to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.”

The Village of Gibsonburg, and the cities of Findlay and Defiance were honored and celebrated as Heart Healthy Communities at a ceremony held Dec. 4 in Findlay.

“As we worked with volunteers, companies and hospital systems in communities around Northwest Ohio to implement the American Heart Association mission initiatives, it became very apparent that there are communities here that are very dedicated to improving the health and wellness of its citizens,” said Kerri Rochelle, AHA Development Director. “They put collective efforts into encouraging a culture of health.”

“When community stakeholders make health and wellness a priority, it creates a solid foundation to further the American Heart Association’s mission within that community,” she said. “We wanted to formally recognize communities for their efforts and share their work as an example of a community’s role in health improvement for the whole region, state and nation.”

Municipalities in the counties serviced by the Northwest Ohio Division of the American Heart Association – including Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood counties – were eligible and invited to apply to receive the designation in July. The application process allowed communities to highlight and showcase what health and wellness efforts are happening locally and the AHA selected communities whose efforts aligned with the organization’s mission.

Service of Hope

A Service of Hope on the Longest



Night will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, SR 579, Williston.

The worship service will offer comfort and hope for those struggling to find the joy of the season. All are welcome.

Princess Party to benefit American Cancer Society

The Tiki Warriors Relay For Life Team is hosting a Wish Upon A Cure Princess Party – Frozen Party 2, Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Market VFW Hall in Oak Harbor.

Tickets are \$15 per child, which includes a free goody bag, sundae/dessert bar, games and raffles, plus a meet-and-greet with Queen Elsa and Princess Anna (from Gabby’s Once Upon a Time Princess Parties). Adults are asked to pay a \$5 donation if they wish to partake of food and beverages.

All Frozen Party 2 tickets will be entered into a special prize drawing.

Kids are encouraged to dress in Elsa and Anna costumes or the costumes of their favorite princess.

Tickets are on sale through Saturday, Feb. 29. To purchase tickets, contact Tami Coppes at 419-270-2194. Visit the Tiki Warriors Relay For Life Team’s Facebook page for updates and more information.

The fundraiser benefits the American Cancer Society.

Warrior Echo to bring mini animals to Zoo

Warrior Echo, an equine-assisted learning program from Swanton, will be



The Tiki Warriors Relay For Life Team will host a Wish Upon A Cure Princess Party – Frozen Party 2 on Saturday, March 14, 2020, featuring Queen Elsa and Princess Anna. This fundraiser benefits the American Cancer Society. (Submitted photo)

presenting their miniature horses and donkeys at the Toledo Zoo’s main entrance each Tuesday in December during Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank.

The animals will be located near the panda statues in the Anthony Wayne Trail entry plaza, and Warrior Echo staff will as-

sist guest interactions. The animals will be at the Zoo 4-7 p.m. each Tuesday evening.

The local non-profit is launching a new program that will combine veteran mentors with at-risk youth to create meaningful connections with both horses and

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Beginner Tai Chi

The Taoist Tai Chi Society – a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to improving health and well-being – will offer Beginner Taoist Tai Chi classes starting Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Northeast Senior Center, located in the Walbridge Municipal Building, 705 N. Main St.

Classes consist of slow movements that use gentle turns and stretches to improve balance, flexibility, circulation, and strength.

For more info, call 419-537-0131 or visit taoisttaiichi.org/Toledo.

Magruder Hospital programs

Magruder Hospital will offer their monthly screening Dec. 12 starting at 9 a.m. in the lab. The hospital is located at 615 Fulton St., Port Clinton.

The test, a venipuncture/blood draw, will include a basic metabolic panel (glucose, BUN/creatinine, calcium, potassium, sodium, chloride, CO₂, etc.) and a lipid profile (total cholesterol/LDL/HDL/triglycerides), as well as a blood pressure check. The cost is \$16.

Screenings are offered the second

Thursday of every month. Appointments can be made by calling 419-734-3131, ext. 3420.

Alzheimer's support

Magruder's monthly Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Monday, Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. in the Conference Center. Meeting on the second Monday of each month, the group provides helpful tips, education, encouragement and resources to family, friends and caregivers of anyone dealing with dementia and memory loss.

For more info about these programs as well as other support groups, events and screenings, visit www.magruderhospital.com and click on the events calendar.

Beginner yoga

Linda Green will offer Beginner Yoga in the Magruder Conference Center on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Drop-in classes will be held Dec. 10 and 17 for \$10 a class. There will also be a six-week session Jan. 7-Feb. 11, 2020 for \$50. These classes will be an introduction to yoga postures, stretching, proper breathing, proper relaxation, positive thinking and meditation.

Participants should bring a floor mat and wear layered comfortable clothes. For more information call 419-350-8951 or email linda@omnigreen.com.

Dec. events planned at Gardens of St. Francis

The Gardens of St. Francis, 930 S. Wynn Rd., Oregon, is planning events in December for caregivers and the community to learn more about long-term care as well as Alzheimer's and dementia-related illnesses.

Attendees who are interested can also tour the new Memory Care showroom and see plans for the new floor opening in early 2020.

"Calgon, Take Me Away" – A Caregivers' Day of Pampering, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 4-6 p.m. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Call 419-698-4331 to reserve a spot.

The Movie, "Still Alice" starring Julianne Moore Friday will be shown Friday, Dec. 13 from 6 - 8 p.m. The acclaimed production tells the story of re-



Deborah Bryant (Submitted photo)

lies to select suites for their loved ones for early 2020.

The Gardens of St. Francis, a senior living community, offers long-term care, assisted and independent living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services and coming in early 2020 memory care. A Medicare-Certified rehabilitation program with physical, speech and occupational therapies provides care for individuals recovering from cardiac conditions, strokes, fractures, joint replacements and more.

To learn more or to schedule a tour, call 419-698-4331 or visit www.ho-meishere.org.

Chief Nursing Officer

Deborah Bryant has been named Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) for Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital and Mercy Health – St. Anne Hospital in Toledo.

Bryant brings more than 10 years of experience as a CNO with KentuckyOne Health, the state's largest health system. She served in that role the past two years at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, and the previous eight years at St. Joseph East in Lexington. KentuckyOne Health is part of the 101-hospital, faith-based system Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI).

While maintaining the CNO role at both hospitals, Deborah's leadership helped increase nursing satisfaction scores, reduce nursing turnover and integrate the nursing leadership team over the two sites.

In another leadership role, Deborah served as emergency department manager at St. Joseph Hospital.

owned linguistics professor Dr. Alice Howland as she faces early-onset of Alzheimer's and how her three grown children watch helplessly as their mother disappears more and more with each passing day. Reservations, not necessary but are appreciated and may be made by calling 419-698-4331.

Memory care suites

Nineteen memory care suites will open in early 2020 at The Gardens of St. Francis. One of the new suites is now available for touring. A typical suite opens up to one of the multiple safe, secure, social areas that includes three living rooms, a music area, a library, and dining. A large activity room with a dedicated activity person offers a range of engagement opportunities. Admissions Counselor Steve Reamey is currently working with fami-

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Strategies to avoid weight gain this holiday season

Staying fit during the holiday season can be quite challenging, even for the most ardent fitness enthusiasts and disciplined calorie-counters. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, many people are offered a wide assortment of foods, beverages and other indulgences — typically in mass quantities.

According to researchers at Stanford University, although the average person only gains around one pound during the holiday season, quite frequently that pound sticks around, and those extra pounds add up year after year. As a result, it doesn't take too many years of holiday bundt cakes to gain a considerable amount of weight.

Holiday season weight gain is not unique to the United States and Canada.

Investigators at Tampere University of Technology in Finland tracked weight gained in the United States, Germany and Japan during those countries' festive times and found that each country's participants gained weight, particularly during the holiday season. Annual holiday weight gain can contribute to weight-based problems such as obesity, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

The holiday season might not be the best time to start a diet, but holiday eating does not have to derail healthy lifestyles. The following are ways to avoid holiday weight gain and still enjoy all of the parties, adventures and time spent with friends and family.

• Focus on festivity instead of food. When hosting holiday festivities, make

the bulk of the celebration about an activity rather than food. If guests are focused on fun, such as a sing-a-long, dancing or tree-trimming, they may be less likely to overeat.

• Don't show up starving. Eat a light, healthy snack before participating in any holiday revelry. Hunger pangs may drive one straight to the buffet table.

• Survey your options prior to eating. Guests should scope out the food choices and then make the smartest selections possible. Avoid creamy sauces, greasy foods and those that are heavy on cheese. Fill up on vegetables and then you won't feel bad about splurging on a dessert.

• Go sparingly on alcohol. People seldom realize how quickly calories from beverages can add up. A 12-ounce glass of

beer has about 150 calories, a five ounce glass of red wine has about 125 calories and a 1.5-ounce shot of gin, rum, vodka, whiskey, or tequila has about 100 calories, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Furthermore, alcohol lowers inhibitions, so you may be more likely to overindulge in more spirits or extra food when intoxicated.

• You can't buy back calories with exercise. Putting in a marathon exercise session the next day probably will not undo the damage done from overeating the night before. Maintain a consistent workout schedule all through the holidays.

Holiday weight gain is not inevitable for those who take control and exercise discipline.

Social Security offers new online reporting form for scam calls

Andrew Saul, Commissioner of Social Security, and Gail S. Ennis, the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, announced the launch of a dedicated online form at <https://oig.ssa.gov> to receive reports from the public of Social Security-related scams.

These scams — in which fraudulent callers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments to avoid arrest for purported Social Security number problems — skyrocketed over the past year to become the number-one type of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission and the Social Security Administration.

To combat these scams, Social Security and the Office of the Inspector General will use the new online form to capture data that will be analyzed for trends and commonalities. The OIG will use the data to identify investigative leads, which could help identify criminal entities or individuals participating in or facilitating the scams. Ultimately, these efforts are expected to disrupt the scammers,

help reduce this type of fraud, and reduce the number of victims.

"We are taking action to raise awareness and prevent scammers from harming Americans," Commissioner Saul said. "I am deeply troubled that our country has not been able to stop these crooks from deceiving some of the most vulnerable members of our society."

Commissioner Saul and Inspector General Ennis encourage the public to use the new online form to report Social Security phone scams including robocalls and live callers, as well as email, text, and in-person scams. The form allows people to create a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN), so if OIG contacts a person about their report, they will know the call is legitimate.

"Awareness is our best hope to thwart the scammers," said Inspector General Ennis. "Tell your friends and family about them and report them to us when you receive them, but most importantly, just hang up and ignore the calls."

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people — generally those who have ongoing business with the agency — by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

Social Security will not:

- Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.
- Contact you to demand an immediate payment.
- Ask you for credit or debit card

numbers over the phone.

• Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.

• Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.

• Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

The Social Security OIG will also continue to take reports of fraud, waste, and abuse in Social Security's programs and operations. A separate online form for those reports remains available at their website.

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Caregiving heroes honored at Golden Care Awards

On Thursday, Nov. 7 compassionate caregivers in Wood County were honored at The Golden Care Awards held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green.

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

Nominations were sent in from friends, family, and coworkers of caregivers who go above and beyond every day.

All nominees from three categories including agency support staff, medical staff, and community caregivers were recognized at the event. Each nomination was reviewed by the Wood County Commissioners, who selected one winner from each category.

Selected winners were Sheila Sizemore, agency support staff caregiver from Briar Hill Health Campus; Cheryl Kinder, community caregiver; and Anna Anderson, medical staff caregiver from Bridge Home Health and Hospice.

Prior to Anderson's career with Bridge Home Health and Hospice, she spent time at the facility with her grandmother who was suffering from pancreatic cancer.

"I always knew that's what I wanted to do, with my ultimate goal being to work for hospice," she said. She achieved that goal in 2015 when she started with Bridge Home Health and Hospice, and has enjoyed the care she has been able to give during



Anna Anderson, medical staff caregiver from Bridge Home Health and Hospice, pictured with Bowling Green Mayor Richard Edwards (left) and Wood County Commissioner Ted Bowlus. (Submitted photo)

her time there, she said.

"There's a little piece of my grandma in everyone I get to serve" Anderson said.

The complete list of caregiving heroes includes:

- **Support staff:** Cindy Below,

Noland Covington, Shannon Dawson, Bettie Dean, Ron Gargas, Ashley Gonyer, Kris Jankowski, Pam Kominek, Cherie Modlinski, Don Neifer, Cassandra Parrish, Ester Polan, Sheila Sizemore, Valerie Wambo, Linda Wilkins and Lynn Zachrich.

- **Medical professionals:** Anna Anderson, Linda Davis, Donna Heflin, Ryan Heney, Stacy Irvin, Christine Matere, Danielle Oman, Anthony Onyekelu, Shae Williams and Dr. Thomas Wojciechowski.

- **Community caregivers:** Melinda Amos, Sue Glass, Mike Keller, Cheryl Kinder, Victor Reynolds, Jessica Sinning and LaDora Woods.

The event was presented by the Wood County Committee on Aging. Event committee sponsors included Bowling Green Care Center, Bowling Green Manor, Briar Hill Health Care Campus, Bridge Home Health and Hospice, Brookdale of Bowling Green, Kingstons of Perrysburg and Perrysburg Commons.

Other county-wide participating companies included: Bowling Green Family Physicians, Golden Care Partners, Heartland of Perrysburg, Heritage Corner Health Care, Laurus Home Care and Wood Haven Health Care.

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Preparation is key for older adults as winter approaches

Ohio has already gotten a preview of winter weather this year. The Ohio Department of Aging and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) remind older Ohioans and their families that preparation is key and older adults may have special considerations as they get ready for another Ohio winter.

"Wintry conditions can be particularly challenging for older Ohioans," said Ursel J. McElroy, director of the Department of Aging. "For a variety of reasons, you may have a harder time adjusting to temperature extremes and outdoor conditions than you did when you were younger. Further, snow and ice increase your risk for a fall, which can have serious consequences as we age."

"Make sure you and your home are prepared for severe winter weather," added Sima Merick, executive director of Ohio EMA. "In addition to snow, ice, and cold, winter weather can include strong winds, heavy rains, flooding, and more."

Have a plan that will allow you to remain in place for at least three days should you be unable to leave your home due to weather conditions or other emergencies. Items to put in an emergency kit should include: a battery-operated radio, a flashlight, and extra batteries; a loud horn, whistle, or bell to signal for help; food you can open and prepare easily; one gallon of water per person, per day; extra blankets; and a first-aid kit.

Similarly, have a bag packed with essential supplies in case you need to leave your home. A kit for leaving your home can



Include a back up supply of medications when putting together a winter emergency kit. (Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection)

fit into a backpack or duffel bag and should include: a radio, flashlight, and batteries; travel-size toiletries; baby wipes; a multi-purpose tool with a knife and can opener; extra clothing and shoes; and light rain gear.

Older adults may want to consider other steps to ensure you have what you need in an emergency, such as:

- Add spare glasses and hearing aid batteries to your emergency kits;

- Include a backup supply of medications you take (ask your pharmacist for advice on safe storage) and copies of your prescriptions in your kits;

- Keep ice packs in the freezer and a soft-sided cooler near your kits for medications that need to be kept cool;

- Make sure your assistive equipment, like canes, walkers, oxygen tanks, etc., are easy to locate in an emergency, and have non-powered options for equipment that

will not work without electricity;

- Be prepared to quickly explain to rescue workers how to move you or help you move safely and quickly; and

- Ask a reliable family member, friend or neighbor to visit or call you in an emergency to make sure you are okay, and agree on a plan for what they should do if they are unable to reach you or find you needing help.

In addition, take special care during wintry conditions to prevent falls:

- Wear boots and shoes that fit properly and have soles with good traction;

- Slow down and give yourself extra time to get where you're going;

- Make sure steps leading into your home have sturdy handrails that can support you if you slip;

- Watch for slippery surfaces ahead of you – keep your head up and use your eyes to look down;

- Don't try to walk in more than an inch of snow – deeper accumulations can cause you to trip;

- Ask your health care provider about indoor exercises that can help you build and maintain balance, strength, and stamina when you can't venture out;

- Watch for tripping hazards in your home, such as blankets and cords;

- Invest in extra lamps and brighter lights for inside and outside walkways and stairs; and

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ODH report: Suicide a growing health epidemic in Ohio

In Ohio, five people die by suicide every day, and one youth dies by suicide every 33 hours, according to a recent report released by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

In 2018, there were 1,836 suicides in Ohio and the highest suicide rate – the number of suicide deaths per 100,000 population – was among adults 45-64 years old. Males are disproportionately burdened by suicide across the lifespan, and their suicide rate is nearly four times the rate among females.

“One of the goals of my RecoveryOhio initiative is to address mental illness and other issues that contribute to suicide,” said Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine. “If you know someone is struggling, you may be able to help save someone’s life by recognizing the warning signs and steps to take.”

“Suicide in Ohio and nationally is a growing public health epidemic, par-

ticularly among young people,” said ODH Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH. “Suicide is the leading cause of death among Ohioans ages 10 - 14 and the second leading cause of death among Ohioans ages 15 - 34.”

Warning signs of suicide include:

- A major change in mood or behavior, appearing consistently unhappy/depressed, irritable, withdrawn from family or friends
- Poor grades in school or other bad performance in extra-curricular activities
- High-risk behaviors, including use of alcohol or other substances
- Problems with concentration, and changes in energy level, appetite or sleep schedule
- Expressing feelings of hopeless or not wanting to live anymore
- Hurting themselves (e.g., wrist-cutting, burning self)
- History of depression or family history of depression

tory of depression

If someone you know is showing signs of suicide, here are some things you can do:

- Ask directly about thoughts of suicide (asking about suicide does not increase the risk of suicide but does open up conversation)
- Listen to what they need
- Keep them safe by keeping lethal means away from them
- Call 911 if necessary
- Help them connect with ongoing support, such as a local crisis line, the National Suicide Prevention Life line (1-800-273-8255) or the Crisis Text Line (text “4hope” to 741741)
- Check back the next day to see how they are doing
- Encourage them to seek out a counselor for more help

Other highlights of the ODH report include:

• From 2007 to 2018, the number of suicide deaths increased nearly 45% in Ohio.

• Suicide rates are highest among white, non-Hispanic males.

• From 2007 to 2018, the number of suicides among youth ages 10-24 increased by 56%.

• From 2014 to 2018, the suicide rate among black non-Hispanic males increased nearly 54%.

• From 2007 to 2018, the suicide rate among older adults age 65+ increased nearly 48%.

Gov. DeWine created the RecoveryOhio initiative Information and resources on where to get help are available at RecoveryOhio.gov.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services offers suicide prevention information and resources on its website at mha.ohio.gov.

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Rockets, Comets, Eagles close, but no title this year

By J. Patrick Eaken
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Among the nine boys soccer teams in the Eastern Maumee Bay community, there were no league champions, but there were three teams that finished as runner-up, narrowly missing on a title.

Clay finished the season 9-5-3 and was ranked fifth in the Northwest District Division I coaches' poll. Genoa, at 10-5-3, was ranked 10th in D-III. Oak Harbor, which is in the North Central District, closed the season 14-3-1 overall.

Among the three teams, two had players receiving all-state honors or their league's Player of the Year honor. Oak Harbor senior forward Aidan Barton is second team All-Ohio in D-II, and Genoa senior forward Dillon Sims was named the Northern Buckeye Conference Player of the Year.

Barton and Sims share this year's Alan Miller Jewelers Player of the Year Award, and Genoa coach Tim Memmer is the Coach of the Year after taking his team to another level this year.

Genoa finished one point behind Rossford in the NBC standings. The Comets and Bulldogs tied 2-2 in their first matchup and Genoa won the rematch, 5-4, but the Comets' 5-4 loss to Eastwood and a 6-6 tie with the Eagles proved to be costly.

Rossford, which was led by Ian Teague, who had 71 points on 26 goals and 19 assists, beat Eastwood twice (6-4 and 4-2) and only had the tie and loss with Genoa.

The Bulldogs (17 points) finished 8-1-1 and the Comets (16 points) were 7-1-2, followed by Eastwood (6-3-1), Lake (4-5-1), Otsego (1-7-2) and Woodmore (0-9-1).

Sims, a first team All-NBC and all-district selection, led Genoa with 57 points on



2019 Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Boys Soccer Team

Co-Players of the Year: Aidan Barton, Oak Harbor
Dillon Sims, Genoa

Coach of the Year: Tim Memmer, Genoa

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| Ruger Wamer | Clay | Sr CM | Zach Rowe | Clay | Sr CM |
| Sergio Miguel | Oak Harbor | Jr M | Levi Jacobs | Oak Harbor | Jr M |
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Caleb Golstein, Oak Harbor; Luke Jacobs, Oak Harbor; Cade Petersen, Oak Harbor
Joey McCourt, Cardinal Stritch; Nike Leslie-Pilner, Cardinal Stritch

20 goals and 17 assists.

"He has been in the top two of our team all four years during his career," Memmer said. "Even leading in assists, he creates more goals for teammates without touching the ball. His movement off the ball attracts attention to clear out space."

Memmer, whose program is in solid shape for the next two years, says Sims

was more than just his star senior. Memmer says Sims was like an assistant coach.

"Dillon's value to our team goes beyond stats. I had a very young team with 11 of our 17 players being freshmen and sophomores," Memmer said. "He was a tremendous mentor helping these youngsters get ready over the offseason, keeping them focused through the season, and taking

“When you combine his speed and skill, there’s no better goal scorer or diverse player in our area than Aidan.”

great pride in their success. Dillon was a great assistant coach.”

Genoa finished strong, winning five straight games to close the regular season. Wins were over Woodmore (4-0), Rossford (5-4), Lake (4-3), Bowling Green (4-3) and Otsego (8-0). The Comets opened the tournament winning a sixth straight, 9-1, over Otsego but lost in the district tournament to defending state champ Archbold (5-0).

Rockets young, too

Oak Harbor, like Genoa, was young and the program's future is in good shape, although coach Ken Filar is planning to retire after this season. The Rockets finished second to Edison in the SBC Bay Division.

"They were our only two losses (2-1 and 5-0) of the season. They (Edison) are mostly seniors and some juniors and big and fast," Filar said. "We're young and small and we just couldn't match up with them very well — even though we outplayed them in the first game."

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Owens' Kayla Bekier an All-American



Tim Memmer. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.smugmug.com)

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"We also were without two starting defenders the first game and were playing a freshman in the back for most of the game. It was great experience for him, and he did well. We had one of the two injured defenders back for the rematch, but senior Brock Hanney was not — and we gave up a couple of early bad goals that we couldn't recover from."

Barton was Oak Harbor's leader in goals (29) and assists (11) for the second straight season. He is a two-time first team All-SBC and all-district selection.

"He was a two-time team captain, which is very rare for Oak Harbor to have a non-senior captain," Filar said. "He is a team leader on the field and during training and pushes his teammates with his high work rate and expectations. He leads by example and is not a natural 'rah-rah' type of personality. He's also very supportive, helpful, and encouraging to the younger players on the squad."

"He has worked hard and developed his weaker left foot over the years and is now capable of scoring in multiple ways from close in or from distance. When you combine his speed and skill, there's no better goal scorer or diverse player in our area than Aidan."

Oak Harbor won a D-II sectional title with a 5-1 win over Perkins. Barton led the way with two goals and two assists.

Barton, who is Academic All-District (3.73 GPA) and a member of National Honor Society, was also a two-time All-Ohioan in track. Filar says Barton is keeping his options to play collegiate soccer wide open.

"Aidan is considering his options and is looking at multiple schools. He has not decided yet if he's going to play in college, but his main focus is in the area of computer science and cyber security," Filar said.

Clay was led by Keeghan Calkins (11 goals, 8 assists) and Ruger Wamer (11 goals, 5 assists) and goalkeeper Trevor Jurski had 51 saves and led the defense to four shut-outs.

Clay finished 5-1-1 in the always tough Three Rivers Athletic Conference, tied with St. Francis for second place. It is the second straight year Clay has been runner-up in a league that St. Francis and St. John's typically dominate.

League wins were over Central Catholic (1-0), Findlay (1-0), Lima Senior (7-0), Fremont Ross (3-1) and Whitmer (6-3). The Eagles tied St. Francis (2-2) and the only league loss was to champion St. John's, 5-0. Even though Clay was the higher seed, their season ended with a 1-0 loss to St. Francis at Clay Memorial Stadium in the tournament.

The All-Press selections are taken directly from the all-league teams with some tweaking based on all-district and all-state voting. The results are based on the coaches voting but does not take into account the skill level of their league competition.

Despite the season having been over for almost a month, the Owens Volleyball program continues to rack up accolades since winning their second straight NJCAA Division III national championship.

This past week, the program has had three players named to two different All-American teams.

Five-foot-8 freshman outside hitter Tyriana Settles (Fostoria) and 5-10 sophomore outside hitter Kayla Bekier (Lake) were the two lone players that were named to the NJCAA Division III All-American team. Both were first team selections.

Kayla Bekier finished eighth in the country in kills with 409 and she had an attacking percentage of .358 during the season. The Lake High School alum finished her Express career with 608 total kills during her two year career. She had 33 total kills during the tournament, including 15 against Brookhaven in the semifinal match of the tournament.

Bekier's impact was felt immediately when she joined the program. As a freshman at Owens, Bekier played in 43 matches for the Express, finishing fourth on the team in kills (199), averaging 1.72 kills per set, and finishing with 16 blocked shots during the season.

During her senior season at Lake, Bekier was an All-Northern Buckeye Conference, Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press and all-district first team selection.

Settles finished as the top outside hitter in the country, finishing with 640 total kills, which led the country. The freshman finished with 542 total digs, which was ninth best in the country. Settles was also named the NJCAA Division III Volleyball Tournament MVP. She had a team high 41 kills during the three game championship run, and she also finished with 26 digs in the championship match.

VolleyballMag.com also released their NJCAA Division III All-American list of the weekend. Settles was named the National Player of the Year according to the site. Kayla Bekier was named to the team.

Joining them was 5-10 freshman Rebecca Brown (Springfield). Brown had an incredible season as a setter, setting a

new school record in assists with 1,648 total assists for the season, which was best in the country in Division III too. She also tallied 133 total assists in the three game championship tournament run, which placed her on the All-Tournament team.

All three players were instrumental in the program's run to a second consecutive national title. The championship was a fitting end to another dominant season for the Express on the volleyball court. Owens began the season as the preseason No. 1 ranked team heading into the 2019 campaign. The Express lost 10 of the 14 players from the year's previous national title team, losing their top three attackers, their top setter, and their starting libero from the year before. Despite the lack of experience, Owens found a way to win their first seven matches in a row to begin the season. After a loss to Glen Oaks on August 30, the Express would reel off 16 straight victories.

The Express never lost consecutive matches more than once all season, and the team hasn't lost a set since their Region XII championship match against Columbus State back on October 26. Owens also kept their regular season OCCAC winning streak alive, having now won 76 consecutive regular season matches. The Express captured their fifth straight OCCAC title this season as well.

The Express won the Region XII tournament and the Mid-Atlantic District Tournament, beating the Cougars both times.

The Express finish the season with a record of 43-4, marking the fifth straight year the team has won 40 or more games. They finish three wins shy of the all-time mark of 46 victories in a season set by the 2000 and 2002 team. The 43 wins also marks the second most wins in a season since 1994.

The back to back national championships is the second time an athletic program has completed such a feat in the school's history. The Owens men's basketball program won back to back titles in the 1991-1992 and the 1992-1993 seasons under then head coach Jim Welling (Eastwood). — by Owens Sports Information Director Chris Schmidbauer



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NBC girls cagers already putting up the big numbers

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Behind the play of 5-foot-10 guard Jamie Schmeltz and a deep roster, Eastwood girls basketball has already scored 80-plus points in both of its two opening games.

The Eagles defeated Archbold 80-52 and opened Northern Buckeye Conference play with an 82-66 win over Elmwood.

It's not just about Jamie Schmeltz, coach Nick Schmeltz's younger sister, who returns for her senior year after being named first team All-NBC for three straight years and the District 7 Division I Player of the year, and third team All-Ohio last year. She averaged 22.7 points, 6.7 rebounds, four assists, and 5.2 steals her junior season.

"We will have the ability to play 10 to 12 players any given night," coach Schmeltz said. "Kenna Souder: has extreme quickness and speed, and has a great ability to anticipate and read passes. She will guard other team's best player. Hannah Limes is quick, aggressive, and willing to take chances. Brenna Moenter's length and athleticism will allow her to alter and block shots at the rim for us."

There is a strong set of non-starters and potential starters that will contribute, Schmeltz said.

"Rory Farmer is a senior who has put in a lot of time over the offseason. She will be able to knock down some big shots for us this year," Schmeltz said. "Jaylee Souder is now fully recovered from a torn ACL and she is moving and running the best we've seen. She will have a great year."

"Kaitlyn Luidhardt is another player now fully recovered from an ACL injury. Kaitlyn has knocked down big shots for us in scrimmages this year for us and will be one of our better outside shooters this year. She comes from a great basketball family and has an outstanding basketball IQ. Reagan Sheets is another long and lengthy player for us who can impact games with her length and athleticism."

Schmeltz says the team must remain focused if they want to achieve their goals.

"Rebounding and being able to consistently play hard have been a weakness," Schmeltz said. "We are struggling pursuing rebounds right now and are giving up too many second chance opportunities. We also have a tendency to coast at times and rely on our athletic ability and skill rather than always playing with all-out effort."

The NBC could be interesting this year, showing off more talent than it ever has in girls basketball.

Woodmore started out 3-0, also winning by big margins. The Wildcats took down Port Clinton (58-30), Fostoria (68-32) and Northwood (62-26).

"Our goal is a league championship," Woodmore coach Kyle Clair said. "We have the potential to be even better this season as a result of our learning experiences last year and the work we've put in up to this point. We have a nice blend of youth and experience that will continue our momentum."

"Our goal is the top. We are very capable and have the tools to improve, be better, and continue our momentum from last winter and this past summer. The league will be a battle once again. Truly, it will be a challenge every night with multiple teams having an opportunity for a champi-



Eastwood returning All-Ohio 5-foot-10 senior guard Jamie Schmeltz goes to the hoop. (Photo by Tammy Schmeltz)



Eastwood sophomore guard Aubrey Haas drives in the 82-66 win over visiting Elmwood. (Photo by Tammy Schmeltz)

onship.

"We are big and physical with a strong inside game from more than one player. Everyone has an understanding of what we want to do and when your players are on the same page with one another great things can happen."

"We have to be better defensively. Stopping penetration and challenging every pass is a priority for us on the defensive side of the ball. There is no room for complacency on the boards as well."

Lost to graduation are 5-7 guard Katie Brugger, a three-year letter winner who averaged eight points, 4.5 rebounds, and 2.1 assists and was honorable mention All-NBC. Also graduating was 5-8 guard Nora LaMunyon, a three-year letter winner who averaged 11.6 points and 3.9 rebounds and was second team All-NBC and second team all-district selection. The Wildcats also graduated 5-3 guard Paige Schmeltz and 5-7 guard Makayla Throop.

Talented league

Coach Toby Ledesma already has his Rossford team 3-0, with wins over Oak

Harbor (58-55), Ottawa Hills (43-37) and Lake (49-42).

But that is the Flyers' only loss, as they start out 3-1 with wins over Northwood (59-32), Swanton (58-55) and Port Clinton (52-42). As you can see, non-league games are going the NBC's way. Despite the strong start, Lake coach Joe Nowak is replacing plenty of talent that graduated.

"This will be our biggest question mark leading into this season. We lost two very good players and scorers due to graduation from last season's roster," Nowak said. "We have players on this year's team that are fully capable of scoring and distributing the basketball, however, they haven't necessarily been looked to in the past to do that consistently. If players adjust and are aggressive within their roles, we have several players who are capable of scoring."

"Given what we lost from last season's roster, many of the players saw the opportunity to step up and improve and took advantage of opportunities to do that. We had discussions after last season that there was going to be the need for kids to step up and I've been pretty impressed so far with all the

players desire to improve from last season.

"On paper, we may look like we don't return a whole lot, stat-wise, but I truly believe that we have players that can score the ball. As for first year players, we look for Delani Robinson and Ava Ayers to both have a solid season for us."

Lake was picked to finish fifth in the preseason coaches' meeting in a tight vote, but Nowak is hoping his team can surprise.

"I have always had the expectation for the girls to compete at a high level and compete with the best teams in the conference, and this season is certainly no different," Nowak said. "I think our league this year may be one of the most balanced seasons in my five years at Lake. There have always been competitive teams, but this season the teams voted third through sixth all fell within mere points of each other. I think that makes for a really competitive and fun season."

"Overall size may be an issue for us moving into the season. We have some good sized players, but I wouldn't necessarily classify them as the post-up types or a force inside," Nowak continued.

"This year's team, although we have five seniors, will feature several players who will be logging time as their first year at the varsity level. How quickly our players can adjust to new roles and settle in will ultimately determine how good of a season we can have. But I'm looking forward to working with this group. They're fun to be around, they're all real coachable, and work hard every day."

“Our goal is at the top. We are very capable and have the tools to improve, be better and continue our momentum...”

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Clay hockey team hoping to build off a rough start

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Clay hockey coach Randy Menchaca is the ultimate optimist when discussing the rough start for this year's team.

The Eagles lost to Springfield and a travel team from Northern Kentucky by wide margins, and also lost all three games at the Bruce Anderson Memorial Tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Parma.

"The first tournament game (a 9-1 loss to Chagrin Falls) we had a couple guys who were sick," Menchaca said. "Going into tournaments, obviously you want to win, but taking one on the chin isn't that bad either. It's a learning experience. We're not happy with losing all three, (but) we have a lot of inexperienced guys."

Menchaca said he doesn't see this as a rebuilding year but "a developing year more than anything."

"We are looking to develop some younger guys, and we have some older guys who are inexperienced as well," he said. "We're looking to the future of the program. If we can get these young guys to develop, we're looking at being a better squad in the future."

Clay, which finished third in the Northwest Hockey Conference's White Division last season, has nine seniors, one junior, three sophomores and five freshmen. Menchaca said the freshmen want to play and learn, and they are coachable.

"Some of those guys we're really going to be leaning on, especially deeper in the season," Menchaca said. "(Freshman defenseman) Evan Materni is a big boy. I'm already looking up at him to talk to him. Right now he's a big, gentle teddy bear, but he's also coming out of playing youth hockey and he's only had two years of contact. Now it's a different game we want him to play and it's an adjustment for him."

The Eagles will ultimately have to rely on a handful of players to get results on the offensive end, including sophomore forward Cory Krieger. Menchaca said Krieger still needs to gain confidence in order to be a force around the net.



Clay hockey co-captains Cory Krieger, Evan Cote and Alex Taylor. The Eagles are still looking for their first victory. (Press photo by J. Patrick Eaken)

"In the coaches' minds, he can take over a game any time he wants to," Menchaca said. "He's been around the program since he was a seventh-grader and we always liked what he's brought to the table. Another kid who has all the ability to get it done is (senior forward) Alex Taylor. I've watched him develop since his freshman year and he has to start believing in himself."

"That's where we are as a team. We believe in them and it's just a matter of them going out and getting it down and coming out on top of every situation they're battling."

Taylor, senior forward Evan Cote and sophomore defenseman Max Belli are the team captains, but Belli is out injured.

"Evan has the ability to get things done

offensively and defensively," Menchaca said. "He just has to keep his head up and keep his feet moving. When he does both, he's a pretty flashy player out there who gets it done."

Menchaca said Belli suffered a broken fibula in the first game of the season and could be out for three months.

"That's a huge loss," Menchaca said. "Max is probably our most fundamentally sound defenseman and he has a pretty high hockey IQ. He knows how to turn defense into offensive situations."

Menchaca is also high on sophomore forward Tanner Truman and freshman forward Dakota Martin.

"Tanner came into this season for try-outs just flying," the coach said. "He's probably the quickest kid on the team when he

wants to get those feet moving. We had him on the first line last year for a while and he's developed more coming into this season. He wasn't the quickest kid last year, but he had the skating ability to get things done.

"Dakota is a kid who is hungry for the game. He's a coachable kid. The more he matures and gets more confidence behind him, he's going to be more aggressive. I look to him to put a lot of points on the scoreboard the more he gets into his high school career."

Other seniors of note include first-year player Ty Szymczak, fellow forwards Daniel Cufir and twin brothers Ali and Ahmed Tawil, and defenseman John Hansen.

"Ty is just an athlete and he's a very coachable kid," Menchaca said. "It's a coach's dream to have a kid that athletic and wanting to work that hard. Daniel is competing with everybody and has a big heart as well. The twins are second-year players and I love watching those two play based on the amount of heart they have. John Hansen brings a ton of aggressive play. He wants to compete and he wants to win. He's got an unbelievable wrist shot and slap shot."

Menchaca added that he's been experimenting with moving players from defense to forward, but he has no plans to move senior Luke Silva out of the goal. Silva rotated with J.J. Utter as the Eagles' goalie last season.

"Luke would come in cold and he would compete," Menchaca said. "He's been a little shaky at times, but during the (Parma) tournament he played that second game just unbelievable. He broke his stick making a save and it was that competitiveness that kept the puck from going in. Luke played an amazing game that night."

That competitiveness is what Menchaca said he will be looking for from the entire squad as the season progresses.

"Being consistently competitive and the willingness to develop, that's what we are looking for this year," he said. "Winning is going to come; these guys all want to win. As a coaching staff, we believe in them and they just have to believe in themselves."

Tom Prince named new Toledo Mud Hens manager

The Detroit Tigers and Toledo Mud Hens announced that Tom Prince has been hired as the 2020 manager of the Tigers' Triple-A affiliate Toledo Mud Hens.

When the search for a Triple A manager began, we prioritized finding someone with experience in developing high-level talent and creating a winning culture," said Dave Littlefield, Detroit Tigers Vice President of Player Development. "It was clear from the beginning that Tom Prince fit that mold perfectly, and we're thrilled to have him lead our staff in Toledo."

The 55-year-old from Kankakee, Illinois served as the Pittsburgh Pirates bench coach for the past two seasons. As a player, Prince had a 17-year Major League career as a catcher with five different teams between 1987-2003 (Pittsburgh, LA Dodgers, Philadelphia, Minnesota, Kansas City). In 519 MLB games, he posted a .208 batting average with 24 home runs and 140 RBI.

"His blend of Major and Minor League coaching experience is respected through-



out baseball, and he has proven that he's ready to take on this challenge. Tom will be working with many of our top prospects with the Mud Hens, and we're confident that his leadership both in the clubhouse and on the field will be impactful and will prepare them to excel at the Major League level."

"This is a tremendously exciting time to be in the Detroit Tigers organization, especially playing a role in what's grown to be a top-tier player development system," said Prince.

"People across baseball have noticed the young core of talented players the Tigers have built over the last few years, and I'm looking forward to working with some of the club's top prospects in Toledo during

the 2020 season and beyond. We'll have a focus on playing fundamentally sound and winning baseball, best preparing these men to contribute with the big league club in the near future."

Prince becomes the eighth person to manage the Mud Hens at Fifth Third Field and the 56th in Toledo baseball history. Prince replaces Doug Mientkiewicz, who managed the Mud Hens for the past two seasons, which included a 2018 International League West Division title. The Mud Hens open the 2020 season at Indianapolis on Thursday, April 9, with Opening Day at Fifth Third Field on Thursday, April 16 against Indianapolis.



Tom Prince

Sports announcements

Woodmore is looking to fill its vacancy for varsity baseball coach. Any interested candidate should forward a letter of interest, resume, and references to: Steve Barr, Athletic Director, Woodmore High School, 633 Fremont Street, Elmore, Ohio 43416; or via email at sbarr@woodmoreschools.com. Deadline is December 16.

Northwood will host a winter baseball clinic on Sunday, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 for boys and girls age 8 (tee ball) through eighth grade. Along with the Northwood High School baseball staff, a former Division I softball player will be helping. The clinic is open to students from all areas. Bring gloves, batting helmets, bats, and water/Gatorade. Cost is \$30 for one child, \$50 for two or more. Checks can be dropped off at the high school office or mailed to Northwood High School, 600 Lemoyne Rd., Northwood, OH 43619, attn: baseball clinic. For information contact Segura at jwsegura27@gmail.com.

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Toledo

Locke Branch Library, 703 Miami St., programs include: "Metroparks Toledo Presents: Outdoor Career Opportunities," Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m. - Discover your future at Metroparks as an outdoor professional and hear about opportunities in areas such as law enforcement, natural resources, outdoor programming and more; Metroparks Toledo Presents: Career Mixer, Dec. 10, 3:30 p.m. - Learn about what led scientists to their careers. **Birmingham Branch Library**, 203 Paine Ave. will present Toy Car Racing (ages 5-10), Dec. 12, 4 p.m. - Kids can zoom their toy cars on a race track, win prizes and have a "wheelie" good time. **Birmingham Block Watch** meets the 1st Tues. of the month at 7 p.m. at the Birmingham Branch Library, 203 Paine Ave. and the 4th Wed. of the month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 4906, 2161 Consaul. **Hungarian Embroidery Classes**, Mondays, 2-4 or 6-8 p.m., Calvin United Church of Christ, 1946 Bakewell. Come to any session or call 419-349-5539. **East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club** meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. at 11:45 a.m. at the American Family Table restaurant on Wheeling Street in Oregon. Walk-ins welcome. For info, contact David at 567-312-4014. **TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)** welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mon. 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 6-6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is \$32. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy at 419-691-8033 or come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome. **Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

Oregon

Oregon Branch Library, 3340 Dustin Rd., programs include: For children: Family Storytime, Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m.; Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.; Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:45-11:15 p.m.; For 'twens: Code IT Club, Dec. 9, 4-5 p.m. For teens: Ugly Sweaters, Dec. 10, 4-5 p.m.; Oregon Teen Leadership Council, Dec. 12, 6-7 p.m.; Elf: The Interactive Movie, Dec. 14, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (registration required). **Euchre Tournaments at VFW 9816**, 1802 Ashcroft, Sundays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts played every other Saturday



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at 7 p.m. **Clay High School Class of 2000** is planning a 20-year reunion May 2, 2020. For more details and RSVP info, visit Clay2000reunion.wixsite.com/website.

Oregon Retired Firefighters Assn. meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon at the Oregon Inn. **Food for Thought Food Pantry** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (corner of Coy and Navarre), open the second Tuesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. Please bring ID. Supplemental groceries provided to those in need. **Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society**, Historic Brandville School, 1133 Grasser St., open the first and third Thursday of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-693-7052 for details.

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

Harbor View Historical Society Inc. and Museum, 2083 Autokee St., is open Thursdays 5-8 p.m. Admission is free. For info call 419-691-1517 or visit the museum's Facebook page.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in the community meeting room near the cafeteria at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital. Guests welcome or join for a small fee. Contact Allan Hoar at 419-698-3733 or visit GreateasternTMC.ToastmastersClubs.org for info.

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st Thursday 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 from 1-2:30 p.m. ID required.

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step Christian-based recovery program to help anyone overcome hurt, habit or hang-up (addictions, anxiety, depression, grief, co-dependency), meets Wednesday 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.

James Wes Hancock Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave, open weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Daily activities include bingo, cardio drumming, line dancing, fitness classes, exercise, Euchre, Bunco, Mahjong and health screenings. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. daily. \$2.50 donation suggested for seniors 60 and older; all others \$5.32. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. 419-698-7078.

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. of the month 1-3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 3415 Starr Ave. Call Flo at 419-693-3766.

Northwood

Northwood Tree Lighting, Dec 10, 6 p.m. in front of the Municipal Building, 6000 Wales Rd. Visit with Santa and enjoy Northwood Schools Choir. The Volunteer Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary will serve refreshments.

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station at 2100 Tracy Rd. See Facebook page for info and updates.

Northwood VFW 2984 Fish Fries every Friday, 5-7:30 p.m. Chicken, steaks and shrimp also available. The post serves breakfast every Sunday, 9-11:30 a.m.

Adult Recreation for Northwood residents 18 & older at Arts, Athletics, Admin. Building at Northwood Schools (old high school), Mon. and Wed., 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon. Access to weight room, gym, marked walking track and indoor pickleball court. \$30 for unlimited visits; \$3 drop-in fee. Fitness classes \$3 per class Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-10 a.m. New this year: Northwood residents can have access to computers or the internet during these times. Seniors can walk the halls Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (no charge).

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

Free Home Safety Assessments & Smoke Detector Installation Program offered by Northwood Fire Department. To schedule an appointment, city residents may contact the fire chief at 419-690-1647 or email firechief@ci.northwood.oh.us.

Jerusalem Twp.

Board of Trustees meet the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month at 7 p.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Jerusalem Twp. Food Pantry, open 2nd Wed. of every month, 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd

Genoa

Genoa Library, 602 West St., will present Preschool Storytime, Dec. 10, 11 a.m.; STEM: Snowmen, Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m.

Genoa Legion Breakfasts held the last Sunday of the month January-April, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and applesauce. Dine in or carry out.

Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Monday at 8 p.m. at Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Lake Twp.

Lake Township Farmers Market Christmas Show, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Walbridge VFW Post, 109 S. Main St. Craft vendors, baked goods and gifts.

Perrysburg

TOPICS Camera Club Monthly Meeting, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., Way Public Library, 101 E. Indiana Ave. Public welcome. Visit TOPICSCameraClub.com for details.

Owens Community College Concert Band Free Concert, Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m., Center for Fine & Performing Arts, 30335 Oregon Rd. The program will feature selections of popular Christmas and patriotic music, a medley of music from the new movie "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," a saxophone solo, and more. Refreshments will be served shortly after the concert and attendees will have the opportunity to contribute to the Cherry Street Mission Ministries. Contact William Dais at 567-661-7081 or William.dais@owens.edu for details.

Stony Ridge

Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest, open to residents living within the boundaries of Tracy Road, Dowling Road, Lemoyne Road and Genoa Road/SR 163. Register by emailing name and address to greulich18@gmail.com by Dec. 10. Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners. Winners will be announced Dec. 18.

Shared Bounty Thrift Shop is open at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5520 Fremont Pike from 10 a.m.-noon on the 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month. Household items, clothing, shoes, books and more available free to area families. Donations help support the ministry.

Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St. programs include storytime Tuesdays at 11 a.m. - stories, songs, rhymes and movement for kids and caretakers; Kinderskills for ages 3-6 Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Call 419-666-9900 for info.

Northeast Area Senior Center: 705 N. Main St., provides programs and activities for adults 60 and over. Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm. Lunch served at noon. Phone: 567-249-4921.

Walbridge VFW Bingo, 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 109 S. Main St. Lightning bingo at 1 p.m.; regular bingo at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Food and drinks available. New games; higher prizes. Sponsored by the Auxiliary. Call 419-666-0367 for info.

Support Group for Families and Friends who are Dealing with a Loved One's Heroin/Opiate Addiction meets Mon. 6:30-8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 705 N. Main St. Sponsored by Mainstreet Church. For info, call 419-838-7600.

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The Press Church Worship Guide
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Inspirational Message of the Week: Christmas

Christianity is a religion of paradoxes, and one of the most paradoxical elements of Christianity is the incarnation, the idea that God became man, being born as a helpless child in the humblest of circumstances. Nativity scenes memorialize this event, showing a baby lying in a manger, which is nothing more than a feeding trough for domesticated animals. But Jesus's birth is only the first of many paradoxes. At the other end of Jesus's life is the paradox of the almighty God letting himself be taunted and tortured, and ultimately letting himself die an ignominious death by hanging on a cross. We do well to remember that Christianity turns many virtues on their head. Strength, pride and wisdom are replaced by weakness, humility and a kind of naivete or simple-mindedness. At this time of year when we celebrate Christ's birth with lavish spending and gift-giving, we do well to remember that material things are golden fetters and that poverty makes us free to live a simpler, more spiritual life. Christmas might make us think that Christianity is nothing but sweetness and light when in fact it's incredibly difficult to be a good Christian. "As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.'" —Luke 9:57-58 NIV

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| <p>Northwood</p> <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> | <p>Northwood</p> <p>Unity United Methodist 1910 E. Broadway St. 419-693-5170 Sunday Worship: 11am <i>No matter who you are, you are welcome.</i></p> | <p>Oregon</p> <p>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 4155 Pickle Rd (LCMS) Ph. 419-691-9407 Preschool 419-693-8661 Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Sat. Service 5:30 pm Sharing Jesus & Living His Love Pastor John Genszler www.princeofpeaceoregon.com</p> |
| <p>Northwood</p> <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> | <p>Northwood</p> <p>Don't hide your light under a basket! Invite your friends and future friends to worship & experience the joy of fellowship with you. With rates as low as \$8.25 per week (Suburban) or \$9.50 per week (Metro), you can be listed in the Press Church Directory. Call us at 419-836-2221</p> | <p>Ashland CHURCH Sunday Worship at 10 Church School for All Ages at 11:15 2350 Starr Ave. Oregon 419-720-1995 ashlandchurch.com See you in church!</p> |
| <p>Northwood</p> <p>Northwood Church of God 1838 S. Coy @ Curtice 419-691-1376 Rev. Brent Smalley, Pastor Sunday Worship 10:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm <i>"Everyone Welcome"</i></p> | <p>Toledo</p> <p>First St. John Lutheran Church 2471 Seaman St. 691-7222 or 691-9524 Sunday Services: 7:45 am & 10:15 am Sunday School 9:00 am Jerald K. Rayl, pastor www.firststjohn.com</p> | |

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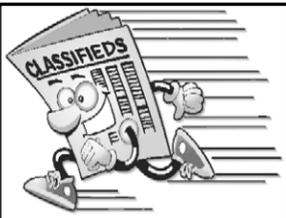
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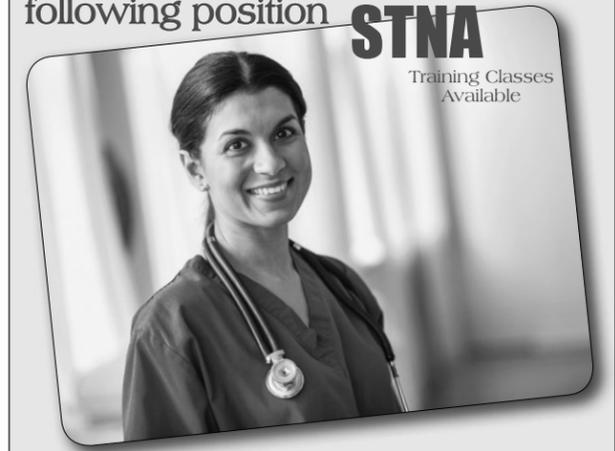
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 (4pm) Real Estate, Auctions, and Transitions

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 (1pm) Classifieds

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Sat., Dec. 14, 2019 - 12:37pm
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NOTE: Guns are selling in conjunction with the Nowak 2 day Toy Auction. The Toys start selling at 10:27am. Guns will be offered at 12:37pm. Plan to attend & tell or bring a friend. Please visit website for more info & pictures.

TERMS: CASH, GOOD CHECK, VISA, MASTERCARD or DISCOVER w/proper id. (4% Buyer's Premium charged but waived for cash or good check.) Ohio State Sales Tax will apply. Everything is sold "AS IS" with NO WARRANTIES of any kind.

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DAY ONE: SAT., DEC. 14 @ 10:27AM - DOORS OPEN @ 8:07AM - Over 450 tagged lots of Ag related toys - JD, IH, Case IH, MM, AC, Deutz, Big Bud, Versatile, Oliver & more. Over 90% boxed!

At 12:37 (5) guns will be sold for Mrs. Nancy Schrier. Go to Web Site for info on firearms.

DAY TWO: SUN., DEC. 15 @ 11:37AM - DOORS OPEN @ 9:07AM - Over 350 tagged lots of Semi Trucks, Trailers, Cars & Trucks, Banks, Planes & over 500 lots of choice out on Planes, Trucks & Car Banks, Nascar & more.

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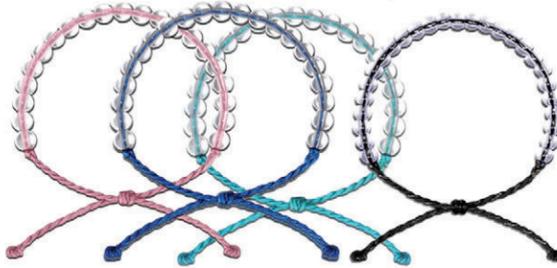


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