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## Coy/Navarre improvements move ahead

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Oregon has acquired property as part of the Coy Road and Navarre Avenue Improvement project.

City council recently approved agreements with RW RAD Navarre LLC, 3362 Navarre Avenue, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Road, for the acquisition of easements for the project.

The city paid \$9,880 to RW RAD Navarre LLC. and \$102,000 to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the easements.

"A lot of the St. Paul's easement is for a turn lane and some work with the Coy Bridge over the Amolsch Ditch, which is a higher cost," said Public Service Director Paul Roman. "There's definitely more land involved."

Last year, council authorized the city to enter into a real estate agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for the right of way acquisition needed for the project.

"It will pay close to 70 percent of the right of way," Roman said of the funds.

The city also held a public meeting last fall that included a brief project overview presentation. The public had a chance to review exhibits that illustrated alternatives and environmental impacts. Representatives from the department of public service and DGL Consulting were on hand to discuss the project and address questions.

### Reduce crashes

The Coy Road/Navarre Avenue intersection is along the main commercial corridor through Oregon. It experiences large volumes of traffic from I-280 to recreational areas along Lake Erie. The intersection is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> on the 2016 Urban Interstate Highway Safety Improvement Program list for Ohio.

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## Pemberville Christmas

Pemberville celebrated its annual Christmas in the Village. Top left, Naomi Vivas, Monroe Wilson and Edelina Vivas, of Toledo, take a closer look at the manger scene on Front Street. Top right and bottom left, at the Pember-Furry House, artisan Gayle Mehling, of Fremont, demonstrates the art of hooking a rug. Bottom right, Irina Ashton, left, gets some help with a "Make and Take A Wreath" creation from Belle Fleur owner Holly Chapuis. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

## Oregon Council OKs bid for police fleet maintenance

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AAA Tire & Auto Service will provide fleet maintenance services for the Oregon Police Division after council approved their bid at a recent council meeting.

AAA Tire & Auto Service provided the best bid and is fully qualified to perform and conduct the fleet maintenance services for a one year period of Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021, with an optional second year through Dec. 31, 2022, according to Police Chief Mike Navarre.

Currently, the contract is with Mathews Ford, which is now Baumann Ford Oregon, said Navarre. For next year, it was necessary to rebid.

The request for proposals, he said, were hand delivered to six area vendors in Oregon. Traditionally, the city prefers awarding such bids to local vendors.

"Three of them were returned. We looked at the three bids that were submitted. The best bid is from AAA Tire & Auto Service. We believe them to be the best because they are cheaper on the most commonly repaired and replaced items. That's tires, batteries, oil changes, radiator service,

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air conditioning, transmission, and wipers. So the police division is recommending for 2021 that we give the maintenance agreement to AAA Tire & Auto Service," said Navarre.

The other two vendors that submitted bids were Baumann Ford Oregon, and Belle Tire Distributors Inc.

### Acquisitions

Councilman Tim Zale said he had a chance to review the agreement and "thought their rates looked very, very

good."

He asked about the company's acquisitions of other vehicle repair businesses in the city. It is located at 4041 Navarre Avenue, formerly the location of Dan R's Automotive Service Center.

"When they took over the businesses, was there a complete employee change-over for the business, or just a name change because I'm not familiar with AAA," said Zale.

"AAA took over a lot of businesses in this area," said Navarre. He said he took his personal vehicle to Smitty's Automotive on West Sylvania Avenue in Toledo, which was acquired by AAA Tire & Auto Service last year.

"I believe they have taken over several businesses in this area. I do not believe there were any employee changes," said Navarre.

Also at the meeting, council agreed to renew its agreement with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) for \$32,400. It provides criminal justice information through the Northwest Ohio Regional Information Systems (NORIS) and records management support for the po-

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lice division for the period of Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021.

Navarre said the cost increased by \$1,315 from last year's agreement.

"NORIS services our records management and provide our connectivity to the state and national databases, which are used on a daily basis for warrant checks, criminal histories, and drivers license checks," said Navarre. "It's a good relationship. I think the increase is minor compared to the amount of services they provide."

### Dispatch

Council also renewed an agreement with the Jerusalem Township Trustees to provide the township with dispatching services for fire and rescue emergency calls Jan., 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021 for \$11,709.30. The amount is the same as last year's cost, according to Navarre.

Zale asked Navarre about the agreement ending once the plans to consolidate 911 services in Lucas County are implemented next year.

"I've been attending most of the meetings by Zoom," said Navarre. "A complete

changeover is expected to occur by the end of next year. It's not all going to happen at the same time. They were going to move fire over first. So it's very possible the dispatching calls we're doing for Jerusalem Township will stop probably sometime in the third quarter of next year. Then for the police agencies, they will do them one at a time. They will do some of the smaller communities first – maybe Maumee, Sylvania, and Oregon. I do expect all of the fire service in Lucas County will occur before the police agencies. It's on track to all be done before Dec. 31, 2021."

Council also approved an ordinance for the installation of seven street lights at the Villas at Parkgelande. Toledo Edison recommended the installation of 50 Watt LED acorn post top style luminaires on fiberglass poles with underground service.

The developer paid installation charges. Property owners will be assessed for the operating costs. The estimated cost to property owners is \$1.01 per front foot per year.

"The installation of the street lights is for a new subdivision that runs between Parkgelande to Pickle Road," said Mayor Mike Seferian. "It's a requirement for new subdivisions to be lit."

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

The project consists of:

- Installing a median along Navarre Avenue at the Coy Road intersection with accommodations for U-turns;

- Adding a right turn lane for northbound Coy;

- Adding an additional thru-right lane for southbound Coy and extending the lane to Dustin Road;

- Replacing the existing traffic signal with all new signal poles and traffic signal equipment to improve visibility and accommodate pedestrians, including adding supplemental signal heads, signal back-plates and ADA compliant pedestrian signals;

- Replacing the existing Coy Road bridge over Amolsch Ditch north of Navarre Avenue to accommodate additional pavement width and sidewalks;

- Resurfacing the pavement within project limits;

- Eliminating some drives near the in-

tersection;

- Adding landscape and streetscape elements like the Navarre/Wheeling project.

### Safety grant

The project is tentatively scheduled to be constructed during the 2021 construction season. The cost of the project is currently estimated at \$2.5 million.

The city received a \$1.7 million safety grant to implement various safety improvements at the intersection. The grant is intended for projects that have a high accident rate, which the Coy Road and Navarre Avenue intersection has, according to a traffic study. Over a three year period, the study showed there was an average of 50 accidents per year at that intersection.

The safety grant covers most of the project costs, excluding aesthetic features such as decorative poles and lit bollards, which the city plans to have for the intersection.

Last year, council approved an agreement with DGL Consulting Engineers, LLC, Maumee, to provide engineering services for the design of the project.



## Food bags for needy students

The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center prepared more than 400 bags of food to be distributed in the county schools for the Thanksgiving break. The bags of food provide food to children who rely on the schools for breakfast and lunch each day. The Center will also be providing meals over the Christmas break. For information, or if you would like to help, contact the center at 419-301-0225.



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## Humane Society board openings

The Wood County Humane Society is seeking applicants to fill at least two vacant seats on its board of directors.

Board terms will begin in late January 2021 and are two years in length, with the possibility of renewal for up to four, two-year terms.

Board members are expected to attend one two-hour meeting each month and fulfill other committee-related responsibilities as determined by individual interests and organizational needs.

Meetings are being held virtually via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

For additional information, contact Board President Heath A. Diehl at [williad@bgsu.edu](mailto:williad@bgsu.edu).

An application to the board can be accessed online at <https://tinyurl.com/WCHSBoardApp>.

Located in Bowling Green, the Wood County Humane Society is a private, non-profit, managed admission shelter providing care for homeless and abused or neglected pets. The organization receives no funding from national humane organizations for daily operations, instead relying on earned revenue and individual donors and businesses to fund programs such as Humane Investigations, Safe Pets, food assistance programs, low-cost spay/neuter opportunities, and educational presentations.

The WCHS provides care for more than a thousand animals each year, from dogs and cats, to the occasional pocket pet or farm animal. All animals admitted into the adoption program are housed and cared for as long as it takes to find their adoptive home.

## Health Dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Dec. 7-11. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

**Dec. 7:** Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45 a.m.-noon.

**Dec. 8:** Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45 a.m.-noon.

**Dec. 9:** Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

**Dec. 10:** No clinics scheduled.

**Dec. 11:** Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

For home health services, call 419-734-6800.

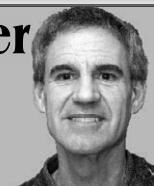
## Octagon House, Woodville Rd, late 1800s



Oliver Stevens built this distinctive home on Woodville Road near Pickle in the 1850s. Octagon houses were very popular for a short time in the mid-1800s, and a few still survive around Ohio. Stevens once owned all the land that is now Sun Oil, Willow Cemetery and Navarre Park. Family members are seen here at the house in its earlier years. Later, it became run down, and it was razed when Sun Oil expanded the company's offices on Woodville Road in 1918.

### History Corner

**East Toledo Historical Society**



by Larry Michaels

## Before PUOC Environmental group wants new hearings

The Environmental Law & Policy Center has filed a motion with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to vacate orders by the commission during Sam Randazzo's tenure as PUOC chairman involving FirstEnergy Corp. where ELPC was a party, and to conduct new proceedings.

The motion says recent revelations regarding the relationship between Randazzo and FirstEnergy -- including a reported \$4 million payout to an "entity associated with an individual who subsequently was appointed to a full-time role as an Ohio government official directly involved in regulating the Ohio Companies," believed to be the chairman -- reveal bias that should have precluded him from hearing any cases involving FirstEnergy.

Randazzo was PUOC chairman between February 2019 and November 2020.

The ELPC's motion requests the orders in those cases be vacated and allow reconsideration of those proceedings.

"There's a reasonable perception that a \$4 million payout would raise doubts

about Chairman Randazzo's impartiality in cases before the commission involving FirstEnergy," said Rob Kelter, Senior Attorney at ELPC. "The public has a right to fair decisions regarding monopoly rates and services. That fairness requires a commission's decision process without any undue influence from the utilities it regulates."

The ELPC motion comes after a series of events that occurred last week involving Randazzo and FirstEnergy, which also funneled more than \$60 million in bribes through dark money groups to support state legislators who helped pass House Bill 6 that will, unless repealed, provide about \$1.3 billion in subsidies to the utility.

On Nov. 16, the FBI raided Randazzo's home. And on Nov. 19, FirstEnergy in a regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed a \$4 million payment to a state regulator who is believed to be Randazzo.

He resigned on Nov. 20 as commissioner.

## Lake Police holding holiday food drive

Lake Township police officers are heading up a holiday project that will benefit Lake Local Schools students who may need nutritional assistance on weekends and during extended breaks from school.

"Each year, our officers pick a project to help township and area residents for the holidays," said Police Chief Mark Hummer. "In past years, we've coordinated assistance for the Wood County Humane Society, but issues surrounding COVID-19 made us take another look at what we could do for the kids."

The officers are seeking donations of non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, to give to the school district's "Glider Pack Program," which provides supplemental food free of charge to the students when they are not in session for multiple days.

"Other items we are accepting include packaged protein items, juice boxes, non-glass bottled nutritional drinks such as Gatorade, and granola snack bars," Chief Hummer said.

Patrolmen Kelly Clark and Rachel Caputo are heading up the project for the police department. Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 23.

"We have even worked out a Wish List through Amazon in which people can purchase eligible items on their website and have them shipped directly to our department at 27975 Cummings Rd., Millbury OH, 43447," Chief Hummer said.

Call 419-481-6354 or email [caputo@laketwp.com](mailto:caputo@laketwp.com) or [clark@laketwp.com](mailto:clark@laketwp.com) by Dec. 20 for more details.

## Standards met

The Village of Elmore Police Department has been issued Final Recertification for several standards, including: Use of Force and Recruitment and Hiring, Bias-Free Policing, Investigation of Employee Misconduct, Community Engagement, Body Worn Camera and Vehicular Pursuit.

The department was notified recently of the recertifications by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, Jeffrey Harrison, the police chief, said.

## Pay it forward

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District is accepting donations for its Pay It Forward Program.

The program accepts donations from District customers and others, which are directed to the Salvation Army to underwrite payment of past-due utility bills for customers in financial distress.

Learn more at [nwwsd.org](http://nwwsd.org).

## City of Oregon Completes Leaf Collection Pick-up

The City of Oregon has finished leaf collection for this season. Thank you for your patience during the icy, snowy, and rainy weather!

Please do not pile leaves in ditches and the streets.

The City suggests that you use your leaves for compost and bedding for your garden areas.

Any additional leaves must be bagged for garbage pick-up. Limit your bags to 40-pound bags or less.

*The City of Oregon wants to thank all residents for their continued cooperation in making this a successful leaf pick-up season!*



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## Winter beauty

A pair of Pheasants was spotted playing together along State Route 2, Jerusalem Township, their colors brought out more vividly with the recent snowfall. (Photos by Maggi Dandar)



# Obituaries

## Obituary

### Larry K. Beavers June 24, 1929 – November 23, 2020

Larry K. Beavers, 91, of Millbury, passed away on November 23, 2020 at his residence. He was born on June 24, 1929 to Roy and Olive (Gregory) Beavers. Larry was a proud graduate of DeVilbiss High School and a graduate of the University of Toledo. Larry earned a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting. Larry was also a certified public accountant (CPA) and attended David Business College where he obtained certificates in advanced executive secretarial training with shorthand and typing. He mastered and found these skills helpful in securing jobs later in the Navy.

Larry loved the Navy where he served during the Korean War. His "sea duty" included serving on the USS Antietam aircraft carrier where his combat duty was involved with the launching and retrieving of airplanes. Larry always was amazed at how you could put over 100 airplanes and 3,000 sailors on a carrier and it safely floated. Larry also served on board a destroyer that carried two groups of "frogmen". This duty group made two drops and recovery during their mission in the Korean War.

Larry's 45 years of government service began with Lake Motor Freight as a billing clerk, general accounting (GAO) as a traveling auditor, claims assistant with the social security administration, the United States Post Office and finally with the US Treasury Department where he completed his successful career, retiring in 1989.

Larry was never bored with life as he was an extremely avid reader and loved to pass the time with a "good" book. One of Larry's guiding principles in life was "no one cares how much you know until they know how much you care" ... This quality was shared with his children and grandchildren and he instilled in all of them to be hard workers, problem-solvers and kind and caring individuals. He will be greatly missed by his family who loved to spend time with him! Larry had enjoyed retirement years at his cottage at Lake James with his family, watching the sunset every evening on the lake. Larry and Pat enjoyed and traveled extensively throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada and Alaska. Traveling on the train from Windsor to Toronto was a highlight and favorite trip that they enjoyed.

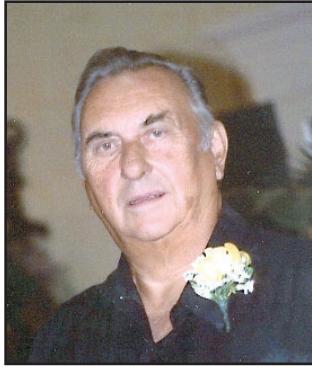
In his earlier years, Larry enjoyed coaching softball and baseball for his children. He also played baseball in the Toledo Federation League at Scott Park, Ottawa Park and Detweiler Park. Larry was an active member of St. Ignatius Church and Our Lady of Lourdes. He was also a Knight of Columbus officer for the Genoa Council and the American Legion. Larry served on the Board of Directors for the United Services and the Treasury Department Credit Unions.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Olive and Roy Beavers; brother, Chuck (JoAnn) Beavers; and brother-in-law, David Roellig. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Pat (Marshall) Beavers; his children, Brenda (Don) Murphy, Bruce (Lori) Beavers, Becky (Chris) Abbey and Beverly (Scott) Mackiewicz; his sister, Shirley Roellig; grandchildren, Mallory & Matt Murphy, Jessica & Andrew Abbey, Brad (Lauren) Beavers, Beverly (Andy) Foltz, Taylor Beavers, Madison and Scotty Mackiewicz Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Ava Beavers and Riley Foltz.

A special thanks to Larry's caregivers, Rick Trouten and Terri Otto. They are truly appreciated for their kindness and compassion during this transition of life. The family would also like to thank all the friends and family that have supported them during this difficult time. We would like to thank hospice for all the kindness they have shown us.

Thank you Dad for being a caring, loving and supportive dad and husband. We have learned very valuable "life lessons" from you and your guidance throughout the years. We were blessed with your love and caring nature.

Memorial contributions in Larry's memory may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio, 43551, Knights of Columbus-Genoa Council or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 304 Main Street, Genoa, Ohio, 43430. Those wishing to express their sympathy to the family can leave an online condolence at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com)



## Obituary

### Bernice (Bea) Clara Kline

In a year like none other, of Bea's 90 years of life, in which she was isolated from friends and activities, she received the diagnosis of cancer in her lung. Despite COVID, she embarked on her "Farewell Tour" abiding to all CDC guidelines. Bea made drive-by visits to family and friends, frequent trips to Mel-O-Creme, and had close encounters at African Safari. A personal concert by the Toledo Swiss Singers was held for her in a cousin's barn. She also had the opportunity to reminisce with a life-long friend over ice cream at Toft's.

Laughter-filled moments helped her to remain positive; like a suggestion by a nephew to wear a tin foil cap on her head overnight so that she would wake up feeling better.

Bea Kline, 90 of Graytown, Ohio entered Heaven on November 27, 2020, surrounded by her family and the quilt her son made for her. She was born to the late Gottfried and Clara (Luebke) Harder on their farm in Lindsey, Ohio. Bea graduated from Harris-Elmore High School in 1948. She then began the nursing program at Robinwood Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, where she graduated cum laude, and became a Registered Nurse in 1951. On January 26, 1952 Bea married Dale A. Kline. While Dale was in the service, Bea would find employment, at various hospitals across America, where he was stationed.

In 1956, Bea began working at St. Charles Hospital, Oregon, Ohio in the surgery area. In 1976, she helped to set up the Endoscopy Department and worked in this area until her retirement in March of 1995.

Bea found joy in creating stained glass pieces, gardening, tending to her many rose bushes, canning and cooking. One noteworthy cooking tip was her method to bake butternut squash. No need to fight to slice the squash in half; instead pierce the squash with a fork multiple times, place on a foil-lined cookie sheet, bake at 350 degrees for an hour or so.

Bea has been a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, Ohio, Flying Farmers, and Toledo Swiss Singers.

Bea is survived by her children: daughters, Cindy and Sandy, and son, Mark; brother Allen (Beverly) Harder; sister-in-laws: Thelma Harder and Caroline Harder; brother-in-law, Bill Krieger; many nieces and nephews. Grand animals: Sadie, Alpha, Omega, Fuji, Pinky and The Brain. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Dale of 60 years, brothers: Vernon, Franklin, David, Morton; sister, Eileen Krieger; and dear friend, Bob Barger.

The family would like to thank ProMedica Hospice of Clyde, for their comfort and endless support. Per Bea's wishes there will be no visitation. Due to COVID restrictions there will be no celebration of her life service. The family has suggested memorials be given to St. John Endowment Trust, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 122 W. Ottawa St., Oak Harbor, OH 43449 or ProMedica Hospice of Clyde, 430 S. Main St., Clyde, OH 43410. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home website.

## Obituary

### Mary "Marge" Makin March 21, 1959 – November 21, 2020



Marge Makin, 80, of Genoa, Ohio died Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg after a sudden illness. She was born in Toledo, Ohio on March 21, 1940, the daughter of John and Mary M. (Koska) Vass, Jr. She attended St. Ursula in Toledo and graduated in 1958. Marge met the love of her life, Kenneth "Ken" Makin, in sixth grade, and on May 9, 1959 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Toledo, they were married.

Marge (homemaker) had worked for several area companies and worked for Jeep Corp., part-time, and retired from there after 25 years. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ken, children, Kevin (Gayle) Makin, Debbie (Curt) Kimball and Kent (Pam) Makin, grandchildren, Keith (Andrea) Makin, Amanda (Mike) Guy and Aubrey (Ben) Shiffert, great grandchildren, Wyatt and Silas Makin and Aeris Guy. Her sister, Violet Vass-McGill also survives. Marge was preceded in death by her parents and beloved grandson, Ryan Kimball.

Per Marge's wishes, there are no services scheduled. The Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, OH 43430, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com).

A ray of sunshine, beautiful warm and bright, Mary Margaret Makin was and is pure, loving, radiant light.

Like a warm island breeze her careful embrace had the power to erase...All the bad and replace with good, a blessing that she received from God that only she and he understood.

Her light has returned to Heaven you see, but she made sure to share a special sparkle with each and every member of her family. -Aubrey Shiffert

Oregon

# Smith Paving awarded bid for sidewalk program

By Kelly J. Kaczala

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Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., was awarded an \$88,659.50 contract for Oregon's 2020 Sidewalk Program and miscellaneous concrete work.

Smith Paving & Excavating, of Norwalk, Ohio, submitted the lowest and best bid for the project, according to the public service department.

On Nov. 10, the city received a total of five bids for the program. The other companies that submitted bids include:

- D.L. Smith Concrete LLC, Norwalk, with a bid of \$114,445;

- E & K contractors, Toledo, with a bid of \$128,055;

- RNG Concrete & Foundations, Inc., Collins, Ohio, with a bid of \$97,914;

- Quinn Concrete, Toledo, with a bid of \$95,265.

Based on a review of the bids and the city's past experience with Smith Paving & Excavating, Inc., on various sidewalk projects, it was recommended that the project be awarded to the company, according to the public service department.

## Uprooted trees

"A lot of the sidewalk work that we have is when trees uproot the sidewalks," said Public Service Director Paul Roman. "We take on those costs versus the property owner."

Although it's at the end of the year, Roman said the work "should go pretty quickly."

"We do it every year. This year, we have additional work at the wastewater treatment plant. And they do have funds from wastewater that pays for their share," said Roman.

The 2020 Sidewalk Program and miscellaneous concrete work will be broken into two general work areas: Euclid

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Park subdivision and Oregon Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The work in the Euclid Park Subdivision will consist of sidewalk installation, sidewalk replacement and ADA curb ramp replacement. The installation of the sidewalks will occur at the west end of Eastmoreland Boulevard, which will connect the existing sidewalk to the newly constructed path at the Urban Runoff Capture Project.

The sidewalk replacement consists of replacing sidewalk sections deficient due to city infrastructure or trees within the city's right-of-way.

## Replacement locations

Sidewalk replacement locations include addresses on Sylvandale, Robindale, Grasser, Ansonia, Laura, Lynnbrooke, Dogwood, Beachwood and Van Buren.

The ADA curb ramp replacement will occur at intersections with Eastvale Avenue within the Euclid Park Subdivision. The replacement is necessary to comply with current ADA curb ramps specifications. That portion of the work will cost \$59,304.50.

The second work area, the wastewater treatment plant, involves the replacement of sidewalk due to safety concerns with cracked and settled sidewalk sections. That portion of the work will cost \$29,355.

The project costs were included in the 2020 general budget.

## Workplace

### GenoaBank names AVP, commercial loan officer

GenoaBank announced the appointment of Gayle Millinger as mortgage loan originator for the Genoa Branch, and Travis Mielcarek as assistant vice president, commercial loan officer for the Perrysburg/Rossford Branch.

Millinger, a Genoa High School graduate, brings 30-plus years of experience in the banking industry to her role. She will be serving the communities in Northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Mielcarek will be based in the bank's Perrysburg/Rossford branch but will be available to provide commercial lending at any of the bank's other branches.



Gail Millinger



Travis Mielcarek

By You." The bank will use this branding for all community outreach efforts going forward.

"The kindness we witness in our communities fuels our passion to support local initiatives, events and projects," said Vince Liuzzi, EVP, chief banking officer, Premier Bank. "Whether we are donating time or resources, we know that every act of kindness makes our communities stronger."

The bank invites its associates to participate in its Community Volunteer Program, which offers them the opportunity to represent the institution through events and organizations that they are passionate about. This program provides paid volunteer time for employees annually.

"We will have scratch-off tickets in all of our branch locations to inspire our customers and encourage them to spread joy throughout the community," Liuzzi added.

In addition, the bank is welcoming all to visit YourPremierBank.com/Kindness to use their random act of kindness generator and share their act on social media using #PoweredByKindness.

The bank has also invited more than 25 of their community partners throughout their markets to join them in a video series as they work together to spread kindness and collectively support important programs to benefit families in the communities they serve.

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## Obituary

### Rodney E. Baer

November 5, 1936 - November 23, 2020

Rodney E. Baer, age 84, of Woodville, OH passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020 in his home. He was born on November 5, 1936 in Genoa, OH to Donald and Opal (Wells) Baer. On April 29, 1966 he married JoAnn Yenor in Monroe, MI and together they raised 5 sons. Rodney served his country proudly while enlisted in the United States Army. His employments included: AP Parts, Toledo and then became a service manager for Orkin, Maumee, OH. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching Western movies with John Wayne and James Garner as actors. He also loved golfing and gardening, especially roses. He was an avid OSU, Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians fan.

Rodney is survived by his wife of 54 years: JoAnn, sons: Craig Peneff of Elyria, Todd (Suzanne) Baer of Gibsonburg, Brent (Lesley) Baer of Perrysburg, Aaron (Jennifer) Baer of Bowling Green, 9 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and sister: Kathryn of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents, son: Eric Peneff, brother: Donald and sister: Jo.

All arrangements are private and are being handled by the Marsh & Marsteller Funeral Home, 201 W. Main Street, Woodville, OH. Memorials may take the form of contributions to: Cure Alzheimer's Fund, 34 Washington Street, Suite 310, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481. www.curealz.org Those wishing to express a word of encouragement, share a memory or photo may do so at: www.marshfuneralhomes.com



## Obituary

### Calvin J. Haar

October 31, 1924 - November 19, 2020

Calvin J. Haar, 96, of Elmore, Ohio, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020 at his home under the care of Hospice. He was born in Lindsey, Ohio on October 31, 1924, a son of the late Martin & Eva (Stabal) Haar.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Calvin was a Paratrooper in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II in the 82nd Airborne Division, part of the 517th in the European Theater. He was a member of American Legion Post #279 in Elmore. On November 15, 1946, Calvin married the former Betty Murray, and they recently celebrated their 74th anniversary.

Cal and Betty loved to travel, having visited every state in the U.S. and 7 European countries. He was a craftsman, enjoying woodworking. Also known for his candy making skills, Cal enjoyed feeding and tending to the birds in their back yard. He was a member of St. Paul-Trinity United Methodist Church, Elmore.

Cal is survived by his wife, Betty; son, Jeff Haar, Elmore; grandchildren, Ron, Jr., Kim, Jackie, Levi, Ashley, Cody, and Hunter, and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Ronald Haar and John "Hub" Haar; brothers, Richard Haar and Lawrence Haar, and sisters, Katherine Chieky, and Shirley Haar.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at a date and time to be announced later. Those planning on making a memorial contribution are asked to please consider ProMedica Hospice or St. Paul Trinity United Methodist Church. Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Elmore-Genoa Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements and encourages those wishing to send a condolence or share a fond memory to visit www.crosserfuneralhome.com.



# Obituaries

## Obituary

### James (Jimmy) Moore

November 19, 1978 - November 20, 2020



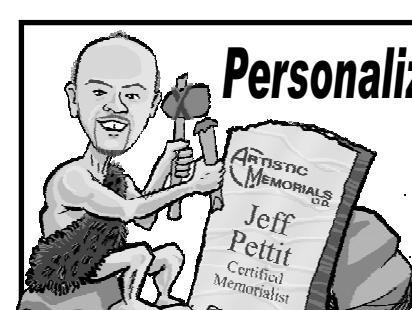
James "Jimmy" Moore, age 42, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at Toledo Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. The son of John, Jr. and Charise, he was born November 19, 1978 in Oregon, OH. He earned his Eagle Scout in 1994 and graduated from Clay High School in 1997. He worked for Bob Welch Electric until 2006. In 2006 he joined Camp Miakonda where was a camp ranger until 2019. Jimmy found great fulfillment helping and working with the scouts and people in general. He will be remembered for his big heart and his devotion to his children and family.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; children, Logan and Lilly; parents, John and Charise Moore; brother, John (Eileen) Moore III; grandmother, Sally Moore; nephews; Johnathan and Hudson Moore; niece, Zoey Keller; mother and father-in law, Lori and Tim Hurlbert; sister-in-law, Lisa (Jason) Keller; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Richard & Doris Clark and John P. Moore. Funeral services were held on November 25.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider ProMedica Hospice 5855 Monroe St. Sylvania, OH 43560. There is also a GoFund Me account for the Moore Children.

Jim's family thanks all the family and friends that have helped in any way during this long journey. He brought much to all of our lives through his loving, caring ways. Rest in peace Jimmy.

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**Health Department**

# COVID Testing Results

Citizens who were tested on November 18, 2020 at the pop-up COVID testing site on the Lucas County Fairgrounds and have not received their results should consider getting retested.

After a rapid review over the past three days it was determined a small number of November 18 tests have encountered a shipping issue. The Health Department followed all necessary steps in the pop-up testing protocol, including samples being picked up by a designated courier. However, the samples were unable to be processed as they were never delivered to MAKO Medical laboratories, as previously indicated. The health department is still working to locate the test samples. MAKO will attempt to contact each individual who may have been affected, to inform them of the circumstances and are offering another pop-up testing site in Lucas County on December 9th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lucas County Fair Grounds-Rec Hall 21406 Key St., Maumee, OH 43537.

If individuals who were tested on this date never had symptoms or were tested "just because," they may return to work/activities after 10 days have passed from their test date. If individuals had symptoms before being tested at the pop-up site, they are

free to return to work if:

- Ten days have passed since symptoms start;
  - Fever free for at least 24 hours without using fever reducing medication;
  - All other symptoms have greatly improved;
  - No additional known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual within the last 14 days;
  - No current fever or other severe COVID symptoms (active cough, shortness of breath, etc.).
- If individuals did not have symptoms (asymptomatic) before being tested at the pop-up site, they are free to return to work if:
- Ten days have passed since test date;
  - There is no additional known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual within the last 14 days;
  - They have had no current fever or other severe COVID symptoms (active cough, shortness of breath, etc.).

The health department urges the public to continue to practice best precautionary measures, including wearing a face covering, social distancing as best as possible, and washing your hands regularly.

## **Patrol Toledo Post opens on Dorr St.**

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Toledo Post opened at its new location at 3333 Dorr St. on Nov. 30. The phone number for the post, formerly located in Swanton, remains the same at 419-865-5544.

According to a press release announcing the opening, the new location will allow the Patrol to "more efficiently and effectively serve the high concentration of the motoring public in the Toledo metro area and Lucas County." The post also serves Fulton County.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, a ribbon cutting ceremony will take

place at a later date.

## **Toy drive under way**

"SkipperBud's, Marblehead, and The Salvation Army, in collaboration with U.S. Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots are teaming up to support local families this holiday season.

SkipperBud's, 6801 East Harbor Rd., Marblehead is conducting a "Fill A Boat Toy Drive" through Dec. 14. All collected toys will be given to local families through the Ottawa County Salvation Army program, which is seeing a higher need than ever this year.

For more info, call The Salvation Army at 419-732-2769.



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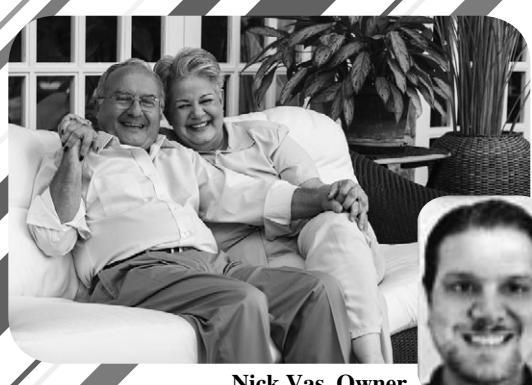


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## Court Log

Oregon Municipal Court

- Darren Michael Gray, 5835 Firethorne, Toledo, 180 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 170 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$706 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Dmitriy Anatolyev Tishchenko, 4949 W. Sterling Ranch, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$546 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Homer A. Amerson, 839 Saturn, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$346 court costs and fines, reckless operation.
- Ray B. Bailey, 3228 Yorktown, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$606 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Caleb Ryan Puariea, 1701 Homestead, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 170 days suspended, \$756 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Dillon David Rose, 2846 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Phillip Darnell Matlock, 514 Kopernick, Toledo, bound over to the Lucas County Grand Jury, theft.
- Antonio De Jesus Vazquez, 508 Knower, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$546 court costs and fines, physical control.
- Edwin J. Hester-Munn, 856 Rogers, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 173 days suspended, license sus-
- pend one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Edwin J. Hester-Munn, 856 Rogers, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$250 court costs and fines, driving under OVI suspension.
- Charles Lloyd Luce, 11241 Beachpark, Curtice, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, obstructing official business.
- Shawn Akeemas Lindsey, 2283 Kent, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$387 court costs and fines, theft.
- Michelle A. Moore, 5817 Dorr, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.
- Nickalos Patrick Meagher, 738 Berry, Toledo, \$247 court costs and fines, possession of a controlled substance.
- Ernest Lee Tyler, 1323 Champlain, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Rodney Allen Nagellino, 2930 Navarre, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 162 days suspended, \$447 court costs and fines, domestic violence.
- Rodney Allen Nagellino, 2930 Navarre, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 168 days suspended, \$447 court costs and fines, violation of a protection order.
- Antonio Raul Ruiz, 3153 Navarre, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

## CARES Act funding

The Lake Township Trustees have allotted \$18,265.52 of CARES Act funding to directly benefit 501(c)(3) charitable organizations that operate in, and directly benefit Lake Township residents. The funds will be distributed this year.

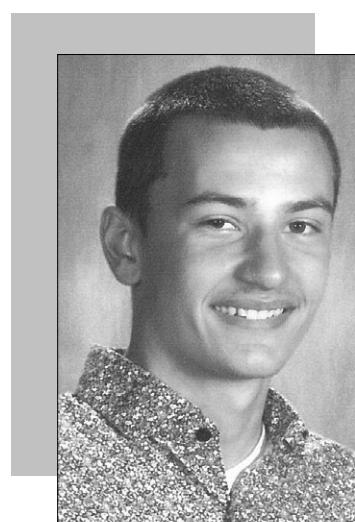
Interested and eligible organizations will need to file a letter of purpose for the funds, funds requested and a statement regarding the COVID-19 impact on their ability to provide assistance to those in need. All applications for funding will be reviewed and funds will be granted based on need and the ability to have the most positive impact. Filing an application does not guarantee funding for the proposal.

All requests for funding should be sent to the fiscal officer no later than Friday, Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. Direct questions to Buddy Ritson, fiscal officer, at 419-838-6536.

## Offices close

The City of Oregon's administrative hallways and counter service will be closed to the public due to the pandemic. The decision was made in response to Gov. Mike DeWine's office, the Toledo Lucas County Health Department's recommendations and the city's response dealing with the increase in positive cases of the virus by limiting contact and reducing public interaction, according to Mayor Mike Seferian. The city will revisit the decision as it continues to monitor the situation and take the advisement from the governor's office and the Toledo Lucas County Health Department. The offices will remain staffed and open to serve the public by phone, email, on-line or by appointment, if necessary.

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## Mason Tille

Mason has a GPA of 4.143 and is ranked 3rd in his class. He is member of the Football and Basketball teams, FFA, Key Club, Spanish Club, BCT and the National Honor Society.

Mason is also a member of the 4H West End Wonders, Black Swamp Fishing Club and serves on Student Council.

The son of Matt & Annette Tille, Mason plans to attend a 4 year college or enter the work force by working in the family business.



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# Entertainment

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## Ho, ho, ho! Santa's coming to Walbridge Dec. 6

The Village of Walbridge will hold a virtual tree lighting on Facebook Live Sunday, Dec. 6 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Edward Kolanko will host the live event from the Walbridge Library, with special guests, The Dry Creek Drifters, playing a couple Christmas songs to add to the merriment. Mrs. Claus will be reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and the Walbridge VFW will be adding a Christmas message too. Finally, there will be a countdown to the annual tree lighting in Veteran's Park.

"We have news from the North Pole – Santa Claus will be visiting our village that evening too," Mayor Kolanko said. "He's a busy Elf this time of year, but is making time to visit Walbridge. Santa understands the social distancing requirements, so our Walbridge Police Department will be escorting Santa on his sleigh throughout our village from 6-7 p.m. on Sunday."

"Please turn your porch lights on during that time and wave to Santa as he passes by your home," he said.

### Oregon holiday events

The City of Oregon will present its annual Tree Lighting Event Saturday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m., 5330 Seaman Rd.

To keep the holidays safe and bright, this year's tree lighting will be a drive-thru event. Bring your favorite snacks and drinks.

Santa, Mrs. Claus and DJ Jason Kelley will be on hand before and after the tree lighting. Those who aren't able to attend may watch live on the City of Oregon Facebook Page.

### Winter Wonder Lights

The City of Oregon's 2nd Annual Winter Wonder Lights Home Decorating Contest is Under Way.

Oregon residents are invited to show off their exterior decorating flair this holiday season. Register your home or nominate your neighbor by calling 419-698-716 or online at winterwonderlightsoregonohio@gmail.com. The deadline to register is Friday, Dec. 11. Judging will be conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The top two winners will be announced on Thursday, Dec. 17.

Post photos of your favorites on the Winter Wonder Lights – Oregon Ohio Facebook page.



USA Today has chosen the Toledo Zoo's Lights Before Christmas as a nominee for USA Today 10 Best Zoo Lights. (Press file photo by Ken Grosjean)

## Etc.

### Santa visits planned

Santa will still arrive in Oak Harbor at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, and will be escorted by Portage Fire District through the streets of town. Santa & Mrs. Claus will then be available for social distanced visiting on the following days and times:

- Saturday, Dec. 5, 5-7 p.m. at the Croghan Colonial Bank drive-thru.
- Fridays, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18, 6-8 p.m. at Commodore Perry Federal Credit Union drive-thru.

Children are encouraged to bring their letters for Santa, as all letters will be answered by Santa and his elves. After shar-

ing their letter and wish list for Christmas, Santa will send the children a special treat through the drive thru tube.

### A wild year

African Safari Wildlife Park will be closing for the 2020 Season on Sunday, Dec. 6. The drive-thru is tentatively scheduled to reopen for the 2021 season on Friday, Feb. 26, while the walk-thru safari will reopen early May.

"We've had an unprecedented and wild year," said the park's director, Kelsey Keller. "Despite these uncertain times, we certainly had a good season. As a safe, outdoor, and family-friendly safari park, we saw hundreds of new, masked, faces come through this season. We were able to accomplish a lot this year, including opening several new exhibits, a reservation system, and our private Giraffe Encounter experience. We hope to see everyone back again in the 2021 season."

The Midwest's only drive-thru safari,

African Safari Wildlife Park is located at 267 S. Lightner Rd. in Port Clinton. Visit AfricanSafariWildlifePark.com or follow on social media for more details.

### Drive-thru Nativity

Gibsonburg area churches will present a Drive-thru Nativity on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Area families are invited to view the free presentation of the Biblical Christmas Story as it comes to life in nine scenes portrayed by families from the community.

Drive slowly past each scene as you listen to the narration of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Narration is available in sanitized cassette, CD or flash drive formats to accommodate all vehicles.

### Cast your vote

USA Today 10Best editors and a panel of experts have again chosen the Wildwood Manor House as a nominee in a Readers' Choice contest for Best Holiday Historic Home Tour.

Last year, the house at Wildwood Preserve came in second to Elvis' Memphis home, Graceland. Cast your vote for the Manor House through Dec. 7 at www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-holiday-historic-home-tour/.

The Toledo Zoo's Lights Before Christmas, presented by KeyBank, is a nominee for USA Today 10Best Zoo Lights. Vote through Dec. 7 www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-zoo-lights-2020/.

### Horse-drawn sleigh & trolley rides at Hayes

This holiday season, ride through the wooded estate of President Rutherford B. Hayes in a horse-drawn sleigh, as the President did when he lived there.

South Creek Clydesdales will offer horse-drawn sleigh and horse-drawn trolley rides through Spiegel Grove during some of its "A Presidential Christmas" events before and after Christmas at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Rides will be offered from 4:30- 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, during Hayes Presidential's "A Presidential Christmas:

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Tree Lighting, Sleigh Rides" and "Hayes Train Special."

Rides will again be offered from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 26; Sunday, Dec. 27; Tuesday, Dec. 29; Thursday, Dec. 31; and Saturday, Jan. 2.

For all events, the cost for the sleigh is \$5.50 per rider ages 3 and older and free for ages 2 and younger. The cost for the trolley is \$4.50 per rider ages 3 and older and free for ages 2 and younger.

New this year, Hayes Presidential is selling pre-sale sleigh and trolley tickets online at [www.rbhayes.org/news/2020/11/13/general/ride-through-spiegel-grove-in-a-horse-drawn-sleigh-or-trolley-this-holiday-season/](http://www.rbhayes.org/news/2020/11/13/general/ride-through-spiegel-grove-in-a-horse-drawn-sleigh-or-trolley-this-holiday-season/).

Tickets will be sold at the front desk the days of the events, pending availability. During events the week after Christmas, in-person sleigh and trolley ticket sales will end at 3:45 p.m. each day.

The sleigh can hold up to four people. This year, Hayes Presidential plans to limit the sleigh rides to one household group.

The trolley offers room for physical distancing and can hold up to eight people. Trolley riders can be from different household groups, but household groups are asked to sit apart from other riders.

All riders must wear a face covering, unless they have an accepted exemption to the state of Ohio's mask mandate.

Rides will be offered whether or not there is snow. However, if the wind chill is below zero or there are thunderstorms, rides will be canceled. For updates, visit [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org) or Hayes Presidential's social media pages.

If Hayes Presidential cancels the sleigh rides, refunds for the tickets will be issued. Otherwise, there are no refunds.

President Rutherford B. Hayes often rode in a horse-drawn sleigh and noted his excursions and how much he enjoyed them in his diaries, which are kept in the Hayes Presidential Library.

For information, call 419-332-2081, or visit [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org).

### Wood Co. Museum virtual fundraiser

Support Ohio's local small businesses along with the Wood County Museum this holiday season during the museum's Virtual Auction Fundraiser.

The museum, with support from a variety of locally-owned businesses across the state, is hosting the auction fundraiser at [32auctions.com/wcmgala2020](http://32auctions.com/wcmgala2020) through Dec. 10.

All proceeds from the virtual auction will support the efforts of the Wood County Historical Society to bring the community education through no or low-cost programs, exhibits, and experiences.

Featured themed gift baskets include local items and experiences from artists, merchants and restaurants across Ohio including the Toledo Museum of Art and the Toledo Zoo, New Riff Bourbon Distillery, Yankee Air Museum, Black Swamp Arts Festival, Cincinnati Museum Center and Zoo, Rhinegeist Brewery, Miller Ferries Put-In-Bay & Middle Bass Island, Findlay Brewing Company, Fort Meigs, and more.

Prize packages encompass collectibles, art, children's toys, and get-away experiences. Those wanting to support the Historical Society fundraising goal of \$15,000 can also purchase a "non-event" ticket for \$55 person or make a donation directly from the auction site or the museum website at [woodcountyhistory.org](http://woodcountyhistory.org).

This virtual experience replaces the traditional museum gala fundraiser, which like many of the museum's programs, were canceled due to COVID-19.

### You Play - Pets Win'

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raffle is running through Friday, Dec. 18. Purchase tickets online at [plannedpethood5050.com](http://plannedpethood5050.com) for a chance to win 50 percent of the jackpot.

The remainder of the funds raised will help provide the critical programs and services necessary for Planned Pethood to rescue and care for the many abandoned, injured and unwanted dogs and cats in our community. These funds also contribute to proactively addressing overpopulation.

Planned Pethood, Inc., is a foster-based animal rescue program serving Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. For more than 40 years, the program's mission has been to reduce the overpopulation and suffering of dogs and cats through education and low-cost spay-neuter programs, and to rescue, care for and place adoptable dogs and cats into good, permanent, loving homes.

Visit [plannedpethood.org](http://plannedpethood.org) for more info.

### Museum store holiday shopping

This holiday season, help support Great Lakes history while also taking care of your loved ones' wish lists by shopping at the National Museum of the Great Lakes' Museum Store.

Every purchase supports the museum and its mission—to preserve and make known the history of the Great Lakes.

GLHS/NMGL members receive a 10% discount online or in-store. Shop online and save on shipping with in-store pick-up.

Visit [nmglstore.org](http://nmglstore.org) to shop or for more info. Call 419-214-5000 with any questions.

### TMA offering digital member card option

As of Dec. 2, Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) members have the option to use a digital membership card to redeem their member benefits when visiting the Museum.

"The Toledo Museum of Art is excited to offer this feature to its members," said Interim Director of Development Kris Crystal. "While physical cards can be lost

or stolen, digital cards ensure that TMA members can access their membership benefits quickly."

The digital membership card is unique to each member and once downloaded, will be stored in the member's digital wallet app. The member's name, membership level, expiration date and a barcode that can be scanned are displayed on the front of the card. The card will automatically update every year upon renewal. Instructions on how to download the digital membership card will be emailed to all TMA members Dec. 2.

"The Museum staff is extremely grateful to TMA's members for their ongoing support during this unprecedented time," Crystal added. "Providing members a more convenient way to access their Museum benefits is one way we can show our gratitude."

A comprehensive FAQ about the digital membership card program is available on the Museum's website at [toledomuseum.org/tma-membership-faq](http://toledomuseum.org/tma-membership-faq).

### Vineyard grants awarded

Quinstock Farm, Port Clinton, is among 14 grape growers in Ohio that will receive up to \$3,000 per acre in grant money to create new or expand existing vineyards, allowing for more wineries to use Ohio-grown grapes.

The Vineyard Expansion Assistance Program (VEAP) allows wineries to invest in and plant high-quality, high-value grapes onsite instead of purchasing them from other states. VEAP is an incentive program created and funded by the Ohio Grape Industries Committee (OGIC).

Ohio is the sixth largest wine producer in the country, with just over 1,500 acres of vineyards producing and selling 1.2 million gallons, or 500,000 cases, of wine annually. There are currently 340 licensed wine manufacturers across the state, creating more than 8,000 full-time jobs for Ohioans. VEAP is managed by OGIC, which was established in 1981 and operates in-part through the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Learn more about Ohio wines at [findohiowines.com](http://findohiowines.com).

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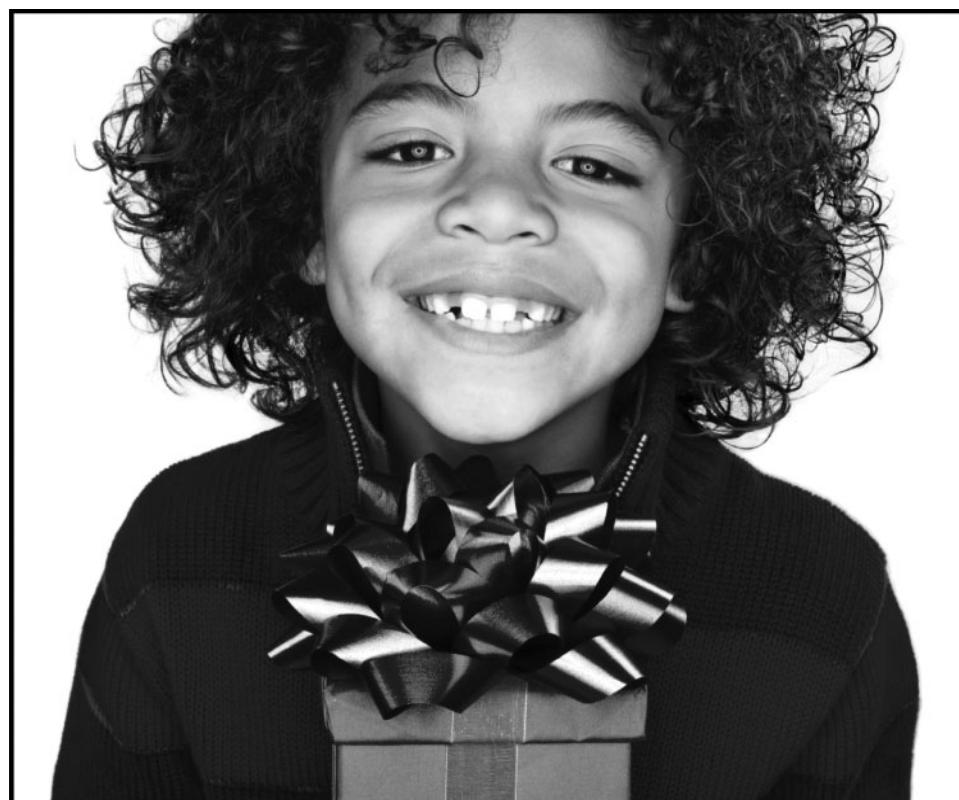
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The 45th annual Holidays at the Manor House is going virtual.

While the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic precludes public tours this year, it didn't stop volunteers from decorating every room and nook of the 30,000-square-foot estate home at Wildwood Preserve with holiday cheer.

Virtual content from Holidays at the Manor House will be delivered daily starting mid-week and continue through Dec. 13 on the Metroparks Toledo social media platforms at MetroparksToledo.com/Holidays. Each day a different area of the fully decorated Manor House will be highlighted along with special holiday performances featuring local musicians.

The process of decorating the stately mansion begins almost a year in advance when decorators submit proposals for displays to a committee, which makes the final selection. This year, decorators were asked to incorporate a Metroparks theme into each display.

## Ongoing events

**Through Dec. 6:** "Expanded Views II: Native American Art in Focus," Toledo Museum of Art. Highlights of the installation include a rotating selection of Navajo textile masterworks, on special loan from the Crane Collection at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org).

**Through Dec. 23:** Photos with Santa, Levis Commons, Perrysburg. Fridays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 4-8 p.m.; Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, noon-8 p.m.; Sundays Dec. 6, 13 and 20, noon-6 p.m.; Dec. 21 and 22, noon-8 p.m. and Dec. 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. COVID-19 safety measures in place.

**Through Dec. 24:** Maker's Mart: Online 2020, a virtual event by Handmade Toledo. Shop 50+ makers on one web store with one checkout. Shipping, in-store and curbside pickup available. <https://shophandmadetoledo.com/collections/makers-mart-online-2020>.

**Through Dec. 31:** Lights Before Christmas, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way. With over one million lights, the award-winning Big Tree and 200+ illuminated animal images spread out across the Zoo, the 2020 edition of the electrical spectacle is sure to be both merry and bright. Activities include carriage rides, yuletide food and spirits, an ice slide, carousel, train rides, ice carving demonstrations and more. [toledozoo.org/lights](http://toledozoo.org/lights).

**Through Jan. 3, 2021:** "Yayoi Kusama: Fireflies on the Water," Toledo Museum of Art. Visitors will be allowed to take part in this unique installation that utilizes lights and mirrors to transport them to a space that seems endlessly expansive. [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org).

**Through Jan. 3, 2021:** "The Path to Paradise: Judith Schaechter's Stained Glass Art," Levis Gallery, Toledo Museum



The gentleman's study at the Manor House at Wildwood Preserve, decorated in the theme, "A Wacky Tacky Christmas," by Meg Buck and Cindy Brewer. (Photo courtesy of Metroparks Toledo)

## Calendar

of Art. Judith Schaechter (b. 1961) has explored and pushed the limits of the stained-glass medium for over three decades with her striking stained-glass panels that fuse the medieval with the contemporary. "The Path to Paradise" is the first survey and major scholarly assessment of this groundbreaking artist's 37-year career. [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org).

**Through Jan. 4, 2021:** Hayes Train Special Model Train Display, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains' movements along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout. Included with regular admission. Members are admitted free. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday with the exception of holiday hours and closings. 419-332-2081, [www.rbhayes.org](http://www.rbhayes.org).

**Through Jan. 17, 2021:** "PICTURE ID: Contemporary African American Works on Paper," Toledo Museum of Art. The works

of art featured were created in response to artistic developments and cultural debates prevalent throughout the late 1980s and 1990s in the United States. Invoking the rise of multicultural activism, concerns surrounding the AIDS crisis, conservative social and economic policies, and increasing urban crime during this time, each artist utilizes a mixture of text and image to tackle cultural stereotypes and to challenge oppressive racial characterizations. [www.toledomuseum.org](http://www.toledomuseum.org).

**Through Feb. 14, 2021:** "Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change," New Media Gallery, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit brings historical and contemporary works together in critical dialogue to consider how quilts have been used to voice opinions, raise awareness, and enact social reform in the U.S. from the mid-19th century to the present. [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org)

**Through Feb. 14, 2021:** "Telling Stories: Resilience and Struggle in Contemporary Narrative Drawing," New Media Gallery, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit showcases the extraordinary vitality of contemporary drawing as an expressive medium as presented through the works of Amy Cutler, Robyn O'Neil, and Annie Pootoogook. [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org).

**Through Feb. 28, 2021:** Special exhibit "The Press & The Presidency," Rutherford

B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. Since George Washington, presidents have had to respond to negative press and use some media to their advantage. This exhibit will investigate how the press and presidency have coexisted throughout American history. Exhibit is included with regular admission. Members are admitted free. 419-332-2081, [www.rbhayes.org](http://www.rbhayes.org).

**Through April 4, 2021:** "Luminous Visions: Phillip K. Smith III and Light Across the Collection," Gallery 18, Toledo Museum of Art. California-based artist Phillip K. Smith III creates light-based installations that explore the relationships between light, color, space, and form. To mark the significant acquisition of Smith's "Flat Torus 4," this exhibition considers the work alongside objects from TMA's collection that explore the theme of light from a wide range of perspectives. [toledomuseum.org](http://toledomuseum.org)

**December**  
**Dec. 5, 11, 12, 18, 19:** Santa's House, corner of Croghan and Front St., downtown Fremont. Fridays 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays 1-3 p.m. Visit Santa and share your Christmas list. Free. [www.downtownfremontohio.org](http://www.downtownfremontohio.org).  
**Dec. 5:** Holly, Jolly Downtown Open House, downtown Fremont. Holiday parade set for

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6 p.m. www.downtownfremontohio.org.  
**Dec. 5-6: Fremont Flea Market**, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. 419-332-5604, www.sanduskycountyfair.com.

**Dec. 8: Optics 101: Purchasing, Adjusting and Caring for Optics**, presented virtually by Black Swamp Bird Observatory, 7 p.m. BSBO Outreach Coordinator, Jason Guerard, will cover all the basics to help you better understand this important bird observation tool, and help you know what to look for to find the binocular that's right for you. www.bsbo.org.

**Dec. 10-23: Drive-Thru Winter Wonderland**, Sandusky Co. Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. The fairgrounds will be lighted with holiday scenes. Hours are Sunday-Thursday, 6-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6-9 p.m. \$5 per vehicle. Also accepting donations to Sandusky County Food Pantry. 419-332-5604, www.sanduskycountyfair.com.

**Dec. 11-13: Toledo Ballet's 80th Anniversary "Nutcracker,"** livestreamed from the Stranahan Theater, Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 a.m. 5 p.m. To watch, visit stream.artstoledo.com and choose your performance. \$35.

**Dec. 13: Toledo Zoo Polar Paws and Santa Claws 5K.** Kids' Run (through age 12, broken into age groups), begins at 3 p.m. and travels within the zoo. \$15 includes kids' ice slide pass. 5K race/walk begins at 4 p.m. Route travels throughout the zoo and surrounding neighborhoods, finishing in the zoo's Main Plaza. \$45 registration fee. Prices include admission to Lights Before Christmas. Virtual race option available. https://connect.toledozoo.org/events/10733.

**Dec. 13: Santa Hustle Virtual 5K Run**, presented by Cedar Point. https://santahustle.com/cedar-point/.

**Dec. 19: "A Presidential Christmas:** – Tree Lighting, Sleigh Rides and Hayes Train Special," Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 5:30-8 p.m. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

**Dec. 22: Woodpeckers of the Midwest:** Identifying and Attracting the Hammerheads with Black Swamp Bird Observatory Staff, presented virtually at 7 p.m. Learn about the woodpeckers that call the Midwest home, including identification tips, clarification on some of those odd names, and ways to attract these charismatic birds to your yard. www.bsbo.org.

**Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 2021: Horse-Drawn Trolley Rides through Spiegel Grove**, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, 1-4 p.m. (last ride ticket sold at 3:45 p.m.) Ride through the grounds of Spiegel Grove in a horse-drawn sleigh, as President Hayes did when he lived here. A horse-drawn trolley also will be used. Rides are by South Creek Clydesdales. Riders must wear a face covering. Four people can fit in the sleigh. For information and tickets, visit rbhayes.org. If the rides are canceled due to weather, refunds will be given. Otherwise, there are no refunds.

**Dec. 31: Noon Year's Eve**, Toledo Zoo. Let the countdown to 2021 begin. Bring the family to the zoo on New Year's Eve to ring in the New Year a little early... at noon. www.toledozoo.org/tickets.

**Dec. 31: Annual New Year's Eve Celebration**, downtown district, Fremont. Visit @FremontNYE on Facebook for info.

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## Celebrating "A Presidential Christmas"

When Hayes Presidential Library & Museums staff decided to light one of Spiegel Grove's towering pine trees this holiday season in a nod to the White House Christmas tree, they had their pick of beautiful trees.

Many of the pines near the museum and historic Hayes Home would look beautiful wrapped in sparkling lights and lighted for the first time during a new holiday event.

There was just one problem.

The trees were all about 60 feet tall. How would staff reach high enough to hang the lights? It seemed maybe the idea wouldn't work after all.

Then American Electric Power stepped in. AEP staff donated their time and used a bucket truck to hang the lights on a towering pine in front of the museum's main entrance. They braved rain and snow while hanging the lights.

Event title sponsor Mosser Construction and additional funding provided by Valley Electric helped Hayes Presidential purchase thousands of lights to decorate the stately tree.

The tree will be lighted during "A Presidential Christmas: Tree Lighting, Sleigh Rides" and "Hayes Train Special" on Thursday, Dec. 10. Kris Kringle, a 19th century name for Santa Claus, will light the tree at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

"We are so grateful to our sponsors for partnering with us to bring a bit more light and delight to the community this year," Hayes Presidential Executive Director Christie Weininger said. "Whether it be our neighbors, visitors to the museums or folks who walk the grounds, I think everyone will enjoy such a beautiful and festive tree."

The event, which will run from 4-8 p.m., will include a gingerbread contest, a raffle for items from local businesses and Hayes Presidential passes and gear, refreshments and the "Hayes Train Special" model train display.

For information on the gingerbread contest, visit www.rbhayes.org/news/2020/11/18/general/create-a-gingerbread-house-and-enter-it-in-contest-at-hayes-presidential/.

The schedule includes:

- 4-8 p.m. – Hot chocolate and popcorn will be available. Donations are accepted for the refreshments. Gingerbread houses entered in the contest will be on display. The raffle will be open. Tickets are \$2 or six for \$10 and can be purchased during the event.

- 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Horse-drawn sleigh rides by South Creek Clydesdales (sold out)

- 6 p.m. – Tree lighting. Free.

- 7:45 p.m. – Drawing for the raffle. The winner does not need to be present to win. Announcement of gingerbread house contest winner.

- Through 8 p.m. – The museum and "Hayes Train Special" model train display will be open to visitors. Admission to the train display during this event is free, but visitors must reserve timed-tickets at rbhayes.org for admission. Walk-ins will be accepted,



American Electric Power workers hang lights on what will be the Hayes Presidential Christmas tree. Workers volunteered their time to help Hayes Presidential Center. (Submitted

pending availability. Due to the pandemic, the number of people allowed in the display area at one time is limited. The Museum Store also will be open for Christmas shopping.

Participants in these events must wear face coverings and maintain 6 feet of distance between their household group and other visitors.

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

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# Toledo Museum of art exhibit explores quilts as activism

American quilts have long been connected with notions of tradition, with patterns and techniques passed down for generations in communities throughout the country.

As nostalgic symbols of the American past, quilts have been viewed as antidotes to upheaval during times of change. Disrupting our expectations of quilts as objects that provide warmth and comfort, "Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change," on exhibit through Feb. 14, 2021 at the Toledo Museum of Art, explores the complicated and often overlooked stories quilts tell about the American experience, offering new perspectives on themes including wartime support and protest, civil rights, gender equality, queer aesthetics, and relationships with land and the environment.

Featuring more than 30 quilts and textile-based works that reflect historical and cultural diversity, along with a virtual quilting bee project for participants around the country, the exhibition considers how quilts have been used to voice opinions, raise awareness and enact social reform from the mid-19th century to the present.

"In the context of the coronavirus pandemic and our country's current reckoning with racial injustice, 'Radical Tradition' takes on a particular urgency and relevance," said Lauren Applebaum, Ph.D., associate curator of American art at TMA and curator of the exhibition. "Quilts have always engaged the pressing social and political issues of their time. They have been deployed throughout history by marginalized people to confront instances of violence, oppression and exclusion. Today, they are a vital resource and medium for exploring some of the crises of our history as told through the eyes of women, LGBTQ individuals, people of color and the communities that formed around important social issues of the last two centuries."

While addressing these powerful themes, 'Radical Tradition' highlights how, over nearly two centuries, the strategies and materials of quiltmaking have called into question long-established power structures. Earlier quilts in the exhibition represent one of the few available outlets that women from a wide range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds had to express their views and connect with larger social and political networks of their time.

Building upon this history, some quiltmakers from more recent decades have chosen to work within this craft-based medium – typically associated with "the domestic" – in order to subvert hierarchies both within the art world and in society at large. Incorporating a wide range of media – from cotton and wool to salvaged wood, paint and celluloid film – the objects on view will challenge traditional definitions of what a quilt is and the form it can take.

A highlight of the exhibition is acclaimed contemporary artist Bisa Butler's 2020 work, "The Storm, the Whirlwind, and the Earthquake," a tour-de-force composition made entirely of quilted and appliqued cotton, silk, wool and velvet, depicting 19th-century abolitionist and social reformer Frederick Douglass at full-length human scale against a vibrant patterned background. The artwork's title references his famous speech, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July," delivered on July 5, 1852, in which Douglass admonished the celebration of freedom during a time of slavery. The work was recently acquired by TMA for its permanent collection.

Though her training focused on painting, Butler discovered that quiltmaking and fiber art allowed her to more fully articulate, reclaim and honor the countless contributions and untold histories of African Americans. "I am inviting a reimagining and a contemporary dialogue about age-old issues, still problematic in our culture, through the comforting, embracing medium of the quilt," Butler said recently. "I am expressing what I believe is the equal value of all humans."

In addition to Butler's work, Radical Tradition showcases works by artists such as Sanford Biggers, Kathryn Clark, Jeffrey Gibson, Sabrina Gschwandtner, Diana Baird N'Diaye, Faith Ringgold, LJ Roberts, Aminah Robinson, Hank Willis Thomas and Anna Von Mertens. It will also feature community quilt projects, including panels from "The International Honor Quilt (IHQ)," initiated by Judy Chicago, progenitor of the feminist art movement. Originally called the "International Quilting Bee," the project's public call invited participants from around the world to contribute a triangular quilt block honoring a woman of



"International Honor Quilt (IHQ)," initiated by Judy Chicago in 1980, and created in response to 'The Dinner Party' is among the works featured in the Toledo Museum of Art's exhibition, "Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change," on view through Feb. 14, 2021. (Photo courtesy of Toledo Museum of Art)

personal significance. This collaborative format would be adopted several years later by the "AIDS Memorial Quilt" project, a panel of which will also be on display in the exhibition.

Another highlight will be a work by one of the quiltmakers from the Freedom Quilting Bee (FQB), a quilting cooperative based in the rural, Black community

of Alberta, Alabama, north of the nearby Gee's Bend. Established by a group of local women in 1966, in the wake of the march from Selma to Montgomery, the FQB provided jobs to residents who faced harassment and discrimination for registering to vote. Gaining wide acclaim and popularity in the New York art and design world for its extraordinary production of bold and

improvisational quilts, the FQB has been credited for inspiring a nationwide quilting revival in the 1970s.

Additional historical works will include a Red Cross quilt, dated 1917, that represents the fundraising and volunteer efforts put forward by civilians during World War I. More than 500 names are embroidered in the center of the quilt, each representing a donation to the Red Cross. Proceeds went toward the purchase of ambulances, nursing equipment and bed-sheets for soldiers and civilian refugees abroad.

Visitors will also be able to see an abolition quilt, created about 1850, and the "Vietnam Era Signature Quilt," made in the 1960s-1970s to raise money to rebuild a hospital in Vietnam that had been bombed by the U.S. Air Force. It includes the signatures of prominent public figures including Joan Baez, Leonard Bernstein, César Chávez, Shirley Chisholm, Jeanette Rankin and Gloria Steinem.

A 100-page fully illustrated publication accompanies the exhibition, with an introduction by the curator.

The exhibition is supported in part by 2020 Exhibition Program Sponsors Taylor Cadillac and ProMedica, Checker Distributors and the Ohio Arts Council. Admission to Radical Tradition is free for Museum members and \$12 for nonmembers. Ticket discounts for military, college students and seniors (\$10); youth ages 5-17 (\$7); and children ages 4 and younger (free) are available.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue. For general information, hours and admission policies, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit toledomuseum.org.



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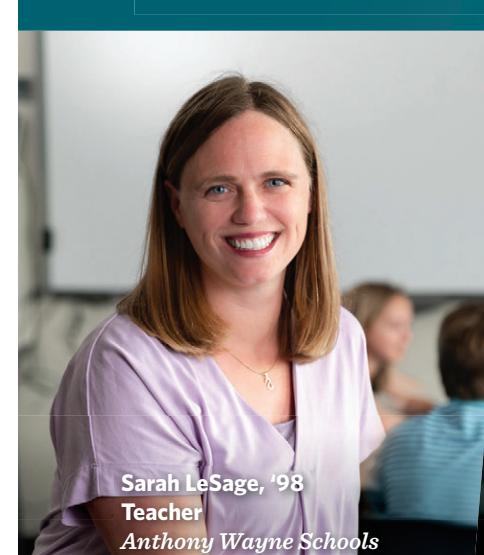
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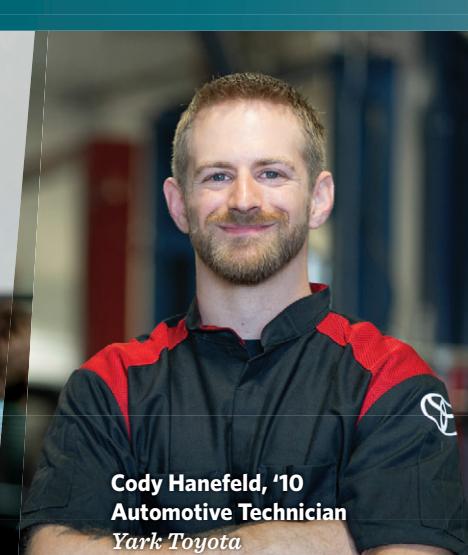
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Christmas is a welcome distraction, though this year for many there's more than a touch of melancholy. Soon enough the decorations will be boxed and put away, the outside Christmas lights will be pried from ice-locked gutters. The challenges of January and February lie dead ahead.

It's likely you'll be reluctant to travel. So many advisories and warnings are surely ahead. The risks of travel are real and must be considered.

But there's nothing to stop you from planning. That's what would be so rewarding to do in January and February. Dream. Read. Watch travel programming. Make notes on what you'd really like to do when you feel comfortable travelling again.

Not only is good planning the key first step to the vacation process, it's one of the most rewarding. Learn about new places, figure out how best to savor them, develop contacts and make lists of things you'd like to do. We often forget that much of the joy of travel is in the research and anticipation.

Short of heading south yourself in search of summer, what better way to take your mind off winter's icy grip and the shackles of COVID? Break out the maps, let your imagination wander.

As you consider possible destinations, remember the lesson of "Acres of Diamonds," that the treasure you seek could well be waiting to be discovered in your own backyard. Given what's happening in the world today, staying closer to home is both tempting and exciting.

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## Natural Wanders

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wildlife refuge, and a national estuarine reserve.

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Remember those three stages to be savored on any vacation. Planning is often overlooked and certainly under appreciated. It can make the difference between success and failure, a trip to make you shudder or a trip with memories to savor.

There's more to planning than the obvious arrangements for transportation and overnight stays. Good planning goes beyond the careful preparations to pack proper equipment and clothing. Good planning is researching the destination.

Learning something in advance about the landscape, the topography, the flora and fauna. Knowing something about the people who originally settled the area. The extra knowledge provides a broader foundation for enjoyment.

Think of planning as the appetizer before the meal, the tantalizing of the taste buds, building excitement in anticipation of the main course to follow.

Hopefully, it won't be long before the second step will be open to us, the experience itself. Do something unusual. Hike lesser-used trails, hire a boat taxi, take along a fly rod, include a train ride.

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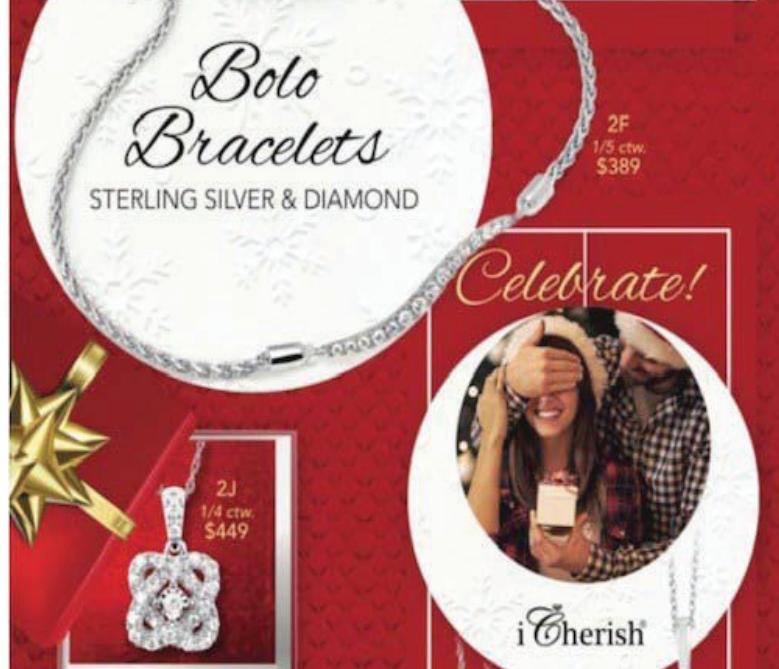
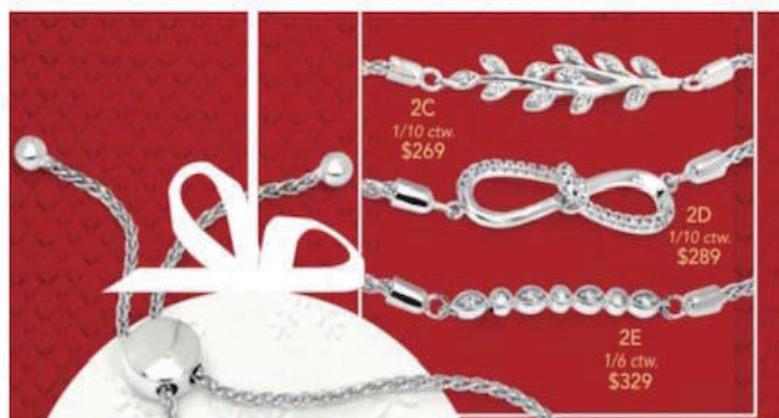
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# Eastwood's Anna Ramlow not afraid of the competition

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Eastwood 5-foot-7 junior setter Anna Ramlow is this year's Northern Buckeye Conference Player of the Year, District 7 Player of the Year and Division III honorable mention All-Ohio.

Ramlow is the only player among the 10 teams in the Eastern Maumee Bay community who got any kind of all-state honors, but she deserved it.

"The kid loves the game of volleyball," coach Jeff Beck said. "She's played it since she was probably in the fourth grade and she has played it a high club level out of season."

"She works extremely hard to get better. She's extremely athletic in the sport of volleyball. Probably outside of middle hitter, she can play almost any position and has for us. At some point in time, she's played right side, she's played outside, she's been a DS (defensive specialist), she's been a libero and now she is our setter."

Ramlow is the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Co-Player of the Year, leading Eastwood to a 19-5 season and co-champions of the Northern Buckeye Conference. She played in all 72 of Eastwood's sets, finishing with a team high of 374 assists to go along with 70 kills, 13 aces, four blocks and 185 digs. She averaged 5.2 assists per set.

Ramlow is the type of competitor you would love to have in your tennis league — she would chase down every ball — guaranteed.

"I just love competing," Ramlow said. "Anything that gives me a chance to compete against other players, I love to do it and volleyball is one of those things. I feel like during practice and during games we are always competing and I just love having the 'go get the ball' kind of mindset. The ball is always mine and competing is the main thing that I love about it."

She was part of Eastwood's turnaround that saw them begin the season 8-4, and then go on a 12-game winning streak until losing in the Division three state final to Huron (25-2), which brought home their fifth state title this year. That turnaround saw the Eagles avenge a first round loss to league foe Lake, which they shared the NBC title with.

"In the beginning of the season we knew we were going to be pretty good and we kind of let that get to our heads a little bit. Then, when we started losing to teams like Whitmer that we knew we were better than, we had a talk with the entire team and we are just like, 'Guys, this isn't us. We know we are better than this,'" Ramlow said.

"Then, we started to have more fun in practice and we changed our mindsets and in a snap, we turned it around so quickly and the next game we were winning. Then, it was the Margaretta game that really turned it around because that was a huge game for us. We had so much fun and we won in five — that was amazing for us."

Beck adds, "I've never really been a part of a team that was basically 8-4, and then we never lost another game until the last match and won 12 in a row. It was just nice, because once we beat Margaretta, which was ranked in the state, we just looked at ourselves and we said, 'You know what, this is us. We are not losing from here on out,' and we didn't lose. The only team we lost to was state champion Huron."



Eastwood 5-foot-7 junior setter Anna Ramlow (5), doing what she does best — setting the table for her hitters. (Press photo by Lee Welch/FamilyPhotoGroup.com)

"I'll be very honest, one of the biggest reasons for that was that the girls kind of sat down and they said that we are too talented to be 8-4 and we are too talented to be losing and we need to change our work ethic and approach how we train and how we play mentally differently, and we need to start now."

"And we also brought up a player from JV (freshman Nadia Miller) who helped out tremendously as well. She came in and became a starter in the middle in about our eighth match of the year. Ever since she came up, we hadn't lost until the last match of the year. She was a setter on JV and we decided to put her in the middle and get some touches on the block, and she did. I mean, she owned that position and she helped us out tremendously."

Beck says Ramlow is already getting college offers, but has not made any commitments yet. He described her all-state recognition as "huge."

You have to give Lake credit, too, earning their first league title in volleyball in 43 years. Coach Amy Vorst, who happens to be an Eastwood graduate, is the All-Press Coach of the Year.

"The girls really get along. We have great chemistry on our team, and I think that is a key to any successful program and that is you have kids who understand it's about more than just themselves," Vorst said.

However, the Flyers barely got past the Eagles in the first match, taking the fifth set 16-14.

"I kind of feel like we really missed out on taking that league title because the first time we played Lake it was 16-14 in the fifth, and we were up 14-13 to win it, and we lost," Beck said. "So that went five, and the second time we played them we beat them in four. They were in the driver's seat, but you know they have nearly everybody back next year, too."

## Next year looks even better

Speaking of everybody back, of four Eastwood players who are first or second team All-Press, only 5-7 senior defensive specialist Sheriden Schuerman is a senior. None of Lake's four players are seniors, and two Flyers are freshmen.

Schuerman, who had a team high 330 digs and is first team All-Press, leaves the Eastwood program learning in the offseason how to be a champion.

"She's been the libero all year. She was a great leader and she scouted teams probably as much as I scouted teams. She was totally invested in this year. She knew we had talent, she knew we could win the league and she worked extremely hard to help make that happen. She was a great extension of the coaching staff," Beck said.

"What really helped her, she went to AAU nationals in July with her club team, and they ended up winning a national title in Florida. That just gave her a lot of confidence coming in to the high school season to say, 'I am a great libero and no ball can get on the ground in front of me.' She had a whole new mentality after her club season."

Brenna Moenter, a 6-3 junior outside hitter, is first team All-Press after leading the team with 284 kills and 18 blocks.

"Brenna led the league in kills last year, she didn't lead it this year but she still had close to 300," Beck said. "The girl just doesn't make a lot of errors, you know what I mean? She is just very consistent, she

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# Waite's Juhasz could be good catch for college program

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Over the past decade or more, Toledo City League volleyball teams have not typically fared well against similar size schools from the Northern Lakes League or Three Rivers Athletic Conference in district tournament action.

This year the City League did not play any games outside the league with Start going undefeated and winning the conference title. So, it can be like comparing apples to oranges.

Waite senior libero Angel Juhasz is an athlete and was named City League Player of the Year. The 5-foot-5 Juhasz is Waite coach Sydney Fuller's first POY in her eight years at the helm and will be the Alan Miller Jewelers Co-Player of the Year.

She could play any position on the court and over her prep career she has.

"She is honestly an athlete — multi-sports and super athletic. She could probably play any sport if she wanted," Fuller said.

As a freshman we would max her out every night," Fuller continued. "She would play five sets no matter what. She played freshman, JV and varsity. Her sophomore year, I pulled her straight to varsity as my middle hitter and then her junior and senior year she became my libero. She is definitely my utility player — yes."

Juhasz hopes to have the opportunity to play collegiately once a next-level program realizes she is worth recruiting. She attended a college showcase two weeks ago and last summer went to a Defiance College showcase.

"I was a little nervous because when I play with new people I get nervous, and I'm shy," Juhasz said. "I think overall it went well, but in the beginning I was a little shy so I was kind of messing up a little bit. At the end, I was getting the hang of it."

In Waite's shortened 12-game season, Juhasz had 96 digs, 29 aces and 21 kills.

"Angel has been the libero on our varsity team the last two seasons. She leads in digs, and is an asset to hitting even though she never gets to play front row," Fuller



Angel Juhasz. (Photo by Innovations Portrait Studio/InnovationsVisualImpact.com)

said. "Angel does not leave the court typically. She was a captain this past season."

"She is a natural leader, multi-sport athlete, and a great student. Angel is a util-

ity player and would do anything I asked. She was always the player to do extra work, never let a girl finish a drill or consequence alone, and a team player."

Juhasz, who is also a cheerleader and plays softball, got introduced to the game of volleyball by her older sisters.

"I first started playing when I was in sixth grade and my sisters took me along to play with them because I wasn't really that good then," Juhasz said. "I like being around the coaches because coach Sydney has been there just as long as I've been there and she always pushed me to do better. Just the way the coaches treat me and all the players, it's like a family. I'm just thankful for my coaches and having them push me throughout all the years."

Fuller said, "She would start coming into the gym before she was even on a team, so she's been around for almost eight years, in the gym."

Waite ended the season 5-7, but both Fuller and Juhasz said the team got better as they got playing time.

"In the beginning we were a little rusty because we had 15 players because of COVID, so she was trying to rotate everybody in and figure out where we were all best at. But at the end, we did come up and we beat a team that we didn't beat in the beginning and we did do better then," Juhasz said.

Fuller added, "I have younger girls now on varsity. It was definitely a learning year for a lot of girls because they wanted us to max out our team. I had never maxed out our team — I always keep a smaller team, like 10 or 11 and I took on 15 girls so it was definitely a learning year for a lot of them."

Juhasz is part of another team — her boyfriend Nik Heslet, the Waite quarterback, was City League POY in football. They just celebrated their one-year anniversary as a couple. Juhasz says her long term goal is to study criminal justice.

Fuller has another player who she believes could play collegiately — 6-3 senior middle hitter Monica Wilson. A first team All-City League selection and second team All-Press, she had 35 kills and 42 blocks.

"Monica walked into our gym for an open house her sophomore year to introduce her mom to the gym teacher, and we hunted her down. She had never touched a ball before her sophomore year, and we liked her on our team," Fuller said.

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Cardinal Stritch coach Jamie Kachmarik during the Cardinals' 58-53 Division III state semi-final loss to Cleveland Heights Lutheran East at Ohio State's Jerome Schottenstein Center in March 2019. (Press file photo by Scott Grau)



## Clay, Stritch say they have what it takes

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After coaching at the collegiate level for 16 years, Cardinal Stritch boys basketball coach Jamie Kachmarik has brought two Toledo Area Athletic Conference titles, three district titles, one regional title and one state final four appearance to Stritch in his first six years.

He was also 2018 TAAC Coach of the Year and a three-time Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Coach of the Year.

Kachmarik says the Toledo Area Athletic Conference, which has become one of Northwest Ohio's best basketball leagues, will be talented across the board again.

"Toledo Christian is very talented and experienced. This league is tough every year and this league is full of great coaches. It will be very competitive throughout the league," Kachmarik said.

"We have depth and we have team speed. We don't have Joey Holifield for the first time in four years. Now who is going to step up in the leadership role?" Kachmarik asked.

The now-graduated Holifield, a 6-foot-3 guard was last year's All-Press Player of the Year. In voting by 10 coaches and 10 media members, Holifield was a near-unanimous choice for POY after averaging 22.4 points, 8.9 rebounds, 3.4 assists and two steals per game. He was a first team All-Ohio Division III selection by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association.

"Joey has been an instrumental part of the success in our basketball program at Cardinal Stritch," said Kachmarik. "During his four-year career here at Stritch, our record was 86-18. As a senior he really stood out as our leader both on and off the court. All the accolades that Joey has received have been well earned through all his hard work that he has put into the game of basketball. I am excited to see Joey grow as player at Oakland University. It has been a true blessing to coach Joey and watch him mature into a wonderful young man."

Holifield was joined on the All-Press first team by teammate Jhaiden Wilson, a 5-7 junior guard who averaged 20.3 points, 2.3 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 2.3 steals and does return for his senior year. Wilson was special mention All-Ohio.

But there is another team in Oregon who feels they can contend, and it's Clay. Can they contend for a title in the tough Three Rivers Athletic Conference? The problem for Stritch and Clay right now is, they won't get to play until January because the Lucas County Health Department suspended sports until then. But when they do, Clay coach David Rodriguez says his team will be ready. It would be a shame if Clay did not get that opportunity this year because of a global pandemic.

Of course competing in the TRAC against the likes of powerhouses St. John's, St. Francis, Whitmer, Central Catholic, Lima Senior and Findlay can be a daunting task, but Rodriguez says his team is up to the challenge.

"It may seem weird for you to hear this but I expect to compete for a championship this year," Rodriguez said. "We have

all the pieces to compete. We just have to believe and execute our game plans offensively and defensively. It's not going to be easy. This is the toughest league in Northwest Ohio. Since it is the best league in Northwest Ohio, we would like to see where we are stacked up with all the other leagues in Ohio, but I bet you nobody plays the schedule like we do in the TRAC."

"For a lot of these kids, it is their third year playing varsity in the TRAC. We have everything you need to compete for a championship in this league. When you have an inside punch like Frank and Noah, there are not too many teams around here that have what we have."

"We're going to be undersized because of our guards and we just have to realize that every possession in this league counts offensively and defensively you can't make too many mistakes."

"We lost games by the average margin of seven points last year. We have seen and know how important every possession is offensively and defensively and that we need to knock down open shots. These kids are hungry and understand that we have an opportunity to make something special happen this year with everything that everyone is dealing with, but we just have to believe and execute."

### NBC chasing Rossford?

In the Northern Buckeye Conference, longtime Eastwood coach Todd Henline, who has done two head coaching stints at his alma mater, believes everyone will be chasing preseason favorite Rossford, but adds that anything can happen.

"I think the league from top to bottom will be a step up a little bit. Last year, we had sophomores in our league get league honors — a kid from Otsego, a kid from Lake, a kid from Elmwood and a kid from Eastwood," Henline said. "So, I think the junior class in our league is pretty solid. Obviously, I think Rossford is really stout, but I think it's going to be pretty competitive this year. Fostoria has got a couple guys back that were missing last year and I think that will help them. They are always pretty athletic."

Before the opener at Maumee, the Eastwood coach expressed his approval of getting to play with a global pandemic going on.

"I'm looking forward to it. Tonight's a big one just because we finally get to play," Henline said. "These kids have been through a tough time. It's a whirlwind right now and to be honest, I'm just thankful that we're playing. That's a win right there in my mind."

Genoa coach Tim Hausfeld agrees that the challenge will be going up against NBC opponents like preseason favorite Rossford.

"Rossford is always tough. Eastwood looks tough and has a really good Jacob Meyer kid. He can go and ascend very well," Hausfeld said. "I guess Otsego got a transfer kid from Perrysburg, so I think Otsego is going to be better than what a lot of people have been giving them credit for, and they've got a really good junior player in Cam Hoffman. He's tough. But the league is going to be pretty solid. It's not as top-heavy as it was last year, I'll tell you that. I think there is going to be some teams

that surprise people."

In the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division, Oak Harbor coach Eric Sweet says that with just one returning letterman, it's up to his team where they finish in the Bay Division.

"We have a chance to finish at the top, middle or bottom," Sweet said. "We are a young team with varsity experience but when we play hard and the right way we can be good. If we shoot the ball well we will be a tough team to beat. I think the Bay division of the SBC is a great competition, with great coaches. The league will always be tough to get through but I love playing the teams in our division."

*The Press basketball previews are included as a special insert in this week's paper, covering 20 teams — boys and girls, and on page 19 of this section.*

## All-Press volleyball

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knows where she is going to put the ball down and she just is a force in the front row and in the back row attacking."

Morgan McMillin, a 5-10 sophomore middle hitter, had a team second-best 121 kills and 18 blocks in earning second team All-Press. She will continue to lead the Eagles in the middle front row through her senior year, Beck guarantees.

"She was our 'M-1,' we call it," Beck said. "She was our lead middle last year as a freshman and she was our lead middle this year. She is just improving every year and we are just excited to see what she can do by her senior year — that will be her fourth year in a row."

Kaitlyn Luidhardt, a 5-9 junior outside hitter and right side setter, had 109 kills and is honorable mention.

"What a great surprise. Her freshman year, she blew out her ACL and then her sophomore year I think she wasn't ready to come back until the end of the volleyball season, so we didn't get her until then and she served for us a couple times, so truly her first two years she wasn't really up to speed on our team," Beck said.

"Her junior year she stepped in, became an outside hitter and she got our most improved (team award). She is just an all-around athlete. She plays basketball, softball and volleyball and she is good at everything she does."

Lake's first team choices are junior outside hitter/setter Cassidey Wiley, sophomore middle blocker Ella Vorst and freshman middle blocker Taryn DeWese. Second team is freshman outside hitter/setter Vayda Delventhal.

"Cassidey is usually our leader or a close second every match. She's got good experience," Vorst told The Press. "She plays on a pretty high-level club team. She's a good all-around player. She broke our ace record (97 aces) and she's serving aggressively this year. But, she's a great all-around player."

Ella is the coach's daughter, of course.

"That's who we go to most of the time to try and establish middle first," coach Vorst said. "She leads our team in blocks. She's 6-foot-2, so she's taller than I am now, and that's crazy."



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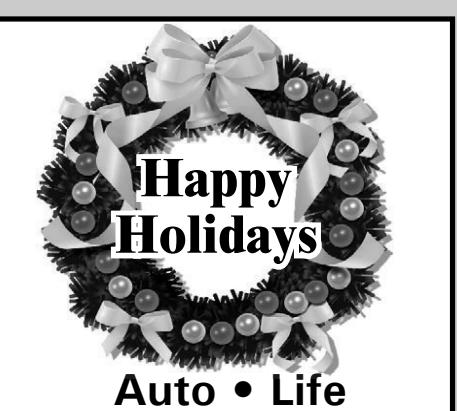
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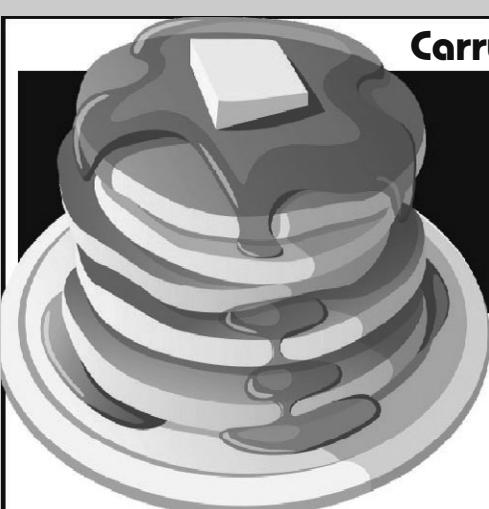
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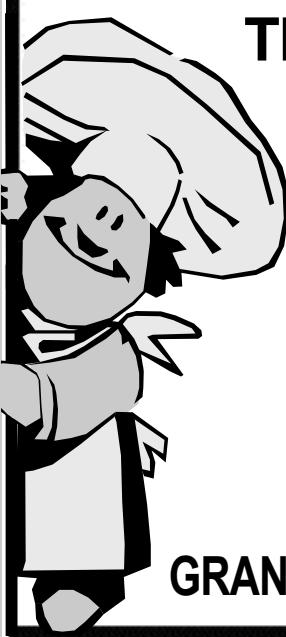


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## Toledo

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

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

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

## Oregon

**Oregon Senior Center Holiday Member Dinner**, Dec. 10, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Free for members (must RSVP by Dec. 7 and have invite from December newsletter). Open to the public at a cost of \$12 (reservation required). Menu includes chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and butter and pumpkin pie. Call 419-698-7078 to make a reservation.

**Oregon Fire Retirees** will meet the 3rd Tues. of the month at noon at the Oregon Inn, 6067 Bay Shore Rd.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Oregon Republican Club** meets the 1st Thurs. of the month at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Visit [www.OregonRepublicanClub.com](http://www.OregonRepublicanClub.com) or contact Lynn Gibbs at [lynlin3215@gmail.com](mailto:lynlin3215@gmail.com) for info.

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

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

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

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

## Northwood

**Northwood Food Distribution**, Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. outside of the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd. Attendees should remain in their vehicles and a city representative will bring the box of food out.

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

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

## Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

## Elmore

**Salvation Army Angel Tree** is set up at the Harris Elmore Library.

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

## Genoa

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

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

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

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

## Gibsonburg

**Gibsonburg Branch Library** offers a number of virtual programs, including: Disguise a Gingerbread Man Contest, through Dec. 11 – Decorate a gingerbread man as your favorite book character; Carol's Kitchen, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. – Watch librarian Carol make a chocolate eclair live on Facebook; Gibsonburg Virtual Adult Book Discussion, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. – A virtual discussion of "When Breath Becomes Air," by Paul Kalanithi; Around the World Learning Time, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. – A multicultural learning time for the young and young at heart live on Facebook; First Chapter Fridays, Dec. 11 and 18, 6 p.m. – Listen to the first chapter of a different children's fiction book each week on Facebook Live. All programs are free, but some require registration at [www.birchard.org](http://www.birchard.org).

## Graytown

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

## Luckey

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

## Oak Harbor

**Oak Harbor Public Library**, 147 W. Main St., is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon. Patrons are asked to wear a mask. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. December programs include: Coffee and a Book, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. via Zoom – A discussion of "Lost December," by Richard Paul Evans; Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest – Email photos of yourself in an ugly Christmas sweater to [ohplmedia@seolibraries.org](mailto:ohplmedia@seolibraries.org) through Dec. 20 and Mayor Quinton Babcock will select the winner of a \$10 Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce gift certificate; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Dec. 22, 6 p.m. via Zoom – A discussion of "Darling Rose Gold," by Stephanie Wrobel. The Local History Museum Center is open Tues. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-noon by appointment only. Visit the library on Facebook or YouTube for children's activities, local history, crafting projects, book news and more. Call 419-898-7001 for details.

**Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry**, 11805 SR 105, will continue to provide food supplies to anyone in need by appointment only. Call 419-343-0126 for info or to make an appointment.

## Pemberville

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

## Stony Ridge

**Stony Ridge Civic Association** meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. at the Stony Ridge Library. Visit [stonyridgepark.com](http://stonyridgepark.com) for more details.

**Shared Bounty Thrift Shop** is closed until further notice.

## Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is

open to the public for express service Monday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Curbside pickup: Monday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Support Group for Families and Friends who are Dealing with a Loved One's Heroin/Opiate Addiction** meets Mondays 6:30-8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 705 N. Main St. Sponsored by Mainstreet Church. For info, call 419-838-7600.

## Woodville

**Salvation Army Angel Tree** is set up at the Woodville Branch Library.

**Woodville Branch Library** offering a variety of programming including: 25 Nights of Christmas Stories: A Facebook Event, through Dec. 25, 7:15 p.m. – Enjoy a story each night featuring guest readers; Make & Take Christmas Crafts, Tuesdays, 9-5:30 p.m. (grades K-6) – Pick up a craft kit to make at home; Village Christmas Scavenger Hunt, Dec. 14-26, (grades K-6) – Game boards available at the library or online; From My Backyard: A Facebook Live Event, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. – Join librarian Rene in her backyard; Woodville Virtual Adult Book Club, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. – Discuss "Mr. Dickens and His Carol," by Samantha Silva; Kids & Canvas, Virtual Edition,

Dec. 9 a.m. (grades K-6) via Facebook Live; Simply Craftastic: A Facebook Live Series, Dec. 8 and 15, 7 p.m. – Simple crafts made with items you may already have at home; Paper Bag Book Clubs, start Dec. 7 – Check out the book of the month and take home a bag of things to do (age-appropriate activity bags for kids, tweens and teens); Holiday Book Bingo, Dec. 14-Jan. 8 – Bingo cards available at the library or online. Visit [Birchard.org/wdv.htm](http://Birchard.org/wdv.htm).

**Great Eastern Toastmasters Club** has returned to in-person meetings at a temporary location at Taylor's Tae Kwon Do Tumbling and Dance Studio, 200 S. Elm St. Grow your confidence in speaking, presentation and listening skills in a supportive, friendly environment. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Michigan Community Room. Guests welcome. Masks are required at this time. Contact Allan Hoar at 419-698-3733 or visit [www.d28toastmasters.org](http://www.d28toastmasters.org) for info.

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

## The Press Church Worship Guide

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Main at 4th, Genoa

Sunday School 9:15 am

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Pastor Greg Miller

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Main at 4th, Genoa

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# NBC girls cage teams are loaded

By J. Patrick Eaken  
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This may be the most depth the Northern Buckeye Conference has ever seen in girls basketball.

If you saw Elmwood's 89-76 overtime win over Eastwood to open conference play, you would think both of those teams are contenders, and they are. However, with just one senior, Lake is the preseason favorite to win the league and Woodmore is a close second.

Now, Woodmore coach Kyle Clair says, his team has to prove the coaches' preseason poll wrong.

"Our expectations are at the top with a league championship in mind. We have the tools in place and if we can continue to be mentally tough and disciplined through this season we will be in a position to make it happen," Clair said. "I love the competition in our league and it will be tough again like in years past. We have a great group of coaches in our league and we all know that you have to show up and be ready every single night."

After reaching the Division III regional tournament last year, Lake garnered 58 points, including five first place votes, but Woodmore was just one back at 57 and got the other three first place votes from the league's coaches.

Lake coach Joe Nowak has the program on the rise, arriving at Lake after being the boys basketball coach at Seneca East for two years. Along with last year's district championship, the Flyers won a Northern Buckeye Conference championship in 2018-19. Last year, he was the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Coach of the Year because of the team's incredible tournament run.

"The NBC has proven year after year to be competitive, and I don't think this season will be any different. Teams are all competitive and that makes each game important," Nowak said. "Guard play is going to have to be a consistent strength for us throughout the season. Our potential balance offensively is also a potential strength. This is also potentially the deepest roster we have had in the last several years."

Nowak is mostly pleased to get his team on the floor.

"I am looking forward to a fun year with this group. I know that our returning players are looking to extend the late-season success of last year. So far this preseason, they've done a great job working to improve each day. Just hope to keep all our kids healthy to ensure we're able to play a complete season," Nowak said.

## Don't count out Eagles, Comets

Eastwood won back-to-back Northern Buckeye Conference championships in 2017-18 and 2018-19, but could not quite seal a title last year. Despite the graduation of Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Player of the Year Jamie Schmeltz, now playing at Walsh University, her brother Nick still has eight lettermen, or what he calls "a lot" of experience returning. Besides the usual suspects of top players, there are a lot of newcomers to the Eastwood program who are contributing.

"Incoming freshman Kayla Buehler will help us out. Kayla has a great skill set and has superb knowledge of the game," Schmeltz said. "Another freshman, Amelia Ward, plays extremely hard and is an absolute monster on defense."

Schmeltz says he wants his team to finish "hopefully near the top" of the NBC, but found out against Elmwood how good the league is. He adds that his team "needs to stay healthy and safe," too.

"I feel this will be the best the league has been in my six years here," Schmeltz said. "There are four really good teams at the top in Woodmore, Lake, Elmwood, and I would like to include us in that group. Then there is Genoa who is rapidly improving. Fostoria is getting better as well. Lake will have a very, very good team. They have a ton returning from their regional last year and it appears they will be the team to beat."

Schmeltz says his team's "depth, quickness and cohesion" should play a role.

"In the preseason we are currently evaluating and looking at 13 to 14 girls that can make varsity contributions to our team this year. We are extremely deep, which bodes well for our strategy of running and gunning for 32 minutes," Schmeltz said. "We are also extremely long, athletic, and fast. From an athlete standpoint, we are very blessed. And so far this year's squad is one of the best we've had in terms of them getting along and solidifying roles early on."

"Outside shooting could be lacking at times early on. A deep soccer tournament run meant that we just got 10 girls back to practice the week of November 9. They missed 12 practices and are playing catch up a bit. We also will need to find a true point guard and ball handler. Jamie Schmeltz did that for us the last four years. Now it is someone else's turn to step up and take the reins," coach Schmeltz continued.

"We are very much looking forward to the opportunity to play basketball this year. We know how quickly that can be taken away from us and we are grateful for every day that we get to play together. We are going to do everything in our power to ensure a full and complete season can take place."

Genoa started with a 37-17 win over Maumee, 48-26 win over Northwood, but lost 45-44 to Oak Harbor. The Comets are hoping to surprise league opponents.

"Right now we are picked middle of the pack of the NBC," Genoa coach Laura Pierson said. "On any given night we could break into those top three teams if we use our chemistry and knowledge of the game well. The NBC has always been a very competitive league and this year will be no different."

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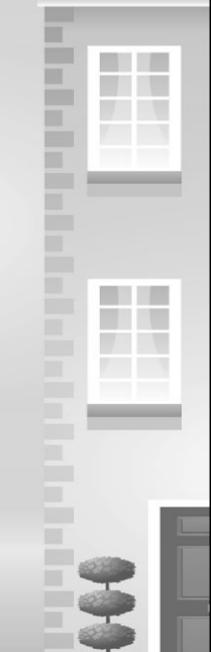
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