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Celebrating 120 years

Family Center growing, changing to meet needs

By Larry Michaels
Special to The Press

For 120 years, the East Toledo Family Center has served the people of East Toledo.

It began in 1901 as the Neighbor Association, but soon became fondly known in the community as the "Neighborhood House." Perhaps the oldest such community organization in this area, it provided aid to the many immigrant families that arrived in the early 1900s. It survived the dark years of the Depression in the 1930s – when its services were needed all the more – and it continued to grow during the post-World War II boom years until a new building was needed in the early 1970s.

Today, the Family Center serves more people and provides more programs than at any other time in its long history.

Beginnings (1901-1917)

On Aug. 4, 1901, Canadian-born Rev. H. W. Hoover, former pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, held a tent meeting on factory grounds owned by D.J. Nysewander at East Broadway and the New York Central Railroad tracks in East Toledo.

He was a little over 40 when he began his mission work in East Toledo, which lasted for several days and then was expanded into "settlement work" to help the many new immigrants arriving here.



Minutes from the organizational meeting survive in the records of the East Toledo Family Center. A list also survives of those who contributed toward the "interest on loan, sidewalks, hymn books, lights and piano tuning" for this first Industrial Heights Mission. Contributors included such well-known East Toledo names as Metzger, Rideout, Tracy and Hirzel.

By the summer of 1902, property was obtained on Vinal Street and adjoining lots were soon added through the generosity of Alexander Black, George Metzger, Isaac Gerson and Nysewander.

Rev. Hoover and his wife, Nellie Titus Hoover, moved into a large shed on the

grounds until more permanent housing – which led to the formation of the Neighborhood House – could be established.

The land on Vinal Street near East Broadway, originally a neglected dump, was quickly improved. Dirt from the streets was used as fill, grass was sown and donations of flowers from East Toledo florists and shrubs from Monroe Nurseries soon brightened the place.

The Ohio Neighborhood Institute, commonly called the Neighborhood House, was incorporated and the property at 1019 and 1027 Vinal St. developed rapidly. M.J. Riggs, superintendent of the American Bridge Company operations in East Toledo, helped purchase playground equipment, along with fencing, ornamental gates and posts.

A Depression in 1908 led to what foreign families called the "slim winter." When no other charities were available to help the many families who were out of work, Mrs. Hoover and East Side businesses stepped in to provide food and aid through the Neighborhood House.

During the years of World War I, there was a need for classes in English for both children and adults, as more and more immigrants came to work factories in the Toledo area. Before Oakdale School opened, school classes were held at the Neighborhood House.

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Bill creating Electric Vehicle Commission passes House

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A bill establishing an Electric Vehicle Commission and authorizing a temporary exemption of sales and use taxes on certain components used in the production of electric vehicles has passed in the House of Representatives.

Lisa Sobecki, D-Toledo, said she sponsored the House Bill 292 to better prepare the state for a future in which electric vehicles will be a significant part of the economy.

"As a state, we need to be better prepared for electric vehicle production, implementation, and proliferation," she said. "My bill puts Ohio on more secure footing and will drive economic opportunity."

The Electric Vehicle Commission would be established within the Ohio Department of Transportation to make policy recommendations concerning product manufacturing in the state. As stated in the bill, an electric vehicle product is a battery powered electric vehicle, an alternative powertrain technology vehicle, a hydrogen powered vehicle, or plug-in electric motor vehicle. The term also includes charging stations needed for using the vehicles.

The commission's responsibilities would include evaluating the inventory of existing product facilities and production capability; assessing the pool of skilled and unskilled workers in the industry and the needs for training within the industry.

The commission would also be tasked with determining if training centers promoting careers in the industry should be created or transitioned from traditional automotive industry training centers as well as evaluating the effectiveness of tax exemptions for products.

An annual report by the commission is to be compiled by Sept. 30 and presented to leaders of the legislature. Members of the commission would include two members of the Senate from each political party, appointed by its president, and two House members, appointed by the speaker of the house,

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Bryan Golden
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hood House for small children of various grades.

By 1916, the Neighborhood House had a large playground that was believed to be the first in Toledo. It featured a merry-go-round, basket swing, May pole and other play equipment. There was also an enormous sandbox that could hold dozens of children at one time.

A "Sunshine House" donated by Dorothy Kimball was used to help children learn how to tend house. Tea parties were also held to teach the children proper manners when entertaining. And, of course, there were sports of all kinds, including basketball, baseball – even boxing matches.

Attendance records from 1916 show just how important the work of the Neighborhood House was to the community. The Vinal Street playground was used by 5,000 children that year. More than 3,480 attended American citizenship classes, 2,385 came to other informational lectures and 2,695 participated in a "School of Conduct."

A satellite ministry of the Neighborhood House was formed. The Ironville neighborhood settlement, called Lincoln Place, served 7,860 participants during 1916. For the year, 28,766 people were touched through the activities of this East Side ministry.

Good times and bad (1917-46)

The importance of the Neighborhood House to the community is reflected by the number of companies and individuals who contributed to its support. Records from 1917 show hundreds of donors, including the names of some of Toledo's most prominent citizens: Ernest Tiedtke, Thomas DeVilbiss, Edward Ford, General Isaac R. Sherwood, Henry Walbridge, the Detwiler and LaSalle families, along with such East Side names as Winchester, Hoeflinger, Eggleston, Gardner and Ticket. Edward Drummond Libbey was also an important early benefactor.

Immigrants continued to flood into America during the years immediately following World War I. Rev. Hoover and Mark Winchester led the efforts of the Americanization movement to help these new arrivals adjust to life in this country.

As the need increased, the Neighborhood House continued to grow. By 1927,



By 1916, the Neighborhood House's large playground – believed to be the first in Toledo – featured a merry-go-round, a basket swing, a May pole and other play equipment and an enormous sandbox that could hold dozens of children at one time. (Photo courtesy of the East Toledo Family Center)

there were three buildings on the Vinal Street property. The original Neighborhood House was more than doubled in size with the addition of a large auditorium, classroom and refectory.

The playground continued to be enlarged with the help of donated equipment and financial support. There was a separate house on the Neighborhood House property where Rev. Hoover and his family resided.

Over the years, the Neighborhood House had many musical bands – usually with a large drum that bore the name of the Neighborhood House.

Mayor William Jackson, an East Side resident, supported the Neighborhood House and was a friend of Rev. Hoover.

However, as the 1930s began, the Great Depression was beginning to take its toll on the working-class families of East Toledo. To make matters worse, Rev. Hoover, the founder of the Neighborhood House, died in 1932 at the age of 72.

At this point, the Neighborhood House was probably needed all the more and many were there to provide help to those in need.

A 1930 article by Isabel Toppin, of the East Side Sun family, notes that "now,

many are losing the houses they tried hard to maintain.

"The stream of little wagons and push carts headed for the city's dole measures the Depression into which we have fallen," she wrote. "In the midst of general unhappiness, the Neighborhood House has striven to relieve the drab hopelessness of the situation."

In these hard times, the Neighborhood House was often a last resort for people, so that's when it became more important than ever. People would come to borrow a chair for a funeral. They would borrow a table for a wedding or the large coffee pot for a family party. Volunteers would bring in clothing. A baker would send in surplus stock.

"Mothers accomplished wonders with a yard of goods and a button," Neighborhood House records show.

The facility became a clearinghouse for the needs of the community and the human spirit would not be extinguished by hard times.

By the 1940s, as economic times began to improve in the aftermath of World War

II, the Neighborhood House continued to provide a place for people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds to gather and become better Americans.

The Densmore years (1946-1971)

As World War II ended and soldiers came home, Americans wanted to get back to their families and a normal way of life. It was a time of growth, and a time of strong family and community feelings. Warren Densmore, who was nominated to become the director of the Neighborhood House on June 28, 1946, was the right person to lead the agency during those busy years of post-war growth.

Under Densmore's leadership, along with Vince Renda, Helen Corwin and others, more and more programs were offered to the people of East Toledo. Dances were held, scouting troops formed, a new swimming pool was built nearby at Navarre Park in 1949, playground activities increased and sports teams of all kinds were formed.

In addition, children from the Neighborhood House went camping at Camp Mikakonda, participated in Christmas parades and were active in scouting programs.

An article written in 1960 emphasized the Neighborhood House's "vital role" in the community to "help people help themselves." Some of the offerings available at the facility then included dances, crafts, basketball, scouting, preschool, Mother's Clubs, school lunch programs and a chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Membership in 1960 was 436, with three quarters of those youths between the ages of 4 and 18.

During the 1960s, the Neighborhood House was nicknamed "The Living Room" because of its informal and welcoming atmosphere. The facility held numerous special events or activities over the years, including "Ethnic Choir" in 1964, preparation of community Easter baskets in 1966 and a trip to the circus in 1968.

As the activities and participants at the Neighborhood House kept growing during the 1950s and 1960s, the facility began bursting at the seams. Even with all the improvements made to the Vinal Street properties in the years since the first tent mission, it became apparent that a larger

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Pemberville to celebrate Christmas in the Village Nov. 28

Celebrate "Christmas in the Village" Saturday, Nov. 27 and Sunday, Nov. 28 in Pemberville

Festivities are scheduled from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Pemberville's eighth annual Lighted Christmas Parade will be the grand finale event, stepping-off Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. The Village Christmas Tree Lighting will be held after the parade at Mason Park, with Santa and Mrs. Claus on hand.

Pemberville's annual celebration will coincide with this year's "National Shop Small" promotion. Patrons making purchases of \$25 or more at participating Pemberville businesses Nov. 26-Dec. 15 will have a chance at the "Win the Window" promotion.

Pemberville's historic Opera House will be the setting for this year's Festival of Trees, themed "Christmas in the Village." Each tree will be decorated highlighting a Pemberville place, organization and/or event. Admission is \$5 per person. Children will get in free with paid adult admission. Proceeds raised will benefit the Pemberville-Freedom Area Historical Society.

Tickets are available at the door and include complimentary refreshments, the chance to vote for your favorite tree and be entered in the grand prize drawing to win season tickets (nine shows) for two at the Opera House.

Local resident Ed Wozniak has donated a handcrafted schoolhouse clock to be raffled as a fundraiser for the Pemberville-Freedom Area Historical Society. Wozniak

has built 100 clocks and has gifted all but two. The clock will be on display at the Bake Shoppe, with raffle tickets available for sale. Raffle tickets may be purchased at Riverbank Antique Market, 140 E. Front St., or Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., for \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Sunday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m.

The Historical Society will also host its annual Holiday "Bake Shoppe" in the Town Hall, featuring a variety of homemade baked goods, including cookies, pies, sweet breads, candies, jams/jellies and more. All proceeds benefit the Historical Society's continued restoration/maintenance efforts.

Santa will be strolling through downtown Pemberville with Mrs. Claus at his side, greeting guests, posing for photos and listening to wishes. Pemberville Independent Merchant Association members have provided treats for Santa to gift.

The Gathering Place (next to Beeker's General Store) will feature a Holiday Café, selling hot soups, sandwiches, apple dumplings, hot chocolate and more. The Gathering Place will also be hosting a Christmas Market, offering fresh greens, wreaths, poinsettias, botanicals, grave blankets/pillows, vintage Christmas décor and other items. All florals/wreaths are by Downtown Deco Fine Floral Design, Pemberville.

The Pember-Furry House, the village's oldest frame house located on East Front Street (just down the street from the Eisenhour car lot) will be decked out with festive Christmas decorations and

will be open for free tours both days of the Christmas Open House. Hosts will guide visitors through the historical home and be available to answer questions.

Pemberville's One Room School (located behind the Pember-Furry House) will be decorated with festive accents and be open for free tours as well.

A variety of holiday carols will be heard in the Downtown area. Poppin' George's Kettle Corn will be featured at Beeker's Store. Pemberville's shops will be open and offering a variety of holiday specials.

Horse and carriage rides will be offered both days for a nominal fee. Rides will depart from the downtown area Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 pm. To reserve a time slot, call 419-287-3274.

Sunday's Lighted Parade will step off at 6:30 p.m., beginning at the Pemberville Public Library (registration headquarters) and ending at Pemberville's Town Hall. The parade will travel along East Front, with a viewing stand located in the heart of the downtown area.

Lighted floats, vehicles, bands, marching units and more will all be a part of this year's parade. Additional information/specific times may be obtained by calling 419-287-3274. Prior to the parade, beginning at 5 p.m., a backdrop of holiday music will be performed by musicians from Sonfire by the River in the center of the downtown area.

For more information about Christmas in the Village, call 419-287-3274.

"Braving the Waves"

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., the National Museum of the Great Lakes (NMGL) will welcome Bruce Lynn, executive director of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, to deliver the final presentation in their annual fall lecture series entitled, "Braving the Waves: Life-Saving Service on the Shipwreck Coast."

"The desolate shoreline between Whitefish Point and Pictured Rocks has come to be known as Lake Superior's Shipwreck Coast," said Carrie Sowden, the museum's Archaeological and Research Director, who moderates the hybrid lecture series. "This presentation will explore the stories of the 'Storm Warriors' along the desolate shoreline between Whitefish Point and Pictured Rocks to shed light on a little-known chapter of Great Lakes history."

As in the previous lectures, the National Museum of the Great Lakes will offer this presentation as a hybrid event using Zoom, with one noted difference – the presenter will be delivering the lecture virtually. Individuals wishing to participate in person may come to the museum for a watch party and be a part of the live-streamed question and answer session following the presentation.

The lecture is free and open to the community. Registration is required. Participants can choose when registering to take part in person at the museum or online via Zoom. Donations are welcome and may be made upon registration.

For more information on the lecture or to register for the event, visit nmgl.org.

Genoa Christmas Celebration Dec. 4

The 4th Annual Genoa Christmas Celebration – "Oh, What Fun" – has been rescheduled to Sunday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. on Main Street, downtown.

The parade will line up at 5 p.m. at the baseball diamonds. At 6 p.m., it will step off on Washington Street, proceeding to 9th Street, to Main Street, ending at Genoa Town Hall.

Williston tree lighting

The 4th Annual Williston Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Saturday, Dec. 4.

A light meal will be served in St. John Lutheran Church basement at 6 p.m. The tree lighting will be held at approximately 6:45 p.m. The dinner is free, however, monetary donations or contributions of non-perishable food items for the Genoa Food pantry will be welcome.

All are welcome to attend worship at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

children ages 6-12 experienced steeper unemployment levels than fathers of children in the same age group.

Most institutions surveyed in United Way's report have varying parental leave policies, only offering leave for births or adoptions via taking vacation time, sick days or short-term disability. Whereas those who indicated 100 percent paid leave coverage for birth or adoption varies from organization to organization based on years of service, with coverage declining during a parent's time-of-leave, sometimes as soon as a week after leave.

"We can see through our collected data that a high percentage of our local workforce are parents," Pestru said. "No one should choose between sacrificing a career or being a parent; or quitting their job to stay home with a child because care is far too costly."

Jingle Bell Run

The Fremont Elite Runners Club will present its annual Jingle Bell Run Saturday, Dec. 4.

The 5K run will begin and end at Spiegel Grove, the grounds of Hayes Presidential and estate of President

Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes. The run will start at 10 a.m.

Race-day registration is \$25 and will begin at 9 a.m. at the Grove.

Advance registration is \$20 and can be completed online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Fremont/TheJingleBellRun>. Those who register in advance will receive a race T-shirt.

Runners who pre-register also will receive a discount on a site pass, which includes a guided tour of the Hayes Home, or museum-only admission on Saturday, Dec. 4, after the run. Information about this discount will be included with the runners' registration.

The run is open to runners and walkers, and creative holiday costumes. Awards are given to the best costume and overall male and female runners.

The runners club donates the proceeds of this event to Hayes Presidential.

On the morning of the run, the main entrance to Spiegel Grove will be closed from 9:45-11:30 a.m. The Jefferson Gate off Hayes Avenue will instead be used for vehicle traffic during that time.

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Graduates from the East Toledo Family Center's Preschool Program show off their diplomas earlier this year. Today, the Family Center serves more people and provides more programs than at any other time in its 120-year history. (Photo courtesy of the East Toledo Family Center)

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facility would soon be needed.

And along with a new facility would come a new identity.

1971 to 2000

In anticipation of future growth, three to five acres of Navarre Park were requested in 1966 for a proposed new facility. Mayor Potter supported the proposal, and by the following summer, an agreement was reached with the city.

Under the agreement, a new building would be built that the city would own. The city recreation department would provide staff, equipment and supplies.

Toledo architect Horace Wachter prepared the plans for the new building. A U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant was applied for to help pay for the building, which by now had increased in cost from \$360,000, to \$450,000 to \$602,000 before it was finished June 24, 1971.

A formal dedication ceremony was held Sept. 18, 1971, with more than 500 people in attendance. The new building was named the East Toledo Family Center.

The center began holding annual meetings in January 1973. Rev. Philip Lewis, of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, was given the center's first Community Service Award.

At that meeting, it was reported that the center would open 70 hours a week. Twenty-two groups met in the building, including 145 preschool children, 88 participants in dancing classes and dozens of athletic teams using the new, large gymnasium.

All told, the total membership had reached nearly 1,700.

By the end of 1980, however, the City of Toledo was in financial crisis. The East Toledo Family Center faced the possibility of closing.

The community rallied around the center, and financial support came. The center was able to continue its ministry.

A 35th anniversary appreciation dinner was held in May 1981 for Densmore. Under his long tenure, the Neighborhood House-turned-Family Center experienced continued growth and expansion.

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The conversion of the Navarre shelter-house as the East Toledo Senior Center in the mid-1980s was a major step. There were numerous activities and programs held at the center, including day camp, Halloween parties and soccer banquets.

Another financial crisis developed in the late 1980s. The United Way announced Feb. 2, 1989, that it was withholding \$50,000 in funding from the Family Center because of financial management problems that the center had failed to resolve.

The board of directors took immediate action and hired Tim Yenrick, who was then in his 20s, as the new director.

Yenrick began a quick turnaround of the center. The preschool was soon going strong and there were before- and after-school programs for elementary students, including tutoring and homework programs.

But the center was not all work and no play. Monthly teen nights, summer day camp and expanded soccer, softball, basketball and other athletic opportunities provided participants a chance to have fun.

The center began the last decade before the turn of the century by holding its first William Densmore Scholarship Dinner on April 26, 1990. The dinner became an annual tradition.

There were three full-time and nine part-time staff members in 1990. In addition,

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East Toledo signal boxes get new look

The Arts Commission's Art in Public Places program sought artists to create "Flora and Fauna" themed artwork to be applied as vinyl wraps on signal boxes around the City of Toledo in two phases. Phase two includes eight signal boxes along the East Toledo Main Street Corridor from International Park to Starr Avenue. The Art in Public Places program worked in collaboration with the Young Artists at Work apprentices and staff to introduce the process of creating art in public spaces. Top photo, artwork by Laylah Chizmar. Bottom left photo, artwork by Andrea Jamison, Caramel Haviland, and Delano Williams. Bottom right photo, artwork by Sydney Handley. (Submitted photos)

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tion, there were 23 permanent volunteers, and an active board of directors.

2001 to 2017

At the turn of this century, expansion into the various neighborhoods within East Toledo was a focus for the agency.

Satellite offices were opened in Weiler Homes and Birmingham, and the teen drop-in program was housed at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

The Family Center's childcare program was the first school-aged program in Northwest Ohio to be accredited by the National School-Aged Care Alliance. The center also created the Heffner Early Childhood Center in the former Heffner School and moved all its programs that served young children into this building.

In 2002, the Family Center building was rededicated and named the Warren Densmore Building to honor the Family Center's prior director.

After 15 years of service and to close the year 2003, Tim Yenrick left the East Toledo Family Center. In 2004, the board of trustees hired Kim Partin to become the center's new director. Partin had been the Family Resource Director for the agency for a number of years and the board saw her compassion and love for East Toledo and knew the center would continue to thrive under her direction.

Partin continued her predecessors' commitment to collaboration by bringing in Phoenix Academy, Heartbeat, the Home

Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Grant funding was secured to purchase 10 vehicles, including two school activity buses. The Help Me Grow Program expanded from four to 10 service coordinators.

An annual Neighborhood House Reunion was started to bring together those who attend the Neighborhood House as children to relive old memories.

In addition, \$70,000 in donations and grants was raised to renovate the kitchen at the Senior Center.

2017 to present

In early 2017, Partin left the center to pursue a career with the ProMedica Health System. Roger Dodsworth was named interim during the search for a new director to continue the mission and vision of the center moving forward.

At the end of July, Jodi Gross was named the new director of the East Toledo Family Center. Gross's love, passion and knowledge of the center and the East Toledo community will continue the vision of the center being a valuable partner in an empowered community.

Gross has lived, worked and volunteered for more than 30 years in the East Toledo community. She began her involvement with the center in 1992 when her husband was a coach of various sports. She was recruited by Bob Clark to become a Family Center board member, and she has been involved in many aspects, including being an employee.

Before becoming the director, Gross was the center's community builder, organizing residents and other stakeholders to get involved in the center. She worked closely with resident volunteers to implement the "One Voice for East Toledo Initiative" to create a sustainable and livable community for the next generation. The One Voice volunteers received the 2016 Northwest Ohio Volunteer Ohio award through ServeOhio for their efforts in making changes in the East Toledo neighborhood.

Gross will continue to champion for the community through the Family Center by providing the services and programs that families need. The center's responsibility is to educate, empower and engage all stakeholders in being their own change.

In early 2018, Dodsworth, who was serving as the center's assistant director, retired with 31 years of service. Staci Cook was chosen as the new assistant director

based on her knowledge of the center and its service programs. But after a 13-year career with the East Toledo Family Center, Cook left this year to pursue a career opportunity with the YMCA.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Family Center closed to the general public on March 17, 2020.

"We sent our employees home and said we will work through this...and we did," Gross said. Thanks to a strong technology infrastructure, the center was able to provide remote programming and services.

On Aug. 4, 2021, the East Toledo Family Center officially marked 120 years of service.

"Although we look different than we did all those years ago," Gross said,

"our mission is clear and still the same – 'Strengthening and serving our community one life at a time.'

Although still dealing with COVID, Gross said she believes the center is "stronger for it" and continues to serve families "from babies to seniors" through programs such as home visiting, preschool/Head Start, youth enrichment/athletics, community detention, and other services.

"During the rest of 2021, we will celebrate our 120th anniversary," Gross said. "The East Toledo Family Center will continue to be that one-stop shop for our families who know that the center will help them be their very best."

East Toledo Family Center Director Jodi Gross contributed to this article.



Obituaries

Obituary

Ellen Elizabeth Bergman

September 27, 1952 – November 20, 2021



Ellen Elizabeth (Fahrbach) Bergman, age 69, passed away at her home in Genoa, Ohio on November 20, 2021 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Ellen was born in Fremont, Ohio on September 27, 1952 to Wesley and Gloria (Gibbins) Fahrbach. She was the third of eight Fahrbach children, all raised in Fremont and graduates of Fremont Ross High School. She was inspired by a high school teacher's dedication to students and subsequently pursued a career in education, earning a bachelor's degree from BGSU and a master's degree from the University of Toledo, respectively. Further educational and teaching opportunities sent her to London, England for Montessori instruction, and to teach at the American Embassy's school in Buenos Aires, Argentina until the Falklands War escalation.

Ellen married Henry "Hank" W. Bergman II on December 29, 1982, and proceeded to have five loving children in six years: Elizabeth, Kathleen, Nicole, Henry, and Thomas. She loved Hank dearly, admiring his creative brilliance and work ethic. He preceded her in death in 2000 after seventeen wonderful years of marriage. She finished raising their five children as a single mother, enjoying the busy "Taxi Mom" years of shuttling her active children between numerous St. Jerome and Cardinal Stritch events. The fellow "Stritch Moms" became many of her close friends.

Ellen was a proud Catholic and followed the examples of Jesus' ministry, especially in showing love and compassion to vulnerable members of the community. She repeated in her final days that "we are here to love others, that's what it's all about." After Hank's death, Ellen became the legal guardian for his older brother Bill, and helped him live a fulfilling life despite his battles with mental illness, until his death in 2017. Each year around Christmas she would bake apple pies and deliver them to families in the community who had recently experienced a loss.

She was passionate about the importance of education and its ability to improve lives. Ellen worked as a Talented & Gifted Coordinator for the Ottawa County Board of Education, and then as a Reading Specialist and Mentorship Coordinator for Genoa Area Schools. Through her work she aimed to help children "become a better version of themselves than they thought they could be."

Retirement in 2017 allowed her to travel with her children and spend valuable time with her grandchildren (Evan, Eleanor, Clara, and Addison). Evan's basketball games in Columbus, and raising Monarch butterflies for Eleanor and Clara to release were treasured times. She was an avid gardener and arborist, and would spend summers leisurely at work in the yard.

Genealogy and history research were important hobbies, and she greatly enjoyed discovering missing portions of her mother's biological family, meeting them on a trip to New Jersey, and tracking the family lineage back to the Mayflower. As often as she could find the time, she would repaint Ohio Historical Markers in the area, to help others appreciate local history. The list of organizations and committees to which she dedicated her time are endless. Over the years she would lead a 4-H group, join Genoa's Tree Commission and Planning Commission, become a Master Gardener Volunteer, help organize St. Jerome fish fries, the Genoa Food Pantry, the Genoa Chamber of Commerce's summer car shows, and help found the Genoa Historical Society, just to name a few. She was a dependable volunteer, and an invaluable organizer of volunteers. Wherever there was an opportunity to improve lives or the community, Ellen Bergman would lend a helping hand.

Ellen's parents, husband, and brother Wesley preceded her in death. She is survived by her children Elizabeth, Kathleen, Nicole, Henry (Amanda), and Thomas; her grandchildren Evan, Eleanor, Clara, and Addison; and her siblings John (Sharon), Phyllis, Paul, David (Rebecca), Donna (James) Bergman, and Michael (Diane).

Friends are invited to visit with her family from 1:00-8:00 PM, Friday, December 3, 2021, at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for her at 10:30 AM, Saturday, December 4, 2021, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 204 S. Main St., Genoa. Her brother, Father Paul Fahrbach will be the officiant. Interment will be at a later date in the Clay Township Cemetery, Genoa. In lieu of flowers, Ellen requested donations to the Genoa Historical Society, P.O. Box 121 Genoa, OH 43430. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Electric vehicle commission passes house

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from each party.

The governor would appoint six members; one representing local governments, one representing organized labor in the auto industry, one from the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association, one representing charging station manufacturers,

and one from Clean Fuels Ohio.

The sales and use tax exemption would cover engines, transmission, batteries and brakes that are specifically designed for the vehicles. The exemption would expire at the end of 2026.

The bill passed by a vote of 81-10 in the House and has been referred to the Senate.

Last month, Rep. Sobecki sent a letter to Gov. Mike DeWine encouraging Ohio to join the Regional Electric Vehicle Midwest Coalition. The coalition currently consists of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and its objective is to expand the use of electric vehicles throughout the Midwest.

"Since World War II, Ohio has been a leader in the automotive industry," said Sobecki. "The future is driving towards electric vehicles, and it is imperative that Ohio does not get left behind. Ohio must continue to be on the forefront of innovation and leadership by joining the Regional Electric Vehicle Midwest Coalition."

Area representatives who voted for the bill include Michael Sheehy, Paula Hicks-Hudson, Haraz Ghanbari, and D.J. Swearingen.

LCRTA to meet

The Lucas Country Retired Teachers Association (LCRTA) will hold its next luncheon/general membership meeting Thursday, Dec. 9 from noon- 2 p.m. at the Toledo Club, 235 14th St., Toledo.

Lunch will be served at noon, followed by musical program, Bowling Green Madrigals, an a cappella group selected from the top choral students at Bowling Green High School.

The cost for lunch is \$27 per person. Entrée choices include Pesto and Parmesan Chicken Breast, Roasted Pork Loin, or Penne Alfredo.

Reservations are due by Friday, Dec. 3. Checks, payable to LCRTA, may be sent to Jeannine Petcoff, 15139 Todd Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270.

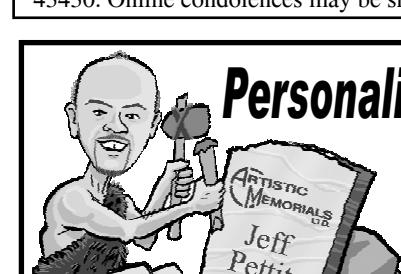
"The Nutcracker"

A local production of "The Nutcracker" will be performed Saturday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Harbor High School Performing Arts Center. All seats are reserved.

The cast and crew are comprised of instructors and students of Class "A" Performing Arts, as well as community members from Oak Harbor, Port Clinton, Fremont, Genoa, Woodville and Elmore.

The production features Evelyn Widmer as Clara; Everett Hand as the Nutcracker, Sophie Repka as Dream Clara, Greg Lowe as the Prince and Makenna Gonya as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Angie Rahm will portray Mother Ginger.

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Here's how Congress can deliver holiday relief

By Scott Klinger

Last year's holiday season was not exactly a merry one for the U.S. Postal Service. In the lead-up to Christmas, overwhelmed postal workers had to leave gifts sitting in sorting facilities for weeks. They delivered just 38 percent of greeting cards and other nonlocal first-class mail on time.

What should we expect this year?

USPS leaders claim they are ready for the rush. But customers have reason to worry about slower - and more expensive - service.

The service is aiming to hire 40,000 seasonal workers for the holidays. But that's 10,000 less than last year — and given broader pandemic staffing shortages, recruitment and retention for these demanding jobs will not be easy. While the e-commerce surge that strained the system last year has declined somewhat, postal workers are still delivering many more packages than before the crisis.

And COVID-19 is not the only reason for concern. In fact, the root causes of our country's postal problems are inaction by Congress and misguided action by USPS leadership.

For more than a decade, Congress has failed to fix a policy mistake that requires

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the Postal Service to set aside money to prefund retiree health care more than 50 years in advance. This burden, which applies to no other federal agency or private corporation, accounts for 84 percent of USPS reported losses from 2007 to 2020. If Congress had made the same demand of America's strongest businesses, many would be bankrupt.

A bill to repeal this pre-funding mandate and put USPS on a stronger financial footing enjoys strong bipartisan support. But House and Senate leaders have not brought this bill, the Postal Reform Act, up for a vote.

In the meantime, U.S. Postmaster Gen-

eral Louis DeJoy is using the agency's artificially large losses to justify jacking up prices and slowing deliveries.

If you're planning to send holiday cards a significant distance this season, say from Pittsburgh to Boise, the USPS delivery window is now five days instead of three. These reduced service standards affect about 40 percent of First Class mail.

As part of a 10-year plan, DeJoy is also slowing delivery by one to two days for about a third of First Class packages. These are small parcels often used to ship highly time-sensitive medications, as well as other lightweight e-commerce purchases.

A big cause of the slowdown: DeJoy's plan to cut costs by shifting long-distance deliveries from planes to trucks. This is a rollback of the introduction of airmail more than 100 years ago — one of many postal innovations that strengthened the broader U.S. economy.

For worse service, we'll have to pay more.

In August, USPS raised rates for First Class mail by 6.8 percent and for package services by 8.8 percent. A holiday surcharge will raise delivery costs by as much as \$5 per package through Dec. 26.

In January, rates for popular flat-rate boxes and envelopes will increase by as much as \$1.10.

Next up on DeJoy's plan: reduced hours at some post offices and the closure of others.

USPS officials argue these draconian moves will boost profits. But even the regulator that oversees the agency has criticized the underlying financial analysis.

Instead, DeJoy's 10-year plan will more likely drive customers away. That, in turn, will lead to fewer of the good postal jobs that have been a critical path to the middle class, particularly for Black families.

Unless Washington lawmakers lift the financial burden they imposed on USPS, DeJoy will be empowered to keep up his self-defeating cost-cutting spree.

Postal workers and their customers have struggled to overcome the extreme challenges of the pandemic. Now it's time for Congress to deliver by passing the Postal Reform Act and urging USPS leaders to focus on innovations to better serve all Americans for generations to come.

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Being grateful costs nothing; don't take things for granted

Taking the good things in your life for granted is all too common. You tend to grow accustomed to expecting the things which are ever present to always be there. You don't really appreciate the amazing convenience of electricity until the power goes out. An abundant supply of water isn't given a second thought until your plumbing breaks. Being comfortable in your home during a bitter winter isn't anything special until the furnace stops. Sunny days are taken for granted until the rain seems to never stop.

It is human nature to focus on that which we don't have. It's common to want more money, less stress, a nicer home, a better job, additional free time, longer vacations, and more fun. The common aspects of your life are taken for granted.

It costs nothing to be grateful for all of the good in your life, but it can cost you everything if you don't take care of what's important to you. You must appreciate and be grateful for all of your blessings, no matter how small.

We all take some things for granted,



especially those things which we have always had that seem everlasting. It all starts when we are children and the world seems infinite and permanent. We grow up expecting that certain aspects of life will always be there for us.

You have so many things which you should appreciate. Freedom, yourself, time, health, friends, loved ones, safety, security, food, and water are just some of them. Additionally, look at all the amazing miracles of nature for inspiration. Every aspect of our natural world is filled with amazement.

Live in the present. Appreciate the wonder of today. Welcome waking up each day. Each day is a fresh opportunity to fol-

low your path. Don't waste time lamenting the past. The past is over, it can't be changed but you can learn from it. Repeat what worked, while avoiding what didn't.

Cherish all of your freedom. You are free to make whatever decisions you want. You are free to follow your own path. If you are not happy with your current circumstances, you are free to make changes. Without freedom, life becomes miserable. Freedom is an invaluable gift which must be treasured.

Appreciate yourself, your potential, and your capabilities. You are a miracle. Focus on all that you can do. Never sell yourself short. Don't make excuses for why you can't do something. Instead, find just one reason you can.

Your health should never be taken for granted. Even if it's not perfect, be thankful for what is healthy. Take care of yourself both physically and mentally. Eat well and get some exercise. Avoid burning yourself out mentally through stress and worry.

Value your friends, relatives, and loved ones. People who really care about you are

precious. Show your appreciation by caring about them. Stay in touch, offer assistance without being asked, and be there in times of need. Maintaining a connection with these people is a reciprocal endeavor.

Appreciate the basics; your safety, security, shelter, food, and water. Give thanks each and every day for the comforts in your life, which you may have been taking for granted. There is no blessing in your life too small to be overlooked.

Life is more satisfying when you appreciate all of your blessings. You'll experience the joy of abundance. Your mindset will be more upbeat. You'll be much less stressed. It'll be easier to solve problems. So many benefits accrue when you are thankful for all of the good in your life.

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Acquittal

The Rittenhouse verdict: there is justice, but not joy

By Thomas L. Knapp

On November 19, a Wisconsin jury acquitted Kyle Rittenhouse on various charges related to the shootings of three people (two fatally) during an August night of "unrest" (that is, a protest turned riot) in Kenosha.

I expected to see, and did see, a diverse set of reactions to the verdict on my (also diverse) social media feeds. The reactions broke down into three overall groupings.

Group 1: Rittenhouse was a hero who stood forth to protect private property and was entirely justified in shooting three evildoers who assaulted him with intent to kill, or at least do grievous bodily harm, to him. His acquittal is an affirmation of truth, justice, and the American way.

Group 2: Rittenhouse was a white supremacist slime-ball who showed up wanting to shoot people and ended up manufacturing reasons to do so. His acquittal is proof that truth and justice don't matter, and that "the American way" is really just a tradition of legal privilege and protection for white right-wingers.

Group 3: Rittenhouse was a 17-year-old who made an unwise decision (as 17-year-olds will do) to show up to a riot,

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but who nonetheless had the right to act in self-defense when others made the even more unwise decision to violently assault him.

I'm in Group 3.

I didn't and don't know Kyle Rittenhouse's full state of mind at any point in the incident. Presumably no one but Rittenhouse himself does. But the available evidence indicates that he defended himself in the face of plausible threats of death or grievous bodily harm.

That's not what a jury of 12 conclud-

ed in acquitting him. What the jury (and anyone who paid attention to the trial) concluded was that the prosecution didn't prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. There's a difference.

Group 4: (which includes all sensible members of the other three) says "I don't like any of this."

I hate that police shot Jacob Blake. That's not a judgment of whether or not the police had to shoot him. Whether they had to or not, it wasn't a good thing.

I hate that the protests over the shooting turned into a riot. The violence and destruction didn't cause Jacob Blake to magically become un-shot nor did it make his shooting any more, or any less, justifiable.

I hate that a 17-year-old made the unwise decision to show up to a riot. I'm glad he survived the experience, and hope he learned something from it, but all in all I'd rather have never heard his name.

I hate that grandstanding prosecutor Thomas Binger decided to interrupt the lives of Kyle Rittenhouse and 12 jurors, forcing them to sit through his incompetent delivery of an incredibly weak case.

The "not guilty" verdict seems just, but it really just makes the best of a terrible,

and at multiple points avoidable, situation.

If there's any good takeaway from this incident at all, it's the possibility that lives will be saved as future protesters pause for careful thought and consideration before attacking armed opponents who haven't attacked them.

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Agriculture

Ag department touts H2Ohio expansion

By Larry Limp
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In testimony last month to the Ohio Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Dorothy Pelanda, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, praised the H2Ohio Initiative as it expands.

"We also recognize how important House Bill 7 is to the H2Ohio effort – passed late last year by the General Assembly. HB 7 creates a statewide watershed planning and managing program with the goal of improving and protecting these areas as it pertains to water quality," she said. "ODA is tasked with hiring a coordinator in each of these seven watersheds, with specific experience and qualifications. We are currently in the hiring process for these positions and have a pool of qualified candidates. We are thankful to the legislature for their diligent work with HB 7 and the H2Ohio Initiative as a whole."

The program offers funding to farmers who implement conservation practices that limit agricultural phosphorus from fertilizer running off fields into tributaries of Lake Erie.

The ODA and Gov. Mike DeWine announced in July that H2Ohio was being expanded into 10 additional counties in the Western Lake Erie Basin: Seneca, Huron, Erie, Wyandot, Richland, Shelby, Sandusky, Marion, Ottawa and Crawford counties.

Farmers in the original participating counties, Williams, Fulton, Lucas, Defiance, Henry, Wood, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Mercer and Auglaize, will continue receiving incentives during the program's second year and have already enrolled more than one million acres of cropland in the program.

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The state's most recent operating budget provides \$120 million over the next two years to fund farmers who adopt measures to reduce phosphorus runoff with the goal of preventing algal blooms in Lake Erie.

While the H2Ohio initiative has drawn praise from the Ohio Farmer Bureau Federation and others, another group, Lake Erie Advocates has criticized it for not putting enough emphasis on curbing manure from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations.

The organization has sponsored vari-

ous protests on what are also called 'factory farms' in the watershed.

"We are speaking up for Lake Erie and the 25 million animals confined in factory 'farms' in the Western Lake Erie watershed" said Mike Ferner, Lake Erie Advocates (LEA) coordinator. "Wherever people are from, they will be glad to see that Toledoans care deeply about their Great Lake. As a grassroots, all-volunteer group, it's important for us to communicate with people every way we can."

For over a month, LEA ran a series of billboards in Toledo, Columbus and Cleveland this summer with the Ban Factory "Farms" message and raised additional funds for airplane banners.

"No one, from farmers to state department heads to the governor can tell whether the programs funded by H2Ohio are working because systems to adequately measure the 'before and after' effects do not exist. H2Ohio programs are all voluntary, with no accountability in place to even determine, much less guarantee results," a prepared statement from the group says.



Harvest time

Farmers harvest a corn field off Brown Road, Oregon. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Op Evergreen is underway

The Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Christmas Tree Association are partnering once again to send American troops stationed throughout the world an Ohio-grown Christmas tree. Operation Evergreen is an annual event being held today at ODA's Reynoldsburg campus and organized by the Ohio Christmas Tree Association.

Trees are donated by various Ohio Christmas tree growers and inspected by ODA nursery inspectors before being sent

to soldiers serving in the armed forces overseas. Trees received a phytosanitary certificate for international shipment and will be delivered to troops by UPS. In addition to the trees, decorations were donated by local schools, churches, and veterans' groups, ensuring the military units receiving the trees will have all that is needed to celebrate the holidays.

OCTA has delivered Christmas trees to troops stationed overseas since 1995.

Aid for organic growers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide pandemic assistance to cover certification and education expenses to agricultural producers who are certified organic or transitioning to organic.

The USDA will make \$20 million available through the new Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program as part of the department's broader Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative, which provides new, broader and more equitable opportunities for farmers, ranchers and producers.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, certified organic and transitional operations faced challenges due to loss of markets, and increased costs and labor shortages, in addition to costs related to obtaining or renewing their organic certification, which producers and handlers of conventionally grown commodities do not incur.

Transitional operations also faced the financial challenge of implementing practices required to obtain organic certification without being able to obtain the premium prices normally received for certified organic commodities.

OTECP funding is provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. Certified operations and transitional operations may apply for OTECP for eligible expenses paid during the 2020, 2021 and 2022 fiscal years. For each year, OTECP covers 25 percent of a certified operation's eligible certification expenses, up to \$250 per certification category (crop, livestock, wild crop, handling and State Organic Program fee). This includes application fees, inspection fees, USDA organic certification costs, state organic program fees and more.

Crop and livestock operations transitioning to organic production may be eligible for 75 percent of a transitional operation's eligible expenses, up to \$750, for each year. This includes fees charged by a certifying agent or consultant for pre-certification inspections and development of an organic system plan.

Signup for 2020 and 2021 OTECP will run through Jan. 7, 2022. Producers apply through their local Farm Service Agency office and can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364. Visit farmers.gov/otecp to learn more.

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Five inducted as Waite High Distinguished Alumni

Five Waite High School graduates were inducted as Distinguished Alumni Oct. 22 at the 57th Purple and Gold Celebration Dinner, held at St. Michael Centre in Oregon.

The 2020 honorees were inducted this year because of COVID-19. They include:

Holly S. Vargo Brown was honored in the field of Education and Community Service. A native of East Toledo, she was born Dec. 23, 1961, to Robert and Charmaine Vargo and grew up on Hurd Street, attending Raymer Elementary School.

Throughout her high school career, she was an active member of the National Honor Society, student council, Varsity "W" Club, Pep Club, Warrior Yearbook and the Varsity Cheerleading Squad.

In addition to her many high school commitments, she trained and competed for an AAU age group synchronized swim team, The Flamingo Club. As a synchronized swimmer, she earned local, state and national recognition. She earned 11th place honors at the U.S. Junior National Synchronized Swimming Championships.

She graduated from Waite in 1980. She received a scholarship to The Ohio State University as a member of their National Championship Synchronized Swim Team. During her collegiate career, she was a two-time Collegiate National Champion, a four-time Academic All-American, a four-time Ohio State Scholar Athlete, and a three-time Honorable Mention All-American.

In U.S. Senior level events, she was a four-time qualifier for the U.S. National Team Trials, including the prestigious 1984 Olympic Trials and was a member of both the 1982 and 1983 Olympic Festival Teams.

In 1984, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in physical education, she enrolled

in graduate school at OSU and continued to compete for the Buckeyes.

After her tour with the U.S. National Team, she returned to Ohio State to serve as an assistant coach. In her first four seasons, she helped the Buckeyes continue their national dominance with four U.S. titles.

In 2004, she was named the North Zone Coach of the Year and the U.S. Collegiate Coach of the Year after coaching the Buckeyes to its fifth consecutive national title. The following season, she led Ohio State to a second-place finish at the Collegiate National Championships.

She is finishing her ninth season as head coach of the Ohio State Synchronized Swimming Program in 2020-2021. As the head coach, she has been named the U.S. Collegiate Coach of the Year six times. She currently serves as the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Collegiate Programs Director.

Richard N. "Rick" Fields was honored in the field of Business and Community Service. He was born Feb. 18, 1947, at Riverside Hospital in Toledo. His parents, Norm and Alma, both graduated from Waite High School, as did his sister, Marcia.

He graduated from Garfield Elementary School in 1962 and from Waite High School in 1965. At Waite, he was active in the National Honor Society, served as president of the Forum Literary Society, was editor-in-chief of The Sizzle, the school newspaper, and was a member of Hi-Y and the Varsity "W" Club. Additionally, he was the captain and the co-captain of the basketball team and an All-City member of the tennis team, where he and his doubles partner, Stan Starkey, played in the state tournament. Fields was the initial recipient of the Philip Conser Award for academic and athletic achievement.

Following graduation, Fields continued his education at Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance and general business. While at Miami, he was an active member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, the Inter-Fraternity Council, and the Pan-Hellenic Board.

After completing his studies at Miami, Rick returned to Toledo to start a 45-year career in banking, beginning with the Toledo Trust Company in its Trust Department. The United Savings and Loan Association's merger in 1983 resulted in his appointment as executive vice president of United Home Federal.

He next moved to Trustcorp Bank to become vice president of commercial real estate lending, as well as to serve on the Senior Loan Committee. He later became president of Apex Mortgage Company and remained until the company was sold.

He completed his banking career working for Fifth Third Bank in Fort Myers, Florida, in its loss mitigation area.

During his working years, Fields served on several boards and civic committees including St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Park Congregational Church, the Downtown Coaches Association, South Toledo YMCA, United Way, American Red Cross, and the Toledo Board of Realtors.

He also served in the Ohio National Guard as a military police officer with the 583rd Military Police Company from 1969-1975, honorably discharged with the rank Sergeant First Class.

Robert W. "Bob" Holland was honored in the field of Public Service and Community Service. He was born June 19, 1954, to Richard and Pearl Holland. Growing up on Nevada Street with five older siblings and

one younger, there was a Holland attending Waite High School from 1956-1974.

At Waite, he was active in many clubs and organizations, including the Forum Literary Society, The Sizzle, Hi-Y, Spanish Club and the Varsity "W" Club. Additionally, he played junior varsity tennis and earned three varsity letters in baseball.

He attended the University of Toledo before embarking on a career in sporting goods, and ultimately opened TeamMates Sporting Goods on East Broadway in East Toledo. Following that endeavor, he became police officer for the City of Toledo, where he served for 23 years.

During his years of public service, he was named Officer of the Month and received the Professional Service Award. His assignments included street patrol, school resource officer, detective in background investigations, and his favorite, the mounted patrol. He was a member of the 2003 National Mounted Patrol Obstacle Course Championship Team.

Holland's true passion has always been coaching baseball. It began while still in high school with coaching youth at Raymer Elementary School and later at St. Thomas Catholic Elementary School. At the high school level, he coached at DeVilbiss, Start, Waite, and Northwood. After seeing Waite High School's baseball field (Memorial Field) in need of repairs, he raised funds and solicited donations from friends and businesses in East Toledo to renovate the field, which included the installation of a new fence, new dugouts, a new concession area and resurfacing the infield. For his efforts, he was awarded the Silver Slate Award from the Toledo Public School's

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Sidney Wank

Sidney has a GPA of 3.2. She is a member of Key Club, Future Teachers of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Teen Advisory Group (TAG), Vice President for National Honor Society, Vice President, Student Government, Office Aid, Spanish Club, plays soccer, basketball & softball.

The daughter of Lisa and Joe Wank, Sidney plans to attend Bowling Green State University to study Business.

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Jacob Straub

Jacob has a GPA of 3.884 and is ranked 23rd in his class. In addition to attending Gibsonburg High School, Jacob is enrolled in the Digital Media Technologies program at Vanguard Vocational School.

The son of Shannon Straub and Aaron Straub, Jacob plans to become a video game designer.



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Holland has volunteered with the Old Newsboys Association throughout high school and most of his adult life and was a trustee for the George Filby Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund, wherein more than \$45,000 was raised and awarded to Toledo area college-bound baseball players to help with their school-related expenses.

Margret R. "Marge" (McKeone) Niedbalski was honored in the field of Business and Community Service. She was born July 26, 1963, to James and Juanita McKeone and lived at 1142 Oak St. She is the youngest of eight children.

While at Waite, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Zetaelthean Literary Society and the French Club.

She also bowled, played softball, and participated in the track program, and held the position of Girls Sergeant-at-Arms for the class of 1981.

After graduation, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Spring Arbor College. She subsequently joined United Parcel Service Operations in 1984. She has held a variety of positions in Human Resources throughout the United States and Canada. In 2006, she was promoted to oversee Human Resources in Connecticut, Rhode Island and parts of Massachusetts.

UPS also asked her to serve this role to direct Human Resources in other parts of the United States, including Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. She also worked in the company's corporate headquarters as Director of United Parcel Service's Global Talent and Leadership and directed Human Resources operations.

In 2017, she was promoted to Vice

President of Human Resources for United Parcel Service Freight, a subsidiary of UPS, comprised of more than 16,000 employees. Currently, she serves as Vice President of Human Resources for UPS's West Region, overseeing a workforce of more than 140,000 employees.

Larry W. Oberdorf, Sr. was honored in the field of Education and Community Service. He was born Nov. 24, 1945, to Walter and Ethel Oberdorf. He was the fifth of five children, all of whom attended Waite High School. His family lived on Main Street, and he attended Garfield Elementary School before entering high school.

While attending Waite, he met his future wife, Nancy Demko. He was active in various clubs and organizations, including the Quill and Dagger Literary Society, and participated in varsity track.

After graduating from Waite High

School in 1964, he attended and graduated from the University of Toledo, earning a Bachelor's in Education degree. After college, he pursued his educational career by teaching at Rossford High School for 30 years. During his career, he received several awards, including Teacher of the Year.

While teaching, he earned a master's degree in educational administration and supervision. After retirement, Oberdorf continued to work in the field of education, serving as a Student Teacher Supervisor for the University of Toledo.

Outside of his career, he has been a dedicated public servant, serving on the City of Rossford's City Council for 16 years, holding the position of council president. As a member of the Mayor's Economic Development Team and Oberdorf played an active role in acquiring businesses to the Rossford Golden Triangle Development District.

Penta Career Center to hold annual Career Night Dec. 6

Penta Career Center will host its annual Career Night Monday, Dec. 6 from 6-8 p.m. on the school campus, 9301 Buck Rd., Perrysburg Township.

The event is designed to introduce high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; middle school students and parents to the variety of career-technical training options available at Penta. Due to continued safety protocols, visitors are encouraged to wear masks during Career Night.

Students interested in applying for admission to Penta and who would like an overview of career-technical education are encouraged to bring their parents to an informational presentation in the Susor auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

During Career Night, students and parents will be able to speak with Penta instructors and students, meet alumni and discuss career opportunities with representatives from business and industry.

Potential students who are currently freshmen, sophomores or juniors can also register to win a gift card to the Penta Bookstore.

Penta offers 27 career-technical train-



ing programs for high school students during their junior and senior years of high school at the school's main campus. In addition, Penta offers a year-long Sophomore Exploratory program for students who are interested in exploring career-technical fields during 10th grade.

The Sophomore Advanced Manufacturing Academy is also available for those interested in pursuing careers in the manufacturing industry.

Penta also provides one-year and two-year program options at satellite locations for area students. These programs include Marketing Education and Teaching Professions, which are available to students within some of Penta's member school districts.

Penta Career Center serves students in 16

school, including Benton-Carroll-Salem, Bowling Green, Eastwood, Elmwood, Genoa, Lake, Maumee, North Baltimore, Northwood, Otsego, Perrysburg, Rossford, Springfield, Swanton, and Woodmore.

For more information about Career Night, contact the Student Services and Admissions Office at 419-661-6498 or visit pentacareercenter.org.

Elementary Art Classes

The Oak Harbor High School Art Department is sponsoring Elementary Art Classes starting in January 2022.

Student in grades 1-4 may sign up for four weeks of classes, which will include clay, oil/chalk pastels, glazing, drawing and watercolor painting, if time permits.

Classes will meet in the OHHS Art Room (room 609) from 5-6 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Jan. 5. Classes will be held every Wednesday in January, ending Jan. 26.

The cost is \$30 per student. Masks will be required.

For more info or to RSVP, email egil-

Terra State to offer free textbooks

Terra State Community College, located at 2830 Napoleon Rd., Fremont, will be offering free textbooks and access codes purchased from the Titan Shop bookstore during the spring 2022 semester to both returning and new students.

The college will provide this offer to promote student success and completion with available institution funds through the CARES Act.

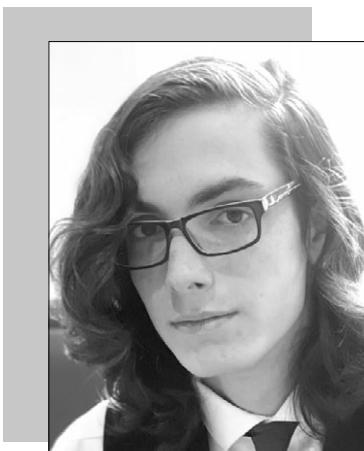
Students can receive free textbooks and access codes at the Titan Shop until Dec. 10. If students have purchased their course materials from the bookstore before this announcement, they will be reimbursed. The offer will only be available for textbooks or access codes purchased at the Titan Shop, not from outside sources and websites.

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**Atticus
Destatte**

Atticus has a GPA of 4.3. He is a member of the Games Club, Robotics Team, Track Team, Quiz Bowl, Esports, Band, Musical and the President of National Honor Society.

The son of Keith and Dominie Destatte, Atticus plans to attend the University of Toledo, majoring in Astronomy. His future plans are to become an Astronomy professor.



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Melany Bolden

Melany has a 4.30 GPA and is ranked 3rd in her class. She is active in Cheerleading, National Honor Society, Spear-It Club and the Art Club.

The daughter of Bethann Bolden, Melany plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in nursing.



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Juan Penaflor



Juan has a GPA of 4.348 and is ranked 3rd in his class. He is a member of the Drug-Free Club and has been a contestant of Skills-USA. Juan's favorite hobby is weightlifting.

The son of Luis Penaflor and Veronica Penaflor, Juan plans to continue his education at Owens Community College. He will then pursue a career in law enforcement after attending the police academy.



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Salutes Clay High School's
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Jamie Judy

Jamie has a GPA of 4.31 and is ranked 3rd in her class. She is a member of the varsity golf team, National Honor Society (where she serves as secretary), Avidum, Volunteer Focus and Society of Women in Engineering.



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Salutes Eastwood High School's
November Student of the Month!

MiKayla Hoelter



MiKayla has a GPA of 4.8 (4.833 weighted) and is ranked 5th in her class. She is the President of Key Club, Vice President of National Honor Society, Member of People Incorporated, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track and Field and Indoor Track and Field.

She is the daughter of Tom & Kristie Hoelter. MiKayla plans to get her undergraduate degree in Biology and then a Master's degree in Physical Therapy. She would like to become a Pediatric Physical Therapist.



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takes place is in the classroom. Too often, we find that students make costly sacrifices in an attempt to save money by not purchasing their textbooks or course materials," said Garien Hudson, vice president of student affairs and enrollment services. "Additionally, students may run into timing issues when their financial aid is disbursed and not have their materials at the beginning of the semester, which leaves them trailing behind for the remainder of the semester."

Telecom Tower Technician Training programs announced

Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who

serves as director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT), on Nov. 17 announced the launch of Telecommunications Tower Technician Programs at Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center, North Central State College and Hocking College.

The announcement was part of a larger effort by OWT and BroadbandOhio to grow the workforce needed to expand broadband access and 5G in Ohio.

The "Strengthening Ohio's Broadband & 5G Workforce" Strategy, released in September, identifies the need for a skilled and prepared workforce to fill broadband and 5G jobs. The strategy outlines a plan for increasing broadband industry career awareness and creating more training and education programs in the state.

The three Telecommunications Tower Technician Programs will provide students with the knowledge and hands-on experience to start their careers in the telecommunications industry as a Telecommunications Tower Technician I.

"This is another example of how our administration is actively working to elimi-

nate barriers to expanding Ohio's broadband and 5G infrastructure," said Lt. Governor Husted. "The Telecommunications Tower Technician programs will help address the workforce gap by providing students with the in-demand skills and experience needed to get a high-paying job with clear opportunities for advancement."

Lt. Governor Husted traveled to North Central State College (NCSC) in Mansfield to promote the Telecommunications Tower Technician Program, which will launch in the spring of 2022 at Vanguard-Sentinel, NCSC and Hocking College. The program is 240 hours and will cover a variety of topics, including safety, basic rigging and fall protection, principles of electricity, fiber optics, wireless technology, cell components, antenna basics, spectrum management and more.

The State of Ohio identified the program as a plug-and-play model to bring to Ohio, worked to find the institutions that would host the program, and provided initial funding to help launch it.

"We are excited to be part of the 5G broadband initiative in the state of Ohio and

to establish a program in Northwest Ohio that will meet the workforce needs and will give students the opportunities to earn in-demand industry credentials and pathways to a great career," said Superintendent Greg Edinger of Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center.

"The Ohio Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation has worked closely with our industry to develop these first-class Telecommunications Tower Technician 1 (TTTI) programs that will ensure the Buckeye State's educational system is graduating career-ready technicians," said Todd Schlekeway, President & CEO of NATE: The Communications Infrastructure Contractors Association. "The TTTI program curriculum that is being implemented in these designated Ohio schools will move the needle on the industry's workforce needs by providing training courses that prepare students for rewarding careers in a rapidly growing industry without taking on college debt."

Learn more about the "Strengthening Ohio's Broadband & 5G Workforce" Strategy at broadband.ohio.gov.

Local FFA member awarded National American FFA Degree

Nathan Tornow, a member of the Gibsonburg FFA Chapter, was awarded the American FFA Degree at the 94th National FFA Convention & Expo Oct. 27-30.

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

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Nathan Tornow



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To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, in which they own their own business or hold a professional position as an employee. Recipients must also complete 50 hours of community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through completion of a list of FFA and community activities. Fewer than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

Each recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate after being

recognized at the national convention.

Top Class Dojo winners

R.C. Waters Elementary participates in a school-wide initiative called Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – a process for creating a safe and productive learning environment.

The school has adopted a unified set of expectations for behavior, in place in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school – Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready.

Student behavior is documented using a tool called Class Dojo, a system that reinforces positive behaviors and quickly engages students in becoming accountable for their own choices.

The Top Class Dojo winners for October include:

Kindergarten: Andrew Jensen, Wren Guerin, Magnolia Chelette, Lincoln Thiel, Harper Nickens, Nora Apling, Henry Gartee and Peyton Robinson.

First grade: Brantlee Myerholtz, Weston Witty, Carolyn Boss, Lane Argue, Jett Gradel, Brylond Ochsenbine and Brantlee Bond.

Second grade: Quinn Guerin, Hudson Hathaway, Violet Wilson, Emma Delaney, Beckett Bryant; Cora Wiechman, Kendal Barron, and Nolan Reinbolt.

Third grade: Kara Kingery, Lexi Hayes, Emma Schlagheck, Ben Avery, Kaleigh Martikan, Ethan Key, TJ Logan, Alayna Forsythe, Philip Kreager, Madi Wagner, and Brooklyn Birchfield.

"Sounds of the Stadium"

Connor Oberhouse, of Luckey, and a member of the University of Findlay's Marching Oiler Band, recently performed in a concert, "Sounds of the Stadium."

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Brigid Enright

Brigid has a GPA of 4.350 and is ranked 13th in her class. She is a member of the soccer and basketball teams, National Honor Society, Student Council and Parea Leadership.

The daughter of Katie and Tom Enright, Brigid plans to attend Heidelberg University and play soccer and basketball while studying to become a sports medicine physician assistant.



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Chloe Hall

Chloe is ranked 10th in her class and has a GPA of 3.91. She is a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Women's Choir and also helps out with the Ohio Music Education Assembly Competition. Chloe also works part time at Wendy's.

The daughter of Brittany Stinson and Colt Hall, Chloe is currently undecided on college plans.

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Mikayla Cully



Mikayla is a senior from Eastwood High School and is studying Small Animal Care at Penta Career Center where she holds a GPA of 4.33. At Eastwood she is a member of the marching band and has been involved in the school musicals. She is active in the Portage Valley 4-H club and was a queen candidate at the 2021 Wood County Fair. At Penta, Mikayla is active in FFA and, as a junior, placed second in the District FFA competition in the Veterinary Science contest. She is an honor roll student and earned the Penta Academic Achievement award as a junior. Mikayla works at TJ Maxx.

Mikayla plans to attend either Kent State University, Otterbein University or the University of Findlay to earn a bachelor's degree in zoology with a focus in pre-veterinarian studies. Her goal is to become an exotic animal veterinarian. She is the daughter of Peter and Shelby Cully.



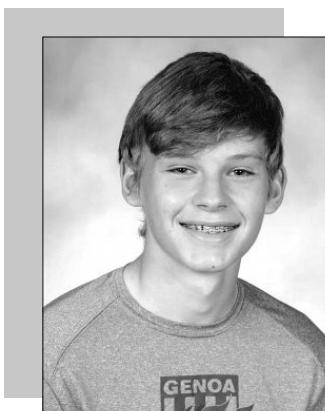
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Aiden Hemmert

Aiden Hemmert has a GPA of 4.259. He is a member of the soccer team, football team, basketball team and track team.

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Hemmert, Comets far exceed preseason expectations

By J. Patrick Eaken
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Genoa soccer players Aiden Hemmert, Ethan Wilson, Griffin Meyer and Evan Hoeft have been around the game for a long time.

"Three of the seniors had older brothers when I first got here," Genoa coach Tim Memmer said. "So, I've seen these guys since they were little kids. They were ball boys, and Aiden was doing that, too, and it's just amazing to watch these guys grow up to what they are doing. It was a very special group of attacking players that you obviously don't see very often."

Seniors Hemmert, Wilson and Hoeft, and Meyer, a junior, led the Comets to an undefeated regular season and 19-1 overall record, falling to state perennial powerhouse Ottawa Hills 5-0 in a Division III district final.

You could say the Northern Buckeye Conference champion Comets went beyond expectations.

"One of the questions you are asked is 'What did you expect from this season?' Well, not what we did," Memmer said.

"We go in with the mentality that you are prepared to win every game that you play. That doesn't usually happen, and that we were going to go out and score 150 goals this year? You do not go in with that mentality. It was just amazing as it was happening."

For the third year in a row, Memmer is Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Coach of the Year and for the second straight year Hemmert is Player of the Year.

Hemmert accumulated 130 points on 48 goals and 34 assists, breaking school records set by Cory Hornyak in 2005 for points (112) and goals (45). A first team All-Ohio selection and NBC POY, he is No. 7 all-time in the state for assists in a season and No. 17 for career assists (72). However, he is not choosing to play college soccer.

"He absolutely could. It's not the fact that he doesn't want to play college soccer—he wants to go into engineering (University of Toledo). It's one of those where he's making an adult decision," said Memmer, who applauds Hemmert's choice, noting that he can always find opportunities to play soccer.

The 6-foot-4 Hemmert, who was also the place kicker for Genoa's football team and is playing basketball this winter, could take over a soccer game when he wanted to.

"Even with what is there, there is so much potential out there that I'm not sure he's reached it yet. That's the scary part," Memmer said.

"You see glimpses of it here and there, but my goodness, he's so hard to stop. His ability to change pace, and I don't mean going slow to going fast, but it's just jumping into the right place at the right time and being able to see that without knowing. It's that instinctual play. There is a physical athlete and there is the mental athlete, too, and he has that going also."

His attacking associates also put up numbers that would typically be team highs. Wilson finished with 88 points on 33 goals and 22 assists, Meyer had 27 goals and 25 assists, and Hoeft contributed 16 goals and 20 assists.

As a team this year, Genoa outscored opponents 143-19 with a school record 12 shutouts, thanks to 39 saves by first team All-Press sophomore goalkeeper.

Genoa reached double digit goals scored six times, but it could easily have been more.



Aiden Hemmert. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.smugmug.com)



Tim Memmer. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/HEHphotos.smugmug.com)

In all, Genoa has eight first team All-Press selections, including two midfielders and two defensive players. Oak Harbor, which finished 11-6-1, is next with four, including senior midfielder Josh Collins (18 goals, 10 assists) and senior attacker Noah Mylander (11 goals, three assists).

Nemesis Green Bears

Genoa's only loss was to Ottawa Hills, who also beat the Comets 6-0 the prior year in the district tournament. The Green Bears, 15-3-3, ranked fourth in the state and scheduling mostly Division I teams, went on to reach the state semifinals.

Ottawa Hills has made six trips to the state final four, winning a state title in 2008 and they were state runners-up in 2017. Memmer thought his team had a shot, despite ultimately losing by five goals.

"We absolutely played them better. We started out the game very well, very much on the front foot. We had them backed up, we were pressing, we had a couple good scoring opportunities, and the first time they get the ball, they go down the field and they score. For the first five minutes we were all over them, and they get one down and they score. That's how it goes," Memmer said.

"We attacked, and we had a beautiful set up play and a couple connected passes and Aiden put a nice ball across and Ethan got on the end of that cross, and it would have been an absolutely beautiful goal, but it missed by just a little."

Memmer thinks some of it may have to do with the difference in the schedule as the Green Bears are playing the top Three Rivers Athletic Conference and Northern Lakes League teams, while the Comets are used to winning over smaller schools by double digit margins.

"I think the biggest difference when you go in to play them, the way it turned out, we still did what we needed to do, it's just that we had to do it at such a higher pace than what we were used to. We weren't as accurate with our shots," Memmer said.

Now Memmer will have to do without three of his top scorers next year.

"Griffin is back, but we'll change a little bit," Memmer said. "I get asked this a lot over the years, 'Oh, my goodness, you have this good group. How are you going to continue?' This is my 25th season, so I've done this, so you use what you have as players, you find what their strengths are and you go with what their strengths are."

2021 Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Boys Soccer Team



Player of the Year: Aiden Hemmert, Genoa
Coach of the Year: Tim Memmer, Genoa

FIRST TEAM

Zach Wells	Clay	Sr F	Robbie Holub	Woodmore	Jr LF
Aiden Hemmert	Genoa	Sr F	Adam Hansen	Clay	So M
Ethan Wilson	Genoa	Sr F	Angelo Cuttaiia	Clay	Sr M
Griffin Meyer	Genoa	Jr F	Jarod Jahany	Clay	Sr M
Noah Mylander	Oak Harbor	Sr A	Rosaldo Ruiz	Clay	So M
Evan Hoeft	Genoa	Sr AM	Gael Rios	Lake	So M
Luke Morris	Woodmore	So CM	Jack Gladieux	Lake	So M
Mason Gradel	Oak Harbor	Sr M	Kaiden Reed	Lake	Jr M
Josh Collins	Oak Harbor	Sr M	Tanner Nowicki	Lake	Sr M
Mike Lickert	Genoa	Jr HM	Antoine Gonzales	Oak Harbor	Sr M
Curtis Otto	Genoa	Jr CB	Quinn Edelbrock	Eastwood	Sr CDM
Grayson Reed	Lake	Fr CB	Nathan Noble	Oak Harbor	Sr D
Andrew Swartzlander	Oak Harbor	Sr D	Camden Williams	Clay	So RB
Ben Jones	Clay	Sr D	Devin Good	Eastwood	Sr LB/W
Ben Ford	Genoa	Sr OB	Macen Kos	Lake	Jr CB
Tyler Harper	Genoa	So GK	Holden Woodrich	Lake	Sr GK

SECOND TEAM

Woodmore	Jr LF
Clay	So M
Clay	Sr M
Clay	Sr M
Clay	So M
Lake	So M
Lake	So M
Lake	Jr M
Lake	Sr M
Oak Harbor	Sr M
Eastwood	Sr CDM
Oak Harbor	Sr D
Clay	So RB
Eastwood	Sr LB/W
Lake	Jr CB
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Danny Tack, Oak Harbor; Xander Ramsey, Eastwood; Nate Tipton, Genoa
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Peyton Sorg, Woodmore; Keegan Herr, Eastwood; Micah Balsmeyer, Lake
Hunter Streight, Genoa; Angelo Gordillo, Waite; Jaime Torres, Waite; Isaiah Eckenrode, Waite
Ricardo Hernandez, Waite; Jaime Torres, Waite; Nathan Huber, Northwood
Jonathan Hagemann, Northwood; Drake Sekinger, Clay

"Most of the games we backed off. Sometimes it was in the first half we backed off, just trying to extend, working on how to get creative and keep them on the field

long enough to stay in game shape all the time when you do have to go a full game. We spent a lot of times in the game with just one of them (top scorers) on the field."



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Clay finds 'diamonds' to build on the next two years

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For Clay boys soccer to finish 7-9-1 in the league they play in and the injuries they suffered, said a lot. It also says a lot about the program's future.

"We fared fairly well. It was kind of disappointing because we battled so many injuries and so many Covid issues throughout the year that we have not had to deal with since I've been the head coach here," Clay coach Zachary Soncrant said.

"My top two guys this year, over the last two years they have been in the running for the top two or three for points — both of them missed three quarters of the season between them. The only one who used to beat them out was (2021 graduate) Keeghan Calkins, so they had some stiff competition with that."

"Unfortunately, we had to battle through that. We made a lot of changes during the year to navigate through that tough season. This year we only had 27 on the roster, so we were pulling up guys from JV who ended up making a big contribution to the season," Soncrant continued.

"We struggled through that, and I think that showed with only winning seven games this year. But still, having seven wins and just nine losses, in the conference we're in, was huge. When you lose the key pieces that we did, being able to even battle and compete in some of those big games and still winning the games that I feel we should win, the Whitmer and Fremont (Ross) games and some of those, I think when you look at the scope of the season, I'm still pretty happy with what we were able to do."

As a result of sophomores filling the void, this team may have the experience to compete for the next two years, including next year in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference or when Clay plays its first season in the Northern Lakes League in 2023.

"For us to be in the position we were in with such a young defense, with us graduating a lot from last year, I had to replace the entire back line and the starting goalkeeper. I was really impressed with my two sophomores on the back end this year, Camden Williams and Drake Sekinger," Soncrant said.

By no means were the Eagles blown out by the best in the TRAC or Toledo area. They fell to Division III state ranked Ottawa Hills, 2-1, and Sylvania Northview, 2-0, for example.

"Even Ottawa Hills — the storyline for them is we kicked ourselves in the foot because we were winning that game and I did not have any of my top scorers in for that game. We had battled all game and we were winning 1-0 with seven minutes to go," Soncrant said.

"Believe it or not, with their firepower, they got by us two times and they ended up winning that game. It just showed the determination that our guys had even with the injuries that we had, being able to go out there and compete regardless of the situation and things we had to deal with this year."

"I truly think this year would have been way different if we would have stayed healthy. I do think we would have been able to take down one of those big guys this year, maybe St. John's (3-0 Titans win), Northview, St. Francis (6-0 Knights win) — with some of those guys I really feel like we could have taken them if we stayed healthy."



On Senior Night, the Clay boys soccer team — varsity players are Griffin Slovak (0), Grady Spears (0), Jeffery Richards (00), Angelo Cuttaia (1), Carson Langford (2), Brayden Duwe (3), Ben Jones (4), Christian Mays (5), Roswaldo Ruiz (6), Zach Wells (7), Matt Rowe (8), Drake Sekinger (9), Alex Rife (10), Kaiden Hawes (11), Luke Lambrecht (12), Adam Hansen (13), Dominic Carpenter (16), Jarod Jehany (17), and Camden Williams (19). (Photo courtesy Amy Hansen)

Wells doesn't miss opportunities

The Eagles were led up front by senior forward Zach Wells, who had 14 goals and seven assists and was first team Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press for the second straight year, even though he only played half the season.

"Zach Wells was out for a lot of games this year, and believe it or not, he still ended up with 14 goals. He missed about eight games. When he was in, he was a factor. He is the one that all those guys attract and all the guys in our league know about from the last couple years because he's been my top goal scorer over the last two seasons and he also led us this year," Soncrant said.

"He doesn't miss his opportunities. He ended up playing in the all-district game and he ended up scoring. Even with all those games that he was in, those teams had to play around that kid. He's a big body, strong kid and he's got a rocket of a shot."

Also first team All-Press is senior defender Ben Jones, who despite being a team leader in steals and intercepts, also scored twice.

"Ben Jones played a mixture of everything for us. He played stopper primarily

for us throughout the season, and then we had about three center mids go out with injuries, so we had to push him around to different spots," Soncrant said.

"I don't know how many times he actually got a break throughout the season. He probably came out once every four games, and that was the only time we were able to get him a break. To do that as a center mid and as a stopper, he really pushed some tempo to our team. The main focus we had him at this year, was countering and using him at transition, because that is where we saw him being the most deadly at."

Clay has five second team All-Press selections, including four midfielders, seniors Jarod Jehany (five goals, seven assists) and Angelo Cuttaia (three goals, one assist) and sophomores Adam Hansen (four goals, four assists) and Roswaldo Ruiz (three goals).

"Adam Hansen (also second team All-TRAC) is the guy who has been a staple for us ever since he has been a freshman. He was a starter as a freshman, which says a lot in the conference that we play in for him to be able to do that, especially on the team that we've had the last couple years. He's very good, very disciplined, and for

him to be able to do that is quite remarkable. For him to get a couple goals and a couple assists on the year, he's a center mid for us, but he's a highly intelligent player," Soncrant said.

"There is no one smarter than him on the team and going forward he is the diamond that we have to build on. There are not many people that typically ever make first or second team as sophomores. A lot from Findlay, St. John's, St. Francis, they got those high prolific scorers, and for us to get one so early it's really exciting for me."

Then you get to Williams and Sekinger, two sophomores that strengthened the defense.

"Camden Williams has primarily been a guy who plays midfield and we tried to get him involved in some of the midfield when we can, but he had to match up with some of the best ones on the team, so we kind of shifted him to where the best scorers and best attacks that was coming from the teams that we played," Soncrant said.

"On the opposite end of him, left back who is doing the same thing — he uses his body very well, Drake Sekinger."

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Athletics kick into gear at Terra State Community College

Terra State Community College will be hosting an athletic booster kickoff event for the Titan Club on Tuesday, November 30.

Titans basketball opens their home season against Mott Community College the same evening, with the women's game scheduled at 5:30 p.m. and the men's at 7:30 p.m.

The pregame social will begin at 4 p.m. and the ceremony will take place in between the games.

The Titan Club Scholarship and Success Fund exists with the goal to bring fans closer to the entire athletic program and raise financial support for athletic scholarships and program needs not covered by operational budgets.

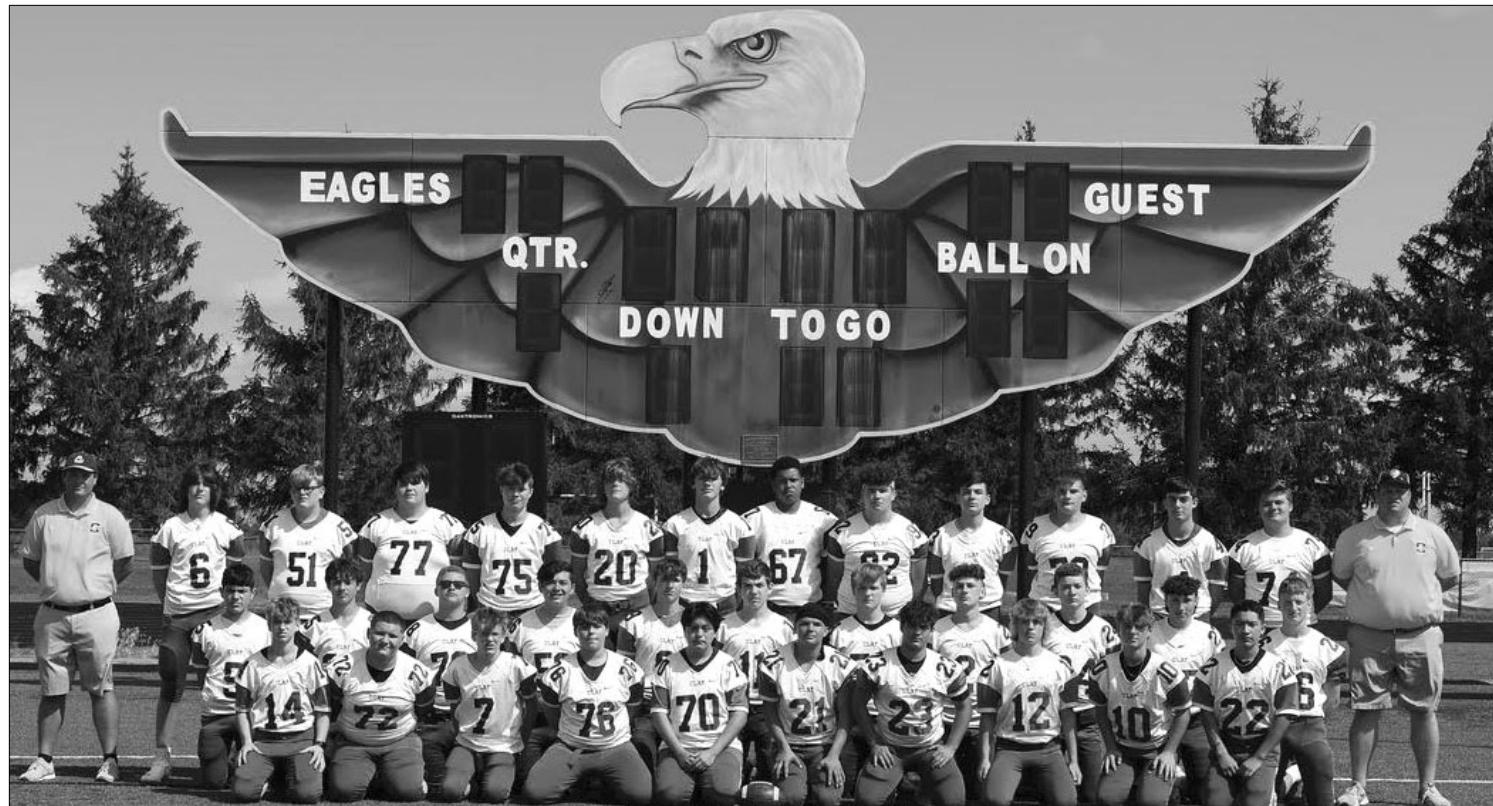
"The Terra College Foundation is excited to launch the Titan Club, and we are thankful for all the support from our alumni, community and donors. We hope the community will join us on November 30 to learn more about becoming a member and what supporting the Titan Club can do for the student athletes," said Executive Director of the Terra Foundation Dr. Cory Stine.

Terra State launched Titans athletics in the fall of 2019 with men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball. In the fall of 2021, the college added baseball as a club team, with intercollegiate play to begin this coming spring.

"The athletic department, coaches and student athletes are grateful to the Terra College Foundation for launching the Titan Club. We are thankful for the support our fans, community and alumni have shown Terra State since the launch of Titan athletics in 2019. Having a booster club supports the longevity of Titan athletics at the college," said Gregg Hedden, athletic director and head baseball coach.

For more information or questions, contact the Terra College Foundation at 419-559-2166 or foundation@terra.edu.

If attending the event, masks are required, and guests can park in the General Technologies Building (Building B) parking lot and enter the gym through the Student Activities Center (Building C).



Clay freshman football — front Row (left to right): Nathan Dale, Jordan Davis, Gavin McStay, Robert Knappins, Arnie Bustamante, Chris Garcia, Johnny Carter, Jake Titgemeyer, Brayden Schultz, and Jared Flores. Middle Row (Left to Right): Carson Duran, Tony DeAnda, Cameron Madson, Xander Wong, Logan Dokurno, Max Kegerize, Landon Eversman, Ivan Burkey, Tyler Alvarez, Eli Hart, and Austin Ganues. Back Row (Left to Right): Coach Joe Kiss, Mason Heintschel, Joe Nemecek, Dylan Prottgeier, Kahl Henry, Hudson Byers, Kayven Freyer, Claudell Sutherland, Tommy Fry, Troy Hazuda, Zach Burke, Ian DeWitt, Dom Donofrio, and Coach Nolan Falls. The Eagles finished 8-1 and were Three Rivers Athletic Conference runners-up.

Clay freshmen 8-1, Three Rivers runner-up

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"Brotherhood. Trust. Family. Individually, they are just words, together, they are a recipe for success," says Clay freshman football coach Joseph Kiss.

For the freshman football team at Clay High School, these words were the foundation of "absolutely everything that happened on and off the field," Kiss added.

The Eagles finished the regular season with an overall record of 8 wins, one of which was due to a forfeiture, and one loss.

Further, they finished with a Three Rivers Athletic Conference record of 6-1.

Throughout the course of the entire season, the Eagles outscored their regular season opponents 257-163 while holding four of the eight opponents, in which they played, to under seven points.

During the seventh week of the regular season, the undefeated, 6-0 Eagles would travel to play the undefeated, 6-0 Central Catholic team. Consequently, this would be the deciding game in who would earn the league championship title.

Although the Eagles fell short, taking

their only loss of the season, Kiss says they would not give up. They would continue to fight to eventually earn a second place finish in the TRAC, which is far better than any Clay varsity team has done in TRAC play in its over 10-year history.

"Getting a group of people believing and buying into a common cause is not an easy task in today's world. However, if successful, the opposing entity better watch out. The amount of growth, not only as football players, but as young men, could be seen in a number of ways throughout the season," Kiss said.



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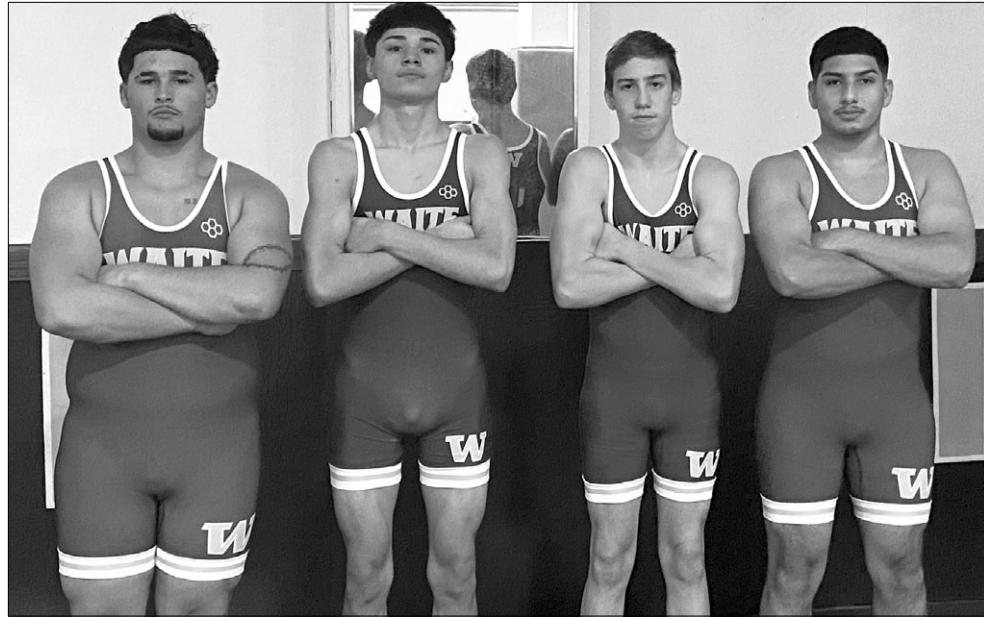
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From left to right, Waite senior captain Jaime Vasquez, junior captain Jesse Sanchez, freshman captain Bryce Jennings, and junior captain Rafael Córdova.

Waite wrestling looking for historic fourth City title

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Waite wrestling is looking to make Toledo City League history this season.

"Going to be an exciting season for us this year at Waite and we are going to be fun to watch," said coach Russell Jennings.

"From top to bottom this team is by far and away the best team Waite has had in over a decade and is poised to win a fourth straight City championship, something that hasn't been done in over 100 years of wrestling in the City League," Jennings continued.

Waite returns every wrestler from last year's City championship team and added a few more this year including coach Jennings' son Bryce Jennings to lead the team off at 106 pounds.

At 113, will be Jesse Sanchez, at 120 will be Tony Garcia, and at 126 Waite has two seasoned wrestlers going after that spot with Dylan Chavez and senior Chance Ramirez.

Other starters include Abriel Garcia (132), Arnoldo Cintron (138), Austin Smith

(144), Caleb Eischen (150), Rafael Córdova (157), Dekyris Young (165), Adam Mullins (175), Demarceano Viña (190), Jaime Vasquez (215), and at heavyweight is Gary Moody.

Five individual champions, three runner-up finishes and one third place wrestler was more than enough for Waite to win its third straight Toledo City League wrestling meet last year.

Waite champions were Chavez (106), Chance Ramirez (113), Abriel Garcia (126), Cordova (160) and Moody (285). Four pinned their opponents in the final, and the combined time (2:23) added up in all four in those wins was not enough for one fully decisioned match — barely enough for one period of wrestling.

Waite scored 127 points, followed by Bowsher (90) and Northwood (50%). Start (40) was fourth, followed by Toledo Christian (28), Rogers (26), and Scott and Woodward tied for last with 20 points each.

Waite runners-up were Santos Hernandez (132), Eric Gonzales (138) and Arnoldo Cintron (145) and Tony Garcia (120) finished third.

Henneman Wrestler of the Week

After leading Lourdes to five dual victories last week, Nick Henneman (Clay) has been named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Wrestler of the Week.

Henneman remained perfect on the season, improving his record to 7-0, with his effort last week. He registered four falls, all in under two minutes.

The fifth-year senior began his week on Wednesday being granted a forfeit triumph in the Gray Wolves' 38-7 victory over Rio Grande. Henneman then stepped up one weight class in the night's second match against Cornerstone to score a fall at the 1:31 mark against Matthew Fales at 149 pounds. Lourdes captured a 50-5 win over the Golden Eagles.

In Sunday's John Carroll Duals, Henneman added three more pins. He began needing just 18 seconds to fall Brady O'Connor of Lake Erie in the team's 38-12 triumph. He continued his success with a fall at the 1:41 mark against Desmond Diggs of Mount Saint Joseph as Lourdes notched a 30-9 win.

The weekend concluded with a fall against NCAA Division III's second-ranked grappler, Jarrod Brezovec, pinning him at the 1:22 mark of the opening period as the Gray Wolves rallied for a 22-20 victory over NCAA D-III seventh-ranked John Carroll.

Lourdes (7-0) will return to the mat on Dec. 4 at the Campbellsville Duals. The Gray Wolves opponents have changed. Lourdes will now face Reinhardt at 10 a.m., Campbellsville at approximately 12:30 p.m., and Truett McConnell at approximately 1:45 p.m. inside Gosser Gymnasium in Campbellsville, Ky.

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Nick Henneman. (Lourdes Athletics)

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Toledo

Holiday Craft Show, Dec. 5, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul. \$5 sloppy joe lunch special, bake sale, raffle table and Bloody Mary special.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis have resumed face-to-face meetings. The Kiwanis meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

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

Cookies with Santa, presented by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 10, 4-7 p.m., Maumee Bay Lodge, 1750 State Park Rd. #2. Bring a camera. Monetary or toy donations appreciated and will go back to the community to support local school children.

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society **Homemade Apple Butter** for sale Sundays from 2-4 p.m. at the Brandtville Museum Complex, 1133 Grasser St. \$8 per pint jar. Free local delivery also available. Call OJHS Trustee Sharon Newton at 419-691-3635 to order.

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Book Sale continues at the Harbor View Historical Society, located at 2083 Autokey St., just outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club. Antique books and extensive collection about the Civil War sold by the pound. Call 419-691-1517 for info or visit the Harbor View Museum on Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m. Free admission.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club is meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club provides a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Contact Allen at 419-698-3733 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

Northwood

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the 2100 Tracy Rd. Fire Station. Bring any questions or concerns to discuss. Check the block watch Facebook page for updates.

Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1975. A class representative is needed for 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, and 1975. Show your Ranger Spirit and volunteer to represent your class. Email your name and contact info to rangersfun@yahoo.com to volunteer or to be added to the invite list.

VFW Post 2984 Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5:30 p.m., 102 W. Andrus Rd. Also featuring steak, shrimp, chicken and macaroni and cheese. Dine in or carry out. Weekly Sunday Breakfasts served 8:30-11:30 a.m. Includes two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancake or French toast, potatoes and orange juice.

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Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Township Chambers at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with coronavirus variants, meetings are accessible via Zoom through the end of 2021. The public is welcome to join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

Elliston

36th Annual Hanging of the Greens Service of Worship & Song, Nov. 28, 7 p.m., Elliston Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., off Elliston Trowbridge Rd. All are welcome.

Elmore

Salvation Army Angel Tree is in place at the Harris-Elmore Library, 328 Toledo St.

Harris-Elmore Library programs include: Adult Crafting Hour – Oui Jar Snow Globes, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m., all materials provided, free (registration required); Hometown Holiday Party, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.– get photos with Santa, games, crafts, scavenger hunt; Holiday Trivia, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m., DeStazio's Bistro, 351 Rice St. (free registration); LEGO Club, Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m. Facial coverings are encouraged within the library but are not required. Meeting rooms and public areas are open. Call 419-855-3380 or visit harriselmorelibrary.org for a full listing of programs.

Genoa

Genoa Branch Library programs include Adult Crafting Hour – Oui Jar Snow Globes, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m., all materials provided, free (registration required); Hometown Holiday Party, Dec. 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.– get photos with Santa, games, crafts, scavenger hunt; LEGO Club, Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m. Facial coverings are encouraged within the library but are not required. Meeting rooms and public areas are open. Call 419-855-3380 or visit www.harriselmorelibrary.org for details.

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime, Thursdays, 11 a.m.; Bestseller Saturdays – Virtual, Saturdays at 7 a.m. – A new video each week on Facebook highlighting a best-selling book; Foodies Night, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. – Make a favorite holiday dessert and bring prepared dessert and a copy of the recipe to share; Christmas LEGO Contest, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m. – Make a LEGO creation inspired by a favorite Christmas book; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, Dec. 27, 7 p.m. – Read and discuss the short story, "The Pecan Man," by Cassie Dandridge Selleck. (All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

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.

Millbury

Crafters Wanted for St. Peter's U.C.C. Christmas Craft Bazaar, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Millbury Fire Hall. Table/space rental is \$30. Call the church at 419-836-3243 and leave a message to reserve a space.

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Zoom with Santa, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. – Stop in with your child and write a letter to Santa, then come to the library for Zoom with Santa for a Christmas story and a snack; Holiday Open House, Dec. 15, 5-6:30 p.m. For adults: Watercolor Wednesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. (bring your own supplies); Knitters' Group, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon (bring your own supplies). Craft Monday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m. – Make holiday gift boxes (supplies provided), registration required; Coffee and a Book Club, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. in the meeting room – Discuss "Skipping Christmas," by John Grisham; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Dec. 28, 6 p.m.

– Discuss "Inheritance," by Danny Shapiro.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries, a bowl of soup and free clothes for all ages. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more info.

Pemberville

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

St. John's Lutheran Church's Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon.

Walbridge

Euchre, Dec. 4, Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. \$10 admission. 100% payout.

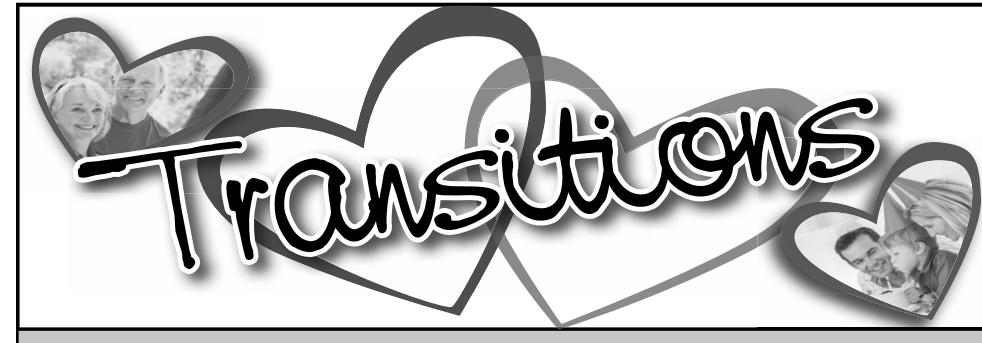
Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Storytimes are held Thursdays at 10 a.m. through Dec. 28. Storytimes is by reservation only. Masks

are required for adults and children ages 2 and older. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Salvation Army Angel Tree is in place at the Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St.

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.; Kidz Crafts: Holiday Edition, Saturdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Teen Board Game Night, Dec. 1, 6 p.m. – Try one of the library's games or bring your own; Author Visit, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m. – Meet author Kristen Hartbarger, author of teen book, "BIOWEAPON Eclipse"; Homemade Living, Dec. 5 and 19, 10 a.m. via Facebook – Learn back-to-basics skills for living a simpler life; Woodville Adult Book Club, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. – Discuss "The Santa Suit," by Mary Kay Andrews; Crochet Basics, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. via Facebook Live – Learn to make the Catherine's Wheel stitch; Hooked on Yarn, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. – An evening of crochet, knitting, macrame, etc.; Simply Craftastic, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. via Facebook Live – Online class featuring crafts made from items you may have at home; It's a Wrap, Dec. 15, 6 p.m. – Teens can create their own wrapping paper for a small gift; Christmas Storytime, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Visit birchard.lib.oh.us. **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.



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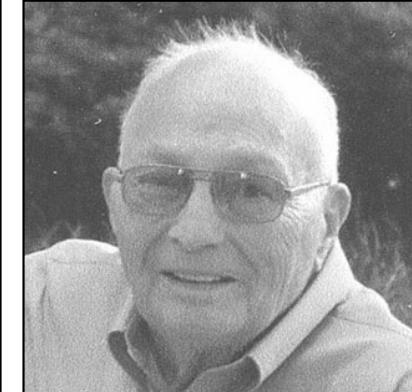
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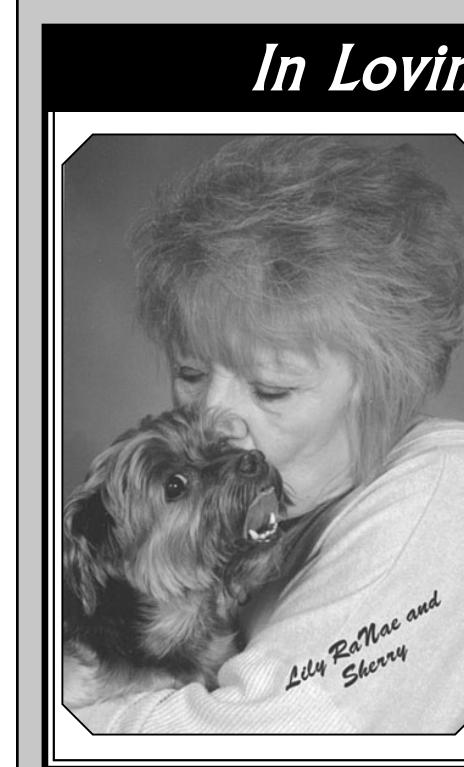
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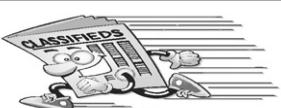
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The Woodville Township Trustees will hold a second public hearing on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodville Township Fire Station, 321 East Main Street, Woodville, Ohio to discuss proposed additions and changes to the Township Zoning Resolution.

By law, two public hearings must be held regarding any changes to the zoning resolution. The Township Trustees will discuss with the public recommendations made by the Township Zoning Commission after their November 16 public hearing.

The agenda will include:

- Removing a section of the Zoning Resolution that allows "Light Commercial" businesses as a permitted use in an Agriculture District.

- Addressing the storage of inoperable and unlicensed motorized vehicles, recreational vehicles, and junk agriculture equipment.

- Addition of definitions for Solar Energy System and Solar Energy.

- Minor clarifications to several sections of the Resolution. These recommended clarifications will not change the substance of the Resolution.

Persons who desire to state objection or support for these proposed changes are encouraged to appear in person or by attorney at this meeting. Correspondence may be mailed to Woodville Township, P.O. Box 121, Woodville, Ohio 43469.

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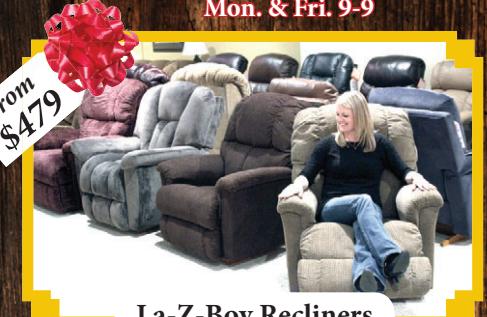
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