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Bird center remodeling nearly complete

The Sportsmen's Migratory Bird Center at Magee Marsh has undergone a remodeling since June of last year. The renovations are scheduled for completion in April and visitors will see a new look to the building as they walk in the front door, which is framed by large glass windows. New displays, exhibits, and restrooms have been installed and visitors will have access to the upstairs. The group will also have a new gift shop in the visitor center and is looking for volunteers to staff it. An information session for anyone interested in volunteering will be held March 25 at 1 p.m. at the Ida Rupp Library, Port Clinton. To register email Mary Warren at windbird@bex.net. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon Council to reconsider zoning change requests

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Oregon City Council on Monday will consider a resolution to advance zoning change requests on parcels on Corduroy Road and N. Wynn Road to the Oregon Planning Commission for its review.

Last month, council voted down the zoning change requests for commercial and industrial development on the parcels.

The zoning change requests were from A-1 Agricultural District to C-I Commercial Industrial District at 4315 Corduroy Road, consisting of approximately nine acres, and 4701 Corduroy Road, consisting of approximately 23 acres; a zoning change from A-1 Agricultural District to Advanced Manufacturing District at 4713 Corduroy Road, consisting of approximately 29 acres; and a zoning change from Mixed Use A-1 Agricultural District and C-1 Commercial Industrial District to Advanced Manufacturing District on a portion of property at 700 N. Wynn Road, consisting of approximately 23 acres.

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Council wants all of the parcels to be zoned Advanced Manufacturing District.

The planning commission last year recommended that council approve the zoning changes. Two of the parcels are owned by the Foundation and the other two are owned by private residents. The parcel to the west, at 4315 Corduroy Road, would have fit with zoning of industrial property around it had the zoning request for a Commercial Industrial District been

approved. The parcel in the middle, at 4701 Corduroy Road, would have also been zoned C-I Commercial Industrial. The two parcels to the east - one at 4713 Corduroy Road and the other at 700 N. Wynn Road - would have been changed to an Advanced Manufacturing District, a new zoning designation the city created with the intent to use it as much as possible going forward because it is a little bit more restrictive for new industry.

The city believes an Advanced Manufacturing District has a softer look and feel - with some design standards that are incorporated into it.

Mailings

The private property owners are aware of what the city is doing, according to City Administrator Joel Mazur.

“One of them is in favor, and the other has been in favor. We have been in discussions with them and some adjacent property owners as well,” said Mazur.

“In addition to this, we have a list of mailings that will be going out. There's a

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Oak Harbor Finding issued against former tax assistant

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A finding for recovery of \$26,489 was issued Tuesday against a former income tax assistant working in the Village of Oak Harbor administration offices and convicted of theft.

The finding for recovery was included in the audit of the village's finances for 2020 and 2021.

Jennifer Valentine pleaded guilty in September 2022 to felony counts of grand theft and theft in office after the Special Investigations Unit of the Ohio Auditor's office determined she had stolen tax payments made by residents.

Village officials alerted the state auditor's office when they became suspicious, triggering the SIU probe.

The SIU was able to confirm payments from 41 taxpayers between Jan. 1, 2019 and April 17, 2019, totaling \$7,867 were not deposited into the village's bank account.

Valentine was sentenced in Ottawa County Common Pleas Court to two years of intervention in lieu of conviction and ordered to pay \$10,122 in restitution to the village; \$7,867 for the theft amount and \$2,255 for the cost of a special audit, and \$16,367 to the state auditor's office for its costs related to the special audit.

Mayor Quinton Babcock said the village will file a claim against Valentine and her bonding company, The Cincinnati Insurance Co., to recover the full amount of stolen money and audit costs.

In late 2019, the village contracted with the Regional Income Tax Agency to administer the village income tax.

“The decision provided the village with enhanced security, expertise and assurance processes that can only be provided by an organization focused on income tax administration,” the mayor said.

The finding by the auditor's office states: “The income tax assistant re-

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Zoning change

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certain amount of distance we have to cover for property owners in the general vicinity. We have expanded that to cover more ground. That's one of the concerns some of the residents have. So we're going to cover more ground and have more mailings to more people so everyone is aware of the intentions. Three parcels are proposed to be Advanced Manufacturing. This resolution would advance this proposal to the planning commission for review," said Mazur.

Investment

The city has already made an investment in infrastructure in that area.

The road to the north has been built and completed. Also, there is a retention pond to the north that has been built. Water and sewer lines have been installed to accommodate industry. Site selectors, or consultants, try to locate properties that are suitable for their clients. They look for utilities and infrastructure that serve those sites. And they also want to make sure properties are zoned appropriately.

The Foundation has been working on Requests For Information (RFI) and submitting them to Jobs Ohio for leads that fit industrial use on the properties.

Mayor Mike Seferian said once the planning commission rules on the matter, it will come back to City Council within 30-45 days for a vote.

Tax assistant

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corded the payment in a receipt book with a date, remitter, form of payment, and her signature. She then compiled the payments and provided them to the fiscal office, where a batch report for the deposit would be generated based on the information she entered and money was subsequently taken to the bank by the fiscal office. There were no formal policies or procedures in place documenting the process to be followed for tax receipt collections."

The village's full audit is available on the state auditor website.

The opponents also question the im-

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Siting board decision Proposed wind farm location opposed by bird observatory

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Oral arguments were heard by the Ohio Supreme Court last week in a case that will decide if a state agency properly authorized the construction of a wind farm in Northwest Ohio.

In a somewhat ironic twist, two non-profit organizations that have worked to preserve natural areas, find themselves on opposing sides in the case.

In 2021, the Ohio Power Siting Board approved a certificate for Firelands Wind that allows up to 73 turbines with a generating capacity of 847,000 to 952,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year. The wind farm would operate as the Emerson Creek Wind Project on 32,000 acres of rural land in portions of Huron and Erie counties.

The siting board imposed more than 40 conditions for Firelands to meet during construction and after the wind farm started up, so the project would have a minimal adverse impact on the environment.

Still, the Black Swamp Bird Observatory and 19 area landowners objected to the certificate and, after the siting board denied the objections, filed an appeal with the Ohio Supreme Court.

The observatory cites the dangers the turbines would pose to a prime habitat for migratory birds while the Ohio Environmental Council is arguing that wind energy is needed to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and the harm from climate change.

In a court filing with the bird observatory, the landowners near the proposed project site argue "the certificate fails to establish setbacks and other protections necessary to prevent wind turbine noise from causing discomfort, annoyance, sleep deprivation, and health disorders."

A background sound survey by Firelands was "improperly conducted and inaccurate," the filing says, and the certificate also "jeopardizes the quality and quantity of the underground water supplies used by the area's residents."

The opponents also question the im-



Opponents of wind farms often cite noise and threat to migratory birds as their main concerns. (Metro Graphics photo)

pact the turbine foundations would have on a known karst plain where water has dissolved underground rock such as limestone and created underground caves, sinkholes, and water channels.

The Ohio Environmental Council filed its brief through what it called the lens "of essential climate action."

"The siting board's plan with the company appropriately protects important environmental resources, including the region's bird and bat populations, especially in the context of climate change's threat to those organisms," the OEC brief says.

The opponents mischaracterize the legal duties of the siting board, the brief notes.

For its part, the siting board noted it prohibited turbines proposed for areas where there are known karsts and stipulated that Firelands must conduct tests for karsts in the project area in the plain before erecting a turbine.

The board also noted it stipulated conditions for Firelands to conduct bird and bat monitoring after operations begin, and, if state or federal wildlife officials determine there is an adverse effect on the wildlife, Firelands would have to develop a mitigation plan.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce and some area farmers also filed briefs in support of the wind farm.

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Conservancy has plans for S. Bass Island

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A three-part acquisition program is central to a major conservation project being undertaken by the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and Put-in-Bay Township Park District on South Bass Island.

The partnership has a goal of acquiring a total of 30 acres.

The first phase of the project at Duff Woods Preserve has been completed and is open to the public. Nearly 14 acres of island forest comprise the preserve. A trail and small parking area allow visitors to walk among karst features, including a cave, sinkholes, and rock outcrops.

The partnership is also looking to purchase 6.5 acres close to downtown Put-in-Bay. The acreage includes the historic Duff Homestead with about 150 feet of natural bayfront property, a mature forest, and two acres of meadow that will be used for pollinator habitat.

The bayfront is a nursery area for yellow perch, sunfish, and minnows. It also hosts a submerged plant community that supports remnant populations of bowfin and gar.

The property is an environment for native resident and migratory species, including the Monarch butterfly, bats, and songbirds and a habitat for rare species such as the Lake Erie water snake, Eastern Fox snake, and the Eastern Garter snake.

White-tailed deer, red fox, and an occasional coyote are also found there.

The Duff home will be used as a visitor center and park district office.

A Clean Ohio grant of about \$1.3 million has been awarded for the second phase of the project.

The park district has received an additional \$500,000 in pledges from the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Julene M. Market Fund, and others.

About \$200,000 is still needed to complete the purchase.

Under the third phase, a historic farm park will be created with the purchase of 11 acres of vineyards, outbuildings, an orchard, and garden. The park district goal is to maintain the vineyard as a working farm and hold classes, workshops, and special events.

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy is working with the Port Clinton office of Edward Jones Financial to provide a process for the charitable donation of stocks, bonds, and other financial instruments to the LEIC.

Donations can be sent to the Put-in-Bay Township Park District, P.O. Box 177, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, 43456. For electronic donations, the conservancy has a donation button on its website.

The conservancy and park district have preserved more than 155 acres of natural areas on South and Middle Bass Islands.



Top photo: The Duff home will be used as a visitor center and park district office. Middle photo: Put-in-Bay harbor. Bottom photo: Undeveloped shoreline at Put-in-Bay. (Submitted photos)

Cedar Point hiring event

Cedar Point, the nation's second-oldest amusement park, plans to hire 7,000 seasonal associates as it prepares to open for the 2023 season in May.

The park anticipates filling the majority of those roles during a week-long hiring blitz to be held Feb. 18-24 as part of the largest-ever recruiting campaign by Cedar Point's parent company, Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, across all its parks in the United States and Canada.

Positions include ride operators, food and beverage workers, lifeguards and aquatics, security and many more. To learn more about the event and available positions, visit cedarpoint.com/jobs.

Hourly pay ranges from \$14-\$17 (for those who are 16 years of age or older) based on experience, prior service and position. Cedar Point offers competitive wages and benefits, and perks for its associates, including discounts, reward and recognition programs, flexible scheduling, exclusive associate-only events, ride nights, on-site housing for those who qualify and free admission to any Cedar Fair park.

Cedar Point will host in-person job fairs at Sawmill Creek Resort, the EHOVE Career Center and the Cedar Point Recruiting Center throughout the week. Interested candidates will have the ability to apply, interview and get hired the same day. For more details on dates and times of these events, visit cedarpoint.com/jobs.

Chris Buzzelli & Friends to perform

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m., the Music Business Technology students from Owens Community College will present the third concert of the 2022-2023 Accent on the Arts concert series, featuring Chris Buzzelli and Friends.

The concert will be held in the Mainstage Theatre in the Owens Center for Fine and Performing Arts at 7270 Biniker Rd., Perrysburg.

The evening will feature jazz interpretations for songs by American composers such as Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein and Duke Ellington – plus classic jazz compositions. Learn more about Chris Buzzelli at ChrisBuzzelli.com.

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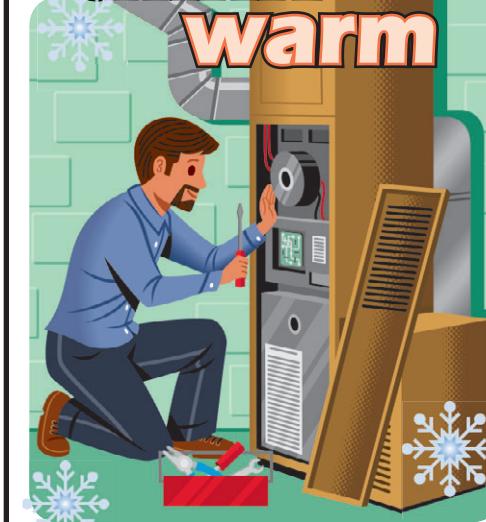
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Bill aims to block China from buying U.S. farmland

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The purchase of American farmland by foreign nationals associated with the government of the People's Republic of China endangers our national security and food supply, said Congressman Bob Latta, R-Ohio, as he signed on to co-sponsor a bill to ban such purchases.

Congressman Dan Newhouse, R-WA, introduced the Prohibition of Agricultural Land for the People's Republic of China Act last week.

"Allowing one of our greatest adversaries to snatch up farmland is a dangerous trend that not only has national security implications but threatens the security of our food supply and harms American agriculture producers," Latta said.

The two congressmen provided background data about the issue:

-A 2018 U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service report outlined that Chinese investment in the agricultural sector has grown in the last decade. Reports have also shown Chinese investors have bought farmland near military bases and other U.S. infrastructure.

-In September 2013, the president of the People's Republic of China and General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Xi Jinping, announced China's "grand political-economic project," now known as the Belt and Road Initiative. Over the last decade, Xi continues to invest billions into the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road in Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas.

-A 1978 federal law – the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act – requires foreign entities to report transactions of farmland to the USDA's Farm Service Agency. The data covers years 1900 through 2016.

-Six states have laws banning foreign ownership of farmland, including Hawaii, Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota, and Oklahoma. But restrictions on Chinese land ownership can be circumvented by

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Chinese investors buying large U.S. corporations that own agricultural land.

The sponsors said the bill would direct the U.S. president to take necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of public or private farmland in the U.S. by foreign nationals associated with the Chinese government.

If passed, the bill would prohibit the same associations from participating in any USDA programs except for food safety inspections.

There are 58 co-sponsors to the bill, including Rep. Latta and Bill Johnson and Troy Balderson, also from Ohio.

The bill has been referred to the agriculture and foreign affairs committees.

Foreign investors held an interest in nearly 37.6 million acres of U.S. agricultural land (forest land and farm land) as of Dec. 31, 2020, according to an FSA report – an increase of more than 2.4 million acres from the 2019 report. That represents 2.9 percent of all privately held agricultural land in the United States.

Forest land accounted for 46 percent of all reported foreign-held acreage, cropland for 29 percent, pasture and other agricultural land for 23 percent, and non-agricultural land for 2 percent. Foreign holdings of U.S. agricultural land increased modestly from 2009 through 2015, increasing an average of 0.8 million per year. Since 2015, foreign holdings have increased an average of nearly 2.2 million acres annually, ranging from 0.8 million acres to 3.3 million acres per year.

Oregon to review bid for road reconstruction project

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Oregon City Council on Monday will consider approving the bid of D.L. Smith Concrete, Norwalk, for furnishing labor, materials and equipment for the Munding Drive and Dearborn Avenue Reconstruction project.

Oregon last year accepted funding up to \$400,000 from the Federal Highway Administration for reconstructing Munding Drive and Dearborn Avenue between Navarre Avenue and South Wheeling Street. The project will include signage, pavement markings, ADA curbs, ramps and related work.

"Both are service roads along I-280," Public Service Director Paul Roman said at a committee of the whole meeting on Monday.

Out of five bids received by the city, D.L. Smith was the lowest and best bid, said Roman.

"D.L. Smith is ODOT qualified. We checked their references. I believe they will do a good job," said Roman.

In 2020, the city submitted an application for funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission and received a \$300,000 grant for construction of the project.

Mayor Mike Seferian said the estimated cost of the project is lower than expected due to the lower bid.

"I was here for the bid opening," said Seferian. "The grants were expected to pay for half of the costs. It turns out it will pay two-thirds of the cost because of a really good bid."

Also at the meeting, council:

- Approved the appointment of a new clerk of council, Cassaundra Rawson, of Glendale Avenue, Toledo. The Civil Service Commission approved 15 applicant packages for the clerk of council position on Jan. 26, according to Council

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President Tim Zale. Four of the applicants were interviewed by Councilmen Terry Reeves and Dennis Walendzak, Law Director Melissa Purpura, Zale, and the current clerk of council, Tina Evans. "In addition to a writing exercise test that was administered to all of the candidates, the interview committee evaluated and discussed all candidates in order to make a selection," said Zale. Rawson's effective starting date was Tuesday, Feb. 7. She is paid \$31 per hour or \$6,232 annually.

- Will review an agreement with Superior Uniforms, Toledo, to provide fire uniforms and supplies, as required by the collective bargaining agreements entered into between the fire unions IAFF and OPTFA and the city. Superior Uniform is the only supplier of the required fire department uniforms in the Toledo area so the need for a bidding process was eliminated;

- Will consider authorizing payment of \$4,730.94 to the Walter H. Drane Company, Cincinnati, to revise the codified ordinances of the city. "This allows Walter Drane to do their annual updates to our code, to make sure that we're complying with any State of Ohio changes pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, or any changes that council would have made for the Oregon Municipal Code," said Purpura.

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OSS Solid Waste District announces 2023 special collections

Seneca Solid Waste District holds special collection events each year for residents to properly dispose of unwanted materials. These materials are grouped into four main categories: electronics, tires, appliances and household hazardous waste (HHW).

Collections are open to all residents of Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca counties. Items from businesses and institutions are not accepted at these collections. This is a mostly free service for residents, aside from some small fees for certain TV's during the electronics collection, and a small fee for tires at the residential tire collection.

In an effort to be prepared with supplies and workers for each collection, the District requires residents to pre-register for each collection. Registration can be completed online at RecycleOSS.org, or by calling 419-334-7222 ext. 0 and following the prompt provided.

Collections will be held in all three counties. Information specific to all of the District's special collections, including dates times and locations, can be found while registering.

- Registration for the electronics collection will begin March 1 and will be open until the end of April. There will be a \$5 charge for glass tube televisions that are 24" or less, and \$10 for and that are 25" and

larger. Console, DLP and projection screen TVs will not be accepted in this collection. Television screens with broken screens are also not accepted for the safety of the collection volunteers. A full list of items accepted and not accepted can be found at RecycleOSS.org/television-electronics-collection.

- Registration for the residential tire collection will run April 1 through the end of May. Tires will be accepted on or off the rim. The recycling fee for residential tires is \$1 each, and \$3 each for racing tires. Those who plan to drop off more than 10 tires for the residential tire collection should call the OSS office for specific instructions.

- Registration for both the appliance and the HHW collections will be held Sept. 1-Oct. 12. These two collections will be on the same date time and location. Those who plan to attend both should register for both.

Items primarily made of steel, including air conditioners, dehumidifiers, lawn mowers and items containing Freon will be taken at no charge at the appliance collection. Residents should be sure to remove any food items inside freezers and refrigerators.

Items made primarily of plastic will not be accepted, including plastic fans and vacuum cleaners.

The following items will no longer be accepted at the HHW collection – motor oil, lead acid batteries, gas cylinders, and non-regulated putties and adhesives.

Used motor oil can be taken to a number of auto service stores in the area including, Wal-Mart, O'Reilly's and Advance Auto Part, as well as many local auto service stores in the area.

Likewise auto service shops that sell lead acid batteries will also take the old batteries for proper disposal. Rechargeable batteries can be taken Lowes Department store for recycling. Alkaline batteries are non-hazardous and once dead can be disposed of properly in trash bags. Gas canisters and cylinders, including propane (accepted at the District's appliance collections), helium, Freon, isocyanates, CO₂, O, MAPP gas, acetylene, argon, etc. are no longer going to be accepted at the HHW collection. All of the remaining gases are accepted locally at Environmental Recycling Group and Rader Environmental.

Unlike other years, there will only be one collection date for each of the special collections offered by the District.

Visit recycleoss.org or call 419-334-7222 for more information.

Bridges, road projects approved

Three infrastructure projects were approved last week by the Ottawa County commissioners.

A low bid of \$790,734 from R&I Construction was approved for the replacement

of Elliston Trowbridge Road over Toussaint Creek Bridge.

R&I also offered the low bid of \$501,269 for rehabilitating Sugar Creek Bridge on Linker Portage Road.

M&B Asphalt Co., Inc. submitted the low bid of \$2.12 million for resurfacing Oak Harbor Southeast Road.

Flag raising at Starr and Main, about 1980



With salutes and hands over hearts, East Siders watch Harold Surprise raise the flag, probably on Memorial Day, on the traffic island on the corner of Starr Avenue and Main Street about 1980. Surprise, a long-time community civic leader, owned Anchor Printing, which was located in the Wetli building seen in the background.



Court Log	
Oregon Municipal Court	
• Shirley Marie Jeffries, 446 Clyde, Toledo, 180 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 100 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, possession a drug abuse instrument.	• Angela Lynn Free-Knack, 3241 Springtime, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.
• Rebecca Lynn Ruby, 180 East, Curtice, 180 days CCNO, 150 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, assault.	• Audriana Church, 3518 Hilltop, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, falsification.
• Janet M. Bell, 5534 Chippewa, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.	• Jacob Oliver, 2100 Consaul, Toledo, \$172 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
• Brenda Anne Cluckey, 2408 Valentine, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.	• Victoria Lynn Wymer, 505 Platt, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, obstructing justice.
• Nichole Suzanne Grant, 2510 Consaul, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 20 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, menacing.	• Michael Robert Szavuly, 3131 Starr, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 174 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, OVI with breath concentration of .1
• Mary E. Lesko, 113 Birmingham, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, receiving stolen property.	• Analicia Monique Cannon, 1009 W. Sylvania, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 174 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$856 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
• Samuel Hoagland Homoelle, 903 Gatehouse, Columbus, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, protection afforded non-game bird.	• Keith Antwon Barnes, 2838 Holyoke, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, theft.
• Alicia Garcia, 1970 N. Ontario, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$247 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.	• Daniel Demetrio Gonzalez, 933 Gribbin, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 150 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, theft.
• Philip Richard Pecina, 4102 Oakmont, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 174 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, violation of a protection order.	• Cody Allen Barnes, 1019 Freedom, Toledo, \$197 court costs and fines, drug abuse.
• Brian M. Baumgartner, 13800 Brint, Berkey, \$197 court costs and fines, seasons and limits on ducks.	• Michael Jeffery Harrell, 1010 Ostrich, Toledo, \$172 court costs and fines, drug abuse.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

Feb. 12

1820 - Wood County officially formed by state legislature.

1893 - Major oil strike in Wood County's Middleton Township, reported to be 1,000 barrels a day.

1900 - Toledo Police Court forced to change locations after smallpox fumigation kills rats under floor, creating an unbearable stench.

1906 - The Wood County sheriff apprehends accused killer Frank McGuire during a chase over the ice-covered Maumee River near the Fassett Street bridge. McGuire is wanted in the slaying of Perrysburg Marshal Frank Thornton.

1935 - Hundreds of Boy Scouts from Toledo area visit over 1,300 patients in local hospitals to wish them well and give them flowers.

1938 - Joseph Wehner, 66, of Temperance, reports that his 16-day hiccup spell is finally over. He remains at Women's and Children's Hospital in Toledo where he has been since his hiccups began.

1999 - Life Flight helicopter crashes into a home in central Toledo, during a snow squall, injuring the pilot, nurse and doctor on board.

Feb. 13

1894 - A massive blaze wipes out much of the Genoa business district.

1903 - Toledo health official says smallpox outbreak in city is depleting funds for public healthcare in the city.

1938 - A large marijuana raid is conducted at Woodville and Walbridge Roads at Jack's Auto Parts. Police found more than 70 pounds of so called "loco weed" in the place. Four people are arrested, and owner of the garage says he has no idea how the "weed" got there.

1943 - Convicted postal robber and mobster Joseph Urbaytis is released from Alcatraz Prison in California and returns home to

Toledo Historical Museum by Lou Hebert



Toledo. He is shot to death by an assassin a few years later at his speakeasy on Woodville Road.

1956 - Downtown gas explosion kills three people at Higrade Beagle Meat Packing. Numerous buildings are leveled on Superior St.

Feb. 14

1838 - Toledo City Council establishes salaries for city workers. City Marshal, \$40 monthly; City Attorney \$40 monthly; Treasurer 2 percent of money handled.

1848 - First regular telegraph service reaches Toledo. Will immediately change the speed of news delivery to local newspapers.

1918 - Massive "gorge" of water travels downstream towards Toledo after ice jam takes out bridge in Napoleon. Many bridges are shut down and rail passengers are taking excursions along river to see the flooding.

1925 - Plans are announced to erect the Bell building on Huron Street between Jefferson and Monroe. The \$3 million structure will allow phone company to automate Toledo phone system.

1940 - Tragedy strikes as a doctor, his wife and two children perish when their car goes through the Lake Erie ice on a trip to Middle Bass Island.

1945 - Word War II continues to take a deadly toll, as War Department on this day reports that 28 men from Northwest Ohio and 10 from Southeast Michigan have been killed in fighting in Europe in recent weeks.

Feb. 15

1888 - David Ross Locke passes away. Locke was longtime publisher and writer for the Toledo Blade. An iconic American humorist, known to many by his pseudonym Petroleum V. Nasby. His satirical column, in which he wrote from the viewpoint of a lazy and ignorant bigot, was one of Abraham Lincoln's favorites.

1908 - Eight people are killed and 16 injured in a horrific collision between an interurban passenger trolley and a Big Four freight train in West Toledo on Phillips Avenue.

1944 - Sergeant William Provonsha, of Jackman Road in Toledo, is credited with shooting down two Nazi attack planes during a Flying Fortress bombing raid over Germany.

1945 - Toledo fireman Tim Morrissey dies while battling house fire at 1128 Dorr St.

1967 - High winds deal heavy damage to area. Wood County hit especially hard.

Feb. 16

1907 - Weary of saloons that are havens for fights and other misbehavior, Mayor Whitlock orders policemen posted at the door of some saloons to take the names of everyone who enters. Business at Carter's Saloon at Monroe and 11th Street has fallen by half.

1924 - Hunters from the Sandusky area are now on hunting trips to find the wolves that are killing livestock in the area. They think the wolves came from the forests of Canada and were able to travel to Ohio across the ice on Lake Erie.

1929 - The grand \$2 million Paramount Theater opens on Adams Street in downtown Toledo amid much fanfare and celebration. First movie shown was "Redskin," starring Richard Dix.

1970 - Indian Hills School in Rossford opens.

1984 - Scott Hamilton of Bowling Green

wins gold medal in figure skating at Winter Olympics in Sarajevo.

2004 - Massive truss-style crane collapses on construction site of new Skyway Bridge over Maumee River. Four workers are killed, others seriously injured in the tragedy that shocked the city and delayed the project for more than a year.

Feb. - 17

1867 - Ice jams create havoc and flooding in downtown Toledo. Some bridges damaged and knocked loose by moving ice.

1917 - The Toledo Yacht Club holds a huge so-called "rat dinner" of fresh muskrat. More than 600 people attend to enjoy the culinary delight.

1921 - Largest robbery in Toledo history as the Joe Urbaytis gang robs U.S. Post Office on 14th Street between Jefferson and Madison. The gang takes off with \$1.6 million in bonds, securities, and cash. They are all eventually caught and convicted in a series of trials in Toledo Federal Court.

1943 - Fire at 1005 West Woodruff Avenue claims life of Toledo fireman Howard Rippel.

1949 - Oldest tree in Toledo, a 500-year-old white oak, located at Detroit and Byrne, is cut down because of aging and rot. It had a 6-foot-thick trunk and required a crane to take down its main section.

Feb. - 18

1883 - Floodwaters damage many buildings along riverfront in downtown Toledo.

1918 - Record low temperature reported in Bowling Green at -22 degrees.

1927 - Harvard Elementary School in South Toledo is dedicated.

1959 - Fire blazes through several buildings in Curtice, triggering evacuations and the labor of 100 volunteer firemen to fight the flames. Losses totaled more than \$300,000.

Obituaries

Obituary

Ronald D. Dezanett

June 21, 1950 - February 5, 2023



Ronald Dennis Dezanett, 72, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, passed away peacefully at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, Sunday, February 5, 2023. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 21, 1950, the son of Louis F. And Anna Lillian (Heilman) Dezanett, Jr. He married the former Bernadette Rose (Dietrich) in Michigan on July 10, 1969 and she preceded him in death on November 30, 2016.

For most of his career, Ron was a truck driver, he enjoyed traveling over the road seeing many parts of the country. He was a lifelong fisherman that took advantage of the great outdoors,

fishing in Lake Erie and surrounding rivers and streams. Riding

his motorcycle was a passion of his, whether it be riding to work or a planned trip, he would ride even in difficult weather. Ron had the drive to be a volunteer fireman and he fulfilled that drive for several years in North Carolina where he lived before moving back to Ohio.

Ron is survived by his children, Eugene, Jason, Rosalie, Lucas, Vincent (Margaret), and Wesley Dezanett, Regina (Jose) Gomez, Ranajo, and Roxanna Dezanett and Grace, grandchildren, Chad, Sara, Mariah, Melissa, Zaden, Samuel, Nehemiah, Kiara, Ethan, Wyatt, Vinnie, and Zoe and brothers, William (Robin), Donald, and Michael (Rachel) Dezanett. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Juliet Dezanett, and sister, Patricia Below.

Visitation for Ron will be conducted from 5:00-7:00 PM, Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio. A memorial service will be held at 6:00 PM in the funeral home on Friday. Interment will be held at a later date at Clay Township Cemetery, Genoa. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau, P.O. Box 173, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. Online condolences may be shared at

www.walkerfuneralhomes.com

Obituary

Nancy M. Revill

Nancy Marie Revill, 87, of Walbridge, OH, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2023, at her home. Nancy was a devoted lifetime nurse. Even after retiring from the Lutheran Home of Mercy, she provided compassion, comfort and care to numerous family members, friends, and neighbors throughout the years. She enjoyed working in her yard, sharing her baked goods, and sewing recovery heart surgery pillows.



She was preceded in death by her parents, Rolland and Christine Bowers; sister, Barbara Ward; brother, George Bowers (Betsy) and sister-in-law, Joan Bowers. She is survived by brothers, Rollie Bowers and Roger Bowers (Connie); brother-in-law, Al Ward; son, Scott Revill (Carol); daughter, Sheri Boos-Sheahan; grandchildren, Lindsay Revill Emerson (Kenny), Kaitlyn Sheahan Albright (Amos), Alexa Sheahan (Dennis Danko) and great grandchild, Levi Danko.

Memorial services to celebrate Nancy will be held privately. Those wishing to give memorials are asked to consider Shriners Hospitals for Children, Wood County Committee on Aging, or Lutheran Home of Mercy. Online condolences may be left to the family at walkerfuneralhomes.com

Obituary

Eric A. Martin

March 17, 1995 - February 7, 2023

Eric Andrew Martin, 27, of Oregon, OH passed away February 7, 2023, peacefully at Sunshine Communities with his mother by his side. Eric was born on March 17, 1995 to Angela (Butzin) Tierney and Harry Martin III in Toledo, OH. Eric has been a resident of Sunshine Communities, Maumee, OH for the past 15 years.



Eric enjoyed listening to music, going to events and spending time with his friends and caregivers at Sunshine. Eric always had a smile on his face and loved spending time with his family.

Eric is survived by his parents, Angela Tierney (Scott Conine) and Harry (Jennifer) Martin, siblings; Leslie, Matthew, and Elizabeth Martin and Daniel and Drew Tierney. Also surviving are his maternal grandparents; Dan and Judy Lajti of Curtice, OH along with paternal grandparents; Butch and Mary Martin of Port Clinton, OH. He also leaves behind aunts, uncles and many more loving family and friends.

Eric was preceded in death by his twin brother at birth; Derek J. Martin and his stepfather; Paul L. Tierney.

Family and friends may visit the Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155 S. Wynn Rd in Oregon, OH on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. A private graveside service will be held later at Allen Township Cemetery, Williston, OH. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Sunshine Communities, 7223 Maumee Western Rd., Maumee, OH 43537 or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

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To effectively communicate, follow these suggestions

Communicating effectively is essential for getting your ideas across, being understood, and being able to convey what you need or want. Effective communicators enjoy many benefits. They build trust, prevent or resolve problems, are clearly understood, have better interpersonal relationships, and have less frustration and stress. Poor communications result in distrust, misunderstandings, stress, people doing the wrong thing, anger, and bitterness.

Communication can take place in-person, over the phone, in a memo or letter, or via email or text. Communication is most effective in-person because both verbal and non-verbal cues are at work. When you are communicating face to face the other person hears what is being said, how it's being said, and can see the body language which accompanies the message.

For our message to be best understood, what you say should match how you say it. Your words, tone, attitude, and body language should all be consistent and reinforce each other. When your verbal and non-verbal messages conflict, people tend to believe the non-verbal over the verbal.

Effective in-person communication requires you to be a good listener as well as being perceptive. Watch and listen to



Golden Advice

by Bryan Golden

verify whether or not your message is being accurately received. Ask questions to make sure you are understood.

The next most effective form of communication is verbal only, such as a phone call. Although you don't have the visual component, you do have verbal cues such as tone of voice and intonation. When on the phone, listen carefully without being distracted. Ask questions to verify that you have been understood.

The least effective form of communication is written. There is no immediate feedback as to how your message was received, if it was read in its entirety, or if it was accurately understood. Written communication should be your last choice, used only if in-person, or verbal communication is not an option.

Never communicate, in any form,

when angry or upset. Your thinking is not clear or rational. You will say things you'll later regret. When you are upset, always allow time to calm down before communicating.

Regardless of the communication form there are several tenets you should follow to maximize the effectiveness of your message. First and foremost is think before you speak or write. Have a specific objective in mind. Avoid saying or writing anything which does not work toward your objective. Being polite, kind, and courteous typically gets the best results.

Choose your words wisely. Never be flippant. Your message once delivered, especially in writing, cannot be retracted. Any type of electronic communication should be considered permanent, and public.

Before speaking in-person or over the phone, make an outline of what you want to say. Go over it several times before communicating. Read, and reread, all written communication before sending. Whenever possible, allow time between your first and final drafts.

Clarity and brevity enhance effective communication. Be direct and to the point. Make your message as short as possible.

Less is more when communicating. Long messages tend to be rambling and don't keep the recipient's attention. If you have a lot to communicate, consider using several, shorter communications. When writing, use short paragraphs or bullet points to convey your message.

Before responding to what someone has said or written make sure your understanding is accurate. If you are not sure about what's being conveyed, ask questions for clarification. Problems are created or worsened when each person has a different understanding about what is being said or written.

Effective communication is always an ongoing pursuit. Following the guidelines mentioned above will help ensure your communication goals are achieved. Try for in-person communication whenever possible and use written communication only when there are no other options.

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Some thoughts on the cost of war and the debt ceiling

By Wim Laven

The ability to solve complex problems is a sign of maturity, intelligence, and some would argue what separates humans from other species. Difficult questions can engage perception, knowledge, problem solving, judgment, language, and memory.

A fair bit of money is deducted from your pay, withheld as income tax. The aggregate of all that tax money is what is known as discretionary spending, the tax money that Congress can debate and decide how much to allocate to various government services and programs every year. It is truly complex.

Let's use a jet with a payload as a metaphor. You have a Boeing 747; it can carry 248,000 lbs. of materials and you can send it anywhere in the world. Where is it going and what is it carrying?

Why? Information and experience shape decision making.

Would you load your plane with blankets and warm clothes to aid the survival of refugees and displaced persons feeling war

and violent conflict? What about the homeless?

Would you load your plane with water bottles or water treatment and filtration equipment?

Would you send food or implements to try and restore farmland? Would homelessness, hunger, or disease be on your list of priorities at all?

Whatever your choices, right or wrong, they were accompanied with a price tag. Our country reached its debt limit, \$31.4 trillion on Jan. 19th. This debt is all past spending and we should be asking tough questions.

According to a study from Brown University \$5.85 trillion has been spent on U.S. post-9/11 war spending through 2022 and another \$2.2 trillion is already spent in future obligations. So-called defense spending accounts for more than half of all discretionary spending. Looks like the metaphorical 747 is at least half full of guns and bombs. Interest payments on US debt may eclipse the defense budget by

2025 or 2026, high costs to waging wars we could not afford to fight.

I wonder why I haven't heard mention of military spending, the cost of running military bases all over the globe, the cost and inadequacy of our combat operations, or anything else about our failed military policy. It is a triple whammy: we spend more on these campaigns than anything else (as a percent of discretionary spending), they are not working—the dramatic failures have been painful to watch—and challenging the status quo on military spending is frowned upon. What will it take to honestly talk about the military industrial complex in America?

The true costs of war are rarely told; families are killed or driven from their wrecked homes; soldiers and civilians die; nature is polluted and infrastructure is destroyed—and the debt ceiling is hit.

Perhaps it is time to review the rich history of nonviolence, the ability of peace building, and the efficacy of peacemaking operations in achieving mutually benefi-

cial outcomes. Violent destructive conflicts could be avoided and constructive conflicts with the potential for enduring positive change could be identified.

It is time we stopped loading our planes with guns and bombs to wage war all around the planet (and outer space). The debt ceiling is proof that war is not working. We cannot afford it. We have the capacity for complex problem solving, let's finally prove it.

And by the way, refusing to raise the debt ceiling when Congress already authorized all the spending that caused that debt ceiling to be hit is not the same as Congress suddenly deciding to order a less expensive meal at a modest diner. It's actually exactly like eating a large expensive meal at a pricey restaurant and then leaving without paying.

Wim Laven, Ph.D., syndicated by Peace Voice, teaches courses in political science and conflict resolution.

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A familiar scene

To the editor: Here we are again watching news on TV about another black man dying at the hands of cops. When will people learn that doing something other than what the cop wants is where all of this starts?

In every instance like this it always starts with the person that gets pulled over trying to do something other than what the cops tell them to do. In every instance, at that point, is where everything goes wrong.

Am I the only one who can see this? Surely not. Is it that they are afraid of cops, that they don't understand the process that the police must follow, or is it something else?

Then there is the over aggressive police officers that change lives forever in a very negative way.

Where will it stop?

Mark Fisher
Northwood

Graphic images warranted

To the editor: After each mass shooting in the U.S. we send our thoughts and prayers, then move on to the next shooting.

I'm no expert, but I think we need to be bold enough to show very graphic photos

of the victims – even the school children – who have been blown apart in these shootings. Maybe this would be enough to wake the silent majority.

I'm a Purple Heart combat veteran and can say for sure there are images that you can never "un-see."

Wake up and vote people into office who are strong enough to make changes.

David Kodger
Curtice

NFL the altar of secular religion

To the editor: This year's Super Bowl features two African-Americans as the starting quarterbacks for the first time, Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts.

This month also marks four Black History Months since the owners of the National Football League made their out-of-court settlement with Colin Kaepernick. The NFL owners had become what I define as corporate practitioners of Economic Apartheid - using capitalism, colonialism, racism, and socialism to preserve white supremacy against people of color.

The time frame I am addressing was approximately February 2019; when the NFL owners realized that pursuing their case in court would not have been aided by then

President Donald Trump giving a deposition concerning Colin Kaepernick's constitutional right to protest in his National Football League workplace before a game, Trump did not comprehend the meaning of constitutionality - in the NFL workplace. Nor was Trump cognizant that Kaepernick had financial support from a corporation that didn't practice Economic Apartheid, as he is a Nike spokesperson.

In fact, we as a nation have come to acknowledge that professional football is now America's secular religion via the prayers and outpouring of concern for Buffalo Bills football player, Damar Hamlin, across the nation.

I was truly surprised and overjoyed that we as fans and a nation cared so profoundly for Hamlin's welfare. I don't want to dismiss how important football is to college students, but in my opinion, it is more of a tribal celebration.

Now, I ask what reaction would the nation have if both African-American quarterbacks, Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts take a "knee" against police brutality with the Memphis incident of Tyre Nichols on the minds of so many Americans and not just people of color?

Clarence Gafeney
Toledo

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Health

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Paramount Dental launches tele-dental services for members

Paramount Dental announced the launch of tele-dental services for members. The new service will allow members to access a dentist online from the comfort of their own homes at no additional cost.

In partnership with The TeleDentists, Paramount Dental now enables patients to utilize virtual tools to access on-demand dentists and other resources.

A network of dentists is on-call and available for virtual dental visits 24/7/365 via mobile app, phone or web. Through a video consultation, the licensed dentists in the network can diagnose oral or dental problems, creating a personalized treatment plan. Upon diagnosis, the dentist can start the patient on remediation, which may include medication. When follow-up care is needed, appointments are booked with an appropriate dentist located near the member.

The TeleDentists is a national virtual care dental provider with more than 300 dentists in its network. All consulting dentists are board-licensed and carefully screened.

"As the need for telemedicine continues to grow, this offering ensures Paramount Dental members have convenient access to an in-network provider close to home or virtually," said Josh Nace, president of Paramount Dental. "With the ability to provide a dental visit virtually, we hope that members will utilize dental benefits and can seek care in a timely manner, improving dental health and overall health."

Super Hero Sunday

Learn CPR and be someone's hero Sunday, Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. at Lake Township Fire Station 28, 1911 Ayers Rd., Millbury.

Email cpr@laketwp.com to register.

The training is \$20 for those who wish to receive an American Heart Association card and free for those who do not need a card.

Positively Pink presents "Weight Loss in Women"

Wood County Hospital's Positively Pink Women's Health Series will present "Weight Loss in Women: What Works, What Doesn't and the Way to Achieve a Healthy Weight," Thursday, Feb. 16 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital meeting rooms.

Martha Gonzalez, RD, LD, of the Center for Weight Loss Surgery at Wood County Hospital, will discuss the reasons women



have difficulty reaching weight loss goals, what they can do to combat these issues and what options work the best for helping to achieve a healthy lifestyle.

The event will begin with social time at 6:30 p.m. Registration for this event is free but required and can be completed online at WoodCountyHospital.org/classes - Community Wellness or by calling Wellness Services at 419-354-8887.

The Positively Pink Series is designed to provide women with the answers needed to live a long, healthy and happy life. Each program begins with social time, which includes blood pressure screenings, snacks and a few vendors offering health information on popular women's health topics. A discussion by an expert speaker follows.

Mercy Mammogram unit plans February stops

Mercy Health's mobile mammogram unit has scheduled visits throughout the region in February.

The mobile mammography unit, which delivers 3D mammograms to women age 40 and older, is equipped with 3D technology and offers patients the option of self-compression, meaning the patient will have the ability to control the compression once they are in position.

Local stops include:

- Tuesday, Feb. 14: Mercy Health - Franklin Medical Center, 2213 Franklin Ave., Toledo.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15: Mercy Health - Starbright Primary Care, 28555 Starbright Boulevard, Perrysburg.
- Thursday, Feb. 16: Mercy Health - Perrysburg Primary Care & Walk-in, 1103 Village Square, Perrysburg.
- Friday, Feb. 17: Mercy Health - Waterville Primary Care, 1222 Pray Boulevard.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22: Mercy Health - Starbright Primary Care, 28555 Starbright Boulevard, Perrysburg.

To view the full list of dates and locations, visit mercy.com/toledomobilemamm. While mammogram screenings may

be covered by insurance, for best coverage, patients should verify if Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital is an in-network provider with their insurance carrier. Financial need-based assistance programs are available to help those who are uninsured or underinsured (have high deductibles). Call 419-696-5839 for more information.

Screenings at the Mercy Health Mobile Mammography unit are by appointment only. Call 833-MAMM-VAN to schedule.

Certified radiologists read all mammograms, and because a second look can mean a second chance, mammograms are double-checked with a computer-aided detection system that detects more breast cancer than mammography alone. The patient and her physician receive a copy of the results.

Life Line Screenings

Area residents can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic serious conditions at two upcoming Life Line Screening events.

Screenings will be offered Thursday, Feb. 16 at St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, 122 W. Ottawa St., Oak Harbor.

An additional screening event will be offered Thursday, March 2 at The Red Willow Event Center, 5805 Woodville Rd., Northwood.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
- HDL and LDL cholesterol levels.
- Diabetes risk.
- Kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Special package pricing starts at \$159. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com. Preregistration is required. Free parking is also available.

Toledo Humane Society planning blood drive

The Toledo Humane Society has been recognized by the American Red Cross as one of its Premier Blood Partners for 2023, a prestigious honor, for its support of the community and national blood supply.

Last year, the Toledo Humane Society helped the Red Cross collect 53 blood donations as part of its commitment to help save lives of patients facing illnesses and injuries in this community and across the country.

"The Toledo Humane Society is proud to be a part of the Red Cross mission that helps ensure lifesaving blood is available for hospital patients in need," said Alexandra Patterson, marketing and events coordinator at THS. "Our organization shares that same humanitarian value to help our neighbors, and we are grateful for the opportunity to host blood drives that will do just that here in our community."

The Toledo Humane Society will host a Red Cross blood drive Monday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Maumee United Methodist Church. Community members are urged to come out and roll up a sleeve. Those who donate blood in February will receive a \$10 gift card by email from Amazon, plus a chance to win a trip to Florida for two.

To schedule an appointment, to donate blood at the THS Blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=HUMANESOCIETY or call 1-800-733-2767.

Donors of all blood types are needed.

'Gentle Yoga for Grief'

Community members are invited to a four-week gentle yoga workshop aimed at connecting the mind, body and heart of those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

"Gentle Yoga for Grief" will be held Fridays, March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Toledo Hospice Center, 800 South Detroit Ave.

All people regardless of fitness level, age and flexibility are encouraged to attend. This class offers yoga for all bodies and abilities. Yoga can help participants find their center and ease the pain of grief.

Conducted by a certified yoga instructor who specializes in yoga for everybody, participants will work through the energetic and emotional blocks of grief to find peace.

The classes are free and open to anyone in the community, whether or not they have had a prior relationship with Hospice of Northwest Ohio, however, advance registration is required. Masks are required.

For more information or to register, contact the Hospice Bereavement Department at 419-661-4001.

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ProMedica offering events

ProMedica will offer the following community events in February and March:

- Feb. 15 – Alzheimer's Association Education Program. The ProMedica Goerlich Center will host a discussion with the Alzheimer's Association on "Healthy Living for your Brain and Body." Participants will learn healthy ways to help their brain and decrease the chances of developing Alzheimer's disease. The event will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the ProMedica Goerlich Center, 5320 Harroun Rd., Sylvania. (Enter using the gym door to the left of the main entrance). Registration is required and can be done by calling 800-272-3900.

- Feb. 23 – ProMedica Stroke Support Group. The ProMedica Stroke Support Group is hosting a discussion led by Monica Hajjar PA-C called "The Heart and Brain Connection – What is Cryptogenic Stroke?" The meeting will take place from 5-6 p.m. at the ProMedica Flower Hospital Conference Center in Room E, 5200 Harroun Rd., Sylvania. Registration is not required to attend.

- March 14 – Alzheimer's Association Education Program. The ProMedica Goerlich Center will host a discussion with the Alzheimer's Association on "Effective Communication Strategies." The event will take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the ProMedica Goerlich Center, 5320 Harroun Rd., Sylvania. Registration required. Call 800-272-3900.

- March 23 – ProMedica Stroke Support Group. A discussion led by Devin Brown from the Ebeid Financial Opportunity Center about "Financial Help – How to Deal with Finances Post-Stroke" will take place from 5-6 p.m. at the ProMedica Flower Hospital Conference Center in Room E, 5200 Harroun Rd., Sylvania. Registration is not required to attend.

Nar-Anon meetings

Nar-Anon is a 12-Step program for family members and friends of active or recovering drug addicts. The program offers three Toledo-area meetings each week:

- Mondays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Broadway, Maumee.
- Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. at Harvest Lane Alliance Church, 5132 Harvest Lane, Toledo.
- Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. at St. Anne's Hospital, 3404 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo (third floor, conference room 1).

Bay Park scholarships

The ProMedica Bay Park Hospital Foundation, under the guidance of its board of directors and hospital leadership, launched scholarships which promote health care education, careers, and professional development among the ProMedica Bay Park Hospital greater community.

Five scholarships will be awarded annually, and payment will be directed to the enrolled institution of choice. Past recipients may reapply in subsequent years.

The online scholarship application portal is active and will close at midnight on March 31. Students can apply for the scholarship by visiting <https://promedica.foundation/bayparkscholarships>.

Scholarship opportunities include:

- ProMedica Bay Park Hospital Future Healthcare Professional Scholarship (\$1,000), open to:

- Currently enrolled or students planning to study any healthcare related field.
- Graduates of/or students planning to graduate within scholarship application year from local area high school. Preference given to candidates from local schools including Cardinal Stritch, Clay, Woodmore, Genoa, Northwood, Oak Harbor, Rossford, Lake and Waite, as well as non-traditional education programs.

- ProMedica Bay Park Hospital Employee Scholarship (\$1,000), open to:

- Currently enrolled or planning to study any healthcare related field.
- ProMedica Bay Park Hospital employees and their immediate family members (spouse, children, and dependents). Note: Employees living outside of Lucas, Wood or Ottawa County must have five years of

continuous full or part-time employment to be eligible.

Mercy announces relocation

Mercy Health has relocated its Weight Management Solutions and Surgical Specialists to Perrysburg. The new location will be 1103 Village Square, Suite 200.

Mercy Health offers bariatric surgical and non-surgical weight loss solutions as well as both junior and adolescent weight management programs.

Additionally, Mercy Health provides multiple tools and resources – including weight loss seminars, support groups, health management resources, and weight loss tools – for those struggling with their weight.

New to the updated space is an infusion room to provide hydration services for patients after surgery and a Mercy Health outpatient laboratory.

Studies show obesity affects more than one third of Americans, and it is the second leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Nearly 40 percent of working-age Americans ages 40 to 59 classify as

obese and conditions associated with obesity, such as diabetes, add to the physical and financial toll of obesity. Bariatric surgery has proven to be an effective tool in reducing long-term obesity.

Free, no-obligation seminars are available to learn more about bariatric surgical and non-surgical weight loss options. For more information, visit mercyweightmanagement.com or call 419-251-8760.

Mercy Health recognized for patient satisfaction

Mercy Health announced that two of its emergency departments have been awarded the 2022 Press Ganey Human Experience Guardian of Excellence Award for Patient Satisfaction.

These awards honor the emergency departments at Mercy Health – Perrysburg Hospital and Mercy Health – Sylvania Medical Center for reaching the 95th percentile for patient experience.

Guardian of Excellence Awards are awarded annually to health care establishments which sustain performance in the top 5% based on one year of data.

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Show your children love on Valentine's Day – and every day

Valentine's Day offers a special opportunity for parents to carve out a special time for their children and remind them how important it is to care for one another.

The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that families can show love, not only by planning quality time together but by incorporating loving gestures and affirmations into daily routines.

"Every child deserves to feel loved – not just on a holiday, but every day," said Dr. Emily Lieberman, an Illinois pediatrician and spokesperson for AAP. "Find ways to make your child feel special. Regularly carve out time with your child one on one. Fully engage in an activity that is meaningful to your child — play a board game, draw a picture, watch him or her do a sport. A few minutes of uninterrupted attention helps a child flourish."

"Relationships built on love, care and mutual respect are essential for children to grow up feeling safe, healthy and resilient," she said.

AAP offers these 14 ways to show love to children on Valentine's Day – and every day.

- Have heart-to-heart conversations: Ask your child "How was your day?" and actively listen to the answer. If they tell you about a challenge they are facing, let them finish the story before helping them to solve their problem. If you see signs of anxiety or depression, talk with your pediatrician.

- Schedule game nights with the family. With cold winter weather and the ongoing spread of respiratory viruses, take the opportunity to spend more time at home playing and connecting as a family.

- Share your love of reading: Start reading to your child beginning in infancy. Many studies show that reading together strengthens parent-child bonds and promotes positive parenting. Plus, when you read to or with your child, you help them



build a foundation for success in school, which is linked to long-term wellness.

- Take a deep breath, then hug: When your child is angry or grouchy, try not to take it personally. Calm your own emotions first, perhaps by taking a deep breath, and then give a hug, pat or other sign of affection. Once they are also calm and feeling better, consider talking with them about the event and how they might better manage those strong emotions the next time.

- Discipline with love: Use positive, non-violent discipline. Harsh physical and verbal punishments don't work and can damage long-term physical and mental health. From an early age, lay out clear and consistent rules that your children can understand. Give praise when they follow them — not just punishment when they don't. Calmly explain consequences and follow through right away when rules are broken.

- Choose words with care: Use plenty of positive and encouraging words when talking with your child. Model consideration and gratitude yourself by saying

"please" and "thank you." Skip the sarcasm, mockery and put-downs, even if you are teasing. Children often don't understand your purpose. Even if they do, these messages can harm self-esteem and create negative ways of talking and connecting with each other.

- Let them know you're there: Respond promptly and lovingly to your child's physical and emotional needs. Be available to listen when your child wants to talk, even if it's not the best time for you.

- Care for the Earth. Spend time together in nature when you can, exploring ways to appreciate and protect it. Taking steps to care for the environment will show your children how you care about their future.

- Forgive mistakes, including your own: If you lose your cool and react harshly to your child, apologize and explain how you will handle the situation in the future. Be sure to keep your promise. Also forgive yourself. No one is perfect.

- Cook and eat together: One of the best ways to teach your children about

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, studies show that reading together strengthens parent-child bonds and promotes positive parenting. Reading to or with children also helps them build a foundation for success in school.

good food choices and enjoy each other's company is to cook together. Involve them in the entire process, from planning the menus to shopping for ingredients to preparing and serving the meal. Family meals are a great opportunity to talk and connect. Put away any electronic devices, including your own cellphone.

- Foster friendships: Help your child develop positive relationships with friends, siblings and members of the community. Teach them about the value of kindness. Encourage your child to be involved in activities that require teamwork, such as sports.

- Embrace health and safety: Show how much you care by taking your children to the doctor regularly for well-child care visits. Get them caught up on recommended immunizations to protect them against infectious diseases. Teach them how to help avoid injuries, provide a healthy and nutritious diet, and encourage plenty of sleep and exercise to help them grow healthy and strong.

- Be open and welcoming to whom-ever your children "love." Parents may use words like, 'Do you have a crush on any boys or girls at school? Please know that we will always love you no matter who you love.' This is also a good opportunity to talk to teens about dating, relationships, and sexual activity. We can make sure our children understand how to respect their bodies and others, that "no means no."

- Show affection: Say the words, 'I love you,' often and without limit as your children grow up.

"The words we use and how we communicate with our children can set them up for increased self-esteem, positivity and openness with parents," Dr. Lieberman said. "And no one is ever too old to hear the words, 'I love you.' Practice it daily and it becomes second nature."

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Waite sophomore

Contos making a name for himself on the mat

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The name Contos is prestigious in wrestling circles in Northwest Ohio, if not the state as a whole, and it looks like the family has another great wrestler coming up through the ranks.

Waite sophomore Phoenix Contos is in the midst of a great season, having accumulated a record of 27-0 and a No. 1 ranking in the state at 126 pounds, according to borofanohio.net.

Contos won championships at the Perrysburg Invitational Tournament, the Northwood Jim Derr Invitational, the Clyde Tournament and the Defiance Tri-State Border War. At PIT, Contos beat the top-ranked wrestler in the state, Perrysburg's Ryan Avolos, 11-10, on a last-second escape. At the Jim Derr Invitational, Contos was named the Most Valuable Wrestler and had eight pins, the most in the tournament, and the most pins in the least amount of time. At the Border War, Contos won the Outstanding Wrestler Award.

Contos talked wrestling at PIT.

"It was a pretty good tournament. Overall, I knew I had some tough matches, and I just knew I had to get it done – put all the effort into it, and I got the title," Contos said. "But I know I have stuff to work on and I have to just keep grinding."

At the Tri-State Border War, Contos won by technical fall over Taylor's Jimmy Ialezas in the finals and won the other matches by fall except another technical-fall victory in the quarterfinals.

Last year, Contos wrestled for Genoa, finishing fourth in Division III at 120 pounds. Now, he'll be wrestling against bigger and tougher opponents in the post-season, with Waite being a Div. I school.

"Every match I wrestle is basically going to be a grinder. Most of the time, my confidence level is pretty high. I know I have something to prove to everybody," Contos said. "I've got to go out there and do it."

Contos talked about the struggles that come with participating in such a physical sport like wrestling.

"I don't even think it's close, wrestling is the hardest sport. You need good teammates and drill partners, and I have really good coaches," he said. "But in football, it's not really hard to me — you're running



Phoenix Contos has a record of 27-0 and is ranked #1 in the state for his weight class of 126 pounds. (Submitted photo)

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around, throwing and catching. Wrestling is super technical, and you've got to put in a lot of time.

"I don't know too much about cutting weight, but I've been around people that have done it, and I know it's not easy to do. Lifting is super hard, you have to put as much weight as you can on the bar or do as many reps as you can. Lifting is super important for wrestling, and it takes a good mindset to be a good wrestler."

Russ Jennings, the Waite coach, is one of the area's best. He has led the Indians to four consecutive City League titles and helped bring pride to the East Side.

"The Waite wrestling team will be looking to win a fifth straight city title this year with six seniors leading the way. The only thing I can credit to Phoenix having such great success is great coaching and hard work," said Jennings. "His father, Kevin, is somewhat of a mad scientist when it comes to Phoenix's wrestling technique and his will to win."

"He's a super good coach," Contos said of Jennings. "He pushes me every day, helps me with sprints, teaches me stuff."

"Our practices start off with a 20-30 minute run every day, and then we will get back into the room and hand fight for five to 10 minutes," Contos said. "After that, we usually grab our partners and get looks with some takedowns and funk rolls. The next thing is the hard drilling for 20 to 30 minutes. We will wrestle four or five full matches with three two-minute periods, so 24 to 30 minutes of that. We end with some sprints or pushups, sit ups, mountain climbers, or even some monkey rolls."

"I'd like to give a shout out to all my teammates — Jessie, Austin, Raphael, Eddie, Ben," Contos said. "They all push me — they're great to have in the room — they're all supporting one another until (graduation)."

Contos talked about his father, who was a runner-up at state when he was competing in high school.

"It's the best thing I could ask for. He is my No. 1 supporter, and he has taught me everything I know about wrestling and life in general," he said. "He is the best wrestling coach I have ever seen, and he pushes me to the limit every day and I appreciate him more than anything."

"I've looked up to my dad and brother (Kevin, Jr.). My dad taught me everything I know — technique, conditioning, runner," Contos said. "My brother is the most fun to watch. My Uncle Shawn was a national champion."

Kevin Contos Jr. wrestled at Genoa, helping the Comets win state championships for the team and the dual tournament. He was a two-time state placer. Phoenix's grandfather Mark Contos was the coach at Rogers for many years before also coaching at Start, Maumee and Southview.

Kevin Contos, Sr. placed third at the state tournament for Maumee. Shawn Contos was the first four-time individual champion in City League history at St. John's Jesuit and took third at state in 1993.

Stritch announces new athletic performance coach

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy is welcoming back former Stritch baseball and basketball player Craig Heuring ('04) as the strength and conditioning coach.

"I have wanted to become involved in the Stritch Athletic Program for years, but it was never the perfect time," Heuring said. "A classmate contacted me in regards to the new athletic restructuring and the need for sports performance training of Stritch athletes, and I was all in."

Working with youth is not new to Heuring, as he worked with high school athletes while studying for his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Georgia State University. He returned to the Buckeye State to earn a master's degree in kinesiology from Bowling Green State University. His performance training and conditioning with youth continued at St. John Jesuit High School and Academy while he was also coaching football.

Heuring currently works with youths to improve strength, speed, movement quality and coordination. "No matter what sport they choose to compete in, this training will be a benefit to their success," he said. "Not only is resistance training beneficial for athletic performance, but it can reduce the risk of injury as well. Consistent training throughout the year can better pre-



Craig Heuring has become the strength and conditioning coach at Cardinal Stritch High School and Academy. Heruing has experience working with youth to improve athletic performance. (Submitted photo)

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pare athletes physically and mentally for competition."

Lauren Cervetto, ('10), Cardinal Stritch cross country and track coach, began a "Stritch Lifts" program and Heuring has been working with her to grow the program. "All athletes, whether in season or not, in grades 9-12, are encouraged to attend the program that is offered four times a week after school" he said.

Each student athlete will be able to work with coaches to customize a specific training program based on age, ability, and whether they are in season or not. Training will look different to those athletes preparing for their season versus those who are actively competing.

When asked about how he feels to be back at his alma mater Heuring said, "I am grateful to be able to enjoy the career I love and doing that at Cardinal Stritch is a win-win for me!"

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Oak Harbor senior

Competitive drive fuels Hayden Buhro to be great

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It's hard enough to excel at one or two sports, but Hayden Buhro manages to do just that at three.

The Oak Harbor senior recently reached 100 career victories in wrestling, adding to a list of achievements that include being one of the fastest sprinters in Ohio and being one of the best players on a football team that won a Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division title and advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

It wouldn't be a stretch to call Buhro one of the most decorated athletes in the history of the school.

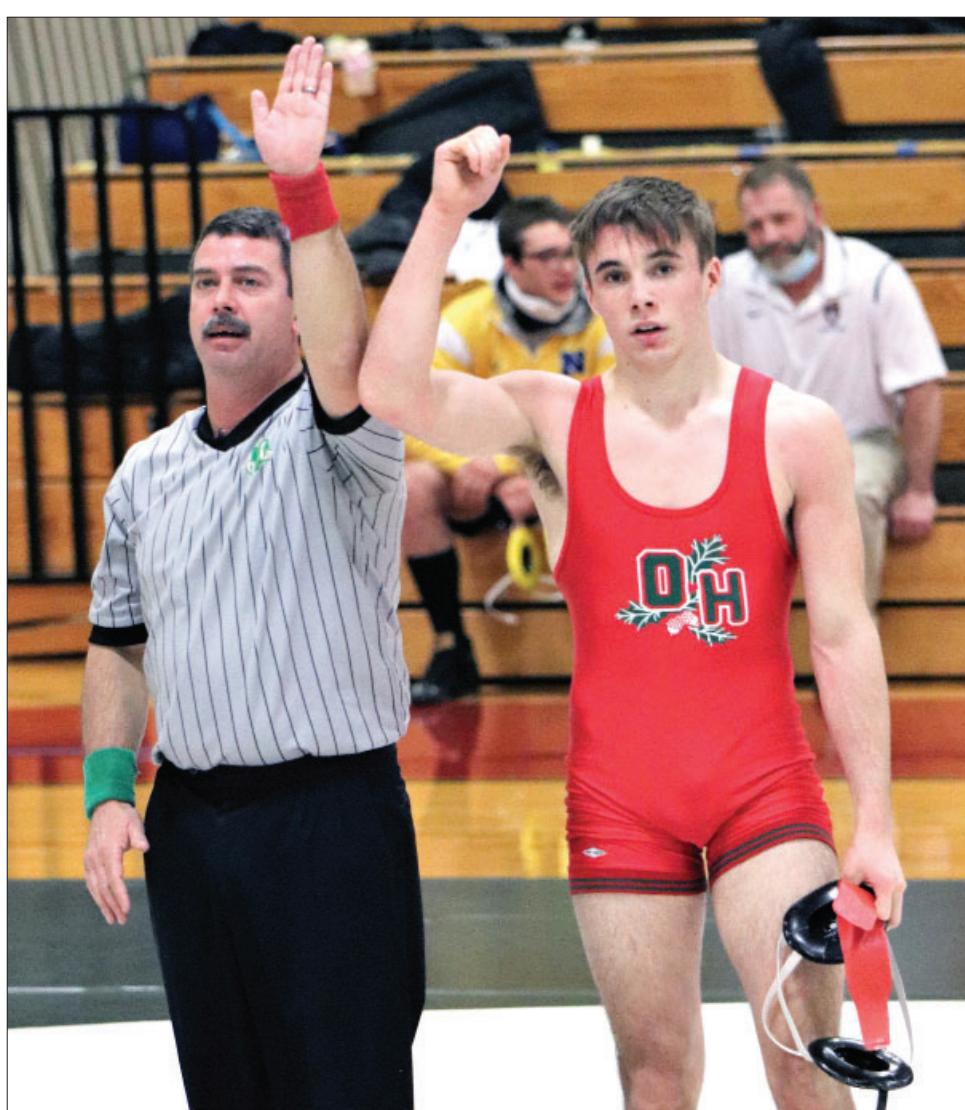
Eclipsing 100 wins was a milestone in a season that has seen Buhro, who wrestles at 175 pounds, named the Most Valuable Wrestler at the Bellevue Bob Bailey Invitational after he pinned three wrestlers and defeated Carey's Lance Rickle, 9-5, in the finals. (The Rockets won the 10-team event with 289 points, holding off Genoa, which finished with 267.5 points.)

Buhro also came in fifth at the Perrysburg Invitational Tournament, one of Ohio's premiere events. He is currently ranked sixth in Ohio, according to borofanohio.net, in Division III. Buhro qualified for state in wrestling as a sophomore and junior but was disqualified last season for medical reasons.

The list of accolades is endless with Buhro, who has helped to set a number of records in track and field.

Last season, he was 13th in the 100-meter dash in 10.93 in Div. II and 15th in the 200 in 23.08. He teamed with Isiah Miller, Jaqui Hayward and Hayden Hower to finish second in the 4x100 relay in 42.15, and the 4x200 relay team of Buhro, Hower, Judson Overmyer and Owen Miller was eighth in 1:29.39.

"I love competition in general, but in all three sports, it makes it so much more fun," he said. "Competition is what drives me to want to keep going. Everything is a competition."



Oak Harbor wrestler Hayden Buhro reached 100 career victories and credits his success to his coaches. Buhro excels at other sports including track and football. (Photo courtesy of Laura Bolander)

Buhro played both ways for the football team, earning league and district honors as a wide receiver and as a defensive back. He also earned honorable-mention

distinction in Div. V.

Buhro was a jack-of-all-trades, sort of a Debbi Samuel kind of player, one who could make big plays by catching the ball

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or running it. He caught 46 passes, a school record for a single season, for 621 yards and eight touchdowns while running it 53 times for 462 yards and 11 scores. He also had a total of 326 yards returning punts and kicks.

"Football will always be my favorite because I started playing it very young and fell in love with competing and the team aspect of it," he said. "I will always love football."

"I never have down time. I am always working, always on the grind," he said.

He counts Tyler Davis, Clay Schulte, Wyatt Miller and Tyler May as some of his best former teammates, and current teammates like Hayward, Owen Miller and Christian Paul stand out, too, he said.

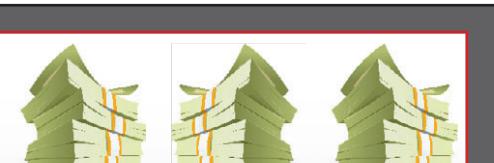
Buhro credits all three of his coaches — Mike May (football), George Bergman (wrestling) and Andy Augsburger (track).

"Coach May was a great influence and really brought me together character-wise. Coach Bergman and I are the closest because he has been my coach since I was 7. He is very wise and is a Hall of Fame coach for a reason," said Buhro. "Augs is a great man and has taught me how to become faster and a better man all around."

"All of my coaches are great leaders and are the reasons my teammates and I are in the positions we're in," he said.



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Local boys basketball teams ready for the tournament

By Yaneek Smith
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What makes tournament play—especially a single-elimination tournament—so exciting, are the possibilities—the possibilities that great teams like Cardinal Stritch or Genoa make a run, or a good team like Eastwood catches lightning in a bottle and wins a sectional or district title.

The Cardinals are the most likely of the group to make a serious run. They're 16-3 and 6-2 in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference and sit one game behind Emmanuel Christian, which is 15-3 and 7-1 in the league. The Warriors, ranked second in the Division III AP Poll, lost to Stritch last week, 72-70. The Cardinals rallied from a 10-point deficit in the final 2:45, the climax coming when, trailing by one point, Breon Hicks took a pass from Christian Burton and drained a 3-pointer from the left corner with 10 seconds to play.

Stritch also got key contributions from Owen Carter, Idro Price and Cam Hughes. Hicks had a team-high 19 points and 12 rebounds, Burton finished with 14 and Hughes chipped in with 12 points and eight boards.

Cardinals coach Sedron Harris doesn't consider the victory to be an upset.

"For me, it was a good win. We didn't necessarily look at it as big; we knew we could beat them. The first game, in the fourth quarter with three minutes to go, we were down by four points, and then we had some foul trouble," he said. "The final score was not a telltale sign of how the game was played."

"I told the guys we'd win the game as long as we shared the ball and continued to do our job," he said.

The Cardinals, who are seeded first in the Div. III Norwalk District, face the winner of (11) Edison and (13) Lakota on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Hopewell-Loudon.

"Our tournament draw is going to be a tough one. Ashland Crestview is a really good team; Genoa has been really solid. You never want to underestimate any team," said Harris. "Margaretta is a solid program, as is Genoa, and they have good coaches. And there's Huron. In our bracket, the top five teams are very solid. I think we have the toughest districts in Northwest Ohio."

"We're going to get everybody's best shot because we are the No. 1 seed," he said.

The Cardinals are riding high, having won 11 of their last 13 games, but they've got unfinished business. Last season, Stritch lost to Eastwood in a Div. III district final, and the Cardinals have got high expectations in believing they can make a run.

The team Stritch beat in the district semifinals last year was Genoa.

The Comets are in the midst of a very good season and have a 14-4 record, which includes an 11-1 mark in the Northern Buckeye Conference. If Genoa beats Otsego and defeats Rossford, which is 16-4 and

Owens player to cheer on brother playing in Super Bowl

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Every year, millions of people watch the Super Bowl. This year, when the Kansas City Chiefs play the Philadelphia Eagles, the game will have extra meaning for Owens Community College basketball player BreAnna Clemons. Her brother, Bryan Cook, is a rookie safety for the Kansas City Chiefs.

"It's extremely exciting and very surreal," said Clemons of her brother, drafted 62nd overall from the University of Cincinnati in the 2022 NFL Draft. "The fact that he is in the NFL and to make it to the Super Bowl in his rookie season is truly incredible and a blessing." Clemons was joined by her mom, brother and aunt in Kansas City for the Chiefs' AFC win against the Cincinnati Bengals, sending the Chiefs to the Super Bowl.

Clemons will cheer on her brother from the stands in Arizona this Sunday. She played in the Express game at Terra State on Feb. 8 and then went home to Cincinnati before flying to Arizona with the rest of the Chiefs players' family members.

Last season, Clemons was a part of the Owens Express national championship women's basketball team. "It felt great. It was the first time I ever won a tournament for a school," she said. She said even though her brother has played in many big

12-0 in the league, on Feb. 17 at home, it will win at least a share of the conference title.

The Comets, seeded fourth in the Norwalk District, have a tough road ahead. If Genoa beats No. 6 Bucyrus Wynford in the sectional semifinals — which takes place on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at Monroeville — it will face the second seed, Ashland Crestview on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m., also at Monroeville.

Jon Sandwisch, now in his first season coaching the Comets, talked about the excitement of playing in the tournament.

"We are playing a very good opponent in Wynford," he said. "Our district, and Division III as a whole, has a ton of high-level teams."

"The tournament is a special time. There are big games and big moments. It's one of the best things about high school basketball," he said.

Genoa will maintain the same mindset it has carried with itself throughout the season, Sandwisch said.

"We talk about being process-oriented versus being results-oriented. We are pleased with our results, but more importantly, extremely proud of how we attacked the process each and every day," Sandwisch said. "Our culture as a basketball program is improving, and we are taking pride in doing it the right way."

Also in the district are Oak Harbor and Northwood. The Rockets, seeded eighth, face No. 7 Western Reserve in a sectional semifinal on Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at Hopewell-Loudon. If Oak Harbor wins, it will take on (5) Margaretta, coached by Rocket legend Steve Keller, in a sectional final.

The Rangers, meanwhile, are seeded ninth and face (10) Bucyrus in a sectional semifinal on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Monroeville. The winner will face (3) Huron or (12) Lake — which takes place on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at Monroeville — in a sectional final on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The other area team in Div. III is Eastwood, which is seeded sixth in the Napoleon District. The Eagles will face (8) Archbold in a sectional semifinal on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Springfield. The winner will take on (5) Paulding or (12) Tinora on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Springfield.

In Div. I, Clay, the No. 18 team in the Central Catholic District, takes on No. 3 Perrysburg in a sectional final on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. In the Millbury District, No. 19 Waite faces No. 9 St. John's at Start in a sectional semifinal.

In Div. IV, No. 13 Gibsonburg takes on No. 4 Tiffin Calvert on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Fostoria in a sectional semifinal in the Liberty-Benton District. The winner plays (6) New Riegel or (7) Vanlue on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Fostoria.

In the same district, (5) Arlington takes on (8) Woodmore in a sectional semifinal on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Tiffin Columbian with the winner facing (3) Old Fort or (11) Hardin Northern on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Tiffin.

did give him some advice. "I told him to play his game – and it's ring season."

Growing up in Cincinnati, Clemons and her brother were always competitive. Whether it was just to go outside or to get on the basketball court and play one-on-one, even if she didn't want to play. "He was always pushing me out of my comfort zone and it helped me (develop) a competitive side," she said.

Despite their busy schedules, Clemons and Cook talk on the phone every couple of days, she said. She'll be nearby in the stands for Super Bowl LVII in Glendale, Arizona, watching her brother try to win the Lombardi trophy while millions of Americans tune in on FOX. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. local time.

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Toledo

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oregon

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society is hosting a Euchre Tournament on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from 2-5 p.m. at Brandville School, 1133 Grasser St. \$15 per person. Light supper served. Cash prizes for the winners. Call Kitty at 419-376-9491 to make a reservation. Limited to 48 card players.

Oregon Community Theatre will present "Noises Off," a comedic farce, by Michael Frayn, Feb. 17-18 and 24-25 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Fassett Auditorium, 3025 Starr Ave., Oregon. To purchase tickets, visit octshows.org or call 419-691-1398.

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

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

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

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

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Social hour at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. Visit oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details.

Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation needs, grab-and-go meals, essential services and is open for recreational activities such as bingo, card games, acrylic classes and dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 4350 Navarre Ave., is open for private tours. Call Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383 for info.

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., is 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 dealing with addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and codependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free; everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.

Hispanic Language Pro-life Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine, 655 S. Coy Rd. Call 419-697-7742 or 419-213-0214.

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, Feb. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd. (please note the new time). Boxes

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will be distributed until supplies run out; please plan accordingly. Attendees should remain in their vehicles and a city representative will bring the food box out.

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tracy Road Fire Department. The Feb. 15 meeting topic is "Know Your Neighbors." Discussion will include "Sex Offender Designation: Understanding the Tiers and Rules. Det. John Kersner will be the guest speaker and will answer questions. Find updates on the Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch Facebook page. Bring a neighbor.

Weekly Sunday Breakfasts, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Featuring two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes or French toast, potatoes, toast and jelly. \$8. Public welcome.

Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., Northwood VFW 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Steak, shrimp, chicken, mac and cheese also available. Dine in or carry out. Public welcome.

Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1980. Class representatives are needed for many years. If you or someone you know would be able to help find addresses for your year, email rangersfun@yahoo.com or text 419-262-0693.

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

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township has implemented a Wireless Emergency Network System. To sign up for civic text alerts, visit http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/jerusalem_township_oh/wens.cfm. The link is also available on the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and at twp.jerusalem.oh.us.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in-person or join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the second Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers have combined. The seniors will meet at the Ed Griswold Senior Center, 514 Main St., Genoa. The center will be open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Seniors are invited to stop in to pick up a newsletter, which lists menus and activities. Call 419-855-4491 for reservations or info.

Red Cross Blood Drive, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Elmore American Legion. Please schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS. Sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary.

American Legion Auxiliary meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elmore American Legion.

Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the second Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

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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. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise

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Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m., at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. For info, call 419-341-0913.

Trinity Thrift Shop, 105 4th St., open Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes and small household items available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

Gibsonburg

Red Cross Blood Drive, Feb. 18, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 500 S. Brentwood. Walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-Red Cross or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code ZIONLUTHGibsonburg.

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Candy Heart Writing, through Feb. 28 - Tweens and teens are invited to write a poem using candy hearts (pick up a packet, complete activities and be one of the first 14 to turn the poem in to win a prize); Foodies Night: Italian Date Night, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. - Adults are invited to make an Italian recipe and bring it to share; Adult Book Chat, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. - Discuss "The Indigo Girl," by Natasha Boyd. Call 419-637-2173 for details. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.

Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown

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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

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner, Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 450 N. Rocky Ridge Rd. Dinner includes shredded chicken and biscuit, green beans and homemade desserts. Freewill donations accepted. Dine in or carry out.

American Legion Post 114 Monthly Dinners, served on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out, 221 Park St. Dine in or carry out. Public welcome. Call the post at 419-898-5888 for more details.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs for kids include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; STEM Crafts Afterschool: Make a Bracelet, Feb. 21; For adults: St. Patrick's Day Craft, Feb. 27, 2 p.m. - Bring your own supplies; Pinochle every Friday at 2 p.m.; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Feb. 24, 6 p.m. - Discuss "Presidential Wives: An Anecdotal History," by Paul Boiler. Watercolor Group meets Wednesdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. - Bring your own supplies; Needle Craft Group meets Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m.; - Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 or visit oakharborpubliclibrary.org to register or for info.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries and free clothes for all ages. The Pantry serves a community meal on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. Call or

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Pemberville

Pemberville United Methodist Church Carryout Public Dinner, Feb. 18, 4 p.m. until sold out. Featuring ham loaf or meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, fruit, roll, and homemade dessert. Donation \$10. Curbside pickup for all dinners will be on Maple Street.

Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the second and last Saturdays 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.

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