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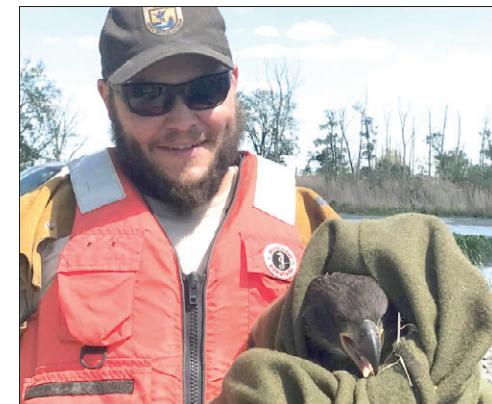
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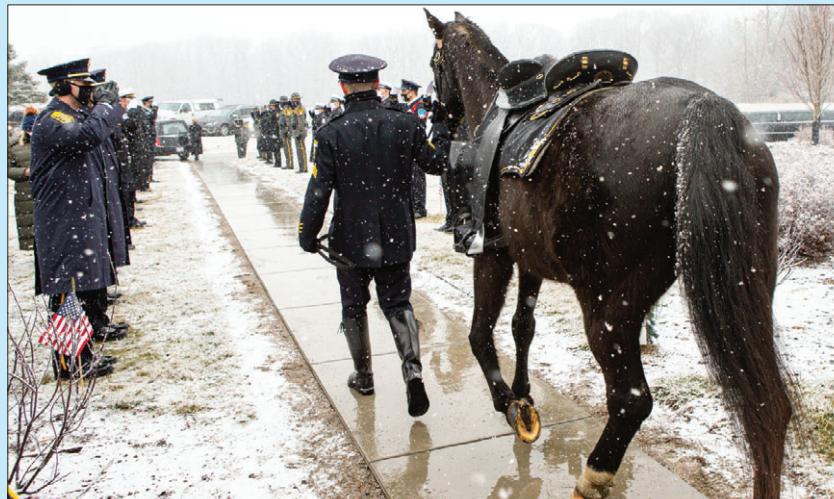
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Toledo Police Officer Brandon Stalker was laid to rest Tuesday, January 26. Law enforcement from around the area gathered for Stalker who was killed in the line of duty on January 18. (Press photos by Scott Grau)

Oregon Council OKs SUE for housing development

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council on Monday approved a zoning change that will clear the way for a new multi-family housing development on Navarre Avenue and S. Lallendorf Road.

Council conducted a public hearing prior to the council meeting to hear a request for a Special Use Exception (SUE) in a C-5 Zoned District for the purpose of constructing a 252-unit multi-family housing complex at 4050 Navarre Ave. and 900 S. Lallendorf Rd.

The hearing was originally postponed in March, 2020. It was rescheduled in December to be held on Jan. 25.

The applicant for the SUE is Harry Glitz for owner Val V LLC.

The property required the SUE because it was zoned C-5, which requires a 20-foot backyard setback.

Jim Gilmore, commissioner of Building and Zoning, said during the hearing that C-5 zoning allows for commercial development on Navarre Avenue, such as retail, hotels, motels, and professional offices.

"They asked for a Special Use in order to put family dwellings on the property, which is not allowed in the C-5 zoning," he said. "We prefer the Special Use technique

“That property will have to develop at some point. And this is the least invasive.”

only to allow us to put in additional safeguards to protect the public."

The entire site is 27 acres.

The matter went before the Oregon Planning Commission twice. "There were some suggestions made, which were accomplished. The commission requested a 50-foot setback as it abuts residential property with a 20-foot buffer that would have a mound of three feet. It also requested that garages be built north of the buildings to further provide a buffer against traffic." The site plan shows there will be 100 foot setbacks from both Navarre and Lallendorf.

Commercial use is more intense than residential use, he said.

"The reason is you would have deliveries, a number of cars going in and out. Residential is less intense," said Gilmore.

Three stories

The complex will include 14 buildings with 18 apartments in each building. The buildings will have three stories, said Gilmore. "There will be 252-units all together, and approximately 100 garages."

Dallas Paul, of the NAI Harmon Group, Toledo, represented the applicant at the hearing.

Paul said the project was going to be an "upscale residential apartment community."

"The buffer that faces the south and is contiguous to the residential community has been extended to 50-feet from the original 25-feet," said Paul. "This was asked of us at the planning commission meetings held almost a year ago. The 50-feet includes a 20-foot buffer, which is a landscape buffer that is three feet high, 20-feet wide, which is easily maintained and mowed."

Trees will be planted on top of the three foot landscape buffer.

"The landscaping buffer will cover the first two stories of the apartment buildings as they are built," said Paul.

The upscale apartments, he said, will attract professionals to the Oregon area.

"Our apartment study has indicated that the Oregon market is underserved from a residential standpoint," he said.

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Woodmore schools Substitute levy planned for May ballot

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The Woodmore school board has scheduled a special meeting for Feb. 1. at 4 p.m. to consider a resolution to proceed with placing a property tax levy on the May ballot.

The board is planning to seek voter approval of a substitute levy that merges two emergency levies already being collected: a levy that generates \$600,000 per year originally approved in 2016 and a levy that generates \$829,000 per year originally approved in 2019.

Both levies have five-year terms. The board is proposing to extend the term to 10 years and combine them into one issue that generates about \$1.429 million annually.

If voters approve the combined levy it would begin collecting tax revenues in 2022.

"The substitute part allows the levies to reflect new construction that would generate additional revenue for the district. But property owners currently paying would still be in the group paying the \$1.429 million," said Dan Russomanno, district treasurer.

An emergency levy is structured to generate a fixed dollar amount each year it is in effect.

To generate the \$1.429 million requires about 6.4 mills, he said, adding board members reasoned a combined levy with a longer term would be better than having to go back to the ballot four times every 10 years as with the two five-year levies.

The deadline for placing levy issues on the May 4 primary ballot is Feb. 3.

Last spring, Gov. Mike DeWine, citing the toll the pandemic had taken on the economy, announced he would balance the fiscal year 2020 state bud-

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Matt Beienburg
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According to the study, he added, the most recent apartment community was built in 2009.

"It's the Redwood Development. They are market rate rents, 100 percent full, and there's no other choices from what you would consider an apartment development that is of current construction standards. We are bringing this project to the community to keep people in the Oregon community," he said.

Phase I of the project is the construction of the 14 buildings, he said. Phase 2, if approved by the planning commission and city council in the future, would include a detention area for water retention.

"I cannot answer how many additional buildings will be added to Phase 2. In all fairness, that is probably two to three years away," he said.

Part of the project will include commercial development that fronts Navarre Avenue, said Paul.

"We are marketing the commercial part of the project. If we get substantial uses, we would do the commercial concurrently with Phase I," he said.

Opposition

Opponents of the project raised concerns about excessive traffic and whether the development would have Section 8 Housing subsidies that could lower property values.

A woman from S. Lallendorf Road said she is opposed to the project.

"We are against this. We live almost directly across from the entrance on Lallendorf. I'm worried about a landscape buffer for our side. There doesn't seem to be any. If you're going to have 252 units, you're going to have a lot of traffic right there," she said.

Another concern, she added, was crime.

"Could these apartments possibly become Section 8 Housing? Yes, they are very nice. They're good for a few years. We know how things can go downhill from there. I lived on the East Side. I've seen

A rendering of the proposed housing complex at Navarre and Lallendorf.



rental properties. I've lived next to them. I see how they change the whole environment. That's my big concern with this whole development. I would rather see maybe one-unit apartments like Red Cedar. That seems very appropriate. It looks appealing. It seems to kind of blend into the subdivisions," she said.

Another woman from S. Lallendorf agreed.

I've lived here for 27 years," she said. The property values in her neighborhood range from \$250,000 to \$400,000.

"What do you consider market rate?" she asked Paul. "Are you talking about \$1,500 per month for one bedroom, or \$2,000 per month for two bedrooms?"

Paul said rents would range from \$1,200 to \$1,400 per month.

"I don't consider that to be upscale," said the woman. "It may look nice now, but it's going to bring in riff raff. That's not why I moved to Oregon."

More control

Council member Kathleen Pollauf said she understood the concerns of neighbors

near the proposed project.

"I know their frustration," she said. For Oregon, \$1,200 to \$1,400 per month for rent is high end, she added.

"We got a lot to offer here. It's right on the corner with Pearson Metropark. I would like to have a little more control with more residential being brought into that area than having more strip malls around the park. I would like to keep the park more pristine with residential," she said.

City Administrator Mike Beazley said significant retail could develop at that location without having to come before the planning commission and city council for approval because the property is zoned commercial.

"A four story hotel, or other developments of that nature, do not have to come to us for permission. The zoning allows that right now," he said. "We have much less input on regular commercial. So there's some benefit to this use compared to others. We have more ability to shape it as an apartment complex than we would as a straight commercial development."

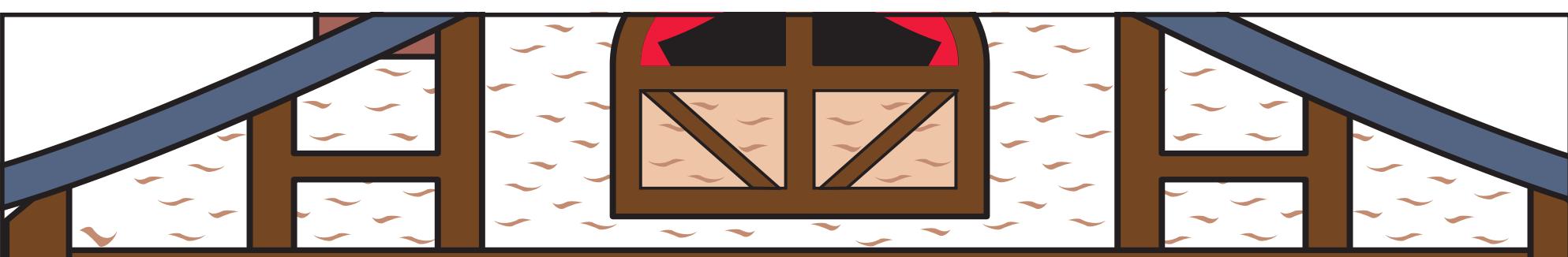
Councilman James Seaman also sup-

ported the SUE.

"There's a better sense of ownership if people lived there as opposed to a big box store, with people dumping their debris in the parking lot. At least people in apartments will take care of the area better. That property will have to develop at some point. And this is the least invasive."

"I would have a desire to make sure a roadway gets moved in at Lallendorf and Townhouse roads," said Council President Dennis Walendzak. "I would like to see that looped to alleviate some of the traffic exiting out of Lallendorf and not shining across the street at the neighboring properties."

Council agreed to make that a condition of the SUE, but later rescinded it for fear it would doom a final vote in favor of the SUE. It takes six votes rather than a majority of four of council to alter or amend a recommendation of the planning commission, explained Mayor Mike Seferian. It takes only four votes of council to approve a recommendation of the planning commission. Council voted 5-1, with Walendzak opposed, to the SUE.



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Vaccine assistance available

Assistance is available to Lake Township residents who have been having difficulty in setting appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Police Chief Mark Hummer said his department's community policing officer has been in contact with the Wood County Health Department after several township residents, particularly Neighborhood Watch members, voiced concerns to that officer regarding difficulties in setting such appointments.

"Residents have told us they were able to get registered for the vaccine online but have not been able to successfully schedule the shots," Chief Hummer noted.

The chief pointed out residents must follow age and health condition guidelines to get those appointments scheduled.

"If you have not reached the minimum age and/or met the health condition requirements, we cannot help you 'get in line' before you would otherwise be eligible," he said. "We have confirmed through our local health department that our community policing officer can assist residents with making vaccine appointments using information provided by those township residents."

Chief Hummer noted some local residents, particularly seniors, may not have access to computers or be able to properly use the internet.

Residents who wish to request this assistance may contact Ron Craig, Lake Township Police Department's community policing officer, at 419-481-6354.

Frost Fest

Oregon Schools Foundation will present its Annual Frost Fest, which raises funds to benefit Oregon students in a fun way, virtually on Feb. 6.

Though this year's event will look different than in the past, Frost Fest will include reverse raffles, silent auctions and more.

Funds raised this year will help provide funding to two areas affected by the shutdown orders last year — Eisenhower Band Instruments and Clay's Leave Your Mark Legacy Wall. More details will be shared during the Live Stream Event on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

Reverse raffle tickets are \$50 each, and offer a chance to win \$3,000, \$1,500 and \$500. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, Feb. 1. Visit www.OregonSchoolsFoundation.org for info.

Browse and bid on online silent auction items any time now through the live event.

Watch the livestream event on Feb. 6 on the event auction platform, Qtego. Registration is required to participate in the auction and to watch the live event. Register at <https://qtego.net/qlink/frostfest2021>, or text FROSTFEST21 to 72727. (You do not need a ticket to watch, but you do need to create a login account with a verified credit card number).

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Hayes Presidential offers free admission on Presidents Day

Celebrate Presidents' Day by touring the museum and home of 19th U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes and taking a sleigh ride through the president's estate on Monday, Feb. 15.

HPLM is offering free admission to the museum and Hayes Home on Presidents Day. Museum tours will be available during morning (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) or afternoon (1 p.m.-5 p.m.) time slots. Attendance will be capped in order to maintain proper physical distancing, therefore reservations are required.

Visitors can take a self-guided tour of the museum at any point during the time slot they choose. To reserve one of the museum time slots, visit rbhayes.org/events/2021/02/15/events/presidents-day-celebration/.

Visitors can also reserve a Hayes Home tour on a first-come, first-served basis when they arrive that day. Tour sizes remain reduced for safety reasons. No advance reservations are being taken for home tours.

In addition, there will be kids' activities and an artifact display in the museum auditorium.

The research library will be closed for the holiday.

Sleigh rides

From noon to 5 p.m., South Creek

Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn sleigh rides through Spiegel Grove. Up to four people in one household group can fit in the sleigh, and rides are limited to one household group at a time. The cost is \$5.50 per person ages for ages 3 and older and free for kids 2 and younger. Rides last about 10 minutes. Riders must wear a face covering unless they have accepted exemption to the state of Ohio's mask mandate.

Rides will take place whether or not there is snow. In the event of negative wind chills or thunderstorms, rides could be canceled. Updates will be posted at rbhayes.org. If the rides are canceled due to weather, refunds will be given. Otherwise, there are no refunds.

Tickets also will be sold at the front desk the day of the event, pending availability. To purchase tickets online, visit www.rbhayes.org/events/2021/02/15/events/presidents-day-celebration/.

For info, call 419-332-2081, visit rbhayes.org or follow HPLM on social media.

The Presidents' Day Celebration is sponsored by the Knight-Baldwin Charitable Foundation.

224 inmates.

The commissioners anticipate the design phase to take about one year to complete and construction to start later in 2022.

Sobecki files bill

State Rep. Lisa Sobecki has filed a bill to permit public bodies to continue to conduct business remotely beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Last March, I filed a bill to help our cities, school boards and counties conduct public business during a time of crisis," she said. "Over the past year, I have heard from countless elected officials across different levels of government about this critical permissive tool, and it is clear to me our local governments should have the ability to have virtual meetings on a permanent basis."

Although Rep. Sobecki's bill last General Assembly, House Bill (HB) 557, never had a hearing, a similar proposal was included in House Bill (HB) 197, a broader coronavirus relief package passed by both chambers and signed into law. Rep. Sobecki's bill this GA has not yet been assigned a number or assigned to a committee. The bill has bipartisan support and is jointly sponsored by Rep. Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon).

Care Compass

The Care Compass Project, a quarterly network gathering for caregivers and those who may be caregivers in the future, will meet virtually via Zoom Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m.

The session will focus on isolation and its impact on health.

Participation is free and open to all caregivers but requires pre-registration by calling the Wood County Committee on Aging at 1-800-367-4935 or 419-353-5661 or by emailing programs@wccoa.net.

Zoom login information will be given upon registration. Lunch, sponsored by Brookdale of Bowling Green, will be delivered by WCCOA to the first 20 Wood County residents registered for the session.

The agenda includes:

- 11 a.m. – "Combating Isolation Through Technology: Critical Signal Technologies." Learn how designed technology strives to meet human care with compassion and support.

• 11:45 a.m. – Panel Discussion on "Community Resources to Create Connections and Support While Being Isolated." A discussion of the various resources available to help individuals remain in their homes safely, healthily and happily. Long-term care information will also be provided. Speakers include Jessica Ricker, LSW, WCCOA and Ali Longmore, LSW, Ohio Living Home Health.

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

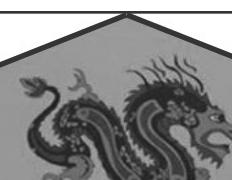
NDA Winter Mingle

Notre Dame Academy is presenting "Winter Mingles!" – custom, small-in-number, virtual experiences designed for girls. The second event in the series, set for Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 6-7 p.m., will offer the opportunity to meet a local author.

"I Wrote a Book! You Can Too," will feature local children's Author Katie Maskey and illustrator Ashley Thoreen.

Thoreen will introduce participants to her cat Ferdinand, the inspiration for "Ferdinand with the Extra Toes." Thoreen will explain the process of illustrating the book, and both will share the true message of Ferdinand's gift and why they wanted to tell his story.

This virtual experience is for girls in grades 7-8. The registration fee is \$10, which includes a welcome package featuring a signed copy of "Ferdinand with the Extra Toes," a welcome card and NDA swag. Register by Monday Feb. 1 at <http://bit.ly/NDAwintermingle>.



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Woodmore levy

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get with \$775 million in general revenue fund reductions, including reducing revenues for K-12 schools by \$300.4 million.

For Woodmore schools, that equated to a loss of about \$198,679.

The 2020 fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Recently, the governor issued an executive order directing state agencies and departments to reduce expenditures by \$390 million in fiscal 2021, again citing the pandemic's effect on the economy.

The order authorizes the Office of Budget and Management to permit the education department to allot an additional \$160 million of 2021 general revenue fund appropriations that had been withheld under the earlier executive order.

Walgreens to offer vaccines

Following Ohio guidance regarding the availability of additional vaccine supply, select Walgreens pharmacies in the state will now offer COVID-19 vaccines to patients age 75 and older who are eligible as part of Phase 1B of the national vaccine rollout plan.

While COVID-19 vaccines are not yet available to everyone, eligible Ohio residents will be able to schedule their appointments online at COVID-19 vaccine appointment scheduler at www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 or by calling their local Walgreens. Appointments will be required in order to receive a vaccine, and walk-ins are not accepted.

In accordance with Ohio guidance, those eligible must live in the state.

For more info on Walgreens COVID-19 efforts and latest information, visit <https://news.walgreens.com/covid-19/covid-19-faq.htm>.



Senior center continues lunch services

While they are closed to the public, the East Toledo Senior Center continues to provide services and lunches to area seniors. Lunches are available Monday through Friday as either "Grab 'n Go" or home delivered. Top left, kitchen volunteers Gary Hymore and Jill Glander. Bottom left, employee Chuck Worthy and volunteer Doreen Robeson head out for deliveries. For more information or how to volunteer call Mary Wolff at 419-691-2254 ext. 202. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

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Reps again push for waiving assessment testing

By Larry Limpf

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Two state legislators have reintroduced a bill that would cancel end-of-year state testing for the 2020-2021 school year due to the coronavirus pandemic and the complications it has caused.

Representatives Lisa Sobecki, D-Toledo, and Jeff Crossman, D-Parma, reintroduced House Bill 686 that would exempt public and chartered non-public schools from administering the state achievement assessments for the 2020-21 school year.

In its original form, the bill also prohibited the state department of education from publishing and issuing ratings for overall grades, components, and individual measures on the state report cards and submitting preliminary data for report cards for school districts and buildings for the school year.

"Although HB 686 never received a hearing during the last General Assembly, we continued to hear from school administrators, teachers, and parents about the importance of canceling state testing again due to the ongoing pandemic," said Rep. Sobecki. "We are still hearing from constituents today that we should not have state testing this spring, so we decided to reintroduce our bill."

Sobecki and Crossman plan to meet with Speaker of the House Bob Cupp to

Kids have been through so much in the last 11 months and adding another stressor into their lives is just not good for kids.

discuss the bill. As of last Wednesday the bill hadn't been assigned to a committee.

"We know there is broad and bipartisan support for this legislation, which is why Rep. Sobecki and I have continued to press this issue," said Rep. Crossman. "We have reached out to the speaker's office multiple times, both during the last General Assembly and this one, to meet with Speaker Cupp to discuss the importance of this legislation, and we will continue to do so. Forcing state mandated tests under the current pandemic conditions makes no sense at this point."

Jim Witt, superintendent of Lake schools, said he supports the bill.

"I am in full support of dropping achievement tests. Kids have been through

so much in the last 11 months and adding another stressor into their lives is just not good for kids," he said. "Achievement tests are also costly - I think somewhere in the vicinity of \$1 billion per year. At a time when state funding to schools continues to be cut due to a lack of resources, this would be an area where a cost savings could be recognized as well. I commend Ms. Sobecki and her colleague for their efforts."

A spokesman for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators said the organization hasn't yet taken a position on the bill.

Michael Ferguson, superintendent of Genoa schools, also favors waiving the state testing.

"I don't believe there is any value in testing students in a year where state-wide they have been on a variety of learning platforms: hybrid, virtual or full-time in person. Some will have been involved in all three before the year is out. Attendance has been fractured due to isolations and quarantines," he said. "We have had individual students on quarantine as many as five times already with half the year remaining. State assessments will not account for all these interruptions in the learning process. Our own internal assessments are a better way to gauge the growth of our students. They can take into account all the challenges our students have endured, they are less stressful on teachers and students and they are far more accurate."

Alzheimer's programs

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter will present a series of virtual programs in February designed to help families impacted by the disease.

All programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Call 800-272-3900 to sign up.

The February schedule includes:

- Feb 1 – Healthy Living for Brain and Body, 3 p.m.
- Feb 1 – Living with Alzheimer's – Younger Onset, 6 p.m.
- Feb 2 – Dementia Conversations, 2:30 p.m.
- Feb 3 – Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 11 a.m.
- Feb 4 – Effective Communication Strategies, 3 p.m.
- Feb 4 – Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers, Late Stage - Part 1, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 8 – Dementia Conversations, 11 a.m.
- Feb 8 – Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 3 p.m.

Visit alz.org or call 800-272-3900 for more details.

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Vanguard sets virtual open house

Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers (VSCTC), located in Fremont, will present a virtual experience as an alternative to the annual public open house Tuesday, Feb. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

The e-Experience will take place on the district website at www.vscctc.org. This event will offer students and their families an opportunity to virtually explore the benefits of career-tech education.

"COVID-19 has truly impacted our recruitment efforts, as we have not been able to host our popular campus visits for students at our partner schools" Superintendent Greg Edinger said. "We are excited about this creative platform where people can still get an in-depth view of our programs and learn about the benefits of choosing Career Tech Education, while remaining safe and following safety guidelines."

The e-Experience is an interactive plat-

form that uses many different tools where visitors can move at their own pace and explore programs that are of interest to them. Current students will walk participants through different options that include:

- Question-and-answer opportunities with instructors via Zoom calls.
- Exploring programs through short videos that feature students from that program.
- Taking a virtual tour of the lab and learning space for each program. Interactive buttons in the virtual tour feature more videos, photos, and information.
- Learning about course topics and available industry credentials.
- Applying for a program through the online application.

Additional informational sessions will be available Feb. 3 from 12-1 p.m.; Feb. 10 from 3-4 p.m.; Feb. 17 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 24 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. The priority deadline is Friday, March 5.

Volunteers sought

The East Toledo Senior Center is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals to local senior citizens.

Throughout the pandemic, the center has continued to provide lunches Monday-Friday, offered through Grab 'n Go or home delivery. The center is averaging about 100 meals a day, with the delivery list growing daily, according to Mary Wolff, director.

Volunteers typically arrive at the center, located at 1001 White St., between 11:15 and 11:30 a.m. Deliveries typically take no more than an hour.

"We would love to have people that can do it on a regular basis, such as one day a week or more, if available," Wolff said.

For more information or to volunteer, call 419-691-2254 ext. 202.

• Dustin R. Schuler, 105 Cherry, Toledo, 90 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 80 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.

• Clarence K. Berry, 5311 Bay Shore, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, unauthorized use of property.

• Mark P. Schnabel, 1825 Reva, Northwood, 180 days CCNO, 120 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.

• John Louis Hamric, 5813 Monroe, Sylvania, 180 days CCNO, 135 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.

• Michael Lewis Garcia, 122 Spring, Bradner, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.

• Jaclyn Marie Stevenson, 5703 Woodville, Northwood, \$147 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.

• Anthony Herndon, 3615 Lakepointe, Northwood, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

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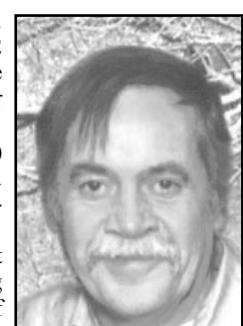
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Obituaries

Obituary

Gregory V. Baisch

November 20, 1952 – December 31, 2020



Gregory V. Baisch, 68, of Walbridge, died December 31, 2020 at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital. He was born in Toledo on November 20, 1952 to Richard and Virginia (Lepper) Baisch, who preceded him in death. He was a 1971 graduate of Rogers High School in Toledo, and worked for Crown Cork and Seal for many years until his disability.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, children; Jennifer (Steve Everett) Donnelly, and Brent (Ward Bodnar) Baisch, Grandchildren; Tyler J. Baisch and Payton M. Donnelly, Siblings; Dianne (Gary) Coker and Cindy (Richard) Correll.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at the Witzler-Shank-Walker Funeral Home in Walbridge. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the family. In honor of Greg, everyone that attended his memorial service wore a flannel shirt and blue jeans.

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This week in Toledo:**Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years**

Week of Jan. 31 through Feb. 6

Jan. 31

1922 Prohibition triggers wave of alcohol poisonings as people try to imbibe raw wood alcohol and ethanol based drinks, also called "canned heat". The Toledo Health Department reports 300 poisonings and 20 deaths from the previous year.

1932 Toledo Fire Department ladder truck and a city bus collide on Collingwood Boulevard, killing two Toledo firemen. They are identified as Captain Andrew Flynn and Bernard Orzechowski of Number 16 Hook and Ladder Co.

Feb. 1

1921 Community Traction Company begins operations with electric street car operations in Toledo.

1936 Toledo first grader Barb Lamont celebrates her sixth birthday with a bullet in her brain after she had been shot 18 months before. Doctors fear surgery might do more harm than good. The young girl is reported



to be doing well in school.

1953 Toledo's Water Commissioner reports that city water use plummets during popular TV shows, then spikes when TV programs end. "I Love Lucy" ranks number one in this water ratings system.

Feb. 2

1813 Construction begins on Ft. Meigs at the banks of Maumee River by General Harrison. The fort is being readied for battle with the British in the war of 1812.

1929 The New Sandusky Bay Bridge is opened. Homing pigeons are used to send the news back to Toledo Mayor William Jackson. Only one of them makes it.

Week ending Jan. 22

Allen Township

01/19/2021 Dennis R and Joanne E Karl to Jeshurun R and Amanda R St. John, 5615 North Oakwood Lane, \$250,000.

01/21/2021 Betty A Mlynec to George and Nancy Khouri, 24140 West Young, \$242,000.

01/22/2021 Scott F and Kristi M Lau to Justin S and Shelby T Lau, 5575 North Opfer Lentz Road, \$90,000.

Catawba Island Township

01/19/2021 Patricia L Schraadt to Robert J Schraadt, 4789 E Schoolhouse Road, \$137,000.

01/22/2021 Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services to Robert J and Alona K Martin, 3895 East Vineyard Village Drive, \$250,000.

01/22/2021 W.W Emerson Company to Keith A and Kimberly L Babcock, 3567 & 3573 East High Point Lane, \$29,900.

Genoa Corp

01/20/2021 Diane Terry (Successor Trustee)

to Angela J White, 202 West Second Street, \$131,000.

01/22/2021 Lori L Litton to Crystal L Bays, 1513 Superior Street, \$170,000.

Harris Township

01/20/2021 Jason D Goetz to Justin Donald Mathew Radick, 14760 West State Route 163, \$120,000.

Danbury Township

01/20/2021 Elizabeth A Kesterson to James S and Deana J Spencer, 1070 Buck road, \$25,000.

01/20/2021 Kristopher J and Kimberly S Carico to Elizabeth A Kesterson, 319 South Spring Crest, \$47,822.10.

01/20/2021 Jane L Curtiss and William Hire to Stephen L Ruedrich to Loralee Marsh, 620 Poplar, \$411,500.

Feb. 3

1862 Work is underway on construction of POW camp for Confederate officers at Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay.

1950 Ernest Tiedtke, one of the founding brothers of the famous Toledo department store, dies at the age of 77.

Feb. 4

1898 Toledo Mayor Samuel "Golden Rule" Jones orders draconian crackdown on Sunday activities. Jones decrees that saloons, stores and theaters are to close on the Sabbath and puts a ban on Sunday newspaper delivery. He also orders arrest of concert goers at the Valentine Theater.

1946 A near tragedy occurs when 282 students narrowly escape a blaze that tore through their school building in Temperance.

Feb. 5

1907 The Toledo Yacht Club at Bay View Park burns to the ground in a devastating fire. There were no injuries but thousands

of dollars of artwork, trophies and memorabilia are lost to the flames.

1929 Herta Zimmerman, Toledo, 21, is selected in a contest called "Toledo's Most Deserving Girl" and will get to spend a week in Hollywood with movie star Mary Pickford.

1930 The Farmers and Merchants Bank in Sylvania is robbed by five gun toting bandits of more than \$2,000. One of those bandits is the notorious "Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He is later caught and convicted, but escapes on his way to the Ohio penitentiary.

Feb. 6

1884 A large section of the original Perrysburg-Maumee bridge is swept away by flood waters on the Maumee River.

1888 Industrialist Edward Drummond Libbey signs a contract to move his glass making factory from Boston to Toledo, thus ushering in Toledo's era as the "Glass Capital of the World"

01/21/2021 Amy Timmons to Clare Jordan, 329 East Seventh Street, \$98,500.

01/22/2021 Valerie K Culver to Logan Randall McKinney, 749 Kaspar Street, \$173,500.

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01/22/21 Melanie M Anslow (aka Melanie M Duff) to Doug Fulton, 0 Duff, \$105,000.

Salem Township

01/22/2021 Franklin E and Bernadine A Hammer to Dean J Hammer, 1710 Portage South Road, \$40,000.

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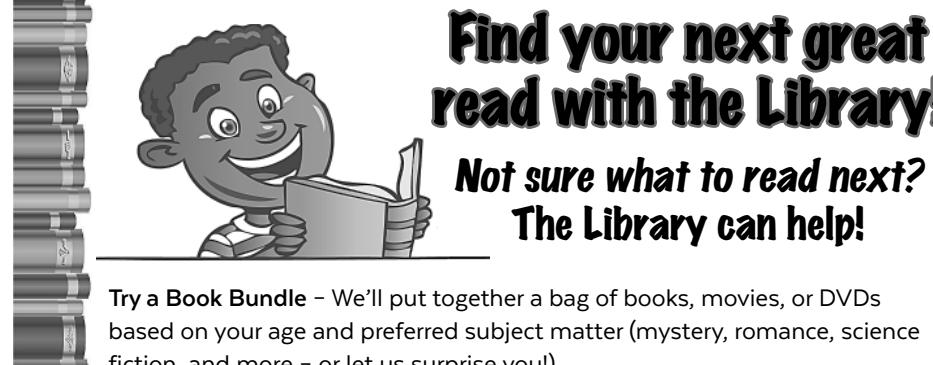
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Workplace

Foundation director hired

Genacross Lutheran Services has announced the appointment of **Michael A. George** as Executive Director for the Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation.

George will be responsible for leading and strengthening a comprehensive fundraising program in support of the organization's mission and goals.

"Mike joins Genacross after an extensive search to ensure we found the perfect person to fill this valuable role," said Rick Marshall, President/CEO. "He comes to us with many years of philanthropic experience with mission-focused organizations."

George served as Vice President for Philanthropic Services & Advancement at the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, where he led the fundraising department and was a member of the executive leadership team. Prior to his work with the Toledo Community Foundation, he was Director of Development & Annual Fund at Lourdes University.

George is a graduate of Miami (Ohio) University with a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration. He obtained his Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation in 2016.



Michael A. George

Seedling sale, tree workshop

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District's tree seedling sale is under way.

Trees available include:

- Conifers – American Arborvitae, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, and Bald Cypress;
- Hardwoods: Red Maple, Shagbark Hickory, Swamp White Oak, and Tulip Poplar;
- Wildlife Shrubs: Black Chokeberry, Highbush Cranberry, and Redbud.

Packets are \$12, with 10 seedlings included per packet. Quantities are limited.

Orders and payment are due by Monday, March 1. Order forms are available at the district office, 1616 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green (Greenwood Centre – The Courtyard), online at www.woodswcd.com, and on the district's Facebook page.

Tree workshop

A tree workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at the district office. Joe

Puperi, of Advanced Tree Health, LTD, will give a brief presentation and answer questions.

Those who would like to attend are asked to make a reservation to help ensure proper social distancing. Face masks are required. A Zoom link will also be provided at registration for those who would like to attend virtually. Register online at www.woodswcd.com or call the district office at 419-354-5517, #4.

Wood SWCD Board organizes

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors recently met for a regular meeting and administered the oath of office to two new members, Logan Riker-Chamberlain and Matthew Davis.

The board of supervisors meets the third Friday of each month at 8 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Wood SWCD Office and via Zoom. Contact the district at www.woodswcd.com or call the office at 419-354-5517 for a Zoom link.

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Opinion

The real juggernaut of politics is higher education

By Matt Beienburg

Americans just poured an eye-popping \$14 billion into the 2020 elections, making it the single most expensive campaign cycle in U.S. history. Yet for those on the right, all the campaign contributions in the world may ultimately amount to little more than political chump change.

That is, at least, if conservatives, libertarians, and even moderate independents continue funding their own defeat in (particularly higher) education.

Consider, for instance, a few facts:

America spends over \$600 billion every single year on higher education, where fully two-thirds of U.S. high school graduates now enroll. Yet despite relying on state funding from Republican- and Democratic-led state legislatures alike, tuition payments from both left- and right-leaning families, and the generous endowments from alumni of all political stripes, colleges and universities look increasingly like currency converters whose exchange rate swaps bipartisan bank notes for credits toward an increasingly singular and intolerant brand of "social justice." One where intellectual diversity and the fearless deliberation of ideas have yielded to "safe spaces," speaker shoutdowns, political intimidation, and as recently documented by Goldwater Institute Senior Fellow Jonathan Butcher, radically divisive and politically extreme "critical race theory" teachings. (Even university medical students will be taking "oaths" written by their peers committing to "dismantle" the oppression perpetrated by their colleagues.)

Now, presumably, the folks cutting checks to candidates and campaigns during elections would quickly fold up their wallets in open revolt if their contributions wound up spent in direct opposition to their platform or beliefs – and rightfully so. Yet strangely, many of these same benefactors have willingly made an exception when it

Succumbing to fear may lead down a path you regret

Fear has an evolutionary foundation. The emotion of fear was intended to keep you safe. Fear triggered the fight or flight reflex. When you felt threatened, you would either run from the danger, or fight it head on.

Fear remains as powerful an emotion today as it was eons ago. Fear is helpful when it prevents you from taking needless risks. However, fear can lead to acting contrary to your self-interests. Fear often leads to procrastination, or following the wrong path.

Debilitating fears include fear of failure, fear of loneliness, fear of rejection, fear of ridicule, fear of criticism, fear of job loss, and fear of poverty. Ironically, succumbing to fear leads to the very failure you were afraid of.

For example, fear of public speaking can be debilitating. People who succumb to stage fright never speak in front of people. It's interesting to note that there are a number of notable actors and musicians who had to overcome stage fright in order to pursue their passion. Had they succumbed to their fear, they would never have succeeded.

Fear is created in your mind by conjuring up, and obsessing about worst case scenarios. You create your own mental monster which impedes progress towards your goals. Since you have created this fear, you can also vanquish it. Replace your worst-case scenarios with best case outcomes.

Fear can be based on external factors. Such as when you are fearful of the actions other people may take if you don't comply

Time for change

To the editor: Change is needed at the Oregon City School District in regards to the administration and board which have made decisions costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The following events depicts why change is needed:

- The union contracts were negotiated by the superintendent and the treasurer and approved by the school board in May, 2019. The unions gave no concessions but were given raises of 3 percent plus 2 percent step increases for 2020; 2.75 percent plus 2 percent for 2021, and 2.75 percent and 2 percent for 2022.

The administrators and non-union personnel also received pay raises. (This necessitated a levy due to expenses increasing.)

-The board was asked to have a state performance audit prior to a levy being placed on the ballot as there are items from a 2009 performance audit still not resolved. The 2009 audit recommended changes that would result in \$6 million in savings, including deleting retirement pick-up benefits.

A letter by the superintendent concerning spending can be viewed at the school website.

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Genoa, Elmore libraries offering “Winter Read” Program

Suffering from a case of the winter blues?

Take comfort in a book and earn chances to win prizes while you're at it with Winter Read Program at the Elmore and Genoa libraries.

Earn virtual tickets for each book that you read and log online or via paper logs at the library. Tickets will be entered into a grand prize drawing at the end of the program. Participate in challenges every month to earn extra tickets.

Paper logs are available at the Harris-Elmore and Genoa Branch libraries (library staff can sign you up and keep track for you) or sign up and track your progress online at wandooreader.com/harriselmorelibrary/winter-read. Collect a small prize when you sign up at the library.

All ages are welcome. The program runs through Saturday, Feb. 27.

Grand prizes include:

- Kids: Oreo Ultimate Dunking Gift Set.
- Teens: Movie Night Gift Basket.
- Adults: Winter Hot Cocoa Gift Basket.

For more information or to sign up, call the Harris-Elmore Public Library at 419-862-2482 or Genoa Branch Library at 419-855-3380.

February programs

Each month, the Elmore and Genoa libraries offer fun, free crafts and programs that allow community members to get involved while still following COVID-19 safety guidelines. Check out the full list of programs at www.harriselmorelibrary.org/.

The library will be hosting parking lot bingo on Feb. 4 at the Genoa quarry (behind the Big Dipper) at 11:30 a.m. and on Feb. 22 at the Elmore Historical Society (facing the barn) at 6 p.m. Carpool with members of your household and play through the radio. Bingo cards and markers will be provided. This is a free event for all ages.

Dueling Piano Night at B-C-S

The Benton-Carroll-Salem Music Boosters will present its annual Dueling Piano Night featuring Main Street Dueling Pianos Saturday, Jan. 30 from 7-10 p.m.

The fearless, professional musical team performs an all-request show with a healthy dose of interactive comedy thrown

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in to entertain any audience. The show will be presented free on Facebook Live. Song requests may be made in the comments on the live stream.

To access the livestream, visit <https://fb.me/e/3QMflU9YE> or OakHarborBands.com.

Valentine's Wine & Dine at Toledo Zoo

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Toledo Zoo with a Wine & Dine Valentine's Day Dinner in the Great Hall on Feb. 13. Admission is \$80 for members and \$85 for non-members. Visit toledozoo.org/wine to purchase your tickets.

Call for artists

The Toledo Zoo is seeking creative minds and skilled craftsmen to take part in Wild About Art, which will be held Aug. 7-8.

Art does not have to be animal related. Applications must be submitted online through ZAPP by Monday, April 26.

Visit <https://www.toledozoo.org/wildaboutart> to learn more and submit an application.

Love Letters of the 1920s

Hancock Historical Museum Curator and Activist Joy Bennett will share love letters from the museum's newest exhibit with Wood County District Public Library patrons at an online program Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. The letters, which are from the early 20th century, detail a couple's journey and romance.

“Come and explore the 1920s through the eyes of two love-struck young adults – Earl “Bill” Kennedy, a veteran of ‘The Great War,’ and his fiancée, Marie “Mickey” McCarthy, a working woman in Cleveland – as they try to navigate the new world and they find themselves in the post-war era,” Bennett said. “With prohibition, women’s

suffrage, the new woman, and a four-to-five-hour drive separating them, how can they keep their love alive? They write letters.”

Bennett will share these letters and talk about what they may reveal about our not-so-distant relatives and ourselves.

Registration is required. To register, email woodref@wcdpl.org or call 419-352-5050.

Metroparks Valentine Program

Fall in love with the great outdoors Feb. 12 and 13 on a self-guided walk around the Cannaley Treehouse Village, located at Oak Openings Metropark Beach Ridge area, 3520 Waterville-Swanton Rd., Swanton.

Enjoy a stress-free date night during Valentine's Day weekend that includes, s'mores, Valentines, chocolates and coffee. The walk length is .6 miles over uneven terrain. Hourlong walks begin from 6:30-7:30 p.m., with the last walk to be scheduled from 8-9 p.m.

All participants must wear masks and abide by proper social distancing guidelines for the duration of the program. Mask breaks are allowed when appropriate. Participants must bring their own masks.

The registration fee is \$15 per person. This program runs rain or shine. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Register online at metroparkstoledo.com, or call 419-407-9700 to speak with a customer service representative during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Museum evening hours

The Wood County Museum, located at 13660 County Home Rd., Bowling Green, is open for extended evening hours on the third Thursday of each month, when hours will be 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

The extended hours will offer a chance for visitors who normally cannot visit during the day to tour the museum. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, with discounts for seniors, students and military. Historical Society members receive free admission as well as a gift shop discount.

Due to state and county COVID-19 restrictions, social distancing and masks are required inside the museum buildings at

all times. There are multiple hand sanitizer stations set up throughout the building as well.

The museum is handicap accessible with an elevator, handicap restrooms, and ample parking in the visitor lot as well as behind the museum (south side). The south elevator entrance is also behind the museum.

The museum's normal hours for self-guided tours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends from 1-4 p.m. The museum is closed on government holidays.

For more details, visit woodcounty-history.org or follow the Wood County Museum on social media.

AARP to honor George Clooney

AARP The Magazine will honor George Clooney with its annual Movies for Grownups Career Achievement Award.

Clooney – a recipient of two Academy Awards, a BAFTA and three Golden Globes, including the Cecil B. DeMille award – will be honored at the Movies for Grownups (MFG) Awards, which will be broadcast on Sunday, March 28 at 8 p.m. by Great Performances on PBS.

“We are delighted to honor George Clooney, whose mastery – and wit – make him one of the most talented and beloved actors of our day, and a director who’d be famous even if we’d never seen him on screen,” said AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins. “The combination of his smarts, hard work and experience shows just how wrong stereotypes about aging are.”

For two decades, AARP's Movies for Grownups program has championed movies for grownups, by grownups, by advocating for the 50-plus audience, fighting industry ageism and encouraging films that resonate with older viewers. AARP's Movies for Grownups has focused on quality content and will continue to do so by expanding its awards program to TV categories.

The MFG Awards winners will be announced on March 4 at www.aarp.org/moviesforgrownups. The virtual ceremony will be broadcast by Great Performances on Sunday, March 28 at 8 p.m. on PBS (check local listings), pbs.org/moviesforgrownups and the PBS Video app.

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Wednesday, Feb. 3
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Thursday, Feb. 4
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Monday, Feb. 8
Sliced Turkey
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Tuesday, Feb. 9
Fred's Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Chicken Paprikas
at Hall Location

Thursday, Feb. 11
BBQ Pork Sandwich
Cheesy Potatoes

Monday, Feb. 15
Salisbury Steak
Irish Potatoes

Tuesday, Feb. 16
Oven Baked Chicken
Twice Baked Potato Casserole

Wednesday, Feb. 17
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Thursday, Feb. 18
St. Louis Ribs
Scalloped Potatoes

Monday, Feb. 22
Beef Stroganoff
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Tuesday, Feb. 23
Stuffed Peppers
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Entertainment

2021 Season

Fremont Speedway to feature 20 events

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Fremont Speedway's 70th Anniversary season will feature 20 events in 2021 featuring appearances by the Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions, the Ti22 Performance FAST series, the NPD Buckeye Outlaw Sprint Series and the third season of the Kistler Racing Products-All Pro Aluminum Cylinder Heads Attica Fremont Championship Series (AFCS). The 305 sprints will compete in 16 events in 2021 with the dirt trucks battling in 16 events as well.

It all kicks off April 24 with the Fort Ball Pizza Palace 410 Sprints, Fremont Federal Credit Union 305 Sprints and the Burmeister Trophy Dirt Trucks.

"As we all know last year was a huge challenge for everyone with the pandemic impacting everything we do and Fremont Speedway was no different. But thanks to the cooperation from the race teams, fans, our staff and marketing partners and great communication and cooperation with the Sandusky County Health Department we were able to hold 14 events. We are all hoping we can get back to a full schedule in 2021. Of course much is dependent on what restrictions are put in place by the government, but nonetheless, we are excited to get back to racing," said Ryan Schiels, Director of the Sandusky County Agricultural Society's Speedway Committee.

The Kistler Racing Products/All Pro Aluminum Cylinder Heads AFCS Presented by the Baumann Auto Group will kick off eight events at "The Track That Action Built" for the 410 sprints on May 1. It will also be the first of nine NAPA of Bryan AFCS Presented by Jason Dietsch Trailer Sales events for the 305 sprints.

Tony Stewart's All Star Circuit of Champions will visit Fremont Speedway for the 128th time on Saturday, June 12 as part of the Ohio Sprint Speedweek which features eight events over nine days across the Buckeye state. The All Stars will wrap up their season along with Fremont Speedway's year with the 14th Annual Jim & Joanne Ford Classic, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9.

The FAST 410 winged sprint cars will visit Fremont Speedway on May 29, July 31, Aug. 14 and Sept. 18 with the non-winged BOSS series coming to town on May 29, Aug. 14 and Sept. 18.

Other special events include the Fremont Speedway Hall of Fame inductions on Saturday, June 5; the first ever appearance of the steel block late models on

FREMONT SPEEDWAY 2021 SCHEDULE

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| Apr. 24 | 410's, 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| May 1 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| May 15 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| May 22 | 410's, 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| May 29 | FAST 410's, BOSS non-wing and Dirt Trucks |
| June 5 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's, Dirt Trucks and Vintage Cars for Hall of Fame Night |
| June 12 | Ohio All Star Speedweek with The All Star Circuit of Champions 410's and 305's |
| June 26 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| July 10 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| July 24 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| July 31 | FAST 410's, GLSS 360's and 305's |
| Aug. 7 | AFCS 410's, AFCS 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| Aug. 14 | FAST 410's, BOSS non-wing and Dirt Trucks |
| Aug. 24 | AFCS 305 Fair Race |
| Sept. 11 | AFCS 410 and 305 Championship Night and Dirt Trucks |
| Sept. 18 | FAST 410's, BOSS non-wing and Dirt Trucks |
| Sept. 25 | 410's, 305's, Dirt Trucks and Steel Block Late Model Series |
| Oct. 2 | Fremont Speedway Championship Night with 410's, 305's and Dirt Trucks |
| Oct. 8 | Jim & Joanne Ford Classic with All Star Circuit of Champions and Dirt Trucks |
| Oct. 9 | Jim & Joanne Ford Classic with All Star Circuit of Champions and 305 sprints |
- (Dates, Series and Divisions are subject to change. Race Night Sponsor List TBA)*

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Sept. 25; all sprint cars on July 31 with the FAST 410 sprints, Great Lakes 360 Sprint Series and 305 sprints; and the AFCS 305 sprints during the Sandusky County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

"Of course with the pandemic the schedule...including series and divisions...is subject to change. We could see race start times change as well, depending on Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's curfew. But, we are confident the race teams and fans will adapt with us and support us like they did last year," said Schiels.

Keep up to date with Fremont Speedway by going to www.fremontohiospeedway.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FremontSpeedway or on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/FremontSpeedway>.

Attica Raceway adding seating

With the growing popularity of the Ohio Logistics Brad Doty Classic presented by Racing Optics and the addition of another World of Outlaws NOS Energy Drink Sprint Car Series event for 2021, Attica Raceway Park (ARP) has plans to increase seating ca-

pacity.

The World of Outlaws will visit ARP for the Kistler Engines Classic on May 21 and return for the Brad Doty Classic on Tuesday, July 13. Add the five appearances at "Ohio's Finest Racing" speedplant of the Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champions, ARP Promoter John Bores felt more seating is a necessity.

"Not knowing if there will be any covid restrictions for seating this season along with the great crowd we had last year for the Brad Doty Classic and the talented roster the All Stars will have in 2021, we wanted to give fans an even better experience than before and John Bores stepped up to do just that," said Rex LeJeune, Director of Operations at ARP.

Seven more rows of seating will be added at the top of sections A, B and C in turn one and sections H, I and J to the north of the flag stand. That will put the top rows at row 22 instead of row 15.

"With the cooperation of the weather the new aluminum seats will be done before opening night on Friday, March 19," said LeJeune.

Reserved seating is now available for the two World of Outlaw events by going to www.atticaracewaypark.com and clicking on the link on the race banners.

Keep up with Attica Raceway Park at www.atticaracewaypark.com or follow the track on Twitter @atticaracewypark or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/atticaracewaypark and Instagram at atticaraceway_park.

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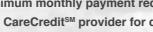
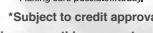


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“Natural Shocks” on stage and livestreamed Feb. 5-7

Actors Collaborative Toledo will present “Natural Shocks,” by Lauren Gunderson, at the Toledo Rep Theatre Feb. 5-7.

Inspired by the words of Hamlet’s “To be or not to be” soliloquy, Gunderson’s “Natural Shocks” is 60-minute, one-woman tour-de-force play that features Angela, who’s waiting out an approaching tornado in her basement. She brims over with quirks, stories, and confessions. As the real danger grows imminent, she reveals a final secret that brings the reality of guns in America into sharp focus.

Cindy Bilby stars and Jeffrey Albright directs the production for Actors Collaborative Toledo—the area’s first staging of this provocative play.

The production is available live at the theatre, 16 Tenth St., Toledo, and via livestream Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Live audiences are required to wear a mask that covers both the nose and mouth at all times while in the building. Concessions are not available, and outside food and drink is prohibited. The lobby is closed but restrooms are open and are limited to one patron at a time. There is no intermission.

Live and streaming tickets are available at toledorep.org/buy-tickets/.

Ongoing events

Through Feb. 14: “Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change,” New Media Gallery, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit brings historical and contemporary works together in critical dialogue to consider how quilts have been used to voice opinions, raise awareness, and enact social reform in the U.S. from the mid-19th century to the present. toledomuseum.org.

Through Feb. 14: “Telling Stories: Resilience and Struggle in Contemporary Narrative Drawing,” New Media Gallery, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit showcases the extraordinary vitality of contemporary drawing as an expressive medium as presented through the works of Amy Cutler, Robyn O’Neil, and Annie Pootoogook. toledomuseum.org.

Through Feb. 28: Special exhibit “The Press & The Presidency,” Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. This exhibit will investigate how the press and presidency have coexisted throughout American history. Exhibit is included with regular admission. Members admitted free. 419-332-2081, www.rbhayes.org.

Through April 4: “Luminous Visions: Phillip K. Smith III and Light Across the Collection,” Gallery 18, Toledo Museum of Art. California-based artist Phillip K. Smith III creates light-based installations that explore the relationships between light, color,



Cindy Bilby stars in Lauren Gunderson’s “Natural Shocks,” presented by Actors Collaborative Toledo at the Toledo Rep Theatre Feb. 5-7. (Submitted photo)

space, and form. To mark the significant acquisition of Smith’s “Flat Torus 4,” this exhibition considers the work alongside objects from TMA’s collection that explore the theme of light from a wide range of perspectives. toledomuseum.org

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 12-28: Orchid Show, Toledo Zoo. Become immersed in beautiful blooms throughout the ProMedica Museum of Natural History and Aquarium. Discover the vibrant colors, delightful scents and interesting backstories of rare and exotic orchid species from around the world. Included with zoo admission. www.toledozoo.org/orchidshow.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays through March 10: Metroparks After Dark: Hiking Trails, various locations. Every Tuesday and Wednesday through March 10, sunset-8 p.m. (different park each night). Enjoy an invigorating evening hike through your parks at a time when the parks are usually closed. No registration required; just show up. Feb. 2’s hike will be at Pearson Metropark (lot #1). For a complete schedule, visit www.visittoledo.org/events/metroparks-after-dark/.

Saturdays through March: Travel Circle (Online): Maumee Valley Adventurers and Metroparks Toledo presenting the annual Travel Circle series online via Zoom this year. Local residents share their world travel experiences each week. Tune in at 2 p.m. every to watch the live webinar, or watch videos from previous weeks. In lieu of the usual weekly hikes, Metroparks is suggesting trails you can hike on your own. <https://metroparkstoledo.com/discover/blog/posts/travel-circle-online-series-brings-the-world-to-you/>.

February events

Jan. 30 & 31: Sounds of Music Super Bridal Show, Stranahan Theatre. www.soundsofmusicdjs.com/main/bridal-shows/. Guests can schedule their times to ensure social distancing. Only 100 people permitted at a time.

Feb. 2: Virtual Groundhog Day Celebration presented by Metroparks Toledo, 10 a.m. Celebrate winter’s halftime with Metroparks. Will Wildwood Willie see his shadow and predict six more weeks of winter, or will he declare that spring is just around the corner? www.facebook.com/MetroparksToledo/.

Feb. 3: Port of Toledo: Then & Now Roundtable, presented by National Museum of the Great Lakes, 7 p.m. Historians and experts from the Toledo area will be on hand for the virtual event, which is the capstone of the museum’s yearlong exhibit, “Port of Toledo: Then and Now.” Free; donations accepted. nmgl.org/event/spring-lecture-series-2021-port-of-toledo/.

Feb. 6: Valentine’s Open House, Beeker’s General Store & Downtown Deco, downtown Pemberville. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Featuring handcrafted items and delights from a number of local artisans at Beeker’s, and fresh floral blooms on display at Downtown Deco. Beeker’s is accepting reservations for Romantic Carriage Rides on Feb. 13 from 4-10 p.m. (reservations and prepayment required). Call 419-287-3274 or visit Beeker’s on Facebook.

Feb. 6: Pianist Stewart Goodyear Returns, Toledo Museum of Art. Proclaimed “one of the best pianists of his generation” by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Canadian pianist Stewart Goodyear returns to the TMA

Peristyle stage to perform Beethoven’s “Fourth Piano Concerto” at 8 p.m. Get streaming information at <https://stream.artstoledo.com/>.

Feb. 12: Black History Month Celebration (online event), Toledo Museum of Art, noon. Free. Organized by soprano, educator and community organizer Margaret Barron and visual artist and educator Yusuf Lateef, this year’s annual Black History Month Celebration will feature community leader Dr. Donald L. Perryman and artist Alice Grace in conversation with the TMA’s Associate Curator of American Art Lauren Applebaum and poet Ophelia Thompson, with the Toledo School for the Arts creative writing team, and the photography of James Dickerson. toledomuseum.org.

Feb. 14: Valentine Theatre 125th Anniversary Gala (virtual event), 6:7-15 p.m. The COVID-safe, virtual funding anniversary celebration will feature Broadway, screen and SNL alum, singer, comedienne Ana Gasteyer, along with Musical Director Seth Rudetsky. \$25 per household. For an additional \$25, receive an optional gift box containing champagne, Valentine’s Day sweets and a few surprises. Order tickets at valentinetheatre.com.

Feb. 13: Second Saturdays R 4 Kids: “Around the World with Col. Webb Hayes,” Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont. Free. The monthly kids’ program’s theme focuses Rutherford and Lucy Hayes’ son Col. Webb Hayes’ travels around the world. Kids can participate in a craft or activity inspired by Webb’s adventure and the location he visited. This month, Japan is the featured stop on Webb’s travels. This event is an open-house style, so participants can stop by any time between 9:30-11:30 a.m. to complete the activities. This program is focused on kids in K-third grade, but kids of any age are welcome. www.facebook.com/events/811036026316873.

Feb. 15: Presidents Day Celebration, Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Please reserve museum tours in advance. Free admission. rbhayes.org/events/2021/02/15/events/presidents-day-celebration. South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn rides through Spiegel Grove from noon-5 p.m.

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They call the part of the Smokies centered on the towns of Townsend and Maryville the "Quiet Side."

The area, located on the northwest side of Great Smoky Mountain National Park, is in sharp contrast to the hustle and bustle, the traffic jams, and the seemingly endless array of entertainment attractions and restaurants to be found in nearby Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge.

It's more like Gatlinburg used to be 50 years ago.

Oh, it's got everything you need. Good, even great restaurants. Good, even great, accommodations. But it's largely devoid of the attractions many families seek. No amusement parks, no aquariums, no wild west shows.

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Great Smoky Mountains National Park is just a few minutes away. The scenery focuses immediately on mountain streams – the various prongs of the Little River – that cascade along a roadside that's dotted with pull-offs to enjoy the scenery. Cades Cove, a very scenic pastoral anomaly in an otherwise mountainous park, is a premier destination in the park that's an easy drive from Townsend.

Even closer is a side road to Tremont that follows the very scenic Middle Prong of the Little River up the mountainside to a trailhead offering a variety of options to continue exploring on foot.

Head east from Townsend and the road connects to other park features including The Sinks and Metcalf Bottoms, then climbs to Elkmont Area and nearby Laurel Falls, before dropping to Sugarlands Visitor Center. There you can choose to head into Gatlinburg or climb to Newfound Gap to enjoy the beautiful overlooks, perhaps continuing to North Carolina and the town of Cherokee.

Home to some of the nation's most beautiful mountain streams, abundant wildlife – Cades Cove is an excellent place



The John Cable Mill is one of the historic pioneer structures preserved in Cades Cove, one of the premier destinations in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (Photo by Art Weber)

Natural Wanders

by Art Weber

to expect sightings, magnificent vistas, rugged trails to scenic waterfalls, and one of the nation's finest wilderness forests that is especially impressive in fall color.

But every season has its beauty in the Smokies. Even in winter, even without a blanket of snow, the scenery is stunning. The advantage is that the crowds of the warmer seasons are absent, making the "Quiet Side" even quieter for those who seek solace.

Still, even in these COVID times, there are restaurants open year-round that take care to protect customers and serve excellent food. Highest on the list is the Walnut Kitchen in Maryville, which specializes in dry-aged steaks and an extraordinary array of made-from-scratch options. The Dancing Bear Appalachian Bistro and Trailhead Trout and Steak in Townsend are also good choices. Most restaurants offer carryout as options.

Cade Cove Cellars in Townsend offers a nice selection of excellent wines. Stop in and sample several at no charge. Blackberry Farms Brewery in Maryville features excellent brewed-on-site beers, including the best porter we've tasted.

Accommodations range from fully equipped campsites to tiny houses and cabins. Great places to start investigating are Little Arrow Resort, located next to the national park, and Dancing Bear Lodge.

Wherever you go, make sure you understand the destination's COVID practices. We experienced a generally high level of protections, but there were notable and concerning exceptions. It's worth asking in advance or dropping in to scout a location before committing.

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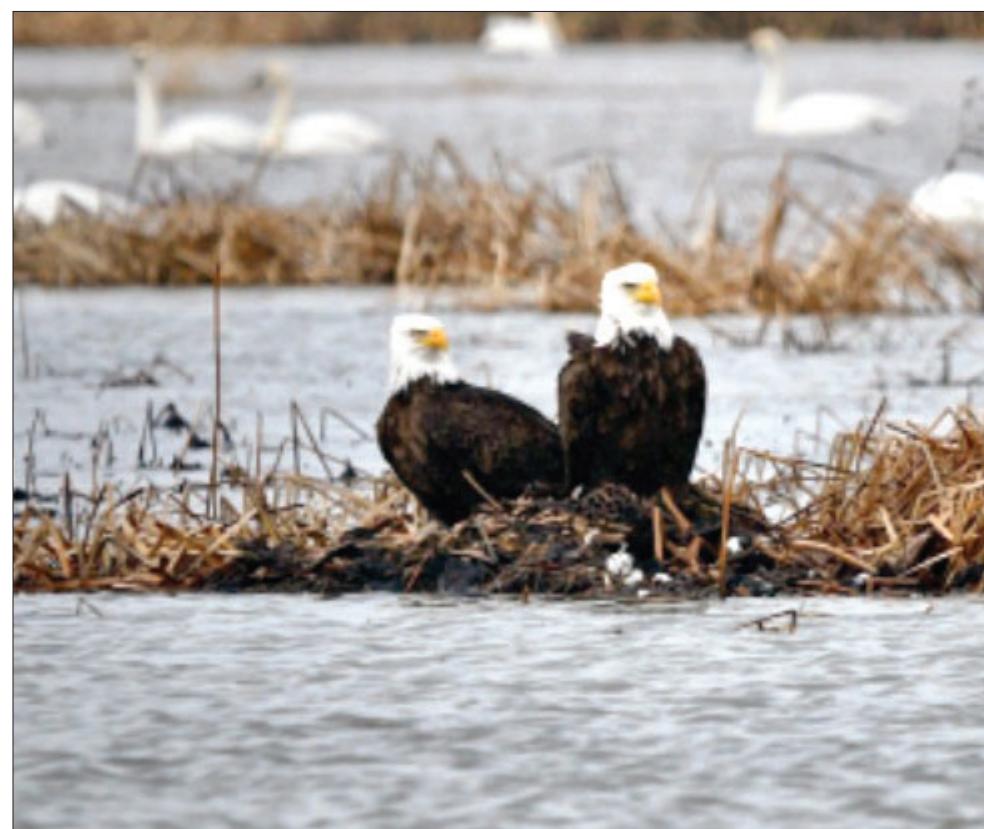
The refuge's bald eagles are busily sprucing up their nests and frequently seen hauling in new sticks and grasses to prepare for eaglets.

A recent citizen science effort led by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife shows that a total of 707 bald eagle nests were reported in the state in 2020. Ottawa County had the most eagle activity with 90 nests, and more than 10% of them were on Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge grounds.

The bald eagle population thrives in the refuge wetlands near Lake Erie. These wetlands provide suitable nesting habitat with plenty of fish, a primary food source for the eagles.

Coronavirus still has the Refuge Visitor Center closed, but Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is now offering a unique opportunity to help support wildlife and habitat conservation efforts where it matters most.

"This time of the year, staff and volunteers are usually hosting Eagle Tours, featuring the nine bald eagle nests on Ottawa Refuge's main complex," said Aimee Arent, Friends Executive Director. "Since we can't do that this year due to coronavirus, we tried to find a fun way to share our love of bald eagles with the community. The 'Adopt an Eagle' program was launched this week as a way to showcase these in-



A pair of bald eagles resting in the marsh in January 2021. Wildlife "couples" can be seen frequently this time of the year as they prepare for spring. (Photo by Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge member Tajinder Singh)

credible raptors while raising funds for the wildlife refuge."

Those who Adopt an Eagle through Friends of Ottawa NWR have three options for support, starting at \$25. Eagles can be adopted on the Friends website at <https://www.friendsofottawanwr.org/adopt-an-eagle.html>. Those who Adopt an Eagle can receive an emailed or mailed certificate, a plush eagle, an eagle beak mask, a refuge patch, a map of Ottawa Refuge's eagle nests, and more.

Arent notes that eagles may also be adopted in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Donations help to support Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge's conservation efforts including land restoration, youth services, and public access projects.

The Adopt an Eagle Program will be available through Feb. 28.

Arent suggests area residents bundle up and visit the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge to see the eagles in person. "More than 360,000 visitors came to the refuge in 2020. As the pandemic continues, people have a need that only nature can fill," she said.

The refuge trails are open daily from sunrise to sunset for hiking, wildlife observation and photography. The Wildlife Drive will also be open Feb. 20-21, weather permitting. Take the opportunity to enjoy seven miles of woods, prairies, and wetlands at the refuge from the comfort of your own vehicle. Several eagle nests are visible from the trails and Wildlife Drive.

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Retrospective of artist Wayne Thiebaud opens Feb. 6

A sweeping retrospective of a legendary American artist's career, "Wayne Thiebaud 100: Paintings, Prints and Drawings," will open at Toledo Museum of Art on Saturday, Feb. 6. The exhibition will run through Sunday, May 2.

In celebration of Thiebaud's 100th birthday in 2020, the exhibition brings together works from the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento, California, as well as works from the Thiebaud family, many of which have never been publicly on view.

Known primarily for his colorful and captivating depictions of cakes and desserts, Thiebaud has also explored still lifes, figural studies, landscapes and urban environments. The exhibition is curated by Scott A. Shields, associate director and chief curator at the Crocker Art Museum, which has collected the artist's work since early in his career.

"Wayne Thiebaud's works are a visual feast and highly accessible, which means they will appeal to audiences of all ages when this exhibition opens in Toledo," said Diane C. Wright, TMA's interim director of curatorial affairs. "Yet when you look closely at Thiebaud's paintings, prints and drawings, you see that they are so much more than realistic depictions of food and everyday scenes. They are layered with his personal interpretations and feelings about the human influences on objects and places that might otherwise be ordinary, but in his hands become something more."

The Crocker Museum has hosted a Thiebaud exhibition every decade, beginning with the artist's first solo show in 1951. Drawing on the Crocker's extensive Thiebaud holdings, "Wayne Thiebaud 100" will showcase the full range of his work in painting, prints and drawings. The Toledo Museum of Art holds two popular food works by Thiebaud in its collection: the painting "Roast Beef Dinner (Trucker's Supper)" (1963) and the print "Candied Apples" (1964).

"Pies, Pies, Pies," one of Thiebaud's most iconic works, is emblematic of the style he is most known for; a familiar dessert laid out tantalizingly on a diner counter. It showcases his fascination with the man-made; each slice of pie has been meticulously processed and manipulated to tempt viewers to enjoy it.

Thiebaud also explored still lifes of single objects, like his "Watermelon with Knife," which differ greatly from more traditional, multi-object still lifes. In his depictions of human figures, like "Betty Jean Thiebaud and Book," Thiebaud stays closer to the realism of his subject yet still layers his interpretation of time and personal history onto the figure. His city scenes, which he conceives through an assembly of sketches that he combines into fully realized paintings and prints, showcase intimate details that imply human presence and impact, rendering what could be a scene of isolation into something deeper.

With his use of bright colors and patterns, and his depiction of quintessential post-war consumer culture, Thiebaud is often categorized as a Pop artist. However, his interest in a sumptuous painterly technique – rather than mechanical reproduction and serialization – sets him apart from traditional Pop artists like Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol.

Born in Mesa, Arizona, in 1920, Thiebaud moved with his family to Southern California as a young child. His early experience as a professional artist included drawing for Walt Disney Studios and the U.S. Army as a cartoonist.

He subsequently received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from California State University, Sacramento, and went on

to teach art for more than 30 years at the University of California, Davis.

Thiebaud's work is included in major museums and institutions throughout the U.S. and has been the subject of numerous exhibitions. In 1994, President Clinton presented him with the National Medal of Arts award, the highest honor awarded to artists and patrons of the arts by the United States government.

"Wayne Thiebaud 100": Paintings, Prints and Drawings" is accompanied by a 212-page book of the same title published by Pomegranate. The publication includes illustrations of the works in the exhibition as well as additional background and photographs of Thiebaud and those who informed his artistic legacy.

Admission to the exhibition is free for Museum members and \$10 for nonmembers. Discounts for military and seniors



Wayne Thiebaud "Pies, Pies, Pies." (Photo courtesy of the Toledo Museum of Art)

(\$7), college students and youth ages 5-17 (\$5) and children 4 and younger (free) are available.

In addition to these discounts, the Museum is offering a variety of ticket promotions throughout the run of the exhibition. Healthcare workers and first responders may receive one free ticket to "Wayne Thiebaud 100" with proof of ID from Feb. 6 through May 2. On Friday, Feb. 12, and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., visitors can buy one "Wayne Thiebaud 100" exhibition ticket and get one ticket of equal or lesser value for free. Finally, youth ages 5-17 can visit the exhibition for free April 2-11.

The exhibition is sponsored locally in part by 2021 Exhibition Program Sponsors Taylor Cadillac and ProMedica with additional support from the Ohio Arts Council, the TMA Ambassadors and the Rita B. Kern Foundation.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit toledomuseum.org.

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Meyer picking up where she left off

By J. Patrick Eaken
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It had been 425 days, 10 hours, and 12 minutes since Bowling Green State University's volleyball game had played a game, but 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter Katelyn Meyer (Eastwood) was in true form.

The Bowling Green volleyball team claimed two of the three Mid-American Conference recognitions with Meyer being named MAC East Offensive Player of the Week and junior Hanna Laube being named MAC East Setter of the Week.

This comes after the Falcons completed a weekend sweep over Northern Illinois to begin the season with 3-2 and 3-0 victories.

Meyer paced the Falcons in both matches for kills, beginning with 20 in Friday's five-set match before landing 19 kills in 38 attempts in Saturday's sweep. Over the two matches, Meyer maintained a .316 hitting percentage, including a mark of .474 during Saturday's match.

"Katelyn Meyer was just unbelievable today (the second match), which she is most nights, said BGSU coach Danijela Tomic. "But it was just unbelievable. The only hitting error that she had was one from the back row. She had to remind me, 'I said you had 19 kills and one error,' and she said, 'Oh, yes, that was the one from the back row.' But, she was outstanding."

In addition to the kills, Meyer also had six digs and a block assist against Northern Illinois. This is Meyer's third career recognition after being named twice last season. In the second match, Meyer also had just one error for an impressive .474 hitting percentage. In addition to the kills, Meyer also had six digs and a block assist against Northern Illinois and she landed seven kills in the first set alone.

Meyer credits her teammates for giving her the opportunity to go all out when she needs to.

"Before the match, we talked about being connected and having each others' backs and playing play-by-play, just winning one point at a time and knowing that we're going to have urgency — I know that my team has my back so I can go through and do all that I can," Meyer said.

Meyer added that after Northern Illinois took BG to five sets in their first match, the team came out with an urgency to sweep the Huskies one night later.

"I think we needed to show everyone what we were capable of because we knew what we showed yesterday wasn't up to our standards and what we've been doing in practice," Meyer said. "It wasn't really pressure, it was that we wanted to attack and show everyone what we've been doing and how hard we have been working."

'Champions get forged'

Tomic believes the five-set match against Northern Illinois displayed her team's resilience.

"We wouldn't have it any other way. We want to be challenged. We want to be pushed. That's how we get better. You know, champions get forged," Tomic said.

"You have to be put through the fire. You have to go through these kind of matches to learn how to face adversity, even when you are not playing your best. Even when you are struggling, still finding a way to win is a sign that we have what it takes to compete for a championship and



Katelyn Meyer (Eastwood). (Photo by Isaiah Vasquez courtesy BGSU Athletics)

that is our goal."

Meyer says communication on the court is key to her team's success.

"We actually talked about that in our meeting before the (second NIU) game, too," Meyer said. "We talked about how much we want to emphasize in huddles and how much we want to connect with each other. I think in this match especially we were very connected with each other.

"I felt like we all have the same more calm energy and even the people on the bench — they are cheering us on with everything they had. We talked about how we all have different roles and everyone is doing their role perfectly and to their best of their abilities. Between the coaches and the players on and off the bench, we all had the same mindset. We were all really connected today."

Tomic says that her freshman class may be the best the program has ever seen, and Meyer says she welcomes the younger players and what they bring.

"We love the freshman class," Meyer said. "We talk about how every year we are going to get players who are more and more talented and it's just going to rise the tide, like iron turns into iron, and with their skills and what we've been doing in practice it's more invested, it's more competitive, so we are really excited for this season."

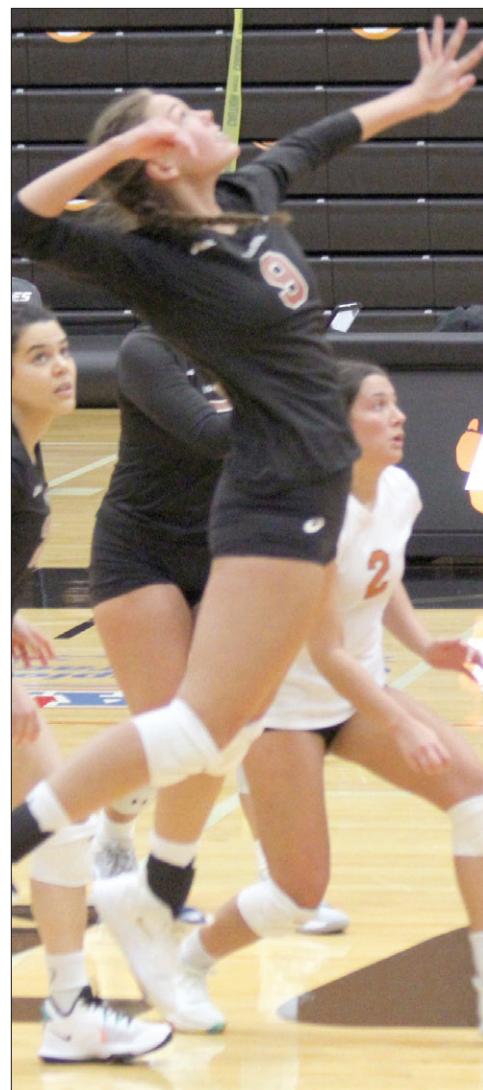
In the MAC volleyball preseason poll BG was picked to finish second in the East Division, as voted on by the conference's

12 head coaches. However, the Falcons did receive the most first place votes in the East division with five. Bowling Green also received the most votes to win the MAC Tournament with five votes there as well.

Meyer was the only Falcon named to the Preseason All-MAC Team. Meyer has ended the season as a member of the All-MAC first team each of her first two years, being both the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Last year, no Falcons were selected to the Preseason All-MAC Team. Meyer was also named to the All-MAC tournament team and was a three-time MAC Offensive Player of the Week winner last year. She was also named to the Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team and the Hampton Inn Bowling Green Invitational All-Tournament Team in 2019.

Last year, she appeared in all 33 matches for the Falcons, playing in 122 sets and led the team with a career-high 459 kills. Meyer registered six 20-plus kill matches, including a career-high 28 against Eastern Michigan. She also totaled 1,374 attack attempts on the season, the third most for a single season in program history and 18th in the nation. She set new career-highs with 104 digs, 39 block assists and 45 total blocks.

As a freshman Meyer averaged 2.81 kills per set to become the team's leader with 267. She registered 14 kills and zero attacks errors for a .424 average in hitting efficiency versus Kent State. That first year Meyer reached double-digit kills in 15 matches and registered a total of 15 service aces.



Kortney Ellison (Lake). (Photo courtesy Ryan Wronkowicz/Lourdes Athletics)

Bekier, Ellison finally return to college court

By Press Staff Writer
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Four former Lake volleyball players were to play collegiately this year, but now only two will actually get on the court because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The other two, who were to play at Owens Community College, will see their college careers remain in limbo for now.

After playing two years at Owens Community College and winning two consecutive NJCAA national championships, 5-foot-10 junior outside hitter Kayla Bekier will begin her junior season this spring playing for NCAA Division II Wheeling University in West Virginia. The Cardinals participate in the Mountain East Conference.

Kortney Ellison, a 5-10 freshman outside hitter, has begun play this spring for NAIA Lourdes University in Sylvania.

Lake volleyball coach Amy Vorst was hoping that Taylor Momany and Kayla's younger sister, Karly Bekier, would get to play at Owens this year, but the local two-year college has canceled its' volleyball season entirely for the school year, says Assistant Athletic Director Judy Loehrke.

"Yes, (we are) very disappointed that we will not be playing this year," Owens coach Sonny Lewis emailed The Press.

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Bekier, Ellison finally return to college volleyball court

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"Taylor is returning to play in the 2021 fall season and Karly is also returning and she still has two years of eligibility."

Kayla Bekier got to play two seasons at Owens, where she was an NJCAA Division III All-American and first team All-Ohio Community College Athletic Conference. She ranked eighth nationally in the NJCAA with 409 kills and a .358 attack percentage and was also chosen to the NJCAA D-III All-Tournament Team.

The second national title was a fitting end to another dominant season for the Express on the volleyball court. Owens began the season as the preseason No. 1 ranked team heading into the 2019 campaign. The Express lost 10 of the 14 players from the year's previous national title team, losing their top three attackers, their top setter, and their starting libero from the year before.

That doesn't mean they did not have a target on their back.

"As exciting as it was to win last year, this year was more exciting because we were defending champs and we had a huge target on our backs and everyone wanted a piece of us because they wanted to say they beat the defending national champs," Bekier told The Press.

"(The second) year was so much fun because of my great teammates who all turned into my very best friends. As good as (the first) year's team was, I felt this year we were much better because we had so much more depth. Any player was capable of taking over the match on any given day. We had players take on roles they weren't used to and they executed everything perfectly."

That second season the Express finished 43-4, marking the fifth straight year where the team had won 40 or more games. They finished three wins shy of the all-time mark of 46 victories in a season set by the 2000 and 2002 team. The 43 wins also marked the third most wins in a season since 1994.

At Lake, Kayla was a three-time All-Northern Buckeye Conference, all-district, and Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press selection, plus she won the team's MVP award



Taylor Momany (Lake), Owens Community College coach Sonny Lewis, and Kayla Bekier (Lake). (Press file photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/RussLytle/RHP)

as a senior and Most Improved Award as a freshman.

Kayla will now join a Wheeling team that closed out the 2019 season ranked No. 24 in the final release of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II Top-25 poll. The Cardinals (33-4) reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the ninth consecutive year and posted 30 or more wins for the 12th consecutive season under coach Christy Benner. Benner is used to recruiting players from this area.

Last year, Wheeling found success with a trio of AVCA All-Americans, including senior setter Stephanie Sylvester from Oregon (St. Ursula). Sylvester joined Haley

Kramer (Monroeville, Ohio) as a three-time All-American with a nod on the third team. She ended the year as the statistical champion with 12.76 assists per set while Kramer ended the season as Division II's statistical champion with a .440 hitting percentage. Kramer and Sylvester are the first individual NCAA Statistical Champions in program history.

Momany had joined Kayla Bekier on Owens second national championship, but now the 6-0 sophomore middle/right side hitter is still waiting for her sophomore season. Vorst, an Eastwood graduate who played for an Eagles' 1993 state championship volleyball team, knows the meaning of winning on a big stage and was pleased to

see two of her ex-players enjoy that kind of success.

"We are excited and proud that two Lake alumni were a part of the Owens' national championship team," Vorst said. "To have two of our players reach the pinnacle of college athletics is a tremendous feat that our program is incredibly proud of. Kayla and Taylor were great players for us at Lake and helped take our program to the next level. They worked hard and earned the success they've had at Owens."

Ellison begins college career

Ellison begins her college career at Lourdes after serving as a four-year letter winner for the Flyers, and she started in a big way, leading the Gray Wolves in kills in her first college game.

After being delayed for four months, Lourdes opened its women's volleyball season January 23, dropping a five-set match 25-12, 23-25, 25-20, 16-25, 15-12 to Saint Xavier inside the Russell J. Ebeid Recreation Center in Sylvania. Ellison had 10 kills to pace the Lourdes offense, but coach Greg Reitz was not pleased about the loss.

"Our biggest issue today was that our consistency was off," Reitz said. "We were not very efficient which gave them the ability to get some clean looks offensively. It was good to see our response to a slow first set when we looked nervous."

Reitz returns 12 players on his roster from the 2019 season in which the Gray Wolves went 14-16 overall and 10-10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, finishing in seventh place.

At Lake, Ellison was a first team All-NBC selection as a senior after earning second team All-NBC honors as a junior. She was an honorable mention All-NBC honoree in 2017, a first team all-district pick in 2019 after earning second team all-district accolades as a junior, the team's Most Valuable Player as a senior and also lettered in basketball.

Lourdes (0-1) was to hit the road to open Wolverine-Hoosier Conference play beginning on Jan. 29. The Gray Wolves traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich. to battle Cornerstone. (—from collegiate press releases and Press Sports Editor J. Patrick Eaken)

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Clay contending, but still can't get over the hump

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Clay boys basketball coach David Rodriguez believed this could be the year that his Eagles were going to compete with the best in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference.

The Eagles are competing, only they are not winning. Last year, Clay went 4-18 but lost by an average of seven points per game. This year, it is déjà vu.

Most of his senior players have been playing on the varsity together for three years, and as a group they have been playing with each other since grade school. But, as seniors, they still cannot quite get over the hump.

Clay opened the season with a 51-48 overtime win over a good Perrysburg team and then lost to once state ranked Sylvania Northview (9-2), 70-57. Then, the Lucas County Health Department shut down Clay's season for six weeks — and this was supposed to be the year Clay was in the mix for a TRAC title.

Now that the season has picked up again, Clay is 2-7 overall and 0-3 in the TRAC, but they are still losing by the slightest of margins. At Rossford's Martin Luther King Showcase, Clay and unbeaten Southview (9-0) battled neck and neck through three quarters until the Cougars opened a fourth quarter lead on three-point shots, winning 54-44. Meanwhile, most of Clay's shots from beyond the arc were hitting nothing but iron.

"Rossford is a beautiful gym, but we've been there a couple times and we've struggled to shoot there. I don't know what it is," Rodriguez said. "And we missed the front end of free throws. We had the lead, and then turned around and missed free throws, and then turn around and hit a three to go up one. So, it is just possessions. Like the Northview game, we had them down 10, and it is just you have to learn how to finish. We know how to lose."

Rodriguez still believes it is a matter of



Clay 6-foot-9 senior center Frank Waganfeald tries to score in the Eagles' 59-56 loss to Whitmer. (Press photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/RussLytle/RHP)

time before his players get on the right end of the scoreboard against quality teams.

"Yeah, 100 percent. There is not one team in the TRAC that is that team like Lima (Senior) was last year. I think every team can beat each other. We all know each other, so there really is not anything that you are going to be really hiding, but it is not like years in the past, where you would be like, 'Man, Central (Catholic) is this good, or Whitmer is this good, or Findlay is this good, it is anybody on any given night.'

"Lima is still going to be Lima at the end of the day, regardless of whether (coach) Quincey's (Simpson) team is down or something else, that (up tempo) style is going to be something else to deal with."

The reason Rodriguez remains hopeful is the commitment by his players.

"I love this team — this is my fourth year, and these are my incoming class. I love everything about them. I love the grit and how they play together. We just have to figure out a way to get that third scorer going, which is (senior) Keegan Calkins usually. He is our third guy that we feature and he's on a little bit of a shooting slump, and as soon as we figure that out, it's a little fundamental here, slowing down a little bit, picking a better time to shoot. I think then the pieces will fit nice together," Rodriguez said.

"We just have to find a way to put the ball in the hole. We play good defense — that is something we've always done. We are well prepared, we know what we are doing, and sometimes when it's difficult to get the ball in the hole, it's demoralizing. Like I tell the kids — that was our problem last year," Rodriguez continued.

"We were in every game last year — St. John's, St. Francis, everybody. We always talk about it too, when we go through our shooting drills and all of this stuff, we always have a hull in the third quarter. It used to be our best quarter, but against Northview it was our worst quarter — we shot 19 percent and that was the ballgame, and that is a darn good team that is on top of the NLL (Northern Lakes League)."

For Clay's seniors, this was supposed to be the year

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Clay's seniors have been playing basketball together since they were in the third grade.

They are a tight-knit group who want to win, but they play in one of the toughest leagues in Northwest Ohio — the Three Rivers Athletic Conference. Now, they are 2-7 and winless in three TRAC games.

This group includes Keegan Calkins, Zach Woppard, Scotty Woppard, Ethan Spears, Noah Hagdahl, Logan Heintschel, Jakob Morris and Frank Waganfeald.

Waganfeald is a 6-foot-9 forward who averages 11 points and seven rebounds and Hagdahl is a 6-4 guard averaging 17 points and 6.5 rebounds, and they scored 31 points in a 54-44 loss to Southview at Rossford's Martin Luther King Showcase. That's typically how it goes, with those two averaging over 50 percent of the team's points.

Clay coach David Rodriguez believes his team needs to let those two do their thing, but the rest need to relax and hit shots when the opportunity arises. Against Southview, after Waganfeald put up most of his points in the first quarter, the Cougars collapsed on him the remainder of the game, sometimes triple teaming him, so the guards had their opportunity to hit shots.

"We have two of the best big guys

in the area that are doing their job pretty much. Frank had knee surgery in the off-season, so he is still working himself into shape," Rodriguez said.

"To be honest with my team, sometimes he gets going, and for some reason we want to go away from him. We want to do something else. Frank and Noah make everything easy for everybody else. They just need to realize that. When they realize that, shots will start falling. That is what I tell my guards, 'Let them get all the attention they want.'"

Despite Waganfeald coming off knee surgery, Rodriguez says he and Hagdahl are playing their best basketball ever.

"I think Noah is starting to realize that he is the man on the team, he is our best player, and he is finding himself on how to lead and he is super competitive," Rodriguez said. "So, he is still finding his way to lead, so for him leading is just doing it. Sometimes you have got to find a way to lead other people because not everybody is on that same wavelength that you are as a competitor," Rodriguez said.

I think Frank is still getting into shape. I challenge him every game about his stamina, about getting up and down the floor, and I think this is the first time in three years that he has no pain in his knee. He is working himself into game shape and every game has been better for him. And, I'm not going to try and hide him, because he is probably going to go play (NCAA)

Division II basketball next year, so they are not going to hide you in college, so you have to figure it out."

College prospects

Rodriguez says Hagdahl is getting "a ton" of NCAA D-III looks, but believes the Clay guard could play D-II. Waganfeald has D-II schools interested, and "a lot of D-III's."

"At the end of the day, I told them, 'You need to use basketball for college, not college for basketball' because how much success do you want to have when you graduate from college? Noah is a close to a 4.0 and Frank is about 3.6, 3.7, and they are great kids when it comes to grades," Rodriguez said.

So how do Waganfeald and Hagdahl feel about their team's inability to get wins, despite playing out close games over the past two seasons, but somehow falling on the short end most of the time?

"Personally, I think we just need to put together a full game," Hagdahl said. "It always seems like we're missing one quarter or a couple possessions that lead to us losing in tight games. We have the potential,

we have all the talent that we need to win, but once when we can get it all together, we are going to be a whole different ball team."

"For this year, I just want to finish with a winning season — a season over .500 — that would be ideal. We are at a setback where we are now, but when we are chasing adversity we have to overcome it, and I believe this is a group of guys that can overcome adversity," Hagdahl continued.

Hagdahl and Waganfeald will tell you how long they have awaited this senior season, hoping to bring to Clay High a team that could be contenders in a big way.

"We've been playing together for a long time," Waganfeald said. "We've grown up with each other, we're all best friends, and not only do we bond inside basketball but in the classroom and outside. We're all good kids who stay out of trouble. We just do what we do, and we just need to stay focused."

Hagdahl added, "My teammates — they are family. We have grown up around each other and we've been playing together since third grade. They are my brothers. I'd

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Clay senior guard Noah Hagdahl. (Press photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/RussLytle/RHP)

For Clay seniors, this is the year

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die for them and do what I can for them. It is especially nice to play with other 'family' members. I would not trade it for anything. It is the best group of guys that I know."

Waganfeald admits that recovering from surgery has hampered him, but he's working on it.

"Well, this season unfortunately I had a pretty serious knee injury that I had to get treated, so my offseason was not good. I did not play too much AAU basketball and I was not in the gym as much as I could be, and along with COVID, it was hard to get into the gym in the first place," Waganfeald said.

"When I got healthy, I just went anywhere I could. I mean, I was outside at my grandma's house, the local Y, anywhere I could get in I was there just working on getting my stroke back, shooting a lot of hook shots left and right-handed just to keep everything flowing, so I don't lose my touch," Waganfeald continued.

"I tried to shoot a lot of jump shots and just get the basics down just so I could get back into it. Now that we are back in practice, I like to get on the gun, shoot as much as I can and try to get as much as 500 shots a day. That does not always happen but that is the goal."

In addition, the two college prospects firmly believe that Rodriguez is the coach who has gotten them this far and the man who can get this team into a winning culture before the season ends.

"Ever since our freshman year has been over, he has just been a turnaround for our culture almost," Waganfeald said. "He really promotes winning more than any other coach we have had. You know, we have not been winning but we have that mindset to win rather than going into a game knowing that we are going to lose. We can compete with all the teams that we play, and we know that we can win, we just have not found exactly how to yet."

Hagdahl added, "'Coach Rod' has been a positive impact on all of our lives. On and



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Team (League)	Overall
Cardinal Stritch (3-0, TAAC)	8 4
Oak Harbor (6-1, SBC Bay)	8 6
Woodmore (4-3, NBC)	8 6
Gibsonburg (5-4, SBC River)	6 5
Eastwood (4-1, NBC)	5 5
Genoa (4-3, NBC)	4 9
Lake (0-6, NBC)	3 10
Clay (0-3, TRAC)	2 7
Waite (0-4, NBC)	0 5
Northwood (0-1, TAAC)	0 6
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Woodmore (9-2, NBC)	14 2
Eastwood (7-4, NBC)	12 5
Lake (8-3, NBC)	10 5
Genoa (5-6, NBC)	8 8
Oak Harbor (2-5, SBC Bay)	5 11
Northwood (0-0, TAAC)	2 6
Cardinal Stritch (1-2, TAAC)	2 8
Gibsonburg (0-9, SBC River)	1 13
Waite (0-2, TCL)	0 3
Clay (0-4, TRAC)	0 7

(Records updated to January 28)

off the court he is always there for us, and regardless he's always going to give you how he sees things and he is always going to be real with you no matter what. I think that's one thing that we all need.

"He has really stepped up to be an impact on our lives — a lot of positives. All of us have our ups and downs with him, but at the end of the day it's all love and I know he looks at it like we're his kids and he respects us like he's our father."

Allen on track to become 'Cats all-time leading scorer

Woodmore 6-foot-1 senior forward Brooke Allen needed just one point to tie, two points to become the school's all-time leading girls basketball career scorer when the Wildcats' Northern Buckeye Conference game hosted Genoa Thursday night.

Allen scored 17, including 15 in the second half, as Woodmore found a way to win a 54-41 non-league game against a scrappy Ottawa Hills team on Monday. The Wildcats scored the game's final 10 points.

Allen crossed the 1,000-point career plateau in December and is averaging a double-double 21 points and 11.1 rebounds, and that includes 15.3 points in the paint and 5.3 rebounds on the offensive boards.

Allen was looking to break the career scoring mark of 1,210 points set by Lori Kuhlman, who graduated in 1986. Kuhlman is also the career rebound record holder at 771, and Allen is closing in at 738 heading into Thursday's game.

Kuhlman is also the career point average holder at 18.6 per game and holds the single season scoring record of 491 points (1985-86) for 24 games. Allen may not be able to get the career average number, but has an outside chance of the single season record. She is currently at 329 points with six regular season games and the tournament remaining. However, two of the teams remaining on the schedule, Genoa and Elmwood, held Allen to nine points in their first meeting.

As far as the all-time list, both boys and girls, Jeff Haar is first (1,419) and Tyler Rosenberger (1,369) second, so Allen will likely sit at third once she gets the all-time career mark.

The Wildcats are 14-2 overall and 9-2 in the NBC, one game behind league leader Elmwood (14-2, 10-1). The Wildcats and Royals face off Thursday, Feb. 4 at Elmwood. The Wildcats are in good shape to get the one or two seed in the Division IV district and could eventually match up with Toledo Christian, which is 14-2.

Shooting vintage military rifle

Vintage military rifle competitors and collectors alike will be excited to learn the Civilian Marksmanship Program has released a new book, entitled *Target Shooting With Vintage Military Rifles*, authored by Gary Anderson, Director of Civilian Marksmanship Emeritus and two-time highpower rifle Olympic gold medalist.

The 284-page, soft-bound, fully-illustrated first edition is likely the most comprehensive manuscript ever written about the methods of training and competing with popular American and foreign vintage military rifles.

"Anyone who knows Gary, and is a fan of vintage military rifle shooting, will find this book to be the most complete coverage of the topic, from a competitor's and historian's point of view," said Christie Sewell, CMP Programs Chief.

Anderson, who stunned his Olympic rivals in Tokyo and Mexico City in the 1960s, is also a multiple U.S. and international record holder. He has poured countless hours into Target Shooting With Vintage Military Rifles for the benefit of both the serious and recreational competitor.

As the originator of the CMP's wildly-popular competitive vintage rifle program, he set out to present a detailed manual cov-



Brooke Allen. (Press photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/RussLytle/RHP)

ering all aspects of safely shooting rifles such as the 1903 Springfield, U.S. Krag, 1917 U.S. Enfield, M1 Garand, M1 Carbine and many more, including rifles from "across the pond."

Target Shooting With Vintage Military Rifles is comprised of 18 chapters. This new CMP best seller is available for sale on the CMP E-store, <https://estore.thecmp.org/Catalog/Item/792>, and may be ordered using the CMP Publications order form at <https://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/publications.pdf> (order NLU No. 792, \$29.95). The CMP stores at Anniston, Alabama, Camp Perry, Ohio, and the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park will also have a supply of books for purchase. (—by Steve Cooper/CMP Education & Training Manager)

Soccer registration

Eastwood has begun online spring soccer registration for boys and girls born between Jan. 1, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2017. Spring season games will tentatively run from Apr. 1-May 28. Register at www.eastwoodsoccer.org, click on registration to begin the process. Deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 7, and any registrations after that date will be assessed a \$10 late fee and only be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 12 or when rosters are full. New this season, is that all volunteer coaches will receive cash back upon team assignments and completion of paperwork. For info, email eastwoodyouthsoccer@gmail.com or visit Eastwood Youth Soccer on Facebook.

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Krupp top performer; Rocket boys, girls win Bay titles

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The Oak Harbor boys and girls swim teams swept the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division swim meet.

It is Oak Harbor's fifth straight league title for the girls and fourth straight for the boys. Oak Harbor has brought home 11 league titles during coach Andrea Sorg's stint.

The girls team scored 268 points to beat second place Margaretta (180), followed by Willard (88), Sandusky St. Mary (68), Huron (36), Gibsonburg (17), and Calvert (6).

Oak Harbor senior Elayna Krupp was named the SBC Bay Division Performer of the Year, winning five events and setting multiple records.

"Elayna continues to lead our girls team in not only points scored but also work ethic and attitude," said Oak Harbor coach Andrea Sorg. "She inspires those around her to perform and raise themselves to a higher level."

In the 50 yard freestyle, Krupp, who owns the Bay Division record (24.53) and pool record (24.45), both set in January 2019, won in 24.72, narrowly defeating Margaretta junior Lily Green (25.2).

Krupp and senior Emily Haar went one-two in the 100 butterfly, finishing in 1:02.8 and 1:12.31.

Krupp was part of the 200 yard medley relay team that won in 2:02.16, beating a second place Margaretta squad by nearly nine seconds. She was joined by senior Emily Haar, freshman Marissa Mapes and junior Sydney Overmyer.

Krupp was also part of the 200 free-style relay team that set a Bay Division and all-time SBC (all divisions) record, reaching the podium in 1:41.06. She was joined by freshman Skyler Turner, junior Amelia Mizelle and freshman Alyse Sorg. The former Bay record (1:44.87) was set by an Oak Harbor team in 2018 and the old SBC mark of 1:41.33 was set by a Perkins team in 2011.

Krupp's fifth championship was with her third relay team — the 400 freestyle which also set a new Bay Division and all-division SBC record. She was joined by Mizelle, Turner and Alyse Sorg on a team that finished in 3:49.37. The former Bay



Oak Harbor swimmer Troy Metcalf. (Photo by Laura Bolander)

record (3:56.01) was set by an Oak Harbor team in 2019 and the former SBC mark (3:53.79) was set by a Sandusky team in the Lake Division race, also in 2019.

So many records were broken by so many swimmers that coach Sorg said it was "the fastest ever swim in league history from its beginning," and that includes the original SBC conference meets before its expansion to multiple divisions.

The Rockets went one-two in the 200

freestyle as Alyse Sorg won in 2:06.1 and Marissa Mapes finished second in 2:13.68. Sorg's time set a new Bay Division record, beating Green's mark (2:11.32) set in 2019.

Turner and Mizelle went one-two in the 200 intermediate medley, reaching the finish in 2:23.98 and 2:30.37. Turner's time set a new Bay Division record, beating Margaretta then-junior Josie Stark's time of 2:24.87 set last year.

Turner also won the 100 backstroke,

setting a new Bay Division record of 1:03.33 and beating Stark (1:06.07), now a senior, by over two seconds. The old mark of 1:05.07 was set by Oak Harbor's Erin Druyor in 2019.

Gibsonburg senior distance swimmer Sydney Leyerle, who trains in Bowling Green, won an SBC Bay championship in the 500 freestyle, finishing in 5:56.45 and defeating second place swimmer, Oak Harbor senior Abby Beehler (6:19.07), by over 22 seconds. Leyerle still owns the Bay Division record, 5:50.73, set last year.

On top of that, two Oak Harbor girls relay teams set new pool records when the Rockets hosted Port Clinton in a dual meet one week later. The girls medley relay team of Paige Krupp, Alyse Sorg, Elayna Krupp and Mizelle set a new mark of 1:53.22. The 200 freestyle relay team of Elayna Krupp, Mizelle, Turner and Alyse Sorg set a new mark of 1:41.22. The OH girls beat PC 99-71 and the Rocket boys won, 92-76.

Metcalf wins three races

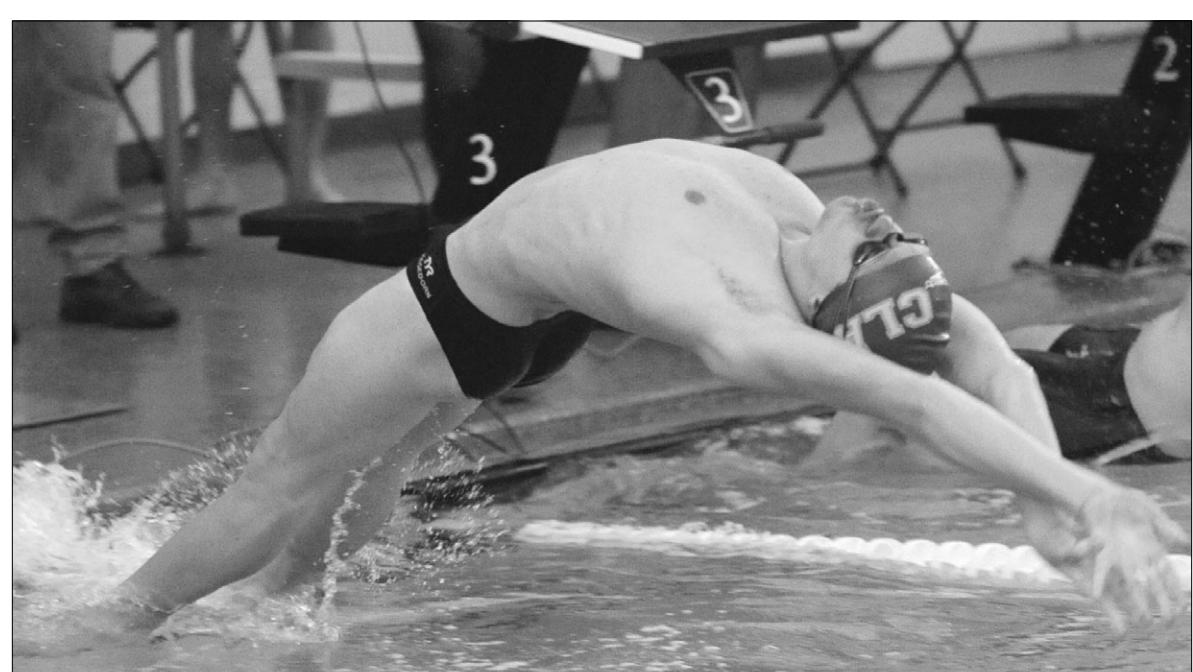
The Oak Harbor boys team won an SBC Bay Division title by scoring 243 points to defeat second place Huron (164).

"The boys swam really well at SBCs," coach Sorg said. "They continue to impress me on how well they perform individually and as a team. It will be exciting to watch the end of the season unfold and see where their hard work takes them in the postseason."

Margaretta (113) was third, followed by St. Mary (93), Willard (30), and Tiffin Calvert (4).

Senior Troy Metcalf set a new Bay Division record in the 100 freestyle, finishing in 50.08 and breaking St. Mary senior sprinter Dan Gyrurke's mark of 50.22 set last year. This year, Gyrurke is the Boys Division Performer of the Year, but he did not race in the 100 freestyle.

The Rockets won the 200 yard medley relay, finishing in 1:46.2 to beat a St. Mary team by over three seconds. Swimming for the Rockets were sophomores Karter Lajti, and Karson Lajti and Metcalf and senior Eli Sherman. The same foursome won the 400 freestyle relay, finishing in 3:40.48 to beat a second place squad from St. Mary (3:49.21) by nearly nine seconds.



Clay swimmer Abram Hagedorn. (Photo courtesy James Jurski)

Hagedorn, Jurski close second

At the Three Rivers Athletic Conference swim meet, Clay senior sprinter Abram Hagedorn and junior distance swimmer Joslyn Jurski just missed on winning league championships.

Clay coach Rod Gyrurke said both "kids swam well" and "as expected, both the boys and girls teams finished fifth in the conference."

In the 100 backstroke, Hagedorn finished second in 52.72, placing behind champion Scotty Buff, a sophomore from St. Francis, who reached the podium in 49.59. Hagedorn also finished fourth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 54.91. Buff won that event, too, in 48.75.

St. Francis won the boys championship, scoring 718 points to rout second place Findlay (455). Fremont Ross (426½) was third, followed by St. John's (312), Clay (153), Whitmer (63) and Lima Senior (29½).

Jurski was league runner-up in the 500 freestyle. Her time of 5:24.68 was just over 10 seconds behind Notre Dame sophomore Kaylee Szymanski (5:14.47) as they finished one-two in the 500 freestyle.

Finishing in 2:01.06, Jurski finished a close third in the 200 free-style behind Szymanski (1:57.03) and Notre Dame junior Lauren Chytil (1:59.85).

Clay junior Kendal Rivera also received All-TRAC honors, earning honorable mention.

St. Ursula (624½) won the championship, followed by Fremont Ross (471), Notre Dame (427), Findlay (332½), Clay (162½), Lima Senior (90½), Central Catholic (39) and Whitmer (27).

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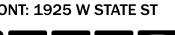
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Toledo

God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 1705 Tracy St. between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford.

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

Waite High School Class of 1955 meets the 2nd Tues. of each month. For more info, contact Ned at 419-893-4336.

Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals and accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-704-5381 for details.

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

Northwood

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

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

Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

Elmore

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

Genoa

Genoa Branch Library is open to the public with

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

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

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of virtual programs, including: "New Year, New You," Mondays Feb. 1 and 8 at 11:15 a.m. on Facebook – Words of wisdom on creating good habits and breaking old ones from the book, "Atomic Habits," by James Clear; "Pose and Play," Thursdays in February at 11 a.m. on Facebook; Join Mrs. M to learn a basic yoga pose and a fingerplay (each video will be available for 24 hours); Carol's Kitchen – Tea Shop Treats, Feb. 8, 7 p.m. – Watch librarian Carol make chocolate chip date cake live on Facebook; Gibsonburg Adult Book Club Chat on Zoom, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. – Join the discussion of "The Wives of Los Alamos," by TaraShea Nesbit; "The Wednesday Wars," Feb. 24, 4 p.m. – Teens and tweens can listen to a summary of this Academic Challenge book. All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org.

Graytown

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

St. Paul Lutheran Church Valentine Cookie Sale, accepting orders through Feb. 3. Featuring frosted, heart-shaped sugar cookies for \$7 per dozen and chocolate chip cookies for \$5 per dozen. Pick-up Feb. 12, 1-6 p.m., at the church, 9789 W. Oak Harbor Southeast Rd. Call Twyla Northrup at 419-898-2168 to order. Proceeds benefit church youth.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon (closed Feb. 15 for President's Day). Patrons are asked to wear a mask. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. February programs include: Coffee & A Book, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. via Zoom – A discussion of "The Book of Longing," by Sue Monk Kidd; Meet the Author via Zoom, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. – A discussion on "Ordinary Grace," by William Kent Krueger, who will be available to answer questions. Register for programs by calling 419-898-7001. The Local History Museum Center is open Tues. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-noon by appointment only. Visit the library on Facebook or YouTube for children's activities, local history, crafting projects, book news and more. Call 419-898-7001 for details.

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

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

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

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Walbridge

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

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: "Take & Make Crafts," Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (grades K-6) – Pick up a craft kit to make at home; Paper Bag Book Clubs – Kids are invited to check out the book of the month and take home a bag of things to do; Crochet Basics on Facebook Live, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. – Learn to make a stuffed animal; Recipes with Rene: Stuffed Pepper Soup, Feb. 8, 6 p.m. on Facebook Live; Virtual Adult Book Club, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. – A discussion of "The Jane Austen Society," by Natalie Jenner; Valentine's Day Craft, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Pick up a craft kit and make a Valentine; From My Backyard, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. on Facebook Live – Join librarian Rene as she shares life on the farm; Simply Craftastic, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. on Facebook Live – Simple crafts made with items you may already have at home; Teddy Bear Care: Feb. 20 – Call to schedule an appointment for a check-up and treatment of minor teddy bear boo-boos; What's Your Hobby, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. on Facebook – Woodville area residents share their hobbies; Adulting 101: Sewing on a Button, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. on Facebook Live; Win a handmade Valentine Fox – Preschoolers through grade six can submit a book review through Feb.

11 for a chance to win. Visit www.birchard.org to register or for more info.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club is now meeting in person at Taylor's Tae Kwon Do Tumbling and Dance Studio, 200 S. Elm St. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. Guests are welcome. Masks are required at this time. Contact Allan at 419-698-3733 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

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

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SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of the necessary materials and construction of the VETERAN'S PARK PATH VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR, OHIO will be received by the Village of Oak Harbor, Ohio at the office of the Village Administrator at 146 N. Church Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449 until

11:00 A.M. (Local Time) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work consists of the construction of a six-foot-wide concrete path, approximately 0.6 miles in length, concrete abutments for a pedestrian bridge and related path and restoration work. The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Village of Oak Harbor and the Engineer - Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. (PDG). Documents may be viewed and ordered online or obtained by Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Telephone 419-385-5303, www.pdgplanroom.com. The cost of printing is to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are picked up. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions.

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The Engineer for the Project is Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., 1168 North Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

All bids must be signed and submitted on the blanks which are bound in this booklet. Bids must state the unit prices in the blanks provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked ---VETERAN'S PARK PATH--- and addressed to Randall Genzman, Village Administrator at the Village of Oak Harbor, 146 N. Church Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449.

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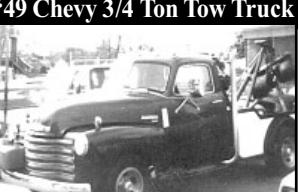
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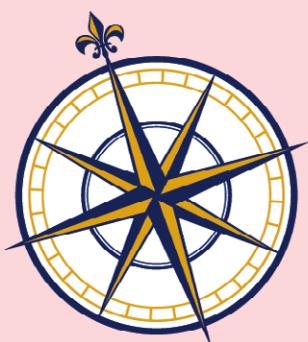
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