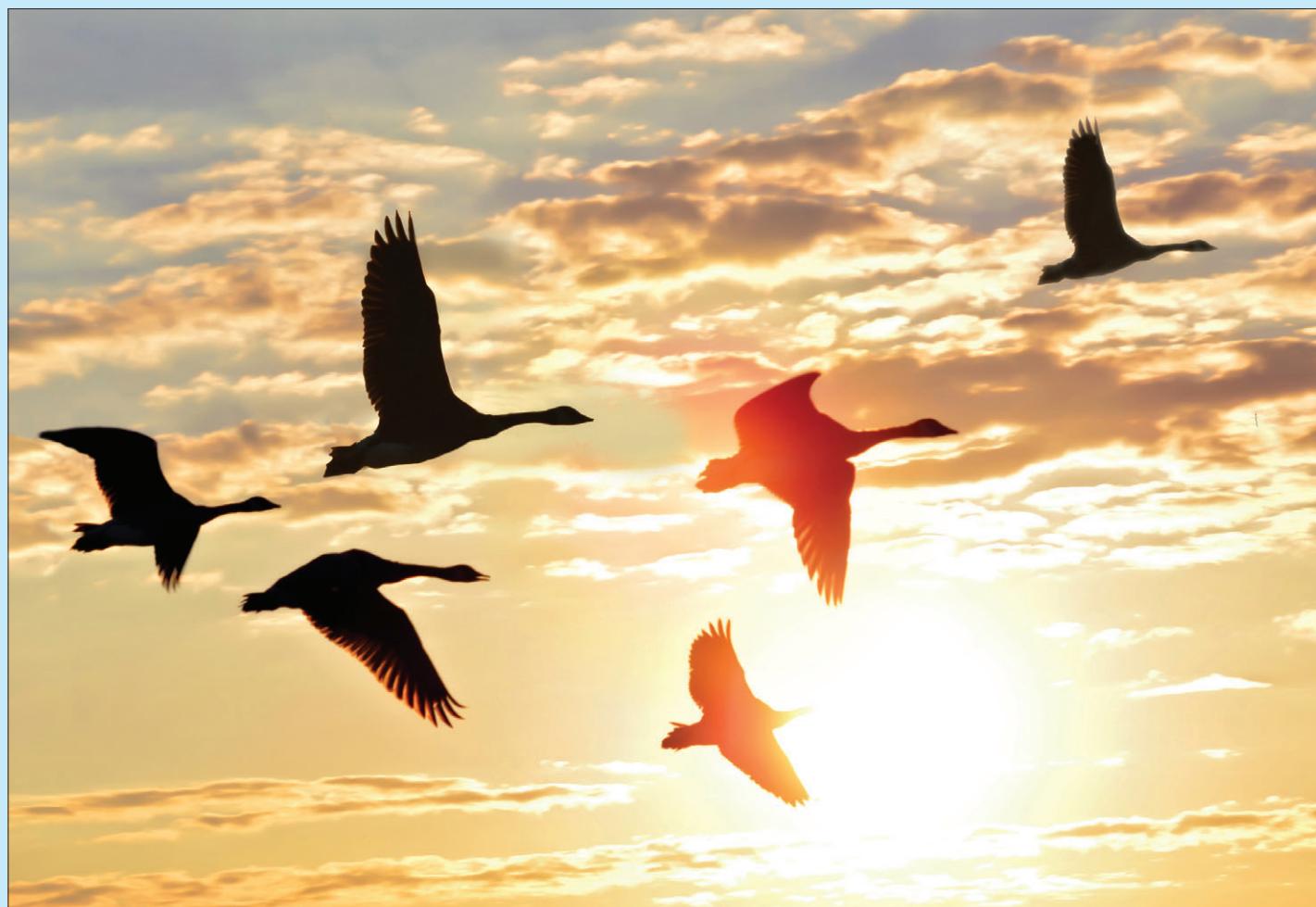




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Team spirit

A team of geese create a silhouette as they fly against the morning sun near Howard Marsh. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

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EPA releases TMDL draft report to improve water quality

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) recently released the draft water quality improvement plan to reduce nutrients going into the Western Lake Erie Basin from the Maumee River watershed.

The Western Lake Erie Basin has been plagued by agricultural nutrient runoff, especially phosphorus, from the Maumee River watershed, which has led to the development of harmful, toxic algal blooms over the years.

The agency is taking comments on the draft water quality improvement plan, called a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) draft report, until March 8 of this year. A webinar will be held to provide the public with information on Feb. 8, and two public hearings on Feb. 23.

The objective of a TMDL is to restore water quality for an impaired waterbody. TMDLs determine the pollutant loading capacity of the waterbody and distribute the load to different pollutant sources, according to the OEPA. A TMDL identifies the links between a waterbody use impairment, sources of impairment, and the pollutant load reductions needed to meet the applicable water quality standards. It serves as a

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roadmap for measures that can be taken to improve water quality.

Reduce phosphorus

The aim of the Maumee Watershed Nutrient TMDL Project is to remove use impairments for drinking water, aquatic life, and recreation in Ohio's Western Basin of Lake Erie due to harmful algal blooms. To achieve this goal, this draft report plans reductions to the phosphorus load delivered from the Maumee River Watershed.

The OEPA developed this report in fulfillment of the Clean Water Act. The development of a TMDL is required when

effluent limitations for the impaired waterbodies are not stringent enough to achieve applicable water quality standards.

The TMDL draft report contains a comprehensive review of phosphorus sources, including all point and nonpoint sources. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines point source pollution as any single identifiable source of pollution from which pollutants are discharged, such as a pipe, ditch, ship or factory smokestack. Factories and sewage treatment plants are two common types of point sources. Non-point source pollution occurs when runoff from rain and snowmelt carries pollutants into waterways, such as rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands and even groundwater.

OEPA considered the relative contribution of each source, available technology to manage load reductions, cost of implementing technology, and other factors. Weighing this information, OEPA determined the reductions needed from different sources to meet water quality standards. Point sources are regulated by the Ohio EPA and reductions are addressed through the agency's permitting programs. Nonpoint sources, which make up the majority of the phosphorus load, have been the focus of much research in the Maumee watershed. The

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implementation plan included in the draft TMDL report shows how nonpoint source reductions will be addressed.

Multi-step process

The TMDL draft report is the fifth step in a multi-step development process. Ohio EPA has been holding monthly webinars or meetings with stakeholders since October, 2021 as this TMDL has been developed.

The webinar will be held to help the public better understand the draft report prior to submitting their comments at the public hearing. OEPA officials will discuss the draft report and answer questions. Public hearings will be held in person at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the Veterans Memorial Building Atrium, 520 Conneaut Avenue, Bowling Green. The 6 p.m. hearing also will be offered virtually on Go-To webinar. During the hearings, the public can submit comments for the record regarding the draft report. To register for the virtual webinar, use the link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2417163492043049301>

Written comments on the draft TMDL report will be accepted at the hearing. They may also be emailed to EPATMDL@epa.ohio.gov. or mailed to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Total Maximum Daily Load Program, P.O. Box 1049. Ohio EPA will consider all comments before issuing a final TMDL report.

To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, visit epa.ohio.gov/ada



Extreme science

Imagination Station's Extreme Science Team asks "Have you ever seen water defy gravity? How about metal sparks? Or a liquid that's -320 degrees?" Cardinal Stritch welcomed the Imagination Station Extreme Science Team to campus on January 10 for a morning of fundamental science experiments and concepts with exciting, extreme twists. Topics discussed included Polymer science, Liquid Nitrogen demonstrations and Extreme E-paste Explosion. At left, seventh graders Christian Czech and Roan Hayden received Extreme Science pins for assisting in the experiments. At right, sophomore Jean Simpson helped Extreme Scientist with an experiment called, "Extreme E-paste Explosion!" (Submitted photos)

New Safety Innovation Grants Available to Ohio Schools

Attorney General Dave Yost announced recently that \$11.77 million in safety grants are available to Ohio schools through his office for the 2023-24 school year.

A limited number of 'Innovation Grants' of up to \$20,000 will be awarded for technology that links schools with law enforcement agencies for improved safety, crime prevention and response.

"Every second counts when law

enforcement is responding to a crisis in our schools – and every dollar we can provide can help buy time to save lives," AG Yost said.

The new innovation grants can be used for one building or multiple buildings within a district. The money is expected to be used for crisis-response technology designed to alert law enforcement of potential safety breeches on school property.

In addition to the innovation grants, Ohio schools are eligible for safety grants of \$2,500 or \$5.50 per student, whichever amount is greater. The funding is intended to give school leaders flexibility in determining how best to improve student

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safety. Public schools, charter schools,

educational service centers, STEM schools, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities can apply for the grant funding, which comes from House Bill 110.

Grant applications may be submitted via the Ohio Grants Portal. (Please select funding opportunities, then select Ohio Attorney General's FY22 School Safety Grant.) There is a separate application for each type of grant opportunity.

Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2023. Please direct all questions or concerns to SchoolSafetyGrants@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

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Event to benefit Toledo Helps Ukraine

Toledo Helps Ukraine (4UA.org), in partnership with the ProMedica Foundation's Young Professionals Impact and Inspire (I'm In) series, is hosting a volunteer event aimed at young professionals wanting to make a difference in Ukraine and meet like-minded peers.

The event, Impact and Inspire, Be Brave Like Ukraine, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Handmade Toledo, 1717 Adams St.

I'm In is a networking event series for young professionals which provides an opportunity for the next generation of leaders to engage in the culture of philanthropy. I'm In events don't require a monetary donation, but instead ask guests to bring specific objects of impact that directly benefit the chosen beneficiaries.

A keynote message of inspiration emphasizes philanthropic engagement by showcasing the work of ProMedica and local non-profits.

The Impact and Inspire, Be Brave Like Ukraine event will feature a first-hand account of relief efforts and life in Ukraine from Alona Matchenko, Toledo Helps Ukraine founder. Participants will also help pack donated items that will be sent to Ukrainian refugees in Ukraine.

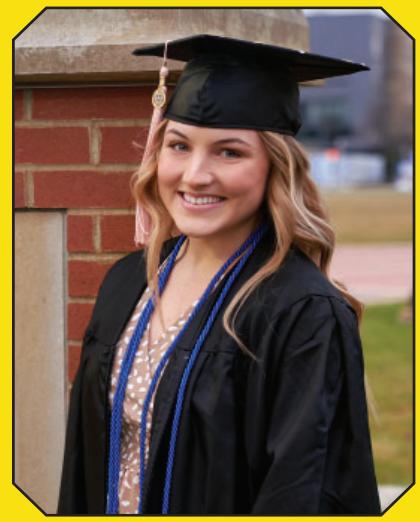
In lieu of a ticket, participants are asked to bring an item from the wish list of needed items. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Participants should bring business cards to share with peers and for an on-site raffle.

Prior to the Impact and Inspire, Be Brave Like Ukraine event, anyone can drop off donations at the following locations:

- Barr's Public House, 3355 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee.
 - Fusion Bistro, 3136 Markway Rd., Toledo.
 - ProMedica Downtown Steam Plant Headquarters, 100 Madison Ave., Toledo.
- Donations being accepted include:
- Non-perishable food and water.
 - Thermal underwear (new, all sizes).
 - Power sources (generators, power blocks and batteries).
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A Great Horned Owl is spotted looking all snuggled in on an early evening at Pearson Park. (Photo by Omar Smaidy)

For more information, contact Elizabeth Latta at elizabeth.latta@promedica.org or Alona Matchenko at 419-902-4502.

Parks and trails improvement grants

On Jan. 3, the Park District of Ottawa County opened a new round of outdoor recreation grant funding for Ottawa County political subdivisions, public schools and public libraries.

Grant projects are required to provide improvements to public outdoor recreation facilities, green spaces and/or trails located in all or part in Ottawa County.

The Board of Park Commissioners has approved up to \$200,000 in funds for the

grant program.

Digital applications are available online at ottawacountyparksoh.org/grants/ or by e-mailing Jannah Wilson at jwilson@ottawacountyparksoh.org.

Interested applicants may also make an appointment to pick up an application by contacting the Park District office at 419-707-4051.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. Feb. 24. Entities will be notified of grant approval status by March 8.

The 2022 Parks and Trails Improvement Grant Program funded nine projects throughout Ottawa County, including in Oak Harbor, Marblehead, Genoa, Put-in-Bay, Port Clinton, Danbury Township and Catawba Island Township.

B&E suspect arrested

A Michigan resident faces numerous charges after a police chase Wednesday in Lake Township that forced nearby schools to delay opening.

Ricky L. Warthen, 33, Newport, Michigan, was taken into custody by township police after a chase that commenced with the report about 5:40 a.m. of a breaking and entering at the Super 8 Motel, Latcha Road.

According to police, Warthen was charged with tampering with evidence, safecracking, failure to comply with the order of a police officer, vehicular vandalism, possession of criminal tools, breaking and entering, and criminal damage.

All of the charges except for criminal damage are felonies and Warthen could also be charged with traffic citations, police said Thursday.

Township police were assisted by the Wood County Sheriff's Office and other police agencies in the chase, which ended with Warthen being apprehended along I-280 near Walbridge Road.

Charity basketball game

A charity basketball game will be held Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. at Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and Academy.

Game participants from Toledo Police, Toledo Fire, Glass City Wranglers and the Cardinal Stritch varsity basketball team will take the court.

Admission is \$5 for adults and free for youths 13 and younger. Proceeds raised from the event will go toward the Ronald McDonald House and Cardinal Stritch scholarship fund.

Library book sales

The Pemberville Public Library, Stony Ridge Branch Library and Luckey Branch Library are conducting book sales through the end of January.

Items for sale include books for kids and adults, magazines, movies, audiobooks and music. All prices are by donation.

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Traffic convictions upheld by appeals court

By Larry Limpf

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The convictions of two persons involved in high-speed vehicular chases in Wood County have been upheld by the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals.

The appeals court affirmed the conviction of Shantyanna Dabney, of Michigan, who was arrested in August 2021 after a chase on I-75.

She initially pled guilty in Wood County Common Pleas Court to failure to comply with an order of a police officer and was sentenced to a 30-month prison term, but she contested the court enhancing the charge to a third degree felony after it found the offense "caused a substantial risk of serious physical harm to persons or property."

Without a trial, prosecutors couldn't prove the risk enhancement and she could only be found guilty of a first degree misdemeanor charge, Dabney argued. The appeals court disagreed.

Dabney was a passenger in a vehicle stopped by an Ohio Highway Patrol trooper for speeding. The driver was placed in the trooper's patrol vehicle after bags of marijuana were found in the glove compartment. Dabney then moved into the driver's

seat and sped off.

According to court records, there was a 16-mile chase along I-75, State Routes 6 and 25, and Sand Ridge Road before troopers placed stop sticks in her path and she lost control and crashed into a guard rail. She then fled on foot and was apprehended in a ditch. Speeds reached almost 100 miles per hour, troopers testified.

Dabney was on felony parole in Michigan and violated her parole terms when she left the state.

In a separate case, Brandon M. Johnson, Toledo, appealed his conviction in common pleas court for eluding or fleeing a police officer, tampering with evidence, possession of heroin, and aggravated possession of heroin. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

The charges stem from an Aug. 7, 2020 traffic stop on I-75 where troopers found drugs in Johnson's vehicle after stopping him for following too closely to the vehicle in front of him.

Johnson pulled his vehicle over to the shoulder when a trooper initiated the stop but sped off when the trooper approached his vehicle on foot.

He was pulled over a second time after a chase that reached speeds of more than 100 miles per hour during which he reportedly threw something out the passen-

ger side window. Pills were found in the driver's door and a pipe was found under the seat.

In his appeal, Johnson argued the initial stop and eventual search of his vehicle were conducted without "reasonable articulable suspicion or probable cause" and filed a motion to suppress evidence.

The appeals court upheld the trial court decision to deny his motion.

The appeals court wrote: "In this case, before the troopers conducted a search of Johnson's vehicle, they knew the following information: Johnson fled from the initial traffic stop, after Johnson was arrested and Mirandized, he admitted to consuming and possessing Ecstasy pills – Johnson told (the trooper) that he had 14 pills, he 'popped' three pills two hours prior, he threw six single pills out the window, leaving about five pills in his vehicle – and dispatch had relayed to the officers that (a truck driver) reported seeing Johnson dispose of a black box during the high-speed chase. Additionally, (the trooper) testified that he smelled the fresh odor of burnt marijuana when he approached the vehicle.

"Taken together, these facts certainly provide enough basis for the officers to have a reasonable belief that there was contraband in Johnson's vehicle."

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Winners will be selected by a Bowling Green State University writing professor. All poems entered will be available for reading in a loosely bound edition.

The winning poet will be notified by phone at the end of April and will also be announced on the WCCOA blog and Facebook page. The grand prize award will be a \$100 gift card sponsored by Manor of Perrysburg.

For information on programs and services, contact the Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc., at 419-353-5661, 800-367-4935 or www.wccoa.net

CAUV filing time nears

Wood County Auditor Matthew Oestreich has announced that the 2023 Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) renewal forms have been mailed to property owners currently enrolled in the program.

Eligible property owners who are not currently enrolled may also apply for the program now.

In accordance with Ohio law, CAUV applications are to be filed with the County Auditor's office by the first Monday in March, which this year is March 6.

Eligible property owners must renew each year with no renewal fee. There is a \$25 initial filing fee for all new applications. If renewal forms are not returned by March 6, the county auditor will be required by law to value the property at its market value and recoup the tax savings for the past three years.

Current Agricultural Use Value authorizes the county auditor to assess farmland at its crop production value rather than its market value. It protects and preserves farming operations by gearing the tax base to the production of the land rather than its potential for development. Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment which created the program and since 1974 most of the state's agricultural land has been taxed at this value instead of market value.

CAUV soil values are set by the Ohio Department of Taxation and are adjusted every three years for each county. New values were issued for the 2020 tax year and are effective for tax years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The state will issue updated values in 2023 as part of Wood County's sexennial reappraisal.

"Wood County has 9,525 individual real estate parcels on Ag Use," Oestreich noted. "A total of 314,800 acres in this program brought a tax savings to agricultural landowners last year of nearly \$22,000,000."

Those who are not currently enrolled in the CAUV program and believe they may be eligible, should contact the Wood County Auditor's Office at 419-354-9174 for more information.

Committee on aging holding poetry contest

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. will accept entries for this year's poetry contest. Any Wood County resident 50 years of age or older may participate. The opening date for submissions is Jan. 17 and will close March 31 at 4 p.m.

Any poems submitted should adhere to the theme of "Loss and Gain." The WCCOA is looking for poetry that in some way celebrates the heart and soul of Wood County citizens as they continue to celebrate their lives.

Entries must be submitted in English, double spaced, in a 12-point Times New Roman Font. Entries must be entirely your own work and never previously published, online or offline. All styles of poems are acceptable but they must be originals. Any plagiarized short stories and poems will be disqualified.

Two entries will be accepted per person. Intent to submit will not be accepted. Poems are to have a title and the poet's name, address and phone number, and should not be longer than one page.

Poems are due to the WCCOA Programs Department, 140 S. Grove Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 or by e-mail to: pro-

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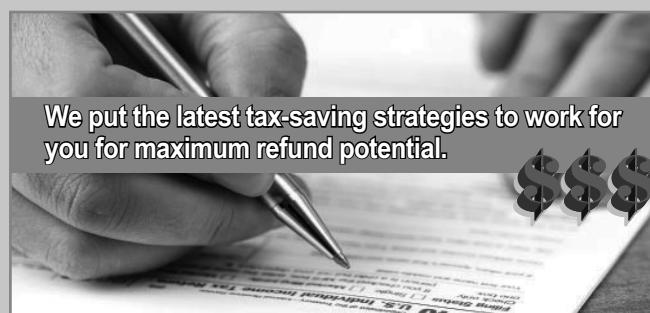
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Lake Twp. 4 waste haulers offering service

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Residents of Lake Township filled the meeting room of the township administration building Wednesday to hear from waste haulers about curb-side service they are prepared to offer.

Representatives of Waste Management, Rumpke, Modern Disposal, and Klumm Brothers attended the meeting to provide information about their rates, recycling and collection services offered, container requirements, bulk items, and other service-related issues.

The township's current trash hauler, Republic Services, has informed the township trustees it would not renew its agreement with the township after it expired Dec. 31. The hauler has said it will continue to pick up trash and recyclable materials until the end of January.

The loss of service by Republic affects only the unincorporated areas of the township, not the villages of Millbury and Walbridge.

Richard Welling, a township trustee, said Thursday that forms to sign up for

service with the other four haulers will be available at the township administration building.

"We will have information from those four vendors available at the township hall until the end of the month," he said. "How much they charge, the monthly rate, the quarterly rate. What kind of containers they may require. All of that will be available."

He estimated more than 450 residents attended the public meeting.

In the past, when the trustees have solicited service bids from haulers for curb-side service, some of the companies wanted to offer service only in the more densely populated subdivisions and not in the rural areas, Welling said.

"That's one of the issues that's always been raised when we were working on a preferred carrier agreement. They always had issues with the rural sections. Almost every provider wanted to do the subdivisions. But we required them when we did the preferred carrier agreements to do all the township," he said. "None of the vendors at Wednesday's meeting raised that issue. They are prepared to service the entire township. So we are going to see how this plays out."

Stadium roads, according to Public Service Director Paul Roman.

"The agreement basically sets up the responsibilities between ODOT and the city to carry out the project," said Roman.

"For this project, we will do the design and construction management," said Roman.

The project includes spot pavement repairs and other minor necessary repairs that are related in scope.

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Council also approved a purchase order to SNF Polydyne, of Georgia, for the purchase of a specialized polymer to dewater sludge with the new dewatering facility.



Jim Sass swearing in Bill Hartman (L) and Roland Sandrock. (Submitted photo)

People

Board of Supervisors swears in Bill Hartman and Roland Sandrock

Bill Hartman and Roland Sandrock were recently re-elected to the Board of Supervisors of the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

They were sworn into office by chairman Jim Sass at the board's January meeting. They join Rich Thorbahn and Todd Hecht, who serves as secretary, on the board.

Sandrock will hold the position of treasurer and Hartman will be the vice-chairman.

The board of supervisors directs the staff of the district to carry out the conservation of natural resources through assisting landowners, both urban and rural, throughout Ottawa County.

McDougall reappointed veterans service commission

On Jan. 6, Ottawa County Common Pleas Court Judge Bruce Winters swore in David McDougall, appointing him a member-at-large commissioner on the Ottawa County Veterans Service Commission.

This is McDougall's sixth term. He began representing the AMVETS in January 1998, and with the closure of the AMVETS post in Ottawa County, is now represent-

ing as a member-at-large. Throughout his 25-year tenure, he has been instrumental in approving more than \$2 million in emergency financial assistance to over 3,000 veterans of Ottawa County, as well as their family members.

As a strong advocate of the veterans, he has been actively involved in celebrating county veterans' accomplishments and in the commemoration of their sacrifices.

McDougall is a Vietnam veteran who served honorably in the U.S. Air Force.

Humane society re-elects members

At its recent annual meeting, the Humane Society of Ottawa County re-elected four incumbent members to additional two-year terms.

Lara Bischoff, Sarah LaMarca, Marty Morus and Sue Sradeja were re-elected and join existing board members Barbara Ayers, Crystal Cleary, Terry Golvinsky and Mary Anne Koebel. The board also welcomed newly elected member Tami Matthews.

Officers elected for 2023 are Mortus, president; Sradeja, vice president; Matthews, secretary and Koebel, treasurer.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison St., Port Clinton. All meetings are open to the public.

Oregon approves agreement for resurfacing project

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Oregon City Council on Monday approved an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for the bid and construction of Corduroy and Wynn roads.

The city received \$500,000 in grant funding from the FHA through ODOT for resurfacing Wynn Road, between Cedar Point and Corduroy roads, and Corduroy Road, between Wynn and North Stadium roads, including the intersection of Corduroy and

Stadium roads, according to Public Service Director Paul Roman.

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'The police aren't doing anything about'...or are they?

People complain that law enforcement officers are not doing anything about certain issues just because they don't hear anything about an investigation into the matter.

They were saying the same thing about the murders of four students in Moscow, Idaho. Even family members of the slain students were complaining.

Now that some of the details of the investigation have been released through the "probable cause affidavit," people are finding out just how false those accusations were.

Those details in the affidavit outline what a meticulous investigation was being carried out behind the scenes. Every piece of information was examined until everything fit together perfectly. Then an arrest was made nearly across the country in Pennsylvania.

It was amazing that so many people and so many agencies were involved in the investigation, yet there were no leaks of any of the information they were gathering. It had to be difficult knowing how much criticism they were getting at the time for moving too slowly.

Even before the crimes were committed, police had made a traffic stop in which the man accused of the murders had given that officer his cell phone number. This turned out to be a key to solving those murders, having that cell phone number and using it to track the suspect before and after the murders.

Police used this cell phone information

Mercy Health partners bring access to cancer screenings

In 2023, an estimated 14,100 women nationwide will be diagnosed with cervical cancer, making it one of the most frequent cancers found among women. In observance of Cervical Cancer Awareness Month this January, Mercy Health asks women to learn about risk factors, symptoms and cancer screening opportunities available — including engaging the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project for those without insurance.

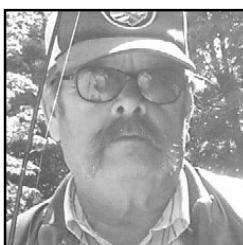
"If found early, nearly all cervical and breast cancers can be treated successfully and for those women with insurance coverage, cancer screenings can be covered at no cost," said Cindy Pisano, supervisor, Healthy Connections Department. "Mercy Health is pleased to be partnering with



Obituary

Clark E. Poth

December 21, 1937 - January 9, 2023



Clark E. Poth, 85, of Genoa, Ohio, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg, Ohio. He was born on December 21, 1937, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Virgil and Margaret (Walters) Poth. Clark met and married Phyllis (Lowe) on February 10, 1962, and they shared the next 61 years together.

Clark started work in 1954 with the National Idea Company, of Hicksville, assembling corn cribs for five years. From 1959-1971 he worked for the former Perma-Glass, of Genoa and in 1971 he started working in the maintenance department of the State of Ohio Turnpike commission, Elmore, Ohio. He remained there for the next 28 years, retiring as assistant foreman.

Clark liked to fish, travel, camp with friends and family and attend car shows with his two classic cars, winning many awards.

Clark is survived by his wife; Phyllis, children; Crystal Dawn West, Clark E. Poth, Jr., Mark Weyandt, and Mike Weyandt, grandchildren; Brent, James, Nate, Madelon (Scott), Megan, and Phillip, Jr., five great-grandchildren and brother; Robert (Judy) Poth. Preceding him in death were his parents, step-son; Phillip P. Weyandt, Sr., and brother; Richard Poth.

A memorial service for Clark will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 12:30 PM, at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio. In memory of Clark, memorial contributions may be directed to the A.C.J.F.D. Station #36, 101 E. Sixth St., Genoa, OH 43430, Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551, or The Clay Township Police Dept., 21774 W. Holts East Rd., Genoa, OH 43430. Online condolences may be shared at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Crime Prevention Corner
by Ron Craig

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Even family members of the slain students were complaining.

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to track the suspect to a store, where he was caught on video. This information precluded the suspect from claiming someone else was driving the car in question.

Then there was the witness who was in the apartment building at the time of the murders, who overheard someone crying and a man's voice trying to calm that person down, saying he was going to help.

DNA evidence was collected from a sheath the murder weapon is thought to have been carrying the knife used in the attacks. That DNA evidence was compared

the Ohio Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP) so that all women — no matter of ability to pay — are able to have access to these lifesaving screenings."

Detecting cancer

A pap test is the best method of detecting cervical cancer. Women aged 21 and over are eligible for assistance paying for a pap test every 3-5 years. Additionally, BCCP will help fund screening mammograms for women aged 40 and older every other year and annual screening mammograms for high-risk women aged 21 and older. BCCP also will help with diagnostic mammogram for women aged 21-40 that are symptomatic.

To fill out an application, contact Mercy Health's Community Health Worker at 419-251-2282 or visit <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/breast-cervical-cancer-project/how-enrol>.

to other evidence found at the scene. DNA was also compared to that of the suspect's father.

Make no mistake about it — the suspect has not yet gone to trial, where he must be found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by 12 jurors. However, it is clear that police were not just sitting on their hands the six weeks between the time of the murders and the time an arrest was made.

It is easy to complain about the speed with which the police seem to be going when there is a case people care about or have a vested interest. The murder case should show that just because you don't hear anything about a particular case doesn't mean there is no progress being made.

There are times officers may wish they could tell relatives of crime victims and others about the latest details of a case, but they know if they do, it could compromise their investigation. For this reason, law enforcement officials usually keep this information close to the vest, which may give people the false impression they are not fully investing the case.

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

According to the American Cancer Society, risk factors for cervical cancer include smoking, a weakened immune system and long-term use of birth control pills. However, lasting HPV infections are the most common risk factor in contracting the cancer.

Symptoms

The initial warning symptoms are often subtle and seen with less serious conditions, such as back pain and bloating but can develop into more aggressive symptoms. Because of this, it is recommended to screen for cervical cancer, with the addition of an HPV test, every five years for women ages 25 until age 65.

Mercy Health community health workers will be at Franklin Park Mall on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the center portion of the mall near Jamba Juice to offer information about the program.

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending Jan. 6

Benton Township

01/06/2023 Scott F Sprouse (Co-Trustee) Revocable Trust Agreement of Barbara E Sprouse dated December 8, 2011 (1/2 interest) to Kevin M Fox (Trustee), Kathy M Fox (Trustee), and Andrew M Fox (Trustee), 0 Moline Martin Road (72.354 acres), \$216,000.

01/06/2023 Scott F Sprouse (Co-Trustee) Revocable Trust Agreement of Leslie F Sprouse dated February 18, 1988 (1/2 interest) to Kevin M Fox (Trustee), Kathy M Fox (Trustee), and Andrew M Fox (Trustee), 0 Moline Martin Road (72.354 acres), \$216,000.

Carroll Township

01/06/2022 Bradley A Decker and April Decker to Zachary Tomor, 10271 West Toussaint East Road, \$214,000.

Genoa Corp

01/03/2023 Jan Dufendock and Melody Dufendock to Whitnie Williams, 909 Main Street, \$173,000.

Catawba Township

01/06/2023 Motte and Bailey Assets LLC to Richard R Lyle, 4660 East Woodland Drive, \$443,000.

01/06/2023 Quinstock Farms LLC to Quinstock Adventures LLC, 3698 Northeast Catawba Road, \$325,000.

01/06/2023 William R Bauer and Cather Bauer to Equity Trust Company Custodian FB P & M Retirement Pan 401k Mark Mathys TTEE, 2651 North Chateau Drive, \$675,000.

Danbury Township

01/06/2023 Safe Harbor Development Ltd to Bestech Services Two LLC, 5686 State Route 163 Unit# F-16-1, \$144,525.

Marblehead

01/06/2023 Optimus Development LLC to GMPSM LLC, 1106 Church Street, \$70,000.

01/06/2023 GMPSM LLC to Phoenician Development LLC, 0.36acres West Main Street, \$70,000.

Port Clinton Corp

01/06/2023 IMOK Properties LLC to Travis Trent, 905 East Third Street, \$77,000.

01/06/2023 Dunlap Rentals LLC to Erie Lake Escapes LLC, 211 West Second Street, \$108,560.

Middle Bass

01/05/2023 Donald Taylor and Shelly L Taylor to Mike Taylor, 240 Fox, \$75,000.

01/06/2023 Hayward Farms LLC to Margery A Smith, 0 Oak Ridge Drive (1.354 acres), \$100,000.

Oak Harbor Corp

01/03/2023 The Exponent Publishing Company to Zane Enterprises LLC, 106 North Locust Street, \$35,000.

01/05/2023 Ruthann L Buhrow to Rebecca A Petersen and Kenneth E Petersen, 306 West Oak Street, \$70,000.

Obituary

Frederick W. Diebert

January 31, 1933 - January 6, 2023



Frederick W. Diebert, 89, of Millbury, Ohio, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2023. He was born to Arthur and Almeta (Hagemeier) Diebert, one of eight children, on January 31, 1933, in Toledo, Ohio. He was a graduate of Waite High School, in Toledo and a veteran of the Korean War. Fred married Imogene (McElwee) in Angola, Indiana on May 22, 1951 and she preceded him in death on December 29, 2010.

Fred was a boilermaker working out of the Boilermakers Hall in Lima, Ohio for many years until his retirement. He had started his career at the American Shipbuilding Company, in Toledo. He enjoyed helping others and was always there to give a hand; he had a knack for fixing anything. Fred also enjoyed working in his yard.

Fred is survived by his sons, Frederick Diebert, Kenneth (Margie) Diebert, James Braddock, Edward (Deborah) Braddock, Michael (Nancy) Braddock and David (Jennifer) Braddock, sister, Linda Tanner, and many grand and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, John, Walter and Denny, and sisters, Sylvia, Mildred, and Nancy.

Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio assisted the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be directed to any Veterans service organizations or to the Donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

Jan. 15

1907 - It is revealed that a vagrant beggar in Findlay who recently died of exposure was actually a Swedish Count who had recently been bequeathed nearly \$75,000 a year in income. He unfortunately was unaware of his good fortune and died penniless.

1914 - Toledo police reinstate the use of nightsticks or billy-clubs after they had been banned by Mayor Samuel Jones who considered them a barbarous weapon of the past.

1936 - First building in the United States covered in glass is completed in Toledo at the Owens-Illinois research facility on Westwood Avenue near Dorr Street. It is covered entirely in 80,000 glass blocks and has no windows.

1938 - Toledo leaders put a sealed letter into Toledo Public Library cornerstone to be unsealed and read by Toledoans in the year 2037 on the occasion of city's bicentennial.

Jan. 16

1909 - In North Baltimore, a stranger reportedly came to the "dry" Wood County town with some vinegar to sell at \$2 dollars a gallon. The salesman, it is said, sold his drink with a "sly wink," hinting that it was really the sweet treat of wine. But those 200 men who bought the "vinegar" soon discovered the sour truth, that it was only vinegar.

1915 - Electric service first begins for Pemberville residents.

1930 - An 18-year-old woman serving as a volunteer timekeeper for a basketball game at Hamilton School in Toledo is severely beaten and left unconscious by members of the "Elm Street Aces" who accuse her of ending the game early and allowing their defeat.

1932 - Mrs. Hattie Sutliff of Toledo has died at the age of 103. Family members say she was the mother of 25 children. Born in 1828, she traveled to Northwest Ohio in a covered wagon. One of the last area pioneers, she is buried at Forest Cemetery in Toledo.



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1960 - Future serial killer Henry Lee Lucas arrested in Toledo for the murder of his 74-year-old mother in Tecumseh, Michigan. He was released later from prison only to commit a series of murders across the nation.

1984 - Long time milk retailer in Toledo, Babcock Dairy, closes its doors on Berdan Avenue.

Jan. 17

1893 - Former U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes dies at his Spiegel Grove home in Fremont.

1912 - Newly constructed Toledo Museum of Art opens its doors to huge crowds of more than 5,000 people. Toledo glass maker Edward Drummond Libbey, the creator of the museum, was given an ornate key to the city by Mayor Brand Whitlock.

1921 - Two railroad detectives are robbed and then shot to death in a brazen robbery while driving on South Broadway as they carry \$12,000 in passenger ticket receipts.

1936 - Toledoans are shocked to learn that a 12-year-old girl has been rescued from a brothel run by Maude Adams and May O'Dell. She told police had also been danc-

ing at a strip club called the "Happy Hour" on Summit Street.

1977 - Coldest 24-hour period on record begins in Toledo.

Jan. 18

1920 - Toledo Health Commissioner Waggoner reports 1,000 cases of the flu in the city. Three fatalities are reported.

1930 - Seven U.S. Coast Guardsmen are charged with accepting a bribe from Canadian rum runners from Toledo.

1942 - A Toledo judge warns draft dodgers that he will "not hesitate" to send them to jail for five years.

1948 - Small earthquake shakes Lucas County.

1948 - Willys-Overland in Toledo announces new family Jeep sedan with four doors, six-cylinder engine and passenger-type interior.

1958 - It's reported that shoppers in the downtown LaSalle department store were terrorized by the mysterious release of 35 mice and four pigeons in the store. The prank is believed to be strike-related.

Jan. 19

1905 - The "Pope Toledo" automobile makes record 503-mile run in 24 hours, 3 minutes.

1926 - The body of 42-year-old Mary Handley is found and believed to be the 7th victim of the notorious "Toledo Clubber" who has been victimizing women for months in Toledo.

1953 - New Anthony Wayne High School opens in Whitehouse.

1955 - Hearings resume in Washington, DC on loose allegations that Toledo industrialist, attorney and broadcast station owner, Edward Lamb had ties to the Communist Party.

Jan. 20

1875 - Scores of men gather at the Boody House Hotel to witness the first telephone call made in Toledo.

1886 - Great excitement in Northwest Ohio as the "Karg" natural gas well is struck in downtown Findlay. The gas ignites and its tower of flames can be seen as far away as Toledo.

1927 - Toledo police show off their new bullet-proof armor by having officers position themselves behind it while bullets are shot at them in a live demonstration. The bullets never penetrated the hard metal.

1944 - Four alarm blaze at Harry's Auto store in downtown Toledo at Summit and Jackson Streets. Difficult blaze in a 5-story building. Damage at more than \$250,000.

Jan. 21

1904 - A young teen at Toledo High School will be allowed to re-enter the school after his 38 caliber handgun discharged during a class. He was given a "stern lecture" by police and released after explaining that he just forgot he had the gun in his pocket.

1915 - Detective Kaiser Bartek shot and killed by suspected stalker, Peter Skribner, who had earlier gunned down his former girlfriend. It was during the pursuit of Skribner that Detective Bartek was shot and killed in the 300 block of Kosciusko Street in North Toledo.

1921 - Women who work in the Spitzer Building are forming a "hatpin brigade" to defend themselves against a man dubbed "Jack the Hugger." He's an elderly man, the women say, who hangs out in the lobby and tries to grab them.

1970 - The notorious brothel, "Round the Clock" Grille on Woodville Road near Millbury, raided by federal agents after almost 20 years of operations. The raid resulted in numerous charges against the owners and law enforcement officials in Ottawa County who accepted bribes.

1972 - Nolte's Sohio gas station in Genoa erupts into inferno in eight-vehicle accident involving a propane truck. Two people injured.

1984 - Record setting low temperatures reported in Toledo at -20.



Obituary

Joan S. Samsen

May 25, 1933 - January 4, 2023

Joan S. Samsen, 89, of Genoa, Ohio, passed away at home on the morning of Wednesday, January 4, 2023. She was born in Goshen, NY on May 25, 1933, the daughter of Evert and Ellen (Mainey) Suydam. Joan married Robert "Bob" Samsen on October 3, 1953 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Genoa. Bob preceded her in death on May 28, 2022.

Joan was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, reading, spending time with her many beloved cats and helping Bob in the family furniture business over the years. She loved to travel and was active in bridge clubs in her younger years. Joan was also involved in Scouting programs with her children as well as active in the Genoa United Methodist Church. She so loved her lifelong friends, many of whom have preceded her in death.

Her early years were spent in New York, and she moved to Martin, Ohio before her junior year in high school.

A special thank you to the dear home aids who loved Joan and were so vital in her care - Marylyn, Sharon, Mary and Tina.

Joan is survived by her children, Gerald R. (Karen) Samsen, Patricia E. (Chet) Skwarcan, Douglas S. (Sondra) Samsen, Martha E. Thornberry; grandchildren, Carrie Samsen, Megan (Justin) Herald, Drew Samsen, Amy (Brad) Worland, Aaron (Rachael) Skwarcan, Brian Samsen, Brett (Clara) Samsen, Brad Samsen, Ellen Thornberry, Clara Thornberry, Olivia Thornberry; and brother, Evert "Pete" (Shirley) Suydam. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and granddaughter, Katie Sam-

sen.

A funeral service for Joan will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, January 14, 2023, with visitation beginning at 11:00am at Trinity United Methodist Church 313 Main Street, Genoa, Ohio 43430. Interment will follow in the Clay Township Cemetery, Genoa. The Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory of Genoa has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Trinity United Methodist Church or the Humane Society of Ottawa County, 2424 E. Sand Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. Online condolences may be shared at

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Robert E. Samsen

February 15, 1929 - May 28, 2022

Robert Eugene Samsen, age 93, of Genoa, Ohio passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, Ohio. He was born on February 15, 1929 in Clay Center, Ohio to Walter and Mabel (Widmer) Samsen.

During his high school years at Genoa High School, he was an outstanding football player, leading his team to back-to-back Ottawa County championships in 1945 & 1946 including an undefeated season in 1945. He was awarded an athletic scholarship to Purdue University but unfortunately his football career was cut short when he contracted polio after his freshman year. He graduated with a degree in Aviation Management.

Bob returned to his hometown after graduation and purchased (with the help of his father) a furniture/mortician business in 1952 from the Burman family and began Samson Furniture, which is still operated today by family members.

He was a member of the Masons, Genoa Trinity United Methodist Church, loved to travel domestically and abroad. At one time he and his wife, Joan, enjoyed a residence in Florida to escape the Midwest winters.

Bob enjoyed cigars, a good martini, jazz music of most any kind and a good meal with friends and family. He worked hard to grow the furniture business and at one time had 3 locations in the Toledo area.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Joan; children, Gerald R. (Karen), Patricia E. (Chester) Skwarcan, Douglas (Sondra) and Martha Thornberry; grandchildren, Katie Samsen, Carrie Samsen, Megan (Justin) Herald, Andrew Samsen, Amy (Brad) Worland, Aaron (Rachael) Skwarcan, Brian Samsen, Brett (Clara) Samsen, Brad Samsen, Ellen Thornberry, Clara Thornberry and Liv Thornberry. Robert is also survived by 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter & Mabel, sister, Phyllis (Dean) Wood, Walter "Jack" (Nan) Samsen and infant sister, Mary J. Samsen.

A special thank-you for those home-aids that were so vital in talking care of Bob; Marylyn, Sharon, Mary, and Tina. Your care and compassion were God sent. Also, to Hospice of Northwest Ohio for their unmatched service.

Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West Street, Genoa, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, June 6, 2022 at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 Main Street, Genoa, Ohio with interment in the Clay Township Cemetery, Genoa. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ottawa County Humane Society. Online condolences may be shared at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com

Learn the right lessons from history

By Svante Myrick

Every year, the arrival of the Martin Luther King holiday calls us to pause and reflect on Dr. King's legacy. And every year, I'm struck by the same thing: as sincere as we are in our reverence for Dr. King, we keep learning the wrong lessons not just from his life but from history writ large.

Let me explain.

In my life, in our lives as Americans, there are people and stories that inspire us. The stories go something like this: "Abraham Lincoln freed enslaved people," or "Dr. King gave a wonderful speech and we had civil rights in our nation."

They are nice stories. But Lincoln didn't end slavery alone. And Dr. King, throughout his incredible life and career, was supported by the work of thousands of unknown and largely unsung people who made his accomplishments possible.

These people were the women who set up the chairs in the church halls for meetings, the men who drove supporters to events and voters to the polls, and the grandmothers who called friends and neighbors to gather crowds to hear Dr. King's message. They were the people who risked their lives in marches, faced arrest and abuse by police, and battled segregation in their everyday lives.

By the time Dr. King stood up to speak — and certainly by the time he gave his most famous speech on the National Mall — he stood on the shoulders of thousands of people who worked, organized, and sacrificed.

That makes all the difference in the lesson we should learn from Dr. King's life and from the lives of other great leaders. Too often, the morals of the stories that elevate one person are this: "We need another hero," or "If only we had another Dr. King alive today."

But that is the wrong lesson.

Why? Because then we sit on our hands waiting for that person to come along and work miracles. We elect a president and we say, "We can't wait to see how he saves us." In reality, we are all needed to save us. No leader can accomplish great things alone.

There is a debate over this principle in the academic world today, in the pushback against the so-called "Great Man Theory" of history. The Great Man Theory is exactly what it sounds like: attributing all the advances of history to the genius of individuals like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, or Winston Churchill.

It is how most of us were taught history. The debate and pushback rightly center on questioning a model that overwhelmingly exalts white men while ignoring the contributions of other peoples. But we need to remember that our more recent heroes did not act alone, either.

Every successful person who commits to making life better for people — and for that matter, every destructive person who harms people and communities — does so with the contributions of numerous others. We can see this in our own lives.

In my case, I spent my early childhood in a homeless shelter. Because of the work and dedication of my family, the elected officials who created the Pell Grants that allowed me to go to college, and the donors who believed in me, I was able to grow up, graduate from Cornell University, and be elected to successive terms as mayor of Ithaca, New York.

We are all part of a network of relationships that influences us. We are all connected, indispensable to one another and to each of our individual stories.

Dr. King was a giant who touched the lives of millions. As we honor him, let's also honor those who traveled with him on his journey. And remember the next chapter in history will be written by, and with, all of us.

Svante Myrick is the president of People for the American Way and a former mayor of Ithaca, New York. This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org.

Listening to your positive inner voice has its rewards

You have an inner voice which is always speaking to you. Your voice may offer encouragement or it could be disheartening. Not only are you free to choose which one you listen to, you also determine, either consciously or subconsciously, what is being said. So, you decide what your voice says and whether or not to listen to it.

Listening to your negative voice diminishes your self-esteem, sabotages your success, boosts stress, causes missed opportunities, and has a deleterious impact on interpersonal relationships. The undesirable statements you make to yourself diminishes happiness. Your negative voice also intensifies problems, and magnifies frustration.

Your negative voice is problem oriented, fixating on what's wrong with every situation. It clouds your view of reality making circumstances appear worse than they are. Your negative voice invokes feeling helpless.

Paying attention to your positive voice reduces stress, improves your psychological well-being, enhances your coping skills, aides goal attainment, and helps you overcome obstacles and solve problems. Listening to your positive self-talk makes dealing with life's challenges easier.

The best way to develop a positive inner voice is by closely monitoring your self-talk. Anytime you find yourself drifting into negative territory, replace negative statements with positive ones. Engaging in this strategy consistently will have a markedly positive boost on your life.

Here are some suggestions for improv-



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by Bryan Golden

ing your inner voice. Replace, "I've never done it before," with, "This is a great opportunity to expand my knowledge by learning something new." Education is a lifetime pursuit. Since you want to constantly be acquiring new information, welcome any new impetus to do so.

Replace, "It's too complicated," with "I'll break the challenge down into small, manageable steps." The largest building is constructed by placing one brick at a time. The largest tasks are accomplished one step at a time. Therefore, even complex goals are reached one small step at a time.

Instead of saying, "I don't have the resources," state to yourself, "I'm motivated to figure out how to get what I need." Whatever you are lacking; money, knowledge, skills, or ability is obtainable. Whatever is needed can be acquired by you or you can find someone who has the needed resources.

Rather than claiming, "There's no way this will work," phrase it, "I can and will do whatever is necessary to be successful." Giving something a try is a waste of time because trying lacks commitment. Saying, "I will get it done," is a mental obligation to

success.

Replace, "I tried that before and it didn't work," with, "Let me figure out what went wrong so I can make positive changes before continuing toward my goal." The road to success is filled with attempts that didn't work as planned. When this happens, figure out what went wrong, make the necessary changes, get back up and keep going.

Instead of saying, "Here are the reasons I won't succeed," say "This is how and why I will be successful." Whatever your objective may be, there are many people who have already proven it can be achieved. If others can do it, so can you.

Develop the habit of cultivating positive self-talk. When you find yourself using negative language, ignore what is being said while replacing any negative statements with positive ones. Also, avoid the deleterious impact of naysayers by ignoring them also.

Success is achieved by those who are determined to reach their objectives and constantly motivate themselves with positive, motivating self-talk. When faced with a challenge, use your self-talk to tap into your can-do, will-do mindset.

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Are we on a brink of a 6th mass extinction event in decades to come?

By Chris Talgo

On January 1, CBS News' "60 Minutes" rang in the New Year by airing a segment in which several scientists, including Dr. Paul Ehrlich, predicted that we are on the cusp of a sixth mass extinction event and that "the next few decades will be the end of the kind of civilization we're used to."

Suffice to say, Ehrlich does not have a stellar track record when it comes to making predictions about impending planetary doom. For those unaware of Ehrlich, in 1968 he authored The Population Bomb, in which he wrote, "The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970's the world will undergo famines — hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death...nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate."

Obviously, Ehrlich was dead wrong about his doomsday prediction in the 1970s. However, that has not stopped him from constantly ringing the apocalypse alarm bell. Indeed, for more than half a century Ehrlich has been producing ridiculous claims of mass starvation, ecological Armageddon, and a host of other wacky prophecies, all of which none have come to pass.

Nonetheless, despite his abysmal history of failed predictions, Ehrlich was front-and-center on "60 Minutes," engaging in his most outrageous claims to date.

For example, according to Ehrlich, "humanity is not sustainable. To maintain our lifestyle (yours and mine, basically) for the entire planet, you'd need five more Earths. Not clear where they're gonna come from."

Actually, that is completely untrue. As Michael Schellenberger notes, "The assertion that 'five more Earths' are needed to sustain humanity comes from something called the Ecological Footprint calculation. I debunked it 10 years ago with a group of other analysts and scientists, including the Chief Scientist for The Nature Conservancy, in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, PLOS Biology."

During the segment, Ehrlich's Stanford colleague, Tony Barnosky, also made several shocking predictions about a looming mass extinction event that he claims will wipe out life as we know it.

According to Barnosky, "There are five times in Earth's history where we had mass extinctions. And by mass extinctions, I mean at least 75 percent, three quarters of the known species disappearing from the face of the Earth. Now we're witnessing what a lot of people are calling the sixth mass extinction where the same thing could happen on our watch."

He added, "The data are rock solid. I

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...hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death...nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate.

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don't think you'll find a scientist that will say we're not in an extinction crisis."

Once again, let's separate fact from fiction.

Per Environmental Progress (EP), "The IUCN has estimated that 0.8 percent of the 112,432 plant, animal, and insect species within its data have gone extinct since 1500. That's a rate of fewer than two species lost every year, for an annual extinction rate of 0.001 percent."

Moreover, as EP points out: "Many environmentalists and conservationists claim that fossil fuels and economic development are responsible for the decline in population numbers. However, this couldn't be further from the truth."

"In fact, denying developing countries access to fossil fuels and economic growth is among the largest threats to wild animals. Making charcoal and burning biomass are top drivers of tropical deforestation, and is still the primary source of energy in Sub-Saharan Africa," explains EP.

So, as Ehrlich and friends continue to beat the world-is-going-to-end unless we curb population growth, disavow fossil fuels, and reduce consumption of material goods, they could not be more misguided.

Human innovation has overcome the vast majority of the problems we've encountered to date. People like Ehrlich and Barnosky are anti-human, in that they view humans as the source of problems. In reality, humans are ultimate problem solvers, and if history has taught us anything, it is that the capacity for humans to conquer unforeseen difficulties is literally limitless.

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Letters

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Happy with Haraz

To the editor: Have you ever tried to deal with a state or federal agency about any problems you may have had?

I would rather go to the dentist.

This letter is written to tell you all is not lost. A new generation of politician has arrived in Columbus that mirrors the old days of people like Barney Quilter, who really did care about people in his area.

His name is Haraz Ghanbari and his willingness to show concern to people in his House district is admirable and should be noted.

Too bad all who ask for our votes don't use him for an example.

Larry Erard
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Toledo Swiss Singers plan Valentine High Tea Feb. 5

The Toledo Swiss Singers will present a Valentine Tea Sunday, Feb. 5 from 3-5 p.m. at The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove, 3624 Seaman Rd., Oregon.

The traditional high tea will include a variety of tea selections, finger sandwiches, sweets and scones with jam. A cash bar will be available, offering Valentine cocktails and mimosas. Jazz pianist Gene Parker will provide entertainment. The dress code for the event is smart casual.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 13.

For tickets, call or text Elaine at 419-206-0975. RSVP is required by Jan. 30.

Learn more about the Toledo Swiss Singers at YodelToledo.com or follow ToledoSwissSingers on Facebook.

Museum offering free admission

The National Museum of the Great Lakes will offer free admission Jan. 14-16, in recognition of the Martin Luther King holiday and of the support visitors, members and community partners have shown over the years.

"We will be celebrating the reopening after our annual cleaning shutdown as well as welcoming a new year with an extended weekend of free admission," said Ellen Kennedy, NMGL Education and Visitor Experience director. "We love showing off our incredible facilities and couldn't think of a better way to enter 2023 than offering this."

Museum admission is always free for members, with non-member museum-only admission ranging from \$8 to \$11. Over the Martin Luther King Day weekend the museum will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Monday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Although not required, individuals may reserve their free tickets by pre-ordering and scheduling their visit online at nmgl.org. For more information, visit the website or call 419-214-5000.

Sampling Saturday

In honor of the "big game" in February, Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., Pemberville, is pulling together a variety of food vendors for a taste-testing extravaganza Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to try Amish edibles, local honey, homemade baked goods, Gianno's Chocolates, Sechler's pickles, Faro coffee, Brownwood Farms and more.

Local "celebrities" and residents are participating in a contest in which Beeker's will provide a mystery brown bag containing a product that the store features. Each cook will then create a recipe with their mystery item and offer samples for tasting.

For more information, call 419-287-3274 or visit beekersgeneralstore.com.

Singles Valentine Dance

Glass City Singles will host a Valentine Party Saturday, Feb. 11 at The Ballroom Company, 2558 Parkway Plaza, Maumee.

The event will kick off with a free

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dance lesson at 6 p.m., followed by open dancing from 6:45-10 p.m.

Admission is \$10, which includes a dance lesson and snacks. Attendees are invited to bring their own beverages and a dish to pass.

The evening will also include prizes and cash drawings.

For more information about this event, visit GlassCityDanceParty.com, email ToledoDJTom@gmail.com or call 419-270-3502. Follow ToledoDJ Tom on Facebook for updates.

Rummage sale donations sought

The Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society is accepting donations for its rummage sale, which will be held May 3-5. Last year's sale raised more than \$1,100 for OJHS.

Donations of gently used household items, Christmas decorations and storage boxes or containers will be accepted Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Brandville School, 1133 Grasser St., Oregon. No clothes please. Tax deductible receipts will be available to donors.

For more information, call Kitty Sternberg at 419-376-9491.

Girl Scout Cookie Season

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio kicked off the 2023 Cookie Season Jan. 6.

Every box of cookies sold provides invaluable experiences for Girl Scouts, such as service projects, troop travel and summer camp.

Nine cookie varieties are available, including fan favorites such as Thin Mints and Samoas. Scouts will take orders through March 19. Beginning Feb. 17, Girl Scouts will host pop-up shops, or booths, in front of supporting businesses.

The Scouts are also participating in Digital Cookie, enabling customers to purchase cookies online from a Girl Scout. Starting Feb. 27, consumers can order cookies for shipment directly to their doorstep, which includes this year's newest addition, the Raspberry Rally cookie. Raspberry Rally is offered through digital channels for direct shipment only.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls, building lifelong skills in financial planning, budgeting, teamwork, innovative thinking, and confident decision-making. In addition, Girl Scouts' newly updated Financial Literacy badges offer entrepreneurial activities tailored for every age level.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Search for troops near you by entering your ZIP code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder at gswo.org/findcookies. This link can also be used



The Toledo Swiss Singers are accepting reservations for their Valentine Tea, which will be held Sunday, Feb. 5 from 3-5 p.m. at The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove in Oregon. (Submitted photo)

to find a local booth, order and ship cookies online (beginning Feb. 27), and/or to donate cookies to local community causes.

Text COOKIES to 59618 to stay informed about how to purchase Girl Scout Cookies and other Girl Scout news.

Giving Birthdays

Throughout January, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is collecting gifts and birthday items to give local kids in foster or kinship care special birthday parties.

HPLM is partnering with Giving Birthdays, a registered non-profit organization that serves Sandusky and Wood counties, to collect birthday gifts, party supplies, cake mix, frosting and other items.

Visitors who bring an item or multiple items receive \$2 off admission. HPLM is conducting the drive in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service.

Giving Birthdays will take the items collected and create a birthday celebration customized to each child's needs, interests and wishes.

The organization works directly with Sandusky County Children Services and Wood County Children Services to obtain lists of youths, their ages, wants and needs. It then works with sponsors to fill those needs.

After collecting the items, Giving Birthdays adds birthday cards and delivers them to Children Services. Caseworkers then take the celebrations to the kids and their caregivers during their monthly visits.

Items needed are:

- Toys and gifts, such as craft kits, LEGOs, books, bath items, blankets, stuffed animals, sensory toys, makeup, headphones, cologne/perfume, board games, scooters, skateboards and fast food gift cards.
- Cake mixes, frosting, sprinkles and candles.
- Birthday banners and decorations.
- Storage containers.
- Birthday plates and napkins.

Since Giving Birthdays formed in January 2021, it has provided 53 birthday celebrations to youth turning 1-21 through-

out Sandusky County. In 2022, the organization expanded to Wood County and has given 97 birthday parties.

In January, the Hayes Home and museum are open Tuesday and Thursday through Sunday. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are noon-5 p.m.

Hayes Presidential Library is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues in Fremont.

For information, call 419-332-2081, or visit rbhayes.org.

YWCA Milestones

The YWCA of Northwest Ohio will present its Milestones – Tribute to Women Awards Luncheon Thursday, March 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Glass City Ballroom in downtown Toledo.

The event was established in 1996 to recognize Northwest Ohio women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and who, through their efforts and accomplishments, have opened doors for other women to achieve their potential.

Nominees must live or work in Northwest Ohio, demonstrate outstanding achievement or distinction in career and community work, and exhibit leadership qualities.

This year's recipients include:

- Arts – Amy Chang.
- Business – Ambrea Mikolajczyk.
- Education – Mary Sabin.
- Government – Dr. Cecilia Adams.
- Sciences – Lori Hauser.
- Social Services – Tina Butts.
- Volunteerism – Kristi Hoffman.
- Women on the Rise – Lauren Scott,

Kendra Smith and Erin Baker. The new category recognizes outstanding women who are making an impact early in their careers while developing their potential to become a transformative leader in the community.

All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit over 23,000 women and families who utilize the social service programs of the YWCA.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the YWCA at 419-241-3235 x139.

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Imagination Station to host Girl Power! event March 11

Children dream BIG - dreams of space travel, building robots, designing video games, becoming life-saving doctors. Small experiences spark these passions - support, encouragement and inspiration make them a reality. This is especially true for girls and women who are excited about science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM).

In keeping with its mission to create and support STEAM-strong girls, Imagination Station will host Girl Power! - presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame and Troy Electric, on Saturday, March 11.

The eighth annual STEAM career day is designed to connect girls in grades 3-8 to women who are making a difference in their fields. Attendees will roll up their sleeves and participate in dozens of activities and have the opportunity to meet successful female role models who are challenging stereotypes in a wide variety of careers.

"Girl Power! has so many moments of connection and inspiration," said Lori Hauser, chief executive officer, Imagination Station.

"Many times, girls have a hard time 'seeing' themselves in these positions."

This event brings a diverse group of women under one roof to illustrate that these opportunities are attainable. Girl Power! will prove that anything is possible, regardless of the statistics."

Along with a panel discussion, attendees will be inspired by K. Renee Horton, Ph.D., who turned her lifelong love of science and NASA into a career. Dr. Horton refers to herself as a "hearing impaired black physicist, mother of three - that's who I am, that's who I be, but that's not everything."

In her day job, Dr. Horton serves as a NASA Space Launch System (SLS) Quality Engineer at Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) in New Orleans. She is an advocate for diversity and inclusion STEAM and works diligently in the community for STEAM education and outreach.

Girl Power! tickets are on sale now and include the keynote speaker, a variety of workshops, additional hands-on activities.

Tickets can be purchased at imaginationstationtoledo.org/programs-events/girl-power.

WCCOA to present 2023 Great Decisions Lecture Series

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA), along with the American Association of University Women - Bowling Green Branch will again host the Great Decisions Lecture Series for six consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 21-Feb. 24, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Wood County Senior Center, 140 S. Grove Street, Bowling Green.

Great Decisions is an informative educational discussion group designed by the Foreign Policy Association. Participants will hear up-to-date information on worldly topics facilitated by Bowling Green State University professors. The speakers will provide an opportunity for questions and answers following each discussion session.

These sessions are free and open to the public. Manuals are available for \$35 but are not required for participation. To register, call the WCCOA Programs Department at 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935, or email programs@wccoa.net.

The schedule of topics and speakers includes:

- Jan. 21: "Energy Geopolitics," facilitated by Dr. Douglas Forsyth, associate professor, History Department. Access to oil and gas has long held an influence over the politics of individual nations and their relations with others. However, as more countries move toward sustainable energy, and supply chain shortages affect the availability of oil and gas, how will this change the way in which the United States interacts with the outside world?

- Jan. 28: War Crimes, facilitated by Dr. Marc Simon, chair/associate professor, Political Science Department. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has resulted in widespread charges of war crimes and calls for justice. But what exactly are war crimes? Opinions of what constitutes a war crime have evolved, as have ways to identify and punish the perpetrators. How will the war crimes committed in Ukraine be dealt with?



- Feb. 4: "Global Famine," facilitated by Dr. Shannon Orr, professor, Political Science Department. Fears of global food shortages have followed Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted grain shipments from the major grain producer. But what about countries and regions that were suffering before this impending shortage? How is famine defined, and how is it different from simple food shortages? Are there any remedies?

- Feb. 11: "Economic Warfare," facilitated by Dr. Stefan Fritsch, associate professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science. Waging economic warfare consists of a variety of measures, from implementing sanctions to fomenting labor strikes. Such tools are utilized by states to hinder their enemies, and in the case of the United States, have been used as far back as the early 19th century. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, economic warfare has been the main means for the west to challenge Russia. How effective will these sanctions be at convincing Russia to cease its war?

• Feb. 18: "Climate Migration," facilitated by Dr. Vibha Bhalla, associate professor, Ethnic Studies. As climate change accelerates and drought and rising sea levels become more common, millions of people in affected regions must uproot themselves and seek safety elsewhere. Who are these affected individuals, and how might the United States aid them, and be affected by the migration?

• Feb. 25: "Politics in Latin America," facilitated by Dr. Amílcar E. Challú, chair and associate professor, Department of History. Electoral results in Latin America over the past four years have led many observers of the "Pink Tide" that swept the area some 20 years ago. But how much do these politicians actually have in common? What implication does their ascendancy have for the region?

Note: Dates and topics are subject to change.

Participants will be able to attend via Zoom. All session will be uploaded to the Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. YouTube channel.

AG continues pressure on Dollar General for deceptive pricing

With deceptive pricing continuing at Dollar General stores, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost returned to court Jan. 11 to ask a Butler County Common Pleas judge to immediately force the Tennessee-based retailer to stop advertising one price on its store shelves and charging another price - typically higher - at its registers.

In his request for a temporary restraining order against the discount retailer, Yost cited ongoing violations of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act. He also requested a hearing regarding a preliminary injunction that would require Dollar General to abide by Ohio consumer laws as

this case progresses.

"There's a mountain of evidence showing that Dollar General simply doesn't care to fix the issue - and that's despite numerous consumer complaints, failed auditor inspections and our lawsuit," Yost said. "The bait-and-switch price games stop now."

Multiple county auditors, as part of their regular duties, have inspected Dollar General stores and found that many of the product prices displayed did not match the prices charged. Even after Yost sued the company on Nov. 1, 2022, auditor reports show, some of the same stores continued

to fail inspections, meaning they are still charging more than the prices advertised.

Notably, Franklin County Auditor Michael Stiniano required certain Dollar General stores to apply stickers to their registers warning consumers that they may be charged incorrectly.

In the months since the lawsuit was filed, the Attorney General's Office has received 116 complaints regarding Dollar General's shelf-pricing issues.

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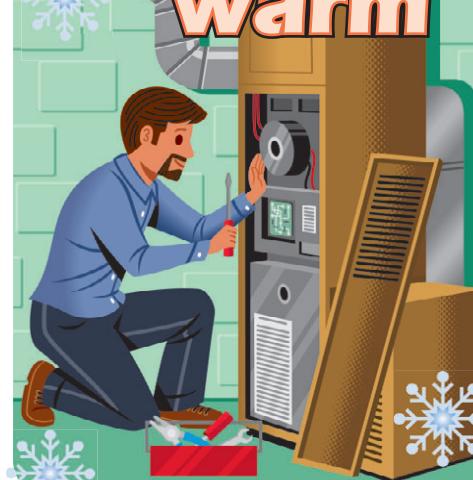
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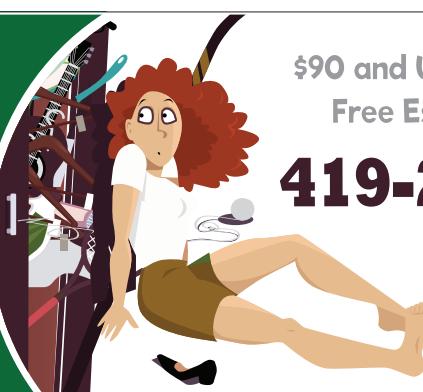
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Play about life

White House butler at Hayes

When Alonzo Fields accepted a job as a butler at the White House in 1931, his plan was to work there for the winter.

That winter lasted 21 years.

The Great Depression forced Fields to give up his dreams of becoming an opera singer and accept the White House job, where he quickly became chief butler. He served four U.S. presidents: Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower and their families.

The acclaimed play based on Fields' fascinating life, "Looking Over the President's Shoulder," will be performed at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in the museum auditorium.

Tickets for non-members are \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 years and younger. Tickets for Hayes Presidential members are \$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 18 years and younger.

Tickets are available at rbhayes.org. They will also be sold at the museum front desk the day of the event, pending availability.

"Looking Over the President's Shoulder" is set on the eve of Fields' last day on the job, and he reflects on his more than two decades of service with humor and pride. Famous guests throughout the years included Winston Churchill, Marian Anderson, Errol Flynn and the King and Queen of England.

As Fields says in the play: "It was like being in the front row and watching the passing parade of history."

The play is written by James Still and culled from Fields' private papers, diaries and interviews. It has been performed in major theaters across the country, including the Indiana Repertory Theatre and Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

In this production, Tyrek Hyde plays Fields. Hyde also performed this role when the play was part of the American Presidents Film & Literary Festival in 2021.

Hyde has been involved in theater productions since he was 10. He performed



Tyrek Hyde plays Alonzo Fields in the one-man play, "Looking Over the President's Shoulder," which will be performed on Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. (Submitted photo)

in "Rumpelstiltskin," "Hansel & Gretel," "Peter Pan," "Rebel Without a Cause" and Ray Bradbury's "Kaleidoscope," among other plays. He also has worked behind the scenes and on stage as a performer at The Ritz Theatre in Tiffin and the Fort Findlay Playhouse.

President Hayes' 200th Birthday Celebration is sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank.

Hayes Presidential is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues in Fremont.

For information, call 419-332-2081, or visit rbhayes.org. Like Hayes Presidential on Facebook and follow on Twitter and Instagram at @rbhayespres for updates.

Accidental ingestions of cannabis edibles in young children are up

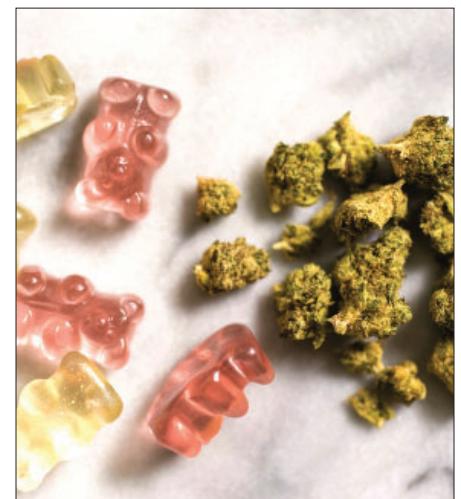
The number of states where recreational use of marijuana is legal has more than doubled in the past five years from eight states in 2017 to 18 (including Washington, DC) in 2022.

A new study, "Pediatric Edible Cannabis Exposures and Acute Toxicity: 2017–2021," in the February 2023 "Pediatrics" journal found that the rates of accidental poisoning by cannabis edibles in children ages 5 and younger is more than keeping pace.

Researchers analyzed pediatric exposures to edible cannabis products in children under age 6 from 2017-2021 in the National Poison Data System and found of the 7,043 exposures over the period, the number of cases rose from 207 cases in 2017 to 3,054 cases in 2021, an increase of 1,375%.

Of the children who were exposed, 2-year-olds accounted for the largest share, 27.7%, followed by 3-year-old children, 24.6%, and toddlers under age 1 were just 1.9%. Most found the edibles at home – 97.1% in a residence and 90.7% in their own home.

Of the exposures, 22.7% of patients were admitted to the hospital, and there were significant increases in both intensive care unit (ICU) and non-ICU hospital admission. There were no deaths.



Edible cannabis.

Researchers concluded that unintentional cannabis exposures in young children are increasing rapidly, and prevention strategies such as packaging, labeling and other controls are needed to decrease these exposures as most edibles – packaged to look like common candies, chocolates and cookies – are attractive to young children.

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In Jesus Holy Name,
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"Dear Evan Hansen" tickets on sale Jan. 16

The American Theatre Guild announced that single tickets for the Toledo premiere of "Dear Evan Hansen" will go on sale Monday, Jan. 16 at 10 a.m.

The production, part of the 2022-23 Broadway in Toledo Series, will be presented on the Stranahan Theater stage for eight performances June 13-18.

Tickets will be available at BroadwayInToledo.com, StranahanTheater.com, by calling 419-381-8851, or in person at the Stranahan Theater Box Office. Group ticket savings for 10 or more people are available by contacting Groups@ATGuild.org.

The performance schedule is:

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13-15, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 16, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, June 17, 2 and 8 p.m.
- Sunday, June 18, 1 and 6:30 p.m.

"Dear Evan Hansen" is the deeply personal, contemporary musical about life

and the way we live it. The story involves a letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told and a life never dreamt of. Evan Hansen is about to get the one thing he's always wanted: a chance to finally fit in. For more information, visit DearEvanHansen.com.

Please note: BroadwayInToledo.com, eTix.com and the Stranahan Theater Box Office are the only official sources for tickets to shows in the 2022-23 Broadway In Toledo Series.

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Updated online tool assesses risk of cancer, heart disease

A cutting-edge upgrade of an online tool developed by genetic experts and data scientists at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is the first to fully assess an individual's hereditary risk for cancer or heart disease using personal and family health history.

The free Family Health Risk Calculator uses a combination of algorithms linked to the latest evidence-based hereditary and genetics guidelines to determine the risk to having a hereditary predisposition to cancer or heart disease. At least 10% of all cancers are based on hereditary risk, and the field of cardiovascular genetics has been rapidly advancing, said Kevin Sweet, a licensed genetic counselor and professor of clinical internal medicine at Ohio State's College of Medicine.

The calculator determines if individuals have an average or elevated risk to having a hereditary predisposition to cancer or heart disease.

"The goal is to identify people who are at risk before they even know they might be predisposed to heart disease or cancer. Knowing you're at elevated risk gives you the power to make decisions about your future to lower your risk or even prevent disease. It might lead to genetic counseling or testing, more frequent health screenings to stay ahead of any developing issues or implementing lifestyle and diet changes," said Elizabeth Jordan, a licensed genetic counselor and associate professor of clinical internal medicine at Ohio State.

The first version of the tool was developed more than 20 years ago and was an interactive kiosk in the lobby of OSUCCC - James. At the time, the tool was the first in the country to incorporate genetics research and guidelines into the algorithms for cancer risk, Sweet said. Later versions assessed an individual's risk for coronary

heart disease. Today's calculator uses the most advanced algorithms for multiple hereditary heart conditions and hereditary cancer and can be updated at any point to provide the most accurate risk for an individual.

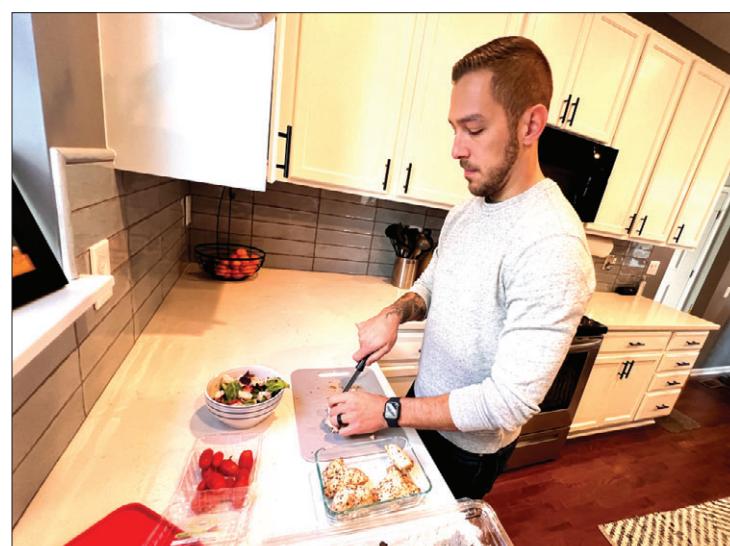
"The latest version expands not only to coronary heart disease, but also to hereditary cardiomyopathy risk, hereditary aortic disease risk or other arrhythmia syndromes that can cause sudden cardiac arrest and death," Jordan said. "For example, we look for familial hypercholesterolemia, one of the most common hereditary cardiovascular diseases, which affects about 1 in 250 people. Many don't know they have this or how common it is. The calculator flags those at high risk of having this disease. Those with it have up to a 50% higher risk of having a coronary condition so it's key to identify and treat them early."

The cancer assessment asks about incidences of common and rare cancers and sub-types, including brain and spine, breast, colorectal, prostate, pancreas, leukemia, lymphoma and lung.

Even though Jered Ziegler, 34, of Columbus, eats healthy and exercises regularly, he was concerned about his risk of cardiovascular disease based on his family's history. He spent less than 10 minutes filling out the Family Health Risk Calculator and discovered he is at elevated risk of heart disease.

"I think it's super easy to avoid those hard questions about your health that you don't want to face yourself, but eventually it's going to catch up to you. Having a tool like this that you can easily fill out on your own and bring to your doctor to prompt that conversation is super beneficial," he said.

Over the next few years, experts plan to add other diseases that are known to have strong hereditary components, such as neurological and eye conditions, to the risk calculator.



Jered Ziegler has always been extremely health conscious, but he still lives with an increased risk of heart disease. He is working with his doctor to stay ahead of any developing issues. (Photo courtesy of Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center)

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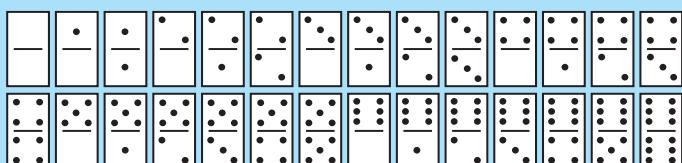
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- Eat the rest of the carrots!
- Plant the carrot tops in a container filled with dirt. Be sure a little of each orange top peeks above the dirt. Keep the soil moist, but not soggy. Be sure your container has a hole for drainage. Place the container by a sunny window.
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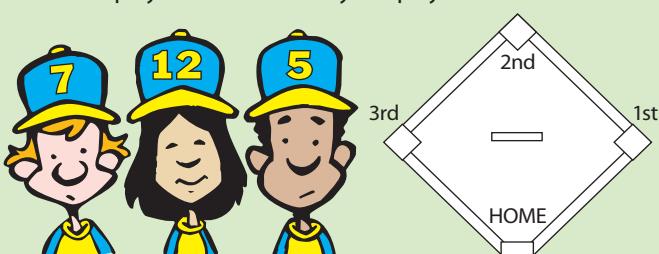
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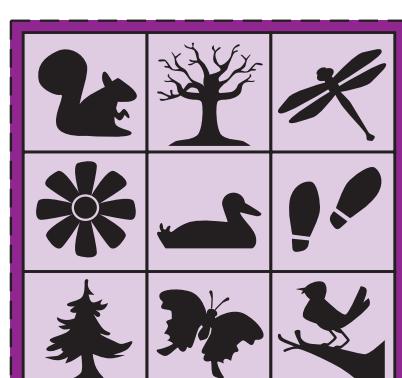
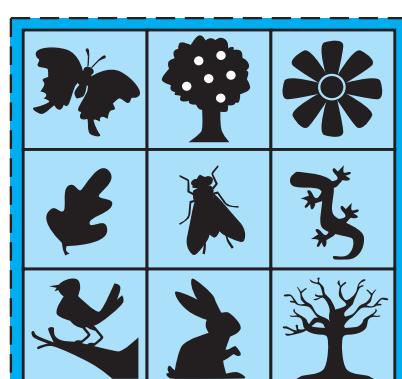
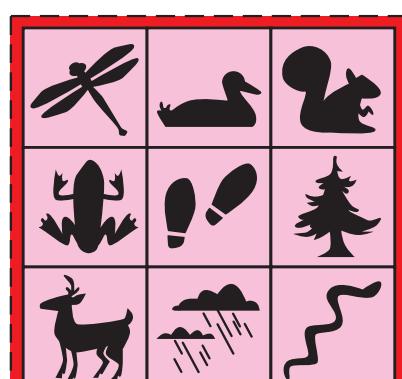
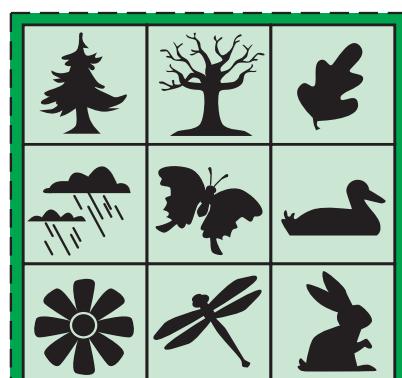
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Game of the Week

Northwood, Stritch meet in TAAC showdown

By Yaneek Smith
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It's been a tough season for Northwood basketball.

The Rangers find themselves 3-10 and 0-4 in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference, but a win over rival Cardinal Stritch, which is located just three miles away, would do wonders for Northwood.

The Cardinals are in the midst of another great season and find themselves 10-1 and 3-1 in the league and have won five consecutive games. Stritch just had two impressive victories with wins over Evergreen (58-51) and Toledo Christian (58-46).

In the win over Evergreen, Breon Hicks had a game-high 21 points and Owen Yost scored 16 points, including four 3-pointers.

The Cardinals are currently ranked 14th in Division III, according to Martin RPI, and first in the Norwalk District.

"We've been getting better, especially on defense. The more energy we bring to practice, the better we get," said Hicks. "I feel like playing tough teams, you always learn something, you learn to do the little things."

The Rangers' most impressive win was a come-from-behind 53-47 victory over Fostoria. Adam Schroeder had a game-high 22 points and Brandon Clair chipped in with 16 points as Northwood outscored the Redmen 20-12 in the fourth quarter.

But the Rangers have lost four straight games since then.

"We're still learning; we took a few steps backwards after the win. It's our youth. We played decently well last night against Waite, but they pulled away from us," said Northwood coach Brandon Thomas. "I wish we were trending upward because we did play really, really well against Fostoria, but we've trended downward a bit."



Cardinal Stritch faces rival Northwood in an upcoming TAAC game. Pictured is Cardinal Stritch's Senior Kam Hughes. (Press photo by Doug Karns/www.DougKarns.smugmug.com)

But the program is in better shape than in previous years.

"We have a lot of kids that are starting to buy in during the offseason. Our skill is getting better. Our attention to detail is lacking, and we have to stop making simple mistakes so we can start winning some games. We're trying to get all five players on one accord."

Ethan Clair and Kaden lead the Rangers in scoring average, both at 14 points per game, and Schroeder is averaging nine points, seven rebounds and five blocks.

Thomas knows plenty about the Cardinals.

"I've always said, the TAAC is one of the toughest small-school conferences. Northwood-Stritch is a great rivalry. I grew up with some of the coaches on their coaching staff; I coached some of their guys in AAU," said Thomas. "We played them well twice last year, and in the first game, it was an 8-point game until midway through the third quarter. We usually play them tough because it's a rivalry. I know some of their kids. It's fun, I'm looking forward to it."

Last season, the Cardinals defeated Northwood both times, 75-60 and 70-54, respectively.

There are some great rivalries in the TAAC because of the schools being within such close proximity to one another, but also because it is one of the best small basketball conferences in Ohio.

Stritch guard Owen Carter talked about what the rivalry means to him.

"I think rivalries are big in the TAAC, there are a lot of good teams in the conference," said Yost. "There are guys who went to school here that transferred to Northwood."

Hicks also gave his take.

"Having rivalries pushes you," he said. "Sometimes you hear that so and so was talking (trash) on Instagram, and it makes you look in."



James Scharer Starr coach remembered by players

Eight members of the 1980 Class of Clay High School took some time to remember a coach and mentor from their days when they played sports while attending Starr Elementary School.

The men gathered last month at the home of James Scharer to present a plaque to the man who they credit for having a positive impact on their lives.

Scharer coached football, basketball, and baseball at Starr.

The plaque inscription thanks Scharer and his late wife, Carolyn, for the values they instilled in the youths of Oregon.

Mark Stahl described Scharer as a "mentor to all" and "he and Mrs. Scharer's presence in the Oregon community cannot be overstated."

Standing l-r: Rick Smith, Mark Stahl, Lou Reiner, Terry Mack, and Brian Csehi. Kneeling next to Scharer are Terry Ferguson, and Jeff McNally. Dave Scharer is seated in front.

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Anthony Iapoce to become next Mud Hens manager

The Detroit Tigers and Toledo Mud Hens announced today that Anthony Iapoce (eye-uh-POH-see) has been hired as the 2023 manager of the Tigers' Triple-A affiliate Toledo Mud Hens. Iapoce becomes the tenth person to manage the Mud Hens at Fifth Third Field and the 58th in Toledo baseball history.

The 49-year-old from Astoria, NY worked last year as the senior hitting coordinator with the Boston Red Sox. Prior to that, he spent six years as a big-league hitting coach. Iapoce spent 2016 through 2018 in that role with the Texas Rangers before joining the Chicago Cubs and filling that role from 2019 through 2021. He has minor league experience as a minor league instructor for three seasons with the Cubs from 2013 through 2015.

As a player, Iapoce was drafted by Milwaukee in the 33rd round of the 1994 MLB Draft. The former outfielder played nine seasons in the minor leagues that included parts of four seasons in AAA with Tucson,

Louisville, Indianapolis, and Albuquerque. Combined, he appeared in 714 games during his playing career. Iapoce played college baseball at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and is one of just 87 players ever selected in the MLB Draft from the school.

Iapoce replaces Lloyd McClendon, who led the Hens to a record of 87-63 during the 2022 season.

The Mud Hens open the 2023 season at Fifth Third Field against the St. Paul Saints on Friday, March 31, 2023.

Mike Hessman returns to the Hens to take over as hitting coach, his fourth season in that role after spending the last year and a half with the Tigers as their assistant hitting coach. This will mark his eighth year as a hitting coach in the Tigers organization. Hessman holds the all-time record for Minor League and International League home runs, hitting a total of 433 home runs during his minor league career between 1996 and 2015 (184 with the Mud Hens).

A member of the Mud Hens' back-to-back Governors Cup Championship teams in 2005 and 2006, Hessman was inducted into the International League Hall of Fame in 2018 and spent seven seasons of his Hall of Fame career in Toledo.

Returning for his third season as pitching coach is Doug Bochtler, who helped guide the Mud Hens to a division title in 2021. Prior to joining the Detroit organization as a coach, he spent five years with San Diego, which included being the Padres bullpen coach from 2016 through 2019. During his 15-year playing career he pitched for ten different organizations, including 1998 with the Detroit Tigers. He spent six years pitching at the MLB level. He was originally a 1989 draft pick of the Montreal Expos.

Returning as bench coach is Tony Capuccilli, who joined the Hens staff last year for his first year with Detroit. In 2021, he managed the Arizona Complex League Dodgers (record of 31-27) as part of his

time with LA's organization that began in 2017. Before managing the Dodgers Complex League, he was a player development coach for the Dodgers. Prior to that he was with the University of New Mexico as an assistant in which he helped the Aggies to the NCAA Regionals in 2016 and two-time Mountain West Champs in 2015 and 2016.

Joining Toledo's staff for 2023 is Ollie Kadey as a development coach. It is Kadey's third year in the Tigers organization after serving the same role in 2022 with Erie and in 2021 with Lakeland. Before joining the Tigers, he worked as the analytics manager at Texas Baseball Ranch from 2015 through 2019. Kadey played college baseball at Missouri Western State University from 2010 through 2013 where he was a pitcher.

Returning for his third season in Toledo and entering his 13th in the Detroit organization is head athletic trainer Jason Schwartzman, while strength coach Phil Hartt is back in Toledo for a second season.

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Assistant coaches

The unsung heroes of basketball programs

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The head coach is the CEO of any basketball program.

But that coach must have assistants he or she can trust to implement his philosophy with the players.

Oak Harbor boys coach Eric Sweet has three assistants that he trusts, and it has shown in recent years as the team has turned the corner in the last five seasons, going 74-40 (.649) while winning league and sectional titles in the process.

Eric Dusseau, a 2004 Oak Harbor graduate, is Sweet's right-hand man. He is the varsity assistant and has Sweet's respect. They've been together for seven years. (Dusseau also coaches football and baseball.)

There's also Rob Hahn, who has been with Sweet for nearly a decade, and the freshman coach is Colin Ish, now in his second year with the program.

"Having great assistants is the staple of great programs. Eric and Rob have been with me for a long time; we're on the same page on a lot of things," said Sweet. "Having assistants that know your program and can implement what you want helps make your program better."

"Between Eric and I, we do the major part of the varsity games," Sweet said. "Rob is the JV coach and Colin is the freshman coach. Eric is a great film watcher and helps with the scouting report; he's able to pick up on tendencies — we're very much on the same page. He's a hawk when it comes to watching film."

Many assistants move on to head-coaching positions at other schools after a while, but Dusseau and Hahn have stayed with Sweet for quite some time. Sweet knows he can trust all of his assistants, especially Dusseau.

"If (Eric) wants a timeout, it's pretty much done. It's very rare when he says take a timeout and we don't. He's great at doing play calls — 95% of the time it works," said Sweet. "He's very instrumental; he knows when to do things and when not to. I just do it because I trust him; he's had great years of success with me. We have an unspoken bond."

A strong staff

Josh Bragg is the boys coach at Clay, one season after serving as an assistant under Joel Visser. His assistants are Art Eli, Josh Johnson and Brandon Roberts.

Eli, is a varsity assistant and was an assistant at Central Catholic when Bragg played there. Eli is known to many in the area for serving under Tom Kontak at Genoa and then Oak Harbor, both schools where the duo had great success. Johnson, who coached with Bragg at Swanton, is the JV coach, and Roberts is the freshman. Bragg also credited Nolan Falls for his help with the freshmen team.

"All of these guys are extensions (of me)," said Bragg. "Our freshmen run the same offense, and our JV and varsity match up in practice."

The coaches have met weekly since

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Bragg was hired as the head coach in May.

"We would meet almost weekly from May all the way up through tryouts so we're on the same page with our offensive philosophy, offensive sets, defense, defensive rotations, and all the ways we're going to do things," he said. "We had strategies mapped out from the beginning."

"The assistants are at offseason workouts, they help with scouting, they're putting in a lot of time as well and the future of the program can only be as good as your assistant coaches. I think I'm pretty fortunate to have such a strong staff."

Great role models

Cardinal Stritch girls coach Tim Yenrick speaks highly of his two assistants, Kay Nissen and Mikayla Simon. They've helped him tremendously as he took over the program less than two weeks before the season began.

"I can't say enough about them. Coming in just before the season began, we had to go recruiting. We actually recruited Kay Nissen (aka Coach K), a Stritch alum (1977) — she was part of the state championship girls basketball team at Stritch — and she's been really good to work with," said Yenrick. "We're just kind of getting to know each other; we're kind of from the same era at Stritch (Yenrick graduated in '81). She's been really good with the girls, doing a lot of fundamental work, and we're in rebuilding mode. Having Kay and her enthusiasm, she's been good to work with."

Mikayla Simon is my other assistant — she's a teacher at Stritch, and the trainer for Stritch athletics. Makayla is at the school, and she knows the girls really well. It's a real nice mix. Both coaches have been a big help with practices and helping us build the program; they've been helping with the youth clinics and weight training and getting those things in place. I can't say enough about them. They've been great role models and a positive influence. I think they bring a lot of fun to the game."

Despite being in the midst of a tough season, Yenrick can see that things are getting better.

"This is a very tough season for us, but it's just a whole different attitude than the first week I was there," he said. "The kids are working hard at practice, and we're getting a little bit better every night. I credit my assistant coaches for that."

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Toledo

VFW 4906 Wild Game Dinner, Feb. 5, 2 p.m., 2161 Consaul St. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Advance tickets recommended. For tickets and more info, call 419-698-4411. Public is welcome.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is \$49. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Everyone welcome.

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

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

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

Oregon

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society is accepting donations of gently used Christmas items, household items and storage containers for its annual Spring Rummage Sale. Drop off donations Wednesday, Jan. 25 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Brandville School, 1133 Grasser St. Call Kitty at 419-376-9491 for more details.

Food for Thought Food Pantry, open the 2nd Tuesday of every month, St Paul's at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., corner of Coy and Navarre. In 2023, the pantry will be moved inside. Due to parking space and the need to limit the number of families inside at a time, attendees are asked to stagger arrival times.

419 Cares, a ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, serves food and beverages and provides toiletries to the less fortunate every Sunday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uptown Green Park on Madison Avenue in Toledo. A monthly giveaway of clothes, blankets and shoes is also offered. Donations of toiletries and clothing items, particularly bigger men's sizes, are welcome. Contact Christ UMC or visit 419 Cares on Facebook for info.

Mobile Meals of Toledo, local community non-profit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital. For more information or to sign up, contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodgers@mobilemeals.org.

Rita's Soups at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted from those wishing to contribute to this program and its future success.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets in person on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.

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Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District District-Wide Engineering Support REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Reno Beach/Howard Farms Conservancy District Board of Directors are seeking Statements of Qualifications for District-Wide Engineering Support in accordance with ORC Sections 153.65 thru 153.71. Firms interested in being considered for a contract to provide the required services should visit the

District website at <https://rbhfcd.org/> to obtain a copy of the full Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and associated information.

Responses to the RFQ must be submitted prior to 3:00 p.m. (Local Time) on February 9, 2023.

Please contact Adam C. Hoff, PE, Vice Chair at 419.466.3343 or via email at ahoff@rbhfcd.org if any questions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elmore Council will hold a public hearing on January 23, 2023, at the Village of Elmore Town Hall, 344 Rice St. at 6:00 PM. Individuals who will attend this meeting will have the opportunity to speak. Those not able to attend may submit comments. Comments will need to be in writing and shall be received before 4:00 PM on the date of the above hearing. Comments can be addressed to the President of Village Council, 344 Rice St., Elmore, Ohio 43416.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the designation of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) within the Village of Elmore. The proposal document outlining the DORA roles and responsibilities is available for public viewing by contacting the Village of Elmore Fiscal Officer at 344 Rice St., Elmore Oh. The proposal can be viewed online at the Village of Elmore website, Village Council, DORA Proposal.

At the conclusion of this hearing these matters will be discussed during an Elmore Village Council meeting for further determination.

David Hower, Village of Elmore Administrator.

- PUBLIC NOTICE - VILLAGE OF CLAY CENTER

Ord. 01-2023: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CLAY CENTER, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

The full text may be viewed by contacting Bill Scott, Fiscal Officer (419) 855-7444 or (419) 635-5432

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual 2022 financial report is complete and it is available at the office of the Fiscal Officer of Clay Township, 21774 W. Holts East Rd., Genoa, OH 43430.

It can be reviewed by appointment by calling 416-855-7878.

Victoria L. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR**- PUBLIC NOTICE -****ORDINANCE NO. 09-2022**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 153 OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING ZONING AND ENACTING A REVISED CHAPTER 153 OF THE VILLAGE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2023

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR THE ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO CAPITAL BUDGET AND OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2023

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY PLANNING FUND FOR THE ACCOUNTING OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION AND OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2023

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLYING FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE OTTAWA SANDUSKY SENECA JOINT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FOR ROUND 1, FISCAL YEAR 2023

To read in full please contact the Fiscal Officer

Harbor View Public Notice

The Annual Financial Report for the Village of HarborView is finalized.

Council passed Resolution 03-2022 Accepting The Rates And Amounts As Determined By The Budget Commission.

Resolution 04-2022 Request For Advance Of Taxes.

Resolution 05-2022 Annual Temporary Appropriations for 2023.

The full texts can be seen at the office of the clerk during regular business hours or by appointment.

Lorraine Crapsey
Clerk/treasurer
Village of HarborView

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elmore Council will hold a public hearing on January 23, 2023, at the Village of Elmore Town Hall, 344 Rice St. at 6:30 PM.

Individuals who will attend this meeting will have the opportunity to speak. Those not able to attend may submit comments. Comments will need to be in writing and shall be received before 4:00 PM on the date of the above hearing. Comments can be addressed to the President of Village Council, 344 Rice St., Elmore, Ohio 43416.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed changes to the Village of Elmore Zoning Map by including the recently annexed parcels of land into the Village of Elmore, which are currently zoned through the Harris Township Zoning code

At the conclusion of this hearing these matters will be discussed during an Elmore Village Council meeting for further determination.

David Hower, Village of Elmore Administrator.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Genoa at the Genoa Administration Building, 102 E 6th Street, Genoa, Ohio, 43430 until 11:00 AM EST, February 13, 2023, at which time bids will be opened for the **2023 GENOA PAVING PROGRAM, CASTLE RIDGE, PHASE I**.

Bids must be sealed and endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name of the bidder and the project bid upon. Bids received after the scheduled bid opening date and time will neither be read nor considered. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The contract documents and specifications are on file at the office of the Village Administrator, 102 E 6th Street, Genoa, Ohio 43430. The documents may be obtained at the Village's website at genaoohio.org or by contacting the Village Administrator at 419-855-7791.

No proposal will be considered unless it is made on the blanks furnished by the Village. No bidder shall take any exception to any requirement of the specifications. Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein.

The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than **September 15, 2023**.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guaranty. The bid guaranty may be of two forms: 1) A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents, or 2) a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit in favor of the Village of Genoa, Ohio, in the amount of 10% of the bid. If the contract is awarded a Contract Bond will be required, which is a 100% payment and performance bond.

The bid guaranty must meet all requirements of Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Instructions to Bidders.

All work shall be carried out in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations that apply to the work. Any project specification item in conflict with federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation, shall be void.

The project falls under the State of Ohio Prevailing Wage requirements.

The Village of Genoa is not keeping a list of plan holders. The Village of Genoa reserves the right to reject any bids, and to waive any irregularities in a bid, or to accept that bid which in the judgment of the proper officials is to the best interest of the County.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 307.87, this shall serve as notification that this notice is available on the Village of Genoa website at genaoohio.org.

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Kevin M. Gladden, Village Administrator

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How to build a wedding budget without breaking the bank

Wedding planning is a unique experience unlike any endeavor most couples will ever encounter. Much effort goes into planning a wedding, and that includes building a budget that ensures the big day will be fun without breaking the bank.

Most couples planning a wedding have never tied the knot before, so it can be difficult to determine a reasonable amount to spend. It's easy to go overboard when planning a wedding, and couples may find their list of wants and, consequently, their expenses, growing as they get into the weeds of wedding planning. Though it might require some difficult decisions, couples can keep these tips in mind so they can build a wedding budget that won't land them in debt after saying, "I do."

• **Determine funding.** The days when a bride's parents would finance the wedding entirely on their own are largely a thing of the past. According to a recent WeddingWire Newlywed Report, parents now pay for 52 percent of wedding expenses. As couples begin establishing a wedding budget, it's imperative that they first determine who, if anyone, will be helping them finance the big day. Fifty-two percent of wedding expenses is a significant amount of money, but in that scenario, couples will still need to come

up with roughly half of the money needed to fund their weddings. Couples without substantial savings may be forced to cut back in order to avoid beginning their life as a married couple in debt.

• **Make a list of potential expenses.** Location will be a significant factor when determining potential expenses. For example, a 2022 ValuePenguin analysis of data from The Wedding Report found that the average wedding in Massachusetts cost roughly \$30,500 in 2020, while couples tying the knot in Arkansas spent around \$12,500 on their weddings. With such wild fluctuations, it's important that couples get an accurate estimate of how much it may cost them to get married in a given city. Couples who met in a city and still live in a city but grew up in a suburb might save a considerable sum by getting married in their hometowns. Compare and contrast prices in locales you're considering, and then build your budget accordingly. This can help you avoid sticker shock and going over budget. Notable expenses to budget include the venue, attire (i.e., wedding dress and tuxedo rental), hairstyle and makeup, entertainment, photography, and transportation, among others.

• **Make a list of what's most important.** Most couples will have to compromise in order to avoid taking on debt to finance their weddings. An earnest discussion about what's most important to each person can ensure you both get what you want. Each person can make a list of their priorities, ranking them from most important to least important. Once lists are shared, couples can see where their priorities converge and where they diverge. Any items that rank low on each person's list of priorities can be afforded less funding, while those that are high on each list can take up more of the budget, if necessary.

• **Commit to a limit before spending a dime.** Committing to a limit before spending a dime can help couples keep wedding costs more manageable. Once that number is defined, couples can then work within its parameters, which can make potentially difficult decisions a little easier by narrowing options at a time when options can seem endless.

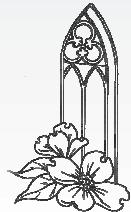
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