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Easter fun

The Country Lane Tree Farm, Genoa, held an Easter Bunny Hayride, Egg Hunt and Animal Tour. At left, Millie Fiebig, age 10, Toledo, finds a snuggly friend while Jayden Kummerer, (top right) age 6, Toledo, pets a goat. Bottom right, Reese Scott, of Bowling Green, gets a pony ride. The event included hayrides and an Easter egg hunt. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon awards bid for Navarre/Coy improvements

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council on Monday approved a bid of \$3,085,874.92 from E.S. Wagner Company, Oregon, for the Navarre/Coy Intersection Improvement project.

"This ordinance is needed to proceed with the construction of the Navarre Avenue/Coy Road Intersection Improvement Project," said Public Service Director Paul Roman. "Out of the two bids received, E.S. Wagner was the lowest and best bid. E.S. Wagner's bid was over our estimate by nine percent. It does meet the Ohio Department of Transportation requirement. Considering the inflation that is ongoing right now, we felt pretty lucky with E.S. Wagner's bid. They've done work for us in the past and will do a great job."

The city plans to start work on the project in late May or early June, said Roman.

"Most of the work should be done this year. We still may have to wait for traffic light equipment due to long delivery time, unfortunately," said Roman. "We'll see a lot of lane restrictions on Navarre over the summer months. Some of the work that's going to start out is not our work, but

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Columbia Gas of Ohio's. They will be replacing a 20-inch gas line in the southern eastbound lane. There may be a Coy Road closure. Also the Coy Road Bridge just north of Navarre will have a 60 day closure on Coy as well. So there's going to be heavy construction in that intersection."

Roman said there will be public notices about the upcoming closure and the detour was posted.

Safety improvements

The Navarre Avenue/Coy Road intersection is along the main commercial corridor through Oregon. It experiences large

volumes of traffic from I-280 to recreational areas along Lake Erie. The intersection is ranked 39th on the 2016 Urban Interstate Highway Safety Improvement Program list for Ohio.

The project was initiated by the city to reduce crashes and congestion.

The Federal Highway Administration provided funding for the project up to a maximum of \$1,737,276 for implementing various safety improvements at the intersection. The Ohio Public Works Commission also provided an \$800,000 grant for the construction of the project.

Also at the meeting, council passed a resolution to enter into an amendment to the Regional Combined Health District Agreement between communities within the geographical jurisdiction of Lucas County to extend the agreement for the period of Dec. 31, 2021 and Jan. 1, 2023.

In 2019, the District Advisory Council for the Lucas County Health District, the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, and the cities of Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania and Oregon established a regional combined health district known as the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department. They extended their participation with the addition

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Wood County Rape suspect found not guilty

By Larry Limpf

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A man charged with multiple counts of rape has been found not guilty in Wood County Common Pleas Court.

Steven M. Finch, III, was facing three counts of rape, each a first degree felony, but was found not guilty by Judge Matthew Reger after a two-day hearing.

The charges had included sexually violent predator specifications but the prosecution requested they be dismissed prior to the start of the trial.

Three women testified as witnesses for the prosecution the first day of the trial and a fourth on the second day.

Two counts alleged Finch raped one of the women in a motel in 2015. Finch and the woman were living at the motel at the time. The third count stems from an alleged rape at the woman's home in Rossford in 2018.

According to court filings, the woman claimed Finch repeatedly threatened her by saying "toe tags and body bags" and telling her he knew how to "make someone disappear so that police would never find the body."

Had he been convicted, Finch could have been sentenced to prison for 11 to 15 1/2 years in prison for each charge. He requested a bench trial rather than a jury.

In a separate case, the Wood County prosecutor's office last October dismissed a 30-count indictment against Finch, a Lake Township resident at the time,

He had been charged with kidnapping, felonious assault, and rape of his wife between Aug. 1, 2019 and Nov. 30, 2020.

A statement issued by prosecutor Paul Dobson when the dismissal was announced said his office received additional information after Finch was indicted by a grand jury:

"We take our job and our charging decisions very seriously. Sometimes the protection of the public or of an individual means that we move on the substantial information that we have at

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Quote of The Week

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Mayor Quinton Babcock
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Rape suspect

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the time. However, we also recognize that our job is not merely to convict people, but to bring adequate evidence to ensure a just outcome,

“That obligation doesn't stop at indictment. Occasionally, information comes to us after indictment which requires us to deeply reassess our case. That is the situation here. In these situations, prosecutors re-evaluate whether we will be able to meet our heavy burden of proving a defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Sometimes that means we must dismiss charges. They will remain dismissed unless we discover evidence to counter the hurdles which have arisen in the case.”

Health dept. clinics

A listing of upcoming clinics for the week of April 18-22 has been released by the Ottawa County Health Department. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 18: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-noon.

April 19: Immunization Clinic (Genoa-Allen Clay Fire Station), 8 a.m.-noon; WIC Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

April 20: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

April 21: Immunization Clinic, 8-11 a.m.; Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 22: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

It's official, it's spring

You know it's spring when you see Egrets dancing. This trio was spotted along State Route 2. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

Oregon awards bid

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of Waterville in the Regional Combined Health District to Dec. 31, 2021.

“This resolution allows the continued participation for the city in the Regional Combined Health District beyond the expiration date of our last agreement, which was Dec. 31, 2021,” said Melissa Purpura, city solicitor.

The Lucas County Health Department takes care of full administration of health and environmental affairs within the Lucas County General Health District, which encompasses Toledo, Maumee, Sylvania, Oregon and Waterville. This agreement has been amended from time to time to allow

other cities and townships to be part of this district, and also to extend the expiration date,” she said.

Community garden

Also at the meeting, Councilman Tim Zale talked about plans for a possible community garden.

“It's in a very infant stage, we're nowhere near doing something,” said Zale. “We're thinking about next year. It's something we're discussing. Right now, I think it's a good idea.”

“I had a resident reach out to us,” said Roman. “Everyone has a different meaning of community garden. I think we need time to properly plan it out. Where would we put it? In general, I'm thinking in the city complex, where it could be watched over

easier. I think it's just a matter of planning for a location this year and working through the details. We're doing a wetlands project out back and there's a lot of farmland that surrounds that. We could do it on the south side of the complex by the soccer fields. There's no water there, so we would have to extend a waterline. There's planning involved, but whenever you do something out back, we need to think about it. It's hard for me because with many other cities, it's under recreation. The question is, which committee would handle it let alone which department would plan it? I would like to seek council's input first, then the idea would be to start thinking more, put details together, and see what the community interest is.”

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Visitors bureau celebrates expansion

The Sandusky County Visitors Bureau celebrated the expansion and remodeling of their office with a ribbon cutting on Thursday, April 7. The office is located at 712 North Street in Fremont. (Photo courtesy of Tyler Kneeskern, Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County)

Week ending April 8

Allen Township

04/05/2022 Anthony W Boes to Cody R Kahn and Jenna Bauman, 1473 West Curtice E & W Road, \$95,000.

04/08/2022 Frederick W Diebert to Nancy Lee Braddock and Michael Braddock, 24182 West Young Road, \$130,000.

Bay Township

04/05/2022 John T Gluth and Jan M Gluth to Howard Whitcomb and Barbara Helen Whitcomb, 1390 South Deer Path, \$450,000.

04/08/2022 Ricky A Hendricks and Kathleen M Hendricks to David L Michael and Carol J Michael, 650 South Tiffin, \$449,900.

Carroll Township

04/04/2022 Kathleen C Algreen to Marvin C Born and Rebecca R Born, 8824 Canada Goose Court, \$100,000.

Genoa Corp

04/05/2022 Brett M Okorowski and Abigail L Okorowski to Brianna Nickens and Pamela Swartz, 208 West 9th Street, \$218,000.

Catawba Township

04/04/2022 Thomas P McCracken to Michael Sipsma, 3560 East Wood Hill, \$16,400.

04/04/2022 Albert L Kramer and Kathleen E Kramer to Ariana Mohnke, 171 North Hickory Ridge Drive, \$384,000.

04/04/2022 Edward V Zvosec and LeAnn F Zvosec to Michael Sipsma, 3570 East Wood Hill, \$22,600.

04/04/2022 Stephen T Weising to Kathleen E Kramer and Albert L Kramer, 921 North Falling Waters Boulevard, \$475,000.

Real Estate Transfers



04/04/2022 Vivian Kist Trustee to D. Lee Johnson and Sara R Johnson, 4300 E. Cliff Road, \$1,130,000.

04/05/2022 Bob's Builders Quality Construction Homes LLC to William A Toebben and Judith L Toebben, 5369 Walls Channel Unit O-2, \$640,000.

04/07/2022 Bob's Builders Quality Construction Homes LLC to Jonathan W Toitch and Megan M Toitch, 5371 Walls Channel Drive Unit O-1, \$692,316.

04/08/2022 John H Suber and Suzan E Suber to Gerald M Fuerst and Shannon A Fuerst, 4355C Marin Woods, \$519,500.

Danbury Township

04/05/2022 Sharren Lucas Estate to No Place Like Home on the Lake LLC, 117 N. Margaret Drive, \$153,850.

04/06/2022 Michelle M Lepole to Austin Lepole, 144 North Perryview Drive, \$133,000.

04/06/2022 HP Interior Solutions Inc. to Marblewood Homes Inc., 2987 Waterside, \$15,000.

04/06/2022 Marblewood Homes Inc. to Michael P Shebak III and Cara L Shebak- Co-Trustees of the Shebak Family Trust, 2987 Waterside, \$450,000.

04/08/2022 Sonja Kristensen and Peter Gentles to Douglas Sabin and Rose Sabin, V/I State Road 163 (0.601acres), \$13,000.

Erie Township

04/05/2022 Craig T Cheney and Susan R Cheney to Mark W Rogers and Valerie L Rodgers, 3765 West Vickery Road, \$486,000.

04/06/2022 William R Goforth and Charlotte M Goforth to Terri Seagert, 4125 West Balduf Road, \$40,960.

Port Clinton Corp

04/04/2022 Joseph E Radloff and Lisa M Radloff to AJAX 2020-A REO CORP, 515 Harrison Street, \$59,900.

04/05/2022 ROR LLC, Szambecki LLC and DWW Pizza LLC to COT Pizza RE LLC, 2880 East Harbor Road, \$1,075,471.

04/06/2022 Bisiorek Enterprises LLC to Katherine J Vinciguerra, 130 East 6th Street, \$120,000.

04/08/2022 Jody Stephens, Deborah Charles, Dorsey R Carr III to MMJ Real Estate Holdings Inc., 1106 East Second, \$95,000.

Middle Bass

04/06/2022 Ralph J Renninger and Kimberly D Renninger to Kyle A Gould and Meetha P Gould, 90 Fox Road, \$659,000.

Put In Bay Corp

04/06/2022 Gregory L Hughes- Trustee to Sleep Over Bayshore LLC, 249 Cincinnati Avenue, \$910,800.

04/06/2022 Bayshore Resort LLC to Sleep Over Bayshore LLC, 328 Toledo Avenue, \$6,307,715.

Sand Beach

04/08/2022 Suzana Taryn Novak to James Murray, 7795 Sand Beach Road, \$297,100.

Oregon Democratic Club meeting planned

Oregon Democratic Club will meet at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. for all meetings going forward.

The club will meet every first Thursday of the month. Gatherings start with a social hour at 7 p.m., followed by a formal meeting at 8 p.m. Attendees share food, drink and fellowship.

Upcoming events including voter registration drives and community service projects. For more information, visit oregondemocraticclub.com or follow Oregon Democratic Club on Facebook.

Seminar rescheduled

The Severe Weather Safety seminar sponsored by Lake Township Police Department, originally scheduled for April 13, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Township Hall, 27975 Cummings Rd.

For more info, contact Ron Craig, Lake Township Police community and crime prevention officer, at 419-481-6354.

Art show set

Oak Harbor High School will host the 54th Annual Five-County Invitational Art Show April 23 and 24.

Art teachers from Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood counties will fill the cafeteria area and auditorium lobby with artwork created by students and art educators. Various student artwork (both three-dimensional and two-dimensional) will be judged.

The public is invited to view this exhibit from noon to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Genealogical Society April meeting set

The Ottawa County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ida Rupp Library, 310 Madison St.

Speakers Dick Martin and John Liske will discuss, "Toledo, Port Clinton and Lakeside Railway." The public is welcome to attend.

Road closure

Long Beach Road in Ottawa County will be closed April 18 through April 20 while crews replace a crossover at the Russell Road intersection.

Through traffic will be prohibited but local traffic will have access from Humphrey Road.

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Obituaries

Obituary

Robert "Glenn" Meeks

Robert "Glenn" Meeks, age 69, of Northwood, Ohio passed from his life to his heavenly home, April, 11, 2022.

His interests consisted of golf, hunting, fishing, cars and key collecting. Most of all he loved his family. Always had a helping hand to others and a joker at times. He worked for Heidtman Stell and Danzik Corp.

Glenn is survived by his loving wife, Frankie of 49 years, sons: Paul (April), Patrick (Heather), grandsons: Bradley (Paige), Matthew and Parker, great-grandchildren; Jonah and Braelynn, brothers; Mike (Pam) and David (Sandi). His cheerful smile will be missed.

Glenn was proceeded in death by his parents, sister: Barbara, many aunts and uncles.

Arrangements were handled by Castillo Funeral Home and burial at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Obituary

Donald R. Tabbert

July 27, 1925 – April 6, 2022

Donald R. Tabbert, 96, of Graytown, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022 under Hospice care. He was born near Graytown on July 27, 1925, a son of the late Rudolph and Hilda (Otten) Tabbert.

Don was a truck driver for many years as an owner/operator and also farmed. He was an active member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston, Ohio, where he served in many capacities. Don was also a member of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau and enjoyed boating and woodworking.

On August 12, 1944, he married the former Hazel J. Schwamberger, and she preceded him in death on November 24, 2018 after over 74 years of marriage. Don is survived by his children; Gary (Diana) Tabbert, Huntington Beach, CA, Patricia (Joseph) Curtis, Monclova, OH, Michael Tabbert, Rocky Ridge, OH, Dr. William (Susan) Tabbert, Marion, OH, James (Mary) Tabbert, Oak Harbor, OH, and Donald (Michelle) Tabbert, Graytown, OH, 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren, sisters; Kathryn Bruns, Heath, OH, Sharon LeVay, Florida, and Susan Rothert, Elmore, OH. Don is also survived by his faithful dog, Lucas. He was preceded in death by his great granddaughter, Hope, and a brother, Marvin.

Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Elmore-Genoa Chapel, 19550 West State Route 51, Elmore assisted the family with arrangements. Funeral services were held at Trinity United Church of Christ, 17955 W. Third St., Elliston, OH. Pastor Ryan Shields officiated and interment followed at Elliston Cemetery.

Those planning on making a memorial contribution are asked to please consider Trinity United Church of Christ, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, or the Humane Society of Ottawa County. Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home, Elmore-Genoa Chapel assisted the family with arrangements and online condolences may be shared at www.crosserfuneralhome.com

Obituary

Carmen Jaso

June 23, 1955 – April 5, 2022

Carmen Jaso, 66, of Houston, TX died on April 5, 2022 at her home. She was born in Fremont on June 23, 1955 to the late Reynaldo and Josefina (Baez) Jaso.

She was a Gibsonburg High School graduate, and she went on to Terra Community College where she took secretarial classes. For many years she was a home health aide. She was known for her cooking, specializing in making tamales, mole, potato salad and her cookies and her many variety of pies. Everyone could count on entering her home with the inviting smell of her baking. Carmen enjoyed Tejano music, spending time with her family and her dog Hio, and dancing. Her favorite song was, "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You" by Frankie Valli.

She had three loving boys with Raul Rebollar: Raul Rebollar Jr., Rafael Rebollar and Reynaldo Rebollar all in Houston, grandkids: Anabel Rebollar, Abigail Rebollar, Brianna Lizzette Bolaños and BABY RULY the 3rd that's on the way and Jasmine Elena Rebollar, also her great grandkids; Miguel Sanchez, Melissa Ariel Valladarez and Steven Valladarez Jr. that's on the way and siblings; Reynaldo Jaso, Jr. who is deceased, Raul (Maria Alma) Jaso of Northwood, Rebecca (Alberto) Martinez of Houston, TX, Maria Elena (Andres) Zapata of Gibsonburg, Carolina Jaso of Millbury and Ustolia (Louie) Rook of Fremont.

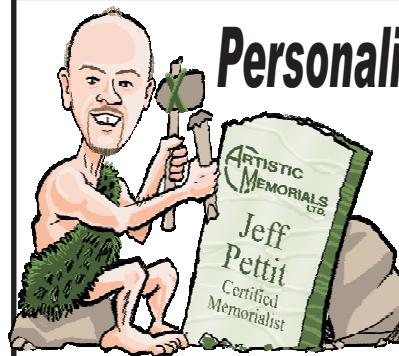
Visitation will be held at the Herman-Veh Funeral Home & Crematory, Gibsonburg on Monday, April 18, 2022 from 4-8 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Gibsonburg on Tuesday, April 19th at 10:30 AM. Father Scott Woods will officiate, and burial will follow at Saint Michael and Saint Lawrence Cemetery, Gibsonburg.

Memorials may be made to the funeral home. To send an online condolence or to view Carmen's Funeral Mass visit www.hermanfh.com



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Obituary

Leta F. Shaffer

June 29, 1939 – April 11, 2022



Leta F. Shaffer, age 82 of Woodville, OH, passed away Monday, April 11, 2022 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo. She was born on June 29, 1939 in Gibsonburg, OH to Cecil G. and Matilda (Aldrich) Peck. On December 14, 1957 she married James A. Shaffer in Woodville United Methodist Church. Leta and James raised 3 children and have celebrated over 64 years of marriage together.

Leta was a proud homemaker taking care of her husband and children. She was known around town for driving her golf cart everywhere. She was a fan of oldies music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's especially Elvis Presley. Leta had a passion of decorating her home for Halloween and Christmas not to mention her love of flower gardening. Another favorite past time was going to the casino and playing the slots. However, out of all of her joys, it was spending time with her family, especially her grand and great-grandchildren that brought Leta the most joy.

In addition to her husband James, Leta is survived by her children: Rick Shaffer of Woodville, Debbie (Jeff) Mercer of Woodville, Tammy (Fred) Gerwin of Gibsonburg, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and brother, Allen C. (Karen) Peck of Gibsonburg. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two infant sons, and sisters: Janice, Shirley, Mary and Karen.

Family and friends will be received 4-7 P.M., Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Marsh & Marsteller Funeral Home, 201 West Main Street, Woodville, OH. Memorials may take the form of contributions to: A humane society of the donor's choice. Leta will be laid to rest in a family committal in Westwood Cemetery, Woodville, OH. Those wishing to express their condolences to the family, may do so at www.marshfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary

Betty Jane South

February 8, 1927 – April 4, 2022



Betty Jane South (Rothenbuhler), 95, of Seminole, FL, previously of Oregon, OH, went to join her loving husband William "Oran" South Sr. in eternal life, April 4, 2022.

Born in Chicago, February 8, 1927, to the late Charles and Helen (Richards) Rothenbuhler. As a child her family moved to the Ironville neighborhood of East Toledo. It was there she met the love of her life, Oran. Betty graduated from Waite in 1945 while working for Saves Electric. A year later she wed during the Trianon Ballroom Pearl Harbor Day Ball. Tony Pastor's Orchestra played for the wedding and reception. As a mother of three boys, she was employed at White Tower and Kewpee's, later beginning a 15 year career with Oregon City Schools retiring in 1989. Always adventurous, she traveled extensively with her husband and family. She enjoyed many pastimes: pinochle, dancing, bird-watching and fishing, boating and camping, gardening and tending her flowers, to name but a few. Most of all she loved spending time with her family. She will be missed.

Preceded in death by her husband, grandson Stephen South, brother-in-law Alan and sister Marjorie Ranes, and sister-in-law Ruth Rothenbuhler. She leaves 3 sons: William (Debra) South, Jr. of Seminole, FL, Robert (Peggy) South of New Port Richey, FL, Kenneth (Mary) South of Williston, OH; 3 grandchildren: Cynthia (Robert) Acton of Seminole, FL, Tyler (Kimberly) South of Wentzville, MO, and Samuel South (Roman Black) of Seminole, FL; 2 brothers: Donald (Fran) Rothenbuhler of Maumee, OH, and Macklin (Ann) Rothenbuhler of Mint Hill, NC; 5 great-grandsons, 7 great-great grandchildren, plus many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were handled by Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Oregon Chapel, 440 S. Coy Rd. Oregon and interment followed at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the National Wildlife Federation or the charity of your choice.

Oregon

Qualified residents should apply to CHIP program

By Kelly J. Kaczala

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Oregon City Council on Monday approved a Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) partnership agreement between Lucas County, the City of Oregon, and the City of Maumee. This allows Oregon to file a combined application to address local housing needs.

"About six years ago, we started working together with the county on doing our CHIP program," said City Administrator Mike Beazley. "It saves us on administrative expenses and time. It also makes more dollars available through the program. We are looking at some things to make sure Oregon residents know about some of the opportunities for programming that are available. The City of Maumee now does it the same way we do and joins in through the county program to make dollars available."

The city has successfully partnered

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with these entities since 2015 in applying to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (OCD) for Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) funding.

in the village.

The 4-inch and 6-inch lines now in use will be replaced with 8-inch lines, Theresa Pollick, public information director of the district, said.

The project will replace waterlines be-

OCD encourages eligible communities to request funds as partners in one application. During these previous successful partnerships, Lucas County, with assistance from the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP), has administered these programs.

have with future applications."

Council President Tim Zale asked Huntermark how much money has the city used for the program.

"We got \$356,000 with the 2015 program. For the 2018 program, we had \$319,000. The 2020 program has been really hard to get people into it. We've only spent about \$70,000. So it gets to a point where they try to get so many in Oregon, but if they can't, they will look at Maumee or outlying areas. The more people who apply that qualify, we can get more money for Oregon. But we have to get them to apply for this," said Huntermark.

City Councilman Dennis Walendzak asked Huntermark what the income threshold is to be eligible for the program.

"It depends on the household size. A household of one is \$39,450 and it goes all the way up to a household of eight, which is \$74,300," she said.

More information on the CHIP program is on the city's website, she added.

Walbridge Waterline, bridge projects set to start in village

By Larry Limpf

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The Wood County commissioners and the Northwestern Water and Sewer District last week approved resolutions to start two infrastructure projects in the Village of Walbridge.

The district board of trustees approved an agreement with the Ohio Water Development Loan Fund to finance the replacement of waterlines along Main Street

between Clinton and Guy streets, she said, adding that the project is being coordinated with the village, which plans to repave Main Street this summer.

Pollick said the waterline project is expected to start by early summer and be completed by September.

"This will be a \$600,266 investment into the village infrastructure," she said.

Residents impacted by the project will receive letters with information regarding water service shut-offs and other details.

Mayor Ed Kolanko said Main Street from Elm Street to a set of railroad tracks

south of Walbridge Road will be repaved.

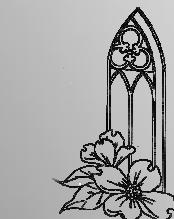
Grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Public Works Commission totaling approximately \$400,000 will cover the majority of the repaving costs, the mayor said.

"This is a much needed upgrade for the village," he said. "Repaving all of Main Street is something we've been working and planning for the last few years."

The county commissioners on Tuesday approved a resolution to advertise for materials to upgrade a bridge on Drouillard Road that crosses Cedar Creek.

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Obituaries

Obituary

Joyce A. Cornell

October 19, 1944 – April 8, 2022

Joyce A. Cornell, 77, of Millbury, Ohio, peacefully drifted into the arms of her Lord and Savior, April 8, 2022, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg. She was born on October 19, 1944, in Toledo, Ohio, along with her twin sister Joan, to Edward and Ann (Bon) Schnee. Joyce married the love of her life, Kenneth G. Cornell, on February 13, 1965, in Woodville, Ohio, and in 2015 they celebrated their golden anniversary. Together they shared and deeply loved their daughter Jackie L. Barraclough.

Joyce enjoyed working as a cook for many years at Luther Home of Mercy. In her retirement years she could often be found cooking, camping, crocheting and most importantly, spending time with her family and friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, husband, half-sister, Mildred Diefenthaler and son-in-law, Thomas Barraclough. Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Jackie Barraclough, sisters, Barbara Crosser and twin, Joan (Dale) Stiles, half-sister, Elizabeth (Blair) Lind, along with many loving nieces and nephews.

It was Joyce's wishes that services be private. Memorials in her name may be directed to the A.C.J.F.D. Station #34, 21016 W. Toledo St., Williston, Ohio 43468, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. The Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory of Genoa, Ohio is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Jackie and her family would like to thank the staff of Hospice of Northwest Ohio, for their loving and compassionate care; your kindness will never be forgotten.

Obituary

Mary Kay Johnson (Myers)

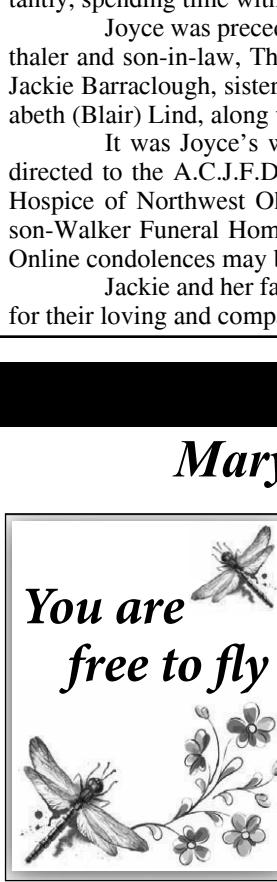
Mary Kay passed away peacefully the morning of March 30, 2022 at her home in Walbridge, Ohio.

Mary Kay (Babe) grew up on the Eastside of Toledo and attended Sacred Heart grade school and graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School. Mary Kay was a retired nurse who worked previously at St. Charles Hospital and Luther Home of Mercy in Williston, Ohio.

Mary Kay is survived by her children; Chad (Jane) Katakis of St. Joseph Missouri, Casey (Tammie) Johnson of New Port Richey, Florida, Rocky Johnson of Orlando, Florida, sisters; Patricia (Don) Hochanadel of Oregon, Ohio, Janice (Jack) Billings of Oregon, Ohio and brother; James (Kathy) of Longwood, Florida, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mary Kay was proceeded in death by her parents; Howard and Mary Myers, son: Brian Johnson and her husband; Don, who was her best friend and loving soulmate who passed March 31, 2012.

As per Mary Kay's wishes services will be private. Memorials in her name can be made to Ohio Living Health and Hospice, Attn: Hospice.



Oak Harbor: Mayor sees village on upward path

By Yaneek Smith
Press Contributing Writer

A downtown waterfront project in the works. A street/sewer repair project that was recently completed. New businesses lining the main drag. And a new energy deal that should save residents money on their monthly utility bills.

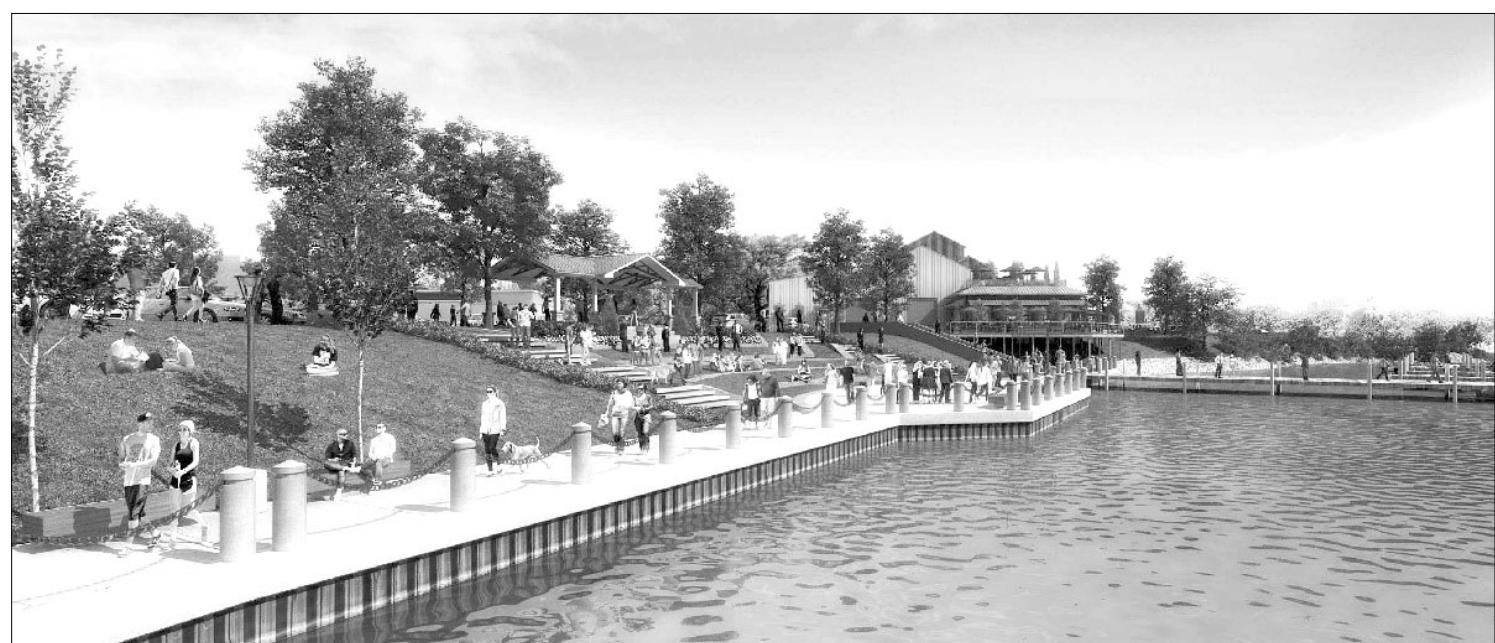
It appears Oak Harbor is doing rather well.

The projects reflect the efforts of the village's mayor, Quinton Babcock, as well as the village council and Randy Genzman, administrator, and a host of others who have contributed to Oak Harbor's recent progress.

The waterfront project, a proposed 400-foot stretch of land along the Portage River, could include an elevated walkway, amphitheater, shelter house, and floating docks. Of the \$2 million needed for the project, the village has already received \$500,000 from the state via a grant. Mayor Babcock and the Oak Harbor Development Group relayed more than 1,000 letters of support from individuals and stakeholders to the state to seek support for the grant.

"We got letters of intent from all the property owners. The state said, 'We understand what you're trying to accomplish, and we're willing to help.' It was about the community mindset of the riverfront property owners," said Babcock. "This project is going to have some positive benefits, help our downtown and our riverfront property owners have been very generous. The Fourth of July, the Apple Festival, in a lot of ways, they treat it like public property. We have a walkway, accessible for someone in a wheelchair; this will allow us to keep doing the same things and make it safer and more enjoyable."

"Two million dollars is the complete vision. The foundation of the project is getting shoreline protection and a boardwalk. There are lots of other amenities to envision like a pavilion, shelter house, but what I really think we've all coalesced around is the shoreline protection and getting an amphitheater in, and a feeding area and somewhere where you can sit."



An artist rendering of the Oak Harbor Riverfront Boardwalk

The mayor described a proposed Portage River Parks & Recreation corridor as a joint vision between Port Clinton and Oak Harbor.

"Port Clinton is the home of the Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council. I think since I've been in office that people want to be more collaborative. If you have great opportunities in Port Clinton, that's only going to help in Oak Harbor. If they've got a great riverfront, people will enjoy that and come see things."

Babcock became a member of village council in 2016 and, shortly after graduating from the University of Toledo in 2018, became one of the youngest mayors in the country at the age of 22.

Aside from the waterfront proposal, there was also the recent completion of a street/sewer project on Church Street.

"It goes back quite some time. A while ago, the EPA wanted to crack down on these combined-sewer overflows — a sewer system that contains storm drainage — that goes into one pipe and it gets processed

into something that's not environmentally-hazardous," said Babcock. "If there's a heavy rain event, like we have a couple of times per year, it can't take all of the water — that's how all the systems were designed in the past. We weren't able (to fix it) without doing a major overhaul. I think it's fair to say that came into force in 2016, when I came on to council. We said, 'Do we want to invest this sort of money?' In 2016, for probably three to four years, we were applying for grant after grant after grant and getting rejected and rejected. State Route 19 would get flooded, there was some basement flooding, and some of it was the result of this problem.

"We were close to throwing our hands up. We said, 'Obviously, do we need to make it a smaller project?,' and the EPA offered us money first, then the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered us money, then half (of the deal) was a grant, and the other half was a low-interest loan. It's substantially completed. We have money left over and we're looking to see how we can make some little

improvements."

Village council also passed a resolution a few weeks ago agreeing to a new contract with Constellation NewEnergy, a natural-gas supplier, which will lock in costs at a fixed rate. Babcock is hopeful that it will save residents between 8 and 9 percent on their monthly utility bills. It is a 36-month contract with a fixed rate of 58.9 cents per 100 cubic feet of natural gas.

Utilizing an aggregation program allows the village to bargain together for a "bulk discount," according to Babcock, that is available for all village residents.

A few businesses have opened recently along the primary business district on Water Street: Glass N More Store, a boutique shop that sells cigars, e-cigarettes, e-liquid vaporizers, Warehouse Lane, which sells furniture and appliances, and New Direction Health & Wellness, a holistic health company that offers massage therapy, reflexology and polarity therapy.

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Try to be aware of whatever it is you're looking for

Several people can go for a walk along the same path and yet each one will see something different. Each person is looking in a different direction; one person looks down, another looks up, someone else is looking to the side, and another is watching other people.

What you see in life is dependent on where you are looking. Two people, in the exact same situation, can have completely different experiences. It all depends on what they are looking at. You are in complete control over where you look. If you don't like what you're seeing, look somewhere else.

Continually looking behind you keeps you focused on the past. The past is over, it can't be changed. Any time or energy spent lamenting what you could have, should have, or would have done is wasted.

Looking down prevents you from seeing what's ahead. You won't see where your next step is taking you. Looking down is short sighted, leaving you surprised when you smash into an obstacle you didn't see.

Look ahead to determine where you are headed. Look as far in front as possible in order to anticipate what you'll be encountering. The more lead time you have, the more effectively you can plan for the future.

Look to the sides for other options and



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

alternate paths. Life is filled with choices. If you are dissatisfied with your current direction, look for other more appealing routes. You are always free to alter your course as your needs, desires, or circumstances change.

You may tend to continually look for problems. The goal is to solve problems, not obsess over them. Focusing on what is wrong in your life blocks finding solutions. Additionally, problem fixation attracts additional problems.

Look for solutions. You never know where you'll find the answers you need. Inspiration for solutions may be found by observing how others solve similar problems. Since every problem identifies one or more opportunities, your current circumstances can provide clues for what you should do.

Are you looking at what you can't do? Some people are in the habit of making excuses to justify why they can't, or won't do

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something. They are adept at concocting a litany of excuses which support their decision to avoid taking action.

You are better served by formulating just one reason why you can and will succeed. This is a powerful driving force which propels you forward. A burning desire to reach a specific objective keeps you motivated in the face of challenges.

It's easy to look at what other people are doing in order to make a comparison with yourself. The achievements of others have no bearing on your life. What they have or don't have is irrelevant to your objectives.

Look at your own desirable goals. Keep

them in sight as you move forward. Create a step-by-step plan designed to reach your objectives. Then take action one step at a time. With each step forward determine if you remain on track. If you wander off course, make changes as needed to get back to your objective.

Don't look at naysayers. People who criticize, whine, and complain will drag you down if you let them. They offer nothing constructive. You don't have to defend your goals or explain why you are on your particular path.

Look at successful people who are where you want to be. Look at how they achieved their goals along with how they solved problems and overcame obstacles. You can learn a lot by studying those who have gone before you.

Maintain an awareness of where you are looking. Look toward your goals and watch for situations which can help you as well as those which can harm you. You are always in control of where you are looking.

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Can global sports boycotts help end war in Ukraine?

By Brian Wakamo

As Vladimir Putin watched the opening ceremony of this year's Winter Olympics, the rest of the world watched as Russian troops massed along the borders of Ukraine.

Twenty days, 32 medals, and one global doping scandal later, the world watched Russian troops invade Ukraine. For Putin, it was a repeat of 2014, when he sent troops to invade Crimea just days after the Winter Olympics in Sochi ended.

Russia's invasion has been met with harsh sanctions and swift condemnation. But for a leader who uses sports to legitimize his regime, perhaps the most surprising response came from the sporting world. Putin and his aligned oligarchs have long used sports to promote Russia, and Putin's own "macho" image, on the world stage often quite successfully.

Russia held those 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi even after its 2008 invasion of Georgia. It also kept the 2018 World Cup after its invasion and annexation of Crimea. Putin-aligned companies have spent billions sponsoring Formula 1 and the UEFA Champions League, while Russian oligarchs have bought into leading English soccer teams.

For too long, global sporting institutions were more than happy to take this tainted cash. They held event after event in Russia, even as Putin poisoned dissidents, launched cyber attacks abroad, and repressed Russians at home. They even kept holding events after Russia's Olympic ath-

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letes were banned from competing under the Russian flag over a massive, state-sanctioned doping program.

It's not just Russia's abuses that were overlooked, China got the Olympics twice in less than 15 years. Qatar will host the 2022 World Cup despite countless accusations of deadly labor trafficking. And neither our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan nor our government's support for brutal dictatorships like Saudi Arabia have led to sanctions on us.

The politics of whose abuses elicit outrage and whose don't are complicated. But one thing seems certain: global pressure campaigns can make a world of difference. Initially, the sports world largely ignored apartheid in South Africa, for example. But as the outcry became too great to ignore, the apartheid government was expelled from every major sports organization in the world. Eventually, apartheid itself fell.

Today in Ukraine, the response of sports organizations has been much more decisive.

International soccer leagues have banned competitions in Russia, barred Russian teams from competing globally, and canceled a massive sponsorship deal

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with Russian gas giant Gazprom. Adidas has suspended its sponsorship of Russian soccer, while many nations have announced they won't play Russian teams.

In the United Kingdom, Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich gave in to pressure to sell Chelsea FC, one of the most successful English soccer teams. Alisher Usmanov, another oligarch invested in English soccer, is now under strong EU and U.K. sanctions. His Russian companies have lost sponsorship deals, and Germany even seized his yacht.

The International Olympic Committee has recommended banning Russian and Belarusian athletes from Olympic events, while prohibitions on Russian participation in everything from Formula 1 racing to biathlons to the Eurovision Song Contest continue to roll in.

Perhaps most significantly, the out-

cry has often been led by Russian athletes themselves.

Russian athletes rely heavily on the Kremlin for support, so when people like tennis stars Andrey Rublev and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova speak out against the war, the impact is that much greater. Their courage mirrors that of the many thousands of Russians who've braved arrest and abuse to protest the war in Russia itself.

The power of sports to legitimize a regime also means they have the power to delegitimize one. Putin's efforts to promote Russia through sports have left him open to the kind of blowback that could turn people against the war in Ukraine, against him.

If it works, expect other human rights abusers to face calls for sports boycotts, and get ready to support them.

Brian Wakamo is a research analyst for the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies. This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org.

Letters

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More tax, less service?

To the editor: I recently received a rather threatening letter from the state attorney general office. It seems I was a little late in responding to payment for county emergency medical service.

The tone of the letter seemed to indicate they were quite prepared to take all my property and put me on the street if I didn't pay up.

When Social Security is your main source of income you sometimes get a little behind on things. That's life.

Remember when we paid taxes for government services? Now we pay more taxes and then get billed for the services.

The government loves to prance around the globe and save the world. It would be nice if it saved a few of us Americans.

I guess somebody has to pay for all those federal holidays.

Don Garner
Gibsonburg

Foundation thanked

To the editor: The Community Christian Academy would like to thank the Ottawa County Community Foundation for choosing us to be a grant recipient during their 2021 Award Campaign.

The generous grant we were awarded in June of 2021 helped us with the cost of

installing two air conditioning units. The dream and necessity of having air conditioning within our school building has now been fulfilled.

We truly appreciate the Ottawa County Community Foundation, its board members and all of those who contribute to the foundation, for their desire to support the non-profit organizations of Ottawa County. The Ottawa County Community Foundation truly holds true to its mission: Doing Good. Forever.

Michele Garcia
Community Christian Academy,
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The Midwestern Swing to perform at Pemberville Opera House

The Pemberville Opera House will present The Midwestern Swing in concert Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Inspired by the great Western Swing bands of the '40s, '50s and '60s, steeped in country, jazz and a love for song, The Midwestern Swing is equal parts tradition and modernity.

The band's sound centers around the dual lead melody lines of the steel guitar and the "standard" guitar that are held together by "four the bar" rhythm guitar. Their repertoire features tight arrangements from the classic Western Swing and Great American Songbooks.

The Pemberville Opera House is located at 115 Main St. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door, or in advance at Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., Pemberville or by contacting Carol at 419-287-4848.

For more information, visit pembervilleoperahouse.org. Learn more about the band at themidwesternswing.com.

Food pantry to begin serving community meal

The Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel food pantry, located at 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m., offering groceries and free clothes for all ages.

The pantry will be serving a community meal on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m., beginning April 27.

Call or text 419-343-0126 for more information.

Party for the Planet

Join the Toledo Zoo in celebrating Mother Earth and exemplifying its mission of advocating for wildlife and conserving the natural world during a Party for the Planet on Saturday, April 23.

Drop off recyclable goods – including hard-to-recycle items – between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Zoo's Anthony Wayne Trail parking lot. Admission/parking charges do not apply to this special recycling project.

Zoo visitors will learn about environmentally friendly initiatives through conservation talks, animal demonstrations and activities.

The Wild Toledo Native Plant Nursery will also be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for in-person shopping. Stop by to browse more than 400 species of native plants that will help to support wildlife in your own backyard.

In addition, the NW Ohio Damage Prevention Council and Columbia Gas of Ohio are partnering with the Zoo for this year's event. The council will donate and plant a tree to help kick-off and celebrate Earth Day. Check out OHIO811's interactive educational trailer and learn about the utility lines located underground, in your own backyard. Meet their mascots and pick up an activity sheet and crayons for the kids to take home as a reminder for parents to "Call 811 Before You Dig."

Visit toledozoo.org/planet for more info.



Credit Union Youth Month

In celebration of National Credit Union Youth Month, Bay Area Credit Union, located at 4202 Navarre Ave., Oregon, is offering a youth savings account designed to help kids practice good financial habits.

The theme for this year's Credit Union Month is "Save Small. Dream Big. at your credit union."

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Youths making a deposit at Bay Area Credit Union will be eligible for prizes.

Visit bayareacu.com or call 419-698-2962 for more information.

Central Catholic plans spring musical

The Central Catholic High School music department will present its 93rd spring musical production, "Kiss Me, Kate" May 6-8 at the Valentine Theatre in downtown Toledo.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

"Both the directors and the students are thrilled to be back at this historic venue and appreciate the opportunity to have the entire cast on the main stage," said Artistic and Vocal Director Rebecca Buckman. "'Kiss Me, Kate,' composed by Cole Porter in 1948, is based on Shakespeare's famous play, 'The Taming of the Shrew.' I picked this particular production for the writing style and memorable songs. Teaching this show within a show has exposed the students to both Shakespeare's wit and the romantic style of an older era."

Tickets are on sale through the Valentine box office. Call 419-242-2787, visit the Valentine Theatre box office at 410 Adams St. or order online at valentinetheatre.com/events.html.

Tickets are \$15 for the first and second floor, and \$12 for balcony seats. Student tickets with I.D. are \$10. Please note, there is a \$2 handling fee per ticket added on by the Valentine Theatre, and internet convenience fees if you order online.

Applications available for Camp NEOSA

After a two-year interruption due to the pandemic, the Salvation Army Port Clinton Service Center will send 31 children ages 6-12 to Camp NEOSA this summer.

The camp program is open to the first 31 Ottawa County children ages 6-12 who complete the online application and pay the \$25 registration fee.

Camp will be held June 20-24. Transportation is provided. Applications are available at campneosa.org.

Camp NEOSA is located on a 200-acre peninsula on 1,000-acre Leeville Lake in Carrollton, Ohio. The nature surroundings contribute to the spiritual, educational, social, and recreational needs of every camper. Camp days are filled with hiking, swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, sports and drama activities.

Camp NEOSA is one of the many programs offered by the Port Clinton Service Center. The program is made possible with funding through local contributions from residents, businesses and grants provided by the Ottawa County Community Foundation, Stensen Grant, Portage Resale Grant, Greater Toledo Community Foundation and Walmart Community Grant.

For more information, contact Maureen Saponari at the Salvation Army-Port Clinton Service Center at 419-732-ARMY (2769) or maureen.saponari@use.salvation-army.org.

Registration will be held on a first-come, first-served basis.

Outdoor Expo returns to Side Cut

The Outdoor Expo will return to Side Cut Metropark, 1025 W. River Rd, Maumee, Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At Outdoor Expo, everyone will have the opportunity to try the mobile rock-climbing wall, tree climbing, archery, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, mountain biking, Kidz Zone, and more. Metroparks outdoor skills experts will be on hand to offer guidance as you discover your next outdoor passion.

Visit metroparkstoledo.com for more details.

Mark your calendar

Wood County's First-ever Summer Shredding Event will be held Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full in the parking lot at Northwood High School, 600 Lemoyne Rd.

Wood County residents may bring up

to five bags or boxes of paper items to the event. Paper will be shredded onsite.

Those attending are asked to bring a gift card or cash donations which will be used for birthday and Christmas gifts for children in foster care.

Glass Lecture Series

The Libbey House Foundation is sponsoring a lecture series throughout 2022 that will highlight the rich history that has made Toledo "The Glass City." The lectures are part of a world-wide celebration of the International Year of Glass, as designated by the United Nations.

Each of the planned lectures will focus on a different aspect of glass in Toledo. The lectures will be held at the former home of Edward Drummond Libbey, the city's only National Historic Landmark, as well as at other venues.

Speakers will include historians, glass industry executives, researchers, curators, and collectors. The series will focus on Toledo's unique role in fostering the development of both industrial glass and art glass. The series is grouped into three themes: The Roots of Toledo Glass, Toledo Glass Innovation, and Toledo Glass and American Aesthetics.

The cost of each lecture is \$10, which includes a wine and cheese reception. Proceeds will go to the Libbey House Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey house in Toledo's Historic Old West End.

To register for the lecture series, and for more information on the series as it develops, visit libbeyhouse.org.

Spring lectures, which take place in the Libbey House, 2008 Scottwood at Woodruff, include:

- Thursday, April 21, "The Roots of Libbey Glass: 1818 to 1920," by Julie McMaster, archivist, Toledo Museum of Art.

- Thursday, April 28, "Michael Owens and the Automatic Bottle Machine: 1900 to 1940," by Barbara Floyd, author of The Glass City: Toledo and the Industry That Made It."

- Thursday, May 5, "Flat Glass: Libbey-Owens-Ford, Pilkington, and NSG," by Kyle Sword, manager of business develop-

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ment, Architectural Glass North America, NSG Group.

• Thursday, May 19, "Glass That Can Be Anything: Owens Corning and the Story of Fiberglas," by Joe Wagner, director of marketing and product, Owens-Corning.

A reception will start at 6 p.m., and lectures at 7 p.m.

Youth Speech Summer Groups

The Magruder Hospital Speech Therapy Department is offering speech therapy summer groups for pre-school age children (3-5 years old) to help with speech, language and social skills.

The groups will meet Tuesday mornings June 14-July 26. Two sessions will be available — from 9:10:15 a.m. or 10:30-11:45 a.m. Magruder speech-language pathologists Brianna Missler and Katie Brink will lead the sessions in the hospital's Lake Erie Sports Medicine Department.

Reservations and a physician referral are required. An individual evaluation will be completed prior to the sessions to discuss goals and answer billing and benefits questions. For info or to reserve a spot, call 419-732-4033.

Book Birthday for Madeline

The Wood County District Public Library is celebrating book birthdays.

Join the library for a birthday celebration for Ludwig Bemelmans, author of the beloved Madeline books and characters on Wednesday, April 27 from 3-5 p.m. at both the Bowling Green and Walbridge libraries.

Drop by the library to join in the celebration, which will include books, games, crafts and a special treat.

For more information, call 419-352-8253, email woodkids@wcdpl.org, or visit wcdpl.org.

Who dunnit? Toledo Swiss Singers to present dinner theatre

The Toledo Swiss Singers, one of the area's oldest singing groups, will be asking the question, "who dunnit?" at their seventh annual dinner-theatre mystery event, held for two nights, May 14 and 15.

The evening, titled "Drop Dead Disco," will feature a murder at the disco club — at The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove, 3624 Seaman Rd., Oregon.

Dust off your disco duds, poof up your pompadour and get ready to get down at the hottest spot this side of the seventies — the Drop Dead Disco club. During the evening, there will be a mysterious cold-blooded killer on the loose. Who is the victim? When does it happen? Which character is responsible?

"Drop Dead Disco" will have audience members using evidence provided and making keen observations to carefully conduct their own investigations. Gather the clues and determine who could be the killer!

So, dance out your disco wardrobe, ante up your attitude and hustle down to the disco club — where people are dying to get in. Enter to win the John Travolta Look-a-Like or Disco Queen Contest or just enjoy solving the mystery. Either way the competition could be stiff.

The evening will also include a delicious menu including breast of chicken, green beans almandine, buttered red skins, salad, rolls, desserts, a cash bar and, of course, the murder mystery.

The theatre presentation begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Dinner will be served during the performance. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 13 and under.

Reserve seats by May 2 by calling Elaine at 419-206-0975.

About the singers

Currently under the direction of Micah Graber, the choir has been a cultural staple in the Toledo area since 1869. The chorus in its current form has been around since 1924. Its aim is to retain and preserve the culture and songs of Switzerland, to live up



The Toledo Swiss Singers will be asking "who dunnit?" as they present their seventh annual dinner-theatre mystery event, "Drop Dead Disco," May 14 and 15 at The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove in Oregon. (Submitted photo)

**“
Gather the clues
and determine who
could be the killer!
”**

to the singers' ancestors' tenets of faith and behavior, help others, and to be good citizens.

The Singers perform two concerts annually, including a wide variety of traditional Swiss, Broadway, Gospel and American music, as well as a special performance in the spring.

The Swiss Singers practice Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Oak Shade Grove from September to May.

The group is part of the North American Swiss Singing Alliance (NASSA), made up of 14 choirs from Canada and the U.S. Singers compete internationally every three years; the next competition will be held in June 2024 in Pittsburgh.

The nonprofit organization is also part of the larger German American Festival (GAF) Society, which most people associate with the festival held annually in August. The society consists of seven German-speaking societies. During the festival, the Singers set up and operate the Swiss Cheese Haus, along with the Stein Stossen contest. The GAF Festival draws more than 30,000 people on an average weekend and is the largest ethnic festival in this part of the country.



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Destination Toledo to launch Great Lake Erie Birding Trail

Destination Toledo, the official Destination Marketing Organization for Toledo and Northwest Ohio, launched the Great Lake Erie Birding Trail on April 12 to coincide with the start of the spring migration.

Beginner to avid birders can sign up for the free mobile passport and begin their journey by visiting select birding hotspots throughout Northwest Ohio, southeastern Michigan and Canada.

"The objective of the Great Lake Erie Birding Trail is to provide birders with a valuable tool to track their stops and help them discover great birding spots they may not be aware of," said Lance Woodworth, president and CEO of Destination Toledo. "In our efforts to promote regionalism, it is important to include our neighbors to the north – Michigan and Canada – and make this an international trail, as we all offer unique habitats that deserve to be included."

Destination Toledo has partnered with technology company Bandwango to create the free, mobile passport that will allow us-

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ers to check in at select parks and natural areas along Lake Erie's western basin in Ohio, Michigan and Canada. Individuals may sign-up at VisitToledo.org/Birding or by scanning the QR Code on Great Lake Erie Birding Trail table tents available throughout the region.

Once birders check-in at 15 locations, they are eligible to receive the Great Lake Erie Birding Trail limited edition pin. Birders are encouraged to share their photos and use #GLEBirdingTrail on social media platforms.



Rehearsing for Oregon Community Theatre's upcoming production of Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express" are Robert Holdren (Bouc), Don Dauer (Hercule Poirot), Erin Hagedorn (Greta), Gary Ackerman (Michel). (Submitted photo)

Joyful Connections nominated

Joyful Connections, Ottawa County's source for supervised visitation and exchanges, is one of just five providers worldwide nominated for The Hedi Levenback Supervised Visitation Provider of the Year Award.

The members of the Supervised Visitation Network (SVN) nominate and select a winner from within the network.

Recipients are recognized for their demonstration of exceptional skills in the delivery and implementation of a supervised visitation program, commitment to the SVN standards, engagement in SVN activities, and achieved program excellence and innovation within their own program and community.

The award is named in honor of one of SVN's early board members, Hedi Levenback, who was a founding member of

SVN and a pioneer in the field of supervised visitation. She co-authored the SVN bylaws and was the first chair of the Standards and Guidelines Committee. These standards and guidelines professionalized supervised visitation and continue to guide providers in their important work.

The winning individual and/or program will be honored at the 2022 SVN Annual Conference which will be held in Orlando, Florida.

Joyful Connections is a local agency that provides supervised visitations and exchanges, providing a child-focused, healthy, safe and home-like environment where children can interact with family members in a non-judgmental setting.

For more information about services provided or to make a donation, call 567-262-3181 or email joyfuldirector@gmail.com.

Oregon Community Theatre will present Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," April 29-30 and May 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and May 1 at 3 p.m. at Fassett Auditorium, 3025 Starr Ave., Oregon.

Audiences are invited to join Detective Hercule Poirot as he tries to find a killer while trapped in a snowstorm. The show's production team includes Producer Tim Yard and Director Dawn Yard.

Tickets prices are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors 60 and over and students 18 and under. To purchase tickets, visit octshows.org or call 419-691-1398.

OCT will finish the 2021-2022 season with the Children's Summer Theatre production of "Willy Wonka, JR" July 7-10. Auditions will be held Friday and Saturday May 20, 6-8:30 p.m. and May 21, 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran, 611 Woodville Rd., Toledo. Participation is open to all children who have completed second grade and not yet entered ninth grade. Visit octshows.org for more details.

Oregon Community Theatre “Murder on the Orient Express” to be staged April 29-30

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Riverview places first in culinary competition

The Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus #ViewCrew cooks were recently awarded first place in the Ohio Healthcare Association (OHCA) Mystery Box Culinary Competition. Gordon Food Services and Sandridge co-sponsored the event.

The team of three consisted of cooks Sarah Wagner (20 years of service), Lisa Woods (23 years of service) and Margie Zunk (18 years of service), who put their culinary skills to the test in a friendly competition with 25 other facilities in Ohio.

"The competition wanted to put the team's culinary skills and creativity to the test and Riverview's cooks rose to the challenge," said Kendra M. German, administrator, Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus.

"A mystery box of ingredients was delivered to our facility. Our #ViewCrew Cooks took the different ingredients and found creative dishes to serve using 14 of the 15 ingredients sent," German said. "After sharing the meal with our residents, the team presented their dishes virtually to the competition's judges."

The menu consisted of:

- Baked salmon with sautéed spinach and butternut squash puree.
- Wheat pita with chicken and kale country crunch mix with pine berry dressing.
- Sweet potato quinoa cakes and yogurt dipping sauce.
- Cranberry orange layered Jell-O salad.

During the Facebook live announcement of the winners, judges asked the #ViewCrew Cooks about their cranberry orange layered Jell-O salad.

"We wanted to do a different salad this year instead of a typical tossed salad, so we decided to go with a Jell-O salad because our residents like Jell-O salads a lot," Woods replied.



(Front row): Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus cooks Margie Zunk, Lisa Woods and Sarah Wagner. (Back row): Food & Nutrition Director Jane Wolf, DTR and Manager, Megan Knecht. (Submitted photo)

Riverview Food and Nutrition Director Jane Wolf stated, "I am impressed by these ladies for the enthusiasm and work they put in every day and especially this contest. They were creative and worked together, bouncing ideas off one another and creating dishes to really be proud of. The heart they have for what they do really shows through what they create every day. When they can go up against other senior living facilities that have chefs with formal training it is quite an accomplishment, and I am so proud and they should be too."

In addition to the trio of cooks, German thanked Jane Wolf, Food and Nutrition Director and Megan Knecht, Food and

Nutrition Manager, for their presentation, technical support and encouragement.

In honor of winning the competition, the Riverview Healthcare Campus Food and Nutrition Department will receive a \$250 Amazon gift card, Gordon Food Services and Sandridge "swag," ingredients for a celebratory dinner, Butcher Box Steaks, and free admission to the Ohio Healthcare Association Annual Conference.

Those interested in joining Riverview's Food and Nutrition Department may contact human resources at 419-898-2851, ext. 4027, visit riverviewhealthcare.com, or email rpfeiffer@co.ottawa.oh.us.

Tax season is a good time to look at cost of long-term care

By Pamela J. Myers

To help families navigate financial challenges, the Alzheimer's Association recently launched a free online education program, "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances." Tips from the program include:

- Plan early - There are many benefits of planning early when it comes to your finances – both for the caregiver and the person with the disease.
- Start a positive discussion about finances - Bring in trusted family members or close friends for a discussion about what the person with the disease wants.
- Avoid financial abuse and fraud - Individuals living with dementia have a greater risk of becoming victims and may struggle with making financial decisions.
- Organize your finances - Conduct an inventory of your financial resources (savings, insurance, retirement benefits, government assistance, VA benefits, etc.).
- Create a backup plan - Designate a trusted back-up agent for the person's power of attorney and consider designating responsibilities to more than one person.

The new "Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances" education program will be available virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, April 19 at noon. It is being presented by the Central Ohio Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Call 800-272-3900 to register and receive login information. More opportunities to attend this program in person will be offered in the Toledo area starting in May.

Pamela J. Myers, MAOM, BSN, RN, is the program director for the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest and Central Ohio.

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Theme for Older Americans Month 2022 is “Age My Way”

Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). The 2022 theme is “Age My Way,” encouraging everyone to explore the many ways older adults can remain in and be involved with their communities.

Ohio has more than 2.8 million residents age 60 or older who account for nearly one-quarter of the state's total population. Older Ohioans are a key source of the state's strength, drawing on lifetimes of experiences, successes, difficulties, and resilience.

For Older Americans Month 2022, the Ohio Department of Aging will be celebrating the many ways older adults contribute to, support, and benefit from their communities, as well as the many programs, advocates, and providers who help them do so.

Follow #OlderAmericansMonth on social media for the latest from ACL and the Ohio Department of Aging.

Alzheimer's programs

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering two virtual education programs to help participants learn more about the basics of Alzheimer's disease.

The programs, being offered free to the community, are:

- Effective Communication Strategies, Monday, April 25, 5-6 p.m.
- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, Tuesday, April 26, 6-7 p.m.

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

“These programs are a great dual package for those looking to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and how it affects day-to-day interactions with their loved ones,” said Pam Myers, Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter program director. Those who are concerned about themselves or a loved one may contact the Alzheimer's



Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected with local resources that can help.

Following all current state and local health and venue site guidelines regarding masks, social distancing and meeting size, the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will begin offering programs and support groups both in person and virtually. While masks are optional (unless required by the venue site), unvaccinated and compromised participants should consider wearing masks when attending programs and other meetings.

Senior center meatloaf dinner

The East Toledo Senior Center will present a Meatloaf Dinner Wednesday, May 18 from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per dinner, which includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and a cookie.

Dine in or carry out. Tickets are on sale now. Stop in at the center, 1001 White St., Toledo, or purchase online at easttoledoseniiorcenter.org (click on special events tab).

For more information about the East Toledo Senior Center call 419-691-2254 or visit easttoledoseniorcenter.org or facebook.com/EastToledoSeniorCenter.

Open house set

The Wood County Committee on Aging will hold an open house in recognition of Older Americans Month Thursday, May 19 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Wood County Senior Center, 140 S. Grove St., Bowling Green.

The event is open to anyone interested in learning more about what WCCOA's eight senior centers offer to serve the older adults and families of Wood County.

Some of the featured services at the event will include:

- Lunch and dinner services
 - Technology loans & assistance
 - Home delivered meals
 - Social services
 - Fitness classes
 - Medical transportation
 - Art programs
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - LivelyU Lifelong Learning Academy
- Meet and connect with staff, volunteers, class instructors and active participants to learn more about the programs, services, and classes offered by the WCCOA. Free balance screenings will be available during the event, provided by Bowling Green State University's Physical Therapy Department. Spaces are limited.

Registration is not required for this event. Those who would like to join the center for dinner should make reservations by 2 p.m. on May 19. Dinner is served from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Call 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or visit wccoa.net for more details.

Alzheimer's support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave., Oregon.

The meetings are designated specifically for those caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia.

Call 419-698-7078 for more information. Visit oscohoio.org or facebook.com/oregonseniorcenter to learn more about the center's programs and services.

Free shoulder screening

Free shoulder screenings will be offered Friday, April 29 from 1-3 p.m. at the Magruder Orthopedic Clinic, 611 Fulton St., Suite G., Port Clinton.

The screening will include an x-ray, consultation with an orthopedic nurse practitioner or orthopedic surgeon and a chance to meet with a physical therapist.

Appointments are required and may be

made by calling 419-732-4061.

Hospice virtual lecture

Hospice of Northwest Ohio will present its 16th Annual Dr. Sharon Erel Lecture virtually on Thursday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Featured speaker will be Billy Rosa, nationally recognized researcher and expert on healthcare disparities and inclusive care, who will discuss, “Distress in Healthcare: Keeping Integrity Front and Center During Difficult Times.”

A \$15 registration fee includes continuing education credits for community professionals including nurses, social workers/counselors and long-term care administrators. Community members and those who are not seeking continuing education are welcome to register for the event at no charge.

The presentation will explore what it means to deliver “good care” during times of societal flux. The COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented strain on the health workforce, resulting in an exacerbation of burnout and moral suffering. During this presentation, Rosa will discuss how health workers' emotional and interpersonal burdens compromise quality of care delivery.

Registration is available online only at hospicenwo.org. Registrants will receive a link to join the program at the email address provided at registration. The deadline to register is Thursday, May 12.

Contact Mary Davis at 419-931-5190 or mdavis@hospicenwo.org with questions.

Golden Threads plan trips

The Golden Threads Senior Program of ProMedica Memorial Hospital, is offering a number of trips in 2022:

Trips include:

- May 25: “The Honky Tonk Angels” at Turkeyville, Marshall, Michigan. The cost is \$105 members/\$110 non-members. “The Honky Tonk Angels” is the story of three women who lead largely unfulfilled

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lives and know they want more. Prior to the show, enjoy a buffet lunch at this unique theatre.

• Wednesday, July 13: Ohio's Lavender Trail, \$99 members/\$104 non-members. Learn about the different types of lavender, along with how and when to plant, how to nurture and how to harvest. Visit two lavender farms and enjoy lunch at The Barn Restaurant of Smithville.

• Aug. 11: Summer Surprise Mystery Trip, \$109 members/\$114 non-members. Discover unique attractions for a day of surprises, with lunch included.

• Oct. 19: Autumn in Ohio's Amish Country, \$99 members/\$104 non-members. Take a wagon ride through the farm at Walnut Creek before enjoying lunch at Der Dutchman. Trip also includes a behind-the-scenes guided tour and time at The Ashery.

• Nov. 18: "White Christmas," LaComedia Theatre, Springboro, Ohio, \$119 members/\$124 non-members. Prior to the matinee performance, enjoy a buffet lunch.

For more information and/or reservations, call Golden Threads at 419-334-6613.

Ottawa County Senior Directory

The Ottawa County Task Force on Aging published a focused resource guide for seniors and their caregivers.

The publication is designed to promote awareness about senior services available in the county.

Ottawa County is home to the highest percentage of people over the age of 60 in the state of Ohio. Given the aging population in the area, the Ottawa County Task Force on Aging looks to address aging-related issues to promote the safety and independence of seniors in our community.

Visit oh-ottawacounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/2291/Ottawa-County-Senior-Directory-2022-PDF.

Supplemental Food Program

Elmore and Genoa area (Ottawa County -West End) Seniors who are 60 years of age and older with a total monthly income of \$1,396 or less are eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

The program provides eligible recipients a monthly box of food containing a combination of juice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, unsweetened cereal, pasta, shelf-stable milk, instant milk, cheese, canned meat, beans and peanut butter.

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Genoa Retirement Village hosts Olympics

Genoa Retirement Village hosted the Culinary Olympics for Trilogy's North Ohio Division on Tuesday, March 15. This is the first time the Olympics have been held since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seven chefs brought their culinary skills to compete in a similar fashion to The Food Network's series "Chopped."

The cooking began at noon, and every 15 minutes, another chef would start. Their dishes were judged on taste, presentation, and creativity.

"A big thank you to Annette Overmyer, with Golden Threads of Fremont, ProMedica Memorial Hospital; Ryan Schnipke, of Gordon Food Services; Genoa Mayor Thomas Bergman, and Brian Houston, of GenoaBank, for spending their afternoon critiquing the dishes," said Sandra Gaietto, Life Enrichment Director at Genoa Retirement Village.

Four of the retirement village's residents joined in to determine the "Resident's Choice" award, which was presented to Kylie from Valleyview of Fremont.

Tommi, from The Willows of Bellevue, earned the bronze medal. The silver medal was awarded to Chris, from The Lakes of Sylvania.

The gold medal winner was Ashley from The Lakes of Monclova, who served pan-seared hanging beef tenderloin over a red wine mushroom reduction sauce, which was paired with bacon-wrapped asparagus and parmesan orzo with spinach and tomatoes.



Seven chefs from communities in Trilogy Health Services' Northern Ohio Division participated in a Culinary Olympics held March 15 at Genoa Retirement Village. (Submitted photo)



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Jim Weber calls his 6,000th game

On Saturday, April 12, 1975 the Toledo Mud Hens welcomed in a new 'Voice of the Hens' as Toledo native Jim Weber took to the airwaves as the new play-by-play voice. On April 10, 2022, Weber reached another milestone reaching 6,000 consecutive games as the team broadcaster.



Jim Weber

"[I've seen] in the vicinity of about 1,100 (Hens players). We're talking about the Kirby Puckett's of the world," Weber said. "There've been some big names come through. I went through our all-time list, and if I saw a name and it was 1975 or later, I had to count. Man, that took me like two days."

Weber has not missed a game that was scheduled to be broadcasted since he started the 1975 season on the road when the Mud Hens played in Charleston, West Virginia against the Charleston Charlies at Watt Powell Park. His accomplishments include calling the Mud Hens Governors Cup Championship teams in 2005 and 2006.

"On behalf of the Toledo Mud Hens organization, we would like to congratulate Jim on this amazing accomplishment," said Hens General Manager Erik Ibsen. "Jim has been an iconic part of Mud Hens baseball for almost 50 years. To call 6,000 consecutive games could very well be something the baseball world never sees again. His baseball memories and stories are something that any baseball fan would be jealous of."

He was inducted into the International League as a first ballot inductee in the 2014 class. Weber was awarded the play-by-play duties of two IL All-Star contests in 1990 (Las Vegas) and when the game was held at Fifth Third Field in 2006.

Walleye General Manager Neil Neukam said, "As baseball seasons come and go, so do players and managers, but one constant for me since starting in 1993 has been the voice of the Mud Hens Jim Weber for 6,000 consecutive broadcasts. Congratulations Jim on this momentous occasion."

Seeking golf coach

Lake High School is accepting applications for a head varsity girls golf coach. Applicant deadline is April 28. Applicants should download an application form from the school website: <https://www.lakeschools.org/Downloads/Coach-Application-Form-fillable.pdf>. Application form should be emailed with resume and qualifications to: Dave Shaffer, Director of Athletics, at DShaffer@lakeschools.org.

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Ohio State synchronized swimming coach Holly Vargo-Brown (Waite) about to get thrown into the pool by her swimmers after the Buckeyes won the 2019 national championship. (File photo courtesy OSU Athletics)

Vargo-Brown leads Bucks to 33rd title

The Ohio State synchronized (artistic) swimming team is the national champion once again.

After sweeping each category of the U.S. Collegiate National Championship, the Buckeyes earned 102 points at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion to win their 33rd overall national title.

"I am just so proud of the resilience of this family, because it really is a family" Ohio State head coach Holly Vargo-Brown, a Waite graduate, said.

"The love and the care that these student-athletes feel for each other and for Ohio State is just something that I have never felt before."

"This team has been very special this year. I think the couple years of roughness really pulled us together in a very exciting way."

Ohio State set the tone right off the bat with a trio win to open the final day of competition. Emily Armstrong, Cassie Neeley and Ruby Remati got the Buckeyes started with a powerful routine, earning a score of 83.7667 to win the national title in the category.

In the next event, the pairing of Laila Huric and Nikki Dzurko earned their second career national championship in the duet category. Huric and Dzurko swam a beautiful routine to earn a score of 85.2000. The freshmen duo of Armstrong and Remati picked up their second medals of the day with a second-place score of 84.1667.

Dzurko followed up her duet win with a stunning solo routine and another national title. She scored an 85.3333 to earn her second career national title in the category and the Buckeyes' third title of the day.

Ohio State closed out its sweep of the national championship events in the team category. The Scarlet squad of Armstrong, Dzurko, Heffernan, Paige Hopper, Huric, Rachel Jager, Neeley and Remati earned a score of 85.2667 to win the category. The Gray team of Camryn Carrasco, Rose

Homoelle, Ava Lichter, Paula Luis, Olivia Malloy, Reverie Nedde, Olivia Schafer and Haley Watson took bronze with a score of 82.6667.

The Buckeyes have swept every category at the national championship six times prior to this year – 1988, 1991, 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2019.

At the conclusion of the meet, Emily Armstrong garnered the Individual High Point Award. She won two gold medals and a silver medal for the Buckeyes. Vargo-Brown won U.S. Collegiate Coach of the Year for the sixth time in her career.

Vargo-Brown dynasty

Vargo-Brown was inducted into the Waite High School Athletics Hall of Fame in February of 2009 for her athletic and coaching successes.

While attending Waite, Vargo-Brown was the 1978 Ohio junior champion, 1980 Ohio Region 6 champion and 1979 and 1980 Northwest Ohio AAU Athlete of the Year. In 1979, Vargo-Brown went on to finish 11th at the Junior National Championships. Additionally, she was a two-time member of the varsity cheerleading squad.

Holly Vargo-Brown just finished her 10th season as head coach of the Ohio State Synchronized Swimming program in 2021-22. She is just the third coach in the program's 41-year history.

"I have such great respect for the strong tradition of excellence established within this program by former head coaches Mary Jo Ruggieri and Linda Lichter-Witter," Vargo-Brown said upon her promotion to head coach in 2012.

Vargo-Brown has played an instrumental role in shaping the Ohio State Synchronized Swimming Program. She's had a hand in claiming 26 of the program's 33 national titles as either a student-athlete, assistant coach or head coach. Since taking over as head coach in 2013, she has been named US Synchro Collegiate Coach of the Year four times, has coached 35 individual

national champions, has 45 All-Americans and 56 Academic All-Americans.

In her first season as the head coach of the Ohio State synchronized swimming team, Holly Vargo-Brown guided the Buckeyes to six first-place finishes, including their 23rd consecutive North Regional Championship, as well as a second-place finish at the U.S. Collegiate Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. Behind three silver medals, the Scarlet and Gray claimed fourth place at the U.S. Senior National Championships in Greensboro, N.C.

Under Vargo-Brown's guidance, Buckeye Paige Ramsey was tabbed the U.S. Collegiate Athlete of the Year, and six swimmers – Chelsea Aton, Lauren Nicholson, Yuliya Maryanko, Paige Ramsey, Katie Spada and Khadija Zanotto – earned U.S. Collegiate All-America laurels.

Her second season was just as good as the first. The Buckeyes won the U.S. Senior National Championship in addition to finishing second at the U.S. Collegiate National Championships. Vargo-Brown was named the U.S. Synchro Coach of the Year and six Buckeyes earned U.S. Collegiate All-American honors.

In 2015, Vargo-Brown was again named the U.S. Synchro Coach of the Year after guiding the Buckeyes to the US Collegiate National Championship. That was the program's 29th national title. The team finished first at every event except for the North Regional Championship where it finished runner-up.

Individually, eight Buckeyes were named All-Americans under Vargo Brown in 2015. Senior Heidi Liou was also named to the U.S. Synchro Athlete of the Year.

The 2016 season was yet again, a successful campaign with seven victories, eight All-Americans, three national champions and a runner-up finish at the US Collegiate Championships. Emma Baranski never lost a solo competition this season and became the first Buckeye since 2012 to win a solo national title.

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Local photographer remembers the Haskins' legacy

Dwayne Haskins, previous Ohio State record setting quarterback, was hit and killed Saturday while walking on a Boca Rotan highway in Florida.

He had been spending time working out with some of his Pittsburgh Steeler teammates in hopes of replacing the recently retired Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who is from Findlay.

"The loss of Dwayne is beyond tragic and extremely difficult to process," Ohio State head coach Ryan Day tweeted. "For those who knew him closely, he was much more than a great football player. He had a giant heart, old soul and an infectious smile. The Ohio State community and our entire football program are heartbroken."

Pittsburgh picked up Haskins after he had an unimpressive two years with the Washington Commanders (previously the Redskins and Washington Football Club). Haskins signed a one year, \$2.5 million contract with the Steelers in January of this year.

Washington drafted Haskins in the first round at No. 15 in the 2019 NFL Draft, making him the highest drafted Buckeye quarterback in the previous 36 years.

While at Washington Haskins was sacked 49 times during the 13 games he played. Maybe, if he had been surrounded with more protection, more of his skills could have been utilized.

We tend to worship quarterbacks and they are indeed very important players, but they only have seconds to execute their decisions. Trying to concentrate with a group of monster defensive linemen trying to slam them to the ground is difficult.

Haskins' collegiate football career started at Ohio State in 2017 in the game against Michigan. J.T. Barrett, who was injured in a freak accident on the sidelines before the game, was pulled from the game as the injury became more aggravated.

With six-plus minutes left in the third quarter and down to Michigan, 20-14, Haskins would get his chance to win "the game" with a comeback and a right to play for the Big Ten Championship the following week. This tremendous challenge was loaded on a quarterback who had never started a game for the Buckeyes. Even worst it was in foreign territory, the Big House in



Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins pitches. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.smugmug.com)

In My Opinion

by Harold Hamilton



Ann Arbor.

Much to the dismay of the "Blue" fans who were finally hoping for a win in the greatest rivalry in football, Haskins made them even more blue. He started OSU's rally on a third down and 13 with a 27-yard pass to Austin Mack.

Two plays later, after a 22-yard run, the ball was on the Michigan one-yard line. J.K. Dobbins then punched it in for the go-ahead touchdown. The final score was Buckeyes 31, Wolverines 20. The Buckeyes were the Big Ten East Division champions.

In the following weeks, the Buckeyes beat Wisconsin 27-21 for the Big Ten championship and USC in the Cotton Bowl, 24-7. Haskins was named Most Valuable Player for each of these games. Perhaps the OSU fans initially underestimated this green quarterback's talent.

After the fantastic finish in 2017, Haskins became the starter for the 2018 season. While he played only one year as a starter at OSU, what a year it was. He clearly had a stadium full of talent. In 2018 he became one of the most prolific passers in Ohio State history.

In 2018 OSU also beat Michigan again, won the Big Ten Championship, and won the Rose Bowl. Haskins would have been 25-years-old in May. Ohio State has announced that they were to have a special tribute to Haskins at their spring game Saturday.

In 22 games at Ohio State and with only 14 starts for his career, Haskins climbed to ninth in Ohio State history with 5,396 passing yards and to fourth with 54 touchdown passes.

Haskins threw for 499 yards and five touchdowns to earn game MVP honors in the Big Ten championship game win over No. 21 Northwestern.

Haskins' three touchdown passes vs. No. 9 Washington in the Rose Bowl gave him 50 for the season and enabled him to become only the sixth FBS player to throw 50 TDs in a season.

Haskins, who was married to the former Kalabrya Gonderzick, of Benton Harbor, Mich., was a two-time OSU scholar-athlete majoring in journalism and he was a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

(Harold Hamilton is a freelance photographer from Northwood)

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Local hockey players fuel Lake's White division title

By J. Patrick Eaken

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The Lake club hockey team won the Northwest Hockey Conference White Division crown this winter, and it would not have happened without players from Genoa, Northwood, and Lake high schools.

Lake finished 14-7-1 overall and a perfect 8-0 in the White Division. After winning the White Division title two years ago, last year Lake finished in second place behind Whitmer by a half-point.

"Hard work paid off for them. We had a pretty skilled group with a couple original Lake kids. They are just decent players, they worked hard, and it worked out for us," Lake coach Craig Horvath said.

Lake forward Clay Soltis was the White Division Player of the Year and Mike Tolles, a Lake student, was a first team defenseman.

Bailey Coe and Griffin Hales are second team forwards and Northwood student Alexa Urbanyi, the only girl on the team, was the White Division Rookie of the Year.

Colton Lowe and Luke Steep are also Lake students and Ben Loomis attends Genoa. Other players attend Springfield, Tinora, Maumee, Patrick Henry, Whiteford (Mich.), Perrysburg, Wauseon, Sandusky, Otsego, Elmwood and Edison.

Horvath says Lowe and Tolles have been "a rock for us on defense" and as for Alexa Urbanyi, she added toughness to the team.

"We've got a new girl on our team, believe it or not, who has done a remarkable job," Horvath said. "Her brother (Logan) played for us, and he graduated last year. I didn't expect her to do much, a freshman girl, but oh no, she really helped out a lot."

"She does not back down. We played a team, and they had a six-foot kid, and she is a smaller girl, and I have the clip on my phone from her dad and it is hilarious," Horvath continued. "She just goes right at him, like a bulldog. She just does not care. It was pretty neat having her. She helped out a lot and I didn't anticipate her working out as well as she did."

The other player learning to be physical is Loomis, a talented skater who knows how to handle the puck, but had to figure out how to dish out physical contact despite being undersized.



The Lake club hockey team after playing at Fifth Third Field.—players are (not in order) Cooper Ruehle, Luke Vida, Luke Steep, Elijah Moody, Trenton Tussing, Colton Lowe, Jacob Harder, Ben Loomis, Alexa Urbanyi, Ashton Graham, Bailey Coe, Griffin Hales, Clay Soltis, Michael Tolles, Toby Ruch, Ian Schwab, David Dunn, James Bickley, Carter Ruehle and Jacob Rickman. The team, which won the Northwest Hockey Conference White Division title, is coached by Craig Horvath and Ron Kenney,

"Loomis had a good year. He really stepped up," Horvath said. "He has not really grown much, but he plays a lot bigger than he is. This year he's turned it around and he's giving it instead of receiving it. He was always smaller and was giving a little more, but I think he finally figured out its better to give than receive."

White Division runner-up Whitmer's (13-17, 6-2) only two losses were to Lake. In their first meeting Lake won 10-3, but the second time the Panthers played Lake to the vest, falling 5-3.

"We were kind of Jekyll and Hyde sometimes," Horvath said. "We would play great and then when we should play well, we don't. You never know what happens. Whitmer always played us tough. It was never a cakewalk with them. Right up until the last minute you never know with Whitmer if you are going to win or not."

Lake also took on several NHC Red Division teams, losing to Anthony Wayne, 2-1, to Bowling Green, 8-4, and to Perrysburg, 5-3 and 2-1. Horvath was pleased the games were reasonably close, but thought his team might have a chance

to take one of them.

"I got to be honest with you, the worst game I ever recall Lake playing was when we played Perrysburg this year, and the score was 5-3, so somebody who was writing the story would say, 'Hey, they were in the game. That's a good game.' But we were terrible," Horvath said.

"We had three shots and we scored three goals, and we played them a few weeks later, and we told the kids about how bad it was, and we came out and did not expect the way we played. We lost 2-1, but it was the other way this time. We really played them well. That's a good game. I don't mind losing those games, as long as you play hard."

"I would have loved to play (Sylvania) Northview or St. John's this year. I don't know that we would win, but I know it

would be competitive. I'm not tooting our horn a little bit, but I think Northview was down and St. John's was down. We're just good enough to play them OK and be able to play with them."

Prep hockey around the state in January was a bit awkward because teams were playing short-handed. Athletes had to miss because of COVID. Sometimes games even got canceled.

"It was anybody's game whenever you played anybody, with COVID, and sometimes you got guys out for COVID, so you just never knew what you're getting into," Horvath said.

Now Horvath has to deal with what every varsity coach deals with — losing his best players to graduation.

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Lake hockey

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"You hate to say goodbye to the kids you've had for four years. It's just a great group of kids and you just hate to say goodbye. I don't know how coaches deal with it — it's the saddest part," Horvath said.

Horvath, a firm believer that the Eastern Maumee Bay community needs a sheet of ice to keep youth in the community playing hockey, says one of his players could probably play junior hockey if he elected to. Currently that athlete, Michael Tolles, is a standout on the Lake baseball team.

"Everybody can play junior. I used to say nobody can play junior, but now there are so many junior teams. There are a couple of the kids that if they wanted to play on a junior team, they could, but that is \$700 to \$800 a month to play that," Horvath said.

"If there is anybody who has a chance it is the Tolles kid because he is an all-around athlete. I mean, he's a football player, he is a baseball player and a good hockey player. He has the athleticism."



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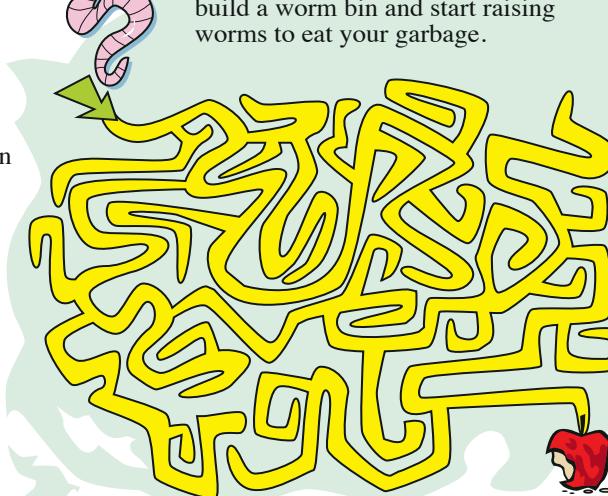
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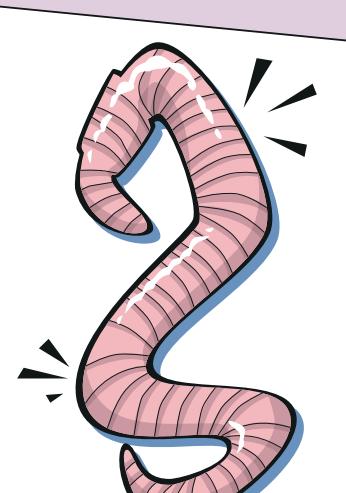
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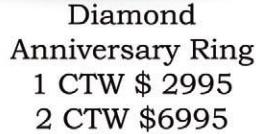
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