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Carroll Twp. Residents file petition to vacate ditch

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The first step in the process to vacate a ditch in Ottawa County is scheduled for April 5 in the county court house where the county commissioners and county engineer will hold what is called a viewing of the petition to vacate the ditch.

A hearing to accept public comment on the petition and for the commissioners to decide if the petition should be approved is scheduled for May 5. The viewing and public hearing will start at 1:30 p.m.

Leona Dupler, a resident of Duff-Washa Road in Carroll Township, filed the petition in December to vacate the Otto Pfeiffer Ditch that stretches for 1.25 miles along Duff-Washa to State Rte. 19. Eight other landowners have also signed the petition.

Last week, she said she's been frustrated with what the county said it would do and the actual maintenance that has been done.

She and other landowners even question if the ditch was legitimately placed on the county's jurisdiction for maintenance work.

"I want out. I want out no matter what happens in the future," Dupler said last week. She said she filed a police report over a dispute with the county and a contractor who replaced drainage tiles on her portion of the ditch.

If the petition to vacate is approved, the ditch will be removed from the county's maintenance program and the landowners will be responsible for its upkeep.

Ron Lajti, county engineer, said records indicate the ditch was added to the county's program in January 1963.

Costs associated with maintaining a ditch are assessed to landowners whose property benefits from the drainage, said Mike Libben, director

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The fishing gang

A group of friends and family from Wisconsin, visiting family in Toledo, try their luck fishing near the Nature Center at Maumee Bay State Park. Pictured at the bridge rail (l-r) are Heidi Pennington, Abel Peterson and his dad Shane Peterson, who had to resort to using a child's fishing pole. "Not the most manly pole I could have used," joked Peterson. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Prism Awards are back after two-year break

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The Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce is bringing back the Prism Awards after a two-year break. The event will be on May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Glass City Pavilion, 1001 Front St., Toledo.

"There was a two-year gap due to the pandemic," said Jennifer Kurtovic, executive director of the chamber. "I've been working very hard to bring this event back to life. We are really excited to get the awards on the calendar."

The Prism awards, presented by ProMedica Bay Park Hospital, is an annual event that celebrates individual and business achievements in the community.

"It's a chance to recognize some of our area's best," she said.

"The nominations are open, if anyone wants to make a nomination, until April 8," said Kurtovic.

Heather Pollauf, of 13ABC News, will host the event.

"We're going to try and have some fun. We're going to have a photo booth and a 50/50 raffle," she said.

Michael's Gourmet Catering is going to be serving the food.

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Milestone

The chamber will also be honoring Milestone Business anniversaries. If anyone has a Milestone Business anniversary that is five years, 10 years, 15 years, or more (in five year increments), email Kurtovic at director@embchamber.org.

"We're even encouraging self-nominations," she said. "I know some people may be too shy or too humble. But really, if you're doing great things in the community, you should be proud and get some recognition."

Nominations may be submitted to <https://embchamber.org/event-4652435>. To buy tickets, go to <https://embchamber.org/event-4679438>.

"For me, this will be the first year executing the awards because I am new to the chamber. I came on board last September. This will be my first chance to be a part of it and organize it," said Kurtovic.

"With us having a two-year break with these awards, we wanted to make sure when we planned it that we put on a really nice event. We want to get people really excited for these awards," she said.

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Residents file petition

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of the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District.

He said ditches under the county's maintenance are inspected annually to look for whether brush and trees should be cleared or weeds sprayed and other impediments to drainage and flow.

A six-year review is also conducted to update records of who owns the benefiting land, assessment sheets are correct and, with GPS technology, "recreate" the watershed to more accurately map changes in water flow, Libben said.

Lajti said a six-year review of the ditch will be conducted "in the near future" and "the drainage area and appropriate beneficiaries will be revisited and addressed accordingly."

In an email exchange between Lajti and another Duff-Washa resident, the resident questions why the Ohio Department of Transportation wasn't included on the original list of assessed property owners that benefit from the ditch as it collects runoff water from Rt. 19.

Last week, Lajti said from what he's gleaned from the county's records the state initially resisted being included in the list of benefiting landowners. But in recent conversations he's had with ODOT, the department "has been very open" about being included.

ODOT also used its own funding to enclose a large portion of the ditch and to clean its section of tile, he said, adding that he agreed ODOT should have been included on the assessment sheet.

Lajti and Libben said requests to vacate a ditch are rare. The last ditch to be vacated in the county was a few years ago in Bay Township and that was done in conjunction with an H2Ohio Initiative project.



State Route 2 bridge closed

The Lucas Co. SR 2 bridge over Cedar Creek (mm 31.75); is closed to perform necessary work. The road will be closed for bridge replacement between Teachout Road and Donovan Road. Closure began Monday, March 7 for 75 days, through mid-May. Westbound detour: SR 2 to SR 579 to SR 51 to SR 2 or I-280. Eastbound detour: I-280/SR 2 to SR 51 to SR 579 to SR 2. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

New Director to Lead Metroparks Toledo Planning Dept.

Jennifer Van Horn will lead a busy planning department at Metroparks Toledo with improvements on the drawing board for parks across Lucas County, and major construction projects already underway.

Van Horn joined the staff last week as director of park planning and capital projects. In that role, she will oversee the ongoing development of Glass City Riverwalk, which will turn the downtown Toledo river-

front into an active greenspace with amenities that are unique to the region. They include an ice skating ribbon, three nature-themed play areas, a riverfront restaurant and art installations.

Riverwalk will create 300 acres of greenspace stretching for five miles along both sides of the Maumee from the Veterans Glass City Skyway to the Anthony Wayne Bridge, and include the renovation of International Park.

"The voters overwhelming approved a levy on the November 2020 ballot that will fund improvements to all the Metroparks and partially fund Riverwalk," said Dave Zenk, executive director. "Jennifer and her team, along with contractors, have a very

ambitious construction schedule. The result will be major enhancements to our community over the next 10 years."

Van Horn has worked since 2013 at the Toledo Zoo, most recently as vice president, construction and planning. She holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in architecture from Miami University. She serves as board chair of the Toledo Design Collective, and was a 2021 recipient of a 20 Under 40 Leadership Award.

"I am very excited to join Metroparks Toledo," Van Horn said. "I am looking forward to working with the team on the Glass City Riverwalk and all the projects throughout the park system."

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Jason started delivering as a child where he went door to door selling a newspaper called GRIT. This gave him a positive learning experience that has kept him attached to the newspaper industry ever since. For the last 10 years he has delivered a weekly route of 725 papers in Oregon, Ohio for The Press Newspapers. Ribby takes pride in getting his papers out on time and has always delivered in a thoughtful way that represents both himself and the industry in a positive light.

When Ribby isn't in his car delivering newspapers, he works as an Asset Protection Operations Coach for Walmart and until recently served his community as a Firefighter / EMT. In his free time Jason, likes to travel, go deep sea fishing, swim in the ocean, carpentry and be with his family. Ribby takes great pride in being a father and has 3 children, 3 step-children and a wonderful and supportive fiancée named Jennifer. His youngest child (daughter) Maizie, was born with Down Syndrome, which has led them to participate in events sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo.

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Levy estimator available online

Wood County Auditor Matthew Oestreich announces that the levy estimator on the auditor's website is updated for the May 3 ballot. The website is located at auditor.co.wood.oh.us.

"The levy estimator is a valuable tool to inform voters of the impact on their taxes of upcoming levies." To use the levy estimator, property owners can search on the website for their specific parcel and then click on the levy estimator button. Users can then view the current tax amount on their parcel generated by each levy, the new tax amount if passed, and the difference based on the current year tax value.

The website also lists the authority proposing the levy, the use of the levy, the type of levy (renewal, replacement, bond, etc.), the proposed mills, and the number of years the proposed levy will remain in effect.

"The parcel-specific information provided by the levy estimator will help voters make informed decisions," Oestreich said.

For any questions regarding the levy estimator or the auditor's website, contact the Wood County Auditor's Office at 419-354-9150 or auditor@woodcountyohio.gov.

Prescribed fire season

The Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is entering its spring prescribed fire season, which typically runs now through May 15. During this time, smoke may be visible above refuge properties throughout Ottawa and Lucas counties.

Prescribed burning on the refuge is conducted to improve wildlife habitat and reduce the accumulation of fuels that lead to uncontrolled wildfires. Ottawa NWR has historically treated between 100 and 800 acres annually with prescribed fire. A prescribed fire during this time period is especially productive for habitat management and brush control.

Refuge staff have informed local officials of its planned management actions. Prescribed fire will only be conducted when conditions allow for safe implementation.

Any questions concerning the prescribed fire season may be directed to Refuge Manager Jason Lewis or Private Lands Biologist Jeff Finn by calling 419-898-0014.

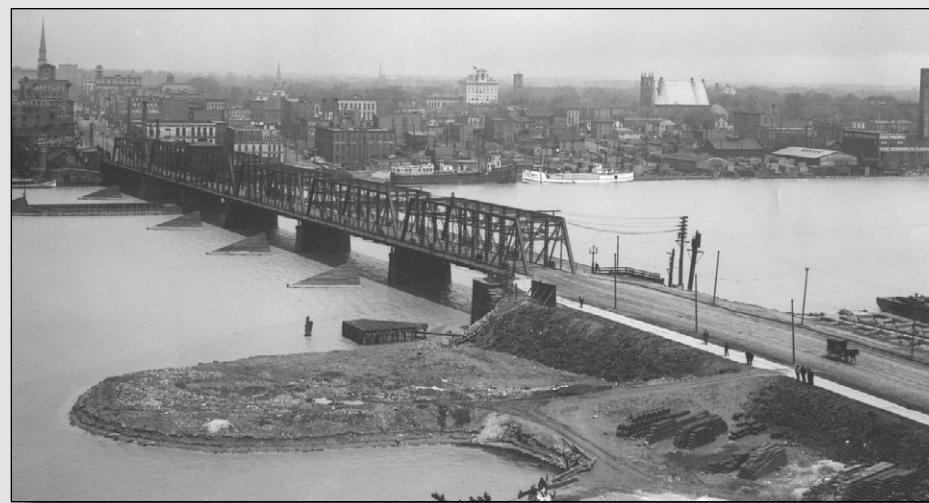
Fatal accident in Perrysburg Twp.

Troopers from the Bowling Green Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded March 14 to a fatal two-vehicle traffic crash at the intersection of State Route 199 and Five Point Road in Perrysburg Township.

Richard Armstrong, 85, of Perrysburg,

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View of Old Cherry Street/MLK Bridge, about 1900



This vintage photograph from about 1900 shows the old iron Cherry Street Bridge before the current concrete Cherry Street/Martin Luther King Memorial Bridge opened in 1914. The view is northwest toward the many church steeples that dotted the skyline of the old north end. This is a very early aerial photo that must have been taken from the tall grain elevators on the east side. Notice the large boats docked at a stone and cement company across the river to the right of the bridge and a lonely horse-drawn vehicle heading east on Main Street.

was driving a 2014 Chrysler Town and Country minivan on Five Point Road and Tami Jorgenson, 50, of Luckey, was driving a 2020 Chevrolet Equinox SUV southbound on State Route 199.

Armstrong failed to yield the right-of-way at the posted stop sign and was struck in the intersection on the passenger's side by Jorgenson, the patrol said.

Jorgenson was not wearing her safety belt and suffered serious injuries. The front passenger in the Equinox, Magin Jorgenson, 18, of Luckey, was wearing her safety belt and suffered non-life threatening injuries. Both Jorgenson's were transported to ProMedica Toledo Hospital.

Armstrong was transported to St. Vincent Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. He was wearing his safety belt.

Brief filed in Line 5 case

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce, along with five other business organizations including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce, filed an amicus brief in support of the Enbridge Energy lawsuit that seeks to keep Line 5 pipeline open.

The brief was filed last week in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of

History Corner

East Toledo Historical Society
by Larry Michaels

Michigan in the Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, et al. v. Gretchen Whitmer case.

In November, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer revoked a land use agreement that enabled Enbridge to operate the Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac.

Since then, the matter has been entangled in legal disputes, including lawsuits in both federal and state courts.

The economic impact of shutting down the Line 5 pipeline has been noted by state and local officials in Ohio. Local refineries produce about 30 percent of the gasoline and 35 percent of diesel fuel consumed in Ohio.



Crime log

Lake Twp. — Two Toledo men were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia March 15 after a traffic stop on Baker Road. Justin Luark, 28, and Nicholas Smith, 24, were charged.

Thomas Kern, 58, Bradner, Oh., was charged March 16 with possession of drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of a protection order after a traffic stop near the intersection of State Rte. 795 and East Broadway.

Toledo City Council redistricting meetings

Toledo Mayor Kapszukiewicz and members of the Reapportionment Committee announced the process for redistricting City Council during a press conference on March 14. Upcoming public meetings about the redistricting process were also announced.

Every 10 years after the decennial census, the City of Toledo is required by the city charter to redraw city council districts. These districts are required to follow the existing voting precinct lines and need to have a population count within 5 percent of each district.

The census data is then used to determine the population shifts and change to modify the boundaries of the council districts.

The Reapportionment Committee, which is appointed by Mayor Kapszukiewicz, includes Mike Beazley, Ken Fallows, Devon Overton, Sally Perz, Donna Owens and Brittany Jones.

The City of Toledo Reapportionment Committee is in the process of modifying these boundaries, and is requesting public feedback via four public meetings for residents to hear the proposals and provide feedback in an online survey.

The public meeting schedule includes:

- Wednesday, March 30, Mott Branch Library, 6-7:30 p.m. Community Room B.
- Thursday, March 31, Heatherdowns Library, 6-7:30 p.m., Community Rooms A+B.
- Monday, April 4, Reynolds Corners Library, 6-7:30 p.m., Large Community Room 4.
- Thursday, April 7, Kent Branch Library, 6-7:30 p.m., Community Room A.

An online survey, more information, and maps of the current and proposed City Council districts can be found online at toledo.oh.gov/redistricting.

Closure of bridge to start March 28

The Ottawa County commissioners have approved a repair project for the bridge on Wildacre Road over Cedar Creek.

Great Lake Demolition is the contractor for the project that will require the closure of the bridge from March 28 through May 27.

A detour route will be posted.

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Ag Notes

Ag policy class graduates

Brian Herringshaw, Bowling Green, recently graduated from Ohio Farm Bureau's AgriPOWER Class XII. The leadership program was started in 2008 to help agricultural advocates gain influence in public policy issues that impact their businesses and communities.

Herringshaw grows corn, soybeans and wheat on his family's farm and is a member of Wood County Farm Bureau.

Over the course of a year, participants learned from experts on how to become better leaders and advocates for the agricultural industry, including spokesperson and media training, etiquette training, social networking and communications. They learned about public policy matters important to their local communities, as well as the state, nation and world.

They visited Washington, D.C. where they learned about national and global issues, and they visited diverse agricultural operations in California so they could better understand the differences and similarities in agriculture from state to state.

Take off

A pair of Redhead ducks, male and female, was spotted in flight recently at Metzger Marsh. (Photo by Tony Everardt)

HB 563

Bill protects owners' right to rent, backers say

By Larry Limp

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Sponsors of House Bill 563 say it would, if passed, prohibit outright bans on short term rental units but not stop municipalities from regulating them.

The bill was assigned to the Local Government Committee of the House of Representatives where it has received extensive testimony from opponents and proponents.

"Ohioans should always have the right to use what is often their most valuable asset, their homes, as an investment to make money through short-term rental," said Rep. Sarah Fowler Arthur, a co-sponsor, when she introduced the bill last month.

Analysis by the Ohio Legislative Service Commission notes that current state law doesn't provide for regulation of short-term rental properties, which the bill defines as a house, apartment, condominium, co-op unit, cabin, cottage or bungalow or one or more rooms offered to transients or travelers for a fee for 30 days or less.

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Marisa Myers, director of governmental affairs for the Ohio Township Association, said the bill would, in effect, hurt townships' ability to control land use.

"For townships, the issue of short-term

rental regulation is, at its core, a zoning issue. House Bill 563 restricts local governments from prohibiting short-term rental properties within their community," she said. "It also prohibits a local government from regulating short-term rental properties, specifically the number, duration, or frequency of rental periods. This essentially usurps township zoning regulations that may be put into place regarding these uses."

She also said the bill doesn't address taxation issues.

"Under current law, hotels (or their transient guests) may be required to pay a lodging tax. Since short-term rentals are operating as an alternative to hotels, the OTA respectfully requests the committee consider clarifying that lodging taxes apply here too," she said. "Further, if lodging taxes do apply, the committee may consider how communities are able to collect these dollars. Townships, in particular, are not permitted to register short-term rentals outside of zoning requirements (for example, through conditional use permits.) Unless there is a mechanism to register these

properties, it's unlikely a local community would be able to enforce collection of required lodging taxes."

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is supporting the bill.

"HB 563 recognizes the growing importance of short-term rentals to Ohio's economy and reflects the growing use of these short-term rentals to meet the new economy, new reasons for travel and transient needs of residents, such as families between a home sold and new move-in date, or those that may have extended family visiting," Tony Long, director of tax and economic policy for the chamber, told the committee.

He said the bill is pro-active in creating a statewide regulatory framework that "balances the safety of a local community with the private property rights of Ohioans who want to provide lodging on a short-term rental basis of either their primary residence or secondary residence."

The legislative analysis also raises the question of whether the bill runs afoul of home rule authority granted to municipalities by the Ohio Constitution.

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Oregon Council approves natural gas agreement

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Oregon City Council on Monday approved an agreement with Constellation NewEnergy to act as the city's natural gas aggregation supplier for a 24-month period beginning in May.

"It has been a very volatile time for energy prices," said City Administrator Mike Beazley. "Obviously, there is the beginning of a war with one of the world's largest natural gas suppliers. But even before that time, it was a relatively volatile period for commodities. So the prices have been going up more than we would like. It is still, as far as we know, the best option available for our residents and small businesses compared to doing something else. It will save them money over any other choice they have."

NOAC

The city has been a charter member of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC). NOAC was formed in 2003 in order to try and save consumer costs on gas and electric bills.

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County joined to form NOAC in an effort to try and save money for consumers. Since its inception, NOAC has saved residents and small businesses in Northwest Ohio significant sums by aggregating purchases of electricity and natural gas. Since 2003, NOAC has saved residents and small businesses in the aggregation millions of dollars in their natural gas bills versus the Columbia Gas tariff price.

On a yearly basis, NOAC evaluates

and makes recommendations as to whether communities should enter into agreements with managed programs. NOAC, through Palmer Energy, solicited 13 proposals for a new supply of natural gas, and two proposals were received. After a thorough review of each proposal, it was determined, and recommended by Palmer Energy, that the proposal of Constellation NewEnergy be accepted as the one that would provide the most savings to Oregon's consumers over the term of the agreement.

"We haven't found anybody, over time, that ever comes out ahead by not being part of NOAC," said Beazley.

Increase

"The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission had failed to develop a quorum in time to turn down a large rate increase from the Interstate Pipeline Company. It was automatically approved and led to a significant increase for a lot of residents – actually everyone in Ohio and across the region. We did, working with our other coalition members, get it rolled back, but the savings from that rollback has been eaten up by changes in the commodities price out there. We feel this is the best possible choice available to us. Our resi-

dents can choose to opt out."

Also at the meeting, council:

- Entered into a service agreement with Bio-Care Inc. to provide physicals for The Fire Department personnel for \$40,855.

- Approved purchase orders to American Enterprises, Inc., Oregon, to provide maintenance and repair services for fire department vehicles.

- Approved purchase orders to Badger Meter, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the Oregon's Water Distribution Division in the Department of Public Service. The Oregon Division of Water Distribution is in need of purchasing meters, meter flange connections, and registers in order to have the quantities on hand necessary to meet current and future residential and commercial development, as well as the planned Oregon Town Center development, and to replace registers on residential meters with older ERT's.

- Approved purchase orders to Perrysburg Pipe & Supply Co, Perrysburg, for the purchase of fire hydrants. The company provided the lowest and best quote, out of three quotes received, for the fire hydrants.

Tickets available for Oak Harbor Fireworks Reverse Raffle

Tickets are currently on sale for the Oak Harbor Fireworks Fund Reverse Raffle, which will be held Saturday, May 14 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds Hall.

The Oak Harbor Chamber Foundation is sponsoring the event.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the drawing will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and a chance to win more than \$5,000 in cash and prizes, with a grand prize of \$2,500. Additional meal tickets are \$10 each.

The event will also include raffles, games, sideboards, a cash bar and other activities. The event is open to ages 21 and older. Attendees need not be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce or any board

member. All proceeds raised will support the annual Oak Harbor Independence Day fireworks show.

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is also seeking donations to help support this year's fireworks display, in light of increasing costs due to inflation and supply chain issues.

"Oak Harbor has a history of providing quality, family-friendly community events," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Valerie Winterfield. "The chamber is committed to continuing our annual tradition of having the area's best fireworks. Amid inflation and supply chain issues, we really need everyone's help."

Winterfield noted the village's fireworks show, a product of American

Fireworks of Hudson, Ohio, typically attracts thousands of spectators from throughout Northwest Ohio. The free, half-day Olde Fashioned Independence Day Celebration, set for Sunday, July 3, includes food vendors, local entertainment, the Apple Festival Royalty Duck Race on the river, inflatables for the children and more.

Each year, the Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce raises funds for its Independence Day event, asking for help from businesses and individuals, however, this year's inflation and supply chain issues push Oak Harbor to require additional support to maintain the same quality of show, Winterfield said.

In addition, "Supporter Stars" may be purchased at local businesses and the

Chamber office, Memorial Day through June. All proceeds go directly to the fireworks fund. The Chamber is also working with the High School Student Council to facilitate a school fundraiser.

"A majority of the funding for the event has always come from businesses and annual sponsors, but with requests for donations coming in daily, it is not fair to rely on the businesses alone. We need support from the community members to help keep this event great," Winterfield said.

Donations may be made directly to the fireworks fund by dropping off or mailing to the Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce at 161 W. Water Street, Oak Harbor, OH 43449.

For more information, email Chamber@OakHarborOhio.net or call 419-898-0479.

Obituaries

Obituary

Robert Allen Taylor

December 20, 1950 – February 22, 2022



Robert Allen Taylor Jr. entered this life on Wednesday December 20th in Toledo, Ohio, born as a twin, to parents Robert Allen Taylor Sr. and Helen M. Taylor. He passed on to eternal life on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Lake Elsinore, California.

Robert was raised in Toledo, Ohio as a youth and moved to La Puente, California with his mother and sister in 1962. He had accomplished much throughout his life. After graduating from Montclair High School in 1968, he attended Cal Poly Pomona, where he graduated in 1974. He began his career as a Licensed Psychiatric Technician in 1975, working with both the developmentally disabled at Lanterman Developmental Center, and later on with the mentally ill at Patton State Hospital.

Robert had many hobbies. One of the things he loved to do and was pretty good at was bowling. Hurling the bowling ball down the alley, aiming and listening for the familiar sound of the pins being knocked over always brought him a sense of simple accomplishment. He enjoyed watching football on the weekends, rooting for the Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturdays, and he could be found cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers every Sunday. One of his favorite hobbies in his youth was hitting the road on his Harley Davidson. Riding his bike with the wind blowing in his hair was one of his more cherished memories.

Robert Allen Taylor Jr. is survived by his sons; Shane Burke, Jacob (Giselle) Taylor, Robert Allen (Yvette) Taylor III, daughter; Tanya Taylor, grandchildren; Javier Chavez, Mackenzie Taylor, Cameron Cisneros, Mia Taylor, Madison Taylor, Maverick Taylor, Robert Taylor, Katarina Taylor, Miriam Lazo, Maria Burke, and Vincent Burke, twin sister Barbara L. Belville, niece Kristi Belville, and nephew Marvin Poole.

Obituary

Robert L. Youngs

April 7, 1942 – March 11, 2022

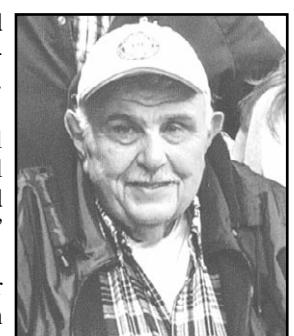
Robert L. Youngs age 79 of Walbridge, OH passed away on Friday, March 11, 2022, at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital. Bob was born in Toledo on April 17, 1942, to Leander C. and Arahawana A. (Fisher) Youngs.

He was a 1960 graduate of Perrysburg High School and a 50-year member of Ohio Operating Engineers, Local 18. Bob was employed at Bentley for a short time then joined Lathrop from 1978 until 2004. He loved to run the "old school" heavy equipment like cranes, backhoes, and excavators.

In his spare time, Bob liked to help others whenever he could whether it would be small projects or large ones such as digging ponds, building houses, garages, or barns. He also enjoyed going to Eldora for open wheel racing and watching NASCAR. Bob owned a 57 Chevy and a 48 Chevy Coupe and attended many classic car shows that raised money for Make-A-Wish and MDA.

Surviving is his significant other of 21 years, Judy Jones, children; Lynn Jones, Becky Youngs, and Bob Youngs Jr., siblings; Shannon "Sass" Long, Larry (Karen) Youngs and Janice "Teets" Belcher. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his daughter; Candi Deshetler, brothers; Tom (Marge) and Dave (Nancy) Youngs.

Family and friends will be received at the Maison-Dardenne-Walker Funeral Home, 501 Conant St., Maumee, on Friday, March 18, 2022, from 2-8 PM. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Ft. Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg. Online condolences may be shared at walkerfuneralhomes.com.



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Kids can enjoy games, see Easter Bunny at Hayes Easter Egg Roll

Kids are invited to an afternoon of fun on Saturday, April 16, at the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll – a celebration that replicates the White House Easter Egg Roll that Rutherford B. Hayes started when he was president.

The egg roll will be held from noon-3 p.m., and kids and their families can stop by any time during that time to participate. The event is geared toward children of ages 3-10, but kids of all ages are welcome.

Kids are asked to bring three hard-boiled, colored eggs to use in the traditional egg games, which will take place on the Hayes Home lawn. These are the same games played at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.

Kids ages 3-10 can also bring a pre-decorated egg to enter in the decorated egg contest. Other activities will include a scavenger hunt, story reading, a craft and corn hole toss.

The Easter Bunny will make an appearance and be available to take photos with event participants.

The egg roll is sponsored by Roots



The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, April 16. (Submitted photo)

Poultry and Welly's Horseradish.

In the event of inclement weather, some of the activities, including corn hole, story time and the craft, will be moved into the museum.

President Hayes started the first White House egg roll in 1877. Before that, kids played egg games on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol building on Easter Monday. Congress, however, banned the event because of the mess.

Undeterred, a young boy approached President Hayes just before Easter 1877 and asked if the egg games could take place at the White House instead. President Hayes agreed, creating a tradition at the White House that continues today.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues.

For information, call 419-332-2081, visit rbhayes.org, like HPLM on Facebook at @rbhayespres and follow on Twitter and Instagram at @rbhayespres.

Women's History Month and Social Security

By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Each March, we celebrate Women's History Month. It is a time to reflect on the achievements of women. Social Security has served a vital role in the lives of women for more than 85 years.

Women have longer average life expectancies than men, which means they live more years in retirement and have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. It's important for women to plan early and wisely for retirement.

Our retirement pages at www.ssa.gov/retirement provide detailed information about how life events can affect a woman's Social Security retirement benefits. These events may include marriage, widowhood, divorce, self-employment, government service, and other life or career changes.

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Your earnings history will determine your future benefits, so we encourage you to verify that the information we have is

correct. You can create your personal my Social Security account at ssa.gov/myaccount and review your earnings history. If you find an error in your earnings record, it is important to get it corrected so you receive the benefits you earned when you retire.

Our publication, "How to Correct Your Social Security Earnings Record" at ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf, provides you with details on how to make a correction.

You also can view your Social Security Statement on your my Social Security account, for estimates of future benefits and other important planning information.

If you would like to learn more about how we can help women plan for retirement, check out our online booklet, "Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know." You can find it at ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10127.pdf.

Health dept. clinics

A listing of upcoming clinics for the week of March 21-25 has been released by the Ottawa County Health Department. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

March 21: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-noon; COVID Vaccination Clinic, 2-3:30 p.m.

March 22: 60+ Clinic (Genoa), 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

March 23: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

March 24: 60+ Clinic (Put-in-Bay), 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Immunizations at JFS/Oak Harbor, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

March 25: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

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Ottawa County Senior Resources celebrates March for Meals

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program – the federal legislation that helps to fund community-based programs like Ottawa County's home-delivered meals and senior center meal programs – Ottawa County Senior Resources invited Portage Fire District Chief Barrett Dorner and other community leaders to ride along and see the daily effect this program has on the community.

"The experience was eye-opening," Chief Dorner said of his ride-along with Senior Resources employee Randy Bahnsen. "To know how many of our community's seniors count on this program not just for food, but for a chance to chat with the wonderful, friendly drivers like Randy. I had no idea just how many seniors rely on this program each and every day."

"Five days a week, Randy covers Run 3 of the Ottawa County Senior Resources Home-Delivered Meal program," Dorner said. "Today, that was a stop at about 30 households – and more than 30 smiling faces, glad to see Randy, chat with him for a second, and get their meal."

More than 1,500 seniors in Ottawa County receive services from Ottawa



County Senior Resources. That continues to grow, as more and more older adults face hunger and isolation, both serious problems made even worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Senior Resources has been delivering meals to Ottawa County seniors for more than 16 years. In addition to the

On March 14, Portage Fire District Chief Barrett Dorner joined Ottawa County Senior Resources' Randy Bahnsen in delivering home-delivered meals to more than 30 Ottawa County seniors. (Submitted photo)

Home-Delivered Meals program, Senior Resources has six senior centers across the county that provide some type of meal program.

The program welcomes volunteers to help – drivers, kitchen help and volunteers at the senior centers. Call Ottawa County Senior Resources at 419-898-

6459 to sign up or for more information.

Senior Resources Loves Pets

Ottawa County Senior Resources Director Dianne Martin Mortensen, M.Ed., CTRS congratulated staff for their efforts in making the Senior Resources Loves Pets program a big success for over the last 12 years.

The programs success was recently recognized.

Erika Kelly, Chief Membership and Advocacy Officer of Meals on Wheels America, stated in a letter of congratulations, "On behalf of Meals on Wheels America, I'm pleased to inform you that Ottawa County Senior Resources - Home Delivered Meals has been awarded a Trailblazer Grant, made possible by PetSmart Charities.

"Our review committee was impressed by your organization's application and outstanding pet program," Kelly wrote. "We're happy to be able to award this funding and thrilled to have you onboard as a Trailblazer Grantee."

"Senior Resources continues to remain committed to the seniors we serve and their animal companions," Mortensen said.

Report:

Burdens of Alzheimer's disease, dementia continues to grow

By Pamela Myers
MAOM, BSN, RN

"Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures," an annual report released by the Alzheimer's Association, reveals the burden of Alzheimer's and dementia on individuals, caregivers, government and the nation's health care system.

The accompanying special report, "More Than Normal Aging: Understanding Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)," examines the challenges that physicians and the American public face in understanding and diagnosing mild cognitive impairment (MCI), which is characterized by subtle changes in memory and thinking. It is estimated 10% to 15% of individuals with

MCI go on to develop dementia each year. Here are a few highlights from the report, which was released on March 15:

- The "2022 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report illustrates that the burden of Alzheimer's in our country and here in Northwest Ohio is continuing to grow.
- More Americans are living with the disease. An estimated 6.5 million Americans aged 65 and older have Alzheimer's dementia, including more than 220,000 Ohioans.
- Many family members and friends are serving as Alzheimer's caregivers. In Ohio, 421,000 caregivers provided a total of 614,000,000 hours of unpaid care, valued at a total of \$10,050,000,000.
- Deaths due to Alzheimer's have increased an alarming 145 percent since 2000, while deaths for other major diseases remained flat or decreased. As the U.S. population ages, Alzheimer's is becoming a more common cause of death.

increased an alarming 145 percent since 2000, while deaths for other major diseases remained flat or decreased. As the U.S. population ages, Alzheimer's is becoming a more common cause of death.

• The costs are unsustainable. For the sixth consecutive year, the cost of caring for individuals with Alzheimer's is surpassing a quarter of a trillion dollars. Here in Ohio, the Medicaid costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's is estimated at \$2.534 billion. By 2025, these costs are projected to increase by 16%.

• The report also shines a light on the alarming lack of familiarity of Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and MCI due to Alzheimer's disease with the public and doctors across the country.

• Many Americans confuse MCI with normal aging, but it's not. MCI can be a precursor to Alzheimer's disease, affecting 12% to 18% of individuals aged 60 and older.

• More than four in five Americans (82%) know little or are not familiar with MCI.

For local care and support or to participate in local programs, call our office at 419-537-1999.

Pamela Myers is a program manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter. Visit alz.org/nwohio or call 800-272-3900 for more information about Alzheimer's Association programs and services.



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There is a difference between winning and not losing

Do you strive to achieve your goals or worry about losing what you have? Someone who feels they have nothing, is much more likely to reach out and take chances to get what they want than a person who has already attained something.

Many people live their lives defensively. They become limited, fearing loss of what they have. Their fear acts as an anchor that impedes forward motion. When faced with an opportunity, they weigh what they have to lose instead of assessing what they have to gain.

Often the statement, "I've got nothing to lose" precedes striving for something new. What this means is that people look for a zero-risk situation before taking a chance. Those people who win the most do so because they free themselves from the fear of losing.

Fear of loss is strong. Of course, no one wants to lose what they have. But growth involves risk. For example, in order for someone to start their own business, they have to invest startup money. There is no guarantee that their business will succeed.

Yet if they were concerned about los-



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

ing their money they wouldn't risk starting a business, they would just keep their money in a savings account. The degree of acceptable risk is linked to the soundness of their business plan and the amount of effort one is willing to put in.

There is a big difference between a sound plan to win and gambling. Gambling leaves your success to chance and influenced by forces beyond your control. A winning plan is based on thought, planning, and hard work. Although nothing is guaranteed, planning to win enables you to accomplish more than you might initially think possible.

When you went to school, your passing wasn't insured, it was dependent on

your effort. An Olympic skier doesn't leave the starting gate with a goal of not falling. Instead a skier visualizes and anticipates a perfect run.

Living involves risk. If a pilot wanted to ensure there would be no possibility of a mishap, he would never start the engines of his plane. Life involves constant judgment calls. On an ongoing basis, you evaluate potential gain against potential loss.

Fear of losing is like always looking in the rearview mirror. A focus on winning is like looking out the front windshield. You wouldn't get very far without crashing if you only looked at what was behind you. Success means constantly making progress toward your destination.

In order to reach a goal, you have to direct your energy to winning. You have to free yourself from the fear of loss. How do you prevent this fear from limiting your growth? The first step is to have desirable goals. You want goals that excite and motivate you. An attractive destination will change your focus from what you can lose to how much there is to gain.

If your goals are important enough,

your fear of loss will be minimized. On the other hand, if your goals aren't meaningful to you, you will have little interest in risking what you already have to work toward them.

There is little appeal in winning something you don't really want. It's hard to get excited about goals that aren't your own. There are many situations where someone has a goal that was imposed on them by someone else. In other circumstances, someone has a goal they feel they should have rather than one they sincerely want.

Develop goals you really want and you will willingly work toward them. If you find you are more concerned with not losing, you may not have suitable goals. Those that accomplish the most are the ones who devote their effort to winning.

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Is Spotify's business model killing the music industry?

By Sonali Kolhatkar

Neil Young's recent decision to pull his music from Spotify, the world's largest streaming service, has sparked important questions about how streaming services operate.

Young demanded that the company choose between his music or Joe Rogan's podcast. Joni Mitchell, India Arie, and Crosby, Stills, and Nash followed suit and made the same demand.

Spotify chose Rogan over all of them.

Why? "What they're doing always comes down to profits," says Zack Nestel-Patt, an organizer with the Union of Musicians and Allied Workers (UMAW). And Spotify sees Rogan as more profitable than even the entire catalogs of legendary musicians.

Spotify's model isn't the end of the world for Young, Arie, or other major artists who can rely on competitors like Apple Music. But the millions of "working-class musicians struggling at the bottom of the Spotify ecosystem," as Nestel-Patt describes them, have no such leverage.

The company's business model, to put it simply, is built on the severely underpaid labor of millions of creators.

Say an independent musician spends years putting their heart and soul into their

Guest Editorial



craft. Finally, they score a hit that garners millions of plays on Spotify. You might imagine this translates into a generous payout.

But in reality, Spotify's paychecks are peanuts. One analyst estimated that band members with families would need more than 24 million plays on Spotify per year to just barely clear the federal poverty line.

Even those minuscule royalties may need to be split with a record label, collaborators, songwriters, managers, and more. The money that most of Nestel-Patt's musician friends earn from Spotify is "so negligible that they don't even account for it."

In short, Spotify sells products that creators get almost no money to produce. It's akin to theft. "Imagine any other business working that way," says Nestel-Patt.

There was a time when musicians made money from selling records, cassettes, and CDs — sales that were fueled

by their songs being played on radio. That started changing in the late 1990s when digital platforms began offering music for little to nothing, paving the way for Spotify.

That digital transition forced musicians to rely on live performances and ticket sales to earn a living. But in 2020, when a global pandemic brought the world to a standstill, live performances abruptly stopped. "It was catastrophic for everyone I know," recalls Nestel-Patt.

Now though, musicians are fighting back. From the ashes of musical careers rose the UMAW, where artists proclaimed that "music workers are workers, and it is time we get organized and join the fight."

The group, which also supports universal health care, a Green New Deal, and more, led multi-city protests against Spotify in 2021. And tens of thousands of musicians signed a petition as part of UMAW's #JusticeAtSpotify campaign.

Their demands were simple: Pay artists fairly, directly, and transparently, and treat them with dignity.

With Americans spending increasingly more money on music, there should be more than enough to go around. But even as industry revenues have risen to \$43 billion a year, very little goes to musicians. Creators get only about 12 percent, with

corporate middlemen sucking up a majority of the profits.

It's not just musicians who lose out. Music itself suffers.

In a recent Atlantic headline, music historian Ted Gioia asked: "Is Old Music Killing New Music?" Record labels, he observes, are "losing interest in new music." While there are plenty of incredible new musicians, he writes, the industry "has lost its ability to discover and nurture their talents." And Spotify is a big reason why.

"This is as much a listener issue as it is a musicians' issue," argues Nestel-Patt. If Spotify relies on major pop acts or controversial podcasts for revenue, then "what happens to classical music? What happens to Tejano music? What happens to Appalachian bluegrass music?"

The ultimate losers here aren't just those who make music. It's all of us who love it.

Sonali Kolhatkar is the host of "Rising Up With Sonali," a television and radio show on Free Speech TV and Pacifica stations. This commentary was produced by the Economy for All project at the Independent Media Institute and adapted by OtherWords.org.

Letters

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A letter of thanks

To the editor: In honor of National Doctor's Day on March 30, I would like to celebrate and recognize the outstanding physicians that are part of our Magruder Hospital team. Our doctors accept a great responsibility in providing care for our community and have a tremendous impact on the lives of the patients and families they treat.

Being a physician is a daunting task. Doctors never really stop working. They do not have the luxury of punching out at the end of the day; rather they are routinely asked to be available at all hours of the day or night no matter what is going on in their personal life. The human element to practicing medicine makes being a doctor one of the most challenging, rewarding, and important professions in the world. Being a physician is a passion and a calling to help people, to care for people, and to heal people.

Please join me in saying "thank you" to our amazing medical staff at Magruder Hospital and all the doctors who care for our area communities. Thank you for using your talents to make the world around you healthier. Thank you for being a source of compassion and caring for your patients. Thank you for your extraordinary contributions to this community.

We are proud you are a part of our team and thank you for guiding us through our mission of "Improving Lives Together."

Nick Marsico
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Send the slingshots

To the editor: I just watched the President of Ukraine's plea to Congress, our president and the American people. He made it clear what his country needs to protect his people and to stop the Russians from continuing to slaughter them and destroy their country.

There are two sins we commit: one of commission and one of omission. Omission is when we see evil and can do something about it but turn our heads. If we choose to hold back on what our Ukrainian neighbors need our nation commits this sin of omission. And this is a grave considering what we have witnessed taking place in Ukraine.

If David did not have his slingshot he could not have taken down Goliath. Today the "slingshot" Ukraine needs has been requested by President Zelensky. We have those "slingshots." We need to send them.

God Bless the Ukrainians. God Bless America.

Steve Cherry
Oregon

Meal waivers needed

To the editor: The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center has provided summer lunch to children across Ottawa County for many years. Before the pandemic, we provided congregate meals in four locations: two in Port Clinton, one in Oak Harbor and one in Genoa. We provided approximately 300 lunches per week and small bags of "weekend" food to those who chose to take them. We provided this service funded completely on the generosity of private donors and businesses in the

community with no assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or the Ohio Department of Education.

With the onset of the pandemic and the great concern for how isolated children would gain access to summer meals, our "Grab and Go" style lunch was born in 2020. We applied for and received a grant from the Ohio Department of Education to provide the equivalent of 10 meals (5 breakfasts and 5 lunches) each week in approximately 12 drive-through locations across the county. In 2020, we provided 42,000 meals including fresh food, milk, and other dairy products. We were amazed and all of this was possible through a USDA Waiver of mandatory congregate meal settings amongst others.

Summer 2021, the pandemic continued and the waivers through the USDA remained in place and awareness of our program increased and we deliver 88,100 meals to children all across the county. In the most recent appropriations, these waivers through the USDA were abolished. Not only does this eliminate our ability to distribute food, but it also stops the free school lunch programs in place for the last two school years. At a time when food costs are spiraling and inflation is high, funding programs to combat hunger and the instability of families is crucial.

We respectfully urge that you reach out to congress and ask that these critical waiver capabilities of the USDA be restored so that food continues to be available to those children most in need.

Connie S. Roe
Executive Director

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Dream BIG during Girl Power! at Toledo's Science Center

Once again, Imagination Station, Toledo's Science Center, is hosting Girl Power! - presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame - a STEM career day for girls in grades 3-8.

The event will be held Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the science center, located at 1 Discovery Way, Toledo.

Attendees will be introduced to successful local female role models in a wide variety of STEM fields. By humanizing science education careers, Girl Power aims to help girls see themselves in those roles.

Together, they will participate in dozens of hands-on activities and a panel discussion and listen to two powerful keynote speeches.

Chief Allison Armstrong, of the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department, and Dr. Jennifer Hanrahan will talk to and take questions from participants in the KeyBank Discovery Theater.

Chief Armstrong is a certified EMT and holds an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Owens Community College, a Bachelor of Nursing from Mercy College and a Master of Health Informatics from the University of Cincinnati. She is also a State of Ohio Certified Fire Safety Inspector and Fire Instructor. She was appointed chief in 2022.

Dr. Hanrahan has been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. She received her degree from the Chicago School of Osteopathic Medicine, did her residency at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland and completed her Infection Disease Fellowship at University Hospitals. Dr. Hanrahan also has special training and skills in detecting and treating bacterial, viral, fungal and tropical infections.

13abc's Sashem Brey will serve as Girl Power! emcee for the panel discussion and keynote speeches.

This year's event is being offered FREE with paid admission or membership to the science center. All Lucas County kids get in free on Saturdays with an adult.

Attendees will need to register to attend the keynote speakers' session. Visit imaginationstationtoledo.org/programs-events/girl-power/ for more information on registration.

Drowsy Chaperone

Oak Harbor Thespians will present "The Drowsy Chaperone," March 25-27 in the high school auditorium. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Audiences will laugh out loud as the show's narrator's favorite Broadway show comes to life in his mind and in his apartment, which is transformed into a 1920s estate - the setting for a society wedding. Guests arrive and the musical within the comedy begins. Packed with show-stopping numbers and larger-than-life characters, "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a Tony Award-winning spoof that will have everyone falling in love with zany musical com-



Oak Harbor Thespians rehearse for their upcoming production of "The Drowsy Chaperone," which will be staged March 25-27. (Submitted photo)

edies.

All tickets are \$10 and are general admission. Student pre-sale is available during lunches on Tuesday-Thursday, March 22-24. General public pre-sale is Tuesday-Thursday, March 22-24, in the OHHS Main Office, 11661 W. SR 163, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity Women Make-it Take-it

In observance of National Women's History Month, Habitat for Humanity of Wood County is presenting a Women Build Make It - Take It Event March 25 and 26 at the Wood County Fairgrounds.

The event will help to raise funds and awareness for affordable housing for women while empowering women to build something for themselves.

During this instructor-led event, participants will make either a planter box or a bench out of upcycled pallet wood.

Registration is \$50 per person. No experience is necessary, and all tools and materials are provided. All funds raised will help to support Habitat's mission of decent and affordable housing for families in Wood County.

To sign up for the event, visit our wchabitat.org/women-build. Four class times are available over the two days and spaces are limited to 25 participants per class.

Touch of Spring Open House set

Hop on down to Pemberville to celebrate the arrival of spring at Beeker's General Store's "Touch of Spring" Open House Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Beeker's is brimming with seasonal

decorations, everlasting wreaths/swags, and nostalgic Easter finds. Start the day off with "Breakfast with the Peeps" at The Gathering Place (next to Beeker's) from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. The menu includes a variety of breakfast treats, including pancakes, sausage links, egg cups (scrambled), tater tots, fruit cups, Peeps cereal, milk, orange juice and coffee.

The cost is \$5.95 per meal for kids, \$7.95 for adults, and free for children ages 3 and under with the purchase of an adult meal.

Then visit with the Easter Bunny, hopping down the bunny trail (outside the Henline Building) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Photo opportunities abound, and he will even have a treat for children courtesy of the Pemberville Independent Merchants Association (P.I.M.A.) and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 183.

In addition, a Scholastic Book Fair, located inside the Henline Building, will feature many good reads for toddlers to middle school readers.

Nene's Sweets Food Truck, from Perrysburg, will be offering cupcakes, macarons, oatmeal cream pies, cheesecake, ice cream and milkshakes. SoBee Honey will have plenty of local raw honey for sale in multiple size containers. In addition, CRB's will be selling beeswax candles and several flavors of infused honey.

A variety of baked goods will be for sale, including several kinds of cookies and Country Grains Bread, and snackers will want to pick up some Poppin' George's Kettle Corn.

Visit Beeker's candy counter to find a wide assortment of sweet confections, including individually wrapped Giannios Chocolates. Specialty chocolates by the Chocolate Connection include chocolate-

covered Oreos, chocolate-covered pretzels and fresh cocoa bombs (only through the Easter season.)

Beeker's General Store is located at 226 E. Front St., Pemberville. Call 419-287-3274 or visit beekersgeneralstore.com for more details.

Vendors sought

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge invites local artists and craftsmen to apply for a spot at the Wildlife Stop and Shop at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge May 14-15.

The Wildlife Stop and Shop will be held during the Biggest Week in American Birding on World Migratory Bird Day Weekend.

The Friends are looking for unique nature-themed products, artwork, upcycled/recycled items, wood crafters, etc., following the theme of birds and wildlife. Those interested may find more information and apply on the Friends website, friendsotawwr.org/spring-migration, through April 15.

For more information, call 419-707-7756.

2022 Ohio State Parks Photo Contest launched

A picture is worth 1,000 words...or \$1,000 in prizes.

Share your passion for the outdoors and take a chance to win big prizes through photos captured at any of Ohio's 75 state parks.

Coordinated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Watercraft, the 2022 Ohio State Parks Photo Contest is accepting submissions through March 28.

"What better way to share the state's natural beauty than by showcasing the stunning scenes photographed by visitors," said ODNR Director Mary Mertz. "We're excited to see Ohio's state parks through the lens of our biggest fans."

ODNR is accepting photos that fall into the categories of "Wildlife in Action," "Recreation in the Parks," "Wondrous Water," "Novice Naturalist" and "Explore Trails."

Visitors can submit up to five photos in this free contest. Each image must have been taken after Jan. 1, 2021. Submission forms and contest rules can be found online at discoverohiostateparks.com/2022. Submissions must be made by March 28 and final winners will be announced by May 12.

The contest is co-sponsored US eDirect, ODNR's reservation management provider. The grand prize is a collapsible Oru kayak and a \$120 Ohio State Parks gift certificate. Prizes will also be awarded to the second- and third-place winners. Winners of the People's Choice in each category will receive a free night of camping at any Ohio State Park campground.

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How to talk with your child about the war in Ukraine

By David Schonfeld, MD, FAAP
From healthychildren.org

The war in Ukraine is distressing to all of us. Children and teens are wondering what has happened and what may happen next. Like adults, they are better able to cope with upsetting news and images when they understand more about the situation.

Here are some suggestions to help you support your child in a constructive and helpful way.

- Ask what your child has heard already.** Many kids likely heard about the war in Ukraine and its regional and global impact. This information may come from TV, the internet, social media, school, friends or from overheard comments among adults. However, much of their information may not be accurate.

As children explain what they know about the situation, listen for misunderstandings or frightening rumors. Acknowledge confusion. You might explain that even adults do not know all that is going on—news reports can change quickly or provide conflicting viewpoints.

- Respond with honest reassurance and don't discount fears.** Adults are concerned about many of aspects of the crisis, such as the safety and well-being of civilians in Ukraine. They worry about whether Russia might use nuclear weapons in Ukraine or other countries or may even attack the United States. They also have broader concerns about the financial impact the war may have here and the stress that may create for families.

Children may have some of these same concerns, but they often have very different ones, too. This is why it is so important that we ask them directly about their worries. Give honest explanations to correct misunderstandings or misinformation, but don't ignore or minimize their fears. Help your child identify ways to cope with anxiety, sadness and fears rather than pretend that they don't or shouldn't exist.

The older the child is, the more discussion they may need to answer their questions and address their concerns. Begin by providing the basic information in simple and direct terms. For example, explain how the war is likely to impact them and their family personally. Then ask if they have any questions.

Point out that people in the United States and elsewhere are taking active steps to try to improve the situation for Ukrainian citizens and to keep all of us safe. Children often look for reassurance that they're safe after such graphic reminders of violence and conflict.

- Avoid exposure to graphic images and repetitive media coverage.** It's helpful for children to know enough to feel they understand what has happened. But exposure to graphic images, massive amounts of information or continuous and repetitive media coverage isn't.

Interviews with people injured in war or the families and friends of those who died, even if they don't show any graphic violence or destruction, can also

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be very unsettling. They can trigger feelings of grief in children who have experienced the death of a friend or family member, even if unrelated to violence.

Limit the amount of exposure to media coverage and discussion in social media. Consider this an opportunity to take a time out from television, computers and phones and come together as a family and community for discussion and support.

- Recognize that some children may be at greater risk of distress.** Children and teens understand and react to distressing events differently based on their developmental age and unique personal experiences. Some children will feel the impact more than others and may need more help coping. Obviously, if children have family or friends in Ukraine, this war will feel very close to home. But children with no personal relationship to Ukraine or its people may also be at risk of troubling reactions.

- Provide thoughtful answers to common questions**

Children and teens are likely to ask a number of common questions in times of crisis and upheaval. Choose answers that provide honest information and helpful reassurance. Some examples may include:

- Could this have been prevented?** Even though it seems obvious to adults that there is nothing children could have done to prevent the war, children may feel helpless and wish they could have changed what has happened.

Reassure children that our country is doing all it can to respond effectively, keep us safe and end the war. Suggest steps that can help those affected (write letters, say prayers, learn more about Ukrainian culture) and encourage children to work to promote safety, tolerance and acceptance in our own communities.

- Whose fault is it?** It is natural to engage in thoughts of blame. In some ways, blaming is a way we feel we can regain control of uncomfortable feelings and diminish a sense of personal risk. However, when individuals and groups take violent, aggressive action against those they deem "responsible," their actions are often misdirected and harm innocent people. We must remember that not all citizens of Russia are responsible for the actions of the Russian government. People of Russian descent, including American citizens, should not be blamed for the war, but they may become frightened if they feel wrongfully accused or worry about being targeted.

As Americans, we take pride that our

population includes many different races, religions, sexual orientations and ethnic backgrounds. This is a time to join together in our country and continue to be inclusive, accepting and supportive of all who seek peace.

- Is this going to change my life?**

When there is a crisis, they may become even more concerned about what affects them personally. Once they feel reassured that they are being listened to and their needs will be met, they are more likely to be able to start to think about the needs of others.

- Can I help?** Once children start to feel safe and understand what is going on, many will want to help. Though there may be little that they can do to help the immediate victims of violence in Ukraine, there are positive things they can do.

They can start by taking care of themselves—telling you when they are upset or worried, being honest and open. They can think about how they, along with other members of their community, might be able to do something helpful for the victims and survivors of the war—perhaps by working with charitable organizations as a family or school project.

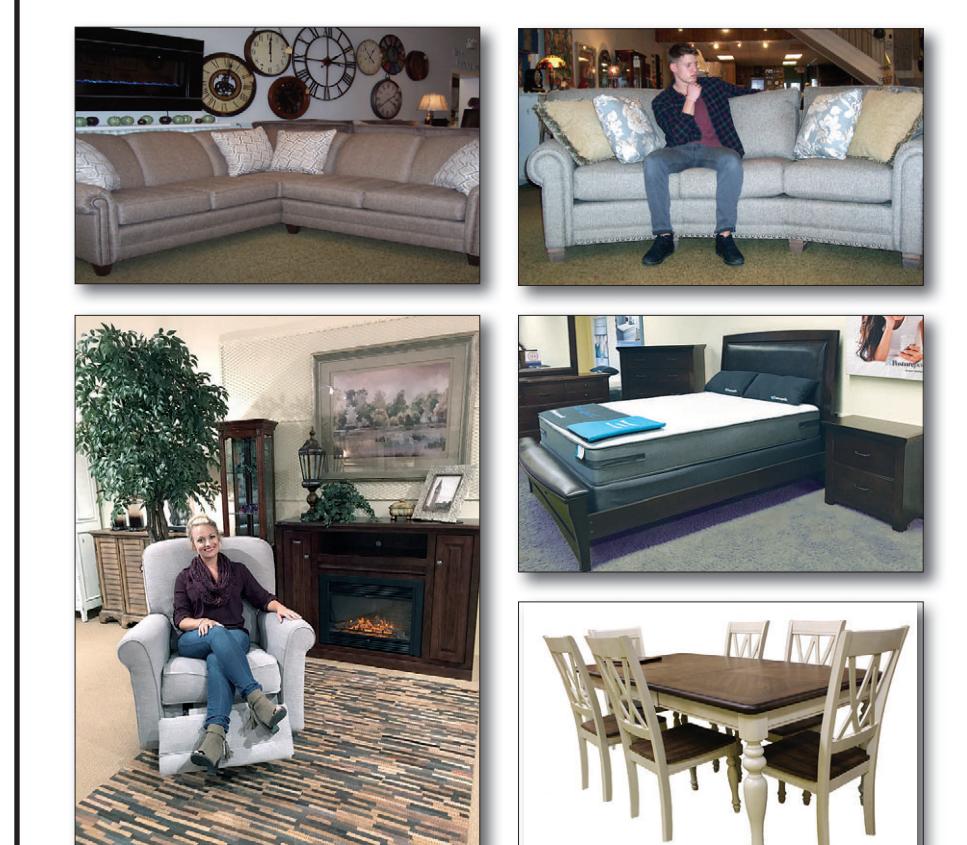
Don't worry about the perfect thing to say. Often what children and teens need most is to have someone they trust listen to their questions, accept their

feelings and be there for them. Listen to their thoughts and concerns. Answer their questions with simple, direct, and honest responses. Provide appropriate reassurance and support.

While we would all want to keep children from ever having to hear about the horrors of war, the ready availability of news and images of the war does not allow this. Being silent about the war won't protect children from what happened—it will only prevent them from understanding and coping with it. Not communicating about what is happening in the war may actually increase anxiety, leading children to imagine that there are more dangerous and personally threatening events about to occur.

However, if children continue to be very upset for several days, seem unable to cope with their fears, or are having trouble in school, at home or with their friends, it is a good idea to speak with someone outside the family for advice. The war may have triggered other distressing experiences, worries or concerns.

For more information and parenting tips, visit healthychildren.org, a parenting website by the American Academy of Pediatrics backed by 67,000 pediatricians committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.



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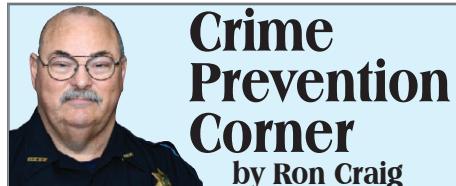
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Gasoline may become the next target for thieves

As the prices of gasoline and other fuels continue to skyrocket, it only makes sense thieves will set their sights on them as their next target. Experts are saying as the war in Ukraine continues, the price of fuel will continue to rise. It's anyone's guess where these prices will plateau, but the cost of filling up your tank is quickly reaching \$100. This is especially true for larger vehicles such as pickup trucks and larger SUVs.

Now is the time for area residents to take notice and guard against this likely elevation in thefts of fuel. Two of the axioms of crime prevention are "deter" and "delay."

Starting with the least expensive of deterrence options is installing a lockable gas cap on your vehicle. They are not that expensive and can be installed fairly easily. It is true that lockable gas caps can be



Crime Prevention Corner by Ron Craig

removed, but this would take time, which means a delay for the thief. Thieves don't like spending a lot of time at a crime scene, so most would rather go on to their next target instead.

Thieves also don't like working in well-lit areas. If possible, park your vehicle in areas near lights. If you must leave your vehicle parked outside overnight, you may want to consider installing lights near where you park. A motion-detecting device is ideal, as it will only come on when mo-

tion is detected. These also are the least expensive to operate as they turn off at a pre-determined and often selectable period of time.

If you park your vehicle inside a garage, make sure you keep the doors locked. Otherwise, you are providing thieves with a safer environment in which they can be concealed as they work.

If you have a garage and keep cans of gas inside, hide these gas cans. You don't want to give thieves another reason to break into your garage, which may result in giving them access to your house.

If you must park on the street, options are limited. This is where a lockable gas cap may be your best and only option.

One avenue to preventing theft of any kind is being observant. Frequently look outside to check your vehicle and neigh-

bors' vehicles, and if you see something suspicious, call 9-1-1 immediately to report it. Even if you get up in the middle of the night, look outside.

If your vehicle is equipped with a remote starter, most of them include a "panic button" that will sound your horn. This will likely scare off thieves.

It is noteworthy that panic buttons on vehicle remote devices can be used in any circumstance in which the desired effect is to draw attention.

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



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How will rising inflation affect your retirement?

The headlines are screaming, and the data is real: inflation is on the rise. In fact, we're seeing higher rates of inflation now than we've seen in 40 years. Prices are going up and that can be a very scary reality for retirees. But how does that actually impact you? If you're retired now or planning to retire soon, what will inflation do to you and how concerned should you be?

First, we have to start by asking what is being inflated and what do you actually spend money on? For if inflation is only impacting the collector art world and you aren't the art collector type, then we shouldn't have an issue, right? Well, inflation is having a meaningful effect on food, energy (think gas prices) and healthcare. In other words, this isn't about art collections, this is real goods and services that real people consume. It's best to pay attention then, because this is and will continue to matter to you and me. The question is, how much will it matter?

There are a lot of experts who suggest that the current rampant inflation we're seeing is a result of the pandemic and the disruptions to the supply chain and are thus temporary (they say "transitory"). As companies in the supply chains were required to close or slow production for health regulations or actual illnesses, they were unable to maintain regular levels of goods produc-



Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufr

tion. Fast forward a few months and that hits us where it hurts. If you can't get your hands on the items you need in order to build the things we all want, demand increases on a smaller supply of goods. The result? Inflation. But it's possible that as the supply chains get caught up, inflation may slow. We'll see.

As a retiree, there are components of a retirement plan that may very well be affected by continued inflation. Other components, however, may help to battle the inflation on your behalf. How you build your plan then, will help determine how meaningful inflation becomes to you. Let me give an example: if you are fearful of the stock market and placed your entire retirement nest egg into bank CDs, then a fixed rate of interest simply won't keep up with rising prices.

On the other hand, if you've placed a reasonable amount of your assets into large company stocks, then those companies are able to pass along those inflationary price increases to consumers, which is likely to

raise the stock price commensurate, not to mention the dividends they pay you. The best way to manage inflation (or deflation, for that matter) is by allocating money to investments that provide the attributes which you desire.

As retirement planners, we're constantly working to measure risk relative to likely reward. And in the case of inflation risk – one of 27 risks that a retiree may face – we know that trying to eliminate all market risk from a portfolio exposes a retiree to other unintended risks like inflation risk. In other words, effective planning is a give-and-take proposition, a process of managing compromises.

As inflation continues, we encourage retirees to confront their fears with data and facts. Two noteworthy data points are these: owning some stocks is the best, most proven way to mitigate inflation risk, and retirees as a population tend to spend less money as they age. That is, even though inflation will continue to be a factor in all of our plans, the natural tendency for aging people is to spend less money over time. So, when inflation causes prices to rise, the fact that retirees gradually spend less money on fewer things means there's a built-in inflation hedge already.

The one category where most retirees do spend more as they age is health care,

which may include nursing care. So, a retirement plan should consider these costs in order to hedge the inflation-eroding power to a portfolio.

If you enjoy travel, then consider either building those costs into your basic budget in the early active years of retirement, then pair those expenses with guaranteed or certain income sources. Or, some retirees will base their travel on how well their market-based portfolio is performing. When it's up, travel abroad; when it's down, travel domestically or locally.

In the end, inflation is real and will continue, even when we don't know how much of it there will be. The key is to build a plan that incorporates elements that are designed to fight inflation but also to include assets that protect you from a market decline. The balance of such components is what will ultimately determine how your retirement will look financially.

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Wood Co. Committee on Aging joins in "March for Meals"

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) is participating in the 20th annual March for Meals – a month long, nationwide celebration of Meals on Wheels and senior neighbors who rely on the vital service to remain healthy and independent at home.

WCCOA's celebration included a special Community Champion's Week from March 14-18, during which WCCOA invited local elected officials to join experienced volunteers on their meal delivery routes to see the service in action.

"The services we provide are needed now more than ever for the older adults throughout Wood County," said Angie Bradford, Director of Food Service at WCCOA. "Together, we can keep our homebound neighbors safe, well-nourished, and more connected to our community as they age."

WCCOA has been delivering meals to homebound Wood County seniors through their Home-Delivered Meal Program since 1981. Currently, it is providing hot, nutritious meals to more than 800 seniors each weekday.

Since 2002, community-based Meals on Wheels programs from across the country have joined forces for the annual awareness campaign to celebrate this successful public-private partnership and garner the support needed to fill the gap between the seniors served and those still in need.

The mission of the Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc., is to provide older adults with services and programs which empower them to remain independent and improve the quality of their lives.

For information on programs and services, call 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or visit wccoa.net.



Wood County Commissioner Craig LaHote and Wood County Committee on aging Home-Delivered Meal volunteer Julie Stepp participate in WCCOA's celebration of March for Meals. (Submitted photo)

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Understanding the symptoms, treatments of menopause

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Menopause is a term used to mark the end of a woman's menstrual cycles. It's a completely natural process, but taboo and confusion around the topic can make the experience harder for women. Understanding what happens in menopause, as well as common symptoms and treatments, can help you better support your body in midlife and beyond.

"Many women don't feel like they have good knowledge of menopause. We often spend so much time focusing on the reproductive years, that menopause is pushed under the rug," said Heather Wahl, MD, FACOG, NCMP, a gynecologist with ProMedica Physicians Pelvic Health.

"But every woman, if she lives long enough, is going to go through menopause. We need to change the way we view menopause, especially since most women will be spending a fair amount of time in it."

As a certified menopause practitioner through The North American Menopause Society (NAMS), Dr. Wahl has a special interest in helping women in menopause. It all starts with helping them understand what it actually is.

What is menopause?

"There is no test to date that can tell with certainty when a woman will go through menopause," Dr. Wahl said. "Menopause is defined as going 12 months without a menstrual period."

The average age for menopause in the United States is 50-52 years old, but it can happen when a woman is in her 40s. The transition into menopause can be harder to spot for women who are actively using birth control. Specialists like Dr. Wahl may recommend stopping birth control use around 50 years of age to see what happens with the woman's natural menstrual cycle.

For women who have had a hysterectomy, it can be helpful to check the woman's hormones since they don't have a regular period. Otherwise, hormone tests aren't necessary as hormones can fluctuate so much from one month to another.

What are the signs and symptoms of



menopause?

Some women may experience signs and symptoms in the months or years leading to menopause. This is called perimenopause. These symptoms may fluctuate and become more pronounced after menopause. Some women may not experience symptoms until menopause occurs.

Here are some of the common signs of perimenopause and menopause:

- Irregular periods: Extended intervals between menstrual cycles or more than one period per month.
- Vasomotor symptoms: Hot flashes and night sweats, which may contribute to sleep problems.
- Vaginal dryness: Loss of vaginal secretions, which may cause vaginal infections or painful sex.
- Hair and nail changes: Thinning hair or hair loss.
- Breast changes: Loss of breast full-

ness or enlargement of breasts.

- Weight gain: Despite usual activity and diet.

"Women experiencing these symptoms need to be aware that until they go through menopause, they can still get pregnant," said Dr. Wahl. "Until you are menopausal, it's still possible."

Treating symptoms

Not every woman has significant signs or symptoms during menopause. But there are treatments available when symptoms interfere with daily life. These treatments are individualized, based on a woman's symptoms.

• Hormone replacement therapy. "Hormone replacement therapy is designed to treat vasomotor symptoms like hot flashes and night sweats, and only vasomotor symptoms," Dr. Wahl said. "Not every patient will be a candidate and it's meant for a limited time frame."

Although use in early menopause may have heart protective benefits, extended use and use after age 65 may increase risks for thrombotic events and dementia. Working with a certified menopause provider is key because they can discuss the risks and benefits, and make sure you're on the lowest possible dose to relieve symptoms. They can also help you find the right type of hormone replacement therapy.

"There are bioidentical FDA-approved hormone therapy options, which have the same hormones your body would naturally create," explained Dr. Wahl. "Compounded hormone therapy is not recommended by the NAMS because they aren't regulated, and doses may vary with each refill. They may also contain unnecessary additional hormones."

- Pelvic floor physical therapy and topical treatments. For women experiencing vaginal dryness due to the loss of estrogen, lubrication and vaginal moisturizers may be helpful. Lubrication is used during sex, while moisturizers are non-hormonal topicals that are used regularly (not during sex). For those with moderate to severe dryness, prescription options and hormonal options (e.g., vaginal estrogens) may be recommended.

Pelvic pain can sometimes be related to vaginal tissue changes, but sometimes the muscles themselves can be painful after menopause. Pelvic floor physical therapy can help improve the control, support and endurance of pelvic floor muscles to relieve pain and improve coordination.

Dr. Wahl recommends that women check out the NAMS website for resources and guides about menopause and its symptoms. You can also learn more about menopause and treatment on ProMedica's website.

Understanding menopause can help make the transition less confusing and scary, so you know what to expect and what treatment options are available if needed.

"We shouldn't fear aging," said Dr. Wahl. "You can and should enjoy aging."

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Magruder Hospital offers a monthly lab screening on the second Thursday each month between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Magruder Community Clinic, 730 Jefferson St., Port Clinton. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 419-301-4304.

The \$20 screening includes a basic metabolic panel (glucose, BUN/creatinine, calcium, potassium, sodium, chloride, CO₂) and a lipid profile (total cholesterol/LDL/HDL/triglycerides), as well as a blood pressure check.

As an added bonus, individuals can add on a PSA test for an additional \$5 and/or a hemoglobin A1C test for an additional \$5.

Magruder VIP Club plans Charleston trip

The Magruder Hospital VIPs are planning a multi-day bus trip to Charleston, South Carolina June 6-11. All Magruder VIP trips are open to family and friends, as well as the general public.

The cost of the Charleston trip is \$709 per person for double occupancy, which includes motorcoach transportation, five nights of lodging, eight meals and over half a dozen tours and sites.

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- A harbor cruise that will highlight landmarks and other points of interest around Charleston.

- A guided tour of a historic Charleston plantation and a horse and carriage ride through Charleston's historic downtown district.

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turing a trolley tour of the plantation and a factory tour.

For more information contact Marty at 419-265-2479, or Michele at mmueller@magruderhospital.com.

Myrtle Beach trip

The East Toledo Senior Center, with the help of Diamond Tours, is sponsoring a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from Sunday, Sept. 18 through Saturday, Sept. 24.

The cost is \$759 per person, based on double occupancy. The cost includes transportation via luxury motorcoach, six nights of lodging, six breakfasts, four dinners, five shows, a stop at Barefoot Landing – a unique shopping, dining and entertainment experience, and more.

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For more information, call 419-691-2254.

Alzheimer's programs

The Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter is offering three programs that will help families learn more about dementia, make challenging decisions together and communicate more effectively.

The virtual programs, being offered free to the community, include:

- "Legal and Financial Planning," Monday, March 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- "Effective Communication Strat-

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- "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia," Monday, March 28, 5-6 p.m.

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

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Poetry contest deadline

The Wood County Committee on Aging is accepting entries for its 2022 poetry contest through Friday, March 25 at 4 p.m.

The theme of this year's contest, now in its 17th year, is "Coming of Age."

The contest is open to Wood County residents aged 50 and over. Entries must be handwritten or typed in English, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font. Poems are to be no more than one page. Submissions must include the entrant's

name, address, phone number and email (if applicable).

Entries must be entirely the entrant's own work and never previously published. Each person is limited to two entries. Intent to submit will not be accepted.

Submissions become the property of WCCOA and can be published online or in print.

Winners will be announced Friday, April 22 on the WCCOA blog and Facebook page. The winner will also be called.

All poems will be placed in a book that will be available to all participants by request. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the first-place winner, sponsored by Manor of Perrysburg.

Send entries to the Programs Department at the Wood County Committee on Aging, 140 S. Grove St., Bowling Green, OH 43402 or email programs@wccoa.net

For more information, call 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935.

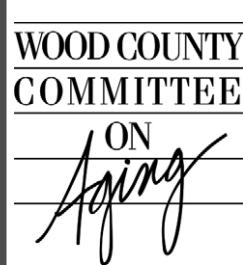
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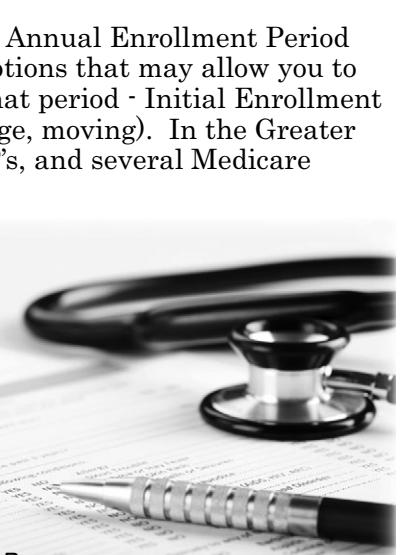
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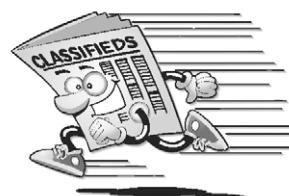
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elmore Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2022 at the Village of Elmore Community Center, 410 Clinton St., Elmore, Ohio at 7:00 PM. Individuals who will attend this meeting will have the opportunity to speak. Those not able to attend may submit comments. Comments will need to be in writing and shall be received before 4:00 PM on the date of the above hearing. Comments can be addressed to the President of Village Council, 344 Rice St., Elmore, Ohio 43416.

The purpose of the hearing is to approve the updated changes to the Village of Elmore Zoning Map which include the recently 2021 annexed parcels of land into the Village of Elmore. These parcels are currently zoned through the Harris Township Zoning code.

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

David Hower – Village of Elmore Administrator

• NOTICE TO BIDDERS • • BID PROPOSAL •

Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Madison Township Board of Trustees - Sandusky County, Ohio until **Friday April 1st, 2022**, for their upcoming new metal roof project to the Madison Township Fire Department building.

The bids will be announced on **Monday April 4th, 2022 at 7:30 PM** at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at 118 North Main St., Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431. The sealed bids will be opened at that time.

Specifications may be obtained from the Fiscal Officer, Jaime F. Mancha II by calling (419)-309-5976 or via email: mancha.jaime@gmail.com.

Bids must be submitted to the above referenced Fiscal Officer in a sealed envelope marked "Bid, Madison Township- Fire Department Metal Roof Project". The contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder. The Madison Township Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Submitted by:
Jaime F. Mancha II, Fiscal Officer
Madison Township Board of Trustees
118 N Main St.

Village of Woodville Public Hearing Notice

The Village of Woodville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building, 530 Lime Street, Woodville, Ohio 43469. This hearing is to receive public concerns and comments for Woodmore Schools, 800 W. Main Street, Woodville, OH; they are requesting a Conditional Use permit for a proposed solar array installation.

Information regarding this request is on file in the Village Administrator's office during regular office hours.

*Woodville Zoning Board of Appeals,
Bernie Blechinger - Chairman*

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elmore Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public meeting on March 21, 2022 at the Village of Elmore Town Hall, 344 Rice St, Elmore, Ohio at 7:00 PM.

The Purpose of the meeting is to consider a variance for Benjamin and Jill Drill, 416 Augusta St. Elmore, Ohio, 43416 to complete alterations on the residence that will infringe on the setback's requirements for the property in accordance with the Village of Elmore Planning and Zoning Code. Individuals who attend this meeting will have an opportunity to speak. Those not in attendance can submit comments by 4:00 PM on March 21, 2022 on the proposed variance. Comments can be addressed to the President of the Board of Zoning Appeals,

344 Rice St., Elmore, Oh 43416.

Dave Hower – Village of Elmore Zoning Administrator

Zoning Variance Board Meeting Request/Notice

Glenn & Deborah Grady, Genoa Ohio is requesting a conditional use variance for a preexisting building.

Meeting date: Thursday March 31st, 2022 at 630pm

Location: Clay Township Administration Office
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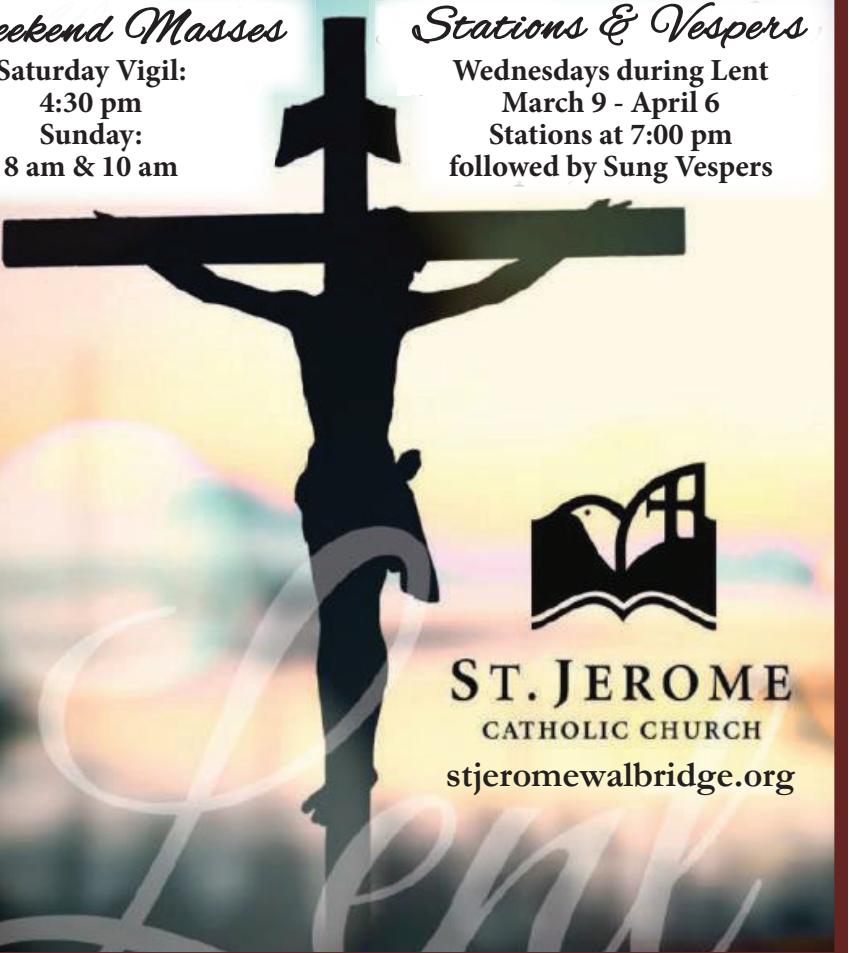
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