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Bill sponsors say Tax credits needed by volunteer first responders

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A bill that would implement a three-tier tax credit for volunteer firefighters, EMS personnel and peace officers has been introduced in the Ohio House Representatives.

The sponsors, representatives Jay Edwards, R – Nelsonville, and Thomas Hall, R –Madison Township, said the credits are needed by the volunteers.

“This legislation will bring much needed relief to some of the greatest Ohioans among us,” Rep. Edwards said. “They truly are the unsung heroes who encounter countless situations to secure the safety of our lives and property, and as volunteers, they do so without compensation.”

The bill bases the credits on years of service:

- 1 to 5 years of service: \$500 per year
- 6 to 10 years of service: \$1,000 per year
- 11 + years of service: \$2,000 per year

“While the tax credits provided in this legislation would only be a small token our appreciation for these volunteers’ sacrifices, the tax credits can go a long way to remove a heavy tax burden from them and their families,” Rep. Hall said.

Last year, a bill was introduced in the Ohio Senate that would have provided tax credits of up to \$500 for expenses incurred by volunteer firefighters to purchase safety equipment.

That measure, Senate Bill 286, didn’t make it out of the Ways and Means Committee before the legislative session ended.

In testimony before the committee, Marisa Myers, director of governmental affairs for the Ohio Township Association, told the committee members that townships are heavily reliant on volunteers for safety services.

“To provide a little perspective, volunteers comprise 71 percent of firefighters in the United States and

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Just hangin' out

A trio of River Otters are spotted lounging in the sun on a warm spring day at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. (Photo by Tony Everhardt)

U.S. EPA begins dredging Otter Creek

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week began dredging contaminated sediment in a 7-mile stretch of Otter Creek, which extends through Toledo and Oregon, before flowing into the Maumee Bay.

The Maumee Area of Concern was identified by the United States and Canada in the mid-1980s as one of the most environmentally degraded areas in the Great Lakes.

Located in Northwest Ohio, The Maumee AOC is comprised of 787 square miles, including several watersheds draining to Lake Erie, making it one of the largest OACs in the U.S. Otter Creek is among the watersheds within the Maumee AOC.

For years, unregulated waste disposal, industrial contamination from old dumps, contaminated industrial sites, combined sewer overflows and disposal of dredged materials has led to contamination entering the water within the Maumee AOC

Disposal

Sediment in the lower 1.7 miles of Otter Creek is contaminated with elevated levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and diesel range organics. Dredging will begin about a 1/4-mile downstream of

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The refineries drain into Otter Creek. With refineries, there is hydrocarbon. You have a lot of product lines that go to and from different parts of the city.”

Millard Avenue and continue to its mouth in Maumee Bay.

A hydraulic vacuum-like dredge will be used to remove approximately 57,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the creek’s bottom. The sediment will then be pumped through a submerged pipeline to the nearby Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority’s confined disposal facility. EPA estimates that the total amount of dredged sediment would fill almost three football fields 10 feet high.

Upstream

“It would be great if they could dredge further upstream,” Oregon Public Service

Director Paul Roman said last week. “My hope is that this will be done in phases and keep going upstream to clean up more of Otter Creek. If they can get past York Street and Starr Avenue, then to Navarre Avenue, that would be nice because that would cover a lot of area.”

Two refineries over the years possibly contributed to some contamination into Otter Creek, Roman explained.

“The refineries drain into Otter Creek. With refineries, there is hydrocarbon. You have a lot of product lines that go to and from different parts of the city. Through the years - perhaps there was a spill - attempts were made to clean it up. You never know what could be in some of the sediment. They’re taking it to the disposal facility because there could be contaminants in it,” he said.

Oregon is not involved in the cleanup, “but because it’s in our city, we certainly promote it. It’s going to help clean Otter Creek.”

“My hope is that dredging Otter Creek would become more routine and it could be done every so often,” he added.

A spokesperson for the U.S. EPA told The Press that there are no plans to dredge further upstream.

“At this time, there are no current plans for any Great Lakes Legacy Act re-

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Otter Creek: Remedial area includes approximately 1.7 miles of Otter Creek and a portion of the confluence area within Maumee Bay. (Courtesy of U.S. EPA)

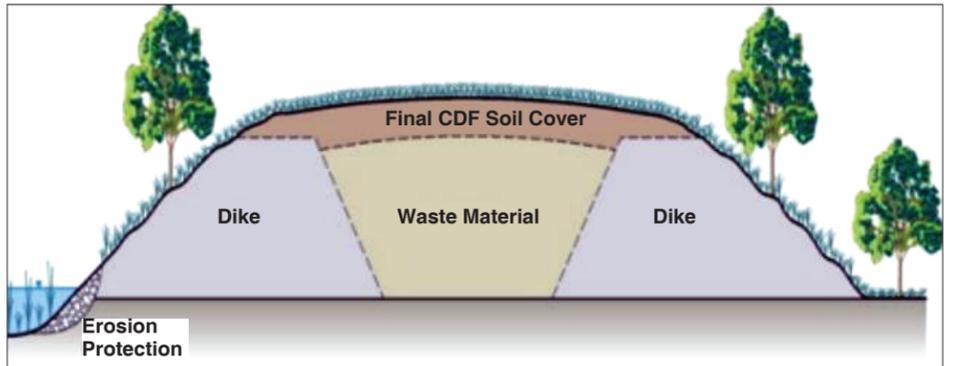


Illustration showing how the waste material will be stored at the disposal facility. (Courtesy of U.S. EPA)

Dredging Otter Creek

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mediation work upstream from the current project footprint," she said.

Barrier

EPA anticipates the cleanup to be completed next summer. Afterwards, the dredged area will be covered with a foot of sand to create a barrier against any remaining contamination. Otter Creek will then once again provide a healthy habitat for native organisms.

Last year, the Trump administra-

tion announced more than \$12 million in grants and projects that will benefit Great Lakes cleanup efforts in the area. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office is overseeing the cleanup, which is a voluntary project funded by the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and by non-federal partners. The GLRI was launched in 2010 as a non-regulatory program to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world.

(Some of the information in this article came from a press release issued by the U.S. EPA, as well as from comments obtained by The Press from the U.S. EPA and the city of Oregon).

Tax credits

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save local communities of all sizes an estimated \$140 billion a year. Of the total number of volunteer firefighters, 95 percent work in communities with a population of 25,000 or less," she said. "However, recent reports demonstrate that the number of volunteer firefighters has drastically declined. Unfortunately, the increased cost of training and equipment is discouraging many individuals from volunteer service."

Last week, Myers said the OTA hasn't reviewed the Hall-Edwards bill yet as it hasn't received a number and been assigned to a committee.

"However, we are generally supportive of incentives that encourage volunteer service, as townships rely heavily on their volunteers. We will likely be supportive of this legislation as well," she said.

Refuge hiring

The Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge has been selected to hire three new maintenance positions funded through the Great American Outdoors Act, which was signed into law in 2020.

The act uses revenues from energy development to provide funding for maintenance for critical facilities and infrastructure at national wildlife refuges, national parks, forests and recreation areas.

The Ottawa refuge was one of the national wildlife refuges chosen to host a group of maintenance professionals that will utilize heavy equipment for earthwork activities and conduct basic carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical work to improve infrastructure facilities across the refuge system.

The positions will be based at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, in Oak Harbor and support projects across the upper midwest. Applications for these new positions will be accepted in early April through USAJobs, the federal government hiring website.

For information call Karl Fleming 419-343-6793.

Injury accident

Two persons were injured Tuesday when their motorcycle was struck by an SUV at the corner of Woodville and Millbury roads in Lake Township.

Ross Burdge, 58, and Trudie Burdge, 54, of Curtice, were west-bound on Woodville Road about 3:10 p.m. when they were struck by a Chevrolet Equinox driven Robert Spurgeon, 89, of Millbury who was north-bound on Millbury Road.

According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Spurgeon made a left turn onto Woodville Road and failed to yield the right-of-way at the stop sign.

The Burdges were transported to St. Vincent Medical Center by the Lake Township EMS Department. Ross' injuries

were described as non-life threatening and Trudie's as serious.

Spurgeon was not injured. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor.

Pipeline resolution

State senators Theresa Gavarone, R-Bowling Green, and Kenny Yuko, D-Richmond Heights, have introduced Senate Resolution 41, urging the Governor of Michigan to keep the Enbridge Line 5 open for business.

Line 5 is an oil pipeline connecting Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. A shutdown could trigger the loss of more than 1,200 refining jobs at PBF Energy Toledo Refining Co., and BP-Husky Toledo Refinery and a \$5.4 billion in economic impact.

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Theatre auditions

Fremont Community Theatre has scheduled auditions for two upcoming shows.

Auditions for "Post-its, (Notes on a Marriage), written by Paul Dooley and Winnie Holzman, will be held Sunday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in person at the theatre, 1559 Dickinson St., Fremont, or via Zoom. The cast includes one male and one female.

Auditions for "A Virtual Whodunnit," by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus, will be held Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in person or via Zoom. The cast includes five males and four females. Visit <https://www.dramaticpublishing.com/a-virtual-whodunnit> to view a synopsis or read an excerpt.

Performance dates for both productions are May 21, 22, and 23.

In-person auditions will be limited to 10 people. Masks must be worn and social distancing guidelines will be observed. Those interested in auditioning online may email their name, phone number and preferred email address to Tim Bolton at f.c.t@att.net.

Drug, weapons sweep

The Ohio State Highway Patrol made 21 arrests for illegal weapons and 246 arrests for drug offenses during a recent multi-state enforcement operation.

In all, the five law enforcement agencies participating in the operation conducted 539 drug arrests and 78 for illegal weapon violations.

State troopers from Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and W. Virginia participated in the effort, which began March 11 and ended March 13.

In Ohio, troopers stopped a vehicle on I-80 in Sandusky County and a search uncovered 63 pounds of marijuana. In Hancock County, a traffic stop on I-75 uncovered 66 pounds of marijuana. Meth and firearms were found in stops in Galia and Scioto counties.

Ohio led the states in drug arrests and Michigan led in illegal weapon violations with 28.

Icahn employees on FirstEnergy board

FirstEnergy Corp. has announced it has entered into an agreement with Icahn Capital to add two new members to the company's board of directors.

Following the additions, FirstEnergy's board will have 14 directors.

Under the agreement, FirstEnergy has appointed Andrew Teno and Jesse Lynn, both of whom are employees of Icahn Capital, to the board effective March 18.

FirstEnergy has also agreed to include Teno and Lynn on its recommended slate of nominees for election at the company's upcoming annual meeting of shareholders.

The appointments are subject to regulatory approvals. Consequently, until

Prohibition Days at La Tabernilla



This sprawling ranch house on Bay Shore Road, built in 1917 at a cost of \$64,000, was a mecca for thirsty Toledoans during the Prohibition era of the 1920s and 1930s. The Latin motto in the chimney was "While we live, let us live." Many secret deals and schemes were hatched, and much money changed hands in these upstairs rooms. The notorious gangster, Yonnie Licavoli, was often seen there muscling in on the profits. Signal lights were placed behind the house for the rum-runners coming in from Canada. Later, the house became a nursing home, among other uses. East Side historian Cal Gettings once said, "It was anything you could name. But it was never a church." Cal took this photo of the 23-room house just a week before it was burned down by the fire department in 1984 to make room for condominiums and a marina.

History Corner

East Toledo Historical Society

by Larry Michaels



regulatory approvals are received, the two Icahn Capital directors will not have voting rights.

The agreement also includes provisions regarding voting and other matters, and also provides that Icahn and his associates will not exercise substantial influence or control over FirstEnergy or any of its subsidiaries.

The agreement will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Turnpike work season starting

The Ohio Turnpike starts its 2021 construction season this month with a \$205 million capital improvement program that includes projects throughout northern Ohio.

"We'll be making significant progress this year constructing much of the infrastructure necessary to modernize our toll collection system," said Executive Director Ferzan M. Ahmed. "Customers have been asking for a modern toll road and we're excited that our plan is now underway. In 2023, our new Open Road Tolling sys-

tem will debut with all gates removed for our E-ZPass customers, Ahmed added."

Infrastructure improvements include pavement replacement and resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation and construction of a new Toll Plaza in Swanton. The plaza at exit 49 will be one of four new or reconstructed plazas that will serve as the linchpin of the new system.

In Sandusky County, overhead bridge deck removal and rehabilitation is planned at the turnpike ramp over State Rt. 53 - exit 91; Fangboner Road, and the ramp over the turnpike at exit 91.

The work is scheduled to start April 6 and involves the removal of the turnpike ramp bridge over Route 53; replacing that ramp bridge and the Route 53 interchange with a roundabout; the deck replacement of the ramp over the turnpike mainline at exit 91; and the deck replacement of the Fangboner Road bridge over the turnpike mainline at milepost 91.

Traffic will be maintained on all roads, bridges and the turnpike mainline. A contract for \$4.8 million for the work was awarded to Kokosing Construction, Inc.

The estimated completion date is Oct. 31, 2021.

Sheehy applauds committee passage of Line 5 Resolution

State Rep. Michael Sheehy (D-Oregon) on March 23 announced the passage of House Resolution (HR) 13 from the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee in a 12-0 vote.

HR 13 urges Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan Director of Natural Resources Dan Eichinger to make all efforts to keep Enbridge Energy's Line 5 operating.

"I am pleased the Transportation and Public Safety Committee has passed HR 13. Enbridge Energy has already been working to replace the section of Line 5 that lays on the lakebed of the Mackinac Straits with a new line enclosed in a tunnel hundreds of feet below the water. Line 5 services two refineries in Oregon, Ohio that employ over 1,000 people and hundreds more contractors. The closure of Line 5 prior to the tunnel's completion will disproportionately affect working class families and communities who rely on good-paying union jobs," Sheehy said.

In November 2020, Gov. Whitmer terminated the 68-year-old easement that allowed Enbridge to operate and maintain the Line 5 pipeline, and ordered its closure by May 2021. Critics of the move say the closure of Line 5 will disrupt the transportation of fuels throughout the region. Northwest Ohio houses a major source of jet fuel for several regional and international airports, particularly Detroit and Cleveland.

HR 13 will move to the House Floor for consideration.

BBQ fundraiser

Mike Lopinski, of Lake Erie BBQ, is helping with the New Sportsman Club's annual fundraisers by donating all profits from two fish fry events back to the club.

Fish fries will be held Saturdays, March 27 and April 17 from 3-6 p.m. or until sold out, at the club, located at 1420 Woodville Rd., Millbury. The fish fries will include perch dinners and two sides for \$15. There will also be 50/50 and prize raffles.

The club has been open since 1953. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the club hasn't been able to have its wild game dinner, which generates the majority of its funds.

For more info, follow Lake Erie BBQ's Facebook page @LakeErieBBQ and follow The New Sportsman Club on their website, www.nscmillbury.com.

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Drive-thru Easter Meal

Elmore Church of God will be serving a free drive-thru Easter Meal from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., or until food runs out Easter Sunday, April 4.

The community is invited to enjoy the meal, which will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, a dinner roll and dessert.

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Traffic stop

Vehicle search was justified, court rules

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The Sandusky Court of Common Pleas didn't abuse its discretion when it denied a motion to suppress evidence found by a state trooper during a traffic stop on the Ohio Turnpike, an appeals court has ruled.

Adrian Brown, a truck driver, was indicted for improper handling of a firearm in a motor vehicle, a fourth degree felony, in September, 2019 and entered a plea of not guilty during his arraignment. He then filed a motion to suppress, claiming there was no basis for a probable cause search, and any evidence discovered was illegally seized.

The common pleas court denied his motion and in a separate hearing he pled no contest to the indictment charge and was found guilty.

In his appeal to the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals, Brown argued the only basis for the traffic stop was an alleged speeding violation of 6 miles per hour over the 70 mile per hour limit. He was searched outside his truck and no contraband was found.

“...the smell of marijuana alone, by a person qualified to recognize the odor, is sufficient to establish probable cause to search a motor vehicle...”

Considering the reason for “stopping the vehicle and the circumstances that followed thereafter, there was clearly no basis for a probable cause search. Any evidence discovered therefore must be suppressed,” his appeal says.

During the suppression hearing, the trooper testified Brown gave him permission to open the passenger door and when he did he could smell raw marijuana and

noticed a can with a “small piece of marijuana bud” on the floor. He then asked Brown to step out of the truck, read him his Miranda rights and placed him in the back seat of the patrol car. The trooper said he had probable cause to search the vehicle and found another marijuana bud, a pack of rolling papers and a loaded handgun under a pillow in the bunk area.

Brown was placed under arrest and the buds were sent to the state patrol crime lab but no tests were run on them.

In its opinion, the appeals court noted a ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court that “the smell of marijuana alone, by a person qualified to recognize the odor, is sufficient to establish probable cause to search a motor vehicle, pursuant to the automobile exception to the warrant requirement. There need be no other tangible evidence to justify a warrantless search of a vehicle.”

It also noted no evidence was presented to dispute the trooper's qualification to recognize marijuana.

Consequently, the trooper had probable cause to conduct a warrantless search of the truck's cab, which did not violate Brown's Fourth Amendment rights, the appeals court wrote.



Service recognized

Karen Garcia, an American Family Insurance agency owner in Northwood, has been recognized for providing an outstanding customer experience under the American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program.

The service distinction was determined through an evaluation process conducted under guidelines established through the company's American Star Excellence in Customer Experience Certification Program.

Karen Garcia has been an agency owner for American Family since June 1996. Her office is located at 500 Commerce Park Blvd.

Farm assistance program revamped

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the department of agriculture is establishing new programs and efforts to bring financial assistance to farmers, ranchers and producers who felt the impact of COVID-19 market disruptions.

The new initiative—USDA Pandemic Assistance for Producers—will reach a broader set of producers than in previous COVID-19 aid programs. The department is dedicating at least \$6 billion toward the new programs. The department will also develop rules for new programs that will put a greater emphasis on outreach to small and socially disadvantaged producers, specialty crop and organic producers, timber harvesters, as well as provide support for the food supply chain and producers of renewable fuel.

The department will re-open sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning April 5.

Easter Extravaganza

S.T.A.R.S (Standing Together Against Real Slavery), in collaboration with Unity United Methodist Church, will hold the 8th Annual Easter Extravaganza Saturday, April 3, from 2-4 p.m. at 1910 E. Broadway, Northwood.

“We are looking for sponsors to partner with us in making this event a success,” said EleSondra “Ele” DeRomano, S.T.A.R.S. executive director. “Due to COVID-19, normalcy as we know it

is starting to come back, but we feel very strongly that we need to step up and make this year very special and still safe for the children.”

Organizers are looking for donations of hot dogs, chips and juice, which will be provided to children attending the event. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand for photographs. COVID-19 safety practices will be in place.

Other donations being sought are candy, coloring books, crayons, balls, cupcakes and cookies, \$10 restaurant gift cards

for distribution to kids ages 13-17.

In addition, volunteers are sought to decorate their vehicle trunks and to pass out Easter candy.

Monetary contributions may be sent to S.T.A.R.S., 1910 E. Broadway, Northwood, OH 43619.

Drive-up drop-off for donations will be held Wednesday, March 31 and Friday, April 1, at 1910 E. Broadway.

For more details, call DeRomano at 419-280-2451 or Pastor Jim Nevel at 567-938-9816.

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Oak Harbor

Village accepting bids for Park Street project

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The Village of Oak Harbor is accepting contract bids for the reconstruction of Park Street until April 13.

The project will include the reconstruction of the street as well as installation of curbs and gutters, a five-foot-wide concrete walk, drive aprons, and storm sewer.

The project will cover Park Street, from Church Street to Locust Street, a distance of about 625 feet.

The estimated cost of the project is \$390,000. The Ohio Public Works Commission is allocating \$197,500 to help cover the cost.

Randy Genzman, village administrator, said the balance will be funded by gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes the village has accumulated in its permissive use tax account.

Village officials have set a tentative start date for the project at June 7 and a completion date of Aug. 21.

Genzman said the new sidewalks will be wider than the current four-foot-wide walks to meet federal regulations.

Also, a new dedicated storm sewer system will divert water from the existing combined sewer system to new storm sewers installed as part of the \$9.2 million Church Street improvement project.

The change will help alleviate street flooding in the area and water in basements, he said.

"This project is a much needed improvement and investment in the village's storm sewer and transportation systems," Genzman said.

Project updates will be posted on the village Facebook page and other social media sites, he said.

Church St. project on schedule

Work on the sewer separation project along Church Street is on schedule with an

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Each property will have a storm sewer tap as gutters, downspouts, sump pumps and the like will no longer be allowed to be discharged into the sanitary sewer.”

expected completion date in July.

Genzman noted some of the village's wastewater collection lines were installed in the 1880s and he described the project as "the most aggressive storm water separation project in the history of the village."

The project also includes new fire hydrants, sidewalks and resurfaced roads throughout the downtown area.

"Helms and Sons Excavating continues to be very accommodating to the needs of the village," he said. "There are several crews working the Church Street project at this time."

The mainline crew continues to install new sanitary and storm lines as they approach Houghton Street and continue to S. Railroad Street. Once that is complete, a storm sewer on Oak Street will be installed.

"Each property will have a storm sewer tap as gutters, downspouts, sump pumps and the like will no longer be allowed to be discharged into the sanitary sewer," Genzman said. "Property owners will be required to remove these from the sanitary sewer system."

A \$4.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and a loan of just under \$5 million are funding the project.

School funding is still unfair, senator says

State Senator Teresa Fedor, D-Toledo, released the following statement on the 24th anniversary of the landmark Ohio Supreme Court ruling that deemed Ohio's school funding system unconstitutional.

"It has been nearly a quarter of a century since the first court ruling in *DeRolph vs. the State of Ohio*. Fixing Ohio's unconstitutional school funding system is long overdue and should be our top priority in the budget. Our schools simply cannot wait any longer for sufficient funding, especially as they try to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. Adequately funded public schools are the key to ensuring

equal educational opportunity for all students. I urge the leadership of both the House and Senate to swiftly pass House Bill 1 to finally provide fair, adequate and equitable funding to Ohio schools."

HB 1 has had one hearing in the House Finance committee since its introduction in early February.



Snarky swans

Now that spring has arrived, even the Tundra Swans are getting snarky, squabbling over a female at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending March 19

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03/19/2021 Kim Putnam to Stanley J Niedbalski and Becki A Branum, 1511 North Graytown, \$161,000.

Carroll Township

03/15/2021 Dean A Gnepper to Steven J and Lauren L Martikan, 0 West Genzman, \$26,500.

03/17/2021 Sara Ward to Phillip A and Kellie R Trout, 6420 Teal Bend, \$62,500.

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03/15/2021 Jeffrey A and Elisabeth M Hoover to Matthew L Mahnen, W-28 North Windward Drive, \$17,500.

03/15/2021 Ohio Shore Development Limited to Tammy J Hegemier, 0 Bay Pointe Circle, \$39,900.

03/16/2021 Sunshine Estates Builders LLC to Vincent S and Marta M Toma, 2592 North Torino Drive, \$670,145.

03/17/2021 Matthew C Parker to Konrad M and Phyllis L Fischer, 4596 East Island Pines Drive, \$349,900.

03/18/2021 Davenport Real Estate to Stephen J and Christine M Yagersz, 813 Falling Waters, \$80,000.

Elmore Corp

03/17/2021 Lee A and Karen R Henry to Lane Damschroder, 253 Clinton, \$86,000.

Harris Township

03/16/2021 Estate of William H Keller to Jacob E and Samantha J Karnes, 20165 West Portage River South, \$78,000.

Danbury Township

03/15/2021 William and Betty S Bomba to The Martin F Gallagher Trust and Joanna L

Gallagher Trust, 252 Strauss Lane & 8630-40 East Northshore Blvd, \$305,000.

03/16/2021 Mary Kebrdle to Jonathan Franklin Feczko and Margaret Angela Kebrdle, 608 Monument View, \$250,000.

03/16/2021 Kenneth G Sidle to George H and Barbara A Hiltbrunner, 5730 Windjammer Avenue, \$65,625.

03/16/2021 Daniel J Jadwisiak & Nancy A Bailey to LJF Holdings LLC, 17.964 acres Bay Shore Road, \$195,000.

03/17/2021 Windridge Homes Limited LLC to William S and Betty Bomba, 324 North Lighthouse Oval, \$320,900.

03/19/2021 The Cove On The Bay LLC to Julia Garcia, 2710 South Amherst Avenue, \$42,000.

Port Clinton Corp

03/16/2021 Andrew J and Lucille M Kender to Charlene K Hamilton, 1250 Lost Lake Road, \$45,000.

03/17/2021 Jerry R and Darlene G Collins and James H and Brenda L Stewart to Daryl Louis Mominee, 605 East Third Street, \$65,000.

03/18/2021 Judith A Callihan to Kevin Roe, 709 Clinton Street, \$175,000.

03/19/2021 Frank Mikes to Grant Pozorski, 312 Jackson Street, \$152,000.

Portage Township

03/19/2021 East Ottawa Builders LLC to Thomas W and Penny M Abner, 2195 East Harbor Road and 2199 East Harbor Road, \$324,000.

03/19/2021 Blake Calvert to Rebecca Brose, 1409 South West Bay Drive, \$38,900.

Put In Bay Corp

03/15/2021 Equity Trust Co Custodian fbo James D Rogers to Michael and Joni Willaman, 1288 Tri Motor Drive, \$412,000.

Salem Township

03/18/2021 Chad L Bahnsen to Katelyn D McRitchie 2248 South Mud Creek, \$180,500.

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Oregon adds supervisory positions in the fire department

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council approved an agreement with the Oregon Professional Firefighters Association at a meeting on Monday.

The previous collective bargaining agreement between the city and the full-time firefighters association expired last year on June 30.

In an effort to provide the best services to its residents, the fire department is evolving from a primarily part-time, on-call response fire department to a full and part-time fire department with scheduled personnel that are available to be dispatched to emergency calls immediately.

The bargaining agreement reflects changes being made within the fire department that include new job descriptions and changes in job titles.

Council also approved the creation of classifications of Battalion Chief and Firefighter 1 (EMT) and changed the title and job description of Firefighter 2 (paramedic) and established a pay range for the Battalion Chief and Firefighter 1 (EMT).

The city identified a need to amend the classification plan by creating the classifications of Battalion Chief and Firefighter 1

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(EMT) and changed the title for the position of Firefighter 2 (paramedic) in the fire department.

There will be four Battalion Chiefs and six EMTs.

“Initially, we looked to have a command structure be part of the bargaining unit,” said City Administrator Mike Beazley. “Then in discussions with the bargaining unit, we realized it would be more efficient to do it in a different way and cre-

ate the Battalion Chief positions. These are going to be working advanced life support officers, so they will be working supervisors and leaders. It really helps us be prepared when dealing with any emergency. They’ll just be part of the team on the scene ready to take command. We’re excited about it.”

Daily supervision

Fire Chief Denny Hartman agreed.

“One of the things we identified early on is we need to have some on-duty daily supervision. That was what we were working with the bargaining unit. Then we ended up coming up with this situation, and we worked it out. The reason there will be four Battalion Chiefs is that they will be working a 24-hour day and they will be off 72 hours. That’s a little non-traditional for the fire department. But what that does is it eliminates ‘Kelly Days’ (mandatory days off). By doing the math, particularly on the supervisors’ position, it’s a better way to go. We’re very cognizant of the costs adding the type of service that we’re adding. We think this is the best way to control costs and deliver the most bang for our buck,” said Hartman.

The mayor, administrator and council have been working over a period of years to move toward a primarily staffed fire and rescue response system. The ordinance is

considered an important step in the process of transitioning the primarily part-time, on-call response system to a primarily full-time emergency response system to best serve the community.

New station

The city currently has three fire stations with paid on-call personnel. Plans call for the construction of a new fire station, which would replace one located at Wynn and Seaman roads. Council recently approved a \$358,000 bid from Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc., Maumee, to provide services for Phase 1 of the construction of the new station.

One of the stations has a crew that is scheduled for 24/7 emergency service. The city wants the other stations to transition to a scheduled staff to improve response times.

Also at the meeting, council:

- Issued a purchase order to Baumann Ford Oregon, Navarre Avenue, for the purchase of three 2021 Ford Interceptor SUV vehicles to be used in the Oregon Police Division. Council provided funding in the 2021 budget for the acquisition of the vehicles. Baumann Ford Oregon provided the best overall quote for the three Ford Interceptor SUVs.

- Unknown suspect used victim’s identification to apply for unemployment benefits in the 3400 block of Fieldbrooke LN, Feb. 26.
- Unknown suspect used victim’s identity in an attempt to apply for unemployment benefits, 600 block of Sweetwater Dr., March 5.
- Violation of protection order in the 3300 block of Navarre Ave., March 4.
- Suspect damaged victim’s property while getting in home in the 2900 block of Iroquois Dr., March 7.
- Suspect left children unattended. They were playing on the roof of the home, no address given, March 8.
- Unknown suspect took victim’s car keys in the 1700 block of S. Wheeling St., March 8.
- Unknown suspect took victim’s vehicle in the 2700 block of Pickle Rd., March 9.



- Unknown suspects scammed victim out of cash in the 2500 block of Cawdor Rd., March 8.
- Unknown suspect took cash out of victim’s wallet, 3700 block of Navarre Ave., March 8.
- Aggravated menacing. Pending investigation into an unknown suspect who made threats to harm victims, 3700 block of Navarre Ave., March 10.
- Train blocking street, 400 S. Wynn Rd., March 11.

- Drug abuse instrument, 1700 block of Meijer Cir, March 11.
- Identity fraud, 900 block of Lallendorf Rd., March 11.
- Identity fraud, 300 block of Crestway Dr., March 11.
- Identity fraud/impersonating an officer to commit an offense, 1000 block of Mambrino Rd., March 11.
- Criminal trespass, 5000 block of Seaman Rd., March 8.
- Someone entered a home without permission, 5500 block of Bayshore Rd., March 8.
- Possession of drug paraphernalia, 2900 block of Pickle Rd., March 9.
- Violation of a protection order, 3300 block of Navarre Ave., March 4.

Obituaries

Obituary

Rachel Elizabeth Urbanski May 30, 1921 – March 15, 2021



Rachel Elizabeth (Brown) Urbanski, 99 of Traverse City and formerly of Toledo and Walbridge, Ohio passed away peacefully on Monday, March 15, 2021 at the Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City, MI with her loving family at her side, just 76 days before her 100th Birthday.

Rachel was born May 30, 1921 in Petersburg, TN to parents William Henry Brown and Janie Belle (Forbes) Brown. She married love of her life Joseph Louis Urbanski on March 12, 1941 in Toledo.

Rachel is survived by her daughter Judy (Bob) Lober of Traverse City, grandchildren, Wendy (David) Roelofs of Lake Ann and Michael (Julie) Lober of Traverse City, great grandchildren, Allison (Julian) Damer and Abbey Roelofs of Lake Ann, Benjamin, Jacob and Paige Lober of Traverse City, Stefanie (Jeremy) Knapp of Bear Lake and great-great grandchildren, Maxwell Damer and Harper Knapp, sister-in-law Janice Brown of Denver, PA and many nieces and nephews.

Rachel is preceded in death by her parents, husband Joe, sister Martha Cole Harris, brothers William Forbes Brown and E. Cowan Brown, infant sisters Sarah and Nancy Brown, nephews Douglas Brown, Charles Harris, Dean Harris and niece Amy Brown.

Rachel graduated from Toledo DeVilbiss High School in 1939. Years later she was the Secretary/Treasurer for the DeVilbiss Golden Alumni and a member of the DeVilbiss Tiger Plaza planning committee at the Toledo Zoo.

She was a member and President of the Ottawa Park Garden Club, a charter member, Vice President and Scholarship Chair for the Toledo Garden Forum and volunteered at the Perrysburg Commons garden program and Pots at Portside. She and Joe were on the Teamster Retirees to Action Executive Board, volunteering for many service projects. She was a civic advocate in Walbridge

when needed. Rachel had many hobbies and loved to share them with others. She knitted and crocheted hundreds of afghans and baby blankets for family, friends and for the Veterans hospital in Ann Arbor.

Rachel worked at the Whitehouse Creamery on Sylvania Avenue during high school, she wrote articles for the West Toledo Herald and worked at the National Supply Company during WWII. She was a seamstress and dressmaker for many years and worked at LaSalles/Macy’s for twenty plus years. She was a member of the American Business Women.

Rachel was a caregiver, not only with in her family but with many of her dear friends. She was always ready to lend a hand as needed and made sure everyone felt welcome when they stopped by for a visit. She will be forever remembered for her love, kindness and generosity.

Since April 2020, Rachel lived at the Grand Traverse Pavilions. During her time there, she touched the hearts of many people. The staff has shared stories of Rachel and her wonderful personality in making friends and sharing stories of her life. Her family is grateful to the Pavilions staff for their care and love during this time!

A memorial service will take place April 17, 2021 at 3:00pm at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City and interment will take place at Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be directed to a charity of your choice in Rachel’s name. Kindly share thoughts and memories with her family at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.



Obituary

Angela Marie Dunn July 7, 1929 – March 21, 2021



Angela Marie Dunn, “Our Pray Warrior,” has triumphantly joined her adored Jesus after 91 years of living, loving, and serving. She was born to William and Marie (Maire) Wasserman in Toledo, Ohio on July 7, 1929. Angela married Charles “Dick” Dunn on November 27, 1948. She attended St. Ignatius Grade School, Olney High School and was Valedictorian and Popularity Queen in 1946. Her talents included waitressing at Chippewa Golf Club, secretary at Hirzel Canning Company, Avon saleswoman, organizing young women of Curtice to collect contributions for flowers at the death of a community member.

Dick and Angela were parents to 6 children, active members of St. Ignatius Catholic Church, worked in the car industry and loved to explore with their family in their trailer. They traveled to all states but Alaska.

In her “spare time” Angela was active in the Curtice Card Club, Cardinal Stritch Biretta Club, and golfed at Hidden Hills. She was involved in Stone Craft Ministries and coordinated Bible studies for 25 yrs. As a member of Foundation Stone Christian Church she helped with the nursery and MOPS program and was in a cell group. In the 1980’s, Angela and Dick traveled to Europe and connected with her French relatives. She wrote them for 40 years. On her 90th birthday she received a book documenting her visits in pictures, a Zoom call, and a song sung by them. Angie’s final trip was to the Holy Land.

Angela was a loving mother and friend, she was welcoming, she said to invest in your children as they are the one thing you will take with you out of this world. Angela was her warm, sweet self to the end.

Angela leaves behind her children, Sue Ann (Frank) Westmeyer, Diane (Ron) Terry, Richard (Norma) Dunn, Jo Ann (Mike) Walsh, Angela (Matt) Kutz, son-in-law Mark (Laura) Kauder; sisters, Elsie Dippman, Vi Gahler, Jane Cjaka, and Verna Konesky; sister-in-law, Nancy Wasserman; brother, Leo Wasserman; and a dear friend Karen Dietrich and a multitude of nieces and nephews, grandnieces, grandnephew, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; daughter, Mary Lou; sisters, Rita Boes, Louella Fairchild, Dorothy Dippman, Anna Mae Sattler; and brothers, Donald and Leonard Wasserman.

Family and friends may visit the Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155 S. Wynn Rd in Oregon on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at Foundation Stone Church, Northwood, OH. Angela will be laid to rest at a later time at St. Ignatius Cemetery. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Foundation Stone Church.

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

March 28 to April 3

March 28

1915 - Selma Newman is born in Toledo. She would later become Selma Rubin through marriage and move to Santa Barbara California. There, the Scott High School and UT grad became an influential and energetic environmental activist. She is considered the co-founder of Earth Day in 1970.

1920 - Deadly Palm Sunday tornadoes move across Northwest Ohio dealing heavy damage at Raab Corners in western Lucas County where four people were killed. The twisters also ripped apart the small town of Genoa in Ottawa County destroying many home and killing two women. In all, 19 people were reported to have died in the Toledo region that day.

1928 -The News Bee features a front-page story about the mysterious hauntings of a farm in Fulton County where a woman by the name of Lucinda Poole once ran a "free-love" colony.

March 29

1902 - Tontogany farmer W.T. Van Valenburg sends townfolk on a treasure hunt after he says he lost his wallets in the fields around town and it contained \$300 in cash.

1908 - Police patrolman Patrick Sweeney of Tiffin is killed in a gun battle with a burglar. The suspect is identified as Butch Huffman and police have been searching the area for the young killer.

1956 - Middleweight boxer Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure of Toledo earns a spot to compete in the Pan American games in September.

1956 -Toledo police are embroiled in a scandal after it was revealed that police had injected a "truth serum" into a stabbing suspect they were interrogating. Investigators say they had approval from superiors, but superiors deny those claims. Lawyers for the suspect say his constitutional rights were violated.

March 30

1900 - It's reported that 96-year-old Stephen Wood of Toledo has taken out a marriage license to wed 50-year-old Martha Lindsay in Toledo. He has outlived three other wives during his long life. But at 96, he says he wants his fourth wedding to take place without delay.

1919 - Riots erupt in downtown Toledo as



thousands of supporters of Eugene Debs storm Memorial Hall where the socialist leader was not permitted to speak because of his political views. Mobs spill into the street and clash with police. At least 70 people are arrested in the melee.

1921 - Several Toledo businessmen at a store on Ontario Street are able to tune in and listen to a live concert from Pittsburgh on a wireless telephone (radio). The News Bee suggests that these new contraptions just might become popular some day in the future.

1945 - Reports from South Bass Island indicate that the constant testing of heavy guns and artillery at Erie Proving Grounds near Port Clinton is putting cracks in the towering Perry's Monument.

March 31

1892 - A lynch mob of 1000 "respectable citizens" of Findlay in Hancock County, break into the jail and abduct a man by the name of Joseph Lytle who was being held for allegations of murdering his wife and daughter with an ax. The mob dragged Lytle outside and lynched him from a bridge span and then pulled his body down and hung him again from a telegraph pole and riddled his body with bullets.

1904 - Major vandalism is reported at Toledo High School on Michigan when custodians find electric wires cut, bulbs broken and door locks jammed.

1949 - Pinball machine cash payouts are now banned in the city. The machines, say city prosecutors, can only be used for personal amusement and not for gambling.

1973 - Opera singer Patrice Munsel, in Toledo to perform at the Masonic Auditorium, is reunited with her pet boa constrictor "George" after she left the big snake in her Lansing hotel room earlier in the week.

April 1

1885 - The start of the natural gas rush in Northwest Ohio begins to get attention as four drillers strike natural gas within the

city limits of Bowling Green.

1918 - Toledo Policeman Louis Jazwiecki dies after being shot the previous night at Erie and Walnut streets as he was attempting to arrest two men.

1969 - City bulldozers roll down to the 1100 block of Upton Avenue to the home of minister Cassius Hettinger to destroy his iconic "Garden of Eden" display in his yard. He had created the menagerie of statues over the years using concrete and sea shells. The many displays depicting scenes from the Bible had become a tourist attraction for some, a curiosity for others and for some, an eyesore. It had hosted busloads of weekend tourists for decades.

April 2

1908 - The new stone Interurban bridge over the Maumee River at Roche De Boeuf is nearing completion. The arched span (which still stands today) was a flash point of controversy when it was built because its construction required partial removal of the famous and historic Roche De Boeuf outcropping in the middle of the Maumee.

1920 - Tiedtke's Department store says it plans to sell about a 1000 bunnies for Easter this year.

1943 - The Toledo Rockets basketball team loses the NIT championship to St. Johns at Madison Square Garden in a 47-27 humiliating blow out.

1977 - The Kenny Rogers hit song "Lucille" written by Hal Bynum while he sat in a "bar room in Toledo" reaches number one on the record charts. (The bar room was the Country Palace bar on Jefferson, and the "depot", as mentioned in the song, was the bus station up the street.)

April 3

1924 - Canton Avenue druggist Myron Selzman and three clerks are arrested on manslaughter charges in the deaths of 18 Toledo men who died a week after Selzman sold them poisoned alcohol (ethanol) or "canned heat" which they drank. It was a tragic and common practice by alcoholics during prohibition who could not buy booze from regular sources. Selzman was later convicted and spent four years in prison.

1946 - Residents of Trilby pledge to support the building of the new Hiawatha Park in Washington Township.

1957 -Tragedy visits the Fort Miami Racetrack in Maumee (now the fairgrounds) when fire and smoke snuff out the lives of 27 race horses.

1984 - The last edition of the East Toledo Sun is published.

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Left- and right-leaning scholars in fight for academic freedom

Tripp Grebe/ The College Fix

Whether one is on the right, or the left — or somewhere in between — there's one topic that often connects scholars from across the political spectrum: free speech.

Enter the Academic Freedom Alliance, a new organization comprised of current and emeritus faculty of American colleges and universities and dedicated to defending scholars' freedom of thought and expression.

The nonprofit, which launched earlier this month, derived from discussions among Princeton University faculty members regarding how to combat the growth of viewpoint intolerance on college campuses.

The organization and its members seek to provide two key services in supporting faculty's academic freedom.

First, the group's 216 members vow to serve as advocates for academic freedom in their capacity as writers, researchers and everyday citizens.

Second, the organization commits to providing legal support to faculty whose academic freedom is threatened by institutions' or officials' violations of constitutional, statutory, contractual, or school-based rights.

The organization's members span the political spectrum, including Harvard University's Cornel West, a Bernie Sanders supporter, and Princeton University's Robert P. George, who was deemed the "most influential conservative thinker" by the New York Times.

Such a robust cross-ideological membership is sure to lend the AFA more credibility for their future quarrels in defense of academic freedom.

The AFA is launched after a year that



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saw political intolerance on college campuses.

Last July, a professor of classics at Princeton University, Joshua Katz, openly criticized a letter of demands written by his colleagues that called for race-based financial rewards and the creation of a committee that would investigate traces of racism and discipline those responsible.

As a result of his public criticism, he was condemned publicly by his de-

partment. The president of Princeton, Christopher Eisgruber, said that Professor Katz had violated his obligation to use free speech responsibly.

In late August, the University of Southern California's Greg Patton, a business communication professor, used a Chinese word that sounded like an English slur. Anonymous students threatened to boycott his class, and eventually, the university suspended him.

Recently, an assistant professor at the University of Vermont is facing calls to resign after creating a video that argues antiracism efforts on campus amount to racism against its white population. The University of Vermont's provost has allegedly endorsed the efforts of a petition that calls for his resignation.

Keith Whittington, a professor of politics at Princeton University and the chairman of the AFA's academic committee, was recently asked if the AFA's creation is a response to cancel culture.

“To the extent that there are organized efforts to suppress and sanction professors who espouse controversial or unorthodox views, the alliance seeks to counter those pressures. Such pressures preceded what now gets characterized as cancel culture, but they have some overlap,” Whittington said.

When asked what the effect of a steadily increasing domination of faculties by left and far-left faculty members has had on academic freedom, Whittington acknowledges the shrinking population of conservative faculty.

“Conservative professors have long been a minority of university faculty, but there is evidence that their share of the faculty has been shrinking. It is easy for unfamiliarity to breed intolerance, and

universities would be better off — and academics would be better able to perform their core function of pursuing the truth through their scholarship and teaching — if there was more intellectual diversity on American college campuses,” he states.

Whittington said he believes that despite an obvious decrease in political tolerance on college campuses, the AFA and like-minded organizations' work will help improve the state of freedom of thought and expression.

“There are plenty of reasons for pessimism about the state of freedom of thought on American college campuses, but you can't start an organization like this without a sense of optimism about the gains that can be made. If American universities are to remain the envy of the world, we will need to preserve a healthy intellectual climate that values freedom of thought and tolerates diversity and dissent. There is a great deal at stake,” Whittington argues.

The Wall Street Journal editorial board endorses the work of the AFA, arguing, “The AFA could put institutional heft and scholarly prestige behind the old-fashioned view that a society is served by free inquiry, not political control of scholarship. The effort may seem hopeless in the short term, but critics outside the academy should support those working to reform from within.”

Right now, membership in the AFA is limited to invite-only. However, the organization anticipates opening up membership by application soon.

College Fix contributor Tripp Grebe is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in political science while receiving a certificate in philosophy, political economy, and economics.

Looking up, not down, offers us many benefits in life

We developed the habit of looking down as young children when we were upset, angry, embarrassed, frustrated, or dejected. We stared at the ground as we walked around sulking. We were withdrawn and unresponsive. We used this behavior as an escape rather than trying to remedy a situation.

This early conditioning influences your behavior throughout life. It becomes a default response to dealing with adversity. Even though this approach is devoid of any positive results, it's used repeatedly.

When faced with challenges or problems, where you look, figuratively and literally, makes a big difference. People with hope, determination, and drive look up to the future. Those who have given up, are down trodden, or believe there is no solution, constantly look down.

Just as smiling causes you to feel better, looking up also improves your emotional state. Your physical and mental states are interconnected. Positive body language sparks positive emotions. So, acting better leads to you feeling better.

Even without the negative emotional connection, looking down adversely impacts your wellbeing. For example, observe people who are constantly looking down at their phone while walking. They are prone to tripping, falling, walking into objects or traffic. These people suffer easily avoidable injuries.



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Looking up should be a way of life during good times and challenging times.”

Looking down is dangerous. You won't see potential hazards. Looking down blocks the world around you. You are less likely to see and hear what's going on. You are much more accident prone when staring at the ground.

People searching for answers tend

to look up. Ask someone a question and watch their eyes shift upward. Conversely, people look down when trying to avoid dealing with a problem. Knowing this, you can intentionally look up when confronting an obstacle.

Looking up provides an awareness of what lies ahead. Unexpected situations arise. Circumstances change without warning. Dealing with adversity is challenging enough when you are paying attention. When you are looking down, you'll be blindsided due to your inattention.

It's just like driving a car. Paying attention to the road ahead provides the ability to safely take corrective action to avoid having an accident. The farther down the road you are looking, the more warning you'll have. Drivers who focus their attention to something in the car are much more prone to a mishap. That's why distracted driving is so hazardous.

Looking up should be a way of life during both good times and challenging times. Whenever you find yourself looking down, pick up your head. Don't shy away from problems. Ignoring them won't make them go away. In fact, uncorrected problems tend to get worse.

Looking up enables you to evaluate various scenarios. This type of projection is in fact mental modeling. You get to run through various strategies and their

possible outcomes. The more you analyze your options before acting, the greater the chances for making the right decision.

Looking up let's you know whether you are on your chosen path. You are able to observe changes in circumstances. You are also in touch with changes within yourself which necessitate a change in direction.

The situational awareness you gain by looking up permits you to plan for what is up ahead. You can take advantage of new opportunities which appear, while resolving problems before they become unmanageable.

Take responsibility for your life by looking up. Looking down is a woe is me victim mentality which cries for attention. It's your life. Do more of what makes you happy. Eliminate those actions which create problems.

Maintain self-awareness. Be cognizant of where you are looking. As soon as you catch yourself looking down, look right back up instead.

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Start a tradition

To the editor: We've been cooped up too long.

This is a beautiful time to take a walk for much-needed exercise, fresh air and the joy of warm sunlight on your back. While you're at it, grab two or three plastic bags to pick up aluminum cans, and the plastic and paper that blows through the fields and litters our streets.

Why not choose April 1 — April Fool's Day, and several different days during this month for your walks. Dress in motley (brightly mismatched colors) for fun, and you will be safely visible. Walk on the left to see close oncoming traffic. After 15 minutes, safely cross the street and walk back—that's 30 minutes of exercise.

Wear shoes with heavy soles to protect your feet when you step on cans to flatten them, and wear gloves that can be tossed into the laundry. Wash rubber gloves while still on your hands, with soap and water when you get home. Hang them to dry for another day.

Let's start a yearly tradition. We can wrap up our Fool's Errands on Earth Day, April 22.

Letters

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But in all the fun, let's not be foolish; we really must wear masks for a while longer.

Annette Wakulenko
Genoa

The question is...

To the editor: Why? All the world asks this question.

Rarely before in our lifetimes have we witnessed such turmoil. Why? Maybe the lord has had enough of our destructive ways of living. We show no care about our planet. We have polluted our waters with sewer, chemical and garbage wastes.

We fill our air with poisonous gases and chemical waste because nobody sees it. All in the name of profits.

We kill our unwanted babies.

We sell our young kids drugs to ruin their lives and no one cares. It makes big profits.

Why Covid? Maybe we are seeing the

anger of the lord.

Today, here in the U.S., there is a medical facility on every street corner.

Our speech has become a language of four-letter words. How sad.

We are all guilty.

Larry Erard
Walbridge

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Terra State releases commencement details for May

Terra State Community College has released more details regarding this year's commencement ceremony.

The College will celebrate the 52nd graduating class on Friday, May 7, with each academic division having its own ceremony.

Allied Health, Nursing and Science Division will be at 5 p.m.; Liberal Arts and Business Division at 6:30 p.m. and Technology and Skilled Trades Division at 8 p.m.

Students in transfer pathways will attend the Liberal Arts and Division ceremony, except mortuary science students, who will attend the Allied Health, Nursing and Science Division ceremony.

Students will be able to bring up to four guests, who will sit within their group and maintain social distancing from others. Students who have applied to graduate will be sent an RSVP form via their Terra State email. Further details can be found at Terra.edu/Commencement.

"This past year has been difficult for everyone, including our students who have had to transition to learning remotely," said President Ron Schumacher, "We hope that this year's ceremony is the perfect closing to their time at Terra State, surrounded by fellow classmates and family."

This year's ceremony will come closer to a traditional commencement, with faculty present, conferring of degrees and a virtual keynote speaker.

"We are very excited to celebrate our graduates and their hard work, as we transition closer back to normalcy," said Bill Taylor, vice president of academic affairs.

Serenity Farms offering kindergarten readiness

Serenity Farms Equestrian Center, located at 21870 Lemoyne Rd., in Luckey, is offering four weeks of a kindergarten readiness curriculum based on the Ohio Department of Education Requirements, which includes fun with horses.

The program will be offered Saturdays June 5, 12, 19 and 26 and July 3, 10, 17 and 31 from 9:30-11 a.m., and Tuesdays June 1, 8, 15 and 29 at 6:15 p.m. Classes will be limited to four children, to allow for individualized attention to each student. Participation is open to children entering kindergarten in the fall.

The program was developed by Shanda Wright, who has a BS degree in Communications Sciences and a Master's in Education with a license in Learning Disabled and Developmentally Handicapped K-12, together with Debra DeHoff, advanced equine specialist; Stephanie Zeigler, volunteer speech pathologist; Kathleen Warrington, retired teacher and Bonnie Bach, retired Mercy Health staff member.

Each week will include purposeful activities set inside the barn area, take-home projects, and a riding component. Each student will receive an assessment and certifi-



cate of completion at the last lesson. Registration is required by calling 419-833-1308 or emailing info@serenityfarm.org. Visit www.serenityfarm.org for more details.

Teen Poetry Contest

The Harris-Elmore Public Library is sponsoring its 15th annual Georgiana Huizenga Teen Poetry Contest during the month of April.

There will be several grand prizes given in four different categories:

- Female Poet (humorous);
- Female Poet (serious);
- Male Poet (humorous);
- Male Poet (serious).

The grand prize will be a \$25 Books-A-Million gift card. There will also be several other fun prizes for runners-up. Students in grades seven-12 are eligible to enter, including homeschoolers.

Poems should be typed on one side of the paper (poems may be more than one page in length) and should be submitted to the Harris-Elmore Public Library by Friday, April 23. There is a limit of three poems per student.

For more info, call 419-862-2482 or visit www.harriselmorelibrary.org.

Operation Street Smart

The Ottawa County Drug Free Collaborative, an initiative of the Ottawa County Family & Children First Council, will present "Operation Street Smart," on April 20 from 6-9 p.m. in the Oak Harbor High School auditorium. The program will also be presented earlier in the day from 1-4 p.m. at Port Clinton High School.

The program, a collaborative effort between DARE and the Ottawa County Sheriff's Special Investigative Unit, will offer an opportunity to learn about the current trends in drugs and drug abuse. Anyone with a connection with children is invited to attend. Presenters work in health care, education, the legal system and other fields.

The program will include a "Hidden In Plain Sight" room, which resembles a typical teen's bedroom and focuses on what parents can learn about everyday items that may be indicators of risky behavior and/or drug use for their preteen or teenager.

Seating is limited to 25 percent capacity at each presentation. All attendees are required to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Register at <https://forms.gle/zf3bdvDnhhuSnAFU6>.

For more information on the event, contact Joe Leroux at jleroux@ottawacountysheriff.org or 419-734-6843 or Margaret Osborne, Ottawa County Family and Children First Council, at mosborne@co.ottawa.oh.us or 567-262-3651.

Club to offer scholarships

The Wood County Republican Women's Club (WCRWC) will award two \$500 scholarships at their anniversary dinner in June. There are no restrictions for the funds that will be paid to the college or university that the student will be attending in the fall.

Graduating high school females who are residents of Wood County and plan to attend college or university in the fall are eligible to apply.

To request an application, email marlenakleine@gmail.com.

Credit union rewards educators

Each year, Sun Federal Credit Union accepts nominations from students, parents, and educators in the 16 schools they serve in Lucas and Wood counties.

One teacher is selected from each of the top three nominated school districts to receive a \$500 award. Additionally, the teacher with the most nominations selects one high school senior from their district to receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

"The Teacher of the Year Award is our way of giving back to the communities we serve, and what better way than to reward our local educators who play such an important role in developing our future leaders," said Jennifer Compton, Director of

Business Development.

Sun Federal began the Teacher of the Year program in 2015. Since its inception, the program has awarded \$28,000 to 44 educators and \$16,500 to 13 high school students, impacting the lives that make our community shine.

This year, Sun Federal received 177 nominations and will announce the 2021 award recipients in late March. To learn more, visit sunfederalcu.org or call 800-786-0945.

Virtual Career Fair

As the economy recovers and Ohio businesses across the state work to stay open or in some cases reopen, JobsOhio's Network Partners in Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca County are hosting OH•Zone, a virtual career fair, on Tuesday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., with a focus on high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as the public.

"The virtual career fair will help to connect with prospective employees and meet the workforce needs of local companies and industries," said Jeff Sprague, Regional Talent Manager for the JobsOhio Northwest Ohio region.

The online event will feature companies from throughout Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca Counties that are hiring for open positions. Participating employers from throughout the three counties will have virtual booths featuring their open positions at varying experience levels.

"Through the career fair, we hope to attract the attention of active job seekers who

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Brown renews push for federal anti-hazing legislation

On March 24, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) hosted a conference call as he reintroduced the "Reach Act," legislation to address hazing on college campuses, following the death of Stone Foltz, a Bowling Green State University student who died due to an alleged alcohol-induced hazing event earlier this month.

Since 2000, there have been more than 50 hazing-related deaths on America's college campuses.

"We have to do more to stop these student deaths - parents shouldn't have to worry for their children's safety because they join a fraternity or sorority," Brown said.

Brown was joined on the call by Kathleen Wiant, whose son Collin died in a tragic hazing incident in 2018. Wiant joined in Brown's call for federal action and passage the Reach Act.

"We need to change the culture of hazing and how it's viewed," Wiant said. "Changing this culture begins with changing the laws, because no family should have to experience the most painful type of heartbreak imaginable due of hazing. Parents and students deserve and need access to the necessary information to keep students safe."

Brown's "Reach Act" would:

- Require hazing incidents to be reported as part of a college's annual crime report,
- Establish a definition of hazing to clarify what constitutes a reportable offense, and
- Require institutions to establish a campus-wide, research-based program to educate students about the dangers of hazing.

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seek employment or advancement, and/or who are ready to make a career change," Sprague said.

High school students and job seekers are encouraged to register for the event early to upload their resume and qualifications, explore companies and open positions, and sign up to receive alerts and reminders leading up to and throughout the event. Companies will also be reaching out to set up interviews with job seekers for April 13, so visit the event page to explore companies and get registered.

OhioMeansJobs staff in Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca counties are available to assist high school students and job seekers with preparing for the event and navigating the event.

Register for the OH•Zone event online by visiting ohiovirtualcareerfaairs.com/northwest.

The Regional Growth Partnership serves as a JobsOhio Network Partner and is the lead economic development group serving the Toledo region and 17 counties of Northwest Ohio. JobsOhio is a private nonprofit corporation designed to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts.

Fall program signup

Vanguard Adult Workforce Development has announced course registration for the Diversified Medical Occupations fall program.

The nine-month course prepares individuals for their certification exam, and for an entry-level position as either a medical assistant or phlebotomy technician. The fast-paced course begins with an intensive core curriculum, so admission screening is required for entry.

The screening is open to individuals who are at least 18 years of age, who have a high school diploma or GED certificate, and have considered a career in the allied health-care field. The test is free.

Vanguard partners with ASPIRE to offer classes for those who need to boost placement scores. These classes are also offered free of charge, with no obligation.

Financial aid for the program is available to those who qualify. The next class will begin in August and will graduate in May 2022.

For more info email adultedweb@vsctc.org or call 419-334-6901, ext., 2752.

OSWCD scholarship

The Ottawa Soil & Water Conservation District has announced the Agricultural and Natural Resource Scholarship, available to Ottawa County students and graduates.

Ottawa SWCD will award one \$500 scholarship this spring. Students may apply online at ottawaswcd.wixsite.com/ottawaswcd/scholarship through April 2. The winner will be announced during National Stewardship Week, April 25-May 2.

To be eligible, a student must be either a 2021 graduating senior or a past graduate of an Ottawa County High School. He or she must be enrolled for the fall 2021 school year as a full-time student at an accredited college, technical school or university. The student must also be pursuing a degree in agriculture, natural resources or a related field.

This scholarship fund is made possible by donations from the community. Donations so far have been made in honor of Jerry and Cheryl Whipple, who are leaders in land stewardship and have won awards for their work in conservation. For more info about applying or donating, contact Ottawa Soil & Water Conservation District at 419-898-1595.

Environmental scholarships

Ohio EPA and The Ohio Academy of Science are accepting applications for the 2021 Environmental Education Fund scholarships. The deadline to submit applications is April 15.

"I encourage all Ohio college students who are eligible and working toward careers in environmental science and engineering fields to apply for these scholarships," said Ohio EPA

Director Laurie A. Stevenson. "We are honored to help foster learning and achievement, especially with those students who one day will use their education and skills to protect human health and the environment."

The merit-based, non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to junior and senior year students enrolled at Ohio public or private colleges/universities/community colleges demonstrating their knowledge and commitment to careers in environmental sciences or environmental engineering. Students will be selected based on academic performance, as well as research, employment/internships, leadership, letters of recommendation from education or environmental professionals, and other criteria.

Up to \$5,000 is available for students entering their collegiate junior or senior year in four-year and five-year programs and up to \$2,500 is available to students entering the second year in two-year degree programs. A total of \$50,000 will be awarded this year.

Additional information about the scholarship is available by calling Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at 614-644-2873 or visiting www.epa.ohio.gov/oe. To learn more about the Ohio Academy of Science, call 614-488-2228 or visit www.OHIOSCI.org.

Eastwood receives Awards

For the fifth and sixth consecutive years, Eastwood Local Schools has received the Auditor of State Award for school districts with clean financial audits.

In addition, Eastwood received the highest designation of Four Stars for government transparency. In order to be recognized, the district must meet criteria deemed "Best Practices" that are above and beyond the requirements of Ohio law.

"The credit for this goes to Treasurer Brad McCracken, Assistant Treasurer Laurie Ruch, Accounts Payable Diane Steagall, and Payroll Specialist Erin Williams," Eastwood Superintendent Brent Welker said in an update to the community. "Thanks to their diligent efforts, Eastwood has maintained an outstanding record when it comes to our audits."

Schools to receive COVID-19 test kits

The Ohio Department of Education in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Educational Service Center Association recently announced plans to provide an estimated 200,000 Abbott BinaxNOW Home Tests to Ohio public and private schools as another means of providing a safe learning environment for students, in addition to staff vaccinations and continued adherence to safety protocols like surface cleaning and facial coverings.

The state purchased the tests and will work closely with Ohio's network of educational service centers to distribute them to schools and districts.

The 15-minute BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test has received FDA Emergency Use Authorization and is packaged with instructions to access a telehealth professional who will oversee test administration, prescription writing and result reporting. Schools and districts are encouraged to work with their local departments of health to determine the best strategies for using the tests at their locations. It would be appropriate to use the tests for symptomatic students, teachers and staff members.

"It was important to get these tests in the hands of school leaders because we know how important it is for students to be able to continue learning in their classrooms," said Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine. "In addition to the staff vaccinations, masks and physical-distancing practices that Ohio's schools already employ so well, these tests will be a big help in our efforts to keep students, staff and communities safe."

"Convenient access to testing is one more tool in our toolbox as we all work together to help slow the spread of COVID-19," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria. "Even with these tests and school staff members having the opportunity to be vaccinated, it still will be important to continue protective strategies like mask wearing, frequent hand-washing and maintaining social distancing."

Schools and districts should contact their regional educational service centers for more information on how to obtain tests.

The Union Bank Co. Salutes Gibsonburg High School's March Student of the Month!



Mariana Alejandro

Mariana has a GPA of 4.351 and is ranked 10th in her class. She is a member of the volleyball and softball teams. Mariana is also a High Honor Roll Student, Global Student Ambassador and member of Key Club, Spanish Club, Drug Free Club of America and the National Honor Society. She was a SkillsUSA qualifier for Medical Terminology.

The daughter of Terri Jahna-Vargo and David Alejandro Jr., Mariana plans to continue her softball career at Ohio Northern University, majoring in Biology to eventually become a physicians assistant.



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Samantha has a GPA of 4.230 and is ranked 10th in her class. She is a member of the Cross Country Team, Equestrian Team, Choir, Spring Musical and FFA. Samantha is also active in 4-H and the Ottawa County Horse Foundation.

The daughter of Al and Kimberly Richards, Samantha plans to attend Otterbein University and major in Music Education.

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Samantha Michael



Samantha is ranked 4th in her class and has a GPA of 4.125. She is a full time college credit plus student at Terra State Community College and will earn her Associate of Science degree at the end of the spring semester. Samantha is a member of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa. In her spare time she enjoys exercising and walking her dogs.

The daughter of Brian and Tomi Michael, Samantha plans to transfer her degree to the University of Findlay where she will focus on pre-med studies.

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Megan Momany

Megan has a GPA of 4.36 and is ranked 10th in her class. She is a member of Chorale, Jet Set Show Choir, Varsity Women's Quartet, Students in Action, Prism, Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Spanish Club. Megan is also active with Fall Play, Spring Musical and the Drama Club.



The daughter of Troy and Cara Momany, Megan plans to major in nursing at Bowling Green State University.

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Salutes Cardinal Stritch's March Student of the Month



Aaron Wilhelm

Aaron has a GPA of 4.27 and is ranked 6th in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in Cross Country, Track and Field, and the school band. Aaron also serves as Student Council president.

The son of Lawrence and Kathleen Wilhelm, Aaron plans to attend Mercy College of Ohio and major in nursing.



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Glass City Federal Credit Union salutes Waite High School's March Student of the Month!



Selina Porras

Selina has a 4.20 GPA and is ranked 7th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

The daughter of Ramon and Josefina Porras, Selina plans to major in Education at the University of Toledo. Her dream is to become a teacher.



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Inspirational Alumni

Lake Schools recognize 2021 Distinguished Alumni

After receiving several inspiring nominations, Lake Schools announced that Ryan Szeziela, M.D. and John Robinson are being honored with 2021 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

At Lake, Szeziela was fifth in the class of 1997. He was also an outstanding athlete, earning letters all four years in basketball and letters three years in track. He was first team all-league and first team all-district in basketball.

After graduation, he attended Heidelberg University, where he continued his basketball career and earned first team all-conference honors in the Ohio Athletic Conference. He graduated from Heidelberg in 2001, summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and Chemistry.

Szeziela then attended the Medical College of Ohio School of Medicine from 2001-2006, where he received his Doctorate of Medicine Degree. He subsequently completed a three-year residency at the University of Toledo College of Medicine from 2007-2010, where he was the Chief President in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

After residency, Ryan completed a one-year Fellowship in Sports Medicine at ProMedica. Since 2011, Ryan has embarked on a distinguished career in sports and rehabilitation medicine at ProMedica Physicians Group.

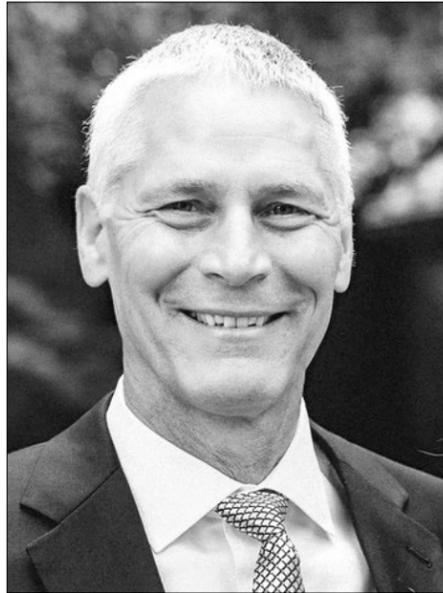
Szeziela is the team physician for the Toledo Mud Hens, Toledo Walleye, University of Toledo Athletics, Lourdes University Athletics and Perrysburg High Schools' Athletics.

He has become a leader in the use of stem cell treatment and other conservative non-surgical alternatives to the treatment of sports-related injuries.

He has a specialized interest in spinal intervention and is certified in advanced spine orthobiologic injections. He has also



Ryan Szeziela



John Robinson

“
...a leader in the use of stem cell treatment and other conservative non-surgical alternatives...
”

written and published numerous articles and presentations in the field of sports and rehabilitation medicine.

Szeziela is a member of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and

Rehabilitation, the American Academy of Sports Medicine, and the Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

He has also done volunteer work for the Susan G. Komen Cancer Race Medical Team, the American Cancer Society, America Reads, the Toledo Area Humane Society, and the Glass City Marathon Medical Team.

Szeziela and his wife Erin (formerly Erin Beck, who is also a Lake graduate), have three children, Dylan, Nolan, and Callan, and currently live in Perrysburg.

At Lake, John Robinson, finished third in the class of 1974, and was an elite athlete. In wrestling he finished fifth in the state his junior year, and third in the state as a senior. In football, he was first team all-

league on both offense and defense. He also played baseball and ran track, winning the 180-yard hurdles at the NLL championship meet. Robinson is a member of the Lake Athletic Hall of Fame.

He then attended the University of Toledo on a wrestling scholarship, where he was team captain for two years and wrestled in the NCAA Nationals twice. In 1978, he graduated from UT with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering.

He received a Master's in Business Administration from Duke University in 1983 and subsequently embarked on a career in the burgeoning high-tech field of telecommunications. From 1978-1983, he worked for Rockwell International as a manufacturing Engineer. From 1983-1990, he worked for Northern Telecom as Operations Manager. From 1990-1994, he was plant manager of ITT manufacturing operations that built secure communications equipment for the military. From 1994-2006, Robinson worked for Nokia as VP and then Senior VP, where he was in the top 50 employees of a company that supplied four out of 10 of the world's cell phones.

At age 50, because of his abiding Christian faith, Robinson chose to end his highly successful business and engineering career to become a high school teacher and wrestling coach, so he could serve as a mentor and positive influence on inner-city and public-school students. For 10 years, he taught science and coached. His wrestling teams placed in the top 10 at the Texas State Tournament every year.

Robinson and his three sons then started Tevah Financials, an investment business, in which he is still involved today.

In addition to raising their sons, Robinson and his wife, Carolyn, have served as foster parents to nine infants over an eight-year period, and are actively involved in their local church.

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Sierra Vendt



Sierra has a GPA of 4.342 and is ranked 7th in her class. She is a member of the Northwood High School Marching Band, student council, the National Honor Society and is on the varsity softball team. Sierra also serves as senior class president.

The daughter of Ron and Monica Vendt, Sierra plans to attend the University of Toledo and major in exercise science, then attend medical school to become a radiologist.



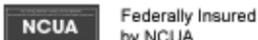
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Jadyn has a GPA of 4.29 and ranked 7th in her class.

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Carson Charville



Carson, a senior from Eastwood High School, is enrolled in the Information Technologies Academy at Penta Career Center where he holds a GPA of 4.22. At Eastwood, he has been a member of the band, bowling team, chess club and art club. Carson has been an honor roll student at Penta and has earned the Academic Achievement Award. This school year he will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Carson is also a member of the Business Professionals of America (BPA) and the Drug Free Club. Through BPA, Carson has participated in regional competitions. Carson was previously a teen volunteer at The Toledo Zoo for five years.

After completing his training at Penta and graduating from Eastwood, Carson plans to attend either Owens Community College or Bowling Green State University. He is the son of Misty and David Charville.



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Sheridan is ranked 1st in her class and has a GPA of 4.371. She is active in volleyball, Key Club, People Inc., Senior Exec., Junior Exec., the National Honor Society, FFA and Student Council. Sheridan also serves as a 4-H camp counselor, and is a member of Carteens and the Junior Fair Board. She also works at Schedel Gardens.

The daughter of Ken and Jennifer Schuerman, Sheridan plans to attend Ohio State University and major in Plant Pathology.



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Paige Travis

Paige has a GPA of 3.98 and is ranked 10th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and varsity cheerleading (football captain).

The daughter of Ryan Travis and Ashley Slates, Paige will attend a 4-year university majoring in political science/pre-law with plans to then attend law school.



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Eleven inducted into Penta's Ntl. Technical Honor Society

Penta Career Center inducted metro- and suburban-area students into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during a ceremony held March 25.

This year, 11 students were honored for their career-technical achievements.

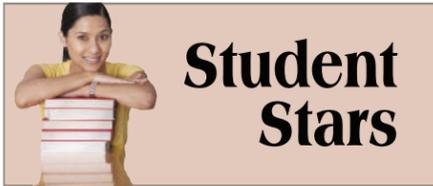
The NTHS is similar to the National Honor Society at comprehensive high schools, where students are recognized for scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership in the NTHS at Penta requires students to maintain excellent attendance, good behavior and a 3.5 overall grade point average.

In addition, inductees must meet the seven attributes of NTHS – skills, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

The NTHS has been in existence for students at Penta since 2013. It was established as an additional way to recognize student achievement and leadership. Students who are members of the NTHS at Penta are also eligible for induction into the National Honor Society at their member schools.

Students selected for induction into the 2021 NTHS at Penta include Mackenzie Hoot (Anthony Wayne) from Digital Arts and Design; Carson Charville (Eastwood) from Information Technologies Academy; Abigail Lipinski (Eastwood) from Dental Assistant; Candace Lawson (Genoa) from Dental Assistant; Marissa Betz (North Baltimore) from Sophomore Exploratory; Hope Carico (North Baltimore) from Sophomore Exploratory; Alessia Garner (Oak Harbor) from Firefighter; Abigail Brown (Otsego) from Digital Arts & Design; Katlyn Floyd (Swanton) from Sophomore Exploratory; Anna Wellons (Woodmore) from Medical Technologies Academy; and Olivia Cook (Woodmore) from Cosmetology.

Each NTHS inductee received a membership certificate, pin, window decal, a seal for their high school diploma, NTHS spirit wear, and a white tassel to be worn during graduation. Senior inductees also



receive cords that they will wear for graduation.

Academic honors

Hudson Wolfe, a freshman mechanical engineering major, is among more than 1,200 Harding University students included on the dean's list for grades achieved during the fall 2020 semester.

Michael Lindhorst, of Lindsey, was named to the dean's list with distinction for continued high achievement at Bluffton University for the 2020-2021 fall semester.

Art on display

The University of Mount Union is holding the annual student art exhibit virtually March 10 through April 9.

The exhibit includes works from 16 Mount Union students, including Ava Smith, from Northwood. The exhibit includes paintings, drawings, photography and sculptures.

The exhibit is available for viewing at mountunion.edu/2021studentartexhibit. For more details, email the Gallery Coordinator, Michael Schmidt, at schmidmi@mountunion.edu.

R.C. Waters Top Class Dojo Winners

Several R.C. Waters Elementary students were honored as top ClassDojo winners for February.

The school has been participating in a school-wide initiative called Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – a process for creating safer and more ef-

fective schools by creating a safe and productive learning environment. A set of unified expectations is in place in classroom and non-classroom settings throughout the schools – “Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Ready.”

ClassDojo is a behavior-tracking system designed to reinforce positive behaviors and engage students in becoming responsible for their own choices. On a scheduled rotation, students are able to “shop” from the Dojo reward cart using the points they have earned for meeting the behavior expectations.

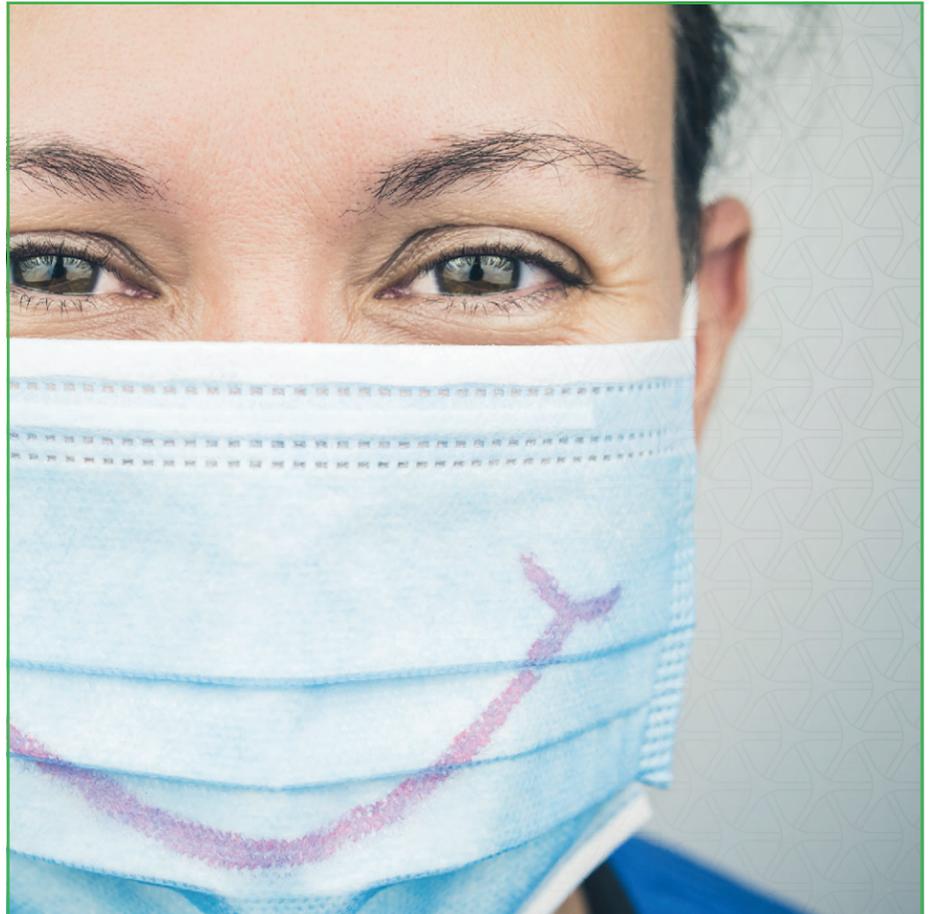
February Top Class Dojo winners include:

Kindergarten: Cara Rollheiser, Jack Behnke, Sydney Tymiak, Grant Leist, Makayla Forshey, Cylus Kitchin, and Gabe Rook

First grade: Tommy Wallace, Ana Sigurdson, Braxtyn Bauer, Drew Boss and Adalynn Mitchell.

Second grade: Christopher Gackstetter, London Tenney, Blake Martin, Shelby Cook, Willow Denman, Cora Kapp and Carrie Gahler.

Third grade: Jack Crawford, Greyson Leist, Erica Biggert, Stella Laughlin, Tommy Revenaugh, Harper Schultz, Hailey Stoops, Rhiley Cover, Jethro Duez and Kasen Heminger.



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Imagination Library benefits more than 650 children

Since its fall launch of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for young readers, United Way in Ottawa County has registered 653 area children for the literacy program that provides free books for children from birth through age 5.

"We are improving children's literacy levels with Imagination Library," says United Way Office Manager, April Schalk. "Our goal is to register 1,100 children in our second year of operation, which begins in July."

Approximately 2,000 Ottawa County preschoolers could eventually benefit from Imagination Library. Each young reader, regardless of family income, receives one book mailed every month, directly to his or her home. United Way in Ottawa County continues to partner with the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library (OGIL) by administering the program and serving as the conduit for Ottawa County enrollment and direct community donations.

Overcoming the challenges of the pandemic, the United Way in Ottawa County raised \$9,000 in its startup year. According to Alison Lanza Falls, Steering Committee Chair, it incurs an annual expense of approximately \$25 per child and receives a 50% match from OGIL for all donations raised in Ottawa County, dollar for dollar. By June 30, 2021, United Way has set a fundraising goal of approximately \$14,100, a much-needed base to secure sustainability of the program for the second year and beyond.

"As the number of registrants increas-

es, so must the operating costs, and raising young readers in our community is such a worthwhile cause," Falls said. "We have been so blessed with the initial support of many generous area leaders and community organizations. We appreciate their help, going forward, as we continue to invest in Ottawa County's future – our children."

In recent weeks, "celebrity readers" across Ottawa County — including educators, librarians and community leaders — have created reading videos of various 2021 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library titles. Videos are accessible from the United Way in Ottawa County Facebook page or the reading advocacy site, www.powerofpages.com/celebrityreaders.html.

To enroll a child in Imagination Library in Ottawa County, visit www.unitedwayottawacounty.org and click on the "Register Now" tab. To donate, click on the "Sponsor a Child" button on the right-hand side of the page. Checks may also be sent to United Way in Ottawa County, 1854 E. Perry St, Suite 300, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Indicate "Designation to Imagination Library in Ottawa County" on the memo line.

Call 419-734-6645 or email info@unitedwayottawacounty.org for more details.



Ottawa County Celebrity Reader Jane Taylor and her granddaughter Alivia enjoy reading 2021 titles from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. (Submitted photo)

Hands-on History to have in-person and take-home options

Kids can build ships and boats, learn creative construction and make their own roller coaster with take-home kits from the Frohman Summer Series: Hands-on History at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

The three-part series, which promotes learning about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through local history, will take place in-person during three sessions throughout the summer. There also will be 10 take-home kits available per session for those who would rather complete the activities at home.

The in-person program and take-home kits are free. Kids can attend or get take-home kits for one, two or all three sessions.

For in-person sessions, kids can pick from one of two time slots offered during the June, July and August sessions. There are five spots available in each time slot.

Registration for in-person attendance or to receive a take-home kit that can be picked up at Hayes Presidential is required. To register, contact Julie Mayle, curator of manuscripts, at 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org.

This series is geared toward 6 to 11-year-olds.

Sessions for each month are:

Wednesday, June 16 – Cedar Point Roller Coasters. Students can learn about speed, strength, gravity and other principles of physics and engineering by building a roller coaster using a variety of materials. From 1892 to the present, coasters have been a top attraction of Cedar Point generation after generation. Using the Charles E. Frohman Collection photographs from Hayes Presidential's collections, drawings and documents, students will analyze and build models of 19th and 20th-century coasters.

Wednesday, July 14 – All Hands on Deck! Ships and Boats of the Great Lakes. Students will learn about buoyancy, floatation, displacement and other principles of physics and engineering by building different types of boats with a variety of materials. Using the Frohman Collection photographs, drawings, and documents, students will learn about the Great Lakes commercial shipping industry, as well as the passenger vessels that occupied the area.

Wednesday, Aug. 18 – Thinking Outside the Box: Engineering and Creative Construction. Using the Frohman historic photographs and documents, students will learn about the innovative cardboard box manufacturer, Hinde & Dauch Paper Company. The business successfully operated from 1880 to 1981 in Sandusky. Students will gain an understanding of basic engineering principles and use that knowledge to construct functional bridges, containers and towers.

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Owens announced as finalist for awards of excellence

Owens Community College has been named a finalist in two categories – Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership and Students Success – for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) 2021 Awards of Excellence.

The national awards recognize exceptional work among the nation's two-year colleges.

Owens is one of 12 community colleges and the only one from Ohio to be recognized as a finalist for the AACC 2021 Awards of Excellence.

"We are pleased to be recognized by the AACC as finalists for our corporate partnerships and student success initiatives," stated Bill Balzer, interim president, Owens Community College. "Fostering success for both students and our community is our mission and we are extremely proud of all the amazing work being done by our exceptional faculty and staff."

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Partnership Award honors local, regional and national collaboration between a college and corporate partner that has achieved demonstrable, multi-year success in advancing the mission of the institution(s), the economic prosperity of a community, region or the nation, and the learning excellence of students.

Owens has been recognized for its partnership with Raise the Bar Hancock

County and eight Findlay-Hancock County manufacturers to launch the Ohio Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (OH! FAME) program.

"What makes this partnership successful is the role the businesses play. They are active in developing curriculum, guest speakers, board members, and much more," said Tracy Campbell, assistant director, Advanced Manufacturing and FAME. "Each student has an employer mentor as well as a college success coach to help guide them on their career path along with their educational path. It is a pleasure to be able to work with the students and employers to help fill the needs of the region."

The Student Success Award recognizes a community college that has demonstrated, through evidence, a sustained commitment to proactively advancing the cause of student success at a community college.

Over the past two years, the college has transformed its student placement

processes and how to improve underprepared students' success. The college has moved from a single measure of placement to a more holistic approach using multiple criteria and student feedback to provide more accurate placement.

In addition, the college embarked on a complete review of all its associate degrees to decrease both the number of credit hours required and time until completion. The majority of programs now have clear pathways to completion in 60-65 credit hours by streamlining the choice of program courses and removing unnecessary elective credits.

AACC's Awards of Excellence underscores the association's priorities and brings national visibility to promising practices among its member colleges.

Nominees will be judged by a select committee of the AACC Board of Directors. The winners will be announced at the Awards of Excellence Virtual Gala during AACC Digital in May.

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The 2020-21 Lake club hockey team — players are (not in order) — Tristan Steele (Rossford), Luke Vida (Whiteford), Elijah Moody (Elmwood), Owen Jardine (Patrick Henry), Trenton Tussing (Tinora), Colton Lowe (Lake), Jacob Harder (Whiteford), Ben Loomis (Genoa), Logan Urbanyi (Northwood), Aiden Haley (Van Buren), Bailey Coe (Otsego), Griffin Hales (Clay), Clay Soltis (Wauseon), Michael Tolles (Lake), Kaiden Williams (Genoa), David Dunn (Eastwood), James Bickley (Edison) and Raymond Wagner (Lake). Coaches are Northwood resident Craig Horvath and Genoa resident Ron Kenney and team administration is Courtney Kenney.

Kenney gets work done behind scenes

By J. Patrick Eaken
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Lake hockey coaches Craig Horvath and Ron Kenney credit their team administration, which is mostly Kenney's 30-year-old daughter Courtney, who used to step onto the ice and play herself.



Courtney Kenney

Without the Kenney family, who live in Genoa, the Lake club team may have never gotten 26 games in, finishing 18-6-2.

"The amount of phone time Courtney did to even salvage a season was quite a lot — way more than what Craig and I did, I'll tell you that," Ron Kenney said. "I've coached her (Courtney) whole life and she won a state title in high school out of Ann Arbor, so she has played quite a bit of hockey."

"She just loves the sport, and she likes the kids and tries to help the old man out because I'm not really that great on the phone to try to do all the phone work you have to do, plus getting hold of all the parents and dealing with parents."

"I'm way better with the kids on the ice," coach Kenney added. "It doesn't sound like a lot, but to play the amount of games we did was a credit to them because every time we turned around something was getting canceled, or we had to shuffle this or shuffle that. Of three tournaments that got canceled, the Lansing one is a nice one and the Columbus one is a good one."

Horvath added, "I'll have to be honest. I never thought we'd play games. If you would have talked to me at the beginning of the year, I would have said, 'Hey, if we get 10 or 12 games in, I am going to be happy for my seniors.' It was just a mess for everybody, so for us to play 26 games, what a blessing that was."

"We had four or five games get canceled, but still to play 26, I would have never thought that would happen. The quarantine killed us, too. Two or three different times we had kids out who were just quarantined. They did not even have it (COVID). But, you know, we made it through, and we are turning our cheek to this thing."

It is people like Courtney that make a program strong, too. Both coaches remember a time when their club program was on its last legs. They have seen multiple prep programs in the Toledo area get dropped, or go from varsity to club teams, while in Cleveland and Columbus the numbers of varsity teams continues to grow.

"Fourteen years ago, I had the same problem. I did not have many kids. We just tried to do things right and it ended up working out and we are still doing it," said Horvath, "It's diminishing and sad, and I just want to see kids playing. Someone gave me the opportunity to play 40 years ago, so I'm just doing my little thing."

Area players team up, lead Lake to 18 wins

By J. Patrick Eaken
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Talk about community cooperation — Lake, Northwood, Genoa, Eastwood and Clay student-athletes teamed up to lead the Lake club hockey team to an 18-6-2 season and second place finish in the Northwest Hockey Conference White Division.

Lake, White Division regular season and tournament champions a year ago, came close to defending their title. Lake finished 7-1-1 in the White, outscoring teams 84-5, while Whitmer finished 10-1, outscoring opponents 68-17.

As a result, the Panthers (20) had five more points than Lake (15). Lake defeated Whitmer, 6-1, in their first meeting, but the Panthers prevailed in the second, 2-1. Lake coach Craig Horvath and Whitmer coach Kevin Brown shared Coach of the Year honors.

Lake was not afraid to take on the area's best, including teams from the NHC Red Division which produced a state champion this year in St. Francis.

"I'll take it because the losses that we took were to Bowling Green (9-2) from the Red Division, to Anthony Wayne (6-4), and we also had a Perrysburg loss (4-0). We had a loss to Whitmer and then we lost in the last weekend to a team out of south Columbus (2-1 to PHA Prowlers)," Horvath said. "That is our six losses, but they were tough opponents. I'll take losing to Bowling Green and Anthony Wayne every week. I do not need to beat anybody up to make me feel good."

In goal for Lake was senior Logan Urbanyi (Northwood) and freshman Tristan Steele (Rossford), who combined for 10 shutouts. Urbanyi and Steele were both All-NHC White Division honorable mention selections.

"I have to be honest. I've never been able to really say that we had two solid goalies," Horvath said. "I would take either one. They are great goalies. They both had a lot of shutouts and they both had a lot of wins. Either kid — it doesn't matter who you play. They are just great kids — very smart, over a 4.0 GPA. What luck to come up with two good goalies."

Also contributing were Colton Lowe (Lake), Mike Tolles (Lake), Raymond Wagner (Lake), Ben Loomis (Genoa), Kaiden Williams (Genoa), Griffin Hales (Clay) and David Dunn (Eastwood). Tolles, who plays football and baseball for Lake, was a second team All-NHC White Division defenseman who scored 38 points on 13 goals and 12 assists. Hales had eight goals and four assists, Dunn had one goal and five assists and Lowe had one goal and three assists.

Lake forwards Clay Soltis (Wauseon) and Owen Jardine (Patrick Henry) were first team all-league selections. Jardine, who was also the NHC Dunn Sportsman of the Year, led the team with 88 points on 31 goals and 26 assists. Soltis had 78 points on 30 goals and 18 assists. Horvath says Jardine was instrumental to Lake's success.

"He's a game changer. We had a good player named Chase Soltis (Wauseon) last year, but this kid Owen is a very different type of player, but a very good player," Horvath said. "The way he works, the way he hustles, the way he carries himself."

"He has won games for us single handedly, and it's not just by scoring a goal. It's by going into a corner and digging a puck out so you can score, you know what I mean? There are so many things that he brings to the table besides getting a goal that is just so important. I have never coached a kid like him. He throws his body into everything and he sacrifices for the team."

Wagner, an HM White Division selection, put up 61 points on 20 goals and 21 assists. More importantly, he was willing to do what it takes, said Horvath.

"Last year, he played defense for us and this year he played forward for us. I could put him anywhere. He's a four-year kid for us, and he's done a lot for us," Horvath said.

Genoa's Loomis goes all-out

Loomis, a solid skater, had nine goals and 10 assists, but Horvath expects him to continue to grow and get better as he gets older.

"He's a hockey freak. He's still a little timid, but he's a good player," Horvath said. "I'm looking for a lot out of him for next year. This year, you hit him he would get

a little mad and he will get back at you. He did not throw the body and go crazy, but he knew what he had to do to get a little more ice time, so he had to play rougher. He still has not stepped up to where he needs to, but I think he will be fine next year."

Horvath's assistant, Ron Kenney, a Genoa resident, says Loomis puts it all on the table.

"He does not have too much more size, but he has a bigger heart," Kenney said. "He's got a little more grit to him. He says he is going to work out all summer, so we'll see about next year."

Lake also won two tournaments, a Thanksgiving event in Springfield, Ohio and a late season tournament in Dayton. At Dayton, after losing to the Prowlers 2-1, they game back the next day to defeat the Prowlers 4-0 for the tournament championship. Lake defeated Kent 6-0 and Kettering Alter 7-2 before the loss to the Prowlers, whose coaches played high school hockey at St. Francis and Sylvania Northview. The win over the Prowlers gave Lake momentum heading into their next White Division game.

"We finished the year up with Southview and we beat them 3-0. We had just won a tournament the week before in Dayton and we were fired up on all cylinders," Horvath said. "All year you wanted your team to play three periods and in the championship game down in Dayton, we played all three periods and I think that carried over into the game against Southview. It was a good game."

To win the Thanksgiving tournament championship, Lake defeated Troy 7-1, Mason 10-0, Beaver Creek 3-2, and Dayton Stealth 3-0.

Kenney called Williams (10 G, 18 A), "a remarkable kid" because of a work ethic that earned him HM White Division honors. Others earning HM honors are Kaiden Williams (10 G, 18 A), Aiden Haley (Van Buren, 6 G, 15 A) and Bailey Coe (Otsego, 9 G, 15 A).

Also contributing were Luke Vida (Whiteford, Mich., 6 A), Elijah Moody (Elmwood, 2 G, 8 A), Trenton Tussing (Tinora, 12 G, 15 A), Jacob Harder (Whiteford, Mich., 2 G, 5 A), and James Bickley (Edison, 20 G, 22 A).



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Oregon boys major players in Knights' state championship

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State championships are rare, but it was not the biggest surprise when St. Francis defeated Lakewood St. Edward, 2-1, to win this year's hockey title.

The Knights, which finished the year 28-3-2 and won the Northwest Hockey Conference Red Division title (12-0), got some help from our side of town.

Oregon residents Jon Jaros and Brendan Booth were joined by Rossford resident Will Sherer in making the championship happen. It capped off a 22-0-1 run to end the season for St. Francis.

St. Francis has been district champions and gone to the frozen four six times in the last seven years and was a state participant four times in the last six seasons. Overall, St. Francis has reached the state frozen four 13 times with three state titles and three state runner-up finishes.

"It is a great program. It has really helped me develop as a player and as a person overall with great morals and values. Coach (Chris Varga) has obviously done an excellent job this year because we won the state championship," Sherer said.

Our side of town has helped St. Francis win state titles before, even scoring the winning goal in the state championship game. This year, the Knights had to overcome even more adversity — making up for last year when they qualified for state but did not get to play because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It was a great feeling winning especially after what happened last year to us — we had it taken away," Jaros said.

Jaros and Booth are wings, and Sherer is a defenseman. Jaros and Sherer both received Red Division honorable mention accolades. Jaros scored 12 goals with seven assists on 65 shots, Booth had five goals and five assists on 30 shots and Sherer had two goals and nine assists on 49 shots. When they were on the ice, St. Francis was a combined plus-56 goals.

"They are huge contributors to our team," Varga said. "The way they played was unbelievable in the playoffs and in the regular season. They are the guys we count-



Will Sherer



Jon Jaros



Brendan Booth

ed on to do their job and they did their job the best they could, and we could not ask any more from them.

"Jon Jaros played unbelievable getting points and scoring goals for us in the playoffs and all season. Brendan Booth was a grinder with an edge that was getting us points, too, and that's a great thing. Will Sherer was definitely steady on the back playing defense and was unbelievable in the playoffs and all season. I mean, I cannot say enough about all three of these guys."

Sherer knows his role well — making sure goals get scored and the defense does its job.

"I think I'm a pretty big playmaker,"

Sherer said. "I look for people who are open on the other end, try to get the puck in, or get it on net and maybe try to get a whistle. Also, playing good defense and not let anybody near the crease."

St. Francis had lost once and tied once with St. Ed's during the regular season, so for the Knights, ranked second in the state, to knock off the top ranked Eagles (26-4-1) was no small task. St. Ed's outshot St. Francis 28-15, but the Knights' defense was up to the task.

"It took a team effort, especially with our goalie Jackson Smalley, giving us some good opportunities to keep winning, especially in the district final game (5-2 win

over Sylvania Northview)," Jaros said. "It was kind of an 'iffy' feeling because one bad bounce shot could have gone in, but he put it on himself and basically saved face for us."

Varga added, "We had a definite defensive style and that is what won us the game. Our special teams were unbelievable."

Devon Homier and Luc Kuhr scored the St. Francis goals, Riley Box, the NHC Red Division Player of the Year, had two assists, Nick Mack had one and Smalley, a first team All-Red Division goalie, had 27 saves. Kuhr scored the winning goal with

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Will Sherer and Jon Jaros

State champions

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5:51 remaining to break a 1-1 tie.

Sherer said as the clock wound down the final seconds, he felt like he was in a different, almost surreal reality.

"It was all kind of like a blur. When the buzzer hit, I didn't even realize what was going on. It was just all in the moment. It was all really crazy," Sherer said.

In the state semifinal, St. Francis defeated Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit (17-10-3), 7-2, despite just a 32-25 shot advantage. Box had a three-goal hat trick, Homier scored twice and Kuhr and Jake Myers had one goal each. Mack had four assists and Sherer, Kuhr and Gordon Hunt had one assist apiece.

Sherer, who like his teammates has been playing hockey since he was 4 years old, says it took years of day-to-day training to get to this point.

"It definitely took a lot of hard work, putting time into practice and getting all the penalty kill, power play and all of our systems right and correct. It takes a lot of training, a lot of shooting pucks, and all the fundamentals," Sherer said.

Why do these guys put in all the time and effort? They love the game, that is why.

"I just love the feeling of carving my blade on the ice and using my stick to handle the puck," said Sherer, a junior who said next year's goal will be to defend.

In addition, the St. Francis junior varsity team won an eight-team invitational dubbed as the JV state championship and three local players were involved — Ed Flores, Dayton Amborski and Mikey Kozina. The JV team finished 19-3-1 and 5-0 in the NHC Red.

(Photos of St. Francis players by John Meyers and Sherri Barefield).

Max Belli second team

Clay hockey, a varsity team which finished 4-7 in the Northwest Hockey Conference White Division, had one second team all-league choice in defenseman Max Belli.

Clay's honorable mention selections were Cody Keller, Corey Krieger, Michael Lones, Dakota Martin, Evan Materni, Nathan Pappas, Curtis Stringham, Mitch Taylor and Tanner Truman.

Clay cagers learn from varsity experience

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Yes, Clay girls basketball managed just two wins in 15 games this season, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.

For one thing, four of the five top standouts will be back next year — junior forwards Meah Przybylski and Kylee Tabler, junior point guard Lexi Huntermark and sophomore guard Camryn Reiter.

"We are very young," said first-year Clay coach Julia Henneman-Dallapse. "We have good athletes and good basketball players. They are just young. We were unfortunate that we were not able to have a full freshman season due to numbers. So, our kids kind of got pushed up into teams they might not have been ready for but they could very well have been successful at a lower level. You have got to start somewhere."

Clay welcomed the much-needed leadership of senior guard Lauren Mahler. Yet, Reiter was voted a team captain even though she has two years of eligibility remaining and Henneman-Dallapse hopes she can play collegiately one day.

Reiter averaged seven points, six rebounds, three steals, two deflections and two assists on her way to being selected to the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press third team and honorable mention All-Three Rivers Athletic Conference.

Reiter's best game was in Clay's win over Scott, scoring 20 points with nine rebounds and seven steals and she was instrumental in the Eagle's 53-28 win over Rossford.

Reiter did dress varsity as a freshman with limited playing time, but she stepped up to the plate this year for Henneman-Dallapse.

"So, this year it was quite a big step for her, coming out as a sophomore and starting on the varsity team. We actually expected quite a bit from her," Henneman-Dallapse said.

"We are a younger team and with not a lot of leadership history. So, she took that role on this year and stepped up and became one of our leaders on the floor and did a great job at it. She is hands-down



Camryn Reiter (OCS/LifeTouch)

the hardest working player I have ever coached. The kid is tough as nails. She is 5-5 and was one of our leading rebounders on the team. She had no fear.

"At 5-5 and tough, we expected her sometimes to play down low because size was something that we didn't have a lot of this year. She did it without blinking. She took it on and did a great job. By far Camryn is one of the hardest working players I have ever coached," Henneman-Dallapse added.

Reiter, a three-sport athlete (volleyball, basketball, softball), was typically joined in the backcourt by Huntermark, who started varsity last year and this year.

"She grew up a lot and she and Camryn did very well this year growing together," Henneman-Dallapse said. "So, I think next year with the two of them having a year playing together, they are going to be a great pair to have."

Przybylski was voted HM All-Press and HM all-league after leading the team in scoring at 8.5 points.

"Meah Przybylski stepped up this year and became a threat in the post. She played hard and we expected a lot from her," Henneman-Dallapse said. "She had played a little bit of varsity last year but was mainly a JV player. She came up and filled the role and I'm looking forward to having her as a senior next year. We can get her into the gym and maybe tweak a couple things."

Tabler was on the varsity court for the first time, but she found her niche — shooting.

"She came on strong this year taking on wanting to be a leader and did a great job at that," Henneman-Dallapse said. "We are going to get her into the gym, and I know she loves shooting from the perimeter, so that is something that we are going to focus on this summer and dial in on her shooting."

Henneman-Dallapse says now it's important to get everybody on board with off-season workouts, although most of her athletes are playing other sports this spring.

"We are going to be very hands on. The first year coaching I'm starting to learn all the rules," Henneman-Dallapse said. "We will be very active this summer. I know the OHSAA was very lenient, and I'm very thankful that they opened up. We have unlimited coaching for the summer. So, we are going to use that, really get the kids into the gym and focus on the things that we really need to work on—the things that we were unable to do this year."

Even though the varsity did not win any of their seven Three Rivers Athletic Conference games this season, the seventh grade class won a TRAC championship. Plus, Reiter has an eighth grade sister who Henneman-Dallapse says is also "a phenomenal athlete."

"Our eighth grade class next year plays good basketball, so we will again next year be young," Henneman-Dallapse said. "Plus, we were hit with COVID early on. We practiced maybe for three weeks, and then we could not, and it seemed like every day we were getting quarantined. We went something like 19 days straight, and then four days and had two games right away before Lucas County shut us down again."

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Waite takes on the mantra, 'Big Guard University'

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Waite boys basketball did not play a regular season game this year until January 18. After that the Indians had to put everything together on the fly, but they made it work.

That is because the Indians had an unusual problem. We often hear of teams lacking height and solid post players, but Waite's team was nearly all post players. The Indians were lacking experienced backcourt players.

"We played the whole season with all post players. We didn't have any guards — we just had all post guys," said coach Darren White-Owens. "But they played tough."

That means some of the post players had to learn to handle the ball in the backcourt. The Indians were led by 6-foot-3 senior guard/forward Cameron Stuck, who averaged 11.5 points, seven rebounds, two steals and one block on his way to earning first team All-Toledo City League and third team Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press.

"Cam literally led us in every statistical category, so he was pretty much the heart of the team. So, we went where he went," White-Owens said.

"Cam is a real special kid," White-Owens continued. "(Senior guard) Alex Rodriguez III was our only returning natural guard, and everybody else we just had to kind of throw them in the fire and go on the fly.

"Once they started figuring it out, we just had to feed them with a pass, and once they started getting better, games started getting closer. This is the first time I have ever witnessed anything like that. Our mantra for the season was 'Big Guard University' — that is what they called us all year."

Stuck had his best game against Rogers with 18 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

"He really crept up on the triple-double and he had it tough," White-Owens said. "He was our starting center last year, and us with the virtual learning we lost a lot of players because they were not doing



At far left, Waite senior Nikolas Heslet, and at left, classmate Cameron Stuck. (Photos courtesy Innovations Portrait Studio/Innovations-Visual-Impact.com)

school, so he started point guard for us this year, so his transition was the toughest."

The Indians, who finished 3-10 overall and 3-7 in the City, also got help from three-sport athlete Nikolas Heslet, who averaged 11.2 points and 6.4 rebounds in getting honorable mention All-Press and second team All-City.

"Nikolas was our primary shooter and defender on a lot of the tougher competition in the City this year," White-Owens said. "He shut down a lot of the better players on the wing. He does everything. He is tough as nails."

Heslet, the City League Player of the Year in football and a second year varsity basketball starter, began demonstrating his impact right out of the gate, scoring 25 points with eight rebounds in the 61-57 season opening loss to Woodward. Heslet

fouled out at the end of the game, and the Polar Bears won on a last second shot.

"We lost two games at the buzzer, and in one of them Nikolas Heslet fouled out, and in the other, our last game of the season against Bowsher that put us out of the final four, we lost (59-56 in overtime) on a buzzer-beater three," White-Owens said. "We played really tough. We beat Bowsher (60-57) and Rogers (63-54) for the first time in years."

Along with Stuck, Heslet and Rodriguez, Waite also loses to graduation forward Larry Mitchell, guard Adrien Brown, forward Matthew Lamonds and forward/center Markeith Woodmore. Rodriguez, Lamonds and Heslet were HM All-Press and Rodriguez and Lamonds were HM All-City.

"We are going to have to start from

scratch next year because we are graduating nine guys. Right now, we are going in blind and trying to figure it out as we go," White-Owens said. "In a couple weeks, we are going to get summer going so we can get those guys feet wet all summer. We have got to get a lot of basketball played."

Plus, the pandemic not only pushed back the Waite varsity team's opening day until well after the holidays, but junior high basketball in Toledo also got started a few weeks back.

"We actually just got junior high sports back, so our eighth grade started (a few weeks ago)," White-Owens said. "I actually just got a job inside of Waite, so I'll be able to talk to kids and stay on them all year round, keep them eligible and everything and make sure that everybody does what they need to."

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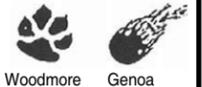
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League dominoes — two down, is Clay next?

The league dominoes are falling again — Elmwood is leaving the Northern Buckeye Conference for the Blanchard Valley Conference and Maumee is leaving the Northern Lakes League to fill Elmwood's spot.

That would take effect in two years, unless the leagues are willing to release the schools earlier because they have another school ready to immediately fill their spot in scheduling.

Now that the NLL has a vacancy, will Clay finally get the opportunity to make the move from the Three Rivers Athletic Conference? Clay had the opportunity to fill the void when Rossford left the NLL in 2009, but the NLL chose Napoleon over Clay in a 4-3 vote.

Once again, Clay is not the only TRAC school that is looking to fill the void this time around, but Oregon City Schools has already let the NLL they are interested.

"OCS and Clay would be very excited if we were selected to be a part of the NLL," Oregon Superintendent Hal Gregory emailed The Press. "We believe Clay is a good fit and we would bring strong competition to the league.

"I am aware many of the TRAC schools have given letters of interest to the NLL. The NLL is now requesting formal applications from those who put letters of interest in. There has been talk of expanding the NLL moving forward, but we really do not have any first-hand knowledge of how many schools the NLL will choose to formally invite. Wish us luck," Gregory continued.

The NLL announced last month it would be interested in expansion, so it may be possible that the league would add other schools besides Clay, possibly expanding to 10 or more.

According to the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Clay has 442 boys and 432 girls in three grades. Other TRAC schools are Whitmer (839 boys, 766 girls), Findlay (600, 575), Fremont Ross (454, 399), Lima Senior (429, 388), St. Francis (429 boys), St. John's (383 boys), Notre Dame (390 girls), St. Ursula (332 girls), and Central Catholic (219, 209).

In the NLL, Clay would join Perrysburg (672, 580), Anthony Wayne (544, 538), Sylvania Northview (511, 503), Springfield



Behind the Scenes

by J. Patrick Eaken

“
We embrace the multi-sport athlete. We always have and we want to continue doing that. That is one key area that is attractive to us...
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(452, 432), Sylvania Southview (368, 377), Bowling Green (361, 353) and Napoleon (248, 258). It is not just about enrollment, Oregon Schools believes Clay would be a better fit demographically, too. In the TRAC, Clay has done well in many of the "non-revenue" sports like wrestling, baseball, softball and soccer, but not in football and basketball.

The Maumee board of education voted 5-0 Monday to leave the NLL for the NBC. In the NBC, Maumee will be the largest school, currently housing 285 boys and 282 girls in three grades. Maumee will join Rossford (218 boys, 214 girls), Fostoria (207, 191), Eastwood (189, 173), Lake (185, 176), Otsego (187, 171), Genoa (185, 156), and Woodmore (138, 112).

Rossford, Eastwood, Lake, Genoa and Elmwood were members of the NLL in the 1960s and early 1970s when Maumee was one of the largest schools in the conference. Maumee has become landlocked by other districts and has no room for growth but the other NLL schools have been growing

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for decades.

"If the trends remain the same, we know that in the next five to seven years, several more schools will more than triple our enrollment," Maumee athletic director Matt Szyndler said. "It's the same with the Northern Buckeye Conference as well, but as the trends show the current communities in the Northern Lakes League are growing at a very fast pace compared with the other communities around us,"

Szyndler notes another data category that seems to put Maumee into more comparable status with NBC schools.

"In the Northern Buckeye Conference there are more multi-sport athletes," Szyndler said. "This is a trend that has been occurring for probably six or seven years. We are noticing a lot of what has been happening within our own NLL is a lot of our student-athletes in competing schools are beginning to specialize. They are not doing it at the high school level — they are doing it well before they reach high school.

"That is something that Maumee does not believe in. We embrace the multi-sport athlete. We always have and we want to continue doing that. That is one key area that is attractive to us about the Northern Buckeye Conference is that we know that it's similar to our athletes.

"To have successful programs, they need their best athletes playing as many sports as they possibly can. That is something that we are very passionate about, too, and that is something that we match up really well with them." — *by Press Sports Editor J. Patrick Eaken/includes copy he wrote for the Maumee Mirror reprinted with permission.*

Sportsman Club fundraiser to be held in Millbury

Mike Lopinski of Northwood-based Lake Erie BBQ is helping the New Sportsman Club, 1420 Woodville Road, Millbury, with its annual fundraiser — donating all profits from its fish fry back to the club.

There will also be a raffle and more benefiting the club, plus \$15 for a full perch dinner including two sides. This year the club will have two nights featuring Lake Erie BBQ's fried perch dinners — March 27 and April 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The club has been open since 1953. Due to the COVID19 Pandemic the club hasn't been able to have its wild game dinner where it generates the majority of funds for the club.

"The object of the New Sportsman Club shall be to promote the safe and efficient use of firearms and hunting equipment among members and their guests and to further aid development of honesty, fellowship, self-discipline and reliance among all sportsmen," states a club press release.

For more information, please visit The New Sportsman Club on their website. www.nscmillbury.com. The club is by membership only but is open to the public during special events only, like the fish fry.

"Lake Erie BBQ is on a mission to bring quality food to Northwest Ohio," Lipinski said. "All our meats are smoked with the finest woods sourced from an exclusive forested area surrounding Maumee Bay State Park. You won't find any propane or electric grills here. Our smoking process gives our meats a unique flavor that you won't find in most restaurants. As avid sportsmen, we specialize in fried Lake Perch, Lake Erie smelt and we love having Walleye cheeks for our customers when they're available. Our menu changes seasonally so be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for menu changes, as well as our weekly schedule and locations."

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Stencel, Guillen fail to place at NCAA

Central Michigan University senior wrestler Matt Stencel (Clay) went 1-2 at the NCAA Division I national tournament and failed to place this year.

Stencel, the No. 3 seed at 285 pounds and a two-time All-American, overcame a 5-2 deficit in pinning Binghamton's Joe Doyle, the 30th seed, with 30 seconds remaining in the match to open the tournament. At this point, Stencel was 11-0, but he would lose two straight to finish 11-2.

In his next match, Stencel dropped a 2-1 decision to Wisconsin's Trent Hillger. Stencel took a 1-0 lead with an escape early in the second period.

He started the third period on top and managed to ride Hillger until the Wisconsin junior scored a reversal on the edge of the mat with under 35 seconds remaining. At that point, Stencel was just five precious seconds from achieving a minute of riding time, which would have given him another point. Instead, he went down 2-1 with the reversal and could not manage an escape.

"I realize it's the NCAA Tournament, but when you're wrestling tight matches like that, crazy stuff happens," CMU coach Tom Borrelli said. "You can't put yourself in those positions. You've got to go get the guy, you've got to get a takedown, you've got to get off the bottom when you need to; he's 5 seconds from getting riding time and he gets reversed; he's got 30 seconds to get out and he can't get off the bottom."

"All of that was created because he didn't go out and get a takedown. He had a nice single-leg up in the air and didn't finish. Those little things make a huge difference in this tournament. He's got to win three matches to place; that's not easy to do in this tournament. It's tough."

Stencel was eliminated from the tournament the next day. Stencel dropped a 7-4 decision to Oklahoma State's Austin Harris, the 29th seed.

Ohio University redshirt senior Mario Guillen (Perrysburg), who was raised in East Toledo by his stepfather Joe Cantos, saw his run at the 2021 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships come to a close on Friday (March 19) at the Enterprise Center, falling in the second round of the consolation bracket of the 133-pound



Central Michigan University wrestler Matt Stencel (Clay) on his way to winning a fourth Mid-American Conference championship. (Photo courtesy CMU Athletics)

weight class.

Guillen was edged by Air Force junior Jared Van Vleet in a 4-3 decision. Making his second appearance at nationals in three years, Guillen opened nationals on Thursday (March 18) by scoring an overtime takedown for a 4-2 sudden victory triumph over Oklahoma junior Tony Madrigal. He then lost to Missouri redshirt junior Matt Schmitt by a 9-0 major decision.

Guillen finished the 2020-21 season with a record of 9-5 and earned a

third-place finish at 133 at the 2021 Mid-American Conference Championships last month.

Both Stencel and Guillen grew up wrestling biddy for the East Toledo Wrestling Club. Campos remains an assistant coach at Waite under head coach Russell Jennings. The Indians won a third straight Toledo City League championship this season. Stencel wrestled for Clay coach Ralph Cubberly, which won its ninth Three Rivers Athletic Conference title in 10 years this season. (— by CMU and OU SID)

Hens open May 4

The State of Ohio has approved the Toledo Mud Hens safety plan to allow 30 percent capacity at Fifth Third Field when the season opens on May 4.

The team can now host up to 4,000 fans per game. The actual game-to-game capacity number will fluctuate between 2,700 and 4,000 depending on how seating pods are sold, in groups of 1-6, with all social distancing protocols in place. The 30-percent capacity number is based on the seats available in the bowl plus the additional seating areas around the ballpark.

"We'd like to thank the Governor and Ohio Health Department along with our local health advisors for their support and guidance during this process," said Mud Hens General Manager Erik Ibsen. "A lot of people put in a lot of hard work to get to this point; every approval brings us one step closer to normal. We are counting down the days till we can safely reopen and welcome our fans back."

Fans can expect the 2021 health and safety protocols at every game: mandatory masks for all attendees aged two years and above, socially distanced pod seating, designated entrances, digital ticketing, enhanced cleaning protocols and plenty of hand sanitizers.

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred determined for health and safety reasons to delay the Triple-A season by approximately four weeks. As a result, the Detroit Tigers will utilize Fifth Third Field as an alternate training site for the Mud Hens to begin the season. The Taxi Squad will arrive the first part of April. We are working on plans for fans to watch workouts.

"After everything our community has been through, we were thrilled to announce the return of Mud Hens baseball to downtown Toledo for the first time in nearly 600 days. Now we have been asked to wait again, and we must ask our fans to wait. We are disappointed but will immediately begin creating an incredible opening six-game series starting with Opening Day on Tuesday May 4," Ibsen said.

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Fasset Junior High's tournament championship seventh grade basketball team — Bottom Row: Cieara Vartorella, Tori Cousino, and Madison Franke. Top Row: Coach Joseph Kiss, Alexis Amundsen, Kieara Vartorella, Halle Brenot, Addison Hugueley, Addison Witek, Hayden Rodriguez, and Coach Brandon Roberts.

Fasset wins tourney championship

Fasset Junior High's seventh grade girls basketball team finished the regular season 7-2 and then went on to win the Three Rivers Athletic Conference tournament championship.

The team is coached by Joseph Kiss and Brandon Roberts. The Lady Eagles finished the regular season with a league record of 2-2 earning them the third seed in the league tournament.

"The ladies were focused and ready to avenge their losses in a segment of their season very appropriately named the 'Revenge Tour,' Kiss said. "The ladies would start their 'tour' on the road with the second seeded Washington Panthers in the league semifinal. After a 32-25 victory, it was now time to prepare for the only other team that granted the Eagles a loss on their season, the Fremont Ross Little Giants."

The Lady Eagles left Fasset Junior High School with a police escort through the city of Oregon, their destination — Fremont Middle School.

"The ladies dominated the championship game from start to finish, truly playing as a team. The ladies would upset the first seeded Fremont Little Giants, on their home floor, 50-25, making them the very first seventh grade girls basketball team to win the league championship since the

merger of the junior highs back in 2012," Kiss continued.

"The 2020-2021 school year has been filled with challenges, frustrations, and adversities. The constant challenges, frustrations, and adverse situations did not stop our seventh grade girls basketball team however," Kiss continued. "This group of young ladies continued to fight and persevere through a season that many thought would not happen, a season that was put on hold in Lucas County while others continued to practice, play and compete. This group of girls continued to stay mentally tough and focused on their goal through it all, not backing down or becoming intimidated by anything that got in their way.

"This team of nine started preparing for the championship game on their very first day of practice without even realizing it. They came to practice every day hungry and eager to learn, hone in on their skills, and get better. They regularly brought great attitudes, a tremendous amount of effort, and tons of positive energy. These are all traits of champions, not just on the playing surface, but more importantly, off as well.

"The entire Fasset Junior High community is very proud of this group of young ladies. They truly are leaders on and off the playing surface. The future is bright for the class of 2026."



Petrarca Range is open every week for public use by appointment. (Courtesy CMP)

New Camp Perry rifle matches scheduled

By Ashley Brugnone
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The advent of spring brings a return to the firing line as the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) announces an enjoyable assortment of Garand, Springfield, Vintage and Modern Military (GSMM) rifle matches during the 2021 season at the historic Camp Perry National Guard Training Facility in Ohio.

These matches will be held at Camp Perry's Petrarca Range — highlighting CMP's innovative electronic target system. The use of the KTS (Kongsberg Target System) targets means faster competition time (with no need for pit duty) and extra convenience for competitors who can rely on the instant and accurate shot monitors, located beside each firing point.

Dates for the 2021 GSMM events at Petrarca Range currently include May 22, June 26 and Sept. 25.

Competitors of all skill levels are welcome to attend these recreational events — designed to ease new marksmen into fundamental match procedures and to challenge seasoned athletes through friendly competition. Knowledgeable CMP staff

members will be on hand at all events to ensure safety on the firing range as well as to answer any questions that may arise.

In addition to the Petrarca matches, a set of highpower rifle 800 Aggregate and Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) events are also scheduled to be held on Camp Perry's outdoor Viale Range, June 26-27. The matches are ideal for those in the quest for a Distinguished Rifleman Badge as well as those with a love for modern military rifle shooting. The Viale matches will utilize CMP's highpower electronic targets and will offer the same versatile amenities as the Petrarca targets.

Opening day for Petrarca Range's Open Public slots began March 15. Every Monday, by appointment only, guests may use Petrarca during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March through May and September through November. During the summer months (June through August), Petrarca is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

During the National Matches scheduled July 12-August 14, Petrarca Range will be open throughout the week but only after firing is complete on Rodriguez Range. Guests to Petrarca must adhere to current CDC guidelines, including masks and social distancing.

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| <p>Living Word Baptist Church In-person Worship New times Sunday Worship 10:00 am Bible Fellowships 11:15 am Nursery, Patch Club for kids & Generation Teen Group Uplifting, joyful, traditional worship. Pastor Jim McCourt 419-972-2622 at Wynn Center 5224 Bayshore Rd.</p> | <p>st. john's church 10:00am Sunday Worship Sunday School begins October 4th at 9am 1213 Washington St. 419-855-3906 www.stjohnsgenoa.org</p> <hr/> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 204 Main St., Genoa, OH Masses- Saturday 6:30 pm Sunday 10:30 am www.ourladygenoa.org</p> | <p>Elmore Trinity Lutheran Church 412 Fremont St. 419-862-3461 Stephen Lutz, Pastor In-Person Worship 8:00am & 10:45am Zoom Worship - 9:15am</p> |
| <p>Oak Harbor St. Boniface Catholic Church 215 Church St. Oak Harbor Masses - Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 am www.sb-oh.org</p> | <p>Trinity United Methodist Main at 4th, Genoa Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 9:00 am & 11:00 am Ramp & Elevator Pastor Greg Miller www.genoatrinity.com</p> | <p>Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Rt. 51 at Witty Rd., Just north of Elmore Sunday Worship-10:00am In the parking lot, tune your radio to 94.1 FM Pastor Jaci Tiell 419/862-3630 graceelc@gmail.com www.graceelconline.com Check out our facebook page. Praising. Growing. Serving in Jesus' name.</p> |

Inspirational Message of the Week:

We all know how nice it is to be thanked for some small kindness or good deed which we have done for another. But perhaps more important than the warm feeling that we get when someone expresses their gratitude to us, is the positive outlook that gratitude usually engenders in the person who is grateful. That is, the feeling of being grateful helps to keep us focused on the positive. Instead of harping on how bad things are, or regretting the past, gratitude looks for the positive aspect and the silver lining. And although we all may occasionally feel sorry for our-

...selves, we can alleviate some of these feelings by getting into the habit of reminding ourselves of how much we have to be thankful for. Our good health, having friends and family who care about us, and even something as mundane as going to work, are truly things for which we ought to be grateful. We should spend some time each day counting our blessings. We might be pleasantly surprised to find that this exercise itself will make our lives better. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. *N.I.V. 1 Chronicles*

Bulletin Board

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Toledo

Sunday Drive Thru Dinner, VFW Post 4906, 2161 Consaul St., April 18. Pick up at back door between 1 and 4 p.m. or go inside. Featuring homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cole slaw, bread and butter and dessert. \$10. Pre-order and pre-pay at the post by calling 419-698-4411 or call 419-351-1665. For hall rental and membership info, call 419-698-4411.

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

Oregon

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st Thurs. of the month at 6 p.m. conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. The next meeting will be April 1 and will include nominations and election of officers, and guest speaker, author Jack Tamny talking about his latest book "When Politicians Panicked." Visit www.OregonRepublicanClub.com or contact Lynn Gibbs at lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, March 31 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., outside of the Josie Reinhart Community Rm., 6000 Wales Rd. Remain in your vehicle and a city rep. will bring the box of food to your vehicle.

Fish Fries, Northwood VFW 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd., every Friday, 5-7:30 p.m. Fish, shrimp, steak and chicken available. Dine in or carry out. Sunday breakfasts, served 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

Elmore

Free Drive-thru Easter Meal, served by Elmore Church of God, 310 Congress St., Easter Sunday, April 4, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. or until the food runs out. Menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, dinner roll and dessert.

Harris-Elmore Public Library is open to the public with enhanced health and safety measures in place. Hours are Mon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Weds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sunday. Curbside service offered. Storytime Wednesday at 11 a.m. on the library YouTube channel. Other upcoming programs include: Call 419-855-3380 or visit www.harriselmorelibrary.org.

Genoa

Genoa Branch Library is open to the public with enhanced health and safety measures. Hours are Mon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Weds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sun. Curbside service available. Storytime Wednesday at 11 a.m. on the library YouTube channel. Call 419-855-3380 or visit www.harriselmorelibrary.org for details.

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking avail-

able. Call Tom Chalfin at 419-460-3265 for info.

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

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including: "Pizza" Party Learning Kit - Pick up the April activity kit with a pizza party theme geared toward preschoolers; Pose and Play, Thursdays in April, 11 a.m. via Facebook - Join Mrs. M to learn a basic yoga pose and a fingerplay; Carol's Kitchen - Cowboy Caviar, April 12, 7 p.m. - Watch librarian Carol make a rootin' tootin' treat live on the library's Facebook page; Virtual Adult Book Chat on Zoom, April 26, 7 p.m. - A virtual discussion of "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk," by Kathleen Rooney; Novel Explorers, April 7 and 21, 4 p.m. - Teens are invited to a virtual discussion of "The Golden Compass," by Phillip Pullman and the movie that was made from the book. All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org.

Graytown

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

Lindsey

Lindsey Lions Pack the Pickup, April 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wendelle Miller Memorial Park. Collecting toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, TP, etc.) and non-perishable food items for the Sandusky County Food Pantry. Pop tabs are also being collected for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To inquire about having donations picked up, call Barb at 419-665-2532.

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon. Patrons are asked to wear a mask. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The Local History Museum Center is open Tues. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-noon by appt. only. Visit the library on Facebook or YouTube for children's activities, local history, crafting projects, book news and more. Call 419-898-7001 for details. Meet the author of "The Orphan Collector," Ellen Marie Wiseman, April 14, 11 a.m. via Zoom (call the library to sign up); Evening book club meets April 27 at 6 p.m. via Zoom to discuss, "The Vanishing Half," by Britt Bennett (call to sign up). The library has joined with the State of Ohio to provide free rapid COVID tests. Stop in to pick up a test kit, download an app, take the test and receive results within 15 minutes.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open for apts on Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. Call or text 419-343-0126 to make an appt.

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. at the Stony Ridge Library. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details. **Shared Bounty Thrift Shop** is closed for now.

Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public for express service Mon., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Curbside pickup: Mon., 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Take & Make Crafts, Tuesdays, 9-5:30 p.m. for grades K-6 - Pick up a craft to make at home; Crochet Basics on Facebook Live, April 1, 7 p.m. - Learn Tunisian crochet; Bunny Crafts, April 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Grades K-6 are invited to pick up a bunny craft to make at home; Recipes with Rene: No-bake cheesecake, April 5, 6 p.m. on Facebook Live; Let's Go Fly a Kite, April 10, 1 p.m. - Grades K-6 are invited to meet Miss Rene at Trailmarker Park (bring your own kite); Visit www.birchard.lib.oh.us to sign up.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club is now meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each mo. at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor's Tae Kwon Do Tumbling and Dance Studio, 200 S. Elm St., one block south of Route 20. The club provides a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving your speaking, listening and /or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Masks required. Contact Allan at 419-698-3733 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.



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WL 355 Windsor Lane
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GROUND MAINTENANCE:
Includes but not limited to mowing, caring for and cultivating trees, shrubs and other landscaping elements. Applicant must be at least 18 and have a valid Ohio Driver's License and be able to operate various types of equipment essential to this position

Seasonal Help Applications are available at the Town Hall- 219 W. Main St., Municipal Bldg -530 Lime St, or online at www.villageofwoodville.com/employment.htm.

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E-O-E

Genoa Quarry is seeking a Quarry Manager for the 2021 season, which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Daily operation of the quarry, supervising and scheduling of lifeguards, maintaining all safety requirements, and other duties as assigned. This position reports to the Park Director, and applicant must be 21 years of age or older.

If interested please go to www.genoaohio.org and select printable forms to download an application. Please email your application to mthomas@genoaohio.org or mail to M Thomas at 102 E. 6th St. Genoa, Ohio 43430.

Deadline is April 9th, 2021

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By the order of the Benton Township Board of Trustees
Gayle S. Millinger, Fiscal Officer

VILLAGE OF GENOA, OHIO OTTAWA COUNTY INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received at the Village Administration Building, Village of Genoa, 102 East 6th Street, Genoa, OH 43430 until 1:00 PM, local time, on TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, at said time and place, publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all necessary materials and construction of the.

GENOA 2021 PAVING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021 ENGINEER'S ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$291,563 (BASE BID) \$63,789 (ALL ALTERNATES)

Bids must be in accordance with drawings and specifications and on forms available from CT Consultants, Inc. at a non-refundable cost of Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00), mailed. Documents may be ordered by registering and paying for the documents online at www.bids.ctconsultants.com. Please contact planroom@ct-consultants.com or call 440.530.2395 if you encounter any problems registering or paying for the documents.

The bid specifications, drawings, plan holders list, addenda, and other bid information (but not the bid forms) may be viewed and/or downloaded at no cost via the internet at www.bids.ctconsultants.com. The bidder shall be responsible to check for Addenda and obtain same from the web site.

When the total overall project exceeds \$27,950, all bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Ottawa County and the Village of Genoa, Ohio, as ascertained and determined by the Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services (OBES) as provided in Section 4115.05 through 4115.034 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio. It is anticipated that the Prevailing Wage Law will apply to this project.

The Council of the Village of Genoa, Ohio, reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids.

Kevin Gladden, Village Administrator

• INVITATION TO BID •

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of the necessary materials and construction of the

PARK STREET RECONSTRUCTION VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR, OHIO

will be received by the Village of Oak Harbor at the office of the Village Administrator, 146 N. Church Street until

12:00 NOON (LOCAL TIME)
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work consists of the complete reconstruction of Park Street from Church Street to Locust Street, a distance of 625 feet. In addition to the reconstruction, the work includes the installation of curb and gutter, five-foot wide concrete walk and drive aprons, and new storm sewer installation, as well as related work.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Village and the Engineer - Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. (PDG). Documents may be viewed and ordered online from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Telephone 419-385-5303, www.pdgplanroom.com. The cost of reproduction is to be paid to the printing company at the time the drawings are ordered. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions.

The Owner and Engineer are not responsible for any errors or omissions in the contract documents or drawings obtained from any planroom other than that listed above. Failure to submit a complete set of documents could result in a bid that is determined to be nonresponsive and rejected by the Owner.

The Engineer for the Project is Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., 1168 North Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

All bids must be signed and submitted on the blanks which are bound in this booklet. Bids must state the unit prices in the blanks provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked ---VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR - PARK STREET RECONSTRUCTION --- and addressed to the Village of Oak Harbor, Attn: Mr. Randall Genzman, Village Administrator, 146 N. Church Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449.

The bid guaranty may be of two forms:

1. A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents. (The amount of the bid does NOT have to appear on this form.)

2. A certified check, cashier's check or letter of credit in favor of the Village of Oak Harbor, Ohio in the amount of 10% of the bid. If the contract is awarded, a Contract Bond will be required, which is a 100% payment and performance bond.

After the award of the contract let by competitive bid and prior to the time the contract is entered into, bidders shall submit the affidavit required under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5719.042 that the bidder was not charged with any delinquent personal property taxes in Ottawa County, Ohio.

The successful bidder will be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of Ohio.

The Village of Oak Harbor, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity in any bid and to determine the lowest and best bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The estimate for the cost of construction is: \$390,000.00.

By Order Of
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Village Administrator

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

Mayor Ty Tracy, Chairman
Woodville Planning Commission

**VILLAGE OF GENOA, OHIO
OTTAWA COUNTY
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids will be received at the Village Administration Building, Village of Genoa, 102 East 6th Street, Genoa, OH 43430 until **11:00 AM**, local time, on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**, at said time and place, publicly opened and read aloud for the furnishing of all necessary materials and construction of the.

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Each bidder is required to furnish with his proposal, a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. Bid security furnished in Bond form shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

When the total overall project exceeds \$27,950 all bidders must comply with the Prevailing Wage rates on Public Improvements in Ottawa County and the Village of Genoa, Ohio, as ascertained and determined by the Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services (OBES) as provided in Section 4115.05 through 4115.034 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio. It is anticipated that the Prevailing Wage Law will apply to this project.

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VILLAGE OF ELMORE, OHIO**

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12:00 P.M. Noon (Local Time)
Tuesday April 13, 2021

and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work consists of providing labor and materials necessary for the interior & exterior preparation, re-priming, and re-coating of an existing 200,000 gallon multi-leg toroellipse elevated water storage tank, and other necessary appurtenances.

The contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Village of Elmore, Ohio and the Architect/Engineer -- Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. (PDG). The documents may be viewed and ordered online or obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615, Telephone 419-385-5303, www.pdgplanroom.com for the cost of printing to be paid to the printing company at the time the documents are picked up. Shipping and tax charges are the bidder's responsibility and payable directly to Becker Impressions.

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