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Guilty plea entered in murder case

By Press Staff Writer

A man accused of murder last year in a shooting death at a hotel in Northwood has pled guilty to the charges.

Wood County prosecutor Paul Dobson said Jerron Bryant, 20, pled guilty Monday to murder for the Feb. 5, 2021 death of Eddie L. Phillips, II.

Bryant also pled and was found guilty of a specification he possessed a firearm during the offense, Dobson said, adding the specification will add a one-year mandatory sentence to Bryant's prison term.

The Wood County Common Pleas Court sentenced Bryant to life in prison but he will be allowed to petition the parole board for release after he has served 16 years – 15 for the murder conviction and one year for the firearm specification.

The charges stem from a shooting at the Bridgepoint Inn and Suites, Lauren Lane, Northwood, where police responded to a call of apparent gun fire on the third floor. They located Phillips' body in one of the rooms. Surveillance camera footage of the third floor hallway at the time of the shooting was disseminated by Northwood police and provided leads from the public.

Police arrested Bryant and he has been held since then in the Wood County Justice Center. Dobson said Bryant will be credited with the time served.

Bryant was first indicted by a Wood County grand jury for murder but a second indictment added two counts of aggravated murder and one count of aggravated robbery. Those charges were dismissed on his plea to the murder.

"We were very pleased to bring closure and justice for the family of Eddie Phillips," Dobson said. "He was a father and son and is deeply missed by his family. We are grateful and indebted to the Northwood Police Department for their quick action on this case. Their dedicated investigation of this matter, including their decision to present the images to the public, was paramount in securing this result."

Phillips, 37, was a graduate of Scott High School.

Quote of The Week

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Getting the message out

The Elmore Kiwanis Club has installed a new electronic community message sign at the corner of Toledo and Rice streets. The new sign replaces an older letterboard that needed letters placed manually via a long handled suction cup. The sign has been a goal of the Elmore Kiwanis Club for many years and was made possible with the support and efforts of the Village Council, employees and the Elmore community. Sign requests can be made in writing at the Harris-Elmore Public Library where policy guidelines are available. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon moves ahead with plans for a dog park

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Plans for a dog park are starting to take shape in the City of Oregon.

"This is something we've been working on," said City Administrator Mike Beazley at a recent council meeting.

"We are working with the YMCA to use YMCA property right at their Pickle Road entrance," Beazley said to The Press last week. The dog park would have a fence around the two-acre parcel.

The park will have separate areas for small dogs and large dogs to interact with dogs of similar size while they're off their leashes.

Pet owners who plan on using the park will be required to show proof that their dogs' vaccinations are current and up-to-date.

Membership

"We plan to have it as a membership oriented park so that people who want to use the facility have to make sure their dogs have had their shots. In talking to residents, we found it would give them greater confidence to use the facility. People will have a

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ready by this fall," he said.

"It's kind of a spillover from our goals for our town center. It's also a recognition that this, as pet ownership has been going up in the area, will add a quality of life aspect to it. People in communities like Oregon are expecting this kind of amenity and we think it will work well for us," he said.

Fee

Membership will involve a fee to maintain the park.

"People who want to use the park will pay a small fee that will cover the maintenance of the facility," said Beazley. "These decisions have not yet been made. It's just the process we're working through now. We're working through layout and design. We've had meetings with an internal committee. We're looking for other folks in the community who want to get involved to reach out to us. We're very excited about it. We're looking forward to getting it done."

Beazley said he's visited other dog parks in the area to come up with plans for one in Oregon.

"They're not that different. There are

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Dog park

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people who are there who take care of it and maintain it. Typically, they operate without personnel on site," he said.

Beazley also visited dog parks outside of Ohio while visiting his children.

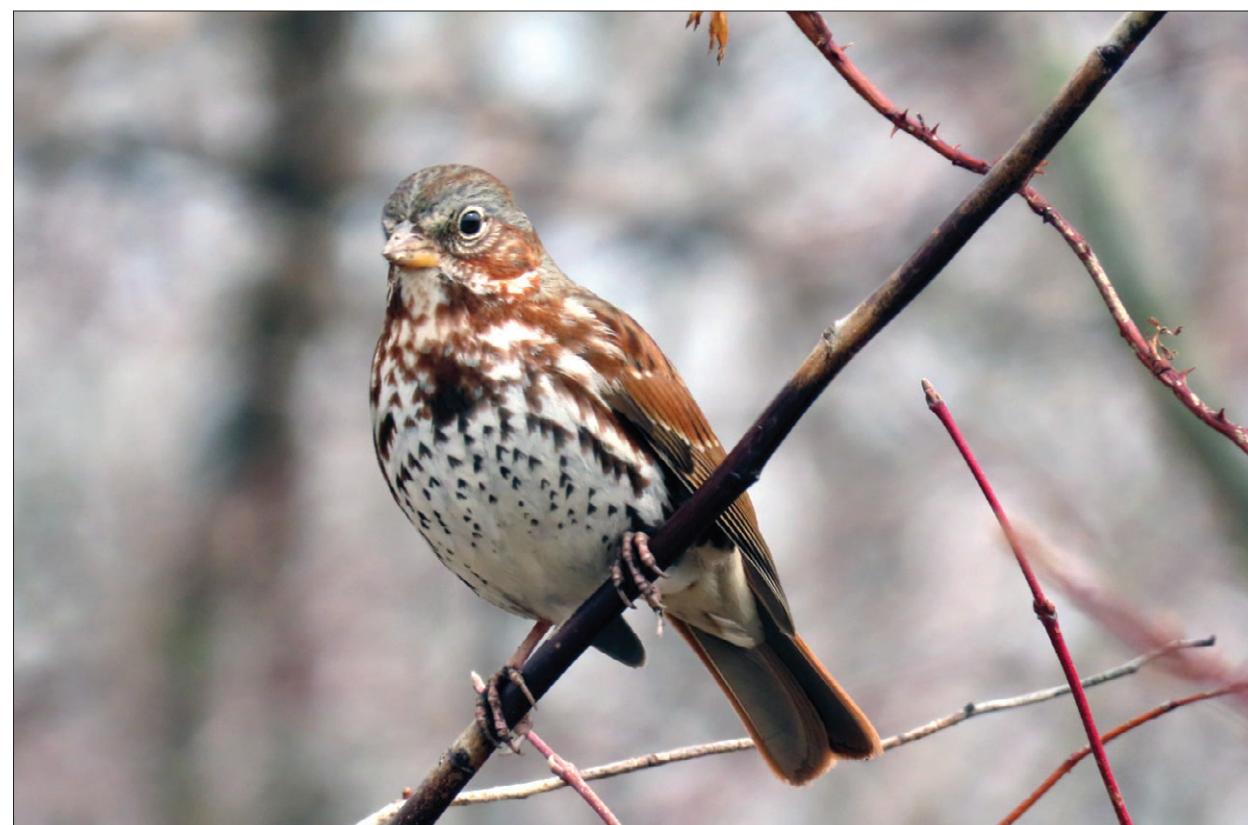
"Some parks were like the Taj Mahal. We're not going to do that. Evanston, Illinois, where one of my daughters live, had a really nice two acre dog park. And that's kind of the shape we're modeling after. It appears to be working for a community that size. And that's kind of the size we are looking at for Oregon."

Plans for the park are still evolving, he added.

"We have not worked through all of the details of the operation. But we know the general shape it's taking. Until we get further along, we are actively talking about it, looking at plans, ordering fencing, and meeting with the YMCA for a possible partnership on the land. This is an exciting prospect in the community. We've had positive feedback from residents who are interested in this sort of amenity. It helps build community. As a regular visitor to dog parks, I think people enjoy going there, and socializing there."

Spring migration has begun

A Fox Sparrow is spotted at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Fox Sparrows nest in northern Canada and Alaska before migrating to southern states. The Biggest Week in American Birding begins May 6. (Photo by Ryan Lesniewicz)



Bridge limits set

The load limits of two bridges in Ottawa County will be reduced for emergency vehicles.

The county commissioners have authorized the county engineer to lower the limits after the engineer inspected the spans and concluded the corrugated steel decks were not designed to carry the heavier axle loads associated with emergency vehicles.

The limits for the Trowbridge Road bridge over Turtle Creek and the Schultz-Portage Road bridge over Sugar Creek will be 22 tons for two-axle vehicles and 36 tons for three-axle vehicles.

Signs will be posted with the new limits by April 29, Ron Lajti, county engineer, said.

The commissioners have also approved a contract with Black & White Transportation to provide rides for eligible persons covered by Medicaid. The



contract will cover transportation assistance for family unification or non-emergency medical appointments.

The contract is capped at \$20,000 and went into effect April 1. It will expire in one year.

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Preschool registration

The Wood County Preschool, operated in collaboration with the Wood County Educational Service Center, is accepting pre-registration for the 2022-23 school year.

The preschool programs are developmentally appropriate, play-based preschools supporting the Ohio Department of Education's model curriculum.

The Wood County Preschool Program is an inclusionary preschool program serving children ages 3-5 who have delays in development and children who are typically developing. Tuition, based on a sliding-fee scale, is charged for children without special needs. Children attend preschool four half-days per week in either a morning or afternoon session.

On April 1, pre-registration forms for toilet-trained, typically developing children will be mailed to Eastwood Elementary and the Pemberville Library, or parents may obtain a form by contacting Naomi at nstickle@wcsc.org or 419-354-9010, ext. 133.

Parents who have questions regarding children who may have special needs can also contact Naomi at the above number and email, or at WCESC Preschool.

Block Watch clean-up

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch will meet Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the parking lot next to Burger King on Woodville Road.

In celebration of Earth Day, the group will conduct its first litter pick up for this year in that neighborhood. Northwood Police will provide supplies, including gloves, grabbers and buckets. Children are welcome to participate.

The clean-up will last approximately one hour. In the event of rain, the clean-up will be held the following Wednesday at the same time and place.

Visit the Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch Facebook page for updates.

Evening Out with Art

The Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council will present an "Evening Out with Art" Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include a tour of the Blair Museum of Lithophanes. Wine will be available for purchase.

RSVP by April 10 by calling 419-341-0979 or email ottawacountyarts@gmail.com.

Amplex expanding fiber optic lines

After reaching an agreement with the Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative to use the co-op's existing utility poles, Amplex Internet has begun expanding its fiber optic service.

Brian Hintze, marketing director for Amplex, said the agreement will enable Amplex to reach many additional residential areas and businesses throughout Wood and Hancock counties.

The agreement also includes Kelleys Island, he said.

Fiber service provides speeds up to 1,000 Mbps (gigabit fiber).

The first phase of construction began in January, as crews evaluated utility poles and placement of fiber equipment.

Residential and business locations are receiving mailers indicating when fiber service is available and ready for installation. Updates will be posted on the Amplex Internet Facebook page as areas are completed.

Residents will see Myer Construction crews working on utility poles and within the right-of-way.

"Amplex fiber crews have already started the initial hanging of fiber cables in parts of southern Bowling Green and Kelleys Island," Hintze said.

Amplex also offers streaming TV, whole-house Wi-Fi, and phone service.



Brody Patterson works with an Amplex fiber crew on Kelleys Island. (Submitted photo)

Administrator for Seaway needed

Congressman Marcy Kaptur, who is the chairperson of the House Great Lakes Task Force, led a bipartisan letter to President Joe Biden alongside 40 Members of the House and Senate calling for the appointment of an administrator to lead the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The development corporation is responsible for operating and maintaining the U.S. portions of the St. Lawrence Seaway, a deep draft commercial waterway that links the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean and connects the region's ports to world markets.

The administrator position has been vacant since 2017.

"Approximately 40 million tons of cargo pass through the Seaway and its navigation locks each year, supporting more than 90,000 jobs in the bi-national Great Lakes region," the letter says. "This commerce is critical to our manufacturers and agricultural exporters... We urge the White House to prioritize the appointment of a new administrator for the agency, one that would further economic development of the region, while working in partnership with communities and stakeholders within the Great Lakes basin."

Capital crime report

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost has

issued the 2021 Capital Crimes Annual Report, which includes information and a procedural history on each case that has resulted in a death sentence in Ohio since 1981.

According to the report, from 1981 through 2021, a total of 136 death sentences remained active, including those currently pending in state and federal courts. In 2021, no individuals received a death sentence and were added to death row.

Since 1981, when Ohio's current law went into effect, the state has issued 341 death sentences, and 56 death row inmates have been executed. Over the same period, 21 death row inmates have had their death sentence commuted to a lesser sentence.

The report is available on the attorney general's website.

Westbound Wales closing for project

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District has started construction for the Wales Road waterline project. The \$459,000 project began the week of April 4 and involves replacing a waterline.

Through May, westbound Wales Road between E. Broadway Street and Tracy Road will be closed for waterline replacement.

The detour route is E. Broadway Street, State Route 795, and Tracy Road. Local access will be maintained. Eastbound Wales will remain open at this time. Additional closures and restrictions will be announced.

Hayes Egg Roll

Kids are invited to an afternoon of fun Saturday, April 16, at the annual Easter Egg Roll at Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont.

The event, which replicates the White House Easter Egg Roll that Rutherford B. Hayes started when he was president, will be held from noon-3 p.m. Kids and their families can stop by any time during that time to participate. The event is geared toward kids ages 3-10, but kids of all ages are welcome.

Kids are asked to bring three hard-boiled, colored eggs to use in the traditional egg games, which will take place on the Hayes Home lawn.

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

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

The Hayes Easter Egg Roll is sponsored by Root's Poultry and Welly's Horseradish.

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

For information, call 419-332-2081, visit rbhayes.org or follow Hayes Presidential on social media.

Faith Climate Action Week

Sylvania United Church of Christ, 7240 Erie St., invites the community to take part in their Faith Climate Action Week activities.

On Saturday, April 23, a screening of "Youth v Gov.," the story of America's youth taking on the world's most powerful government, will be screened at 6:30 p.m.

Armed with a wealth of evidence, 21 courageous leaders file a ground-breaking lawsuit against the U.S. government, asserting it has willfully acted over six decades to create the climate crisis, thus endangering their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. If these young people are successful, they will not only make history, they will change the future.

The film is one hour and 50 minutes long. Terry Lodge, attorney in environmental law, will lead the post-film discussion.

Environmentalist Mike Ferner will guide the church's Sunday-morning adult education class at 9 a.m., with information on Lake Erie and how to protect it. Earth Day activities for children will also be offered on Sunday at 11:15.

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SB 313

Senate bill amends Ohio Coastal Management Act

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A bill designed to streamline the state's submerged land leasing and structure permitting process had its first hearing Tuesday before the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee of the Ohio Senate.

Senators Theresa Gavarone and Nathan Manning, sponsors of Senate Bill 313, told the committee the bill amends the Ohio Coastal Management Act and will help residential, commercial and governmental coastal property owners deal with regulations covering structures along Lake Erie.

The state currently has a lease and permit system for improvements along and in the lake. Under that system, a permit is required to construct any structure that may affect erosion, wave action, or flooding along the shoreline. In addition, a submerged lands lease, which has to be entered into with the state and requires an annual

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lease payment, is required for the footprint of improvements lakeward of Lake Erie's natural shoreline.

A lease and permit are both required to build a structure or make improvements to existing structures.

However, senators Gavarone and Manning told the committee the lease/permit process has raised several questions.

“Under the existing statute, a lease is required for all improvements located lakeward of the natural shoreline of Lake Erie,” their testimony says. “However, there have been disagreements between Lake Erie coastal property owners and the State of Ohio over the location and definition of the natural shoreline. In 2011, the Ohio Supreme Court reaffirmed court decisions dating back to 1878 and legislation enacted in 1917 by holding that the territory of the lake over which the state holds a public trust, ‘extends to the natural shoreline, which is the line at which the water usually stands when free from disturbing causes.’ This definition can be interpreted a number of ways, and with the natural shoreline constantly moving due to changing Lake

Erie Water levels, it can be difficult to determine with certainty.”

The senators noted the submerged land leases are a financial burden for residential and non-income producing properties. And many projects that apply for a permit don't endanger property or natural resources of the lake.

Under SB 313:

- A coastal permit will be required for the construction of a new structure or to perform future coastal restoration.
- The boundary of Lake Erie's natural shoreline won't have to be determined, eliminating the need for a metes and bound survey.
- There will be a one-time fee for the coastal permit instead of the annual lease fee.
- The permit system will be three-tiered and take into account the likelihood of a structure or restoration endangering life, property, or the lake's resources.

Gavarone and Manning said the bill is largely the work of the staff of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Health dept. clinics

A listing of upcoming clinics for the week of April 11-15 has been released by the Ottawa County Health Department. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 11: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 12-3 p.m.

April 12: WIC Clinic (Nutritional Ed), 8 a.m.-noon; 60+ Clinic – Port Clinton, 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

April 13: 60+ Clinic – Oak Harbor, 8-10:30 a.m.; Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-30 p.m.

April 14: 60+ Clinic – Port Clinton, 8-11 a.m.; Reproductive Health/HealthChek Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



Cold morning swim

A Beaver makes its way through the cold waters at Magee Marsh. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

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Oregon looks at creating a community garden

By Kelly J. Kaczala

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Oregon is firming up plans to create a community garden.

"We've actually had discussions about a community garden over the years as other communities have begun to look at this," said City Administrator Mike Beazley.

"It's in the early planning stages," he added.

Public Service Director Paul Roman received a significant grant for a wetland improvement along Wolf Creek through the recreation complex.

"We thought in that same area, could we carve out that area for a community garden," said Roman. "It's really a new concept for Oregon. It's a question of how far you go. Some cities like Perrysburg actually rent out small plots of land where you can plant whatever you want. Other cities have community gardens that are watched over by private groups. But this is all new to us. I think it's important."

Consensus

There is a general concurrence by city council to do a community garden, added

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Roman.

"We are using 2022 as a planning year to lay it out. We're doing wetlands. The idea was, 'Could we lay out a footprint for a community garden to be near it,' maybe on the south side of our complex by the soccer fields. But the idea is to just plan for it this year and try to finish our designs for the wetlands."

If it's located near the city complex, the city could keep a better eye on it, said

Roman.

"We do have a lot of land that is still farmed on city ground. So we're thinking that maybe just start out with one acre and maybe that could grow," said Roman. "We'd also like to invite Oregon schools, their ag group, to see if they want to be involved. And we have OregonFest that perhaps would want to be involved as well. We're just really planning public meetings to talk about it and get it started. So we're just in the beginning stages. There's definitely interest. There is concurrence on council to plan for a footprint out back. Whether you do it in other places in Oregon, it will come down to access, water, watching over it, where to place it. That's part of the debate. But probably the best place to start it would be out back from the city complex."

Wetland

"We're in the process of designing an improvement to the area south of the creek already for a wetland. It's natural to look at an opportunity to design this community garden adjacent to that," said Beazley.

"When we do the wetlands project, we'll remove dirt from Wolfe Creek, which will actually widen Wolfe Creek. Where do you put that dirt? Do you create a sledding

hill? No matter what we do, it's going to be viewed as recreational and educational. What features are there surrounding these wetlands – a walking path, and perhaps off that walking path, there will be a community garden," said Roman.

"In some places, you can sign up to have a tenth of an acre or sign up to have so many square feet, to grow the plants you want. But that's to be determined. We don't have all those logistics yet. Other communities have done it and there's models that we can examine and learn about," said Beazley.

"Part of the idea is education, too," said Roman, "as well as the recreation side. We'll have programs where you can teach people how to have their own gardens."

"I don't think there's a city in Ohio with a population over 20,000 that has as much acreage being farmed as there is in Oregon. We're aware of that," said Beazley. "But there's lots and lots of neighborhoods that don't have the space for a garden, or they don't have the sunlight to grow tomatoes. I know some people have yards with too many trees and get too much shade to be able to grow what they want. So we are excited about the creation of community gardens."

Obituaries

Obituary

Janell F. Hirschle

November 20, 1950 – March 29, 2022

Janell F. Hirschle, age 71, of Walbridge, OH passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. Janell was born November 20, 1950, to the late William Leroy and Martha Alice Thomas.

Janell will always be remembered for her gracious and fun-loving personality. She dedicated many years of work and teachings to the United Methodist Church. Janell enjoyed reading, history, gardening and spending time with family and friends. She was also a huge Green Bay Packers Fan!

Janell is preceded in death by her loving husband, John, of forty-eight years and siblings; James, Charles, and Susie. Janell is survived by her brother; Daniel, sister; Sally and many nieces and nephews who love her and will miss her dearly. Janell is also survived by her loving fur babies; Russell and Nora.

Our thanks to Oakleaf Village of Sylvania for the special care they provided Janell over the last year. To ProMedica Skilled Nursing and ProMedica Hospice for the comfort brought to her in her final days.

Friends and family may gather at Walker Funeral Home – Walbridge, 701 N. Main Street, Walbridge, OH 43465 (419-666-3121), on Friday, April 15, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Inurnment will take place at Lake Township Cemetery on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Wood County Humane Society or The American Heart Association. Online condolences to the family may be made at walkerfuneralhomes.com.



Obituary

Sharon R. Winslow

October 12, 1963 – April 1, 2022

Sharon R. Winslow, 58, of Oregon, Ohio passed away on Friday, April 1, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on October 12, 1963 in Inglewood, California to Marilyn and Lowell Gill. Sharon was a 1981 graduate of Bedford High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree from the University of Toledo. She worked as a paraprofessional for many years at Raymer Elementary School. Prior to working for Toledo Public Schools, Sharon was a substitute for Oregon City Schools. She was a member of Lambertville United Methodist Church. Sharon was an avid Michigan sports fan. She enjoyed reading, having pool parties, and watching Detroit Tigers games. She will be dearly missed.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Douglas Winslow, sons; Grant (Lydia) Winslow, and Patrick (Katie) Winslow, her parents; Lowell and Marilyn Gill, brother; Kirk (Deborah) Gill, sister; Janice Jurkiewicz, mother-in-law; Beverly Winslow, brother-in-law; Michael (Donna) Winslow, sister-in-law; Nancy (Doug) Wilhelm and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Dr. William Winslow and her best friend, Mary Fackler, who is now tap dancing with her in heaven.

A memorial gathering will be held at Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155 S. Wynn Rd in Oregon on Friday, April 8, 2022, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. A memorial service will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 4207 W. Laskey Rd. in Toledo, Ohio where family will greet guests from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.



Obituary

Roy E. Harvey III, MD

July 19, 1947 – March 28, 2022



Roy E. Harvey III, MD, 74, of Genoa, Ohio, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022. He was born in Van Wert, Ohio on July 19, 1947, to Roy E. and Betty (Mueller) Harvey II. During his primary school years, he was an active member of the Boy Scouts and earned the honor of Eagle Scout. After graduation from high school, he earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Bowling Green State University and in 1973 he received his Medical Doctorate from Ohio State University. He served his residency at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC, from 1973-1976.

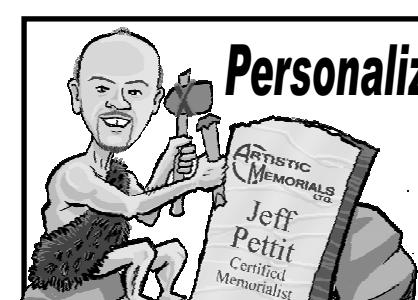
Roy started his career in 1977 as a family practitioner in Bellevue, Ohio and in the ensuing years, was a preceptor for the W.W. Knight Family Practice in Toledo, Providence Hospital emergency room services, Sandusky, Ohio, medical director of St. Francis Rehabilitation Hospital & Nursing Home, Green Springs, Ohio, Chief of Staff at Otterbein Portage Valley Nursing Home in Pembererville, Ohio and in 1983 joined the medical staff of St. Charles Hospital in Oregon, Ohio, where he remained for 25 years. Roy also practiced at the Fremont Memorial Hospital for 11 years, serving as Chief of Staff for three of those years. In 1983 Roy moved to Genoa, established his private practice, and became a beloved physician and friend to all his patients.

Roy continued to practice medicine as a member of the medical staff of St. Vincent Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital, and Bay Park Community Hospital, in the Toledo area. He also served as Physician of Cedar Point Employees. In 2005 he practiced with the Locum Tenens Physician group serving in Mt. Orab, Warren, Boardman, Sunbury and Perrysburg, Ohio and Albion, Michigan. Roy was licensed in Ohio and North Carolina by FLEX Examination, a Diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice, Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and had received the Physicians Recognition Award, issued by the AMA in 1977 and 1980.

Roy was a very caring, compassionate, and devoted physician who always had his patient's best interest at heart. Many times, he could be found working in the office, or making house calls, late into the evening, making sure everyone had been taken care of. He loved his grandchildren and always looked forward to watching their horse-riding competitions, Wyatt's soccer games and Emma's high school plays. Family and friends gathered around the backyard campfires were also a cherished time. He will also be remembered for his enthusiasm to fix anything that needed attention around the house. Roy always had the right tool for every job! Roy and Corrie shared many wonderful trips together; the most memorable was their trip to Italy.

Roy is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Corrie L. (Henley-Dipman), whom he married in Jamaica on July 9, 1997, step-children; Chad Dipman and Janet (Adam) Steinmiller, grandchildren; Emma and Wyatt Steinmiller, sisters; Carol (Walter) Mischnick and Barbara (Rick) Scanlon, brother; Bill (Ann) Harvey and children; Scott (Lisa) Harvey and Jackie (John) Cantrell, and their families. Roy was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation for Roy will be held from 5-8 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, in the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Allen-Clay Joint Fire Dist. Station #36, 101 6th Street, Genoa, or St. John's United Church of Christ, 1213 Washington St. Genoa. Online condolences may be shared with the family at walkerfuneralhomes.com.



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Oak Harbor

Fire, police upgrade equipment, protocols

With the help of grants, first responders in Oak Harbor have implemented safety improvements and protocols designed to save lives.

With the addition of police department body-worn cameras, standardization of emergency call signs and a system-wide communications upgrade, the village aims for a safer environment, both for emergency personnel and residents, said Mayor Quinton Babcock.

In March, the police department began the deployment of body-worn cameras, a goal it was able to reach earlier than expected after receiving a grant of almost \$24,000 from the state.

"The cameras will not only record evidence but promote accountability, transparency and professionalism by documenting officer conduct and interactions with the public," said Police Chief Eric Parker.

The grant made possible the purchase of 10 cameras, uniform mounting equipment, and a computer with docking stations to download video data. All officers will be outfitted with the cameras as part of their uniforms.

"Receiving this grant has enabled us to add state-of-the-art camera technology to better serve village residents," Chief Parker said, noting other Ottawa County departments already use body-worn cameras, including Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and the Elmore Police Department.

The grant Oak Harbor received is expected to fund nearly the entire project through the year 2025.

Another recent safety upgrade incorporates standardized emergency-grade call signs for emergency responders.

According to Portage Fire District Chief Barrett Dorner, using a system in which each emergency responder is given a number unlike any other responder reduces confusion. The change has been particularly helpful to the firefighters in the area.

"On the fire side, we had a lot of numbers that completely repeated or were far too similar for the chaos of the fire ground," the chief said.

For example, the Portage district had an Engine 5, as did a neighboring department. Another department had an Engine 7, and yet another had another Engine 7.

"Instead of using our full name — Portage Engine 5 — we decided to simply pick a different name," said Dorner, adding that the Portage station became "Station 37" last fall. It fit the numbering scheme utilized by, collectively, Allen-Clay Joint Fire District, northern Wood County, all of Lucas County, and parts of other counties.



Officer Dominic McCrum, of the Oak Harbor Police Department, displays a body-worn camera. (Submitted photo)

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"Going to a crowded scene with lots of regional assets, we won't need to use our full name. Engine 37 itself means a Portage engine," the chief said. "It's short, simple, and aids us in keeping track of our crews."

The change complements the police department's system-wide communications upgrade, completed in 2021 after receiving an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant intended to help communities keep officers safe.

The department's previous communications system, with equipment and elements ranging in age from six to 12 years old, consisted of 460 radios that were subject to FCC narrow-banding requirements.

Frequency narrow banding resulted in difficulty receiving person-to-person and person-to-dispatch calls. The grant provided more than \$11,000 in upgrades, including new Multi-agency radio communications (Marcs)-IP portable radios for use on a better platform. The police department simultaneously upgraded its dispatch center to function on that platform, impacting the police, street, electric and water departments, along with Mid-County EMS.

Chief Dorner said the Portage Fire District will also be utilizing Marcs radios in the very near future.

The police department communication system operates 24 hours a day.

In addition to serving the village and supporting the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, the department also has mutual-aid response agreements with the other nine law enforcement agencies in Ottawa County.

Free weather safety seminar planned

The public is invited to attend a free weather safety seminar sponsored by the Lake Township Police Department, in conjunction with its Neighborhood Watch program.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at the Lake Township Hall, 27975 Cummings Rd., Millbury.

WTVG chief meteorologist Jay Berschback will present the hour long program, which will include a question-and-answer session.

Police Chief Mark Hummer noted this year's program will be a restart of an annual event that was suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ever since we initiated the Neighborhood Watch program, we have offered this training in the springtime," Hummer said. "Things have changed over the last 12 years since the deadly tornado struck the township in June 2010, and we want our area residents to have the most up-to-date information on tornado and severe storm safety."

The June 2010 EF4 tornado killed seven people and caused heavy property damage in Lake Township. It touched down first in Moline before touching down again in Millbury. Along the way, it heavily damaged the township police department building and Lake High School.

Pre-registration is not required. For more info, call Ron Craig, the police department's community policing officer and crime prevention officer, at 419-481-6354.



Spring Fish Sale

Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District is offering area pond owners an affordable and convenient way to stock their ponds.

Orders are being accepted for the Spring Fish Sale program through Friday, May 6. Fender's Fish Hatchery will deliver fish in their aerated tank truck Thursday, May 19 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Order fish online at ottawaswcd.com. Individuals who order will need to bring their own container filled with pond water to the pickup. A trash container with a plastic trash liner serves as an ideal container. A clean 5-10-gallon can is adequate for 100 fish.

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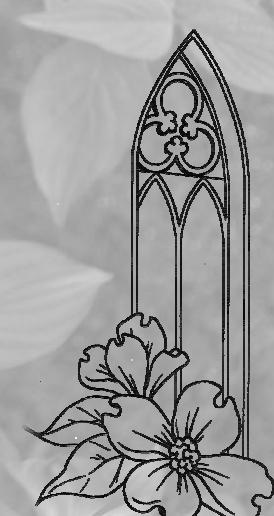


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Immigration comes at a devastating cost to Black Americans

By T. Willard Fair

Congress continues to relentlessly push immigration policies that'll make Black Americans poorer. That's not their stated goal, of course. But that'll nevertheless be the end result of their proposal to amnesty millions of illegal immigrants and boost the level of legal immigration.

By many measures, the economic gap between Black and white workers has gotten worse in recent years. In 1970, for instance, Black men earned 59 percent as much as white men. By 2019, that figure had dipped to 56 percent.

There is no single explanation for these racial disparities, of course. But decades of mass immigration have almost certainly made the problem worse.

Consider the years 1940 to 1980 -- a period of comparatively lower immigration that generally led to tight labor markets. As immigration policy expert Roy Beck points out in his new book *Back of*

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the Hiring Line, Black men saw their real incomes increase four-fold during those decades. Black men's earnings actually rose faster than white men.

During that same time period, the share of Black Americans who were considered "middle-class" exploded, growing from 22 percent to 71 percent.

But progress among Black workers leveled off starting around 1970, five years after Congress passed laws that significantly increased rates of immigration, from roughly 250,000 per year in the middle of the 20th century to over 1 million annually today.

Many immigrants are indeed

hard-working and law-abiding, but the sheer number of newcomers entering the U.S. labor market year after year has created new economic barriers for less-skilled American workers -- especially for Black Americans.

Indeed, as the supply of less-educated labor increased due to immigration, competition for jobs requiring a high school degree or less became much greater. And Black Americans suffered disproportionately.

A 2006 paper published by the National Bureau of Economic Research estimates that the influx in immigration between 1980 and 2000 "reduced the wage of Black high school dropouts by 8.3 percent, reduced the employment rate by 7.4 percentage points, and increased the incarceration rate by 1.7 percentage points."

Folks on the left used to find this disparate impact disturbing. President Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers plainly warned that "immigration has increased the relative supply of less-educated

labor and appears to have contributed to the increasing inequality of income."

But many of them either no longer realize that immigration has negative consequences -- or no longer care. Many Black lawmakers in Congress are working to grant amnesty to over 6 million illegal aliens - a move that'd immediately increase labor market competition and encourage more people to come here illegally in the hopes of future amnesties.

It's undeniable that mass immigration has come at a substantial cost to Black Americans. That doesn't mean that immigrants don't deserve our compassion, or that immigration is the sole cause of racial disparities in our nation.

It simply means that if we want to create a fairer economy, we can no longer ignore immigration's unique contribution to racial inequality.

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To ensure marijuana is safe, first legalize and regulate it

By Paul Armentano

Rarely a week goes by without police or other public officials warning about so-called "fentanyl-laced" weed. Upon closer inspection, there's little if any truth behind these sensational claims.

A case in point: Police in Brattleboro, Vermont recently generated headlines when they, along with agents from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Homeland Security, arrested multiple people on charges of distributing fentanyl-tainted cannabis. Days later, however, lab tests confirmed that no fentanyl was present in any of the marijuana samples that were seized in the raid.

A similar scenario recently unfolded in Connecticut, where officials alleged that marijuana laced with fentanyl was responsible for over three dozen overdoses. Forensic analyses later determined that

only one of these cases actually involved the ingestion of fentanyl. That case, health officials said, was probably the result of accidental contamination.

Recent exposés by Vice.com, Mic.com, and others provide numerous additional examples of police and other prominent officials making similarly unfounded claims. Nonetheless, many public officials continue to push this narrative unabated.

In Florida, local media recently amplified claims that Jacksonville police officers "find marijuana laced with fentanyl all the time." Recently, Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, opined in a speech that a growing percentage of cannabis coming from outside the U.S. is tainted with fentanyl.

To be clear, marijuana sold on the unregulated market can be of variable quality and purity. In some instances, unscrupulous sellers may even taint

cannabis with other controlled substances (though rarely, if ever, is fentanyl among them). In other instances, they may sell samples that inadvertently contain molds or other components that can pose serious dangers to health.

The solution to this challenge isn't to peddle sensational claims. It's to legalize and regulate the marijuana marketplace, which would all but eliminate the risk of tainted or impure products.

Under a regulated system, cannabis products are made available from licensed manufacturers at retail stores. Cannabis is cultivated, and products are manufactured, in accordance with good manufacturing practices. Products are lab tested and labeled accordingly, ensuring that consumers have access to products of verified purity and potency.

To date, 18 states have enacted laws regulating the adult-use cannabis market.

More states are moving in this direction, and polling shows that two-thirds of Americans support this change.

Will marijuana legalization bring an end to the fentanyl epidemic? Of course not. But lawmakers should still take cannabis products off unregulated street corners and put them behind counters at licensed businesses. Doing so will provide for a much safer experience for consumers - and hopefully put an end to the fear mongering and overblown rumors we've become accustomed to hearing.

Paul Armentano is the Deputy Director of NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, and co-author of the book *Marijuana Is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?* This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org.

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Being open-minded and tolerant has many benefits

Being open-minded and tolerant has lots of great benefits. You'll be less stressed because being tolerant of someone else means you are not in competition with them. You will be more confident with your thoughts when you realize you are not threatened by others.

You'll gain insight by opening your mind to how others think. You can pick up new ideas or concepts that haven't occurred to you. Seeing the world through someone else's eyes provides a different perspective.

Being open-minded fuels personal growth. You learn about the people and the world around you. You'll discover what motivates others. You'll gain insight into why people think and act the way they do.

Mental strength is enhanced through open-mindedness and tolerance. Being open to new ideas and experiences helps you understand your own beliefs, while enabling you to make adjustments if needed. Knowing your beliefs allows you to remain strong when dealing with negative influences.

Open-minded and tolerant people share many characteristics. They are curious about what others think and ask questions to gain insight. They are confident



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by Bryan Golden

enough with their own viewpoints to have them challenged. They are willing to adjust their thinking based on new or changed information.

Open-minded people don't get angry if they find they were wrong. They want their thinking to be accurate rather than holding on to untenable positions. They think for themselves instead of complying with group think.

Tolerant people have empathy for others who think differently. They never attempt to force their beliefs onto someone else. They seek to understand the basis of other people's thinking rather than criticizing them.

Tolerant people are secure with themselves so they never attempt to put others down. Tolerant people are not threatened by someone holding opposite views. They recognize that each person has their own unique perception.

Here are some approaches which build open-mindedness and tolerance. Recognize that acceptance doesn't mean agreement. Don't be judgmental or jump to conclusions. You can acknowledge someone else's opinions without taking them personally.

Be curious. If you are not sure what another person is thinking or why, ask open-minded questions. Don't be snide or belittling. Don't use attack questions. Ask with a sincere desire to learn about their motivation and perception.

Be willing to have your ideas challenged. If you can't support your ideas with sound reasoning, be open to changing them based on new information. As an open-minded person you want to ensure your ideas make sense because they are based on reality.

Open-minded people don't become upset if they are proven wrong. Instead, they welcome the opportunity to incorporate new information into their outlook. They avoid becoming so fixated on specific beliefs that they resist changing their beliefs regardless of any new information they encounter.

Tolerant people accept people for who they are without trying to change them.

Tolerant people understand that each individual has their own unique perception of the world and recognize that there is room for diversity of thought.

Seek to see things from the other person's perspective. Put yourself in their shoes. Don't attack their beliefs. If you don't agree with their thinking, strive to understand their perspective. Ask them what their beliefs are based on.

The best way to develop open-mindedness and tolerance is through practice. Connect with as many people as possible who think differently than you. Learn about their thoughts and ideas without talking about yours. Ask questions and be a good listener.

Being open-minded and tolerant of other people is an invaluable character trait. It builds your foundation by exposing you to other ways of thinking. Take every opportunity to practice.

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SPARK - Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids

By Melissa Martin

Scientific studies have repeatedly found that explicit systematic phonics instruction is the most effective way to teach children how to read. And parents are a child's first teacher.

Across the United States and Ohio, many programs for children from birth and beyond are funded and implemented. And many programs for early literacy and school readiness are funded and implemented. Students who do not acquire adequate language and pre-literacy skills struggle with learning to read.

The Ohio Department of Education was awarded \$42 million in 2020 for a Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant from the U.S. Department of Education to build on ongoing work to improve the language and literacy development of our state's children.

Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards. "Early literacy skills include children's developing concepts of print, comprehension of age-appropriate text, phonological awareness, and letter recognition." Visit www.education.ohio.gov.

I perused the ODE website and did not find information on partnering with parents to help them understand and know how to teach phonics to young children for early literacy.

Where is the disconnect for early lit-

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eracy for young children? Nonprofit programs give away picture books and recommend that parents read consistently to kids; explain how to help children connect the pictures to the narrative; and how to ask questions about the stories. However, when it comes to using phonics to help children before preschool (at home or daycare), programs are lacking.

SPARK is a new kid in town. A new program in Ohio. Is this program different from the others? And if so, then how?

According to SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), when a child enters kindergarten ready for school, there's an 82 percent chance that the child will master basic skills by age 11, compared with a 45 percent chance if the child isn't ready for school. Family engagement is linked to children's success in kindergarten and beyond.

What is SPARK? A program that is a parent-focused program that collaborates with families and schools to increase children's readiness for kindergarten, increase parents' effectiveness as their children's

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first teacher, and improve children's transitions into school. SPARK equips parents with the strategies, supplies, and resources they need to help their children be ready for school. Participation is voluntary and free for families."

The SPARK program provides a kindergarten readiness advantage for families with preschool-age children (three- and four-year-olds). Once or twice a month, the SPARK family meets with their assigned home visitor, called a parent partner. The parent partner helps the parent engage the child in a lesson that was developed around state standards and is designed to provide a school readiness advantage. The SPARK team (which includes school-based personnel and professionals in early childhood education, mental health, and speech-language development) works to address barriers to school readiness, long before the child begins school.

According to the website, 22 school

districts in nine Ohio counties are funded. SPARK programs serve over 2,000 children annually. Every year, an independent evaluation team analyzes program outcomes. "Year after year, SPARK children significantly outscore their non-participating peers on Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. The SPARK advantage means SPARK kids start school ready and excited to succeed." Visit www.ecresourcecenter.org.

I perused SPARK website, but could not find any information on helping parents use phonics to help children at home. Phonics instruction teaches that there are 44 sounds made by the 26 letters of the English language.

Again, what does SPARK do differently? Does it partner with parents concerning phonics awareness? And if it works, why not bring the program to all 88 Ohio counties?

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Glad to be alive

To the editor: Twenty-five years ago I found myself in a deep depression. For about six months I stayed inside and slept more than I needed to, ate more than my body needed, and avoided doing things I usually liked to do.

I just wanted to be left alone. Other than going to church on Sunday or going to buy groceries I chose to stay home. I felt safe and sheltered from the world.

After that six month period ended I began to experience something totally different. I didn't want to sleep all the time. I had energy and didn't have an appetite, so I wasn't eating extra food. In addition to those changes, I found myself scared of people and I didn't understand why. The worst feeling I had was one of loneliness. I had a family living in the same house but it didn't seem to matter.

When I was home alone I began to cry and couldn't stop. In the middle of the night I called my doctor and he recommended in-patient care.

It was during this time I was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder and was given medication. I gained weight but taking the medication was a priority.

Fast forward to 2006, I was finishing my degree at Bowling Green State University and the only classes remaining

were offered during the day. I started to work my third-shift job and attend the daytime classes. It was then I asked my doctor to change one of my medications I was taking to treat my bi-polar disorder and I began to feel different. I became confused easily and my mood wasn't stable.

A co-worker noticed my distress and asked if I was OK. I wasn't and had the means to end my life.

I was transported for help.

I am still thankful for my co-worker. She knew something was off and checked on me.

Within a few days I went home to my family and I can remember my husband asking me if I was OK. I was resting in bed and I remember him asking what I had in my hand. I was again holding the means to end my life.

I am so thankful for my husband checking on me when he did and thankful to be sitting and typing this today. Many great family events have happened since this then and many are still happening. I am very thankful I am here.

Donna Kaylor

Perrysburg

Big oil hypocrisy

To the editor: This month's news has been dominated by the horrific Russian invasion

of Ukraine. And as is often the case with geopolitical conflicts, fossil fuel extraction and the oil and gas industry play an outsized role. And of course, there is the predictable right wing blaming Biden for the higher prices at the gas pump.

Exxon Mobil is poised to gain its highest quarterly profits since the war in Crimea. Much of Putin's money and leverage comes from oil and gas projects. Oil corporations like Exxon Mobil have been some of Vladimir Putin's closest partners. They have aided and abetted his rise to power which has resulted in the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and Crimea.

Now, Exxon, BP, and Shell say they will pull out of Russian oil projects because, at this point, Big Oil has more to gain by saying it will leave Russia. These corporations have already reaped massive profits by partnering with Russia. Now, by suggesting they will pull out of Russia, these corporations can push for rapid expansion of fossil fuel extraction in the U.S., while donning the mantle of good patriotic corporate citizens. As thousands of Ukrainians are killed by Russian forces and millions more flee, Big Oil is exploiting the crisis and the war monger Putin it enabled.

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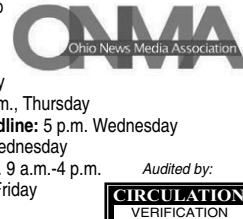
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Mercy Health to support people of Ukraine

Mercy Health - Toledo, which is a market of Bon Secours Mercy Health (BSMH), in keeping with its commitment to bringing help to those in need both at home and abroad, is taking swift action in this time of international need.

With strong international aid experience, a European health care presence and direct contacts at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, BSMH is actively involved with Ukraine relief efforts and has established a secure fundraising site to support the work. One hundred percent of donations will go toward emergency relief.

Visit mercy.com/Ukraine to donate to the Ukraine Relief Fund.

"It is clear that financial resources are most needed at this time and by working with trusted partners, we can ensure that the needed supplies will be purchased and delivered directly to those who need it," said John Starcher, CEO, Bon Secours Mercy Health. "We are also in the process of securing specific goods in the U.S. which will be sent as soon as transportation is finalized."

BSMH has identified two key channels with whom the ministry will work to render aid: Medical Help Ukraine, a group of Ukrainian doctors working in Ireland to give medical aid, and Polish Rescue Organization, an independent, non-profit, founded by doctors, who are currently purchasing medical supplies for Ukraine. These partners will procure supplies in Europe and transport them immediately to Ukraine.



One hundred percent of donations made to Bon Secours Mercy Health's Ukraine Relief Fund go toward emergency relief for Ukrainian citizens through Medical Help Ukraine and Polish Rescue Organization. (Submitted photo)

As a ministry, BSMH has to date pledged \$500,000 toward this effort, in addition to the nearly \$200,000 already provided by Bon Secours Ireland and

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Reasons to consider becoming an organ donor

By Heather Carlson Kehren
Mayo Clinic News Network

While 2021 proved to be a record-breaking year for organ donation in the U.S., many people are still hesitant to register to become a donor. Nationwide, only about 48% of people are registered to be organ donors, according to LifeSource. That's despite surveys showing that 95% of people in the U.S. support organ donation.

April is National Donate Life Month. Here are five reasons to consider checking the box to become a donor:

1. The need is tremendous. More than 106,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Every nine minutes, another name is added to the waiting list. Sadly, an average of 17 people die every day waiting for a transplant.

2. One donor can save many lives. A single organ donor can save up to eight lives. Tissue donors can help heal up to 75 people. People who donate their corneas can restore sight to two people. People are eligible to donate across the age spectrum.

"Because the liver continuously regenerates, livers from older donors — even

“...only about 48% of people are registered to be organ donors...”

into age 80 and beyond — may be eligible to donate," says Julie Heimbach, M.D., director of Mayo Clinic's William J. von Liebig Center for Transplantation and Clinical Regeneration in Minnesota.

3. More diverse donors are needed. More donors from all backgrounds are needed. But it is especially important for more people from diverse backgrounds to sign up to be organ donors.

Approximately 60% of people on the waitlist for a transplant are people of color. While organs are not matched based on race and ethnicity, people will generally have a better chance of matching with someone from a similar racial or ethnic background. Fewer diverse donors mean people of

color can end up waiting longer for a life-saving transplant.

4. Healthy people also can consider becoming a living donor. People who are healthy have the option of becoming a living donor. With living kidney donation, which is the most common type of living-donor transplant, donors give one of their two healthy kidneys to the recipient. People who are healthy and have excellent kidney function only need one kidney to live a normal, active lifestyle.

Another option is to become a living-liver donor. A portion of the donor's liver is removed and given to the recipient. The donor's liver grows back to its original size within a matter of weeks. People can donate to a relative, friend or acquaintance, or a stranger as a nondirected donor.

5. Thanks to medical advances, organ donors are saving more lives. Recent research and technical advancements are helping ensure more organs are getting to the people who desperately need them. Among the major advances is perfusion technology, which allows more time between organ retrieval and transplant. Antiviral drugs can also be used to help eliminate the hepatitis C risk for people accepting an organ from an infected donor.

2019-2020 suicide, overdose data released

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties has released the Calendar Year 2019-2020 Overdose & Suicide Death Report. Data was obtained from the Ohio Department of Health- Ohio Public Health Information Warehouse.

Calendar year 2020 in Ohio had the highest year on record for overdose deaths. In the four-county district, Seneca County experienced the most overdose deaths per 100,000 people at 47.2. This number also exceeds Ohio's total overdose deaths per 100,000, which is 42.5.

Sandusky County experienced the least number of overdose deaths per 100,000 people at 18.7. Most of the overdose deaths in the district occurred among males (67.9%) and among individuals between 19-35 years old. Fentanyl was the leading cause of death.

Ohio experienced a reduction in suicide deaths from 2018 to 2019, and again from 2019 to 2020. In calendar year 2020, Seneca County experienced the most suicide deaths within the district per 100,000 population at 14.5. This number also exceed Ohio's suicide deaths per 100,000 at 13.9. Ottawa County experienced the least suicide deaths per 100,000 people at 9.9.

Most of the suicide deaths in the district occurred among males (85.7%) and among individuals between 19-35 years old. Gunshots were the leading method and most of the suicides were among widowed individuals.

The full report is posted on the board's website at mhsosw.org.

"Overdose and suicide deaths are preventable, and behind every single death is a grieving family. There are many people and agencies in our communities fighting daily to stop these numbers from claiming even more," said Mircea Handru, director of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties. "We received reports of Xylazine, a veterinary tranquilizer which is not approved for human use in the United States but is commonly used for sedating large animals, that could be linked to overdoses in some parts of the country. Xylazine has heavy sedative effects like an opioid but isn't an opioid and doesn't respond to Narcan. The street drug market continues to be very unpredictable and dangerous."

"If you need help with your addiction, please contact our office at 419-448-0640," Handru said.

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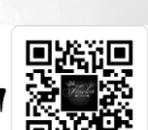
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Pictured at a recent ribbon-cutting at New Direction Health & Wellness, Oak Harbor, are (from left), Marie Darr, Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce board member; Debi Heiks, chamber board past president; Valerie Winterfield, chamber executive director; Amanda Conn, New Directions owner; Ashley Hansen, chamber board vice president; Susie Shaffer, branch manager, Croghan Colonial Bank; and Guy Parmigian, chamber board member. (Submitted photo)

Ribbon-cutting held for New Direction Health & Wellness

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held April 6 for New Direction Health & Wellness at their location at 112 N. Church St. in downtown Oak Harbor. The event was held in celebration of the business's one-year anniversary in the village.

Owned by Amanda Conn, (LMT, BCPP, RPE, CYM), New Direction Health & Wellness offers a variety of services including massage therapy, polarity therapy, reflexology and Yomassage Group Sessions, along with a small Wellness Shoppe featuring essential oils, holistic health books, yoga accessories and gift ideas.

See a full menu of services at AmandaConn.MassageTherapy.com or call 419-656-3157 to schedule an appointment.

New Direction Health & Wellness invites the community to an open house and client appreciation ceremony Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m.-noon. The celebration will include light refreshments, door prizes, raffles, discounts and more.

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Initiative seeking to prevent trafficking of at-risk youth

The Mercy Health – Toledo Trauma Recovery Center (TRC), in collaboration with the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office, announced a new initiative that expands human trafficking prevention education, direct intervention services, and training to area youth at risk of victimization.

Gov. Mike DeWine recently awarded Mercy Health \$145,000 as part of an effort to develop and implement human trafficking prevention programs across Ohio. The grants are from a collaboration between the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF), and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) Children's Justice Act Task Force.

As a result of the grant, members of the TRC and Prosecutor Julia Bates' Victim-Witness Assistance program were trained to help educate and offer services to vulnerable minors ages 11-17, specifically in the area of human trafficking prevention.

"The Mercy Health – Trauma Recovery Center has been essential in helping those who have suffered as a result of violent crime and now we're looking for similar success in helping at-risk youth as we focus on victimization prevention," said Bob Baxter, president, Mercy Health – Toledo. "Mercy Health is thankful to both Gov. DeWine for his support of these efforts and to Prosecutor Bates for her collaboration as we tackle this important issue."

"I think that anything we can do as a collaborative to help at-risk youth in our community we should make every effort to do," said Prosecutor Bates. "This is a community problem and together we can help with solutions, comfort, care, and compassion. We are excited to be partnering with the Mercy Health Toledo Trauma Recovery Center on this initiative."

OraLee Macklenar, supervisor, Mercy Health – Toledo TRC, noted the OCTF's Human Trafficking Prevention Youth Curriculum will enable her team to offer proactive victimization prevention to at-risk youth through the use of psychosocial support groups, psychotherapy, and case management services.

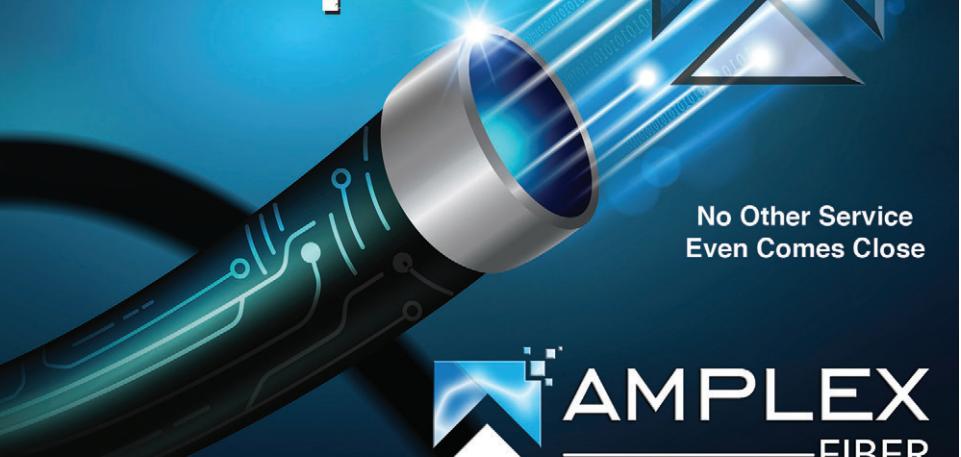
The fundamental goals of the initiative are to promote safety, stabilization and engagement for the youth involved as well as helping to restore their faith in humanity and building their sense of empowerment.

"The Mercy Health TRC is looking forward to working collaboratively with our community to educate these youth who are at risk," Macklenar said. "We have been working with children and adults that have already been victimized by some sort of crime since we opened our doors to the TRC. With this grant, we are able to put our energy and time into prevention in hopes that we will serve less victims."

The Mercy Health – Toledo TRC is a grant-funded outpatient program that provides services to victims of crime. With the help of a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant through the Ohio Attorney General's Office, trauma recovery services are available to residents who have been a victim of crime. A clinical team of licensed social workers, clinical counselors and a victim advocate help provide service to adults, children and their family members.

Mercy Health – Toledo TRC is the only trauma recovery center of its kind in Northwest Ohio. Since its inception in 2018, the center has worked with more than 1,500 clients, most of whom were referred through Lucas County courts and local emergency rooms. Those receiving help are victims of crime, including abuse, assault, domestic violence, stalking and/or human trafficking.

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Holy Week Services
Holy Thursday April 14th
Mass of the Lord's Supper- 7:30pm
Good Friday April 15th
Passion of the Lord- 1:00pm
Holy Saturday April 16th
Blessing of Food- 12:00pm
Easter Vigil- 8:30pm

Easter Sunday April 17th
Easter Mass
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am



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*Easter Sunday Worship
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Holy Week Schedule

April 10th
Palm Sunday
Service 11:00 a.m.

April 14th
Maundy Thursday Worship
Service 7:00 p.m.

April 15th
Good Friday
Tenebrae Worship Service
7:30 p.m.

April 17th Easter
Praise Team
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Easter Breakfast: 8:00a.m.

Egg Hunt: 9:00a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30a.m.

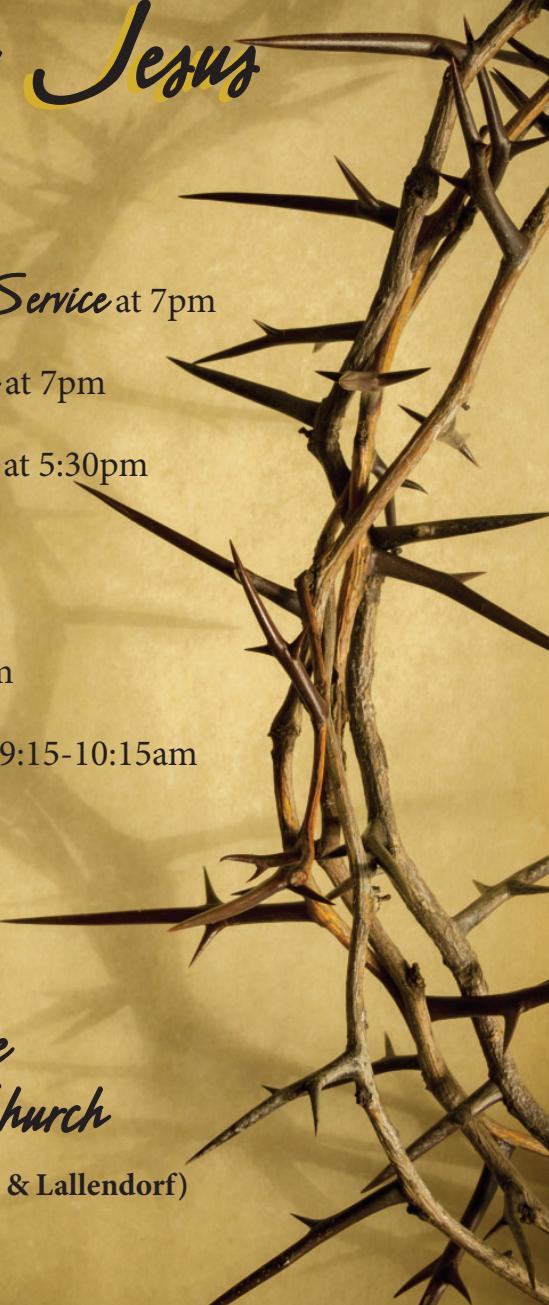
Communion Service: 10:45a.m.

Come Celebrate the Living Jesus with Us!

Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
Good Friday Service at 7pm
Easter Vigil Service at 5:30pm

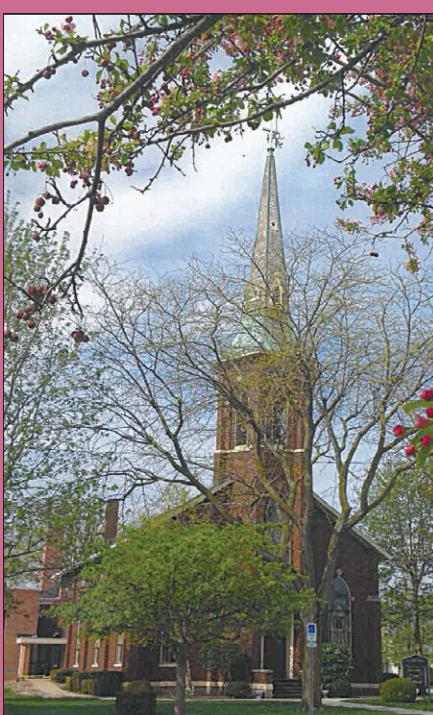
Easter Sunday

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Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday
April 14th @ 7:00pm

Good Friday
April 15th @ 7:00pm

Holy Saturday
April 16th @ 8:30am

Easter Sunday
April 17th
Worship @
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Sunday School @ 9:20am

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April 17 — Easter Celebration
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April 14th

Maundy Thursday

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April 15th

Good Friday

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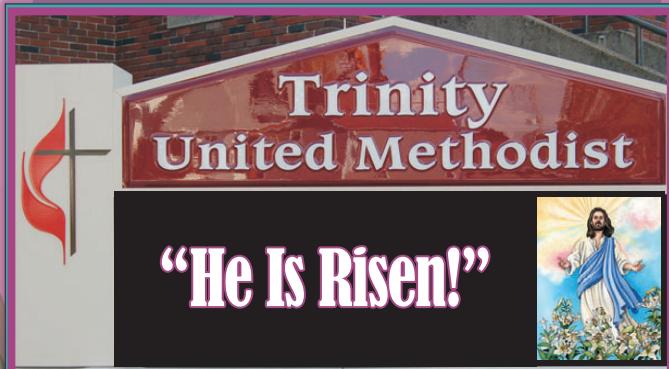
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Easter Sunday 10:30 am

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Holy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday 1:30 pm

Easter Vigil 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday 8:30 am

Mercy Mammography unit plans April stops

Mercy Health's mobile mammography unit has several stops scheduled throughout the region in April. The unit delivers 3D mammograms to women aged 40 and older.

Among local stops scheduled are:

- Tuesday, April 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: Mercy Health - Oregon Clinic/Bay Meadows Family Medicine, 3851 Navarre Ave., Oregon.
- Wednesday, April 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Old West End Community Health Center, 2244 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo.
- Wednesday, April 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mercy Health - Franklin Family Medicine, 2213 Franklin Ave., Toledo.
- Thursday, April 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mercy Health - St. Vincent Heart & Vascular Institute, 2222 Cherry St., Toledo.
- Friday, April 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Mercy Health - Waterville Primary Care, 1222 Pray Boulevard.
- Tuesday, April 26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Halim Clinic/Mercy Health - Spring Valley OBGYN & Midwives, 6855 Spring Valley Dr., Holland.
- Tuesday, April 26, 3-6 p.m., Scott High School Community Health & Wellness Fair, 2400 Collingwood Boulevard, Toledo.
- Wednesday, April 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Starbright Primary Care, 28555 Starbright Boulevard, Perrysburg.
- Friday, April 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oak Street Health - Toledo Northside Clinic, 553 East Manhattan, Toledo.

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

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

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Mercy program helps healthcare workers earn degrees

Those seeking a career in healthcare can work full or part-time at Mercy Health while earning their degree through Mercy College at no cost. This new partnership between Mercy Health and Mercy College of Ohio provides an opportunity for those ready to work while still in school preparing for their healthcare career.

Tuition assistance to pursue education in Radiologic Technology was the driving factor for Laretia Smith to seek employment at Mercy Health. Smith gave up her education when she became a young mother. Now after seeing her children complete college, it's her turn.

"I was able to quickly earn my high school diploma and I want to keep going," she said. "My advisor told me about the tuition assistance for Mercy Health employees, so I applied and was hired."

Smith recently started a housekeeping position at Mercy Health - St. Anne Hospital. She adds, "I'm working 20-25 hours a week, mostly on weekends so I will have time for classes and studying. I'm so excited to start my classes at Mercy College in May."

Information about Mercy Health's expanded tuition assistance for employees and Mercy College of Ohio programs will

be available at a hiring event going on this weekend where there will be open interviews. The hiring event is Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Mercy College of Ohio, 2200 Jefferson Avenue, Sixth Floor Hanson Learning Commons.

Visit mercycollege.edu for more information or to rsvp.

Magruder Hospital monthly lab screening

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

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

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

TOPS welcomes new members

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight.

The group meets Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins are held from 6-6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is \$49. Weekly dues are 50 cents.

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Free health screenings

In observance of Minority Health Month, Nuestra Gente Community Projects is offering free health screenings April 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. outside Immaculate Conception Church in Toledo's Old South

End.

Screenings, provided in conjunction with ProMedica and Mercy Health, will include blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol.

The organization has been offering the free screenings for the past 12 years to give low-income families access to the healthcare system.

Learn more at nuestragentecommunityprojects.org.

Alzheimer's Association returning to in-person programming, support

Following evolving CDC, state and local COVID guidelines, the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter began offering educational programs and support groups in person on April 1, while continuing virtual options.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alzheimer's Association has focused on the health and safety of our community, volunteers, donors and staff as we worked together to advance our mission," said Julia Pechlivanos, executive director of the Northwest Ohio chapter. "The Association continues to monitor the pandemic closely and, as some restrictions have been lifted, we will begin meeting in person for selected educational programs and support groups, while also providing some virtual options to best serve the needs of the largest possible number of families and community members."

The chapter will continue to follow all state and local health guidelines regarding masks, social distancing and meeting size. While masks are optional (unless required by the host venue site), unvaccinated and compromised participants should consider wearing masks when attending programs and other meetings, Pechlivanos said.

"In the last two years, our chapter heard loud and clear that there are individuals who prefer in-person offerings and

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Five tips for springing back into fitness

By Marshall Ochi, DO, CAQSM
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Spring is in the air. With the warmer weather and longer days, many find themselves feeling reenergized and ready to get moving. Regular exercise has been shown to have countless health benefits but creating a fitness routine can be overwhelming.

Whether starting a new routine or resuming a previous one, check out these five tips to start a routine off right.

1. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Staying well hydrated is important to ensure the body is functioning optimally. When exercising, the body loses water through sweat, making it easy to become dehydrated without realizing it. Drinking water before, during and after a workout can help to replenish what is lost during the workout.

How does one know if he or she is dehydrated? A good rule of thumb to check hydration status is to use your urine as a barometer. If urine is clear to a slight tinge of yellow, then the body is most likely well hydrated.

2. Fuel the body. When initiating a new exercise regimen, it is important to maintain basic nutrition. Activity increases the body's metabolism, which will require more of the essential macronutrients (proteins, carbohydrates and fats) to fuel and help repair the body post workout. When one does not consume enough protein, the body will resort to utilizing protein as an energy source, which will, in turn, break down muscle to meet the body's energy needs. If an exercise goal is to build muscle and strength, this can be counterproductive.

Questions regarding basic nutritional needs and goals are best answered by a physician or registered dietitian who can assist in setting up a plan.

3. Dress for success. It is always important to consider the environment in which one will be exercising. Wearing short sleeves and shorts in hotter, more humid climates (in addition to remaining well hy-



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dinated) can help to decrease incidence of heat injury/illness. If planning to exercise in a wooded area, longer sleeves and pants should be considered to avoid insect exposure. Furthermore, if the sun is out, it's recommended to use sunblock and appropriate eyewear, especially when the UV index is high.

Choosing the appropriate footwear can be helpful in preventing injuries. It's important to select shoes based on activity, body type, comfort and biomechanics. Proper footwear can also help to reduce incidence of chronic injuries such as shin splints, knee pain and plantar fasciitis.

4. Start slow. To begin any exercise program, always think about any exercise goals or desired achievements. Setting realistic goals can be humbling but remember that the body's capacity to recover and adapt changes with time and age. If one has not worked out recently, it would be best to start with a shorter duration of activity and/or intensity level. It is important to start slow and not do too much too soon.

Consider the basic components of exercise that can be remembered by the acronym "FITT" (Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type). Increasing just one of these compo-

nents at a time can help to decrease the risk of injury.

Speaking with a physician is especially important if one has underlying conditions or limitations, a physician can help determine what activities and durations would be optimal to start. Additionally, they can provide insight and resources, and help determine what kind of activity/exercise is best suited.

5. Listen to the body. The body can speak, well not exactly. The body has ways of letting one know when it has done too much or when a change of activity is needed. Muscle soreness is the body's way of communicating that it is trying to adapt and recover from a workout. To assist in preventing muscle soreness and improve flexibility, it is essential to stretch before and after exercise.

Getting plenty of rest and sleep is also important when trying to get back into fitness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), most adults need seven or more hours of sleep per night. Musculoskeletal remodeling and repair occur while sleeping, meaning sleep deprivation can lead to delayed adaptations to exercise and slower injury healing.



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those who prefer virtual options," said Pamela Myers, program director of the Northwest Ohio Chapter. "Through virtual delivery of our educational programs and support groups, we've reached new people in our community that we might not otherwise have reached. We will continue to offer both virtual and in-person options to best serve our community."

Chapter staff will continue working remotely. Members of the community can call the Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 or visit alz.org/nwohio for additional information. Free caregiver support groups, education programs, and care consultations are available throughout Northwest Ohio.

The latest information on area support groups and education programs is available by calling the Alzheimer's Association Helpline at 800-272-3900.

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What's causing your child's itchy rash?

Itchy rashes can be very irritating, especially when children get them, and you don't know what is causing them. While these rashes are often caused by eczema, in some cases they are caused by allergic contact dermatitis, a skin reaction to allergens.

Since both skin conditions affect millions of children, it is important to get the correct diagnosis so your child can be properly treated.

"Eczema is a disease that causes patches of dry skin, which is often accompanied by intense itching. Scratching can damage the skin, make the rash worse, and increase the risk for an infection," said board-certified dermatologist JiaDe Yu MD, FAAD, director of occupational and contact dermatitis clinic and assistant professor of adult and pediatric dermatology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. "About 20 percent of kids are affected by eczema, and sometimes allergic contact dermatitis can mimic eczema or develop on top of eczema, which makes it even harder to diagnose and treat."

The most common form of eczema in children is atopic dermatitis, which usually begins very early in life. It often occurs in infants and young children. While most people develop atopic dermatitis before age 5, it can also begin during puberty or later.

Eczema in patients with darker skin tones can appear different on the skin compared to patients with lighter skin tones. Eczema can be red, dark brown, purple, or gray, depending on your skin tone. "While eczema affects people of all ethnicities, African American and Asian American children tend to develop atopic dermatitis more often than white children," said Dr. Yu. "In addition, African American patients may have itchier or more severe eczema."

For many children, eczema goes away with time. However, Dr. Yu says about half of the children who get this skin condition will have it as an adult. While there is no way to know whether the eczema will go away or become a lifelong condition, early diagnosis and treatment can prevent the

condition from getting worse. The more severe it becomes, the more difficult it can be to treat, and more likely it will persist into adulthood.

According to Dr. Yu, sometimes eczema is mistaken for allergic contact dermatitis, which occurs when a person's immune system recognizes an allergen and responds to it. This can result in several skin symptoms which are similar to eczema, including a rash and discoloration, dryness, tenderness, burning or stinging, or in severe cases, blisters.

The allergens that children are most likely to be allergic to include metals such as nickel and cobalt, which can be found in costume jewelry, and clothing, such as belt buckles and jeans snaps, as well as toys, furniture and school chairs.

Fragrances and preservatives are two other common allergens. These can be found in personal care products that families use, such as body washes and shampoos, as well as laundry detergents. Additionally, while fabrics themselves are rarely allergens, the chemicals and dyes used to treat them can cause an allergic reaction. The most common dye allergen is a dye called disperse blue dye, which is used to dye synthetic fabrics like polyester and nylon. Disperse blue dye is rarely used in 100 percent cotton, bamboo, silk, and other natural fiber clothing.

In addition to metals, fragrances and preservatives, dermatologists are seeing two emerging allergens affecting children—adhesive allergens, which are commonly used in wearable blood glucose monitors, and an allergen from a chemical used in shin guards," said Dr. Yu. "Children who are allergic to the wearable blood glucose monitors often develop an itchy rash underneath, so they typically need to switch the location of their monitor every two to three days. If your child's shin guards cause irritation, dermatologists recommend switching shin guards to avoid the suspected allergen or putting a barrier, like a sock, between their skin and skin guard."

To determine if a child's rash is being

caused by an allergy or another skin condition like eczema, Dr. Yu says it is important to know when the child started developing the rash, if there is a family history of skin conditions like eczema, and where the rash is located on the child's body.

Allergic contact dermatitis tends to affect unusual locations like the eyelids, tops of the feet or the back of the hands, while eczema is more likely to be found on the back of the knees, wrist, neck, and inner elbows.

"To diagnose allergic contact dermatitis, your board-certified dermatologist may perform a special type of allergy testing called patch testing," says Dr. Yu. "While eczema can be effectively managed, the best way to treat allergic contact dermatitis is to avoid the allergen once it has been identified."

Since allergic contact dermatitis can be responsible for worsening eczema, Dr. Yu recommends avoidance of common allergens such as fragrances. He recommends using fragrance-free rather than unscented products.

Fragrance-free and unscented have different meanings. Unscented means that a fragrance is masked, so you cannot smell it, but it may still contain fragrances that can still irritate the skin. Fragrance-free means the product is free of all fragrances, even ones that you cannot smell. Dr. Yu advises to always check the label.

In addition, Dr. Yu advises that people be careful when choosing products that are labeled as "clean" or "natural."

"The Federal Drug Administration does not have a specific set of guidelines to say that a product is clean or natural. These are just buzzwords that companies put on products to tell consumers that some of the ingredients are potentially derived from natural sources," said Dr. Yu. "As I tell my patients, although poison ivy is natural, you wouldn't want to use a product containing it."

To find a board-certified dermatologist in your area, visit aad.org/findaderm.

Eating disorders doubled during pandemic

A recent report from the CDC shows emergency room visits for eating disorders doubled among girls between the ages of 12 and 17 years old during the pandemic.

Kasey Goodpaster, PhD, psychologist for Cleveland Clinic, said that could be due to a couple of reasons.

"I think about the mental health crisis that's affected our entire population and the isolation the pandemic brought about," she said. "But, also some specifics around children and teens and their social media usage, how that then affects their body image and might too affect their relationship with food."

So, how can parents tell if their child may be struggling with an eating disorder?

Dr. Goodpaster said some signs may include negative self-talk about their body, frequently checking their weight, becoming preoccupied with food or avoid eating around others.

They may also start exercising excessively or showing physical changes, like sudden weight loss or weight gain.

Dr. Goodpaster said it's important for parents to be careful in how they communicate with their child as well. They should never comment on their body size or shape, even if they are paying a compliment.

"Parents should also not make critical comments about their own bodies or other people's bodies because those comments are very easily internalized by children and teens. They most benefit from parents modeling body image and self-love," she said.

Dr. Goodpaster said if you sense something is wrong with your child, don't hesitate to reach out to a medical professional for help. Early intervention is crucial in recovery.

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Toledo

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

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table, 846 S. Wheeling St. Everyone welcome.

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

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

Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy Health – St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

Oregon

Pork Tenderloin Dinner, April 16, 4:30-7:30 p.m., VFW Post 9816, 1802 Ashcroft. Includes fried cabbage and a side of pierogies. \$10. Followed by Karaoke with AJ. Open to the public.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets 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 offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Social hour at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. Visit oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details.

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

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

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

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., is open the last Saturday of the month for drive-thru from 12-1:30 p.m. ID required.

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

Northwood

Northwood Church of God Free Pancake Breakfast, April 16, 9-11 a.m., 1838 S. Coy Rd. Featuring all-you-can eat pancakes, sausage and beverages. Everyone welcome.

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. 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, 5-7:30 p.m., 102 W. Andrus Rd. \$12. 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.

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

Jerusalem Twp.

The Wireless Emergency Network System is now live for Jerusalem Township Civic Alerts. To sign up, visit the Jerusalem Township website, twp.jerusalem.oh.us, or the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and click on the link to subscribe to text alerts.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with COVID, meetings are accessible via Zoom. 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/.

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the 2nd Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

Genoa

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast, April 14, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Genoa American Legion Post #324, 302 West St. Free to all veterans; \$8 for other adults, \$5 for kids. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy and applesauce.

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

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

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m., at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. For info, call 419-341-0913.

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Foodies Night, April 11, 6:30 p.m. – Prepare a Mexican-themed recipe and bring it to share; Novel Explorers for Teens, April 13 and 20, 4-5 p.m. – Read and discuss, "Scythe," by Neal Shusterman; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, April 25, 7 p.m. – Discuss "The Four Winds," by Kristin Hannah. Register at birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown/Elliston

Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., Elliston-Trowbridge Rd. – LIGHT pantry is open to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food or financial insecurity on the 2nd Wednesday of 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

Community Easter Egg Hunt, April 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Peter United Church of Christ, 28505 Main St.,

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Family Book Bundles available through April 16 – Pick up preselected bundles of books with different interests and ages in mind; Adult programs: Craft Monday, April 18, 2 p.m. – Make and take a magnetic flower craft, supplies provided, registration required; Coffee and a Book book club, April 13, 11 a.m., library meeting room; 4th Tuesday Book Club, April 26, 6 p.m. – Discuss "Plain Secrets: An Outsider Among the Amish," by Joe Mackall. Contactless pickup of library materials available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

Oak Harbor Masonic Lodge #495 20th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que Fundraiser, April 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out at Veterans Memorial Park. Carryout only. \$11 includes a half chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll, butter and brownie prepared by Bar-B-Que Traveler, Inc. of Laclede, Ohio. Proceeds go toward the annual college scholarship offered by the lodge to a graduating Oak Harbor High School senior. Pre-sale tickets available by contacting any lodge member or by calling Andrew Haley at 419-707-4067. A limited number of first-come first-serve meals will be available on the day of the dinner.

Lake Erie Perch Fish Fries, Oak Harbor American Legion Post 114, 221 Park St., Fridays during Lent (through April 15), 4-7:30 p.m. or until sold out. Dine in or carry out. Public is welcome.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries and free clothes for all ages. The Pantry will be serving a community meal on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. beginning April 27. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more info.

BCS Food Pantry Inc. at St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint St., is open Monday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Open to residents of Benton, Carroll and Salem townships. Providing groceries, as well as personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, when available.

Pemberville

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

month from 8-11 a.m. Eastwood School District residents may visit the pantry once monthly. ID and proof of residency required. Info available at Pemberville churches.

Stony Ridge

St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the 1st Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon, 5520 Fremont Pike.

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

Walbridge

Walbridge VFW #9963 Chicken Paprikas Dinner, April 16, 4 p.m. or until sold out. Featuring homemade noodles, chicken, gravy, salad, roll & dessert. \$12. Drive thru only. No pre orders.

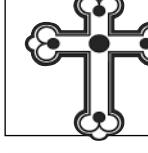
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Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Homemade Living, April 24, 10 a.m. on Facebook Live; April 12, 7 p.m. on Facebook Live; Adult Book Club, April 13, 7 p.m. – Discuss "All of the Children Are Home," by Patry Francis; Crochet & More, April 18, 6:30 p.m. – Join other yarn enthusiasts for an evening of crochet, knitting, macrame, etc.; Earth Day Crafts, April 19, 4 p.m. (K-6th grade) – Drop in to make a craft with recycled items; Painting for Adults, April 20, 6:30 p.m., supplies provided (registration required). Visit birchard.lib.oh.us or call 419-849-2744 for info.

Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the last Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry.



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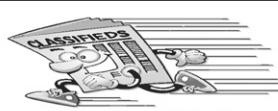
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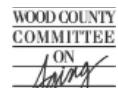
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Roger Hummel, Chairman
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