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## FirstEnergy

# AG plans to resume civil suit in racketeering case

By Larry Limpf  
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With the federal case complete against two men involved in the House Bill 6 scandal, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said he is preparing to resume a civil racketeering lawsuit he initiated in the case.

Yost said last week he's asked Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Chris Brown to lift the stay on discovery in the state's civil case now that the federal trial has ended with the conviction of Larry Householder, a former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, and Matt Borges, former chairman of the Ohio Republican Party. The two were convicted of participating in a racketeering conspiracy.

House Bill 6 was passed by the state legislature in 2019 but was later linked to a \$61 million bribery and corruption scheme that centered around Householder to help secure the bill's passage. The bill included bailout funding for financially strapped nuclear power plants operated by a subsidiary of FirstEnergy. Company executives had argued that without a ratepayer subsidy, the power plants, including the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, would be closed.

Yost said lifting of the stay would allow his office to continue "collecting documents and to depose key witnesses in our ongoing effort to remedy the harm done."

The discovery process may yield additional information that will reveal an "expanded number of defendants who participated in the Householder enterprise," he said.

According to court documents and testimony in the Householder trial, from March 2017 to March 2020, the enterprise controlled by him traded millions of dollars in bribery campaign donations in exchange for Householder's and the enterprise's help in passing House Bill 6. The defendants then also worked to ensure the bill went into effect by helping defeat a ballot initiative to overturn the legislation.

Householder has said he will appeal the federal court decision.

In particular, Yost plans to focus on the role of FirstEnergy executives who were instrumental in funding the enterprise, saying they "cannot be permitted to escape scot free."

Even before Judge Brown imposed the stay on the state lawsuit, it had an impact on the FirstEnergy case, Yost said.

For example, a "decoupling rider" in the bill that would have allowed FirstEnergy to collect about \$355 million in unearned revenue through 2024 was dropped as a result of the state's lawsuit, according to Yost.

"Our work has already ended the nuclear subsidy and the decoupling rider that enshrined in Ohio law FirstEnergy's profitability," he said.

In addition, his office froze the assets of Sam Randazzo, a former chairman of the

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. An appeals court overruled a lower court that imposed the freeze and the matter is now before the Ohio Supreme Court.

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Randazzo is not charged in relation to the FirstEnergy/Householder case.

FirstEnergy Corp, in a deferred prosecution agreement, said Randazzo accepted about \$4.3 million through his company, Sustainability Funding Alliance of Ohio, Inc., "for favorable regulated treatment by Randazzo as chair of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio," according to Yost.

## State of county address March 22

The Wood County Commissioners will present the annual State of the County Address on March 22 in the Alvin L. Perkins Atrium at the Wood County Courthouse in Bowling Green.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the speech will begin at 8 a.m. Joining with the commissioners for the speech will be Judge Dave Woessner and Prosecuting Attorney Paul Dobson.

The event is coordinated by the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 419-353-7945.

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# Lime City Rd. bridge to be repaired

By Press Staff Writer

The Ohio Department of Transportation is planning for the repair of the Lime City Road bridge over Interstate 75.

The bridge was struck and damaged by an over-height load in February. Since then, traffic on the bridge has been maintained in one lane with a temporary signal.

“Our current plan is to rehabilitate the existing bridge, but once we get into design, complete replacement may be considered,” said Pat McColley, ODOT District 2 deputy director.

The estimated cost is \$5.3 million. Currently, ODOT officials plan to remove the deck and build temporary supports for the girders and beams, then reconstruct sections of the existing piers and abutments to gain additional height. Additional pier columns will be constructed as well.

The width of the existing lanes will be increased and a multi-use path will be added on the west side of the bridge.

Pedestrian and bike traffic is currently not accommodated on the bridge.

The repair project will raise the bridge by about two feet from its current height of 14 feet, 9 inches to 16 feet, 6 inches.

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The bridge is currently a legal height, but we’re taking the opportunity while it’s under repair to also raise it.  
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Loads over 13 feet, 6 inches require a special hauling permit.

“The bridge is currently a legal height, but we’re taking the opportunity while it’s under repair to also raise it,” McColley said.

He said the bridge has been struck several times – each time by a vehicle without a legal permit or that exceeded the height of the permit.

Preliminary design work is expected to begin this summer with construction tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2024.

## Fatal crash investigated

The Fremont Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle fatal traffic crash that occurred March 11 on U.S. 6 at Township Road 26 in Madison Township. The crash occurred March 11 at approximately 6:00 am.

A Dodge Magnum, driven by Grace O. Molyet, 55, of Perrysburg, was northbound on TR 26. A Freightliner Cascadia, driven by Kent A. Blocher, 61, of Union City, Ohio, was eastbound on U.S. 6. Molyet ran the stop sign at the intersection and

ran into the path of Blocher. After impact both vehicles ran off the north side of the road and into a building. As a result of the crash approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel were spilled in the immediate area and contained.

Molyet was pronounced deceased at the scene. She was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash. Blocher was also wearing his seatbelt and sustained minor injuries. He was transported to Fremont ProMedica Hospital where he was treated and released.

Alcohol and drug impairment are not factors in the crash, which remains under investigation at this time.



Students and staff gathered at Oakdale Elementary for the dedication of Ruffy Park. (Submitted photo)

## Oakdale Elementary honors Ruffy

Students and staff at Oakdale Elementary School held a ceremony March 13 to dedicate Ruffy Park in memory of Maureen Ruffy, a kindergarten teacher who passed away last year.

Robert Yenrick, school principal, said Ruffy was a “devoted kindergarten teacher” who dedicated herself to “helping East Side children learn reading, math and positive interactions.”

Maureen’s husband, Greg, met with

Yenrick to discuss placing playground equipment along the school building where kindergarten students play during recess.

Working with the Perrysburg Rotary where he is a member, Greg raised \$30,000 and Yenrick sought additional funds from Toledo Public Schools.

Greg and Maureen’s children, Megan and Brendan, also attended the dedication held outside her former classroom.



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## Oak Harbor to present "Catch Me If You Can"

A musical version of *Catch Me If You Can* will be presented at Oak Harbor High School on March 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and March 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The film, starring Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio, was based on the life of Frank Abagnale, Jr., who impersonated pilots, doctors, lawyers and more. The musical is set to a 1960s score from the creators of *Hairspray*. (Submitted photo)

## Recorder urges veterans to record military forms

Michael Ashford, Lucas County Recorder is reminding military veterans of the importance of having their DD-214 military discharge paperwork and other military documentation recorded by the Lucas County Recorder's office.

"March 29 is Vietnam War Veterans Day. I would like to join with everyone as we take this time to recognize, honor, and celebrate our service members for the sacrifices they made for our country," Ashford said. "The service, commitment, and dedication put forth by these brave Americans helps ensure the safety of every individual here."

The DD-214 can be helpful in assisting with military benefits that can include rent, mortgage, utility payments, food vouchers, prescriptions, transportation to VA medical facilities, and identifying eligibility and filing for Veteran Administration benefits.

"The Lucas County Recorder's office wants to continue serving veterans by recording military discharges free of charge, as well as providing copies of DD-214's that are already recorded within our county," Ashford said.

In an effort to promote the importance of this service, Ashford is doing a print and radio broadcast ad campaign with Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient Robert Stewart, who is also Past President, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 35.

"The first thing we tell military veterans when they are discharged is to take your DD-214 and get it recorded with the recorder's office. In case it is lost in a fire or some natural disaster, you and your family members still have access to it through the recorder's office. If you do not do this and it is lost, the process of replacing it can be painful and time consuming," Stewart said.

For more info, visit [co.lucas.oh.us/Recorder](http://co.lucas.oh.us/Recorder) or call the Lucas County Recorder's office at 419-213-4400.



## Woodmore to present "Godspell"

The Woodmore Drama Club rehearses for their production of the musical "Godspell." Performances are March 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and March 26 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and seniors, \$10.00 for adults and \$15.00 for preferred seating. For ticket information call 419-704-7807. All performances will be at the Woodmore k-8 building in Woodville. (Submitted photo)

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## Refining explosion

# Training, operating procedures cited by OSHA

By Press Staff Writer

Deficiencies in training and operating procedures contributed to the explosion at the BP Products refinery in Oregon last September that killed two workers, according to a federal investigation.

The investigation found the refinery operator, BP Products North America, Inc., violated U.S. Department of Labor's safety procedures for highly hazardous materials and failed to adequately train the workers.

As the workers attempted to correct rising liquid levels in a fuel gas mix drum, a flammable vapor cloud formed, ignited and then triggered an explosion, causing the deadly burns to the workers, the investigation found.

Ben Morrissey, 32, and his brother, Max Morrissey, 34, died at the University of Michigan Medical Center, where they had been transported from Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center.

Inspectors with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration deter-

mined that naphtha - a flammable liquid hydrocarbon mixture - was released when flow control valves were opened in an attempt to regulate an overflow occurring in upstream process equipment. The opened valve allowed the flammable liquid to enter the refinery's fuel gas system.

OSHA cited BP for failing to implement shutdown procedures for the equipment when requested by the operators responding to the naphtha release and for not clearly defining conditions for emergency shutdown of the crude tower.

OSHA is proposing \$156,260 in penalties and cited the company for 10 serious violations and one violation considered other than serious.

Specifically, OSHA found that BP failed to:

- Train operators to identify the presence of naphtha during an upset condition.
- Develop and implement safe work practices for responding to those conditions.
- Document design for pressure safety valves, including for an overpressure scenario.

-Address hazards of overfilling process vessels, and safeguards needed to protect against an overflow.

-Evaluate for engineering or administrative controls for draining process equipment during upset conditions.

-Address human factors with the operation of the inside control board screen loading delays.

-Ensure process hazard assessments were accurate with respect to level indicator safeguards.

The company has 15 business days from receiving the citations and penalties to comply to request an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

"This tragedy is a reminder of why employers must consistently re-evaluate those procedures for accuracy and ensure workers are properly trained to respond in dangerous situations," Todd Jensen, OSHA Area Director, said.

## Comments accepted on transportation improvement program

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments is accepting comments through April 10 on the Transportation Improvement Program for Lucas and Wood counties for fiscal years 2024-2027.

The program includes 230 projects totaling approximately \$481 million.

A public meeting on the program is scheduled for March 22 from 3-6 p.m. at TMACOG, 300 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Suite 300, Toledo.

Documents related to the program are available on the TMACOG website. The page includes three links: the full TIP document, an interactive map showing all the projects where viewers may leave comments about specific projects or locations, and a link to a comment form.

The TIP lists all specific transportation projects and improvements that will use federal and state transportation funding over the next four years.

Historically, TMACOG has managed about \$18.3 million each year in four federally designated programs: the Surface Transportation Block Grant program, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, the Transportation Alternatives Program, and the Carbon Reduction program.

In the past, CMAQ funds, for example, were allocated to improvement projects at State Rt. 795 and Lime City Road. Planners have also applied for CMAQ funding for a proposed roundabout at the intersection of Woodville Road and Lemoyne Road but weren't successful.

## Road closed due to waterline project

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District has announced the following updates to the Tracy Road waterline replacement project in Northwood.

The intersection of Tracy Road at Wales Road is now open. Through March, southbound Tracy Road, between Andrus

Road and Wales Road, will be closed.

Additional lane restrictions on Tracy Road, from Florence Avenue to Wales Road, will be announced. Road closures on Florence Avenue and Andrus Road at Tracy Road, and service interruptions will be announced.

The \$1.9 million project is expected to be complete January, 2024.

## Ashford to resign

Michael Ashford, chairman of the Lucas County Democratic Party, has announced he will resign as party chairman effective March 31.

Ashford, who also serves as Lucas County Recorder, says he will remain in that position and is expected to run for re-election in 2024.

He is the 10th party chair in 18 years.



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## Man arrested after woman escapes house

A man was lodged in the Ottawa County Detention Facility March 13 after authorities received a call from a woman reporting she had been held captive at knife point by him at a house in Benton Township.

Deputies from the county sheriff's office, with assistance from Clay Township and Genoa police departments, arrested the man, Randall Loeffler, 65, later that day at the house where the woman was allegedly held in the 15000 block of W. Toussaint North Rd. in Benton Township.

The sheriff's office said the call came in at about 8:31 p.m. on March 12 and the woman said she had been held for several hours at the house but was able to leave and call from a safe location.

Loeffler has been charged with domestic violence, kidnapping, felonious assault,

and disrupting public service.

An arraignment hearing in Ottawa County Municipal Court has been scheduled for March 22. Court records list a Grafton, Ohio address for Loeffler.

## Sacred Grounds workshop

Sacred Grounds Toledo will offer a free workshop for faith communities aspiring to beautify their neighborhoods, green their grounds and increase their environmental stewardship.

The workshop, set for March 26 at 1 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church, 1127 N. Huron St., Toledo, will encourage the use of native plants to create habitat for birds and butterflies, welcome pollinators, reduce water pollution from runoff, lessen the impacts from climate change and provide opportunities for adults and youth to spend time outdoors. Registration will begin at 1 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. To register, visit [https://bit.ly/sg1\\_reg23](https://bit.ly/sg1_reg23) or contact the Toledo Division of Environmental Services at 419-936-3015.

The program will offer an opportunity for interested faith communities and gardeners to learn more about the National Wildlife Federation's Sacred Grounds certification and for already participating faith communities to educate more of their members about the value of native plants in the landscape.

Visit [nwf.org/sacredgrounds](http://nwf.org/sacredgrounds) and [sacredgroundstoledo.org](http://sacredgroundstoledo.org) for details.

## P.E.R.I. chapter to meet

P.E.R.I. Chapter #93, Lucas County District 1, will meet Thursday, March 23 from 1-2:15 p.m. at The Hungarian Club, of Toledo, 224 Paine Ave. Overflow parking is available at the Birmingham Branch Library, 203 Paine Ave.

Guest speaker Trish Hausknecht,

Metroparks Toledo marketing and event manager, will discuss Metroparks projects, including Glass City Metropark and The Riverwalk. Refreshments will be available, and after a break, any questions regarding O.P.E.R.S. benefits, medical and insurance, Medicare denials and the latest state legislative information will be addressed.

All chapter and P.E.R.I. members, guests and any new O.P.E.R.S. and P.E.R.I. and retirees are welcome.

## Meeting change

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District has changed the scheduled meeting of the board of trustees. The board meeting scheduled for March 16 has been rescheduled to March 23 at 7:30 a.m.

The meetings are held at the district's offices at 12560 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green.

# Obituaries

## Obituary

### Wilbur Frank Hesselbart

February 23, 1927 - March 7, 2023

Wilbur Frank Hesselbart, 96, passed from this life to eternity on March 7, 2023, at Otterbein Pemberville.

He was born on February 23, 1927, to Frank and Anna (Haar) Hesselbart. He graduated from Woodville High School in 1945, and went on to serve in The Army Air Corp. He married Marilyn Clarke in 1950 and she passed in 2012. Together they raised three sons Kevin, Wid (Judie) and Neil.

He was employed at LOF, Riverside Dairy and at Ken's Furniture Store where he worked part-time for 20 years. He retired from Sun Oil after 35 years. Wilbur was very active at the Woodville United Methodist Church, served as Trustee for Kitchen for the Poor, and he was a 25-year member of the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department. He also served on the Portage Valley Retirement Village as President of the Board and as a Trustee. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. He was an avid Falcon Club supporter, selling 50/50 tickets for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn, sister Lucile Smith, and daughter-in-law Kathy.

Visitation and service were held at the Woodville United Methodist Church. Wilbur was laid to rest at Westwood Cemetery, Woodville OH. Marsh & Marsteller Funeral Home in Woodville handled the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to Woodville United Methodist Church or Otterbein Pemberville. If you wish to share your condolences with family, you may do so at

[www.marshfuneralhomes.com](http://www.marshfuneralhomes.com)



## Obituary

### Mary Ellen Buckley

December 8, 1930 - March 14, 2023

Mary Ellen Buckley age 92, of Curtice, Ohio passed from this life Tuesday, March 14, 2023, surrounded by her children. Mary Ellen was born in Pennsylvania to John and Loretta Whalen. She married her husband Jim and together they created what is now the Buckley family. They moved many, many times in their married life, moving to Arizona and Florida and eventually ending up in Ohio.

Mary Ellen was a kind and gentle woman with a very strong will and deep faith in God and prayer. She was an avid seamstress making many beautiful outfits and dresses for her children and grandchildren. Her love was her family, she enjoyed each and every event in their lives, celebrating with her presence and advice so very proud of all their accomplishments. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Timothy (Cheryl) Buckley, Terry (Dee) Buckley, and Tonia (Dennis) Adkins; daughter-in-law Nancy Buckley; grandchildren T.J. (Katie), Scott (Torie), Sean (Brianna), Wesley, Chad (Sarah), Lucas (Amber), Kelsey, Brendan (Ashley) and Brittany Buckley, Justin (Elyse), Jeremiah (Miranda) and Jarrod (Devon) Adkins; great-grandchildren Logan, Tyler, Kyle, and Samantha Buckley, Kinsley and Isabelle Martikan, Brooklyn and Braelynn Adkins; Siblings Loretta Warcholik, Maureen Schmidt, Skip (Rose) Whalen, and Jack Whalen. She was preceded in death by her husband James, son Thomas, and brothers Leo and William Whalen.

A visitation will be held at Freck Funeral Chapel 1155 S Wynn Rd. in Oregon on Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 2 until 8 p.m. A recitation of the rosary will be held at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church 1105 Elliston Rd. Martin, Ohio on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11 a.m. where the family will receive friends one hour prior to service. Burial will follow in Williston Cemetery in Allen Township.

Special and gracious thanks to her hospice nurse Elizabeth, whom Mary Ellen referred to as her special angel. Your care and concern were more than any family could ask for. Memorial contributions are appreciated to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.



## Obituary

### Alice F. Wax

March 5, 1942 - March 11, 2023

Alice F. Wax, 81, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, passed away March 11, 2023, at Elmwood of Fremont, after a long illness. Alice was born in Hodge, Louisiana, on March 5, 1942, the daughter of Emory C. and Johnnie F. (Boyett) Redding and lived there until she met the love of her life, Paul (Bob) R. Wax. They married in Alexandria, LA on February 29, 1964, just prior to Bob's deployment to Vietnam.

Alice and Bob started their life together in the Elmore area where she worked as the librarian, along with her close friend, Jane Nowak, at the grade school. They later moved to Elizabeth, CO, where Alice worked as a secretary for a cattle ranch. A short time later the family moved back to the Oak Harbor area and made it their permanent home.

Alice taught GED evening courses at the local High School and pursued her associate degree in Advocacy and Counseling from Terra Technical College. She enjoyed journalism, and started to write a weekly column for the Port Clinton News Herald about events and happenings in Ottawa County and the surrounding area. She kept busy working as a booking officer for the Lucas County Court System and for Dr. Keith Norwalk, DDS, of Genoa, until her retirement.

Alice had many hobbies and interests, including, cooking delicious meals, many reflecting her Southern heritage, sewing, playing any type of card game, fishing, and dancing to whatever music was playing! She was a self-taught piano player and member of Bethel United Brethren Church in Elmore. Alice will be remembered by her family, friends and acquaintances for her outgoing and dynamic personality.

Alice is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bob, sons, Todd (Sue) Wax, Mark (Julie) Wax, daughter, Joy (Kevin) Bachar, grandchildren, Andrew Wax, Katie (Greg) Harlow, Jacob Thornton, Jared (Morgan) Thornton, Connor Wax, Megan Wax, Lily Bachar, and Olivia Bachar, great-grandchildren, John and Sophia Harlow, and her faithful companion, "Dottie". Her parents, and sisters, Crysta Tritle and Joy Jakubiak preceded her in death.

Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio, handled the arrangements. Those wishing to donate in her memory are asked to consider St. Jude Children's Research Hospitals or the Stein Hospice of Sandusky, Ohio. Online condolences may be shared at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com)



## Obituary

### Martin Glenn "Marty" Cedoz

July 19, 1961 - March 11, 2023

Martin Glenn "Marty" Cedoz has gone to hunt and fish the grounds of heaven.

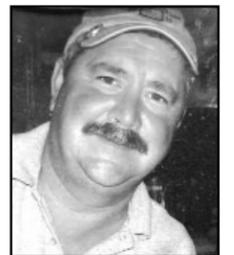
Marty said "I have had a Wonderful Life". On Saturday, March 11, 2023, Marty passed away in the presence of his loving family. From the time Marty was diagnosed with mouth cancer in August of 2021 until his last breath, he lived life as it was meant to be lived. Marty was Operations Manager for the Toledo Branch of Guardian Alarm where he has been employed for 43 years. He loved his Guardian family and was grateful for every opportunity they provided him.

"LIFE'S TOO SHORT" was Marty's motto. He was ready to do anything at any time and his getaway bag was always packed. Marty was everybody's go to guy - he made things happen and he got things done. Marty was happiest spending time with his family, and EVERYBODY was family - friend, co-worker, stranger. When Marty wasn't working, he would be on the nearest golf course, in the woods, at the lake or at the family cabin in Pennsylvania. It just depended on the season.

Marty was born July 19, 1961 in Oregon, Ohio to Glenn Martin Cedoz and Carole Rideout Cedoz. Marty grew up in Millbury and graduated from Lake High School and Penta in 1979 where he golfed and played hockey.

Marty married the love of his life and best friend, Mary "Josie" Bosch on May 14, 1983 and they have three children, Laura Amelia Cedoz, Glenn Martin Cedoz and Alyssa Anne Cedoz. Marty will be remembered as a loving and caring brother to: Jenny (Jon) Rohloff, Beth (Eric) Sheely, Susan Manning, Mike (Wendy) Cedoz, Ron (Mary) Bosch, Kathy (Dan) Barbee, John Blecke, Leeny Blecke, Dennis (Donna) Bosch, Colleen (Dave) Zatko and Raymond Bosch. To others Marty will be remembered as favorite uncle, nephew, cousin, true friend and loyal co-worker. Marty was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Carole, stepfather Wayne Allen, maternal grandparents Ray and Dorothy Rideout, paternal grandparents George and Eleanor Cedoz and sister-in-law Christy Bosch.

The family will receive friends at the Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel 1111 Woodville Road (east of I-280) Friday, March 24, 2023, from 2:00pm - 8:00pm. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 11:00 am in St. Jerome Catholic Church, 300 Warner Street, Walbridge, Ohio, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Toledo Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund 1933 Spielbusch Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 or Christy's Corner Café 368 Rice Street Elmore, Ohio 43416.



**This week in Toledo's past:****Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years****March 19**

1905 - Fights are breaking out among the chorus girls at the Empire Burlesque in Toledo over the popularity of Maude O'Dell, who some girls say is becoming much too popular.

1915 - Five largest bakers in Toledo indicted for violation of anti-trust laws, accused of fixing the wholesale price of bread in the city.

1952 - Toledoan Carl "Bill Bailey" Hankenhof, also known as the man who made the Ukulele famous in America, dies on his yacht in Florida at the age of 66. Hankenhof spent many years as a circus performer and then took up the Ukulele and made it famous in the 1920s with numerous hit songs.

1957 - A dynamite demolition reduces the Ash-Consaul Street Bridge over the Maumee River to rubble as spectators look on.

**March 20**

1874 - Peter Navarre, early frontiersman, pioneer of Toledo and hero of war of 1812, dies at age 89. Navarre lived his final months in an east Toledo hotel.

1919 - A major blaze roars through the C.E. Powers Elevator at Genoa, causing some \$50,000 in damage.

1922 - Failing to report to local hospitals for "treatment" of social diseases, 68 Toledo women are arrested and sent to the Womens' detention home.

1943 - Ceremonies are held in East Toledo as the keel is laid for the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw at Toledo Shipbuilding yards. It would become the largest cutter on the Great Lakes in its 60 years of operation.

1993 - Owens Technical College wins Division II national basketball championship.

**March 21**

1914 - Toledo Police show off their new police vehicle. It's both a car and ambulance. It can travel at speeds of more than 50 mph.

1920 - Strict enforcement underway of



## Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert

a ban on public dances on Sundays in Toledo.

1931- Sinclair Lewis, Nobel prize winning author for literature appears in Toledo at the Valentine Theater but tells reporters he'd rather be home slopping his hogs on his farm in Vermont.

1932 - Dell Hair, Toledo's well-known poet-cop, dies at the age of 60. He penned several poetry books while serving as a Toledo policeman. Hair lived an adventure filled life, and spent years as an Indian fighter in the West.

1959 - The new Presque Isle cargo facility is nearly ready to accept cargo at the recently built terminal and docks.

1973 - Toledo Municipal Court finds manager of Westwood Theater guilty of obscenity for the showing of "Deep Throat."

**March 22**

1911 - Powder house at the American Gypsum quarry at Port Clinton blows up. Six rail cars are destroyed and two workmen are injured.

1933 - The end of prohibition is drawing near. Sale of 3.2 beer is approved. Ralph A. Werneke writes in The Blade that you'll be "able to feel a warm pleasant glow but you won't be able to drink enough of it to get drunk."

1936 - Toledo police tell reporters that the city has become a haven for gangsters and underworld characters and they promise a crackdown.

1973 - Singer John Denver sets off firestorm of criticism in Toledo when he sings the derogatory parody ballad "Saturday Night in Toledo, Ohio" on the Tonight Show.

1979 - Marathon Bowling Center on

Sylvania Avenue in West Toledo is destroyed by powerful explosion and blaze.

**March 23**

1888 - Former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite of Maumee dies at his Washington home of pneumonia.

1896 - First oil discovered in Lucas County in Eastside area known as Momineetown.

1900 - Toledo public school teachers meet and vote overwhelmingly against establishing a pension system. Those opposed to the teachers pension claim it isn't fair for younger teachers.

1906 - Catholic Societies in Toledo petition Mayor Brand Whitlock to close the parks earlier and to add more lighting in the evening because "too much evil" occurs in the parks after dark attracting unsavory and vulgar elements.

1911 - A body of a man, believed to be an oil well driller from Cygnet, is found in Swan Creek. Police say the man had rolls of cash wrapped around both ankles, totaling \$180. They think he was the victim of thugs.

1927 - George Ketcham assembles 200 of the world's best paintings of horses to be displayed in lobby of his Valentine Theater.

**March 24**

1919 - Toledo soldiers arrive back on U.S. soil, returning from the European front of World War I. They arrive at Newport News, Virginia aboard the battleship Vermont. A Toledo welcoming party is there to greet them.

1924 - Toledo police arrest an aging and legless man who had come to town from Los Angeles, pulled in a little red wagon by two goats. His name was "Knuckles." He sold cigars and trinkets to make a living. Police arrest him, putting him and his goats in jail. Unknown as to why.

1975 - Toledo's so called "Bar Wars" continue. A night spot called the "Why Not Club" on South Erie Street is burned in an arson set blaze. It was the latest fire in a string of bar fires allegedly set by rival

"mob" groups.

1984 - The BGSU Hockey team wins the National Hockey Championship at Lake Placid New York defeating Minnesota-Duluth. 5-4 in 3 periods and 4 overtimes.

**March 25**

1836 - Bank of Manhattan formed and opens for business in what is now North Toledo.

1913 - Nineteen people die in Tiffin when the Sandusky River reached record flood levels, causing worst disaster in that town's history.

1923 - News Bee says Toledoans are getting baby alligators from family and friends who have been vacationing in Florida.

1931 - Hollywood actress June MacCloy, a 21-year-old Toledo native and Scott High School graduate, files for divorce from her second husband in Hollywood.

1934 - Future feminist and writer, Gloria Steinem is born in Toledo. She graduates from Waite High School and goes on to become a writer and famous advocate for women's rights.

**Recycling event**

The 2023 Clean Toledo Drop-Off Refuse and Recycling events schedule includes two dates in East Toledo.

On July 1, it will be held at Waite High School, 301 Morrison Dr., and on Oct. 14 at Oakdale Elementary School, 1620 E. Broadway St.

Both events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Acceptable items include electronic waste, including TVs and CRT monitors; up to 10 tires on or off the rim, (excluding commercial tires) document shredding and recycling; bulk items, cardboard, and Styrofoam.

Large appliances and air conditioning units will be accepted as well as latex and oil-based paint.

To download the full schedule visit [toledo.oh.gov/recycling-events](http://toledo.oh.gov/recycling-events).



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## Open borders fosters increased identity theft

By Joe Guzzardi

Nefarious activities of a criminal organization that targeted Texans of Asian descent were exposed last month by The Dallas Morning News.

The Texas Department of Public Safety inadvertently shipped thousands of driver's licenses to a New York-based group with felonious intent that has ties in other states. Department of Public Safety Chief Steve McCraw explained how the identity theft scam worked. The criminal actors fraudulently obtained the licenses, credit card information and other personal data on the dark web. McCraw said that the criminals specifically targeted Asians of various backgrounds to find what he called potential "look-alikes" to match with Chinese nationals who have entered the country illegally. Once in possession of a Texas driver's license, the illegal alien can exchange it for a license issued by the state in which he's residing. At least 3,000 Texans have been affected, and an investigation is ongoing.

The black market for fake documents among Chinese and other illegal aliens who have crossed into the interior since President Biden's inauguration is huge. A staggering number of Chinese migrants have illegally entered the U.S. during fiscal 2022's last three months — a 700 percent increase when compared to the same prior year period. Customs and Border Protection data shows that illegal Chinese migrant encounters have increased each month since February 2021, and 2023 is on pace to surpass the total number caught in 2022's entirety.

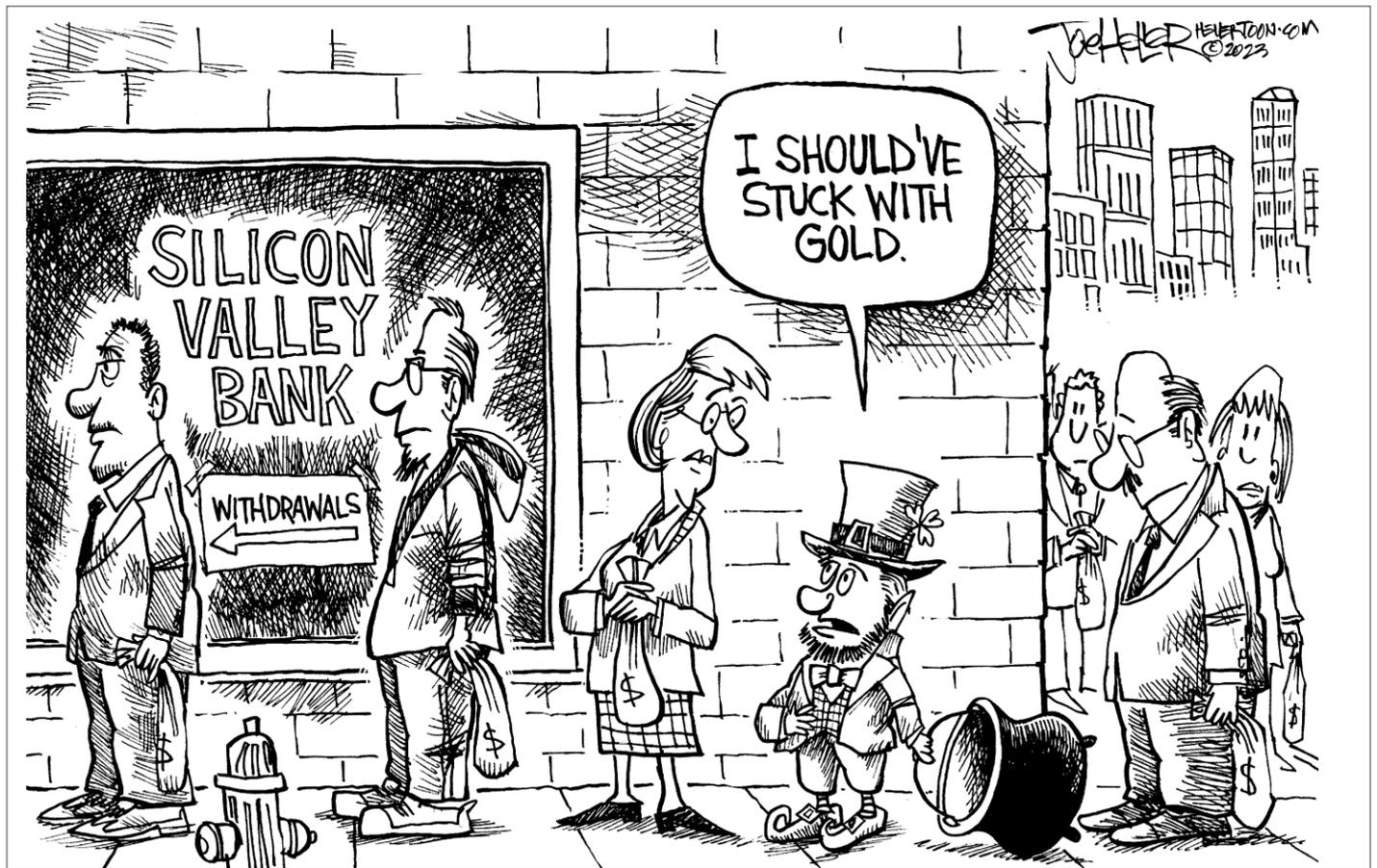
The border crisis is an opportunity for drug smugglers as well as human and sex traffickers. Much less reported, however, is identity theft, a crime that has directly harmed thousands more than the 3,000 targeted Texans. In 2022, during the fourth quarter alone, identity theft and related data breaches victimized 22 million Americans. For the third consecutive quarter, medical identity theft was most prevalent; 14.4 million consumers fell victims. No one is safe. The password manager LastPass disclosed details about a number of hacks it suffered last year when source code and customer vault data were lifted, according to technology and culture publication The Verge. To date, identity theft has cost Americans \$5.8 billion, and fraudulent incidents are up 70 percent since last year.

Despite the skyrocketing identity theft incidents — one every 22 seconds, and up from .3 million reports in 2001 to 5.7 million in 2021 — the federal government will not adopt a simple solution that would protect otherwise vulnerable consumers. Maximum security could be provided in a two-step remedy. First, mandate E-Verify that would, with 99 percent assurance, guarantee that new hires are legally authorized to work in the U.S.; the remaining 1 percent is vulnerable to identity theft, according to an Office of the Inspector General report.

However, the Social Security Administration could close the loophole almost entirely if it would simply notify workers with more than one employer making contributions to their Social Security numbers, and ask them to report if they were not actually working for those employers. For reasons that it refuses to explain, the SSA has a policy of not informing identity theft victims. With 1.2 million "known gotaways" entering the general population over the past two years, identity theft is increasingly likely. Those who have escaped detection, and are therefore not paroled, will become increasingly desperate for jobs, and the fraudulently obtained permission to hold them.

Even though border enforcement and dissuading identity theft could both be easily done, protecting criminals and leaving citizens vulnerable, at the border and in the interior, is a Biden administration hallmark.

Joe Guzzardi is a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist who writes about immigration and related social issues. Joe joined Project for Immigration Reform in 2018 as an analyst after a 10-year career directing media relations for Californians for Population Stabilization, where he also was a Senior Writing Fellow. A native Californian, Joe now lives in Pennsylvania. Contact him at [jguzzardi@pfirdc.org](mailto:jguzzardi@pfirdc.org).



## In the era of legal marijuana, the kids are alright

By Paul Armentano

"What about the children?"

This was arguably the most frequently posed question by critics in the years prior to state-level marijuana legalization. Many legalization opponents presumed that legalizing cannabis for adults would lead to an increase in marijuana use among teens.

But 10 years following the first states' decisions to legalize, data conclusively shows that these fears were unfounded.

For example, recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that the percentage of high schoolers who report having used cannabis over the past 30 days actually fell from 23 percent in 2011 to 16 percent in 2021.

Likewise, the percentage of teens who acknowledge having ever tried cannabis has similarly declined. These downward trends coincide with the period when over 20 U.S. states legalized cannabis use by adults.

Those states have experienced similar declines in underage use. According

to the findings of a 2020 study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, the adoption of state-level legalization laws "predicted a small significant decline in the level of marijuana use among [youth] users."

Another study published in JAMA Pediatrics similarly concluded: "Marijuana use among youth may actually decline after legalization for recreational purposes," since "it is more difficult for teenagers to obtain marijuana as drug dealers are replaced by licensed dispensaries that require proof of age."

In fact, data from California, Colorado, and other legal states confirms that licensed cannabis retailers seldom if ever sell marijuana products to customers who lack proper ID.

Data published last year in the Journal of Safety Research reported that in California, where the adult-use market has been legally regulated since 2016, "there was 100 percent compliance with the ID policy to keep underage patrons from purchasing marijuana directly from licensed

outlets."

In short, states' real-world experience with marijuana legalization affirms that these policies can be implemented in a way that provides regulated access for adults while simultaneously limiting youth access and misuse.

To date, not a single state that has implemented legalization has reversed course.

Ultimately, common sense regulation allowing for the legal, licensed commercial production and sale of cannabis best addresses adult consumers' demand while keeping marijuana products largely out of the hands of young people.

By contrast, the continued criminalization of cannabis only compounds the public safety risks posed to young people and others by the unregulated marketplace.

Paul Armentano is the Deputy Director of NORML (the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws). This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org.

## Let's get broadband project done right

By Britni Cuington

I'm a proud Air Force veteran. But in the service, I had little to no say over the decisions made for myself or my team. I knew that when I left the military, my next job would be a union job.

Now I've worked as a union broadband technician for seven years. I get a voice at work and everything I need to provide the best service on every assignment. And I'm paid a quality wage for the education, training, and skill that I bring to do each job correctly and safely.

However, more and more of my job has become cleaning up the messes of untrained, low-wage contractors.

Telecommunications companies are hiring more and more contractors like these. They're often paid by the job and get no health care or paid leave. That may save money in the short term, but these underpaid, undertrained contractors can leave sites with the work unfinished, or done in an unsafe way.

Companies aren't putting those savings into product quality. Instead, many use those funds to buy back their own stocks, which just benefits wealthy CEOs and investors.

The downside of this scheme is that skilled union workers like me are often called in to clean up the mess. We get the brunt of customers' frustration while we're left with double the work — often at risk of injury, or even death, if the contracted work has not been completed safely.

Fiber lines are often located near gas, sewage, or electrical lines. When contractors fail to properly locate these utilities, or use the wrong tools when navigating underground lines, consequences can range from broken sprinklers to explosions.

In 2021, Congress passed a bipartisan

infrastructure bill that includes \$48 billion to expand access to reliable, affordable, high-speed internet service to all American households. As our country makes this much-needed investment, we need to make sure the job gets done right.

In the past, when companies have received federal funds for broadband deployment, they've often failed to deliver on promises to union workers and customers. These same companies would like to use these new infrastructure funds to hire unqualified contractors at a larger scale.

As a proud member of the Communications Workers of America union and a leader with our Broadband Brigade, my priority is to advocate for public investments to help working families.

That means making sure states use those federal funds to expand high-quality internet access to all and create good, family-sustaining jobs in the process — instead of making rich telecom and Wall Street executives even richer.

The Department of Commerce has taken a crucial first step by issuing guidelines encouraging broadband funding to be spent on projects that create good jobs for trained workers — jobs that are safe, pay a living wage, and protect workers' right to join a union.

Now we need state and local governments to back this guidance by strengthening oversight agencies and setting high labor standards. When awarding contracts, officials could also favor companies that agree to not waste resources on stock buybacks.

The money going to telecom companies for broadband expansion is just a small fraction of federal funds going to private corporations. We should make sure all public investments benefit workers and their communities instead of just enriching those at the top.

Setting robust labor standards for all government contracts and subsidies would ensure that public money supports the public good.

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## American Pickers to film in Northwest Ohio in April

The American Pickers are planning to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout the Northwest Ohio area in April.

“American Pickers” is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking.”

The hit show follows skilled pickers in the business as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are especially excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way.

The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to [americanpickers@cineflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@cineflix.com) or call 646-493-2184

Please note, the Pickers do not pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums or anything open to the public. Visit them on Facebook at @GotAPick.

### Town hall to focus on mental health, suicide

In the past three years, the pandemic has placed many unexpected burdens on families due to isolation, change in family dynamics, as well as changes in work and school schedules. The stigma surrounding mental health is being challenged publicly by professional athletes, entertainers and online influencers.

Two Villages, a local initiative in the Woodmore school district, is joining others in publicly addressing mental health issues at the next Town Hall meeting on Sunday, March 19 from 1:30-3 p.m. at Woodville High School, 633 Fremont St., Elmore.

Since 2010, Two Villages has been hosting community events for the Woodmore community and its neighbors to address a variety of behavioral and cultural issues that put area youths’ wellness at risk.

The March 19 event will bring together expert panelists and community resources who can provide insight and guidance. Panelists will include Ann Huss, Suicide Prevention Specialist and Woodmore community member; Melanie White, executive director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Northwest; and, Peggy Myers, ambassador of the American



Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Toledo Chapter.

The panelists will discuss warning signs of suicide, prevention strategies and how to advocate for others. In addition to the panelist discussion, community resources tables with free information will be available a half hour before and after the meeting. The resources will be provided by Prevention Partnership Coalition, Ottawa County Prevention Coalition, NAMI Northwest, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Toledo Chapter, and Two Villages.

Parents, grandparents, teachers, and leaders of youth activities from Woodmore and surrounding communities are invited to this free event. No registration is required.

For more information, email Jayne Klett at [OurTwoVillages@gmail.com](mailto:OurTwoVillages@gmail.com).

### Bright Futures

Croghan Colonial Bank and the Oak Harbor Police Department are partnering to host a Bright Futures event Wednesday, March 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 SR 163, Oak Harbor.

The event, open to parents and guardians, will include discussions about drug awareness, financial responsibility and peer pressure. In addition, attendees will gain tools to help them speak openly to their children about these topics.

A kids’ craft area and light refreshments will be available.

Event speakers will include a recovering addict who will share her story; Oak Harbor Police Sgt. Justin Smith, who will discuss social media’s effect on peer pressure; and Croghan employees Ashley Hansen and Taylor Keister, who will share financial information.

The event is free, but preregistration is encouraged. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/CroghanColonial](https://www.facebook.com/CroghanColonial).

### OregonFest returning

Dustin Road will once again be filled with the familiar sights and sounds of OregonFest on May 21 from noon-6 p.m.

The theme for this year’s event is “Bringing History to Life,” which will be brought to life with the help of Grand Parade marshals from the Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society.

In addition to the parade, OregonFest will feature a Kids’ Area, Quality of Life Tent, food trucks, contests, a plant exchange, shopping with local vendors, a car show sponsored by Dunn Chevrolet Buick with Toledo HotRodders and more.



The American Pickers are planning to film episodes of The History Channel’s hit TV show in April. (Submitted photo)

Vendor, sponsor, parade and food truck entries are now being accepted.

### Volunteers needed

OregonFest is a community organization which relies on donations from area businesses, and the hard work of volunteers dedicated to enriching their community. “We have tons of spots and can accommodate all abilities and schedules,” said Cassie Tinta, OregonFest chairperson. “With your help, our community will be able to return together again in celebration of everything we love about our city and enjoy our favorite fest traditions.”

Sign up online at [OregonfestOH.com](http://OregonfestOH.com), follow on Facebook at @OregonfestOH or email [oregonfest43616@gmail.com](mailto:oregonfest43616@gmail.com).

### Dining with Diabetes

The Wood County Extension Office will conduct a Dining with Diabetes series in April.

The program open to anyone with concerns about diabetes or interested in controlling blood sugar, and their family members, friends, caregivers or other support persons.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays April 4, 11 and 25 and May 2 from 5-7 p.m. in the Wood County Extension office, 639 S. Dunbridge Rd., Suite 1, Bowling Green.

Classes will address how to incorporate healthy cooking techniques and other practices into their own kitchens to help manage their blood glucose through live cooking demos and discussions with a registered dietitian and certified diabetes care and education specialist.

Classes are free for Wood County residents, however seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. For residents outside of Wood County, there is a \$40 per person registration fee.

Register with Shannon Smith by calling 419-819-3078 or email [smith.11604@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11604@osu.edu).

### Easter Egg Hunt set

St. Peter’s United Church of Christ,

Main and Cherry streets, Millbury, will hold an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 1 from 1-3 p.m. In the event of rain, the Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 8.

### Path Finder helps kids after loss

Building 42 years of bereavement expertise and care, Hospice of Northwest Ohio will host its second annual Path Finders children’s grief camp in July.

The four-day camp will be held at Camp Miakonda in Toledo, and will provide opportunities for grieving kids to interact with others who have experienced similar losses – in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

Campers, grouped by age, will be led by licensed counselors/social workers and trained volunteers. Camp activities are designed to allow campers to honor the memory of the person who died, normalize feelings, learn coping skills and participate in fun, outdoor games and activities.

### Focus on the future

Campers may be grieving sudden, tragic losses such as suicide, car accidents or drug overdoses or illnesses such as cancer, COVID or other chronic conditions.

The camp focuses on moving children forward in their grief and helping them adapt to life after loss. Without effective interventions, grief can cause emotional and physical distress that not only affects the individual, but also impacts their family, friends and future careers. Healthy grief allows individuals to be productive and contributing members of the community.

Path Finders Camp sponsors include Key Bank, Trustee for the Terhune Fund and Yark Subaru, Share the Love Event.

Volunteers are needed to help assure this experience is successful and meaningful for all who attend. No special skills are required.

Learn more and apply online at [hospicenwo.org](http://hospicenwo.org), email [pathfinderscamp@hospicenwo.org](mailto:pathfinderscamp@hospicenwo.org) or call 419-931-5623.

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# Komminsk Family Kodiak Ridge exhibit opens at Toledo Zoo

The Toledo Zoo officially opened the new Komminsk Family Kodiak Ridge on March 16.

The new home for the Zoo's grizzly and Kodiak brown bears officially opened to the public following a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the bear exhibit, located by Tiger Terrace.

Cody, Montana, and Dodge are the three bears who get to call the exhibit their new home. Born in January 2015 in Yellowstone Park, Cody and Montana are Grizzly bear sisters who came to live at the Zoo at just 6 months old as orphaned cubs. Rounding out the bear trio is Dodge, a Kodiak Brown bear born on Kodiak Island in Alaska.

This latest addition to the Zoo's world-renowned facility provides a unique opportunity for visitors to observe, interact and learn about these magnificent animals. Encompassing more than 14,000 square feet, the expansive exhibit has been extended to give the Zoo's three bears more room to roam – and visitors more opportunities to get up close from two viewing areas.

Featuring a 5,000-gallon pool for

the bears to enjoy, the Komminsk Family Kodiak Ridge also includes a 130-square-foot cave for them to nap in, complete with a viewing window for the visitors.

Also built into the exhibit is a smelling log, which allows visitors to crawl inside and come face to face with the bears like they've never seen them before.

A dedicated dig area for the bears is mirrored with a public sandbox on the opposite side of the exhibit, providing the perfect opportunity for the bears and kids to dig and play "together."

"We are thrilled to open the Komminsk Family Kodiak Ridge to give our three bears more space to thrive and have plenty of opportunities to exhibit natural behaviors, like foraging and climbing," said Michael Frushour, curator of mammals for the Toledo Zoo. "It's a wonderful addition to our Zoo, and we are excited to be able to provide our guests with this unique, up-close experience."

For more information about the exhibit and the Zoo's brown bears, visit [toledozoo.org/kodiakridge](http://toledozoo.org/kodiakridge).



A trio of bears, including Dodge, a Kodiak (pictured), and grizzlies Cody and Montana, will call the Toledo Zoo's new Komminsk Family Kodiak Ridge exhibit home. (Toledo Zoo photo)

# Kids invited to annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll April 8



Kids enjoy egg games at the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll. This year's event will be held Saturday, April 8. (Submitted photo)

Kids are invited to an afternoon of fun and egg-citement on Saturday, April 8, at the annual Hayes Easter Egg Roll, which replicates the White House Easter Egg Roll that Rutherford B. Hayes started when he was president.

The egg roll will be held from noon-2 p.m., and 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. These are the same games played at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.

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

The Easter Bunny will make an ap-

pearance and be available to take photos with event participants.

The Egg Roll is sponsored by Root's Poultry and Welly's Horseradish. Partial funding is provided by Croghan Colonial Bank – Croghan Cares.

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

President Hayes started the first White House egg roll during his administration. Before that, kids played egg games on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol building on Easter Monday. Congress, however, banned the event because of the mess, so Hayes allowed it to be moved to the White House.

For information, call 419-332-2081 or visit [rbhayes.org](http://rbhayes.org). Like HPLM on Facebook at [@rbhayespres](https://www.facebook.com/rbhayespres) and follow on Twitter and Instagram at [@rbhayespres](https://www.instagram.com/rbhayespres) for updates on this and other events.

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# Forecasting the weather and economic collapse

Bad news for Boomers and seniors is in no short supply right now.

Just a quick scan of the headlines is enough to drive any of us into a panic if we're not careful. With so many doomsday "experts" competing to scare you into clicking on their video or article, it pays to have a clear outlook during such unclear times.

Imagine for a moment that you're tasked with instructing others how to select a wardrobe. Given the regularity of the seasons, you could do pretty well suggesting a mix of warm clothes for winter and cool clothes for summer. However, naming the exact day when a 70-degree day interrupts the 40-degree days of early spring would prove very difficult.

If you spend much time on the internet, you may have received an invitation to watch any number of doom-and-gloom economic videos. The latest video to resurface features a so-called economic expert predicting inevitable economic collapse, due to numerous "cracks in the foundation" of our economy. There are many well-presented data points that will scare the life out of you as an investor. The takeaway at the end of the 50+ minute video is to subscribe to his investment newsletter. No solutions are provided in the video to actually protect yourself from the inevitable collapse he describes – there's just a pitch to invest in his newsletter that may or may not provide you with the solutions you seek. I find this to be equal parts of being bit disingenuous and brilliant marketing.

Now, as for this expert's predictions, he's been right (and wrong) before and will be right (and wrong) again...at some point. Consider this – you too can build a paid subscription investing service and book-writing business on just one simple premise: the market is going to decline. It will decline more than 20% and you'd be best to get out and protect yourself now.

Since the market does these things over and over and over, you'll eventually be right and those seeking affirmation of their fears will flock to you and call you a



## Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufr

sage. It's called confirmation bias. Attach some great credentials to your predictions and you'll have a money-making machine.

On a similar note, I once asked a large money manager (billions under management) what he thought of gold's role as an investment. He said, and I paraphrase, "Gold only becomes a viable investment in a catastrophic collapse scenario and that is beyond the scope of what we can and should plan for as a money manager."

I thought that was a fair response. While I'm tempted to think of catastrophic scenarios that might upend everything we know economically, I'm continually surprised by the resiliency of our economy. Was oil supposed to go down to a fraction of its previous value? No, because energy is a scarce resource. Then some smart people discovered fracking and shale oil and then a pandemic hit. Suddenly, the seemingly inevitable trend in oil prices is shattered, while we all stand and gasp in amazement. Did the expert in the video also predict this?

All that said, having a safety net in place, delivering consistent retirement income, allows for long-term risk taking. Also, there is great wisdom in owning some gold for insurance purposes against a currency crisis. How much gold should you own? The answer lies in how bad you think the collapse will be. But as with all insurance, hope that you never reap the benefits of that insurance policy. Translate: hope that your gold investment is not a good one. How much food should you store as insurance against the possibility of our food delivery system grinding to a halt? Again, your guess is as good as anybody else's.

When we build a retirement plan, we have to plan for all weather conditions,

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all seasons. When the stock market drops, your guaranteed income plan delivers consistently high levels of income, without hesitation. When the stock market rises during seasons of prosperity, you'll benefit from growth through rises in valuations – allowing you to fight the forces of inflation. When life deals you an unfair hand and your health suffers, your long-term care strategy will provide you with much-deserved dignity and access to the care you need.

Doom-and-gloom soothsayers will always have a place in our world. They provide valuable insights and reminders to seek reasonable and prudent protection during the winter seasons that always come. But when spring breaks and the sun comes out, you'll wish you'd built a wardrobe that allows you to take in the sun and enjoy the warmth.

You have the ability to build an all-season retirement plan; it just takes some perspective and planning. Recessions come and they go, as with winter and summer. Plan, then adapt, and you'll do your very best to prosper in spite of the stormy weather that we're experiencing.

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## Wood Co. Committee on Aging joins March for Meals celebration

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) is participating in the 21st annual March for Meals – a month-long, nationwide celebration of Meals on Wheels and senior neighbors who rely on the vital service to remain healthy and independent at home.

WCCOA's celebration will include a special Community Champion's Week from Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24, during which WCCOA will invite local elected officials to join experienced volunteers on their meal delivery routes to see the service in action.

This year's March for Meals celebration comes at a time when the requests for home-delivered meals continue to increase; more older adults need these meals than prior to the pandemic. "Food costs and operational expenses are soaring," said Angie Bradford, director of food service at WCCOA. "Together we can keep our homebound neighbors feeling safe, well-nourished, and more connected to our community as they age."

WCCOA has been delivering meals to homebound Wood County older adults through their Home-Delivered Meal Program since 1981. Currently, WCCOA is providing hot, nutritious meals to more than 900 older adults each weekday.

The annual March for Meals celebration commemorates the historic day in March of 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older.

For information on WCCOA programs and services, call 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or visit [wcco.net](http://wcco.net).

## Your wedding timeline guide

Wedding planning involves many movable pieces that ultimately need to come together on the big day. Planning is typically a months-long process, and adhering to certain monthly benchmarks can help couples stay the course.

Brides magazine offers that the perfect engagement period is 12 to 14 months, which affords ample time to get organized and work with vendors. With that in mind, here's a 12-month timeline for couples getting ready to say "I do."

### 12 months out

At the start of the planning process, establish your budget, hire a wedding planner (optional), choose the wedding party, pick a date, and start to assemble a cursory guest list. This also is a great time to begin touring venues to get a feel for potential ceremony and reception locales.

### 11 months out

Now is the time to get a firm handle on the theme and scope of the wedding. Start picking wedding colors and overall design. Also, interview and hire vendors, such as photographers, bands and videographers. These vendors tend to book up quickly as wedding season draws near, so it's never too early to book them.

### 10 months out

This is a good time to start shopping for a wedding gown because it might take some trial and error to find the perfect dress. You also can start shopping for wedding party attire at this time. Check with formalwear vendors to see how long it will take for the gowns to arrive in the shop for alterations. If you haven't already done so, be sure to book the wedding venue.

### 8 months out

Reception halls may have their own schedules, but you should think about setting your menu at this time, including deciding if you will host a seated dinner, a buffet or something else.

Eight months out also is a good time to finalize the guest list and send save-the-date cards. This also is a good time to visit stores to create registry gift lists.

### 6 months out

Meet with potential florists and other vendors, like transportation companies and hotels, to secure these arrangements. Your place of worship also may require certain classes or preparatory meetings, so be sure to inquire about these.

Meet with a makeup and hair stylist and book a trial. Choose attire for groomsmen and give them a deadline for fittings and orders. If you will not be getting married in a place of worship, hire an officiant at this time.

### 4 months out

Grooms traditionally arrange the honeymoon, so this is a fine time to get those travel plans in order. If you need passports, you should secure them as early as possible, and no later than four months prior to the wedding to ensure processing times. Book cake tastings and order the cake if it is not part of the venue food and beverage package. If you haven't already done so, the bride should have an initial gown fitting, and wedding invitations should be ordered at this time.

### 2 months out

Secure your wedding license and buy wedding party gifts. Address and mail the wedding invitations. Undergo a second gown fitting and work with the seamstress for the final fitting date just before the wedding. Finalize any song selections with the DJ or band.

The final details will occur in the last weeks before the wedding. Buy all the small accessories and items, undergo final fittings and check in with all vendors for final payments and to ensure they are on schedule. Notify the reception hall of the final guest count.

Once the wedding day arrives, couples who have done their best to stay on schedule can relax and have a great time with family and friends.

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# Senior Resources fighting hunger and isolation

Ottawa County Senior Resources will participate in the 21st Annual March for Meals, the nationwide celebration of Meals on Wheels programs held each year in March.

During its Community Champions Week, March 20-24, Senior Resources invites community members and local dignitaries from across the county to join the agency's Senior Nutrition Program staff of packers, drivers and senior center staff to support the mission to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve the health of our seniors in Ottawa County.

"With each passing year the demand for senior services in Ottawa County continues to increase," said Dianne Martin Mortensen, Senior Resources director. "We are so appreciative of the ongoing support we receive from our county agencies and businesses and look forward to working with these community groups to face the challenges ahead as we provide those in need of our vital lifeline."

To join Senior Resources during March for Meals and witness the daily impact of this program on the seniors of Ottawa County, or for more information about the many programs offered by Senior Resources, call 419-898-6459 or visit [co.ottawa.oh.us/328/Senior-Resources](http://co.ottawa.oh.us/328/Senior-Resources).

### Tax Prep Vouchers

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the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners are teaming up with tax preparers in Ottawa County to offer a tax prep voucher program for the 2022 tax season aimed at those seniors (60 years of age and older) who qualify.

Eligibility for these vouchers includes reported income status, residence in Ottawa County and willingness to use selected tax preparers.

The tax prep voucher pilot program is first-come, first-served and a limited number of vouchers are available. Vouchers will pay up to \$100 per return and is limited to one voucher per senior citizen registered taxpayer.

This voucher is not meant to cover the full cost of a tax return, but is geared towards assisting those most in need with their tax return preparations.

For more information or to see if you qualify, contact Ottawa County Senior Resources at 419-898-6459.

### Senior Helping Hands

Great Lakes Community Action Partner-

ship is again taking applications for the Senior Helping Hands program.

The purpose of the program is to address minor health and safety-related issues in the house that may prevent a senior from receiving other services. The goal is to help seniors remain in their homes and live independently and safely.

To qualify, applicants must be at least 60 years old, reside in Sandusky County, and be a homeowner occupying the home. Income qualifications apply.

For more information or to apply for the program, call Bryan Adams at 419-332-8499.

### Ladies' Night Out

The East Toledo Senior Center will hold a Ladies' Night Out Friday, May 12 from 6-10 p.m.

The cost is \$20, which includes food, four drink tickets, a photo booth and more. There will also be vendors, raffles and a live auction. Attendees must be 21 and older. For tickets or more information, call 419-691-2254.

Vendors are still being added to the event. There is no cost for space, however, a \$25 package of goods/services is required for the auction. Call Brenda Holdren at 419-691-2254 to learn more.

All proceeds raised will benefit the East Toledo Senior Center to help provide much-needed programs and services to senior citizens.

### Senior softball signup

The East Toledo Senior Center is taking registrations for its 2023 Senior Softball Leagues. All individuals ages 48 and over are eligible to play in the ETSC Senior Leagues. There are two leagues - 48 and over and 56 and over.

The registration fees are \$65 for the 48+ league and the 56+ league. Those who are 56 and over may play on both leagues for \$95.

Games are played on Monday (56+) and Wednesday (48+) evenings at Navarre Park.

Interested players may call Brenda at 419-691-2254.

### Free shoulder screening

Free shoulder screenings will be offered Friday, March 31 from 1-3 p.m. at the Magruder Hospital Orthopedic Clinic.

The screening will include an x-ray, consultation with an orthopedic nurse practitioners or orthopedic surgeon and a chance to meet with a physical therapist and have other questions answered about post-surgical needs participants might have.

The Magruder Orthopedic Clinic is located at 611 Fulton St., Suite G, Port Clinton, Suite G. Appointments for this screening are required and may be made by calling 419-732-4061.



## Genoa Retirement Village resident celebrates 100 years

Genoa Retirement Village honored assisted living resident Ned Ammons as he turned 100 years old on March 1. Ammons, was surrounded by his wife, two brothers, his three children and a number of other family members and friends as he blew out the candles.

Highlights of the celebration include yard decorations and a heartfelt toast by Ammons' daughter, Linda, who highlighted how the centenarian has been a rock for their family throughout the years.

In honor of his "big birthday," Ammons received a proclamation from the Ottawa County Commissioners, and a certificate of achievement from Ottawa County Senior Resources. He also received in the mail a letter from President Biden wishing him a happy birthday.

Ammons is one of nine children - seven boys and two girls. He and his wife, Ruth, have been living at Genoa Retirement Village since October 2022.

The couple, who have three children, six grandchildren and many great-grands, will be observing another big milestone this month as they celebrate 79 years of marriage on March 26.

Ned Ammons (left) blows out the candles at his 100th birthday celebration, held March 1 at Genoa Retirement Village, where Ammons and his wife, Ruth, (right) reside. The couple will celebrate 79 years of marriage on March 21. (Submitted photo)





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# 2023 Alzheimer's 'Facts and Figures' report released

By Pamela J. Myers, MAOM, BSN, RN

The Alzheimer's Association 2023 "Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report finds a shortage looming for health care specialists and direct dementia care workers in Ohio and across the country. The shortage of dementia care specialists could soon become a crisis for Alzheimer's disease care.

According to the Ohio Department of Aging, Ohio has 2.5 million residents over the age of 60, and our 60-plus population is growing more than 20 times faster than our overall population. As the older population expands, so too will the numbers of those living with dementia. Unfortunately, there are not currently enough trained dementia specialists and direct care workers to support those living with Alzheimer's, and we must address this issue now to be in a position to support the increased numbers of families who will need dementia care.

According to the 2023 "Facts and Figures Report," direct care workers – including nurse aides, nursing assistants, home health aides and personal care aides – play a vital role in caring for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementia in private homes, community-based settings like adult day services, and residential care and skilled nursing homes. More new direct care workers are needed now than in any other single occupation in the United States.

In addition, the immediate need for specialists, such as geriatricians and neurologists that are necessary to care for the aging Ohio population, remains a major challenge. An estimated 250,000 individuals in Ohio are projected to have Alzheimer's by 2025. In Ohio, there were only 163 geriatricians in 2021 and by 2050 that number will need to increase to 537 (229.4%) to meet



A new Alzheimer's Association report predicts a looming shortage of health care specialists and direct dementia care workers in Ohio and across the country. (Submitted photo)

the care demands of 10 percent of the projected number of Ohioans age 65 and older with the disease.

The annual "Facts and Figures" report also provides an in-depth look at the latest national and state-by-state statistics on Alzheimer's disease prevalence, mortality, caregiving, dementia care workforce and

costs of care. An accompanying special report, "The Patient Journey in an Era of New Treatments," offers new insights from patients and primary care physicians (PCPs) on current barriers that impede earlier discussion of cognitive concerns. Focus groups reveal many people with subjective cognitive decline (self-reported

memory concerns) do not discuss cognitive symptoms with their health care providers. Previous special reports have indicated many people believe their experiences are related to normal aging, rather than a potential diagnosable medical condition. In addition to reluctance from individuals, the report revealed PCPs also are not proactively asking their patients about cognitive issues. PCPs hesitate to initiate conversations about cognitive decline and will wait until family members bring it to their attention.

This special report is timely and reflects the need for a dedicated statewide public awareness campaign in Ohio that will empower individuals and primary care physicians to better identify and address cognitive decline and Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's Association is encouraging the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) to create and administer outreach programs aimed to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia (ADOD) to healthcare professionals and Ohio residents.

Full text of the 2023 "Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report, including the accompanying special report, "The Patient Journey in an Era of New Treatments" can be viewed at [alz.org/facts](http://alz.org/facts).

Pamela J. Myers is Program Director for Alzheimer's Association Northwest and Central Ohio Chapters.

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# Nursing Home Quality & Accountability Task Force launched

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine on Feb. 24 signed Executive Order 2023-06D, officially creating the Ohio Governor's Nursing Home Quality and Accountability Task Force.

During his 2023 State of the State Address, DeWine announced his plan to form the task force to study issues surrounding quality of life and quality of care in Ohio's nursing homes. He also announced during his address that the group would be tasked with completing their work on an expedited timeline. In keeping with this directive, the task force is traveling to communities across the state between now and May to hear directly from nursing home residents and their loved ones about their experiences and issue a report of their findings.

"I promised that this task force would move quickly because we can't afford to wait," DeWine said. "While many of our state's nursing homes are very good, others are not meeting the standards we expect for those caring for our older loved ones. All too often, we hear of preventable tragedies

occurring – medication errors, failure to provide care, poor infection prevention and control, and sometimes even elder abuse."

Ohio ranked 39th in the most recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services overall Quality Star Ratings, which scores all Medicare/Medicaid-funded nursing facilities between one (much below average) and five (much above average) stars on a variety of categories, including overall quality. Ohio's average overall nursing home quality currently ranks in the bottom quartile of all states.

Additionally, many of the state's nursing facilities are inconsistent in their compliance with standards of care, being forced to correct the same deficiencies repeatedly. "This is not acceptable in Ohio," DeWine added. "We need to take action."

Ursel J. McElroy, director of the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is chairing the task force.

"It is my honor to be chosen by Gov. DeWine to lead this effort. He has made it

crystal clear that excellence needs to be the expectation for all of Ohio's nursing facilities. And so, this task force will work quickly and collaboratively toward accomplishing this goal," McElroy said. "We are going to put people first in everything we do. Nursing home residents, their caregivers, family members and friends will be at the forefront of this conversation from day one, because no voices are more valuable in this discussion than those of the people living it every day."

Joining the task force will be a wide range of individuals representing the expansive voices of this community, including representatives of those with lived experience, family caregivers, nursing home administrators, and state regulators.

In addition to the community listening sessions, the task force will hold regular meetings to discuss public input and formulate recommendations on how to improve quality of care and quality of life in all Ohio nursing homes.

Locally, a listening session will be held Tuesday, March 28 from 2-4 p.m. at the Wood County Senior Center, 140 S. Grove St., Bowling Green. Register at [surveymonkey.com/r/NHTaskForce](http://surveymonkey.com/r/NHTaskForce).

The full schedule of events is available online at [aging.ohio.gov/nhtaskforce](http://aging.ohio.gov/nhtaskforce). Ohioans who are not able to attend the in-person events but who would still like to make their voices heard will be able to provide their insights on the task force webpage.

"We want to provide every avenue possible for Ohioans to share their stories, because the more that people participate, the more of an impact we will be able to make," McElroy said. "Gaining a full picture of what residents are experiencing will enable us to deliver a comprehensive report to the Governor with actionable steps we can take to improve the quality of our nursing homes, as we work to achieve our overarching vision of making Ohio the best place to age in the nation."

## Crime Prevention Corner

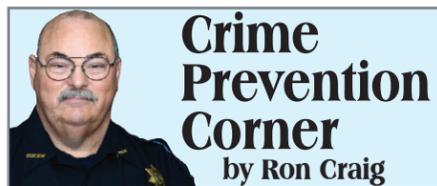
# Beware of tax-time scams; do homework when finding a preparer

Tax season is once again upon us, and time for me to remind everyone about the numerous tax scams that are flourishing out there.

There are different types of tax scams, but one of the most dangerous is one that scammers use to get your personal information that can lead to your bank accounts being cleaned out.

You may receive an email or a text or see something online advertising a tax preparation service that is willing to file your taxes for a very low fee or no fee at all. This should serve as a red flag.

It is natural for a legitimate tax preparer to ask you for your name, Social Security number and date of birth. It also makes sense to give that tax preparer your bank name, bank account number and routing number for that bank so the Internal Revenue Service can make a direct deposit



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by Ron Craig

of your refund or to make a payment to the IRS, if that is necessary.

All that personal information is financially lethal in the hands of scammers.

One type of scam is one in which someone offers computer software that makes filing your taxes very simple. Instead of sending your information to the IRS, the software is actually sending it to a scammer.

### Do a little homework

Also note: Be wary of tax preparers who may not know what they are doing,

You may or may not worry about this type of person taking your personal information and doing unscrupulous things with it, but you do have to worry about them getting you in trouble with the IRS.

For example, they may tell you some expenses you incur are tax deductible when they are actually not. This may lead you into an audit by the IRS. Ask anyone who has been audited by the IRS and they will tell you it is no fun. And once you have been audited, your chances of having to undergo another one is much greater.

You can avoid these scams by doing a bit of homework.

If it is your first time with any tax preparer, take a few minutes to check them out. Ask friends and family who they have used in the past and if they felt comfortable dealing with them.

Find out how long that tax preparer

has been in business and if they have done business in any other locations.

Just because a tax preparer works for a tax service, it does not automatically mean he or she has a full knowledge of the tax codes.

You can also check with the Better Business Bureau to see if others have had issues with a certain tax preparer.

You can avoid many of the problems I have outlined above by dealing with a well-established local tax preparer who has a good reputation in the community.

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State wrestling tournament

# Medina, Contos come up just short in quest for title

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Clay senior Micah Medina and Waite sophomore Phoenix Contos came so close to reaching the wrestling summit, but coming in at second place at the state tournament is nothing to be disappointed about, especially in Division I.

Medina, wrestling at 120 pounds, won three straight matches before falling by technical fall, 21-6, to Perrysburg's Marcus Blaze in the finals. The loss was preceded by a pin in 4:48 over Mentor's Jack DeBoe, and two wins – one by a margin of 4-2 (over Massillon Perry's Liston Seibert) and the other by a margin of 4-3 (over West Clermont's Gael Ramirez).

It's been a tough season for Medina, who has had to battle injuries.

"He had shoulder issues, and his first competition was the Maumee Bay Classic, a tournament we hold. He didn't place there," said Clay coach Justin Wharton. "To overcome all those things and to stay committed to the process and work hard is impressive. It was really cool to see how that played out for him.

"He wrestled on Sunday night with a shot to win a state title," Wharton said.

Medina talked about the experience. "Confidence is the most important thing," he said. "I don't have the greatest technique or best endurance, but I make myself believe that no one can beat me, and no one can beat me and go six minutes with me, and no one is tougher than me."

Medina, a two-time state placer and a four-team league champion, discussed dealing with the shoulder injury.

"Not doing anything was the hardest thing I've ever done. It wasn't easy getting back into wrestling, either," he said. "Watching kids that I've grown up wrestling while I sat back was super hard and there were a lot of nights crying and wondering if I'd wrestle again."

His teammate, freshman Garrison Weisner, came in fourth at 113. He pinned his first opponent, Teams Valley's Gunner Havens, in three minutes before falling to Massillon Perry's Mason Rohr, 7-1, in the second round. But Weisner recovered to win three straight matches in the consolation bracket before falling to Rohr, 7-2, in the third-place match.

"For Garrison, a freshman, to go to Columbus and with 15,000 people watching, to perform at the level that he did, it was super impressive," Wharton said. "He is someone that has had a lot of success, but he had a low moment when he didn't place



Waite sophomore Phoenix Contos (above) came in second place at the state tournament while Clay's Micah Medina (below) won three straight matches before falling by a technical fall. (Press photos by Richard Wagner)



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at the Brecksville Tournament earlier in the season. For him to overcome the feeling of not having success and needing to fix certain things is super impressive."

Contos won his first three matches before falling, 7-2, to Perrysburg's Ryan Avalos in the finals. Avalos pinned his first three opponents before beating Contos. Contos pinned Marion Harding's David Backus in 3:39 in the first round, beat Miamisburg's Jayden Cochran, 8-3, in the second round and edged 1-0 Massillon Perry's Austin McBurney in the semifinals.

"In the semifinal match in the third period, I rode (McBurney) out for the entire period. That takes some mental toughness and physical toughness, for sure," said Contos. "Both of us were tired. I looked at my dad before the third period and he said, 'Do you want this?' It was not easy, but I wanted to get to that point, for sure."

Despite an incredible performance, Contos was not terribly pleased with the results.

"Second is pretty good, but I don't think it's what I wanted. I wanted first place. In my eyes, it's not where I wanted to be," said Contos. "Finishing second makes me want to basically throw the medal away. It makes me sick to my stomach. I know I've put in more work than anyone in the state. I have to come back 10 times harder. I better finish first. I know I can finish first, that's my mentality. I have to push the pace a little bit harder, and I think I'll get the job done."

Contos' Teammate Austin Smith competed at the meet but lost his two matches.

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Top photo, Oak Harbor senior Hayden Buhro finished third at 165 pounds in Division III at the state tournament. Bottom photo, Genoa had three wrestlers compete in Columbus, with Scott Fuller finishing third at 106. (Press photos by Richard Wagner)

## Rockets, Comets fare well at state wrestling tournament

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It's been quite a run for Hayden Buhro. The Oak Harbor senior has had tremendous success in track and field, football and now wrestling.

He just finished third at 165 pounds in Division III at the state tournament, winning four matches – three of them by a combined score of 9-5.

Buhro defeated Wayne Trace's Sam Moore, 9-5, in the first round, held off Westfall's Gage Bolt, 3-2, in the second round before getting pinned by Rootstown's Cody Coontz in 5:53. But Buhro recovered to beat Defiance Tinora's Dalton Wolfrum, 3-1, and edged Lakota's Braxton Quaintance, 3-2, in the third-place match.

Teammate Owen Miller (138) finished fourth, but only after winning four consecutive matches following a loss in the first round. Miller was pinned in 2:59 by Greenview's Ashtan Hendricks, moving Miller to the consolation bracket. But he won in the next four matches, winning by a combined score of 16-5 before falling to Xenia Legacy Christian's Brayden Brown by major decision, 9-1.

Oak Harbor coach George Bergman talked about the duo's success.

"They both wrestled well. Finishing in the top four is quite an honor," he said. "It was the third time at state for both of them."

"Owen had to win two in a row to place, and that showed a lot of character on his part. He had fallen just short of placing the last two years. Hayden was very consistent. He didn't get to wrestle last year (at state) because of a skin condition. He beat the Lakota kid (Braxton Quaintance) for the fifth straight time. One mistake and you probably get beat and don't finish third."

Bodee Miller (113) competed at the tournament but lost his two matches.

This past season was the final one for the Rockets in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Having coached at Oak Harbor

for over three decades, Bergman was honored before the conference tournament.

"It was a total surprise. What a class act," Bergman said. "There are so many great people – coaches, supporters, athletic directors, principals in the SBC. There's great tradition. I'm going to miss competing in the SBC. It's been an honor to be able to compete in that conference."

Genoa had three wrestlers compete in Columbus, with Scott Fuller finishing third at 106. Mikey Soto (120) and Ethan Crawford (215) both lost their first two matches.

Fuller began his day by defeating West Union's Ethan Cantrell by technical fall, 15-0, in the first round. Fuller then lost, 7-4, to Mentor Lake Catholic's Parker Pikor in the second round and responded by winning four straight matches.

"Scotty wrestled well," said Genoa coach Bob Bergman. "To be all-state as a freshman is quite an honor. He joins elite company as only four freshmen have accomplished that feat in our program's history."

Bergman was happy to see Soto and Crawford get some experience on the grand stage.

"It was awesome to have Mikey get some experience on the mat at the state tournament. He scored lots of points in his matches and continues to improve," Bergman said. "He is a spark plug for us and can be a dominant force next season."

"I'm really happy for Ethan and his performance at state. He had a challenging draw but made the most of the opportunity and gained valuable experience. I am impressed with his maturity."

Bergman said the Comets are aiming to take another step forward next season.

"We are still a young bunch and will only lose one starter. We will return a state placer, three state wrestlers and seven district qualifiers with 10 experienced freshmen coming in," he said. "The best is yet to come."



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This season the Cardinal Stritch Cardinals advanced to the Division III semifinals. Pictured is Stritch's Breon Hicks. (Photo by Scott Grau)

# Cardinals' magical run ends in the regional semis

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Despite having their season end before they were hoping to, the Cardinal Stritch basketball team can take pride in a tournament run that saw the Cardinals win a district title and advance to the Division III regional semifinals before falling to perennial power Ottawa-Glandorf, 62-43.

It was the culmination of another fine season for Stritch, which won 22 games, not to mention some marquee wins that will give Sedron Harris' group some special memories. The Cardinals defeated Margaretta and Huron to win a district title, and rallied to beat Emmanuel Christian, the sixth-ranked team in Division III, in a thriller at home.

"Our first game was at a college, Lourdes University, and ended on a college court at Bowling Green State University. We beat the No. 6 team in the state and lost to the No. 1 team (in the tournament). We played six regional semifinal teams and were 4-2. We played five teams that have Division I college basketball players and came out with a 3-2 record," said Harris. "The long bus rides, the work ethic, picking each other up, being mentors – it's been a process. One thing I've told the guys is to do it the right way, trust in God, and there are bright moments when those guys accepted their roles. I trust my guys because they understand our goal and they put in the work."

The biggest victory of the season was a 56-51 triumph over the (Huron) Tigers in the district finals, a win that saw the Cardinals rally to win behind 18 points from Christian Burton. It was rewarding for Stritch to win the district title after coming up just short of winning a district championship in each of the previous two seasons.

Trailing 40-36 with two minutes to play in the third quarter, Burton made four 3-pointers in the next eight minutes as the Cardinals took control of the game and held off the Tigers for the win.

Burton drained a 3 and hit two free throws to give Stritch a 41-40 lead after three quarters; Kam Hughes made two free throws early in the fourth quarter and Burton made another 3 to give the Cardinals a 6-point lead at 46-40 with 6:47 to play in the game. From there, Stritch had to hold off a fierce Huron rally.

Burton, who scored 14 of the Cardinals' final 20 points, made a tough 3 following a three-point play by Huron guard Sam Hoher to push the advantage back to six at 49-43. Perhaps the biggest jumper was another 3 for Burton, this one pushing the lead to 52-48 with 1:42 to play.

The 53-50 win over the Polar Bears saw the Cardinals lead 22-11 after one quarter and 34-28 at halftime before a back-and-forth second half ensued.

Midway through the third, Margaretta went on a 7-0 run to take a 37-36 lead on a Judah Keller bucket before fellow freshman Julian Washington tied it moments later at 39-39, and then Keller tied it again at 41-41.

Polar Bear guard Cameron Sosa hit a 3 to give Margaretta a 44-41 lead.

Stritch guard Owen Yost hit one 3-pointer to tie the game, then another to go up 47-44. He added another jumper for a 49-46 lead and finished with 13 points.

The Bears tied it one final time on a 3-pointer from the left corner by Gage Bodey with 2:40 left before the Cardinals eked out the win.

Burton had 20 points to lead all scorers.

"All year, we've been saying, 'Just play together.' Each night, it's going to be a different guy. That's been our collective DNA. That's why we win games without a BCSN top 10 or top league player. We've done it by committee; this other guy can step up. Against Margaretta, Owen Yost was fantastic, and Breon Hicks and Kam Hughes played well," said Harris. "Christian stepped up against Huron. By committee – that's how great basketball teams win."

Harris scheduled good teams so the Cardinals could be prepared come tournament time.

"My goal was to make sure that we were ready. I scheduled tough games. The losses don't amount up to the wins that we have. Our schedule prepared us for the playoffs," he said. "A lot of people didn't see us coming, but we knew that we were coming from day one."

The loss to the Titans was the final game for Burton, Hicks, Hughes, Idro Price, Owen Carter and Collin Fitzgerald.

"Coming in, as a first-year, these young men have molded to my standard and represented Stritch to the highest. They're tremendous young men on and off the court; they learned how to play as a team, and that's what I'm most proud of," said Harris. "These young men have left a legacy that the underclassmen will look to uphold."

Hughes talked about Harris' leadership.

"Coach Harris set standards for us as a team, it was a big transition. He tells us to trust the process," said Hughes. "The past two years, we just fought, fought, fought and didn't let up."

Harris talked about the state of the program.

"I feel like we're in good shape, but it's tough losing six seniors. But I feel like mentally, we're still where we need to be in the top tier teams in our conference," he said. "Hopefully our young guys come in and realize the work ethic and legacy that has been laid and work to elevate it."

Harris, who just completed his second season coaching the Cardinals, talked about his support system.

"I have (assistant coaches) Brandon Richardson and Jason Hosinski," Harris said. "Those guys are going to be good head coaches. The time and effort they put in is unmatched."

He also credited his wife and family. "I have four kids at home. Just to be able to do what I love and to come home on some late nights; my wife is my biggest coach and my biggest supporter," he said.

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**Gibsonburg Girls Wrestling**

The Gibsonburg Golden Bears had several girl wrestlers advance to the state tournament including senior Brianna Montgomery. Top photo, sophomore Morgan Leonhardt placed fourth at 115 pounds. Middle photo, freshman Josey Mendoza. Bottom photo, freshman Lily Zweifel placed eighth in the 100 pound weight class. As a team they placed 24 out of 111 teams. (Press photos by Richard Wagner)

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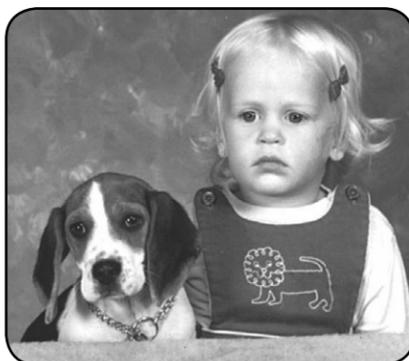
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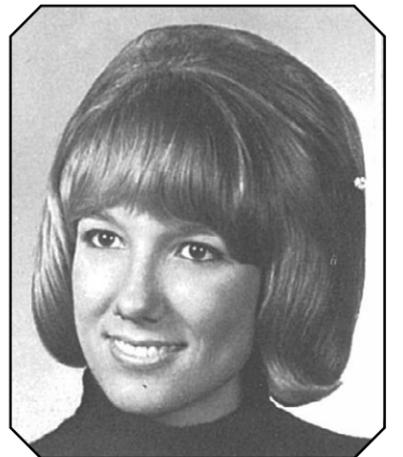
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**Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Fish Fry Dinners**, March 24 and 31, 4-7 p.m. or until sold out in the Donnelly Neighborhood Center, 4255 Bellevue Rd. All-you-can-eat dinners include baked and fried Alaskan pollock, fries, macaroni and cheese, baked potato, homemade cole slaw, rolls, drink and dessert. Dine in or carry out. \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for ages 6-12 and free for kids 5 and younger. No fish fry on Good Friday. **419 Cares**, a ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, serves food and beverages and provides toiletries to the less fortunate every Sunday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uptown Green Park on Madison Avenue in Toledo. A monthly giveaway of clothes, blankets and shoes is also offered. Donations of toiletries and clothing items, particularly bigger men's sizes, are welcome. Contact Christ UMC or visit 419 Cares on Facebook for info.

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

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

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

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

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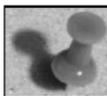
**Food for Thought Food Pantry**, open the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., corner of Coy and Navarre. The pantry has moved inside. Due to parking space and the need to limit the number of families inside at a time, attendees are asked to stagger arrival times.

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

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

**Great Eastern Toastmasters Club** meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lake Erie Room at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital (lower level, 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](http://D28toastmasters.org) for info.

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

**Bulletin Board**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Northwood**

**Unity United Methodist Church Anything Sale**, April 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 1910 E. Broadway St. Sell whatever you want, \$20 a table or two tables for \$30. Contact Jean Baker at 419-215-4191 for more info.

**Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch** meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tracy Road Fire Department. Find updates on the Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch Facebook page. Bring a neighbor.

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

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

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

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**Jerusalem Twp.**

**Jerusalem Township Zoning Commission** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

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

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

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

**Elmore**

Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers have

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

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

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

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**Genoa American Legion Hall**, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise at 419-855-0014. To join the Genoa American Legion, call 419-635-5810 for info.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Gift Shop** open every Sunday after Mass at 11:30 a.m., 204 Main St. (behind Grotto).

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

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

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

**Gibsonburg**

**Gibsonburg Branch Library** offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Virtual Adult Book Chat, March 23, 1 p.m. (via Zoom) - Discuss "The Indigo Girl," by Natasha Boyd (registration required); Adult Book Chat, March 27, 6:30 p.m. - Discuss "Educated: A Memoir," by Tara Westover; Novel Explorers, March 29, 4 p.m. - Teens invited to read and discuss the graphic novel, "Persepolis," by Marjane Satrapi. Register for programs at [birchard.lib.oh.us](http://birchard.lib.oh.us). Call 419-637-2173 for details. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.

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

**Graytown**

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

**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**

**St. Peter's United Church of Christ Easter Egg Hunt**, April 1, 1-3 p.m., corner of Main and Cherry streets. Rain date: April 8.

**Oak Harbor**

**Oak Harbor Public Library**, 147 W. Main St.,

programs for kids include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; STEM Crafts Afterschool - LEGOS March 20-24. For adults: Easter Bunny Craft, March 20, 2 p.m., registration required; 4th Tuesday Book Club, March 28, 6 p.m. - Discuss "We Are Not Like Them," by Christine Pride & Jo Piazza; Pinochle every Friday at 2 p.m.; Watercolor Group meets Wednesdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. - Bring your own supplies: Needle Craft Group meets Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m.; - Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 or visit [oakharborpubliclibrary.org](http://oakharborpubliclibrary.org) to register or for info.

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

**Quarter Frenzy** to benefit the Pemberville Community Pool, March 26, American Legion Post 183, 405 E. Front St. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bidding begins at 6 p.m. Admission \$5. Adults only. An evening of fun using quarters to bid on prizes. Food and beverages available for purchase. Sponsored by Freedom Unit 183 and 25 Cent Events.

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

**Stony Ridge**

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

**Stony Ridge Civic Association** meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit [stonyridgepark.com](http://stonyridgepark.com) for more details.

**Walbridge**

**Crimson Lights Band** will play at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., from 2-5 p.m. on the following dates: March 26; April 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9, 23; Aug. 13-27; Sept. 10-24; Oct. 8-22; Nov. 12-26 and Dec. 10 and 30. The bar will be serving snacks, beer, wine coolers and soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info.

**MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) and MOMSnext (Moms with Kids of All Ages)** group is being formed at Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd., Walbridge. A Wednesday group will meet from 6:15-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. A Thursday morning group will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Visit [mainstreetlife.org/mops](http://mainstreetlife.org/mops) for more info.

**Storytimes**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the meeting room at Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St. Registration required by calling 419-666-9900 or visit [wcdpl.org/events](http://wcdpl.org/events).

**Walbridge Branch Library**, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To register, visit [wcdpl.org](http://wcdpl.org).

**Woodville**

**Woodville Library**, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes for preschoolers and caregivers, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; March 22, 6 p.m.; Crochet & More, March 20, 6:30 p.m. - An evening of crochet, knitting, macrame, etc.; True Crime Book Club, March 27, 7 p.m. - Discuss "Wicked Women of Ohio," by Jane Ann Turzillo; Do You DIY? March 29, 6 p.m. - Explore the "Home Improvement Reference Center" database. Register at [birchard.org](http://birchard.org).

**Woodville Food Pantry**, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6-7 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. Accepting help from the pantry will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

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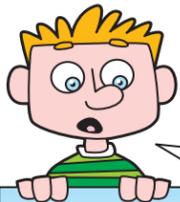
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### The Cost of a Decision

These kids are facing a decision about spending money. What would you do?



These **ZING** sneakers are super popular with the kids at my school. But they cost **\$69** a pair!

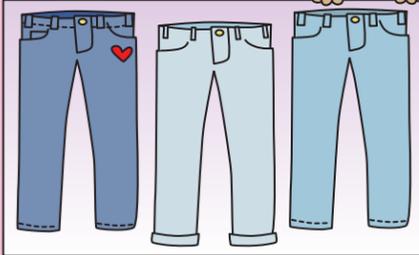


Which pair of sneakers should Kevin choose? Give at least two reasons to explain your choice.

These generic sneakers cost **\$29**. They're not nearly as fancy as the **ZING** sneakers, though.



A lot of young movie stars wear the jeans at left. They are **\$80**. The generic ones in the middle are **\$30**. And the used pair at right is **\$8** at the thrift store.

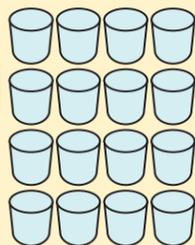


Which pair of jeans should Emma choose? Give at least two reasons for your choice.

Which is the best deal? The small can of fruit juice or the 64 ounce size?



**BOTTLE: \$3.50**



The 64 ounce bottle contains 16 4 ounce cups of juice. The 12 ounce can contains three 4 ounce cups of juice.



**CAN: \$1.25**

Can you add up all the coins you see on this page?

**Game Night!**  
Can you come up with a family fun game night that costs \$0?

**Extra! Extra!**  
**It All Adds Up**  
Find four 4-digit numbers in the newspaper. Copy the numbers onto a piece of paper and add them together. Repeat with 5-digit and 6-digit numbers.

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

### MONEY PUZZLES

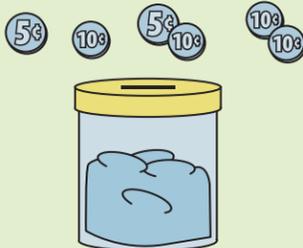
**PUZZLE 1**

How much money would you save if you put a nickel in a jar every day for a year?



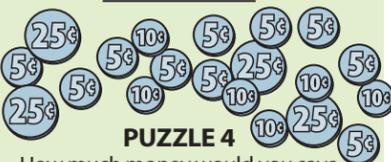
**PUZZLE 2**

How much money would you save in four weeks if you saved 5¢ a day the first week, 10¢ a day the second week, 15¢ a day the third week and 20¢ a day the fourth week?



**PUZZLE 3**

How much money would you save using the plan in Puzzle 2 and kept increasing the savings amount by 5¢ each week for 12 weeks?



**PUZZLE 4**

How much money would you save using the plan in Puzzle 3 and kept increasing the savings amount by 5¢ each week for 26 weeks?

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Newspaper coupons are a great way to save money. Circle the coupon that offers the best deal on each product.



Price: **\$4.50**

**PURPLE PEPPERMINT FOAMING TOOTHPASTE**

**\$1.00 OFF**

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**SAVE 50%**



Price: **\$2.70**

**DOGGIE TREAT**

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!**

**DOGGIE TREAT**

**\$1.50 OFF**



Price: **\$1.75**

**SUBSY SOAP**

**50¢ OFF**

**SUBSY SOAP**

**SAVE 50%**

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

### Double Double Word Search

- DECISION  
GENERIC  
THRIFT  
CHOICE  
NICKEL  
MONEY  
STORE  
JEANS  
FRUIT  
MONTH  
SAVE  
DEAL  
ZING  
PAIR  
COST

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

M O N T H T F H D D  
E C I O H C R A E E  
E M O N E R U C A Y  
Y G E N E R I C L O  
J E A N S S T F S E  
G E N R I A P I T S  
N T S O C I V O O N  
I M N A M T T E R E  
Z R L E K C I N E S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Standards Link: Math: Add money amounts.



**Write On!**



### Riddle Roundup

Send us your favorite riddle. Send us two or three or more!



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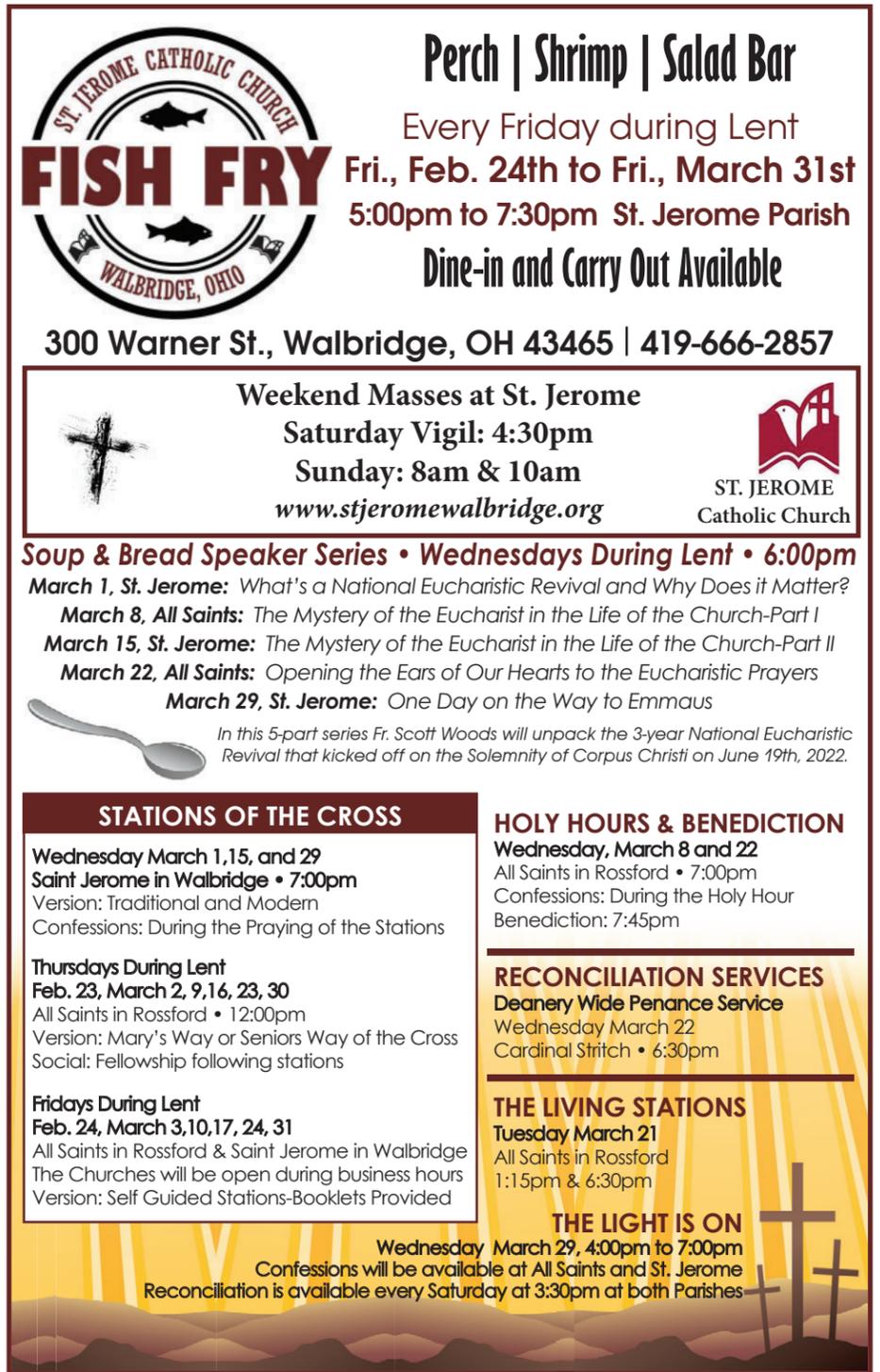
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**March 1, St. Jerome:** What's a National Eucharistic Revival and Why Does it Matter?  
**March 8, All Saints:** The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church-Part I  
**March 15, St. Jerome:** The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church-Part II  
**March 22, All Saints:** Opening the Ears of Our Hearts to the Eucharistic Prayers  
**March 29, St. Jerome:** One Day on the Way to Emmaus

*In this 5-part series Fr. Scott Woods will unpack the 3-year National Eucharistic Revival that kicked off on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on June 19th, 2022.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Wednesday March 1, 15, and 29**  
**Saint Jerome in Walbridge • 7:00pm**  
Version: Traditional and Modern  
Confessions: During the Praying of the Stations

**Thursdays During Lent**  
**Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  
All Saints in Rossford • 12:00pm  
Version: Mary's Way or Seniors Way of the Cross  
Social: Fellowship following stations

**Fridays During Lent**  
**Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
All Saints in Rossford & Saint Jerome in Walbridge  
The Churches will be open during business hours  
Version: Self Guided Stations-Booklets Provided

**HOLY HOURS & BENEDICTION**  
**Wednesday, March 8 and 22**  
All Saints in Rossford • 7:00pm  
Confessions: During the Holy Hour  
Benediction: 7:45pm

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES**  
**Deanery Wide Penance Service**  
Wednesday March 22  
Cardinal Stritch • 6:30pm

**THE LIVING STATIONS**  
**Tuesday March 21**  
All Saints in Rossford  
1:15pm & 6:30pm

**THE LIGHT IS ON**  
Wednesday March 29, 4:00pm to 7:00pm  
Confessions will be available at All Saints and St. Jerome  
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