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Ottawa County Dog warden agreement renewed

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The Ottawa County commissioners have renewed a memorandum of understanding with the sheriff's office to oversee the dog warden office.

The two-year agreement went into effect Jan. 1 and expires Dec. 31, 2022.

"We did this as a partnership to help each other. It gives me extra people out there. We have equipped the dog warden personnel as our deputies are," Sheriff Steve Levorchick said. "We are training them into the field officer program; not so they can handle calls or make traffic stops but this way they know what our deputies are doing. If a deputy calls for backup in the area they can be a good backup unit. That is personnel we couldn't utilize in the past."

"This benefits the county commissioners because it's less oversight they are required to have. It's another office we can take off their hands because it is an enforcement office anyways. So it made sense to become a partnership between the commissioners and our office and we handle all administrative duties for the dog warden's office."

The arrangement with the sheriff's office began in 2020 when the commissioners floated the idea of placing the dog warden office under the auspices of the sheriff's office.

Sheriff Levorchick said JoLynn Hetrick, chief dog warden, was planning to retire and the board of commissioners decided it would be a good time to make the change.

The sheriff agreed to their request and, in turn, asked Hetrick if she would stay on.

"I told her I wanted to hire you back because I want you running that office. You've done a great job for 30 years and you know what you're doing

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Quote of The Week

...Biden seems intent to nominate for his cabinet some of the same officials who helped get us into this mess.

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Giving back

The Faithful Workers of Faith United Methodist Church prepared and distributed 165 free meals at a drive-thru on Jan. 9. The special free event was a way to give back to the community, according to church member Marcia Cousino. The women's group plans to present drive-thru community dinners on the second Saturdays of February, March and April. Meal menus and prices will be advertised in upcoming issues of The Press. Pictured are, left to right, Mary Lou Emans, Maeola Smith and Marcia Cousino. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon Contract approved with firefighters association

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Oregon City Council approved a contract with the Oregon Part-Time Firefighters Association on Monday. The negotiations lasted several months.

The previous collective bargaining agreement between the city and the Part-Time Firefighters Associate expired on June 30, 2020.

"For some time, we've been working with our fire command, with council, and our Part-Time Firefighters Association to change the way we operate the department," said City Administrator Mike Beazley. "A big part of that change is a new fire station, but also changes in our collective bargaining."

The change in the contract "does several important things," said Beazley.

"The most important thing it does is it changes us from a primarily toned-out based response for emergencies to a scheduled firefighters' response to emergencies

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for both fires and ambulance runs. That's a big change for Oregon," he said.

"We talked about this for a long time," he continued. "We are a community that held on to our traditional system longer than anyone else. As far as we know, we're the largest community in Ohio that held on to that traditional system. We did it as long as we could. We all concluded – council, administration, mayor, fire command and Part-Time Firefighters Association – that

we needed to get together and have a different system. We will use scheduled firefighters, but tone-out will not be an important part of our response. They are still necessary on occasion for fires and will still be part of our response, but it will not be the normal, everyday approach to what we do."

New approach

The city will be increasing the number of full-time firefighters and creating supervisors within the full-time unit, he said.

"We are going to be creating a new Basic Life Support component to the full-time unit. In addition, we're going to have our traditional ambulance ECHO unit," he said.

The new approach "is an important step we've all looked towards," said Beazley.

"It took us a while to get through the collective bargaining agreement, but it achieves those objectives going forward," he said. "I'm excited for the work the chiefs

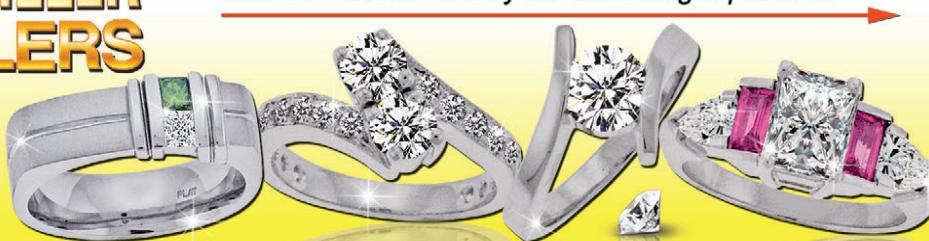
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have done. They really worked hard getting this done, and the association worked hard getting this done. It's nice to have achieved this through consensus and at the bargaining table rather than through another type of conflict resolution. It's a good statement for Oregon and the department. It's exciting for all of us to turn that corner together. It's an important step."

In a memo to council last August, Beazley noted the difficulty maintaining the traditional system.

On too many occasions, he stated, paid part-time on-call firefighters have not been available when needed to meet urgent safety needs. In 2019, there were 524 occasions when the on-call firefighters were toned out to meet an emergency need and no one or only one firefighter turned up to the station. The department was forced to tone out a second station and sometimes a third with significant delays in response time to meet the needs of residents.

"Sometimes, even with all three stations toned out, we still could not run equipment to meet our emergency. We do not believe this risk is acceptable for the people of Oregon and so we must adapt just as every other community like ours has already done."

Reduced staff

For many years, Oregon maintained a paid on-call part-time fire department of over 90 members, explained Beazley. That number has gone down.

"Our current paid on-call part-time fire unit has a staffing of 64 participating members. The department has consistently faced a challenge with the currently enrolled part-time firefighters meeting the basic attendance requirements set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. Even at the highest paid rates in this region we have been unable to maintain that historical level of participation. It is important to emphasize that this is not a unique problem to Oregon. We have worked to recruit new part-time firefighters, but unfortunately have not been sufficiently successful. In fact, Oregon taxpayers have spent over \$100,000 in recent years to train new part-time recruits who never completed their training program. Other communities have faced the same problems and were forced to change to provide public safety."

In addition to delayed medical responses, on two occasions in recent years, Oregon could not get sufficient response time from the fire department to battle house fires, stated Beazley.

"At least twice it took us over 16 minutes to begin to put water on a fire. This is not acceptable to our residents and businesses when lives and property are at risk."

The changing demands of family life, work schedules and service demands have made it more difficult each year for Oregon to meet the needs of residents with its current system.

"It's been a long time coming," Fire Chief Dennis Hartman said on Monday



Penta receives patrol vehicle

High school students in Penta Career Center's Criminal Justice program now have a Sheriff's patrol vehicle thanks to a donation from the Wood County Commissioners and the Wood County Sheriff's Office. The 2013 Ford Pursuit SUV will be used by the students for daily training activities, traffic control and lot patrols. Pictured at the donation event on January 7 were: back row, (l-r), Edward Ewers, Superintendent; Emanuil Zanev (Bowling Green), Adam Buchanan (North Baltimore), Madison Mahan (Northwood), Nathan Krumnow (Eastwood) - all Criminal Justice students; Dr. Theodore Bowlus and Craig LaHote, Wood Commissioners; and Sheriff Mark Wasylshyn. Front Row, Lilly Madden (Rossford) and Destiny Hamilton (Eastwood). Bottom photo, Destiny Hamilton and Lilly Madden, both seniors in the Criminal Justice program, inspect the vehicle. (Photos courtesy of Monica Dansack/Penta)

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of the new changes. "It is needed. For example, Station Number 42 had 1,880 runs last year. That's six per day. That's just too much to ask of volunteers. We've seen a steady decline in response times, but when you start adding up those kinds of figures, it's time to make the change. The union understood that. Change is difficult. And big change is very difficult. The tradition is strong here. The pride in the department is strong. And we're going to do our very best to continue with that tradition and continue to have everybody involved - but just on a new path. We're very excited to get this done and to get working on our new system."

The agreement covers the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

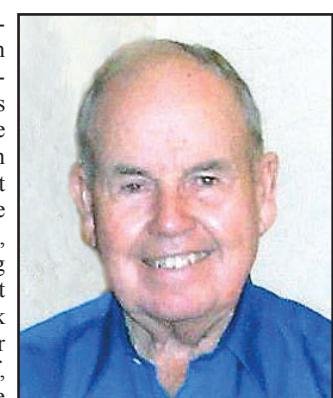


Obituaries

Obituary

Cecil R. Adkins

November 2, 1928 – January 2, 2021



Cecil R. Adkins, 92, of Walbridge, Ohio passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021. He was born in Walbridge, Ohio on November 2, 1928 to Clifford and Angela (Traver) Adkins. Cecil lived through the Great Depression with a large family. His father instilled a work ethic that would shape Cecil's life. He graduated from Walbridge High School and proudly served in the Ohio National Guard. He worked at LOF as a Millwright and the BP Refinery and a member of the Walbridge-Lake Fire Department. On May 28, 1955 Cecil married the love of his life, Elizabeth Anna (Wehde). Soon after, his passion for developing land began with 40 acres that started on Allen St. Cecil's first full scale project began with Walnut Hills Mobile Home Park in 1968. He and his wife would go on to develop several other subdivisions in Walbridge as well as the neighboring cities of, Northwood, Oregon, and Lake Township. Cecil is one of the founders of the Aqua Terrace Pool, which is now the Walbridge Community Pool. Cecil was a member of the Toledo Home Builders Association, Ohio Mobile Home Associate, Swiss Society/GAF, Catawba Island Club, Exchange Bank (State Bank and Trust) Board of Directors and Village of Walbridge Councilman for 28 years. Aside from his career in development he had many hobbies such as dancing, gardening, plowing snow with his John Deere, socializing, golfing, dining at Bob Evans, Real Seafood and Oregon Inn. Cecil always enjoyed being with people and putting a smile on their face. He was the epitome of hard work, always saying, "work never hurt anyone." Cecil's final passion project was the Adkins Pond, which sits behind Walnut Hills Mobile Home Park. His legacy and spirit will live on for generations to come.

Cecil is survived by his wife of 65 years, Elizabeth; sons, Michael (Susan) Adkins; daughters, Holly (Tim Emery) Adkins, Lisa Baker; grandchildren, Ryan (Gina Tyler) Adkins, Nathan Adkins, Mitchell (Jaime) Adkins, Jared Adkins, great grandchildren, Kayla and Dominic Tyler; and great granddaughter to be, Millie; great and close family friends; Mark Horton, Dennis Gargac, Joannie Widmer and Brenda Myerholtz. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Elizabeth Henton, June Kreisher, Donald Adkins, Dorothy Sebring, Charles Adkins and Kenny Adkins; cousin, Fred Thomasson and granddaughter, Lauren Adkins.

Expressions of sympathy in Cecil's name may be directed to Cherry Street Mission, Healing Barn Millbury or Wood County Humane Society. Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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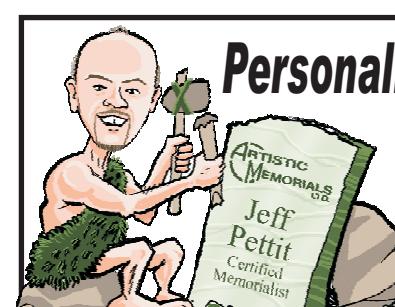
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CAUV enrollment

Owners of farmland in Wood County enrolled in Current Agricultural Use Valuation saved millions of dollars last year in property taxes, Matthew Oestreich, county auditor, said.

His office has mailed CAUV renewal forms for 2021 to property owners currently enrolled in the program.

"Wood County has 9,612 individual real estate parcels on ag use," he said. "A total of 317,027 acres in this program brought a tax savings to agricultural landowners last year to agricultural landowners last year of over \$14.2 million."

CAUV authorizes county auditors to assess farmland at its crop production value rather than its market value. The program is designed to preserve farming operations by linking the tax base to the production of the land rather than its potential for development.

CAUV soil values are set by the Ohio Department of Taxation and are adjusted every three years for each county. New values were issued for the 2020 tax year, which are payable in 2021.

CAUV applications are to be filed by March 1 with county auditors. There is no charge to renew an enrollment in the program but there is a \$25 initial filing fee.

If renewal forms not filed by March 1, county auditors are required to assess the property at its market value and recoup the tax savings for the past three years, Oestreich said.

Land owners in Wood County who have questions about eligibility in CAUV should call the county auditor's office at 419-354-9174.

Ohio saw spike in OD deaths in 2020

More Ohioans died of an opioid overdose during a three-month period last year than at any time since the epidemic began, according to an analysis by a task force formed by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

The analysis by Yost's Scientific Committee on Opioid Prevention and Education found the death rate in Ohio from opioid overdose at 11.01 per 100,000 population in the second quarter of 2020 – the highest rate in 10 years. The previous 10-year high was in the first quarter of 2017 at 10.87 opioid overdoses per 100,000 population.

"Opioid overdoses might have taken a backseat in our minds last year because of COVID-19, but make no mistake: Ohioans are dying at a devastating rate because of opioid overdoses," Yost said, urging vigilance about how prescription drugs are stored and encouraging people to seek medical care in the event of an overdose – despite concerns about COVID-19.

Surprisingly, the record-setting spike came after Ohio experienced a significant drop in its opioid-related death rate, which had fallen to between six and eight overdose deaths per 100,000 people over the prior 24-month period.



An outside view of the power-generating window. (Submitted photo)

Power-generating window installed

Talk about power windows. A window that utilizes integrated photovoltaic technology that transforms it into a solar cell to generate electricity has been installed at the Nippon Sheet Glass facility in Northwood, the company has announced.

In 2019, NSG Group said an agreement has been approved between its subsidiary Pilkington North America and Ubiquitous Energy to develop transparent solar windows.

UE's photovoltaic coating captures non-visible wavelengths, creating a window that acts as a photovoltaic cell without obstructing the view, the company said. Power is transmitted through an onboard system built in the window frame. The collected electricity is then transferred to

a battery capable of powering products and increasing the overall efficiency of a building.

In addition to generating power, the UE system at the Northwood site collects data from the site, such as wind speed, light exposure and the outside temperature.

In a full installation, the data could then be used to integrate with the building's system controls to determine how to best utilize the power for the building's operations.

The Northwood site will use the system to power exterior signs and lighting.

NSG Group is one of the largest manufacturers of glass and glazing products for the architectural and automotive industries and technical glass sector.

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Court dismisses road repair case

A complaint filed by Lake Township against the Village of Walbridge over maintenance of a stretch of Drouillard Road has been dismissed in Perrysburg Municipal Court.

A maintenance agreement dating back to August 1977 for the village to maintain Drouillard Road from Cummings Road to the village southern corporation limits was "void and unenforceable," the court ruled, noting the agreement wasn't signed by the village administrator.

A 2018 court case between the village and a pool repair company was also cited by the court.

The village informed the township in April 2018 the village was going to cease maintaining Drouillard Road effective June 1 of that year.

"This decision is supported by legal boundaries, taxing and police jurisdictions and the significant demographic chang-

es in Lake Township," a letter from James Bishop, then village administrator, to the township solicitor says.

In 2019, the township submitted an invoice for \$116.31 to the village for repairing a pothole in the northbound lane of Drouillard Road, south of Ayers Road, but the village refused to reimburse the township.

The township also claimed it incurred \$367 in labor costs and \$208 for road salt to remove snow between Jan. 12 and 31, 2019.

The 1977 maintenance agreement was linked to an annexation agreement between the township and village in which the village annexed township property adjacent to Drouillard Road.

Mark Hummer, township administrator, said he and the township trustees will be meeting with legal counsel to review the court decision.

Yacht Club Sunday Commodore Breakfasts

River View Yacht Club will once again hold its Sunday Breakfast Buffet Fund Raisers from Jan. 17 through March 28, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the club, located at 5981 Edgewater Dr. in Point Place.

The Sunday Breakfast Buffet features eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, ham, French toast, pancakes, biscuits with homemade gravy, made-to-order omelets and burritos, fruit, toast, juice and coffee. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children 12 and under.

The Sunday Breakfast Buffet is open to the public. In accordance with standard safety precautions, masks will be required.

"Our community continues to work to improve our waterfront in Point Place and we actively encourage people get involved in boating and nautical activities – two of Northwest Ohio's greatest recreational assets," said Stan Ziemkiewicz, past commodore, RVYC. "While the proceeds go to fund our 2021 Commodore's Ball, the Sunday Breakfast Buffet is a great opportunity for individuals and families to stop in and find out what we have to offer and to see if they would like to be part of our area boating community."

RVYC was established in 1949 and is one of the largest area yacht clubs with over 600 members. In its early years, RVYC worked with the City of Toledo to host the "Aquarama" boat races on the Maumee River near Walbridge Park. The club also hosts its annual regatta in July.

For more information visit: www.riverviewyachtclub.com, the club's Facebook page, or call 419-729-9251.

Health Dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Jan. 18-22. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Jan. 18: Holiday – office closed.

Jan. 19: Women, Infants and Children Clinic, 12:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 20: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 2-6:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 21: Family Planning, Well Child and Sexually-transmitted Disease (STD), 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 22: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

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Dog warden

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out there. She came back and is doing a phenomenal job for us. She is a sergeant at the sheriff's office for us now overseeing the dog warden office," the sheriff said.

One other dog warden employee handles office and dog shelter responsibilities.

According to the county's 2019 annual report, the shelter fielded 1,202 phone calls that year and received 53 reports of dog bites, 62 reports of lost dogs and five reports of found dogs.

Fifty-nine dogs were impounded, 36 were redeemed and 16 adopted. Two were euthanized. The warden issued 41 citations.

The shelter operates on revenues from fees, fines and penalties.

Sheriff Levorchick estimated up to a dozen sheriff departments in Ohio are overseeing dog warden offices.



Northern visitor

A Short-eared Owl is spotted along Benton-Carroll Road, Oak Harbor. These owls visit the Northwest Ohio area during the winters from the north. (Photo by Ryan Lesniewicz)

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Oregon permits chickens raised in residential area

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Oregon City Council on Monday approved a Special Use Exception (SUE) permit that allows chickens and ducks to be raised for consumption at 1810 James Road.

Applicants Karen Harwick and David Blakemore, of 1810 James Road, requested the SUE in an R-2 Medium Density Residential District.

The Oregon Planning Commission had unanimously voted to recommend approval at its meeting on November 17.

James Gilmore, commissioner of building and zoning, said the property is located in the South Shore Park area.

"It was recommended to be approved with conditions by the Planning Commission," he said. "They want to revisit it within a year."

The city has previously considered dozens of chickens as a manageable number in similar applications, according to Mayor Mike Seferian. Roosters are taken out of the equation because they generate complaints.

"We've been trying to be very consistent at how we issue these," said Seferian. "The other condition about showing up within a year for final approval for a permanent SUE is something we have been doing because if someone is causing havoc in the neighborhood, we would reject that permit at that time or sooner. And we usu-

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ally make that very clear to the applicants. They have been quite good so far and live up to what they say they will do."

The property has 15 chickens and five ducks. There is a shed and two additional chicken coops on site.

Also at the meeting, council:

- Authorized the city administrator, director of public service, chief of police, fire chief, commissioner of parks and recreation, commissioner of building and zoning inspection, finance director and other municipal administrators, subject to the written authorization of the mayor, to take bids on equipment, materials, supplies, maintenance agreements and insurance from time to time without the requirements for further legislation. The city has had the procurement policy for the last several years. It allows department heads to make purchases of up to \$25,000 without approval by council, according to City Administrator

Mike Beazley. He said the purchases usually come up at budget hearings. "It has to be budgeted and appropriated. It is consistent with state law and our charter."

City Councilman Tim Zale said he's seen "some surprise purchases made in the past that were quite expensive that never even came before us that weren't in the budget."

"There's been some items that have been purchased that raised some eyebrows that we knew nothing about and it wasn't in the budget," said Zale.

"We try to make sure that doesn't happen," said Seferian. "And if we are going to make a large purchase, by all means we try to notify you what's going on."

Beazley said anything over \$25,000 needs an ordinance passed by council.

"But there is discretion in ways to spend money up to \$25,000. It's our job to catch those. If there's something out of the ordinary, give us a heads up. We don't like to surprise people," said Beazley.

- Passed a resolution recognizing Oregon Spring Fest as a community sponsored event authorized by the Oregon Growth Corporation;

- Approved a revised pay classification schedule for seasonal employees. Beazley said it is an adjustment that is made most years when Ohio's minimum wage increases. The state minimum wage increased to \$8.80 per hour from \$8.70 per hour on January 1;

- Authorized the mayor, director of public service and finance director to sign

a second change order with Speer Bros. for \$188,621.83 due to additional work related to the Navarre Avenue Waterline Replacement – Phase 1 Project. Council approved a previous change order in December for \$345,491.26. The total cost of the project is \$2.6 million. The additional cost was due to a significant waterline leak within the Navarre Avenue project limits. To repair the leak, Speer Bros. installed two line stop valves to allow for the replacement of two 16-inch valves on the trunk waterline that are approximately 60 years old. Public Service Director Paul Roman said the replacement of the valves was "very expensive."

"We did it as part of this project to get it done. The leak was draining into a storm sewer. It was ongoing. It was a big repair. It's something we couldn't let go. We did have the money in this year's budget," said Roman;

- Authorized the mayor and finance director to issue purchase orders to Motorola Solutions, Inc., over a five year period, at an estimated cost of \$34,871.80 per year for the purchase of Watch Guard Body Cameras, an interview room camera system, warranties, and software and licensing, to be used in the Oregon Police Division. "We are trying to stay updated with our cameras," said Seferian.

Police Chief Brandon Begin said the division loses about one body camera per week, mostly due to battery issues. "We're down to three spares we can rotate in and out," he said.

Trafficking awareness project to restart

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month and a good time to reflect on the importance of recognizing the impact human trafficking has locally, said Ron Craig, Lake Township Crime Prevention Officer.

With seven truck refueling stations in Lake Township, it was a much bigger problem in the past than it is now, but still

needs close monitoring to keep such problems at a minimum.

Thanks to vigilant employees at the local refueling stations who report suspicious activity there and regular patrolling by officers of the Lake Township Police Department and troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, things have improved, he said.

When the term "human trafficking" became a common phrase, those local refueling stations, known best at the time as truck stops, were a haven for prostitutes

looking to earn a quick buck turning tricks. Children and teens who had run away from home or who were forced into prostitution were prime targets for those who wanted to make money off of them.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began last March, the township police department was about to unveil a project in which they were to post pictures and information about missing children and teens at those township's truck refueling stations. Craig was going to change the posters on a regular basis to keep information on missing

children and teens fresh.

He had met with deputies from the Lucas County Sheriff's Office to coordinate efforts regarding missing children and teens from the area.

When pandemic restrictions are lifted, the project is poised to get underway, he said.

Anyone who wishes to get information about the township's missing children and teens project may contact Craig at 419-481-6354.

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Walbridge Mayor says court functioned well

By Larry Limpf
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In its first year of operation after five years of being idled, Walbridge Mayor's Court functioned well, Mayor Ed Kolanko said last week, looking back on 2020.

"I would say it was a good decision to reinstate it," the mayor said. "The pandemic changed how many things were done. It was a challenging year but I would say it was a success. It operated at breakeven point, which was the idea, not to be a money maker. It was reinstated to be a service to the community, which it was."

Village officials opted to eliminate the mayor's court in 2015 and cases normally heard there were handled in Perrysburg Municipal Court. At the time, the village clerk of courts was retiring and it made financial sense, the mayor said, to have cases heard in municipal court.

In 2020, cases were heard by a magistrate, Drew Griffith, and Cory Speweik, who filled in when needed as magistrate.

"He did a phenomenal job running the court. We're very pleased by that. (Police) Chief Kenneth Campbell is also pleased with how the magistrate ran everything," the mayor said.

Mayor's courts hear cases involving local ordinances and state traffic laws.

As of last week, case statistics for 2020

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dresses.

• According to police, the three were walking near a Family Farm and Home store when police noticed them. Items that had been reported stolen were found in their vehicle.

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen Jan. 4 from a vehicle parked at 2593 Genoa Rd.

Police Beats

Lake Twp. - Three people were arrested Jan. 9 after police observed them walking around 2:15 a.m. in the 3700 block of Williston Road.

• Kevin Stichler, 50, was charged with possession of drugs and drug instruments, receiving stolen property and possession of criminal tools. Joseph Session, 41, and Brandy Jones, 38, were charged with criminal trespassing. All three gave Toledo ad-

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01/05/2021 Mathew T Allen to Clifford J and Pamela R Parks, 15259 West Toussaint North Road, \$165,000.

01/07/2021 Kenneth F and Jeffrey Wittman to Anthony J Jack, 18595 West State Route 579, \$155,000.

01/08/2021 Ann T Tasch to Alan D and Gary W Seeger, 16221 West Moline Martin Road, \$95,000.

Carroll Township

01/04/2021 Redyns Property Management to Rachel Nicole Elam and Matthew Thomas McIntosh, 6467 Teal Bend, \$127,500.

01/11/2021 The Estate of Carol M Cashman to Lois and Nikolas Kyriazis, 10105 West Lake Ave, \$227,000.

Catawba Island Township

01/05/2021 Guild Associates to The Dinovo Limited Liability Company, 1815 North Carriage Lane and O North Lakewood, \$607,500.

Clay Township

01/06/2021 Robert W Briggs to Carol M Briggs, 4395 Marin Woods Drive, \$259,000.
01/08/2021 Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services, Robert R and Sautuen Belinda Chick, 3727 East Vineyard Village Drive, \$190,000.

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01/05/2021 Ottawa Property Group to Integrity Process Properties, 0 Sherman, 212 Ottawa Street, 0 Ottawa Street, \$900,000.
01/07/2021 Netcher Family Rentals LLC to Tristen C and Hannah Pocock, 334 Lincoln Street, \$108,000.

Genoa Corp

01/05/2021 Benjamin and Courtney Andryc to Spencer P Kempf, 302 West 7th Street, \$115,000.
01/05/2021 Chad M and Tina M Pressley to Jonathan G Beaber and Brianna M Roberts, 403 Superior Street, \$125,000.

Danbury Township

01/05/2021 Beatrice M Sabatka to Daniel Sabatka, 2113 Harborview Drive, \$170,335.
01/06/2021 Michael B and Elizabeth C Clearly to MMG Twin LLC, 515 Laurel Ave, \$220,000.

01/07/2021 Jeffrey P Roth to William E Klaehn III, 895 South Church Road, \$127,500.

01/08/2021 Linda S Schmardebeck to Stanley F Mizemy, 7251 East Tanglewood Drive, \$20,000.
01/08/2021 Dale W and Victoria A Wiltse to David J and Alberta L Rochon, Poplar Lot, \$160,000.

01/08/2021 Julia D Johnson to Bruce Ashmore and Shelly J Rappold, 182 Jasmine, \$423,500.

Erie Township

01/05/2021 Juanita Mills-Persely to Yarletts Property Development LLC, 1850 West Lakeshore Drive, \$157,000.

01/05/2021 Kristen T and Mark Shoup to Jacqueline M Berger, 51 Schooner Pointe Drive, \$159,900.

Port Clinton Corp

01/04/2021 Deerskin Holdings LLC to Western Basin LLC, 60 North Madison Street, \$285,000.
01/08/2021 Cynthia J and Scott A Emch to LO CO Dove LLC, 808 Bataan Lane, \$69,000.

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01/04/2021 Eagles Nest Hangars LLC to James Andrew Huddleston, 750 SE Catawba Road, \$160,000.

01/05/2021 Faythe E Turner to Douglas Thierwechter, 0 Dolores Drive #s 20-23, 28-32, 44-48, \$65,000.

01/05/2021 SE Catawba Investments LLC to 460 SE Catawba Road LLC, 460 Southeast Catawba Road, \$800,000.

Salem Township

01/05/2021 Huntington National Bank Trustee of Kenneth Gary Focht Living Trust to Joseph D Mowel, 2983 South State Route 19, \$73,900.

01/05/2021 APCO LTD to Avery Dennison Corporation, 8095 West Lake Winds Parkway, \$2,100,000.

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01/07/2021 Gregory J Grieger to Kyle M O'Neill, 188 Harvest Lane, \$157,900.

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Expecting the same waste at agriculture department

By Daniel Savickas

The federal government certainly has no issue spending taxpayer money these days. The budget deficit for 2020 surpassed \$3 trillion, a level far beyond any the nation has seen. For perspective, this is the largest deficit relative to the size of our economy since World War II and the largest raw number deficit in our nation's history. The next administration is going to inherit an increasingly urgent spending problem that has plagued the United States for decades.

Despite these alarming numbers, President-elect Joe Biden seems intent to nominate for his cabinet some of the same officials who helped get us into this mess. Perhaps none are more emblematic of this trend than the prospective new Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack. Vilsack previously served as head of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the entirety of the Obama administration. This will be his second go-round at USDA and – if it is anything like his first – our economy and taxpayers are in deep trouble.

Farm spending in the United States puts a hefty burden on our debt all on its own. For example, the 2018 Farm Bill carried a 10-year price tag of roughly \$867 billion. The 2013 Farm Bill, over which Vilsack presided, had a 10-year cost of \$955 billion. Vilsack and other proponents cynically claimed it would actually cut spending in the long run. However, the spending cuts were back-loaded to the end of the 10-year span,

so they would predictably be superseded by subsequent legislation and never actually take effect. This is the type of underhanded political operator set to take the reins at USDA.

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Not only does Vilsack demand exor-

bbitant spending, but the policies behind those dollars are harmful to farmers, and to the economy at large. For example, Vilsack is a major proponent of commodity subsidies. These subsidies prop up crops if prices or revenue fall below a certain [largely arbitrary] benchmark. This is a brazen effort to institute government central planning of the economy. It is also remarkably inefficient. It incentivizes the production of excess crops, driving supply up and prices down, necessitating further subsidies and on and on the cycle goes. As a result, The Wall Street Journal reports farm income dropped 40 percent in the four years after Vilsack's farm bill.

Despite all this, Vilsack and his allies position him as a champion of small farmers and opponents of his legacy as heartless corporatists. However, as is often the case in Washington, the opposite is true. In fact, 94 percent of subsidies go to only six crops: corn, wheat, soy, cotton, rice and peanuts. However, these six crops only account for 28 percent of production. Roughly seven in 10 commodities farmers operate just fine without assistance. Vilsack's subsidies serve not to aid struggling small farms, but to prop up wealthy special interests. In fact, the top one percent of farms, in terms of gross annual income, receives 20 percent of the subsidies in farm bills like Vilsack's.

Naturally, lobbyists for varied food interests across the nation are already lining up to praise Biden's designation of Vilsack to return as USDA Secretary.

Surely, the 850 millionaire “farmers” in Manhattan, who received millions in farm subsidies from Vilsack's USDA and are still receiving them today, are thrilled to see Vilsack's return. The federal bureaucracy has been a hotbed of cronyism for years precisely because of the type of leadership ushered in by people like Tom Vilsack. This is the proverbial “swamp” that 2016 voters wanted drained.

If Vilsack is successfully confirmed for another stint at USDA, he will have a shot to become the longest-serving Agriculture Secretary in the nation's history. In the interim, he has been the head of the U.S. Dairy Export Council. This government-created entity takes money from dairy farmers and uses it to promote big dairy. This is crony corporatism at its finest. Given this record, it is unthinkable that anyone could believe Vilsack may be the one to change the broken status quo at USDA.

Tom Vilsack is not an unknown quantity. He has a years-long service record of reckless agricultural policy and cronyism that comes at the expense of America's small family farms and ranches. The senators who will be tasked with evaluating his nomination in the coming weeks would do well to study this record and ask tough questions. Ultimately, any honest evaluation will produce the conclusion that the USDA should not open its doors to Vilsack a second time.

Daniel Savickas is a policy analyst for the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

Don't be your own worst enemy when pursuing goals

Are there desirable goals you think you can't achieve? Do you have dreams you feel are unreachable? Are there things you would like to achieve that you consider unrealistic? Why do you think you can't do it?

Do you engage in self-defeating strategies? Do you eliminate potential goals as unrealistic? Have you given up in failure? Have you listened to someone who told you that you won't succeed?

Lots of people are their own worst enemies when it comes to pursuing their goals. They do more to discourage themselves than other people could do. Ironically, more energy is spent justifying why they can't do something than it would take to pursue their desired objectives.

When you think you can't do it, your mind believes you and it will prevent accomplishments. In order to successfully follow your desired path, transform a “can't do it” outlook into a “will do it” mindset. Stop making excuses for failure. Start formulating reasons to succeed.

Selective perception limits you by focusing only on potential pitfalls, while ignoring the benefits of success. Counter selective perception by expanding your focus to include all of the reasons why you can, and will be successful.

Jumping to negative conclusions is self-defeating. This is usually done by making broad generalizations as to why



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

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it's not possible to achieve your objectives. Listening to naysayers who criticize your ambition feeds negative conclusions. Stick to the facts by consulting with those who have successfully attained the goals you are striving for.

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Although not starting appears to be a way to avoid failure, it also avoids success. Fear of failure is intensified by making excuses for why success isn't possible.

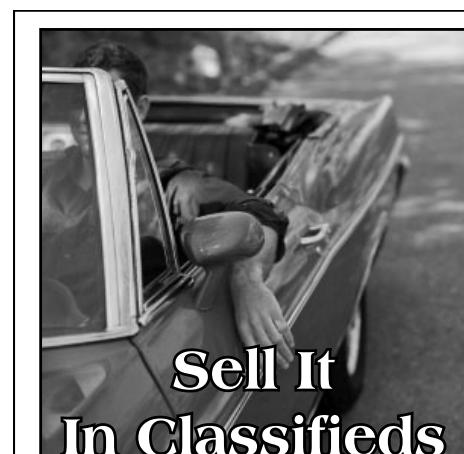
Procrastination accompanies fear of failure. When you procrastinate, you haven't decided not to get started, you just keep putting it off. The result is the same; nothing happens without positive action.

Break through your fear of failure by taking one step forward at a time. Success is a progression, not magic. One good reason to succeed outweighs numerous excuses for failure. A burning desire to succeed displaces fear of failure.

The people closest to you may be the most critical of your dreams. They may feel that you should not be on your chosen path. Adjusting your goals to please others leaves you frustrated because you won't achieve your objectives. Following your own goals is not selfish or disrespectful.

Don't use past mistakes as an excuse for not moving forward. Mistakes are a normal component of growth. A baby doesn't give up learning to walk because he keeps falling. Learn from each mistake so that it is not repeated. Get right back up each time you fall down.

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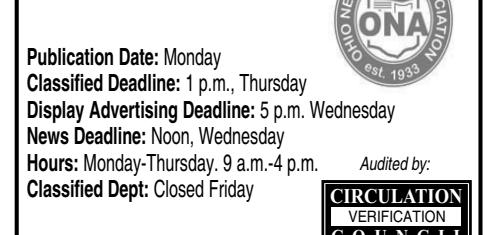
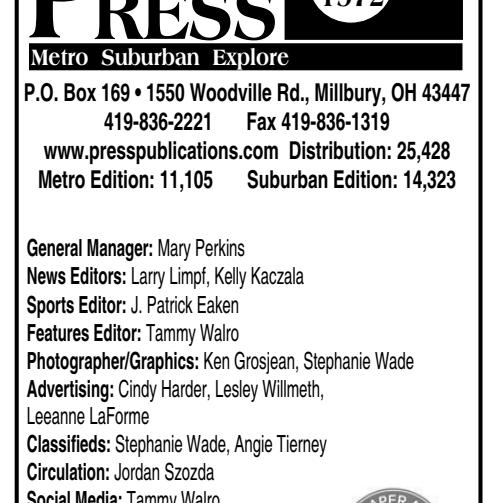
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Oak Harbor “Cuffing Cancer” for local police officer

Oak Harbor asks residents to show support for one of their own during a “Cuffing Cancer for Officer Welch” Chicken BBQ Fundraising Dinner, to be held Friday, Jan. 22, from 4-7 p.m., at Oak Harbor High School.

A patrolman and School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Oak Harbor Police Department, Officer Loren Welch, 43, was injured in a high-speed pursuit this past July. While having tests and scans for his injuries, some concerning masses were found. On Aug. 18, he was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

“Officer Welch is part of our family, here at OHPD, and our community has always been great to our department,” said Oak Harbor Chief of Police Eric Parker. “This fundraiser will help his family tremendously with the medical costs.”

An Oak Harbor resident, Officer Welch has served his community as a law enforcement officer for 12 years. According to Chief Parker, he is a loving husband to his wife Cheyanne, father to four children, and recently became a grandfather.

Originally from North Baltimore, Welch worked and lived in Marblehead for eight years, prior to moving and taking the Oak Harbor SRO position. He is in his third year working with students and, to quote Welch, he “absolutely loves working with the kids.”

In addition to serving as an SRO, primarily at the high school, he privately mentors three students in school and coaches eighth-grade girls’ basketball.

According to the American Cancer Society, Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma is a cancer which starts in white blood cells called lymphocytes. Lymphoma affects the body’s lymph system, a part

Oak Harbor is “Cuffing Cancer” for Officer Loren Welch, pictured with his wife Cheyanne, and children Breeanna, 21, Tristan, 4, and twins Lydia and Luke, almost 2. (Submitted photo)



of the immune system which helps fight infections and some other diseases. Welch, who was diagnosed with Lymphoma in the stomach, went through an initial round of chemotherapy. Scheduled for a second, more powerful round of chemotherapy, he was recently diagnosed with pneumonia, and additional treatment may now be delayed until his body can recover.

“It’s amazing...when something like this happens, people want to help their neighbor,” Officer Welch, said of

the outpouring of homecooked meals and kindnesses from the residents of Oak Harbor and surrounding areas since his diagnosis. “When you hear the word ‘cancer,’ your heart stops,” he said. “No words can ever express our gratitude for the overwhelming support we’ve received.”

The drive-thru pickup fundraising event is being sponsored by Fraternal Order of Police Associates #34 Ottawa County, partnering with the Oak Harbor Police Department. “Cuffing Cancer for

Officer Welch” will feature chicken BBQ meals from BBQ Traveler. Meals, at a cost of \$10 each, may be picked up in the Oak Harbor High School parking lot, pool side.

Those interested in supporting Officer Welch are asked to order meals in advance. Tickets may be purchased at the Oak Harbor Police Department, located at 146 N. Church Street. Due to COVID-19 protocols, call ahead to the non-emergency line, 419-898-2055.

Great Lakes Museum offering Community Appreciation Days



The National Museum of the Great Lakes is opening its doors to the community with free admission over Martin Luther King weekend in appreciation and recognition for the support they have received over the course of the past year.

Community Appreciation Days will begin Saturday, Jan. 16 and continue through Monday, Jan. 18.

“We wanted to thank our community, and what a better way to do that than to share our mission with all,” said Kate Fineske, the museum’s Senior Director of Institutional Advancement.

“The past year has seen struggles like no other for so many, yet our community rallied to ensure our museum continued to keep Great Lakes history afloat for generations to come with their generous donations, membership renewals, museum store purchases, online interactions, and continued visitation,” she said.

“All this support, along with the community improvement and service spirit of the Martin Luther King holiday, inspired the National Museum of the Great Lakes to begin 2021 with an act of community gratitude after their annual cleaning shutdown,” Fineske said.

Museum-only admission to non-member visitors would typically be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. To ensure the

a.m.-5 p.m.

On that day, TMA will welcome the community to come visit its galleries as a place for respite and reflection on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy.

General admission to the museum is always free, but thanks to generous support from the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, parking will be free, as will admission to two important exhibitions: “Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change” and “PICTURE ID: Contemporary African American Works on Paper.”

“Radical Tradition” brings historical and contemporary works together in critical dialogue to consider how quilts have been used to voice opinions, raise awareness and enact social reform in the U.S. from the mid-nineteenth century to the present.

“PICTURE ID,” which catalogs artists’ responses to the cultural debates prevalent during the 1980s and 1990s, was originally scheduled to close Jan. 17 and will be extended an additional day as part of the holiday observation.

The museum is also providing free art kits for guests to create a community art project from home. Participants are encouraged to complete the project at home, then share their work on social media with the

hashtag #PeaceOfArt.

In addition to its exhibitions and the community art project, TMA offers its spacious galleries as a place for the community to escape, find solace and enjoy art when things feel uncertain.

TMA is located at 2445 Monroe St. Visit www.toledomuseum.org for more details.

Valentine cookie sale

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Cost of the cookies is \$7 per dozen for the Valentine cookies and \$5 per dozen for the chocolate chip. Cookies will be available for pick-up on Friday Feb. 12 from 1-6 p.m. at the church.

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Valentine Open House

Beeker's General Store & Downtown Deco fine floral design, both located in downtown Pemberville, are hosting a Valentine's Open House Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Beeker's, located at 226 E. Front St., will highlight the local artists including Toni Sockrider offering artisan chocolates including cocoa bombs; Alex Hall presenting leather crafts including bracelets, handbags, wallets, earrings and more and jewelry artists Tammy Miller and Andi Brown featuring necklaces, bracelets and more.

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Beeker's will offer Ideal Bakery donuts

OSU study:

High doses of saccharin don't lead to diabetes in healthy adults

For those trying to live a healthy lifestyle, the choice between sugar and artificial sweeteners, such as saccharin, can be confusing. A new study led by researchers at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and The Ohio State University College of Medicine found the sugar substitute saccharin doesn't lead to the development of diabetes in healthy adults as previous studies have suggested.

The study findings are published in the journal *Microbiome*.

"It's not that the findings of previous studies are wrong; they just didn't adequately control for things like underlying health conditions, diet choices and lifestyle habits," said George Kyriazis, assistant professor of biological chemistry and pharmacology at Ohio State and senior author of the study. "By studying the artificial sweetener saccharin in healthy adults, we've isolated its effects and found no change in participants' gut microbiome or their metabolic profiles, as it was previously suggested."

Kyriazis collaborated with researchers at Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Ohio State's College of Arts and Sciences, Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute in California and the Translational Research Institute for Metabolism and Diabetes at Advent-Health in Florida.

Non-caloric artificial sweeteners are often consumed as a substitute for dietary sugars, and saccharin is one of six artificial sweeteners approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The use of artificial sweeteners has increased dramatically over the past decade due to growing awareness of the negative health outcomes associated with consum-

ing too much sugar, study authors noted.

"Previous studies elsewhere have suggested that consuming artificial sweeteners is associated with metabolic syndrome, weight gain, obesity and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. These findings have raised concerns that consuming them may lead to adverse public health outcomes, and a lack

of well-controlled interventional studies contributed to the confusion," said study first author Joan Serrano, a researcher in the department of biological chemistry and pharmacology at Ohio State.

A total of 46 healthy adults ages 18-45 with body mass indexes of 25 or less completed this randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study.

Participants ingested capsules that contained the maximum acceptable daily amount of either saccharin, or lactisole (a sweet taste receptor inhibitor), or saccharin with lactisole, or placebo every day for two weeks. The maximum acceptable daily amount of saccharin is 400 milligrams per day, which is far more than the average consumer would consume.

The study excluded people with taking medications that could potentially affect metabolic function; those with acute or chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease or a history of malabsorption and those who are pregnant or nursing.

Researchers also tested for 10 weeks the effects of even higher dose of saccharin in mice that genetically lack sweet taste receptors with the same results: the artificial sweetener didn't affect glucose tolerance, or cause any significant gut microbiota changes or apparent adverse health effects.

"Sugar, on the other hand, is well-documented to contribute to obesity, heart disease and diabetes," Kyriazis said. "So, when given the choice, artificial sweeteners such as saccharin are the clear winner based on all of the scientific information we currently have."

Future research will study each FDA-approved sweetener individually to examine if there are any differences in how they're metabolized. Researchers will study these substances over a longer period of time to ensure they're safe for daily use.

The National Institutes of Health, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Advent-Health institutional funds supported this work.



A new study by researchers at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center clarifies the healthier choice between sugar and artificial sweeteners. Contrary to some previous research, the study found that artificial sweeteners do not cause health issues or lead to diabetes in healthy adults. (Photo courtesy of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center)

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Do your pets a favor and promise a New Year's resolution for their benefit, says Dr. Michael Stone of Oak Harbor Veterinary Hospital. (Photo courtesy Metro Graphics)

Dr. Stone's Pet Corner New Year's resolutions, pet style

By Dr. Michael Stone
Oak Harbor Veterinary Hospital

While most of us spend the time after Christmas thinking of our resolutions (and promising ourselves they will stick!), have we ever stopped to think that we should make some resolutions for our pets?

Maybe this year we should work on a "new them" as well as a "new me." Here are some of the easiest ways to help make the next year the best it can be for our pets.

- Measure your pet's food – every time. Many owners "eyeball" their pet's daily intake and pour that into a bowl, usually resulting in overfeeding and weight gain. It's important to use an actual measuring cup to ensure your pet isn't taking in more calories than they need.

- Choose an age-appropriate diet. Choosing a diet specifically tailored to your pet's life stage is a great way to keep them in optimal health.

- Try a new activity with your pet. From hiking, to kayaking to even just birding in the backyard, it's easier than ever for people to include their pets into a new exercise routine. It's a great way to bond; it will get both of you out of the house, and both owner and pet will reap the rewards of healthy physical activity.

- Incorporate more playtime into your route. Cats love the thrill of chasing a laser toy; just don't tell them it's exercise! Toys that trigger a cat's predatory instinct are a great way to get them off the couch and engaged in a little aerobic activity.

- Make a date with your vet. Yearly examinations by the veterinarian are a key

component of good preventative care. Many medical conditions, such as diabetes, arthritis or obesity, are common in aging pets and are much easier to manage when detected in the early stages of the disease process.

- Groom your pet daily. Brushing your pet serves many purposes, including removing excess fur from the coat, and reducing the amount you find on your clothes and furniture.

- Practice good oral hygiene habits with your pet. Daily toothbrushing is the best way to keep tartar and plaque at bay – just be sure to use a toothpaste meant for dogs and cats.

- Teach an old dog a new trick. Studies show that mental stimulation can help reduce cognitive deterioration in aging animals. Teaching your pet new tricks and practicing those they already know are a great way to keep those neurons firing. Puzzle feeders, which force a pet to think through a task in order to be rewarded with a treat, are also an excellent way to keep a pet's mind engaged.

- Update Pet ID info. Over the course of a year, a lot can change – people move, get new phone numbers, etc., and they often forget to update their pet's ID tags. Often, they only remember if the pet becomes lost. If any of your contact information has changed in 2020, don't forget to update pets' tags and microchip information. It's the best way to ensure a lost pet makes its way home safely.

Contact Dr. Stone at Oak Harbor Veterinary Hospital, Inc., 1386 S. SR 19, Oak Harbor, 419-898-3411. Visit oakharborvethospital.com for details.

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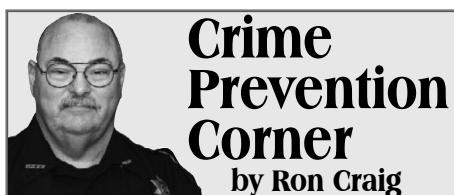
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Crime Prevention Corner**Families step up to make pandemic easier for elderly**

Family members have done a lot for their elders these past several months as we battle the COVID-19 coronavirus. That plays out well for efforts in crime prevention in many ways.

Many seniors have been depending on their children and grandchildren to get groceries and run other errands so seniors may stay safely at home. These extra visits to the seniors' homes have had a positive impact on crime prevention efforts as criminals see the increased traffic, making the crooks less likely to target those seniors' homes.

The increased interactions between the elderly and their younger family members are also likely to decrease chances the seniors may fall for scams. In turn, this may



be reducing chances a senior may lose his or her life savings.

It's a shame we have had to be more vigilant this past year when it comes to family get-togethers, especially around the holidays. While many of us had to cancel or severely curtail these family gatherings, it may be somewhat of a consolation that the seniors are able to see family members

more often each week because the younger family members are dropping off food items and other staples.

I talked to one of our Neighborhood Watch members recently who told me someone she knew was about to fall for a scam, but that was averted because a family member who was dropping off groceries learned of the issue and stopped it before any money was lost.

On another note, I don't usually cover more than one topic at a time in these columns, but I feel I would be remiss if I didn't take an opportunity to give a shout-out to Lake Township PD Officers Kelly Clark and Rachel Caputo. These two officers did a tremendous job in collecting non-perishable food items and cash to be donated to

Lake Local Schools for their Glider Pack Program. This program provides food for students at times they are not in school, such as weekends and holiday breaks.

For the holiday project the previous year, the two collected items to benefit animals in the area. Hats off to these two great officers for a job well done!

This article is a public service from the Community Policing/Crime Prevention Division of the Lake Township Police Department. Township residents may obtain further information on crime prevention and public safety topics by contacting Ron Craig, crime prevention specialist/community policing officer, at 419-481-6354.

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Reduce pain

Six ideas for easing your achy joints

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Have you noticed that as temperatures drop you feel more achy?

Winter can be hard on our bodies, especially our joints. In acupuncture theory, it is believed that cold can constrict the flow through joints and muscles, making them feel achier. Think about what happens when you put water in the cold freezer. It constricts into a hard block of ice. In a similar way, cold may restrict flow through the muscles and joints by tightening them up, leading to more aches and pains in some people.

If you feel your joints tightening as the temperature drops, here are six ideas that may help reduce pain and improve mobility. If aches and pains persist for an extended period of time, please consult your physician.

1. Warm up. Try to avoid being outside in the cold for long periods to keep joints warm. If you need to be out in the cold, wear extra layers especially over sore joints to protect them from cold temperatures. Also, warming the joints before and after cold exposure with a heating pad could help increase circulation to help with joint pain. If you're feeling a chill from being outside, warm up from the inside out with a hot cup of tea.

2. Stretch out. When muscles and joints feel tight and tense in the cold weather, gentle stretching can be helpful. Stretching before activity can help protect muscles from possible injuries. Shoveling snow and scraping ice off our vehicles in the winter can be hard on our bodies and could lead to muscle strains and injuries. Stretching and also being aware of body mechanics/posture during these types of activities can help prevent injuries. Starting the day with a gentle stretching routine can help warm up our stiff muscles and joints to prepare for the day.

3. Soak aches away. Soaking in a bathtub is soothing to both body and mind after a long day. Adding in bath salts could make your relaxing bath more therapeutic. Bath salts contain minerals such as magnesium, which can help relax sore muscles. Magnesium is needed for muscle function and can calm the nervous system so a bath in the evening could help you get a good night's sleep. Also, the warmth of a bath can help increase circulation through joints and muscles, which can be helpful for aches and pains. Essential oils can also be added to the bath to help ease away the stress and tension from the day.

4. Apply a topical. If muscles and joints are still feeling achy, maybe a topical ointment or liniment could help. Topicals can be thick and lotion-like, such as an ointment, or thin and either oil- or water-



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based such as a liniment. These topicals are applied on the skin over sore areas and many contain aromatics such as mint, cinnamon, clove and lavender.

These natural aromatic herbs have properties that may help increase circulation to an area, which can be helpful for pain. The aromatics in topicals can make the topical feel warm, cool or give a tingling sensation when applied. DIY topicals can be made by blending aromatic essential oils into your favorite skincare product, such as lotion or body oil. Be sure to check the ingredient list for allergens before trying a topical. It's also a good idea to apply to a small area first to make sure you don't have a reaction.

5. Add turmeric. Turmeric is a bright yellow spice that is warm and bright in both color and function. Turmeric has been included in cooking for its flavor but also its therapeutic properties. This spice is believed to have anti-inflammatory properties and help alleviate pain by increasing circulation. You can add this spice to your cooking and it can also be found in supplement form. A delicious and warming way to use turmeric is a recipe called "golden milk" where turmeric is added to warm milk/milk substitute. Honey or cinnamon may also be added to taste. Before trying

turmeric, talk with your primary care provider to make sure it's a good fit for you and to ask about any health concerns.

6. Try Moxibustion. Moxibustion, aka Moxa, is a technique that has been used for centuries to warm painful areas like joints, and should only be performed by a licensed practitioner. An herb called Mugwort is used in this technique and is often pressed or rolled into an incense-like stick. You may have seen Mugwort growing wild in our area and didn't know about this special plant. This herb is used for its deeply warming properties. During Moxa, this herb is burned safely over the skin at painful areas like joints.

Moxibustion is believed to increase circulation and blood flow to painful areas to aide in pain relief. It could be used for joint pain and also conditions such as neuropathy and cold hands or feet. Moxibustion is performed by a licensed practitioner to ensure safety of the technique and to make sure that the moxibustion is right for you.

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Health Dept. offers update on Phase 1B vaccine distribution

In order to assist in the vaccine distribution process, the Ottawa County Health Department has created a pre-registration form to collect information from residents who would be interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

This information will be used to help local partners plan for vaccine distribution as it becomes available in each phase.

Once Ottawa County begins each vaccination phase, the county health department will notify individuals qualifying for that phase via the phone number and/or email address provided. Those registering are urged to double check their contact information to ensure that the health department can reach them when vaccines become available.

The form can be found at ottawa-health.org.

Individuals who have a disability, no access to technology or are experiencing technical issues in completing the form, can contact the United Way 2-1-1 line for assistance.

Each individual being vaccinated needs to complete a separate form, as some individuals within a family may be eligible for vaccination at different times.

Next Anticipated Phase: 1B, includes:

- Ohioans, age 65 and older;
- Younger people with severe congenital, developmental or early-onset medical disorders that make them particularly vulnerable, such as cerebral palsy; spina bifida; congenital heart disease; type 1 diabetes; inherited metabolic disorders; severe neurologic disorders including epilepsy; severe genetic disorders including Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Prader Willi Syndrome and Turner Syndrome; severe lung disease including cystic fibrosis and severe asthma; sickle cell anemia; and alpha- and beta-thalassemia.

• Adults/employees who work in schools (K-12).

On Jan. 7, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced the following schedule for Phase 1B vaccine distribution:

- Week of Jan. 18 – Ohioans 80+ years of age.
- Week of Jan. 25 – Ohioans 75+ years of age and individuals with severe congenital, development, or early onset medical disorders.
- Week of Feb. 1 – Ohioans 70+ years of age and adults/employees who work in schools (K-12).
- Week of Feb 8 – Ohioans 65+ years of age.

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The hour-long forum will provide an opportunity for residents of all ages to come together to ask questions about the disease, share their personal experiences, learn about available resources and discover volunteer opportunities to support families affected by the disease.

"Community Forums are hosted by the Alzheimer's Association in communities across the country, where families are invited to come together with association staff and volunteers to mobilize our community in the fight against Alzheimer's disease," said Pam Myers, program director for the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter.

Register for the forum by calling 800-272-3900.

Poetry contest entries sought by WCCOA

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) will accept entries for this year's poetry contest from Tuesday, Jan. 19 through 4 p.m. Friday, March 26.

The contest is open to any Wood County resident 50 years of age or older. The theme of this year's contest is "Your Legacy." Entries should, in some way, celebrate the heart and soul of Wood County citizens as they continue to celebrate their lives.

Entries must be submitted in English and be no longer than one page, double-spaced in a 12-point Times New Roman font. Submissions must be entirely entrants' own work and must have never been previously published, online or offline. Any plagiarized short stories and poems will be disqualified. All styles of poems are acceptable.

Two entries will be accepted per person. Intent to submit will not be accepted.

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By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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- Elmore Golden Oldies, 19225 W. Witty Rd. – pick up Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-noon. Call 419-862-3874.
- Genoa Senior Center, 514 Main St. – pick up Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m.-noon. Call 419-855-4491.
- Oak Harbor “Harbor Lights” Senior Center, 8180 W. SR 163 – pick up Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-noon. Call 419-898-2800.

Find more info at www.co.ottawa.oh.us (click on Senior Resources on the left-side menu), or call Ottawa County Senior Resources at 419-898-6459.

Bingo Live

Oregon Senior Center will present Bingo Live, sponsored by Aetna, Thursday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Play live for prizes via Facebook. Pick up game packets at the center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Maximum four cards per game.

Hot meals to go

Hot Grab and Go Meals are provided for pick-up at the center by the Area Office on Aging to anyone 60 and older daily 11:30 a.m.-noon. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. The suggested donation is \$2.50. Center staff will bring meals out to your car. Call 419-698-7078 to re-reserve a meal or for more information.

March 31 deadline set

Nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers have until March 31 to seek reimbursement for investments

in indoor air quality that weaken COVID-19's spread, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation announced today.

The new deadline gives such facilities an extra three months to apply for reimbursement from the COVID-19 Indoor Air Quality Assistance Program, a program funded by \$28 million in federal CARES (Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act dollars and administered by BWC at Governor Mike DeWine's request.

"We appreciate the federal government's extension of these life-saving dollars," said BWC Interim Administrator/CEO John Logue. "Adding three months to this program enables us to reach even more facilities serving vulnerable older Ohioans, and we're pleased to do our part."

The federal stimulus package signed into law Dec. 27 extended the time for use of the funds beyond the original Dec. 30 deadline.

The program offers up to \$15,000 for eligible entities to inspect and assess their air quality needs and address those needs through portable air filtration systems, new filtration systems, maintenance on current systems, and other interventions implemented on or after March 1, 2020, through March 31, 2021.

"It is critical we use every tool possible to ensure older Ohioans have the healthiest possible environment in these facilities," said Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy. "This program will contribute to that goal, and I am most grateful."

For an application, FAQ, and more on the program, visit <https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/bwc/about-bwc/COVID-19-and+BWC/COVID-19-indoor-air-quality-grant>. Questions can be emailed to grants@bwc.state.oh.us.

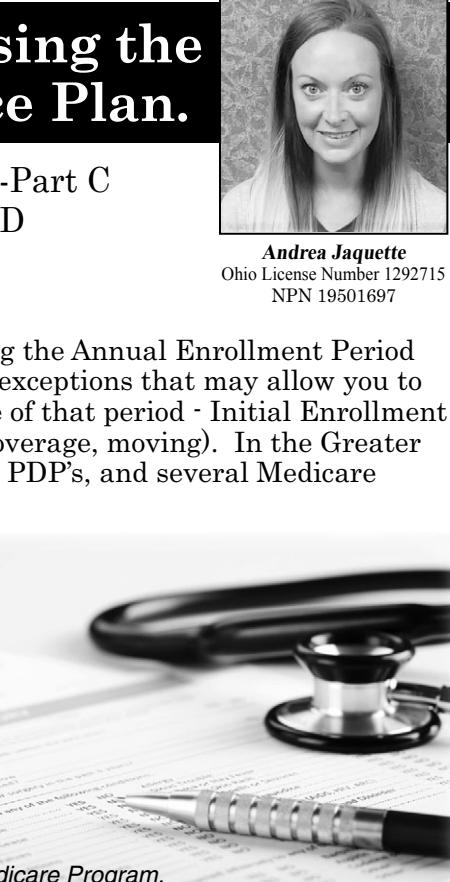
The CARES Act allows states to use federal funding from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund for necessary expenditures incurred by the state due to COVID-19 that were not authorized as part of the state budget.

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Otterbein Pemberville residents, staff get COVID-19 vaccines

Otterbein Pemberville Independent Living resident Gene Sears was among 229 residents and staff members at the SeniorLife Community who received COVID-19 vaccines on Friday, Jan. 8. Sears, who is 85, has lived at Otterbein Pemberville since 2016. (Submitted photo)

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Phase 1B COVID-19 vaccine distribution in Sandusky Co.

In conjunction with Ohio's statewide efforts to distribute COVID-19 vaccines to Ohioans in Phase 1B starting the week of Jan. 19, Sandusky County Public Health and Sandusky County EMA are partnering to lead the vaccination efforts.

"Sandusky County continues to work with our local healthcare providers to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccine gets out to our Tier 1B residents," said Jamie Belcher, Sandusky County Public Health public information officer.

Vaccinations in Phase 1B are expected to begin the week of Jan. 19. Gov. Mike DeWine announced a tiered system for offering vaccinations to the estimated 2.2 million people who are eligible for the vaccine under this phase, beginning with those who are 80 or older:

- Week of Jan. 19: Ohioans 80 years of age and older.
- Week of Jan. 25: Ohioans 75 years of age and older; those with severe congenital or developmental disorders.
- Week of Feb. 1: Ohioans 70 years of age and older; employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid models.
- Week of Feb. 8: Ohioans 65 years of age and older.

The COVID-19 Vaccine will be offered by the following healthcare providers:

Sandusky County Public Health Dept., 2000 Countryside Dr., Fremont.

Bellevue Hospital, 1400 W. Main St., Bellevue.

ProMedica Memorial Hospital, 715 S. Taft Ave., Fremont.

Pre-registration is required to get the vaccine. To pre-register for the vaccine at any of the above locations, visit www.scpulic health.com, www.bellevuehospital.com or www.ProMedica.org.

Those who do not have access to or feel comfortable pre-registering online, may contact United Way First Call for Help at 419-334-2720 or GLCAP Senior Center 419-334-8181 for assistance with the pre-registration process.

Walk-in appointments are currently not available.

The following retail pharmacies will also be offering the COVID-19 vaccine to the community.

Discount Drug Mart, 1062 W. McPherson Highway, Clyde. Call 419-547-4000.

Kroger Pharmacy, 1700 Cedar St., Fremont. Call 419-332-9187.

Customers are encouraged to visit kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or to call the COVID-19 vaccine helpline at 866-211-5320 for the latest information on vaccine availability in their area.

With vaccines arriving, the helpline will be active starting Saturday, Jan. 16.

Kroger Pharmacy will only be providing vaccines to the current phase/included populations, seniors 80+. All COVID-19 vaccines will require an appointment via kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or 866-211-5320 once vaccines are available.

Sandusky County vaccine providers will either have the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine. All vaccination distribution is subject to availability provided by the State of Ohio.

"Sandusky County is only receiving 700 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at this time among all five vaccine providers," said Health Commissioner Bethany Brown. "Please be patient; wait times may be lengthy before an appointment can be scheduled due to the limited amount of vaccine being received from the state."

"While we know that many people in our community are eager to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we must be patient while demand for the vaccine remains higher than the available supply," she said. "As vaccine supply increases, we will be able to vaccinate more of those in Phase 1B, and eventually, all Ohioans who choose to be vaccinated will be able to receive COVID-19 vaccines."

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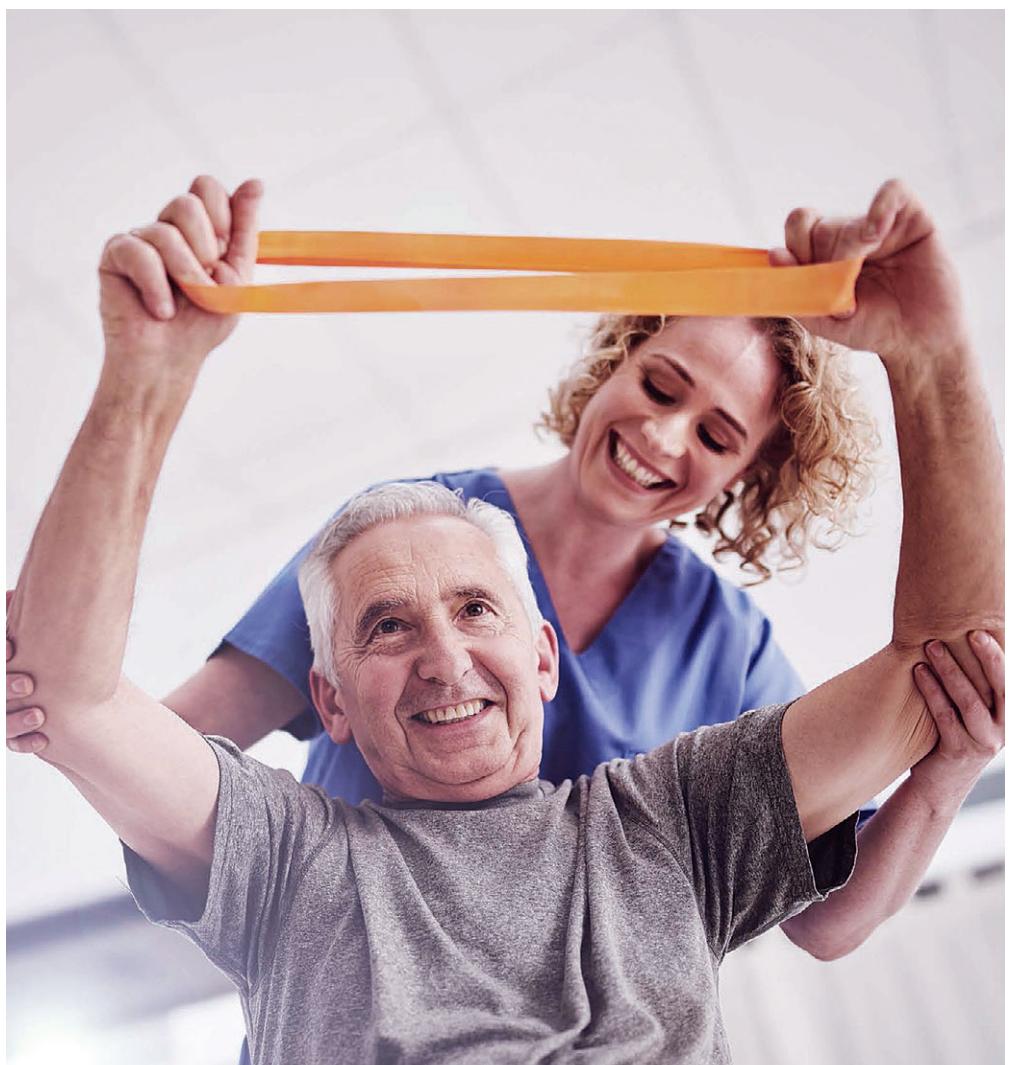
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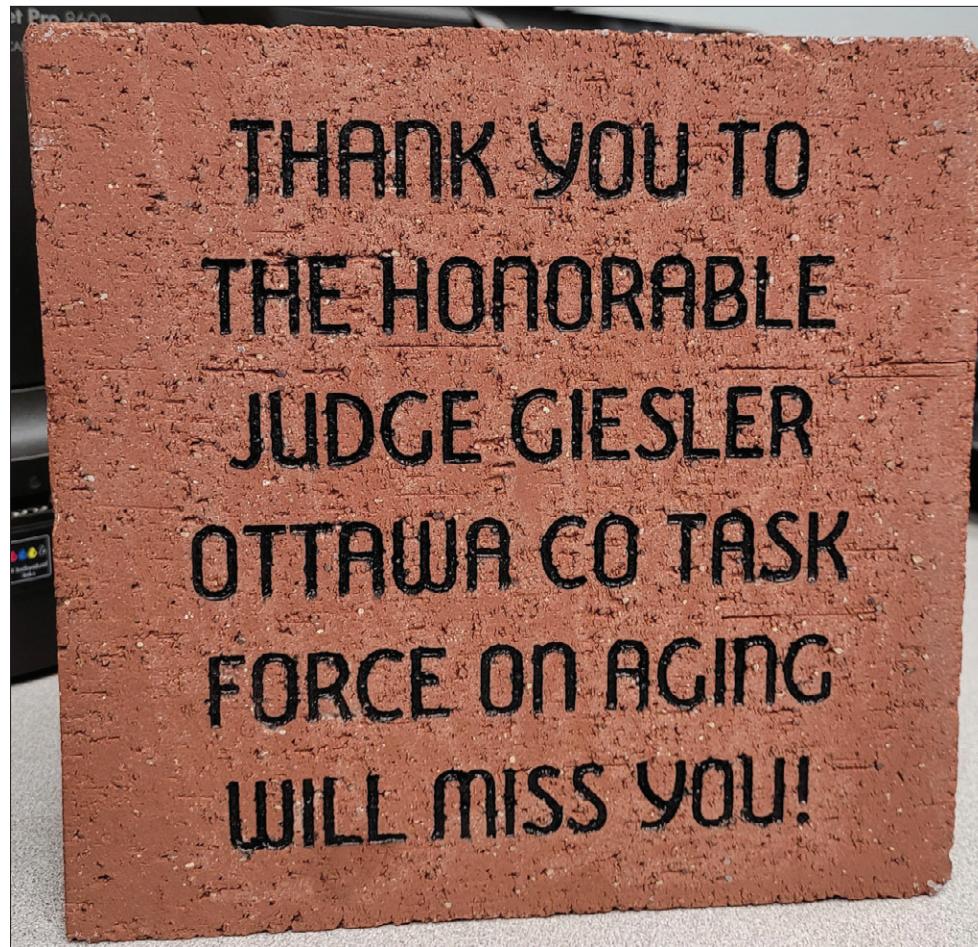
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Ottawa County Task Force on Aging honored Ottawa County Juvenile/Probate Judge Kathleen Giesler for her leadership in developing the organization by presenting her with a paver, to be set at the county fairgrounds. The paver says, "We will miss you!" since Judge Giesler is retiring Feb. 8. (Submitted photo)

Honoring Judge Giesler

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the Ottawa County Task Force on Aging honored Ottawa County Juvenile/Probate Judge Kathleen Giesler for her leadership in the development of the task force with a presentation of an engraved brick paver that will be placed at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds.

The task force lauded Judge Giesler, who has given 28 years of service to the county, for her assistance and support for the task force, which addresses the issues facing the county's senior population and aims to increase awareness of the problem of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

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The service is available for those who are at or below 175% of federal poverty guidelines (\$22,330/annual income for a one-person household; \$30,170/annual income for a two-person household) and live in Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood counties.

In addition to EHEAP, households may also apply for the regular, non-emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefit that provides a one-time heating utility payment to reduce household en-

ergy costs.

New to this season and in response to the pandemic, all qualifying households will also receive an automatic second HEAP Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act benefit to supplement their heating needs.

"Household utilities are a significant expense, especially for seniors who are on a limited income," GLCAP Basic Needs Specialist Joyce McCauley-Benner said. "EHEAP and HEAP can assist those seniors who are struggling to make these payments."

GLCAP Energy Assistance staff can assist seniors and all income-qualifying households with applying for both their emergency and non-emergency winter heating needs.

Scheduling and details on EHEAP assistance is available online at www.glcap.org/winterheating or by calling 567-432-5046.

Navigating caregiving

The Care Compass project, organized by the Wood County Committee on Aging, serves as a quarterly network gathering for caregivers and offers a place to gather together and obtain resources to make the journey of caregiving less stressful. Each session focuses on a different topic related to caregiving.

The first-quarter session for 2021, which will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., will focus on isolation and its impact on caregiver health. This session will be held virtually via Zoom.

Ann Schreiner, a regular participant of the Care Compass Project, is a caregiver for her 87-year-old mother, who has early-stage dementia. Her biggest hurdle to caregiving has been having patience and learning to respond with kindness when her mother is demanding and/or confused, she says.

"One Care Compass session in

particular discussed being kind to yourself during these difficult situations," Schreiner said. "It has been a great resource to connect with other people who are going through the same things." The Care Compass Project is free and open to those wanting to learn about caregiving, as well as those who are currently caregiving. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-367-4935 or 419-353-5661 or by emailing programs@wccoa.net.

The remaining sessions of the Care Compass Project for 2021 have been scheduled for June 2, Sept. 1 and Nov. 3.

The Care Compass Project is sponsored by Brookdale of Bowling Green, Golden Care Partners, Ohio Living Home Health and Wood County Hospital.

For information on Wood County Committee on Aging programs and services, visit www.wccoa.net.

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10 ways to love your brain – reduce your risk of decline

It's never too late or too early to start thinking about your brain's health — making healthy choices at any age is beneficial.

However, you can reduce your risk of cognitive decline. Cognitive decline is a deterioration in memory or cognition that is, to some extent, expected with age. Normal cognitive decline is different from dementia in that it is not severe enough to interfere with daily life.

"There is a large body of research going on in the field of dementia right now focusing on how we take care of ourselves," says Pam Myers, program director for the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. "Evidence is strong that people can reduce their risk by making key lifestyle changes, including participating in regular physical activity and maintaining good heart health."

Based on this research, the Alzheimer's Association offers "10 Ways to Love Your Brain," a collection of tips that can reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

Break a sweat: Engage in regular cardiovascular exercise that elevates your heart rate and increases blood flow to the brain and body. Several studies have found an association between physical activity and reduced risk of cognitive decline.

Hit the books: Formal education in any stage of life will help reduce your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. For example, take a class at a local college, commun-

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nity center or online.

Butt out: Evidence shows that smoking increases risk of cognitive decline. Quitting smoking can reduce that risk to levels comparable to those who have not smoked.

Follow your heart: Evidence shows that risk factors for cardiovascular disease and stroke — obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes — negatively impact your cognitive health. Take care of your heart, and your brain just might follow.

Heads up: Brain injury can raise your risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Wear a seat belt, use a helmet when playing contact sports or riding a bike, and take steps to prevent falls.

Fuel up right: Eat a healthy and bal-

anced diet that is lower in fat and higher in vegetables and fruit to help reduce the risk of cognitive decline. Although research on diet and cognitive function is limited, certain diets, including Mediterranean and Mediterranean-DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), may contribute to risk reduction.

Catch some ZZZs: Not getting enough sleep due to conditions like insomnia or sleep apnea may result in problems with memory and thinking.

Take care of your mental health: Some studies link a history of depression with increased risk of cognitive decline, so seek medical treatment if you have symptoms of depression, anxiety or other mental health concerns. Also, try to manage stress.

Stump yourself: Challenge and activate your mind. Build a piece of furniture. Complete a jigsaw puzzle. Do something artistic. Play games, such as bridge, that make you think strategically. Challenging your mind may have short and long-term benefits for your brain.

Buddy up: Staying socially engaged may support brain health. Pursue social activities that are meaningful to you. Find ways to be part of your local community — if you love animals, consider volunteering at a local shelter. If you enjoy singing, join a local choir or help at an afterschool program. Or, just share activities with friends and family.

"Alzheimer's disease is not normal aging, but age is the greatest risk factor for developing the disease" says Myers. "One out of every ten Americans age 65+ are living with Alzheimer's and we know that one in three seniors die from Alzheimer's disease, so the time is now to live a healthy lifestyle to improve/maintain good brain health".

To support persons living with dementia and their caregivers, the Alzheimer's Association provides free care and support services throughout Northwest Ohio. These services include information and referral service; one-on-one or family care consultations to develop care plans; a wide variety of community education programs; support groups/social activity groups for caregivers and person living with dementia in early stage, and a 24-hour Helpline.

Due to COVID-19, currently these services are being provided virtually. The association also has several volunteer opportunities for people who are interested in joining in the mission and fighting this disease.

For more information, call 419-537-1999 or email pjmyers@alz.org.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness worldwide. In fact, estimates from the World Glaucoma Association indicated that 79.6 million individuals would experience glaucoma in 2020. By 2040, that figure is expected to rise to 111.8 million people. January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month.

What is glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a disease that damages the optic nerve. According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology, glaucoma usually results from the buildup of fluid in the front part of the eye. As that fluid builds up, it increases the pressure in the eye, ultimately damaging the optic nerve.

Are all glaucomas the same?

All glaucomas are not the same. The AAO notes that there are two major types of the disease: primary open-angle glaucoma and angle-closure glaucoma.

The most common type of the disease, primary open-angle glaucoma develops gradually. Eyes affected by primary open-angle glaucoma do not drain fluid as well as they should, resulting in the buildup of pressure that slowly starts to damage the optic nerve.

Angle-closure glaucoma occurs when a person's iris is very close to the drainage angle in his or her eye. The AAO says that this proximity can block the drainage angle, causing pressure to build up very quickly. However, the AAO also notes that

many people with angle-closure glaucoma develop it very slowly and have no idea they have it until they've suffered severe damage.

What are the symptoms of glaucoma?

The symptoms of glaucoma differ depending on which type a person has. According to the AAO, there are no obvious symptoms in the early stages of open-angle glaucoma. Blind spots develop in patients' peripheral vision as the disease progresses. Because people often do not experience symptoms until the damage from open-angle glaucoma has become severe, the AAO urges adults to schedule routine eye exams with an ophthalmologist so the disease can be

found before any significant damage has occurred.

Blurred vision, halos, mild headaches, or eye pain are some early symptoms of an angle-closure glaucoma attack. However, the AAO notes that people with angle-closure glaucoma do not typically notice any symptoms until the attack has started. As a result, the AAO urges anyone experiencing any of the aforementioned symptoms to contact their ophthalmologist immediately. Once an angle-closure glaucoma attack has begun, symptoms may include:

- severe pain in the eye or forehead;
- redness of the eye;
- decreased vision or blurred vision;
- nausea;
- vomiting.

No one is immune to glaucoma, which can quickly rob otherwise healthy individuals of their vision. Learning to recognize the early signs of glaucoma and seeking prompt treatment can reduce the likelihood of substantial vision loss.

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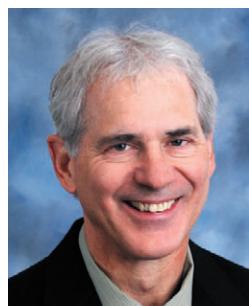
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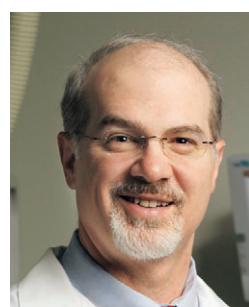
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St. John's versatility pays off for Flyers, Gray Wolves

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Lake 5-foot-11 senior forward Hayley St. John has taken on a different role this year, and she is welcoming it.

Last year, St. John led the Flyers in scoring, averaging 15.2 points, 7.6 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 2.1 assists. She was first team All-District 7, second team All-Northern Buckeye Conference, and third team Associated Press Northwest District.

This year she occasionally takes a back seat to her teammates, scoring wise only. Skill-wise, she is at the top of her game. This year, she is averaging 13 points, is shooting 45.1 percent from inside the arc, and is at about eight rebounds, two assists, two steals and two deflections per game.

St. John has 791 career points through her first 10 games, so with 12 games remaining, whether or not she reaches the 1,000-career point mark remains to be seen. She has sacrificed some of her scoring this year for team play, which she is happy with.

"It is definitely different because in previous years it has not been like that," St. John said. "But this year I have been a big help on defense and stuff, and we have some pretty good shooters and drivers. It is just passing more — that's definitely been a big role for me this year — that does not usually happen."

For anyone with basketball knowledge, that makes her an even better player.

"She's always adaptive, grown in her roles throughout her four years here," Lake coach Joe Nowak said. "She's becoming more of, I don't want to say a utility player, but she's definitely a player who can definitely score. She was our leading scorer last year, but at the same time she realized this year that we have a handful of other girls who are capable of scoring points, too, so she's filling in at other places."

"But she's just so versatile, too. She can play all over the floor, she's athletic, she's quick and she's got the size for that, too, so she poses some pretty tough matchups for everybody. But she's consistently grown and developed over her four years, which obviously you hope to see out of your players. But I feel like she has stayed humble, too, to develop into a scorer throughout her junior year and then to kind of, I don't want to say take a back seat to other players who are scoring, too, but to let them showcase their abilities and showcase their growth and she can fill in and step in where we need her to."

It might be part of the reason she has committed to playing NAIA basketball at Lourdes University next year.

"I think one thing that makes her valuable to anybody, and I'm sure it was a factor in their coaching staff decision to go after her is her versatility. I would not say she's a big girl like a post or anything like that, but she's got size and she's mobile," Nowak said.

"She's definitely got the speed and the skill set to pair with her size nicely to do some of the things, but she's also got kind of a knack for the ball — she's got a real nose for it — she can seek it out. Her endurance level is pretty high, and she's gotten faster progressively through the years so, overall, she's a really nice athlete. Basketball is her primary sport, which I'm sure is always



Hayley St. John (right). (Photo courtesy Lake Communications Director Lisa Feather)

something college coaches are looking for, too. It is her overall versatility and her speed level and just her desire and hunger to prove she can play."

St. John, a standout three-sport athlete, said she was first noticed by Lourdes basketball coach John Kenger and his staff during an event in Wauseon. She has not signed yet, so Kenger cannot comment.

"It was actually over the summer before this, I was at a summer shoot-out at Wauseon hosted by Lourdes because they actually needed players, and they saw me there and they started following me at Lake. We talked and I went to open gyms there and I really liked it," St. John said.

Although St. John's stands out on the soccer pitch and running track, too, basketball is her favorite sport. She said she started playing at the age of 5 and has grown to love the sport.

Maturing before the coach's eyes

Nowak says he has seen St. John mature throughout her prep career.

"Hayley will be the first four-year letter winner that I've had at Lake, and this is my sixth year, and she's played with some pretty good players that are older than her and she's played with some pretty good players that are younger than her. I think there are a lot of things that stand out about Hayley," Nowak said. "She is always eager to get better, she is always committed to getting in

during the offseason, listening and taking stuff that we work on and apply it to her game."

"Another great thing about Hayley is just her commitment to the team and she's just a great teammate," Nowak continued. "She gets along with her teammates. She's there for them, she'll talk to them, and one of the things I've been really impressed with is her overall growth and maturity even from last year to this year."

"There are times where I'm getting on them about something or even her specifically and she is not slouched over or anything like that and looking away. She is locked in, she is eye to eye, she is nodding along and taking what you are telling her, and then she goes up there and she uses it. Her overall growth as a person and her maturity level thing, too, has been something that has been noticeable. I definitely think it is something that has helped her."

Northern Buckeye girls solid

The Flyers were headed into a tough match-up Thursday hosting undefeated Elmwood (12-0, 9-0). Lake, currently at 6-4 overall and 4-2 in the Northern Buckeye Conference, was the preseason coaches' favorite to win the league, but this is no average season. Woodmore (11-2, 7-2), Eastwood (8-4, 5-3) and Elmwood make the NBC perhaps one of the best girls basketball conferences in Northwest Ohio this

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Team (League)	Overall
Woodmore (1-2, NBC)	4 4
Oak Harbor (4-1, SBC Bay)	5 6
Eastwood (2-1, NBC)	3 4
Gibsonburg (3-3, SBC River)	3 4
Cardinal Stritch (0-0, TAAC)	3 4
Clay (0-0, TRAC)	1 2
Lake (0-4, NBC)	3 7
Genoa (3-3, NBC)	3 8
Northwood (0-0, TAAC)	0 5

GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Team (League)	Overall
Woodmore (7-2, NBC)	11 2
Eastwood (5-3, NBC)	8 4
Lake (4-2, NBC)	6 4
Genoa (3-4, NBC)	6 6
Oak Harbor (2-3, SBC Bay)	4 7
Northwood (0-0, TAAC)	2 6
Cardinal Stritch (0-0, TAAC)	1 6
Gibsonburg (0-7, SBC River)	1 10
Waite (0-0, TCL)	0 1
Clay (0-2, TRAC)	0 3

(Records updated to January 14)

year.

The Flyers lost to Woodmore, 62-51, Tuesday and were at Eastwood Saturday. Lake defeated Woodmore 74-50 in their first match-up, so anyone can beat anyone on any given night. Elmwood handed the Flyers their other league loss, 62-48. St. John and Nowak say it did not help having a two-week hiatus because of coronavirus protocol.

"I was very shocked. Elmwood is going to be good because they have good players, but I actually was shocked in how good they actually were," St. John said. "I think it is going well. We got quarantined right around Christmas so that definitely did not help, but we've gotten back into it. It has definitely been different."

"I think it is good just to be back to where we were and everything and we haven't lost anything. We need to play better than we did last time against Elmwood now that we know what their strengths and weaknesses are."

Nowak added, "That Elmwood squad — they have the right combination, players and size that they know what they are looking for and they are pretty good at getting what they are looking for, too. We were looking to lean on Hayley a little bit probably."

Nowak added that this is where St. John's teammates step up.

"Delani Robinson really came on strong in the second half of the season last year and she started out well for us this year," Nowak said. "We have been kind of going through a little bit of a funk because we got thrown into a quarantine situation. We played two games in a matter of maybe three-and-a-half weeks, and it's tough to get into any kind of groove, and we're getting ready to kick off a pretty active January here but we'll look forward to it."

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Clay gymnast Gracie Mabry. (Photo courtesy Faye Smith)

Clay gymnasts chasing elusive second TRAC title

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After the graduation of state qualifier and Three Rivers Athletic Conference Gymnast of the Year Madisen Gladieux, Clay gymnastics coach Faye Smith has three letter winners returning.

There are no seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and a freshman leading this year's team, which bodes well for this year and next year, too. After the Lucas County Health Department suspended sports, the gymnasts are getting back to action this week.

Smith's top all-around athletes include returning sophomore letter winner Grace Mabry and freshman Laney Newman. Just because they are young does not mean Mabry and Newman are inexperienced.

"Both have a lot of experience in competitive gymnastics and compete year around," Smith said. "Gracie Mabry has been working hard during the time between last summer and this summer, and I think you can see the improvement in her skills and routines. I am excited to see how she does this season."

"Laney Newman is a first-year high school gymnast for Clay but she has lots of experience in gymnastics and competes for another gym during the offseason. I think this gives her some good preparation for the requirements that she will need to complete for the high school gymnastics competitions. She also works hard at practice and strives to be the best she can be."

There are other athletes who excel at certain individual events.

"Chloe Maville (sophomore) has strong consistent vaults that should place her in the top of our team," Smith said. "I expect Willow Saje (junior) to be one of our top athletes on beam because she is confident on the beam and completes each skill with poise and grace. I expect Laney Newman

to be top on bars because she has a lot of strong skills and is consistent in completing them in her routines."

Smith says she expects all of her athletes to perform well in floor exercises.

"I think all of our gymnasts will do well on floor," Smith said. "Each has strength of skills and brings different backgrounds and experiences such as dance, gymnastics, and cheerleading that will make them competitive in high school gymnastics."

Smith has been coaching gymnastics at Clay since 2014 and at Anthony Wayne since 2011, and she remains at both schools, where she has had athletes win league and district championships.

Last year the Eagles finished a close second in the league behind Notre Dame, 127.675-117.375. Whitmer (112.925) was third, followed by Findlay (83.225) and St. Ursula (77.05). All-time, Findlay has five

TRAC titles, Notre Dame three titles and Clay one.

Can Clay do well enough to win its second TRAC championship this year?

"I am hoping to see our team finish in the upper half of the league. We have six strong gymnasts this year and I think that we will just continue to grow as the season progresses," Smith said.

Bolstering the lineup are junior Bree Schenkel and sophomore McKenzie Coger, giving Smith hope that this team could fare well in the conference.

"I think the team is strong on floor and vault. I also think we have a great team captain this year (Mabry) who is really pushing all of the girls to try their best and work hard at each and every practice," Smith said.

"I think our weakness this year is going to be bars. It is a tough event, especially for those gymnasts who don't practice all year around, and with the break in the season, we have less time to prepare than in past years for this event."

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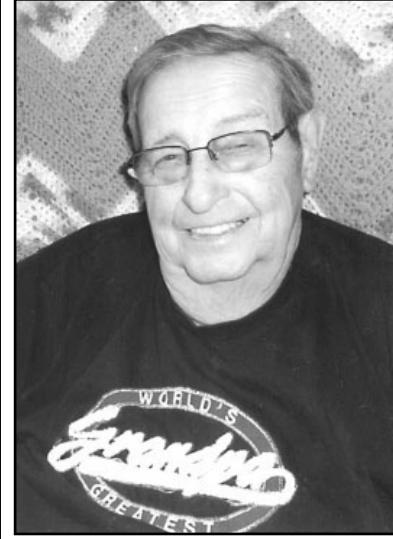
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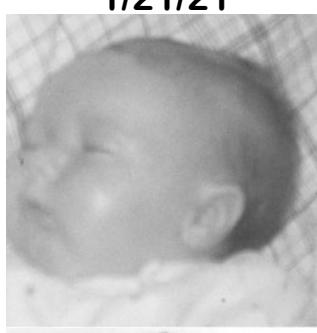
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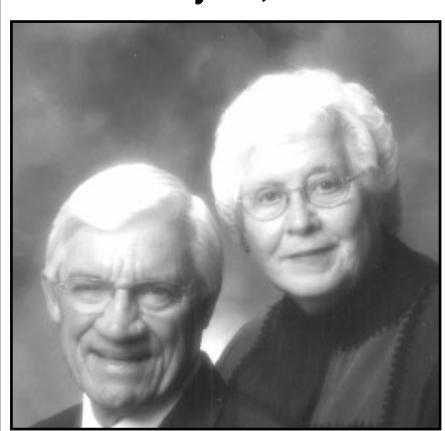
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Three-time state qualifier Elayna Krupp leads Rockets

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Oak Harbor girls won their own eight-team 11th Annual Subway Invitational last week, scoring 262 points to defeat second place Notre Dame (237).

The Rockets went up against quality programs, too, as Wauseon (235) was third, followed by Findlay (164), Lexington (152), Port Clinton (139), Bryan (74) and Lima Shawnee (39). Three Oak Harbor relay teams won event championships.

Seniors Emily Haar and Elayna Krupp, junior Amelia Mizelle and freshman Paige Krupp got the party started, winning the 200 yard medley relay (1:55.75), defeating Lexington by nearly two seconds.

The Rockets got another relay win as Paige Krupp, Mizelle and freshmen Skyler Turner and Alyse Sorg won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:42.41, over three seconds better than a Wauseon team (1:45.67).

In the 400-yard freestyle, Haar, Elayna Krupp, Turner and Sorg were champions, finishing in 3:49.57, winning narrowly over Wauseon (3:50.69).

Elayna Krupp won the 100-yard freestyle, finishing in 55.25 to defeat Port Clinton sophomore Carlie Blaesing (55.49) by over a quarter of a second.

It has been that kind of season for the Rockets, defeating Notre Dame 97-88, Huron 153-51 and Danbury 174-6 in dual matches. Their only loss was to Perrysburg, 118-65, but being undefeated is not everything. Getting the opportunity to swim is everything, says 18th-year coach Oak Harbor coach Andrea Sorg.

"The season has been going very well now that meets have started," said Sorg. "We are just happy to have opportunities to compete and see the season progressing. I can't ask more of my swimmers, they come each day and work incredibly hard towards their goals. That's quite a feat in a world that is rather uncertain right now."

"For our girls team, we have some experienced upperclassmen leading the way for the large and talented freshman group. There is a lot of cohesion on the team and they are constantly pushing each other to succeed."



Oak Harbor swimmers Elayna Krupp and Alyse Sorg. (Photo courtesy Andrea Sorg)

Last year, Oak Harbor sent four female and seven male swimmers to state, and this year the Rockets return 10 boys and eight girls letter winners.

For the girls, Elayna Krupp is a three-time state qualifier in two relays and two individuals each year, Haar is a three-time state qualifier in relays, Mizelle a two-time state qualifier in relays, senior Abby Beehler is a two-time district qualifier, senior Amanda Clark is a returning district qualifier, and junior Sydney Overmyer is a returning district qualifier.

During last year's Division II state swim meet at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, the Oak Harbor 200 yard medley relay team of then-senior Erin Druyor, Haar, Elayna Krupp and Mizelle finished in eighth place with a time of 1:51.03. The same foursome competed at state in the 200 freestyle relay, placing ninth (1:40.79). In the 50 freestyle, Elayna Krupp placed 12th as an individual, finishing in 24.54.

The Oak Harbor girls scored 45 points, good enough to finish in 13th place out of 59 teams scoring.

Elayna Krupp, who coach Sorg says is being recruited by several college programs, is the school record holder in the 100 freestyle and the Oak Harbor pool record holder in the 50 freestyle. She, Mizelle and Haar were part of the school record setting 200-yard freestyle relay team last year and medaled at state last year in the 200 yard medley relay.

However, as on display at Oak Harbor's Subway Invitational last weekend, there is a strong youth movement going on in coach Sorg's program.

"I have a large freshman class of girls that I expect big things from: Skyler Turner, Marissa Mapes, Paige Krupp, and Alyse Sorg will look to make a memorable splash this season. They have been competing in club swimming for several years with me along with freshmen Abby Smith and

Annie Mizelle," Sorg said.

In 17 years coaching at Oak Harbor, Sorg has seen her boys teams win six SBC championships and the girls have won five. Krupp told The Press that winning the league title last year was extra special because of the time the swimmers put in.

"It's a lot (of work). This season has definitely been our hardest working season overall as a team. I think it's just because we've all gotten a lot closer this year. I think that's helped all of us achieve what we have," Elayna said.

Rocket boys team

Last year at the state meet, the Oak Harbor boys' 400 freestyle relay team, seniors Thomas Chovanec and Caleb Heintz and juniors Eli Sherman and Troy Metcalf, placed 10th (3:18.59). The boys scored 14 points, good enough for 40th place out of 66 teams scoring.

Metcalf, a three-time state qualifier in relays and an individual event last year, and Sherman are back for their senior years. They are part of a boys team that coach Sorg has confidence in.

"For our boys team, there is a core group that are willing to go the distance day in and day out, rep after rep. They steer the team daily," Sorg said.

Joining them is senior Malachi Kennedy, a three-time district qualifier, senior Jerry Craddock, a returning district qualifier, junior Josh Aston, a two-time district qualifier, sophomore Karter Lajti, a returning state qualifier in relays, and sophomore Karson Lajti, a district qualifier who also competed at state. There is also a youth movement in the boys program, but on a much smaller scale.

"The only freshman boy to join the team is Spencer Heintz. He has already shown great improvement in the two short months so far," Sorg said.

At the Subway Invitational, Oak Harbor scored 167 points to finish fourth behind Lexington (270), Findlay (251) and St. John's (180). PC (123½) was fifth, followed by Bryan (119), Wauseon (107½) and Shawnee (82).

In dual matches, the Rockets defeated Huron 125-83, Clyde 155-12, but lost to St. John's 93-77 and Perrysburg 102-78.

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Anderson plays a key role in getting Lourdes on track

In just his second year playing NAIA basketball for Lourdes University, 6-foot-3, 185 pound sophomore Little Anderson (Cardinal Stritch) is already making an impact.

Coach Dennis Hopson returned 15 players from last year's roster that finished the year 20-11 overall and 13-7 in the WHAC. Hopson has also brought in a pair of talented freshmen along with two transfers for the upcoming season.

With all the talent on this year's roster, Lourdes has significant depth at all five positions on the court, giving Hopson the ability to play multiple lineups throughout the game. He has moved some positions around to optimize players potential. The Gray Wolves return three individuals that have earned All-WHAC accolades at some point in their career.

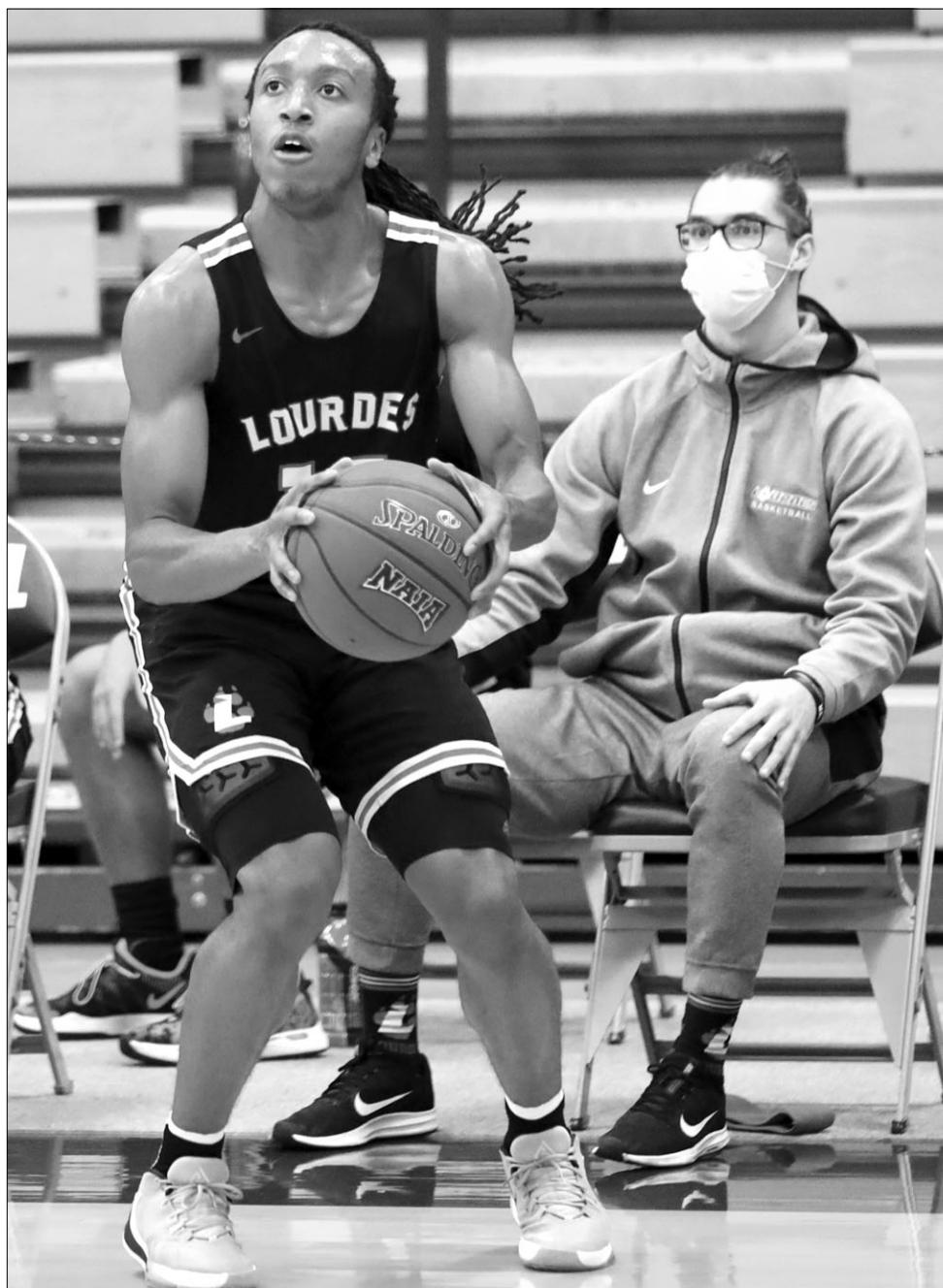
At the three wing position, Anderson is back after a strong rookie season in which he averaged 9.2 points and 3.9 rebounds per game for the Gray Wolves as a mainstay in the starting lineup.

Anderson appeared in all 31 games, making 30 starts. He was a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference All-Newcomer Team.

Anderson scored a season-high 23 points at Akron Wayne, tallied double figures in scoring 13 times, grabbed nine rebounds at Concordia (Mich.), tallied four assists in his collegiate debut against Harris-Stowe and shot 45.1 percent from the floor and 77.2 percent from the free throw line during the season.

At Stritch, Anderson was a three-year letter winner for the Cardinals, a first team All-Toledo Area Athletic Conference selection as a senior, earned second team All-TAAC honors as a junior and was honorable mention All-TAAC as a sophomore. A second team All-District 7 honoree, he was named District 7 All-Star Game Most Valuable Player. Little is the son of Lori Anderson and he is majoring in business administration.

On Wednesday evening, Anderson played a major role as Lourdes raced out to a double-digit advantage less than nine minutes into the contest and never looked back on the way to a 92-77 victory over



Little Anderson. (Photo courtesy Lourdes SID Ryan Wronkowicz)

East-West in the Gray Wolves' home opener inside the Russell J. Ebeid Recreation Center. It was Lourdes' first win of the season as the school just resumed its season after a coronavirus protocol hiatus.

A 9-0 run put Lourdes in front 18-8 following a basket by Nick Welch (Monroe St. Mary, Mich.) just 8:14 into the contest. Another 10-0 run midway through the stanza pushed the lead to 17, 31-14, and the Gray Wolves would not see its lead fall to single digits the rest of the way.

Lourdes made one final run before halftime, a 15-4 spurt, on the way to taking a 46-25 lead into the locker room. Welch tallied 14 points before the break while Anderson added 10 more in the opening 20 minutes.

The lead ballooned to 27, 54-27, less than two minutes out of the locker room before the Phantoms battled back. An 18-5 run by East-West pulled the visitors within 14 midway through the stanza. Lourdes responded with the next 10 points to regain its 24-point edge, eventually extending the lead to 30, 83-53, with 4:42 to play.

East-West (3-12) scored the next 10 points to begin a 15-2 run, and eventually pulled to within 14 in the final seconds before the game's final margin was decided.

"Like I told the guys after the game, we won the game but I wasn't happy tonight," Lourdes coach Dennis Hopson said. "Giving up 52 points in the second half was not good. We had too many mental breakdowns and missed way too many free throws (60 percent, 21-of-35). I did think our first group of guys did a nice job playing together on defense before I started mixing up lineups though."

Welch and Anderson led Lourdes with 18 points each, with Welch also pulling down 11 rebounds for a double-double. Julian Egbo (Rogers) also notched a double-double with 13 points and 10 boards while Clif Snow (Middletown) and Mike Bruce (Ypsilanti, Mich.) added 10 points each.

Lourdes (1-2) remained home on Saturday afternoon, opening Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference play hosting the University of Northwestern Ohio inside the Ebeid Rec Center. (— by Lourdes SID Ryan Wronkowicz and Press Sports Editor J. Patrick Eaken)

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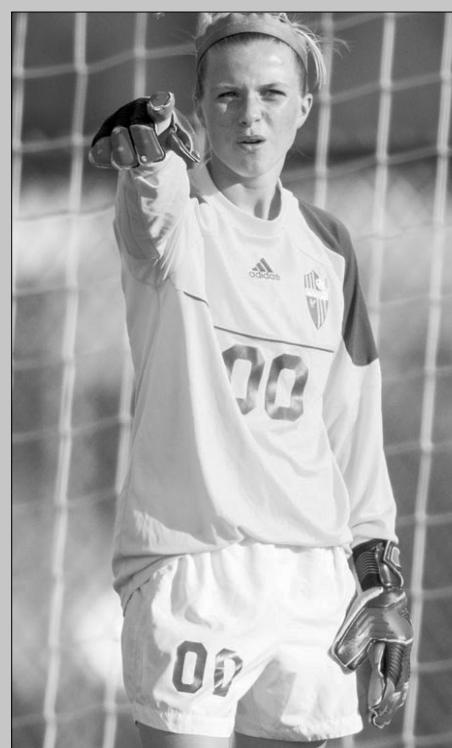
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Prince, Hessman return to coach Toledo Mud Hens

It was with much excitement that The Toledo Mud Hens, Triple-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers, announced the coaching staff for the 19th season of baseball at Fifth Third Field.

At the helm is Tom Prince. Prince, 56, was set to lead the team in 2020, but the season was canceled due to the pandemic. Instead, both he and Mike Hessman were among a group of nine coaches that oversaw the Tigers alternate training location in Toledo.

Hessman also returns in 2021 as hitting coach. New to the lineup to serve as pitching coach is Doug Bochtler, replacing Juan Nieves who has been named to the Tigers' staff. Rounding out the coaching staff are C.J. Wamsley, developmental coach; Jason Schwartzman, athletic trainer; and Dan Morrison, strength and conditioning coach.

Prince, a Kankakee, Illinois native spent three seasons as the Major League bench coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates, after serving as the club's Minor League Field Coordinator in 2016. In total, Prince spent 26 seasons in the Pirates organization and is entering his 38th working in professional baseball. Prince had a 17-year Major League career as a catcher with five different teams between 1987-2003.

Hessman enters his sixth year as a hitting coach in the Tigers organization, his third with the Mud Hens. Hessman holds the all-time record for Minor League and International League home runs, hitting a total of 433 home runs during his minor league career between 1996 and 2015. A member of the Mud Hens' back-to-back Governors Cup Championship teams in 2005 and 2006, Hessman was inducted into the International League Hall of Fame in 2018.

Bochtler joins the Mud Hens following five seasons with the San Diego Padres as a coach. He served as bullpen coach from 2016-2019 and was slated to be the pitching coach for their High A Fort Wayne Tin Caps during the 2020 season. He was drafted in the 9th round by the Montreal Expos in 1989.

During his 15-year career as a relief pitcher, he played for 10 different organi-



As a Toledo Mud Hens player, Mike Hessman gets a hold of one of his record-setting home runs at Fifth Third Field. (Photo by Scott Grau courtesy Toledo Mud Hens)

zation including six seasons in the Major League for four different teams, including the Padres (1995-1997), Detroit Tigers (1998), Los Angeles Dodgers (1999), and the Kansas City Royals (2000). Detroit Tigers Vice President of Player Development Dave Littlefield said the addition of Bochtler fit in well with the Detroit program. Littlefield

hosted a zoom call with media on Tuesday to discuss the coaching hires.

"It's kind of in unison with some of the staff changes on the Major League side. Obviously, with new people that you are dealing with, being in the industry for quite a while and getting to know other people, including some of our Major League guys

in the past, it was good to have the network set up," Littlefield said.

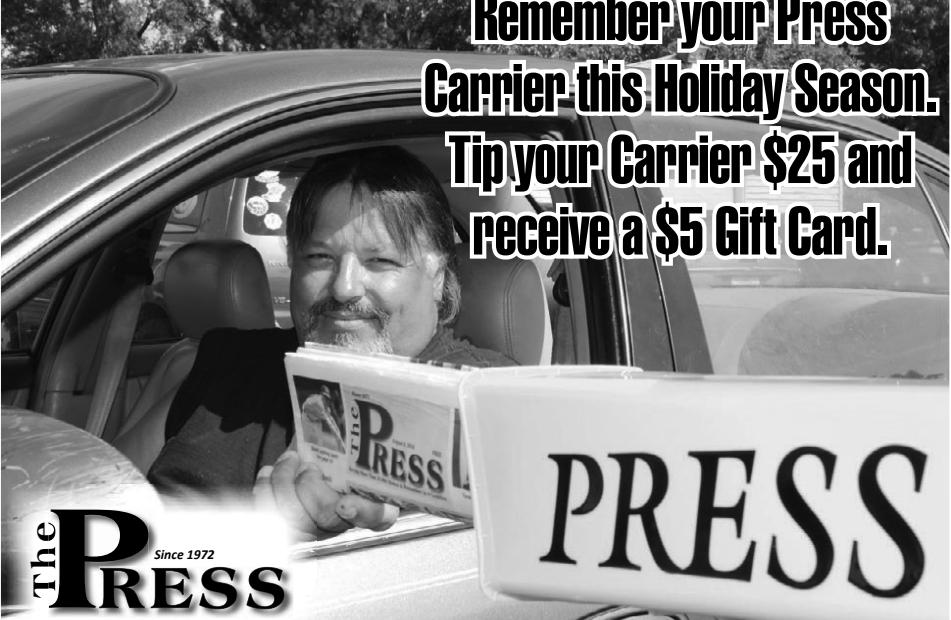
"Even though I knew of Doug, but I didn't know of him personally, I know (new Tigers manager) A.J. Hinch had worked with him in the past and some others. He'd been a Tiger as a player and had been familiar with a bunch of people, including (Tigers roving pitching instructor) A.J. Sager as well. We did what we normally do — we interviewed a few people and felt strongly that Doug would be a good fit with his experience having been a Major League pitcher and a coach in the past with San Diego. We're very happy to have him accept our offer."

This is Wamsley's second season as developmental coach, having joined the Tigers organization for the 2020 season. Prior to that, Wamsley spent six seasons as an assistant coach/recruiting coordinator for the Ohio University baseball program.

Handling athletic training duties is Jason Schwartzman, who enters his eighth season with the Tigers organization, and Dan Morrison returns to his role as strength and conditioning coach.

At Detroit, Kimera Bartee was hired as the outfield and base running coordinator. Drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 14th round of the 1993 MLB Draft, Bartee made his Major League debut with the Detroit Tigers on April 3, 1996, and appeared in his final game on August 3, 2001. Since, he has been a coach with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies.

"It was a very important hire because we had a guy here in Gene Roof who was here for 35 years and was an incredible staff member in so many ways, team player and very detailed-oriented regarding getting along with the players and fundamentals," Littlefield said. "He's done a lot of good work in the past, so we spent some time looking around, and obviously when you have Major League experience it's a great asset, and in Kimera's situation he has been in the big leagues with the Pirates for a few years, worked with the Phillies, and obviously in the past he had been a Tiger player as well. He's a super guy." (— from Mud Hens press release and Press Sports Editor J. Patrick Eaken)



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

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Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. outside of the Josie Reinhart Community Room located at 6000 Wales Rd. Please remain in your vehicle and a city representative will bring the box of food to your vehicle.

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

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

Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

Elmore

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

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

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

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of virtual programs, including: "New Year, New You," Mondays in January at 11 a.m. on Facebook – Words of wisdom on creating good habits and breaking old ones from the book, "Atomic Habits," by James Clear; "Pose and Play," Thursdays in January at 11 a.m. on Facebook; Join Mrs. M to learn a basic yoga pose and a fingerplay (each video will be available for 24 hours); "Around the World Learning Time," Jan. 21, 11 a.m. – A multicultural learning time for the young and young at heart live on Facebook; Gibsonburg Virtual Adult Book Chat on Zoom, Jan. 25, 7 p.m. – Join the discussion of "The Mountains Sing," by Nguyen Phan Que Mai (register at www.birchard.org and click on the event to register). All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org.

Graytown

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Ottawa Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities Monthly Board meeting, Jan. 25, 5 p.m., 235 N. Toussaint South Rd. Meetings are open to the public. Visit www.ocbdd.org or follow the board on Facebook for info.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon. Patrons are asked to wear a mask. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The Local History Museum Center is open Tues. 11 a.m.-

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

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

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. at the Stony Ridge Library. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details. **Shared Bounty Thrift Shop** is closed until further notice.

Walbridge

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

Curbside pickup: Monday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: "Take & Make Crafts," Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (grades K-6) – Pick up a craft kit to make at home; Paper Bag Book Clubs – Kids are invited to check out the book of the month and take home a bag of things to do; "Simply Craftastic," Jan. 18, 7 p.m. – Simple crafts made with things you have at home; "Kids & Canvas: Virtual Edition," Jan. 23, 9 a.m. (grades K-6) – Tune in early on Facebook Live and paint a picture together.

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

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

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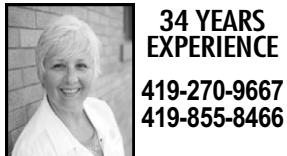
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Apply by: Send resume and cover letter with wage requirement to Luther Home of Mercy/Director of Human Resources P.O. Box 187, Williston, Ohio 43468; Fax 419-972-4347 or apply on line www.lutherhome.org. EOE

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On December 14th, 2020 The Annual Appropriations Resolution for 2021 was passed by council.

The Annual Financial Statement for 2020 was filed with the State Auditor on Jan 4, 2021.

The full text and contents of the reports can be seen by appointment or during regular business hours .

Lorraine Crapsey Clerk/Treasurer

Public Notice:

Allen Township has filed the Annual Financial Report with the State Auditor for fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. The report is available for public inspection by calling 419-836-4204 for an appointment or by attending one of the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are at the office of the trustees, 21030 W. Toledo St., Williston, Ohio, unless otherwise posted on the office door and township website (allentownship.us).

Jennifer Witt, Fiscal Officer
Allen Township Trustees

VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR PUBLIC NOTICE**ORDINANCE NO. 15-2020**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE MATT BENNER AND LISA BENNER ANNEXATION PETITION

RESOLUTION NO. 2-2021

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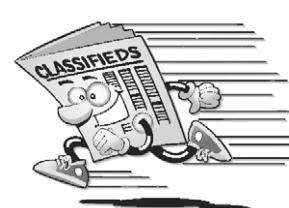
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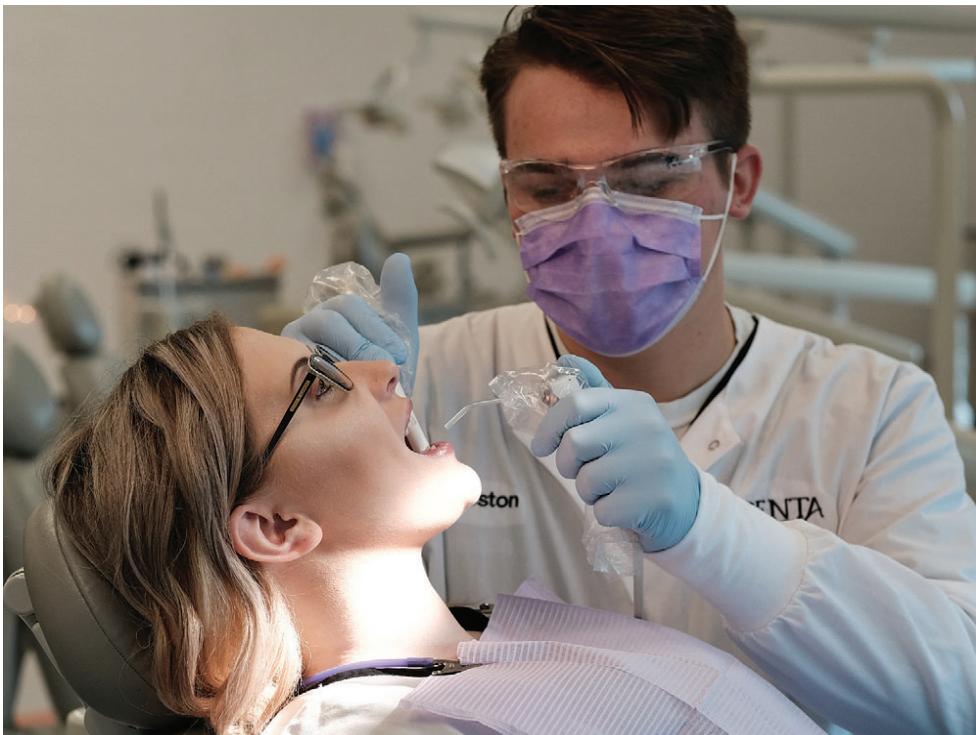
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