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Genoa Board looking to May ballot for levy

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Genoa school board members Monday approved a resolution of necessity for putting a property tax levy on the May 2021 ballot.

Bill Nye, district treasurer, said the board is considering a 5.9-mill, 5-year levy that would, if passed, generate approximately \$1.1 million annually to pay for operating expenses.

"At this point, that's the thought process of the board," Nye said.

A second resolution to proceed will be on the agenda of the board's January 2021 meeting, he said.

District voters rejected a request last month for a new 4.9-mill operating levy but approved the renewal of another operating issue for 3.9 mills.

"We were fortunate to have the renewal levy pass but the new levy didn't pass," Nye said. "But as things stand now we are facing deficit spending and will need additional money at some point. If the levy had passed in November we would have started collections in January 2021. If this one passes we won't start collecting on it until January 2022. So we essentially lost a year of collections. With our need for additional money we had to increase the requested millage amount."

If the proposed levy does pass, the board has agreed to eliminate student fees and pay-to-participate fees for the duration of the five years the levy is in effect.

Student parking fees, insurance fees for students using district Chromebooks and pre-school tuition will remain in effect.

Nye had projected the district would face a deficit of about \$730,000 by the end of the fiscal year ending next June but has since revised that estimate to \$550,000.

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Christmas in the village

The Village of Luckey celebrated Christmas with a drive-thru Santa visit, a reverse parade where visitors drove through the town to view the "Best Lighted House Contest," and a toy drive for needy children. Pictured, Officer Ric Backus accepts a toy donation from Luckey resident Chris Asmus at the municipal building. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon's 2021 budget to 'hold the line' on expenses

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon will keep expenses tight next year due to the pandemic, according to the proposed 2021 municipal budget. It is expected to be finalized before the end of the year.

"The budget recognizes the challenges and impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses, residents, as well as city revenues and operations," said City Administrator Mike Beazley.

"Fortunately, the mayor, city council, city administration have worked together over the last several years to invest heavily in city infrastructure after a series of strong revenue years," said Beazley. "Our infrastructure, roadways and vehicle fleets are generally in strong positions that will allow us to slow spending in response to the challenges of the pandemic."

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on many businesses in Oregon. Some of those impacts have resulted in big revenue losses for the city, he said.

"As the pandemic began, we significantly curtailed spending in three general categories - capital projects, filling of vacancies in the workforce, and seasonal staffing," he said.

The city's cash-to-cash income tax revenue declined last year by a little over \$4.5

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million, he said. "This year, we budgeted to spend \$22.1 million in the general fund. We managed to reduce spending and expect to finish the year with expenditures of about \$19 million," he said.

"The city was aided by outside funds in two categories that will help us end the year without hitting our general fund reserve. We received over \$1.4 million in federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) money and will finish the year with a little over \$2 million from Workers' Comp. With the availability of those resources, we expect to end the year with \$19 million in general fund expenditures to match our approximately \$19 mil-

lion in revenues."

For next year, the city plans to adopt a "hold-the-line" budget at the same level as this year's budget.

"It is our goal and expectation that we will significantly underspend the 2021 budget," he said.

The city is taking a wait and see attitude on the course of the pandemic and the condition of the economy and its revenues before returning to the routine practice of filling existing vacancies, he said.

"We still remain very concerned about income tax revenues as we move into 2021. Our largest industrial employers still have not staffed up, and it is our expectation that it will take most of next year, if not longer, before we return to historical revenue figures."

While the city plans to budget at the same level as 2020, it expects to keep general fund expenditures under \$19 million.

"We will do this in 2021 by achieving some higher savings from our vacant positions that we only realized partial benefits from in 2020. Additionally, we expect to save more than \$200,000 from the general fund by a change to our health care plan. We will continue to be cautious on construction and heavy equipment expenditures," he said.

Despite the pandemic, the city was

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Oak Harbor Sewer project on schedule

By Press Staff Writer

A sewer separation project along Church Street in the Village of Oak Harbor is proceeding on schedule to meet an expected completion date of July 2021, Randall Genzman, village administrator, said last week.

Village officials recently held a meeting to update residents on the project, which includes replacing the village's wastewater collection lines.

"Leading up to the New Year's holiday will be the continuing installation of sanitary and storm sewer mains, along with associated service laterals, manholes catch basins and junction boxes," Genzman said. "We expect to see progress from the current location at Park Street and proceeding north to the Washington Street area."

If work proceeds uninterrupted, by January all potable water main and service lateral work from Park Street to N. Railroad Street; installation of the headwall, sanitary and storm mains on Church Street to Walnut Street, as well as the Main and Locust Street intersection should be complete. Final paving on Locust and Water streets is complete and intermediate paving – to remain in place for the winter – has been completed on W. Main and Church streets.

Genzman praised the contractor, Helms and Sons Excavating, for coordinating traffic flows and keeping the work area confined.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development awarded the village more than \$4.1 million in grants and a loan of almost \$5 million for the improvements.

Genzman described the project as the most aggressive storm water separation project in the history of the village. Some wastewater lines were built in the 1880s, he said.

For information related to the project call the village office at 419-898-5561.



A sewer separation project continues on Church Street in the Village of Oak Harbor.
(Submitted photos)

May ballot for levy

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If current revenues and expenditures remain on track he is projecting a deficit of about \$1.4 million by the end of the next fiscal year.

"That's the real reason behind the levy request," Nye said. "We're hoping that state support remains at least at current levels. We don't have a First Solar like Lake schools, we don't have pipelines going through our district and we don't have a Davis-Besse so we have to depend on our community."

Unless the state changes school funding, he expects the Genoa district to be on a six or seven-year cycle of needing additional revenues.

The district lost about \$230,000 in state funding in the spring when Gov. Mike DeWine balanced the state budget for fiscal 2020 with \$775 million in general revenue fund reductions, including about \$300.4 million for K-12 schools. The governor cited the loss of tax revenue from the shutdown of much of the state's economy due to the pandemic as the reason for the cuts.

Nye said the Genoa school board enacted about \$135,000 in spending cuts in response to the loss of state funds, including paring the pre-school program and reducing staffing.

He said the Genoa Area Education Association, which represents the teaching staff, also voluntarily made some contract concessions, which resulted in savings.

Relief funding

The trustees of Allen and Clay townships have funneled a share of their coronavirus relief funding to the school district.

Allen Township has provided \$50,000 and Clay Township has provided \$30,895 that will be used to purchase gloves, disinfectant, portable air filters and other personal protection equipment, Nye said.

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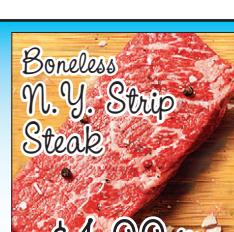
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Sex trafficking bill amended

State Senator Teresa Fedor, D-Toledo, last week lauded the Ohio Senate's unanimous passage of House Bill 431, which was amended to include her legislation to protect trafficked minors.

"This legislation finally removes the arbitrary, two-tiered system of treating 16- and 17-year-olds differently than other children who are survivors of human trafficking," Fedor said. "This gap in our protections has left thousands of children in Ohio vulnerable and forced our justice system to treat them as criminals, instead of the victims they are."

The Protect Trafficked Minors Act, which Senator Fedor originally sponsored as Senate Bill 13, modifies an Ohio law that currently requires prosecutors to demonstrate proof that force, fraud or coercion was used during the trafficking of a 16- or 17-year-old in order for them to qualify for the Safe Harbor protections granted to other minors.

The gap has led to traffickers targeting 16- and 17-year-olds because of a reduced chance that they will face legal consequences, Sen. Fedor said.

The Protect Trafficked Minors Act passed the Ohio House 83-3 in December 2018, but ran out of time to get through the Senate before the end of the 132nd General Assembly. It was identified as a priority

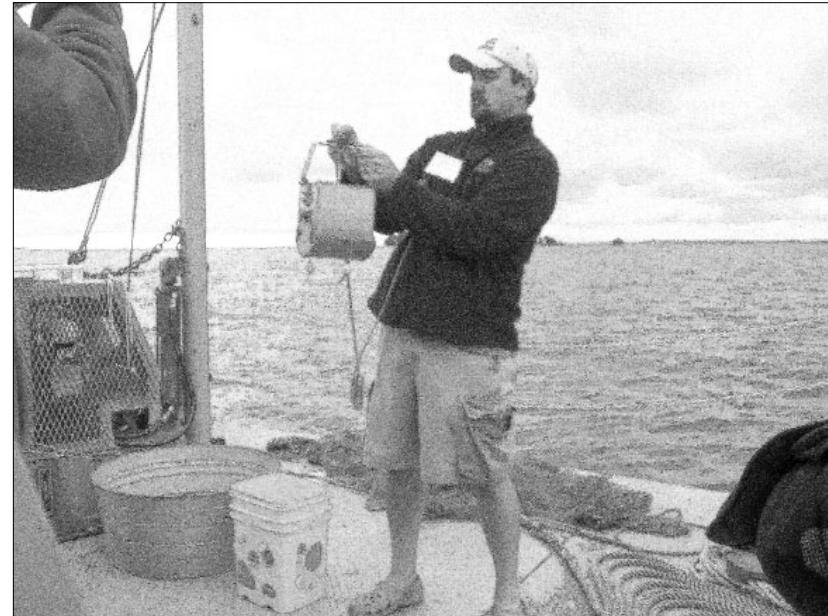
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bill at the beginning of the 133rd General Assembly, passing out of the Senate with unanimous support in July 2019.

"This is a historical moment in the fight to end human trafficking in Ohio," Fedor continued. "It has taken 15 years for me to pass this legislation, and over those years our laws have failed many children. Today, we paved the way to freedom for so many. Finally, all Ohio children can be rescued, not arrested, from the horrors of human trafficking."

HB 431 now goes back to the House, where it will be voted on for concurrence.

Dr. Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Lab director, on Lake Erie performing research. (Press file photo by J. Patrick Eaken)



UT, BGSU researchers part of environmental council

By Christina Dierkes

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Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost has created a scientific advisory council to advise his office on current environmental issues and alert him on potential future issues.

The 12-member council is made up of researchers from nine Ohio universities, with expertise ranging from harmful algal blooms to environmental law, and co-chaired by Dr. Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Lab director, and Dr. Jon Sprague, the Attorney General's director of science and research.

"This council includes academics that are actively conducting essential research on important environmental questions," Winslow said. "I applaud Attorney General Dave Yost for convening these scientists to inform environmental policy decisions."

The scientific advisory council is tasked with anticipating problems and proposing solutions before negative environmental effects can play out, according to a release from the Attorney General's office. They will also bring the latest scientific knowledge to the table as the Attorney General and his staff discuss environmental issues, regulations and enforcement.

"This is not a blue-ribbon committee set up to make people feel good about the environment," Yost said in that same release. "I take my duty to protect Ohio's natural resources seriously, and the scientists we've enlisted to share their expertise and counsel will help me accomplish this effectively and smartly."

The advisory council also includes a number of researchers Ohio Sea Grant has

worked with in the past, either through its own funding opportunities or through the Harmful Algal Bloom Research Initiative (HABRI).

"Access to clean drinking water is not a privilege but a fundamental human right," said Dr. Tim Davis, professor of biological sciences at Bowling Green State University. "I am honored to serve on this committee that will help protect Ohio's fresh waters and other natural resources."

The list of advisory council members includes:

- Christopher Winslow, Director, Ohio Sea Grant & Stone Lab
- Jon Sprague, Director of Science and Research, Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Lilit Yeghiazarian, Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering, University of Cincinnati
- Abinash Agrawal, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Wright State University
- Christopher Blackwood, Professor of Biological Sciences, Kent State University
- Teresa Cutright, Professor of Civil Engineering, The University of Akron
- Natalie Kruse-Daniels, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Ohio University
- Tim Davis, Professor of Biological Sciences, Bowling Green State University
- Emanuela Gionfriddo, Assistant Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry, The University of Toledo

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Mr. and Mrs. Claus come to Oak Harbor

Santa and Mrs. Claus were escorted around town by the Portage Fire District and Mid County EMS. After their travels around Oak Harbor, they went to Croghan Colonial Bank where they visited children through the drive thru. Each child was able to share their wish list with Santa and Mrs. Claus and was then given a craft and treat. (Submitted photos)



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successful in completing major roadway and other infrastructure projects.

"For the most part, our priorities and significant projects remain the same as last year and generally will be carried over," he said.

The largest general fund budget priority is public safety, with over two-thirds of general fund investment going towards that need, he said.

Major projects

The city will be working on a number of big projects and priorities next year. "We have six multi-million dollar projects that we look to either complete or make significant progress on in 2021," he said. They are:

- The Navarre waterline replacement from Lallendorf Road to Isaac Streets Drive. This project will significantly improve water service on Navarre and reduce the number of service interruptions the city has faced in recent years. The project is in its final stages and will be completed in early 2021;

- The new roadway connecting Cedar Point Industrial Park to Wynnscapes. While funds are provided for this project in the 2021 budget, the city will also be looking at revenue from federal and state sources that will cover all of the projected construction and land-acquisition costs. The city will continue to work through its final design phase this year;

- The York Street Waterline. It will pro-

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vide water back-up for the city and meet the water needs of the Oregon Energy Center. The project will be primarily funded by external sources. The city has completed design and right-of-way acquisition;

- The Coy/Navarre Intersection project. The city was awarded state grant funds to proceed with the long awaited Coy/Navarre intersection project. In the coming year, the city will be looking at both design and right-of-way acquisition for the project. The city is currently working through the final design and has moved into the right-of-way acquisition phase. "We will be conducting stakeholder meetings in the coming year in order to ensure the smoothest possible process," said Beazley. In the coming years, the city will also be seeking state funding for Phase 3 that will connect Navarre Avenue

improvements from Isaac Streets Drive to the Coy/Navarre intersection project;

- The new Oregon fire station. For many years, the city looked at options on development of a new fire station. City council recently approved legislation to issue bonds to provide capital resources for the project. Design and architectural proposals are currently under review. Legislation will be presented to council to move the project forward;

- The Town Center. It will continue to be an important priority for the administration through next year. "Obviously, retail and commercial development has been, for the most part, on hold as our region deals with the pandemic," said Beazley. "We continue to work through the design phase and work with developers so that we are prepared when it is time to move forward. We recognize this development should serve our community for longer than the next 40 years, so we want to move carefully at a time when retailers and restaurateurs are facing challenges."

In addition to the major projects, the city will continue to work on 2020 hold-over capital and operational initiatives. Among the highlights:

- Construction of Phase 2 of the North/South bike trail from Navarre to Starr;

- Planning of the transition of emergency dispatching services to a county-wide system. The transition is expected to be completed by January of 2022;

- Continued focus on improving fire response and needed capital investment;

- Continued expansion of recreation

programming:

The addition of a Streets Building. The project was delayed this year. Engineering and design have been completed;

- Continued investing in the city-wide tree screening program.

Future challenges

Oregon continues to deal with the challenges associated with the state's decision to keep local dollars in Columbus and push the cost of services to local communities, according to Beazley.

"Reductions in local government funds, the loss of state tax revenue, the elimination of personal property tax, the continuing incremental changes in state income tax and regulations all provide challenges to our ability to meet local service needs," he said.

"Clearly, Oregon has suffered a considerable unexpected economic impact with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these impacts will be short-term, but we still continue to carefully monitor and plan as we deal with any long-term economic fallout from this event," said Beazley.

"We will continue to be prepared with alternative plans to reduce long-term operation costs should state actions or changes in the economy significantly limit our ability to meet local service needs. Oregon maintains adequate reserves that will allow us to implement such plans over time so that we can responsibly reduce expenses with less impact," he said.

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Obituaries

Obituary

George "Sonny" Luce

December 6, 1934 – December 13, 2020



George Luce, 86, of Merritt Island, FL joined the Lord on December 13th, 2020. He was born on December 6th, 1934 to George and Mary (Berente) Luce in Toledo, Ohio. George owned L-B Drywall for 52 years and was a jack of all trades, a master of all. He was a member of CCYC and Ottawa River Yacht Club for many years. He enjoyed making wine, woodworking and spending time with his family. George is survived by his wife, Wanda, his love of 46 years. His children, Cheri (Dennis) Davoll, Charles Luce, James Luce, Kay Pugh, Melinda Michalak, and Scott (Denise) Michalak; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; close family friends Lonnie and Pam, along with many others; and his fur bestfriend Norman. George was preceded in death by his mother and father, his sisters Mary Barraclough and Jerry Hill, and his grandson Joseph Luce.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the wonderful staff at ProMedica Toledo Hospital Gen2 ICU and Ren6. Per George's wishes, there will be no services scheduled, but a celebration of life will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of contributions to: Fulton County Relay for Life, Memory Makers Team.

Obituary

James H. Jaquillard

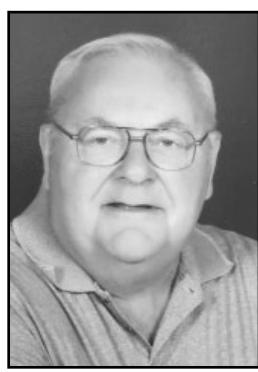
July 3, 1944 – December 9, 2020

On December 9, 2020, an angel cradled James H. Jaquillard, 76 with loving arms and carried him home to his Lord and Saviour. He was born July 3, 1944 in Toledo, OH the son of Howard E. and Marie I. (Schwachenwalde) Jaquillard. Jim was a 1962 graduate of Clay High School and went on to graduate from Cleveland Engineering Institute. On August 20, 1977 he married Liane M. Hetrick. He was a patent holding inventor while working at Owens-Illinois; he retired in 2000. He was a long time resident of Pemberville, OH.

Surviving are his wife Liane of Pemberville, OH; daughter Mary and husband Robert Catalano of Elyria, OH and son Matthew and his wife Julie Ferguson of Apex, NC; grandsons Caleb, Owen and Jonas Jaquillard and his sister Janet Routson of Waterville, OH. James was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law James Routson.

Funeral services will be private. Jim will be laid to rest in Lindsey Cemetery, Lindsey, OH. Memorial contributions may be made to Lindsey Trinity United Methodist Church or Troy Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.hermanfh.com. Herman-Veh Funeral & Cremation Service, Gibsonburg, OH has been entrusted with arrangements.



Obituary

Marcella M. Schlievert

September 2, 1937 – December 14, 2020



Marcella M. Schlievert, age 83, of Woodville, OH passed away on Monday, December 14, 2020 at Stein Hospice Care Center, Sandusky, OH. She was born on September 2, 1937 to Charles and Ellen (Graham) Wisenman in Hamden, OH. On November 29, 1959 she married Reynold Schlievert in Woodville and he preceded her in death on May 23, 2009. Marcella was a wonderful homemaker and concession stand owner. She was a member of Sandusky Church of God. In her spare time, she loved to play rummy and bingo, take day trips and shop. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Marcella is survived by her son: Ron (Marie) Schlievert of Elmore, OH, daughter: Tammy (Robert) Nickester of Sandusky, grandson: Lance Nickester and great granddaughter: Koralyn Nickester both of Sandusky. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Reynold, brothers: Alfred, Harold, Andrew and sisters: Pansy, Lottie, Flora, Madge, Bertha and Anise.

Marcella will be laid to rest next to Reynold, in a private family committal service in Westwood Cemetery, Woodville, OH. Arrangements are being handled by the Marsh & Marsteller Funeral Home, 201 W. Main Street, Woodville, OH. Memorials may take the form of contributions to: Fremont Baptist Church, Fremont or Sandusky Church of God, Sandusky.

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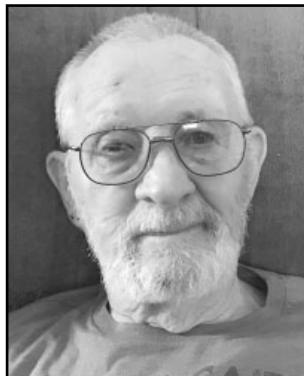
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James "Jim" Cornell Sr.

March 19, 1938 – December 12, 2020



James "Jim" L Cornell, Sr., 82, went home to his Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 12, 2020. He had fought Parkinson's Disease with courage and faith for a number of years. He was born on March 19, 1938, in Martin, OH, to Olive and Clyde Cornell. He was an identical twin, with his brother Bob being the firstborn. The story is told that their dad's wedding ring fit around Jim's tiny wrist. Jim married Charlotte Knieriem on March 24, 1956, and she survives him.

Jim worked at Materion (the former Brush-Wellman) for 55 years, retiring in May 2011. Jim was proud of having the longest employment of any employee at the plant. He started at the Luckey plant immediately after graduation from high school in 1956.

Over the years, Jim was involved in the CB radio world with a handle of "Sideburns." Back in the day, he had some pretty massive sideburns that he carefully groomed. In his later years, Jim loved doing yard work and would usually be found out on his mower somewhere in the fields surrounding his house. He said he would talk to God as he mowed.

Jim is remembered as a man who lived the Gospel message, always seeing the good in everyone and accepting them where they were. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Genoa, at the time of his death. He had been involved in church leadership and hospital ministry at a previous church. He also served at the Genoa Food Pantry for a number of years. Jim always offered a prayer and encouragement.

Jim is best known in the community for riding his bike around Genoa, stopping to talk to folks and handing out gumballs. His dad used to give out apples, but Jim said gumballs were much easier to carry around! His family joked that he should be on the Christmas lists of area dentists!

The greatest joys for Jim were his faith and his family. He supported and loved his family unconditionally. In addition to his wife, Charlotte, Jim is survived by his daughters, Dawn (Dan) Balduf and Cyndi (Ken) Brown and his son, James Jr. (Barb). His grandchildren are Jason (Angie) Balduf, Mandi (Kristina) Balduf-Luckett, Ken Brown Jr., Lauren (Jack) Jones, Ben Cornell, and Jake Cornell and great-children, Addison Balduf, Vincenza and Marin Brown, and Griffin, Charlotte and Jack Jr. Jones. He is also survived by his twin brother, Robert Cornell and his sister-in-law, Jan (Dennis) Jones and his niece, Melissa (John) Bowlander and nephews, Justin (Connie) Cornell and Stephen Bliss and their families. He was predeceased by his twin great-granddaughters, Taylor and Kendall.

A Celebration of Life for Jim will be held in March with arrangements by Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, Genoa. His family would like to thank the staff of Parkcliffe Community, Bldg 3, for their loving care of Jim over the past 1 ½ years. They also appreciate the support and care by Hospice of Northwest Ohio over the past two months. Memorial contributions can be made in Jim's memory to St. John's United Church of Christ, Genoa, youth fund, or to the Genoa Food Pantry. Online condolences to the family may be made at walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary

Betty L. (Gossard, Shaw) Christiansen

August 22, 1932 – December 10, 2020



Betty L. (Gossard, Shaw) Christiansen, 88, of Walbridge, passed Thursday, December 10, 2020, at Genacross Lutheran Homes. She was born August 22, 1932, in Alger, OH, the daughter of Delbert and Dora (Hamton) Gossard.

Betty was a loving and caring person, always full of energy and was involved in many organization, clubs, and social activities over the years. She married Dale Christiansen on September 3, 1976 and he preceded her in death on July 10, 2020. Together they shared many years of joy. After Betty's retirement from Sunoco Refinery she and Dale enjoyed several winters at Live Oaks RV Resort in Arcadia FL.

Betty is survived by her children, Lila (Robert) Csorts of Florida, Robert (Sue) Shaw of Martin, OH and Brenda Enck (Mark) McCormic of Toledo, OH; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren.

Betty and Dale's wishes were that a memorial service be held when their ashes are buried together at a later date. Per Betty's wishes "on a warm sunny day". Services will be private for her family.

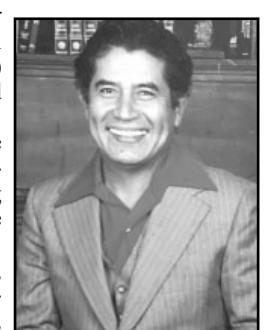
Arrangements have been entrusted with the Hanneman-Chudzinski-Keller Funeral Home, 416 S. Arch St., Fremont, Ohio 43420. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be gifted in Betty's honor to Genacross Lutheran Home Activities Fund, 131 N. Wheeling Rd. Toledo, Ohio 43605.

Online condolences, as well as a fond memory may be shared with Betty's family by visiting www.hannemanfuneralhomes.com

Obituary

Julio M. Lozoya

April 12, 1933 – December 13, 2020



Julio M. Lozoya, 87, of Martin, passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020 at St. Charles Mercy Hospital, Oregon. He was born on April 12, 1933 in San Benito, TX to the late Alfredo and Manuela (Miranda) Lozoya. On June 1, 1955, Julio married Rosa L. Carver, she passed away October 16, 2004.

Julio was a US Army Veteran having served in the 82nd Airborne out of Fort Bragg, NC. He worked for Daimler-Chrysler Toledo Machining Plant for almost 40 years. He was always happy and joking around. He loved Tejano music and was a true family man. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Julio is survived by his children; Ruth Yvonne Petrocco, Manuela Lozoya, Anita Lozoya, and Jose J. Lozoya, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers; Pedro Lozoya, Rosario Lozoya, sisters; Lupe Ramos and Grace Lozoya. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sisters Juanita Garza, Olga Lozoya and brother, Jose Lozoya.

Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, Genoa, assisted the family with the arrangements. Julio's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers during this difficult time. Those wishing to express their sympathy to the family can leave an online condolence at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://walkerfuneralhomes.com)



Trooper Allison Young

Trooper named 1st Responder of 2020

Trooper Allison Young was recognized Dec. 4, as the Fremont Exchange Club First Responder of the Year for her work during 2020.

Young received the award from Mary Nossabam at the Fremont Exchange Club meeting held at the Fremont Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

The award recognizes Young's hard work and dedication to the citizens of Sandusky County, including a commitment to removing impaired drivers from area roadways. In addition, she made 12 felony drug arrests during the year, receiving the



Patrol's Criminal Patrol Award.

Beyond her work in uniform, Young volunteers her time reading to students at Otis Elementary School in Fremont and working at the Fremont Food Bank.

Court orders resentencing in Sandusky County rape case

By Larry Limpf

News Editor

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A sentence of consecutive prison terms for a man convicted of raping a child has been vacated by the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals.

The court remanded the case of Robert Stull, of Green Springs, back to the Sandusky County Common Pleas Court for resentencing.

A jury found Stull guilty in August 2019 of two counts of rape, with the specification the victim was under the age of 10, and two counts of gross sexual imposition involving other victims. He had pled not guilty.

He was sentenced to a mandatory prison term of life without parole each for the rape counts and five years for each of the gross sexual imposition offenses with "each count to run consecutive to the mandatory life sentence imposed on" the rape counts.

Citing the Ohio Revised Court, the appeals court wrote: "If multiple prison terms are imposed on an offender for convictions of multiple offenses, the court may require the offender to serve the pris-

on terms consecutively if the court finds that the consecutive service is necessary to protect the public from future crime or to punish the offender and that consecutive sentences are not disproportionate to the seriousness of the offender's conduct and to the danger the offender poses to the public."

Other conditions cited by the court, include if the offender committed an offense while awaiting trial or sentencing or was under post-release control for a prior offense.

"When imposing consecutive sentences, a trial court must state the required findings as part of the sentencing hearing. And because a court speaks through its journal ...the court should also incorporate its statutory findings into the sentencing entry," the appeals court wrote.

"Appellant (Stull) asserts the trial court failed to make any of the findings required pursuant to Revised Code. After reviewing the sentencing hearing, we agree."

The appeals court also rejected a recommendation by the prosecutor's office for remanding the case to the trial court for what is called a nunc pro tunc entry to retroactively include the omitted findings.

Church hosting Christmas Eve worship

Elliston Zion United Methodist Church will host a "Christmas Eve Under the Stars" Worship and Communion Service Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. in the church parking lot. Guests are welcome to join near the canopy or remain in their vehicles.

Song sheets will be provided to join in singing favorite carols. Holy Communion will be served in a socially distanced fashion. Guests are asked to wear masks. All are welcome

Elliston Zion is located at 18045 W. William St., off Elliston Trowbridge Road, between SR 579 and SR 163.

For more information, call the

church office at 419-862-3166.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Dec. 21-25. Unless stated, all clinics are held at 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Dec. 21: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45 a.m.-noon.

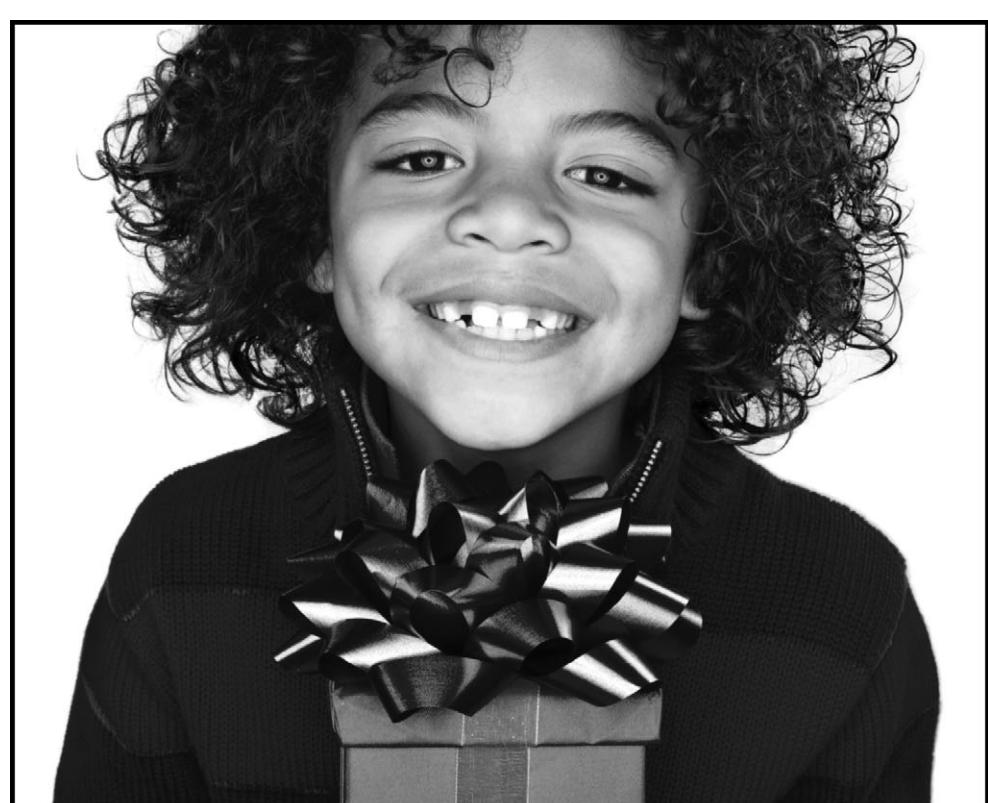
Dec. 22: Flu Clinic (all ages), 9-11 a.m.

Dec. 23: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.

Dec. 24: Holiday - office closed.

Dec. 25: Holiday - office closed.

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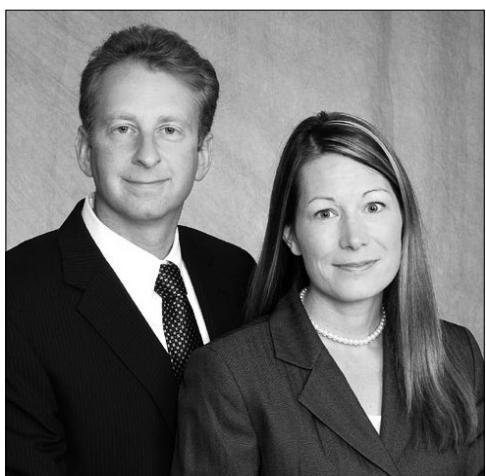
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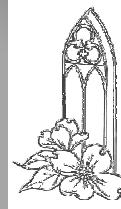
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Deputy's patrol vehicle stolen

A pursuit of a stolen vehicle Dec. 12 resulted in an Ottawa County Sheriff's Office patrol car and two other vehicles being damaged in separate accidents.

Deputies were pursuing a vehicle later determined to be stolen around 4 p.m. when it crashed near Elliston-Trowbridge Road.

A deputy attempted to assist a passenger in the stolen vehicle who appeared to be injured. The driver then gained entry to the patrol car and fled the scene.

The patrol car was later involved in a crash along Nissen Road where a passerby noticed the patrol car and stopped to offer assistance. The suspect then stole the passerby's vehicle.

That vehicle was later recovered and had been damaged as well.

The driver of the stolen vehicles hasn't been located and the investigation is ongoing, according to the sheriff's office.

Wreath ceremony

The Ottawa County Wreaths across America committee will be leading the residents of Port Clinton and Erie Township in honoring the veterans buried in cemeteries in these communities on Saturday, Dec. 19.

It is the goal of the five-member committee to honor all veterans in the county each year by placing a wreath on their grave. To donate funds for the effort, contact Sara Toris, committee chairperson at 419-898-2089.

Grant deadline

United Way of Greater Toledo (UWGT), serving Lucas, Ottawa and Wood counties, will close community grant applications Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 for Lucas County applicants and on Thursday, Jan. 31 for Ottawa and Wood county applicants.

This is the first time in six years that community grant applications have been re-opened, as UWGT seeks to provide funding to local programs working in the areas of education, financial stability, health and housing.

Visit www.UnitedWayToledo.org/Grant to start a community grant application.



Court Log

Oregon Municipal Court

and fines, structural alterations to dwelling.

- Andrea M. Howe, 1213 Camden, Toledo, 90 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 90 days suspended, \$387 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Ronald Edward James, 23230 W. Chicago, Redford, MI, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$437 court costs and fines, falsification.
- Elijah Layne Mead, homeless, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 171 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- Mikkyra Coleman, 501 Conrad, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.
- Heather K. Carter, 177 W. Foulkes, Toledo, \$237 court costs and fines, use, possession, or sale of drug paraphernalia.
- Demetrius D. Haynes, 1543 Clay, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$387 court costs and fines, theft.
- Theodore A. Wright, 5510 Crest Haven, Toledo, 22 days CCNO, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Daniel B. Mayville, 115 W. Front St., Monroe, MI, \$197 court costs and fines, drug abuse.
- Linda L. Maire, 2716 Hayden, Oregon, 10 days CCNO, 10 days suspended, \$122 court costs
- Courtney Gail Hammond, 301 Bihl, Northwood, 180 days CCNO, 165 days suspended, \$447 court costs and fines, theft.
- Raven Symone Humphrey, 1160 W. Woodruff, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 86 days suspended, \$122 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Daquan Darnee Feemester, 4343 Parrakeet, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$447 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Brendan Taylor Livingston, 805 Gould,

Northwood, \$247 court costs and fines, drug abuse, obtain, possess or use.

- Dennis Edward Schmiedel, 2110 Autokee, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 165 days suspended, \$122 court costs and fines, domestic violence.
- Daniel Lee Murphy, 1938 N. Michigan, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, criminal trespass.

- Nicole Alexandra Robinson, 2107 Autokee, Oregon, \$147 court costs and fines, confining, restraining, debarking.

- Kearsten L. Wilkins, 2322 N. Erie, Toledo, \$147 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.
- James Andrew Rowles, 221 Harding, Fremont, \$197 court costs and fines, drug abuse, obtain, possess or use.

- Debbie Ann Hawkins, 722 N. Huron, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$98 court costs and fines, drug abuse, obtain, possess or use.

- Bradley Thomas Clark, 3049 Navarre, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 25 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, domestic violence.

- Jeffery D. Finn, 8820 W. Genzman, Oak Harbor, \$152 court costs and fines, migratory game bird possession limit.

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending Dec. 11

Allen Township

12/08/20 Timothy D and Judith M Smith to Ryan Moser, 24118 W Young, \$312,000.

Clay Center Corp

12/08/20 Donald E Hoeft to Dustin Whetsel to Andrea Lawless, 520 North Nissen Road, \$355,000.

12/08/20 Beverly J Willard to Christopher W Sizemore, 410 Susan Street, \$96,500.

Benton Township

12/07/20 Eric J and Diane K Schimming to William K and Jennifer L Giezie, 16620 W. Moline Martin Road, \$354,000.

12/11/20 Gregory J Grieger and Justine J Grover- Grieger to Jared D and Brandy L Dusseau, 14461 W Velliquette Road, \$34,000.

Carroll Township

12/07/20 Joann K Heninger to Sharon Lynn and Timothy J Johnson, 6479 Harris Harbor, \$42,000.

12/08/20 Marilyn F Sandwisch to William J and Lindsay A Renz, 0 West Bier Road, \$25,000.

12/08/20 Beth Ryan (aka Beth Ann Ryna) and George Peter Sevcik to Randy and Lynne E Ruggles, 6489 Teal Bend, \$60,000.

12/11/20 Paul E and Candy Lynn McKenzie to

Linda and John Mihalcak, 6380 N Harris Harbor Drive, \$70,000.

12/11/20 Dirl T and Julia Barron to Andrew and Ondrea Rumans, 1120 N Brokate, \$245,000.

Elmore

12/11/20 Wendt Holdings, LLC to Brandi M and Jared J Overmyer, 253-253 1/2 Rice Street, \$105,000.

Genoa Corp

12/11/20 Dawn G Crosby et al to Dana D Weyandt, 405 Main Street, \$71,066.

Harris Township

12/11/20 Jamie A Weidner and Julie A Kibler Trustees to Jon and Gail A Overmyer, 18587 W State Route 105, \$109,000.

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12/11/20 Estate of Gerald L Camper to Jeffrey S Haar, O S. Slemmer Portage, \$76,000.

Oak Harbor Corp

12/07/20 Brenda M LaFountain (nka Brenda M Silveous) to Wendy L and Mark E Southall, 126 Maple Street, \$164,500.

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Opinion

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Group of students pushes for a state climate action plan

Climate change is a reality that we are only beginning to feel in our daily lives. In Ohio, we also suffer from the effects of human induced climate change such as pollution to our air and water.

Action needs to be taken immediately to interrupt the effects of climate change before time runs out. 33 states have implemented a Climate Action Plan, or CAP. A CAP is a law which protects the environment by outlining multiple cost effective steps states can take in order to lower greenhouse gas emissions. Major cities and agencies throughout Ohio have enacted CAPs. However, these individual proposals and plans are insufficient to create the change we need.

To really make an impact we need to create a cohesive state-wide plan. We are the Environmental Heroes Advocacy team, a group of middle and high school students who conduct authentic field research and advocate for the preservation of our environment and the health of our climate. According to the Environmental



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When we stand united, we can make this idea a reality.
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Law and Policy Center's Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on the Great Lakes, compared to the temperature be-

tween 1901 and 1916, the Great Lakes have warmed 1.6 degrees, and we have seen a 10 percent increase in precipitation since 1901.

Warmer climates make it easier for algal blooms to grow in Lake Erie, which block the sunlight and use up a lot of oxygen when decomposing.

In order to preserve what remains of our ecosystems for both ourselves and future generations, it is essential for the Ohio State House and Ohio Senate to begin developing legislation for a statewide Climate Action Plan which protects our environment. Benefits of a CAP include, less traffic jams, better air quality, increased access to greenspace, and saving money by using energy more efficiently, new job opportunities, etc.

Our group represents the youth constituents of Ohio. We call on the state legislature to take immediate action by creating a state-wide Climate Action Plan to preserve our state and beautiful planet, and protect future generations from greater harm.

We encourage the citizens of Ohio to do their part in stopping climate change by emailing or calling their state legislators today about the importance of creating a CAP. It will not take long to let them know you care and hold them accountable to make things better. Citizens can also sign our petition encouraging the state to pass a CAP. When we stand united, we can make this idea a reality. To sign our petition for a CAP in Ohio, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ehpetition>.

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Focus your efforts on avoiding the “dramas” of others

Have you argued with someone who started arguing with you? Did you raise your voice after you were yelled at? Were you offended by something which was said to you? Did you become upset because of someone's behavior? Did you get depressed because of the daily news?

Have you been pulled into someone else's drama? Do you become enmeshed in the negative thinking of others? Did you feel manipulated by the behavior of other people? Do you feel awkward saying “no” to situations you don't want to participate in?

You don't have to participate in any of the above scenarios. You may not have control over what other people do, but your response is up to you. You can change the manner in which you interact with others.

You have total control over your thoughts and actions. Just because someone acts, you do not have to participate by reacting. Your participation in drama makes you feel bad without helping anyone or improving anything.

You participate by reacting. A reaction is spontaneous and emotional. A response is thought out and planned. An appropriate response keeps you from participating in negative interactions. Your response keeps you focused on a positive objective by programming your mind to take the appropriate action.

Identify beforehand your overall



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objectives. Objectives should be simple and straightforward, such as being happy, healthy, and at peace. Avoid any behavior which compromises your objectives.

The next time a person wants to argue with you, determine what will be

accomplished if you participate. More often than not, nothing positive will result. Therefore, don't waste time getting pulled in. Instead, politely excuse yourself or change topics.

Don't participate in being offended. The world is filled with all kinds of people with all types of opinions. If a movie offends you, don't watch it. Change the channel when you are offended by a T.V. program. Don't read books, newspapers, or magazines you find offensive. Avoid visiting web sites that upset you. Everyone has a right to express their opinion. You have a right to ignore them.

Don't take things personally. If someone says something insulting, walk away instead of participating. No one can take advantage of you without your permission. Attempting to retaliate, get even, or teach someone a lesson is a waste of time.

Don't participate in group think or blindly conform to conventional wisdom. Don't participate in peer pressure. Think for yourself. Question anything which doesn't make sense. Make your own decisions based on what's in your best interests.

Don't participate in negativity. Purge all negative self-talk. What you tell yourself programs your mind. Tell yourself what you can and will do. Look for solutions instead of wallowing in

problems. Minimize time spent with negative, problem oriented people. Connect with those who are positive, solution oriented.

Guard your time. Turn down discretionary activities that are contrary to your objectives. Always decline invitations courteously. Instead of using “no,” respond with, “Thank you for thinking of me, I really appreciate the invitation. Unfortunately, I won't be able to participate due to a prior commitment.”

Avoid being judgmental because doing so is participating. Everyone is free to live as they see fit. It's enough of a responsibility overseeing what you are doing. Don't participate in the lives of others by criticizing what they are doing.

Concentrate on living your life to its fullest. Follow your own path. Pursue your goals. Don't participate in negative behavior because it inhibits your progress. Change your reactions to responses by always thinking before you speak or act.

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Time to rethink American food habits

By Jim Hightower

America certainly has an abundance of food, even though many Americans do not. We face a momentous choice of whether to pursue a food future rooted in the ethic of sustainable agri-culture — or one based on the exploitative ethic of agri-industry.

What better symbol of agri-industry's vision of “food” than the ubiquitous “Butterball” turkey so many ate for Thanksgiving? The Butterball was hoisted onto millions of tables by huge advertising budgets and regular promotional payments to supermarkets.

The birds themselves have been grotesquely deformed by industrial geneticists, who created breasts so ponderous that the turkeys can't walk, stand up, or even reproduce on their own (thus earning the nickname “dead-end



birds”). Adding torture to this intentional deformity, the industry sentences these once-majestic fowl to dismal lives in tiny confinement cages within the sprawling, steel-and-concrete animal factories that scar America's rural landscape — monuments to greed-based corporate “husbandry.”

As the eminent farmer-poet-activist Wendell Berry tells us, eating is a profound political act. It lets you and me vote for the Butterball industrial model or choose

to go back to the future of agri-culture. It lets us choose the art and science of cooperating with nature rather than trying to overwhelm it.

That cooperative ethic is the choice of the remarkable “Good Food Uprising” that has spread across the country in the past 30 years. Now the fastest-growing segment of the food economy, it is creating the alternative model of a local, sustainable, small scale, community-based, organic, humane, healthy, democratic — and tasty! — food system for all.

To take part in the good food movement and find small-scale farmers, artisans, farmers markets, and other resources in your area, visit www.LocalHarvest.org.

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The Great Art Escape Returns to Toledo Museum of Art

Celebrate the season with a diverse array of activities and events during the Great Art Escape, which returns to the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) Dec. 26–27 and Dec. 30–Jan. 3, 2021. Taylor Cadillac is sponsoring the event.

"Given current circumstances, the Toledo Museum of Art staff reimagined what this year's Great Art Escape festivities could look like," said Maria Iafelice, the Museum's youth and family programs manager. "We're excited to be able to offer visitors a combination of onsite and online experiences as part this annual, winter tradition."

New to this year's activities is an outdoor "glowing garden" featuring illuminated ornamental flowers called "Astro Botanicals." These large-scale, color-changing sculptures are designed by California-based fabric artist Stan Clark. This free, outdoor experience will take place during museum hours from Saturday, Dec. 26 through Saturday, Jan. 2, weather permitting.

Circle, TMA's affinity group dedicated to inclusive and innovative programming that engages new audiences, has created a one-of-a-kind gallery hunt inspired by art and reflection. The guide features ideas and activities to see as you explore the Museum and create your own resolution or goals for the year ahead. Participants who complete the hunt will be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 TMA gift card; guides will be available at the Information Desks.

The Great Art Escape is also visitors' last opportunity to view both "Yayoi Kusama: Fireflies on the Water" and "The Path to Paradise: Judith Schaechter's Stained-Glass Art." Both exhibitions close Sunday, Jan. 3. For a complete list of current and upcoming exhibitions, visit the Museum website at toledomuseum.org/art/exhibitions.

Other activities—including glassblowing demonstrations, Family Center visiting artist, youth art workshops and (Re)New Year's Day—will take place virtually.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district. Admission to the Toledo Museum of Art is free. Parking is also free for museum members and is \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, visit toledomuseum.org.

Great Art Escape schedule of events

- Free Virtual Glassblowing Demonstrations: Fables & Fairytales on the following dates and times:

Saturday, Dec. 26: noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27: noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30: 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31: 2 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1: 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 2: noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 3: noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Watch TMA's team of glass artists create whimsical pieces inspired by favorite childhood stories on the museum YouTube



Immerse yourself in an outdoor glowing garden of illuminated, color-changing flowers called "Astro Botanicals" from Saturday, Dec. 26 through Saturday, Jan. 2, weather permitting, during museum hours at the Toledo Museum of Art. The free display is part of the museum's Great Art Escape celebration. (Photo courtesy of the Toledo Museum of Art)

channel (youtube.com/ToledoMuseum). Glassblowing demonstrations are sponsored by O-I.

- Free Virtual Family Center Visiting Artist: Aya Khalil, Wednesday, Dec. 30: 10 a.m. via Zoom. Join local author Aya Khalil for a family-friendly story time. Khalil will read her book, "The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story" – an endearing story of little Kanzi's first day of third grade in the United States. This virtual event is free, but advanced registration is required and can be completed at tickets.toledomuseum.org. A link for the live-stream event will be emailed to participants in advance of the story time.

The Museum Store is hosting a contactless book signing in the lead up to this event. Copies of "The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story" are available for purchase at the store, both in person and online (tmastore.org), through Dec. 29. In addition to signing the book, Khalil will also inscribe a dedicated name in Arabic for each copy sold. All purchased copies can be left with The Museum Store and once the copies have been signed, a sales associate will contact the purchaser to schedule pick up or delivery.

- Virtual Youth Art Workshops (fee applies). Enjoy TMA's instruction at home through virtual livestream workshops. Students will learn about some of the iconic works of art in the Museum collec-

tion, then combine that inspiration with their own creativity at home. Please note that this class is only a livestream format and no recorded content will be included. Advanced registration is required and includes access to live-stream sessions and a kit of supplies. To register, please visit tickets.toledomuseum.org.

- Drawing with Chalk Pastels, (ages 8-10), Saturday, Dec. 26: 10 a.m.-noon. Fee is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Participants will create vivid pastel drawings inspired by the exhibit, "The Path to Paradise: Judith Schaechter's Stained-Glass Art." Learn mark-making and blending techniques and complete your own piece of art.

- Elements of Art through Photography, (ages 11-13), Saturday, Dec. 26: 10:30 a.m.-noon and Saturday, Jan. 2: 10:30 a.m.-noon. Fee is \$30 for members and \$35 nonmembers. Teens will be able to learn how to use their smartphone or tablet to create masterful photographs that push beyond a snapshot and as they learn how to use the principles of art to create meaningful works.

- Glass Art Workshops: Frosty Glass (fee applies). Project pickup will be Saturday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Project drop-off will be Saturday, Jan. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 3 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers.

Work with the Museum's glass instruc-

tors to create your own frosty glass. Pick up your clear drinking glass or mug at the Glass Pavilion and take it home to apply the provided stickers and decals. Then bring it back to the museum to get frosted and reveal your own unique designs. Glasses will be frosted upon drop off on a first-come, first-served basis (duration approximately one hour). To help encourage social distancing, the museum asks that participants select the date and time they would like to drop off their projects during the registration process. Register online at tickets.toledomuseum.org. Frosty Glass workshops are sponsored in part by Libbey, Inc.

- Free Glowing Garden, Saturday, Dec. 26-Saturday, Jan. 2 during museum hours, Monroe Street Terrace. Visit the TMA campus to view inflatable space plants called "Astro Botanicals." Visitors will be able to wander and view the extra-large, color changing sculptures on the main terrace located along Monroe Street. The experience is family-friendly and will take place outdoors; participants will be required to wear a face covering and maintain physical distance.

- Free Virtual (Re) New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2-4 p.m. via Zoom. Participate in "Fuera con Fuerza," an art-based workshop designed to help process the grief of 2020 and give way to an optimistic outlook for 2021. Advanced registration is required at tickets.toledomuseum.org.

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Oak Harbor Christmas Drive nominations being accepted

On the heels of the Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive and hand-delivery of more than 50 meals to residents, members of the Oak Harbor Police and Auxiliary continue their spirit of giving with a 2020 Christmas Drive.

The third annual drive supports families in need in the Village of Oak Harbor and helps to provide gifts for children on Christmas morning.

"Christmas is a special time of year, so we reach out to numerous residents and families to ensure they feel the holiday spirit," said Oak Harbor Chief of Police Eric Parker. "We have developed a great community relationship, and we have been able to be an extension of the American Legion Post 114 to make things possible."

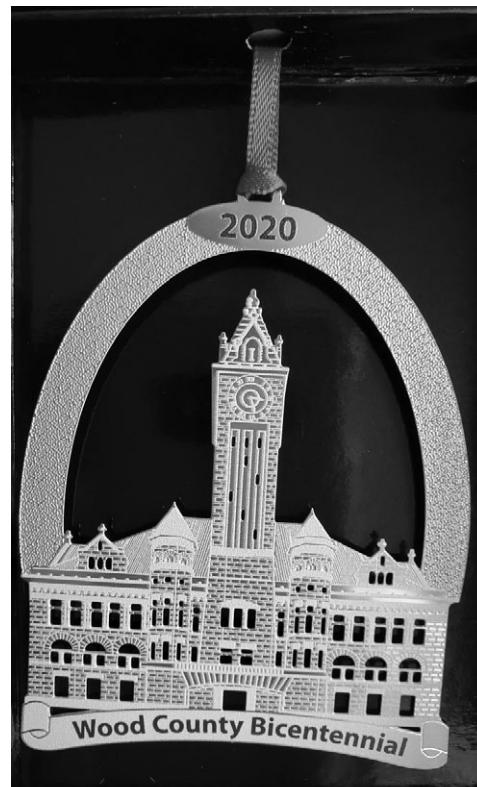
The Police Auxiliary will be accepting from the public private nominations of residents who might need holiday assistance. Those residents wishing to nominate an individual or family must contact the department to provide the name/address of those who could benefit from the program.

Typically, a few days before Christmas, members of the Oak Harbor Police Department and Auxiliary deliver the gifts to residents.

According to Sergeant Taylor Beck, the point-person for the effort, the drive was originally launched in 2018 so residents knew they were not forgotten during the holidays.

Financial donations for the Christmas Drive are welcome and necessary to make the program a success. Beck noted the department has been fortunate to receive generous support from community residents and American Legion Post 114, which has allowed the department to also take Christmas gifts to the elderly members of the community who may not have family close by, live alone, or could use some holiday cheer.

"With everything that has happened this year, it is so important that we look for ways to take care of our neighbors," said Mayor Quinton Babcock. "The police department and its auxiliary go above and



In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Wood County, commemorative Christmas ornaments are now on sale. (Submitted photo)



beyond to take care of our community."

Due to COVID-19, the department is asking for monetary donations only to help fulfill gift needs for the 2020 Christmas

Drive.

Donations may be dropped off at the police department, 146 N. Church St. As a COVID-19 precaution, the department is currently closed to the public, however, staff will come outside and address anyone in need.

Residents may also call the non-emergency line, 419-898-2055, preferably between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., to request a donation pick up or to make a nomination.

Wood Co. Bicentennial ornaments available

Christmas ornaments celebrating the 200th anniversary of Wood County are now on sale in several locations in the community.

The ornaments feature the historic Wood County Courthouse, which will celebrate its own 125th anniversary in 2021. Ornaments are available for purchase at the Wood County Museum, Wood County District Public Library, Way Public Library in Perrysburg and Beeker's General Store in Pemberville.

Ornaments will also be sold at the Wood County Courthouse 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23. The cost is \$15.

Winter Wonderland

S.T.A.R.S. (Standing Together Against Real Slavery), in collaboration with Unity United Methodist Church, is presenting a Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Extravaganza at the church, 1919 E. Broadway, Northwood.

Organizers are inviting sponsors to help make the holidays special for area children who may be struggling, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Gifts will be distributed Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 6-8 p.m. Children must be in the vehicle. COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place.

For more info, contact S.T.A.R.S. Executive Director EleSondra "Ele" DeRomano at 419-280-2451 or Unity

United Methodist Church Senior Pastor Jim Nevel at 567-938-9816.

Fundraising dinner

S.T.A.R.S. will hold a dinner to raise funds for Winter Wonderland gifts on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 1910 E. Broadway, Northwood.

The menu includes BBQ pork and beef ribs and chicken wings, breast, legs and thighs. Various side dishes are available including macaroni and cheese, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, spaghetti and greens with turkey. The cost is \$15, which includes one meat option, two sides and a drink.

Pre-orders are available by calling 419-280-2451 or emailing elsson21@gmail.com. Delivery is available for 10 orders or more.

Caregiver support group

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) will offer a Caregiver Support Group at the Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main St., Bowling Green.

The group will meet the second Monday of every month at 2:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11, 2021.

The group, which is for anyone providing caregiving assistance to individuals throughout Wood County, will provide resources, advice on managing caregiver stress, recommendations, and an outlet for caregivers to connect with one another.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Contact Jessica Ricker, in the WCCOA Social Services Department, at 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 to register or for more info. Respite care is available for care recipients during the support group and should be requested upon registering.

Please note: COVID screening questions will be asked of all participants over the phone prior to the start of the support group. Social distancing will be practiced and masks must be worn by all in attendance.

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In a world of extremes, choose to be extremely kind

I'm well rested and exhausted; comfortable and at great risk; fed up and hopeful. Which is it, you ask? All of them.

It seems that now, more than at any time I can remember, people are feeling all of the feelings every day. It's some sort of bizarro world, where we get to sample all of the human emotions each and every day yet never have an opportunity to settle in and really feel deeply about anything for very long.

On a daily basis, we hear stories of people contracting COVID and showing no symptoms at all while thousands die of it the very same day. The unemployment lines are growing while the stock market reaches an all-time high. Everything is going wonderfully for some while others are living in a personal hell. If we have any empathy at all, we hurt for others while we attempt to enjoy our relative comfort.

It's no wonder we're anxious and exhausted.

I wish I had the answers to this dilemma we're facing. I can suggest that you plan your retirement finances in a way that



Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufr

protects you from a significant decline in the markets while also allows you to prosper when markets perform well. That's a combination of guaranteed assets like annuities and Social Security and pensions while also owning stocks in high-quality companies.

These things I feel good about. It's the softer stuff that I wish I could remedy.

I wish I knew how to feel closely connected with family this season while not being able to see and hug them. I'd love to say I know how to enjoy shopping for gifts when your family's restaurant supply business is so deep into its credit lines that the debt seems insurmountable. These are problems not easily solved.

I sometimes imagine what it was like living during one of the big world wars. I

simply can't imagine how tense it would be to wonder every day how it would end and whether loved ones would survive to make it back home again. And if they did make it home, would they even be the same?

Contrast that with the situation we're facing now with the pandemic. Rather than a war against 'those people,' we're fighting an invisible virus that thrives on the very thing that should get us through this, real face-to-face human connection. So, unlike a war against "them," we're finding ourselves in a war among "us." It's somehow political and moral now – a war that allows us to blame our friends for bad behavior and or bad politics. To say it's a mess is to put it lightly.

So, what to make of this? I'm not sure. Are you? Each time we see the open door to get out of this room, it's suddenly slammed shut or we rub our eyes and realize it was just an illusion. I suppose there's never been a better time to find those silver linings but that seems so trite when death is a possibility for so many of our friends and family.

I just don't want to trivialize this. I'm cautiously optimistic for a vaccine. I'm cautiously optimistic for herd immunity. I'm cautiously optimistic that we'll beat this and not beat each other up too badly. Cautious optimism.

I suggest we do this: wish each other Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays or Happy Chanukah and keep in mind that we're all fighting for the same things. We're all wanting to get through this with the least amount of suffering possible. While doing so, we're trying to keep our spirits up and our anxiety down. Some days are better than others, so be kind. And since 2020 is a year of extremes, consider being...extremely kind.

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Motorists should be aware of laws requiring use of headlights

Now that winter weather has arrived in the area, it is time to review Ohio laws requiring the use of headlights.

Every driver should know that Ohio Revised Code section 4513.03 stipulates headlights are to be turned on between sunset to sunrise, but that is not the only requirement for use of headlights. That same section of Ohio law also stipulates headlights are to be used when atmospheric or other conditions result in objects in the roadway at 1,000 feet not being discernible. The most common of these conditions would be fog.

Yet another condition requiring the use of headlights is any time windshield wipers are on due to precipitation.

There are a couple of things that are noteworthy when discussing this topic.



Crime Prevention Corner

by Ron Craig

First, the law does not distinguish any difference between driving in the country or in a city or village. In other words, if you are driving in a city or village, you are still required to have your headlights on if your wipers are on due to precipitation.

Note, the ORC does not differentiate between the types of precipitation. It doesn't matter if it's raining, snowing or ice is coming down. If you own a later model

General Motors vehicle or some other make that has daytime driving lights, these are not the same as headlights and do not meet the aforementioned requirements. One of the reasons for this is simple. Other laws require vehicles to have taillights illuminated if the headlights are turned on, and DLLs do not activate taillights on most vehicles so equipped.

I was astonished recently when we had heavy fog in the area and saw so many vehicles whose drivers did not have headlights turned on. Likewise, there were several vehicles with no headlights on during last week's snowfall.

If a crash results from a vehicle not being seen during such conditions, the driver whose headlights were not on could be found to be totally or partially at fault.

In the days before vehicle manufacturers installed warning buzzers when your headlights are being left on when you turn off the ignition, arguments – flimsy ones – could have been made for not turning on your headlights as required. That no longer holds any water whatsoever now, so why take a chance of getting injured or injuring someone else just because you didn't follow the law?

This article is a public service from the Community Policing/Crime Prevention Division of the Lake Township Police Department. Township residents may obtain further information on crime prevention and public safety topics by contacting Ron Craig, crime prevention specialist/community policing officer, at 419-481-6354.

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Spruce up your model train

Do you have questions about model trains? Does your model train need repair?

Veteran model train hobbyists can help at the annual Model Train Clinic planned for Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont.

The hobbyists will be available to give expert advice about train repair and help estimate the value of some trains.

The clinic will run from 1-4 p.m. in the Hayes museum auditorium. Admission is \$5 per person ages 6 and older and free for kids 5 and younger.

Tickets include access to the Hayes Train Special model train display, which will also be located in the museum auditorium.

Advance tickets are recommended and are available at www.showclix.com/tickets/modeltrainclinic2020. Walk-ins will be admitted pending availability at the front desk.

Attendees must wear face coverings unless they have an accepted exemption to the

state of Ohio's mask mandate.

Train clinic participants can try running their model trains on the "Hayes Train Special" tracks. The display fits O-gauge, standard and G-gauge trains.

In this display, model trains wind through a Victorian winter wonderland reminiscent of President Rutherford B. Hayes' day.

The Hayes Train Special, which has been a Christmas tradition at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums since 1994, is sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.

In the event of inclement weather, the train clinic will be canceled. For updates, visit rbhayes.org and the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' social media pages.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues. Call 419-332-2081, visit rbhayes.org or follow on social media for more info.



The annual Model Train Clinic will be held January 2 at Hayes Presidential Library and Museums. (Submitted photo)



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A warm welcome in Walbridge

Santa and Mrs. Claus are back at the North Pole after making a stop in Walbridge on Dec. 6. Before leaving, they shared their appreciation for the Walbridge Police Department and the Lake Township Fire Department for escorting them through the village. They also thanked the Wood County District Public Library for the hospitality, the Village of Walbridge maintenance crew for getting their sleigh ready and putting up the festive decorations throughout the town, and to all the residents who took their time to wave and share Christmas cheer. Be sure to track Santa's progress on Christmas Eve at www.noradsanta.org. (Submitted photo)

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Health Dept. offers resources for safe holiday celebrations

Wood County Health Department is offering resources to help those looking to celebrate holidays safely and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

This includes a three-pronged approach to making holiday celebrations safer.

- A contest with cash prizes to share how you're safely celebrating this year.
- A holiday-themed quiz with information on planning a safer gathering.
- A COVID-19 pledge to do five things that will help Wood County drive its cases down.

Details can be found on the Holiday Planning page of the Health Department's COVID-19 website at Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org.

The COVID-19 Holiday Contest allows Wood County residents and BGSU students to submit videos showing how they did things differently this year to be safer while celebrating a holiday. Videos will be shared on the Health Department's website and social media.

The contest winner will be awarded a cash prize of no less than \$1,000. The size and number of prizes will increase based on donations received for the contest. The currently available number of prizes and the amount of each prize will be maintained on the WCHD Holiday Planning webpage. Individuals or businesses that would like to contribute to this campaign should reach out to their local chambers of commerce or business associations or contact the health department at healthdept@woodcountyohio.gov

The contest includes all holidays through New Year's Day. Videos must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6. All entries must follow all recommended safety guidelines and demonstrate how to safely celebrate with more than one household.

All entrants who met the contest guidelines will be eligible to be considered for the finalist group. Finalists will be those individuals whose plans are judged to be the most innovative or creative by a panel of judges. Winners will be selected by drawing from among the finalist group. Full contest details and rules will be available online.

"This exciting contest is a fun way to celebrate those who are taking creative and essential steps to keep our community safe," said Alex Aspacher, Wood County Health Department Community Outreach Coordinator.

Wood County Health Department Safe holiday plans include limiting travel, celebrating with those in your household, virtually celebrating with friends and family not in your household, consistently washing hands, and wearing a mask when you need to go out. "These precautions will save lives," Aspacher said. "This contest will help encourage, inspire and celebrate those making safe decisions."

A fun, holiday-themed quiz, also found on the Holiday Planning page, provides information on the keys to a safer celebration. Take the quiz at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KeepSantaSafe>.

No matter which holidays you cele-

“...pledge to keep one another safe as COVID-19 cases are on the rise heading into the holiday season...”

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brate, Wood County Health Department is asking for the community to come together and pledge to keep one another safe as COVID-19 cases are on the rise heading into the holiday season.

The health department is asking community members to pledge to these five things starting now through Jan. 6:

- I pledge to follow all public health guidelines including wearing a mask in public, maintaining a 6-foot social distance and washing my hands regularly.
- I pledge to limit the size and number of social gatherings I attend.
- I pledge to change how I celebrate holidays to limit my contact with those outside my household as much as possible.
- I pledge to stay home if anyone in my household is showing symptoms of COVID-19, and I will consult with my health care provider to determine if testing is needed.
- I will be an ambassador for public health in my community and ask at least 10 other people to take this pledge with me.

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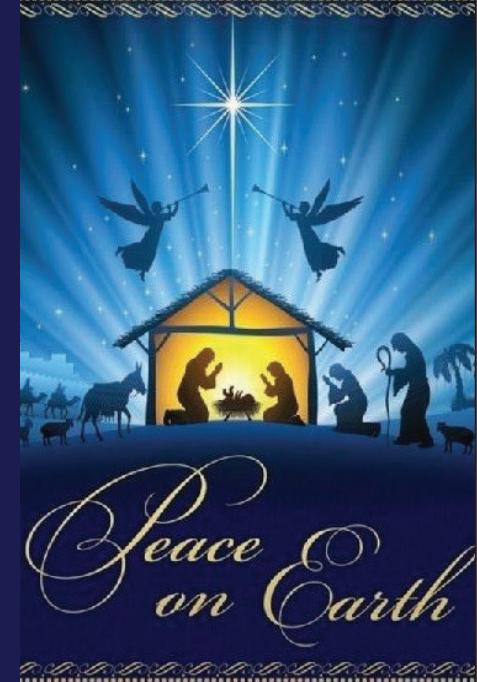
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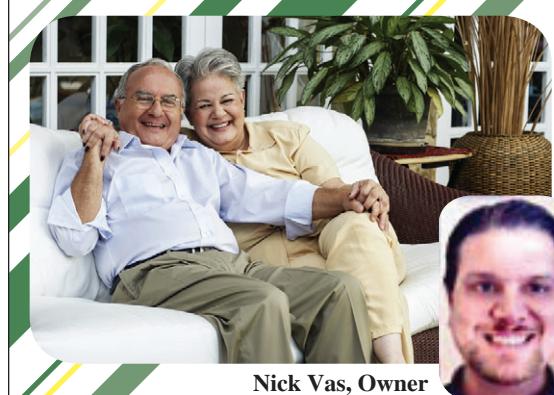
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Twin siblings' driveway one-on-ones pays for both

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On a Thursday night, Woodmore senior twin siblings Brooke and Hunter Allen returned home from separate basketball games and found out they each had scored 26 points and both had double-doubles.

What does the next generation stat software program think of those odds?

Hunter, a 6-foot-4 forward, scored 26 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in his team's 64-58 non-league win at Gibsonburg and Brooke, a 6-1 post, scored 26 with 10 boards in the 'Cats 74-50 Northern Buckeye Conference loss to Lake.

"Actually, right after my game, my parents told me, and we were both like, 'Are you serious? That is so cool,'" Brooke said. "It's kind of like a weird-twin thing, it's so exciting, and my parents were saying, 'We don't know how many twins have done that?' So, it was just awesome — a great thing that happened."

Both are having their best seasons of their prep careers. Brooke has led her team to a 7-1 start, the only loss coming to Lake, and Hunter's team is 4-1 after a 73-31 win at Edison Wednesday.

Their father, Clark Allen, says there is one thing to note: the twins are extremely young for their grade. They do not turn 18 until July 2021. They have developed their game through all these years against kids who were older, bigger, and stronger. It is partly because of the way they have pushed each other to get better on their driveway court.

"There have been a lot of one-on-ones in the backyard. It is always a competitive thing," Hunter said. "Sometimes it gets really heated between us and sometimes it's a pretty even game. She lets me know when she scores on me. Definitely, Brooke and I playing against each other have improved us overall in basketball. To be honest, baseball is my No. 1 sport, but just helping Brooke out for basketball has helped my play overall."

Both of their coaches have noticed how their relationship has led to what could be banner senior years.



Woodmore 6-foot-4 senior forward Hunter Allen works to find a lane along the baseline in the Wildcats' 49-45 non-league loss at Swanton. (Photo courtesy Clark Allen)

"I have had the opportunity to see Brooke and Hunter grow as students, athletes and people throughout their time at Woodmore because I was able to teach them in the second grade," Woodmore boys coach Aaron Clouse said.

"Watching them progress through school and sports has been fun because it

is so unique to have twins excel in their own unique ways. One thing that has always been evident is how much they support each other. In the cheering sections, when we were allowed to have them before COVID, they would be in the front row cheering each other on. When talking with Hunter about his sister, there has

never been jealousy, only support for his sister. He has been her biggest fan and vice versa."

"Ditto," says girls coach Kyle Clair, adding, "I talk to Brooke a little bit and occasionally get to speak with Hunter. The cool thing is that they are very supportive of one another. That is very obvious. That is awesome to see that they are there for each other."

'Realizing his potential'

As a pitcher in baseball, Hunter's fastball is reaching 85 mile-per-hour, but he's beginning to realize his potential on the basketball court, too.

Tuesday, in the Wildcats' 61-51 win over Oak Harbor, Hunter scored 20, including 8-for-12 from the charity stripe. Woodmore outscored the Rockets 40-20 in the second half after trailing by 10 at halftime. Brooke likes what she sees in her brother's play this year.

"My brother's basketball career this year has been great from the start. I think he is impressing a lot of people in the community and other communities," Brooke said. "He is really just playing loose and letting his abilities shine. He is such a great natural, all-around athlete in sports in general. He's just always had this natural skill and abilities and I think since he's grown into his body now, he's just really showing off."

"It makes it so exciting to sit in the stands and cheer for him and see all that he is accomplishing, especially in his senior year and throughout COVID and all that. It is something I look forward to and it makes me proud as his sister because we go against each other all the time. It is nice to see that our work with each other has helped, not only me, but helped him, too."

"I am just really proud of how his season started, especially after last year their season wasn't what they wanted it to be. They had not won a league game, so they've already won a league game this year and they are looking to win some more. So, it's just exciting for him and when we come home after game night. It is great."

Clouse says Hunter's game has contin-

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Brooke Allen looks to become 3-sport record holder

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On Dec. 8, Woodmore 6-foot-1 senior post Brooke Allen scored 31 points as the Wildcats' defeated Northern Buckeye Conference opponent Eastwood, 67-44.

That got her past the 1,000-point career scoring mark, and Woodmore coach Kyle Clair says she is on track to become the girls basketball all-time leading career scorer if she continues her current pace.

The last time a Woodmore girl broke 1,000 points was in the late 1990s, plus Allen has helped Clair get his 50th career win and counting.

This year, Allen scored 23 points in a 56-31 win over Otsego, 26 in a 74-50 loss to Lake, 17 in a 73-34 win over Port Clinton, 29 in a 71-35 win over Fostoria, 18 in a 67-23 win over Gibsonburg and 20 in a 64-31 win over Northwood.

In addition, Allen had a season-high 12 rebounds in the win over Eastwood, 10 against Gibsonburg and Northwood, nine in three other games, and six against PC. She also has 12 steals, four assists, nine three-point goals, and has shot 50 percent or better in every game, except one (46 percent), from inside the arc.

"All facets of her game are really on the upswing right now. Her back to the basket game has been strong going left to right and she's gotten stronger in the offseason after spending some time in the weight room and her footwork has drastically improved," Clair said.

"That has helped her a lot and she's finishing well around the rim. Her outside game has been tremendous. She's about 56 percent in two-point field goals and she is close to 40 percent shooting from three, so she's shooting really well."

After a 43-36 win over Genoa Tuesday, Woodmore was 7-1 heading into a tough match Saturday hosting Elmwood. Behind the play of six-foot junior Brooklyn Thrash, the Royals are 7-0 and already have wins over Eastwood, 89-76 in overtime, and pre-season league favorite Lake, 62-48.

"They are playing really well right now. I think they were picked fourth behind Eastwood," Clair said. "They are not going to sneak up on anybody anymore. I think they have gotten everybody's attention."

Allen was looking forward to the encounter with Thrash and her teammates. Woodmore, picked second in the pre-season coaches' poll, already learned one lesson when league favorite Lake defeated them by 24 points, but they bounced back with the double-digit win over Eastwood, picked third.

"We are so excited. I'm friends with Brooklyn, too, so that is going to be an exciting night. We're hoping to compete for a league title," Allen said. "The Lake loss



Woodmore 6-foot-1 senior post Brooke Allen hits a short jumper in the Wildcats' 67-44 win over Eastwood. (Press photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/RussLytle/RHP)

was a heartbreaker to us, but it was a humbling opportunity so early in the season. We talked to the team, saying that we'd rather have something like that happen early rather than late in the season, just because we have more time to learn from it and grow."

Clair added, "It was definitely a good bounce-back game for us against Eastwood. We played well at Otsego. The Lake game we had a great first half and then it was one of those things where nothing was going right for you. Lake is a great team, and they took advantage of it. All of our goals

are still within reach. We've just got to keep playing together and not let those mental lapses happen."

Beyond the NBC, Woodmore is looking forward to the tournament, too, and for good reason. Last year, four NBC teams reached the Division III district tournament at Anthony Wayne, but Woodmore will not be a part of that this year, no matter what.

"So, we really want a league championship, but looking to the postseason we dropped to Division IV," Allen said. "So, our whole league is Division III and Rossford is

Division II, so us being Division IV we're playing a lot of upper-level competition that is going to help us prepare for the tournament really well, so we're hoping for a long tournament run, too. We're super excited.

"I know Toledo Christian and a few other schools are out there that we are just looking forward to playing — different teams. Our tournament for Division III has always been the Northern Buckeye Conference, and it is always on the same side (of district bracket). We are looking forward to playing new teams other than just our league teams for tournament."

Clair added, "If you talk to other coaches as well, I'd think they tell you the same thing — we have one of the top leagues in the area. It is physical and there are a lot of great coaches and great players here. It is definitely good preparation for us the first year that I've been here that we are D-IV. We are usually in that All-NBC sectional and district. But there is definitely some good basketball down there (D-IV), too."

Collegiate aspirations

Clair says a couple NCAA Division II schools are interested in Allen, but she has not made any decision yet but will play at the next level.

To hear from a first-hand witness about how her game has developed, ask her twin brother Hunter, a 6-4 starting forward on the Woodmore boys team.

"Her freshman year wasn't exactly the same as her senior year, I'll tell you that for one thing," Hunter said. "When Brooke first started playing her basketball career, it was definitely a lot slower than it is now. Her freshman year she had a pretty good season, but I think she probably could have had a little bit better season — a lot of missed bunnies, that is for sure. But through her career she has put in tons of effort and work and just really improved her game."

Clair says Brooke's game is coming together her senior year in more ways than one.

"She is one of our captains this year and her leadership has been tremendous as well. That is something that I appreciate as

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Stritch's Rucker committed focus on team defense

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In Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Football voting, Cardinal Stritch did not get a single player first or second team, but some came close.

The Cardinals, 3-5, did get first and second team All-Toledo Area Athletic Conference selections, but first-year coach Gene Rucker's nominations did not have to go up against the bigger schools like Eastwood, Oak Harbor, and Lake.

However, the Cardinals turned a corner, even though they went from a 5-5 season under Bryan Dudash the prior year to a three-win season this year.

Two players have already made college football commitments, and Rucker believes by the end of next year he may have five or six college commits. Most of his top skilled players are underclassmen.

The one dynamic Rucker wanted to change was the score — no more scores like the Toledo-Brigham Young that the Cougars won 55-53 on national television in 2016. In 2019, Stritch defeated Montpelier 60-49 and on the season the Cardinals scored 223 points but gave up 334, and that includes a 1-0 forfeit win over Stryker.

"I think coming in the coaching staff talked about wanting to shore up some things defensively. In the past, a lot of the Cardinal Stritch football games were all shootouts. We thought if we can get inside a little bit and tighten it up that we would be good to go. I think all-in-all, it started to show itself," Rucker said.

"Our biggest win for us this year was against Montpelier. Last year was a shootout and then this year we had them in a shootout, 28-0, and then they scored near the end. That game and then we shut out Hilltop, which was the first shutout Cardinal Stritch has had in years.

"We had a (21-0) shutout against Hilltop, and we had a shutout for three quarters against Montpelier (28-14 Stritch win) and then we kind of gave up a touchdown when we had some of our other guys (second string) in. In the first game (21-13 win over Fremont St. Joseph), they scored on the first play and then after that they really did not get much else. It is there."

To make that happen, Rucker and his defensive coaching staff had to instill some new philosophies.

"We just made sure that we were sound defensively. We just stayed aggressive at times coming after people and we instilled that when you are running the ball, good things will happen," Rucker said.

"Ultimately, we had to tackle better. I think in the past, tackling has been a little bit lacking. A lot of guys will bounce off four or five guys and then they will take it 60, so we wanted to make sure the first time we are there we want to wrap up and get them on the ground. That carried over and they did a decent job of it."

Bolstering that defensive effort was

5-10, 190-pound senior linebacker Travis Mattox, a first team All-TAAC choice who had 65 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, two sacks, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and one interception. Mattox will play NCAA Division III football at Baldwin-Wallace next year. Rucker says Stritch played him wherever they needed to, including running back and wide receiver.

Plus, Stritch had two transfers — 5-10, 150-pound wide receiver and cornerback Jaden Moss from Start and 5-10, 170-pound WR and defensive back Clarence Brown from Woodward.

"They were both juniors, so they are both looking to have big senior years," Rucker said. "(Brown) really shored up the defense and got us all set up."

Moss had 50 tackles, three tackles for a loss, one forced fumble, two interceptions and was first team All-TAAC. Brown had 32 tackles, one tackle for a loss, one interception and was second team All-TAAC. Bolstering the defensive backfield was 6-0, 170-pound senior Michael McGee.

However, the big man on defense was 5-10, 185-pound junior linebacker Gage Power, who had 72 tackles, one tackle for a loss and one fumble recovery.

"Gage stepped up this year and led the team in tackles. He was someone I was really proud of," Rucker said.

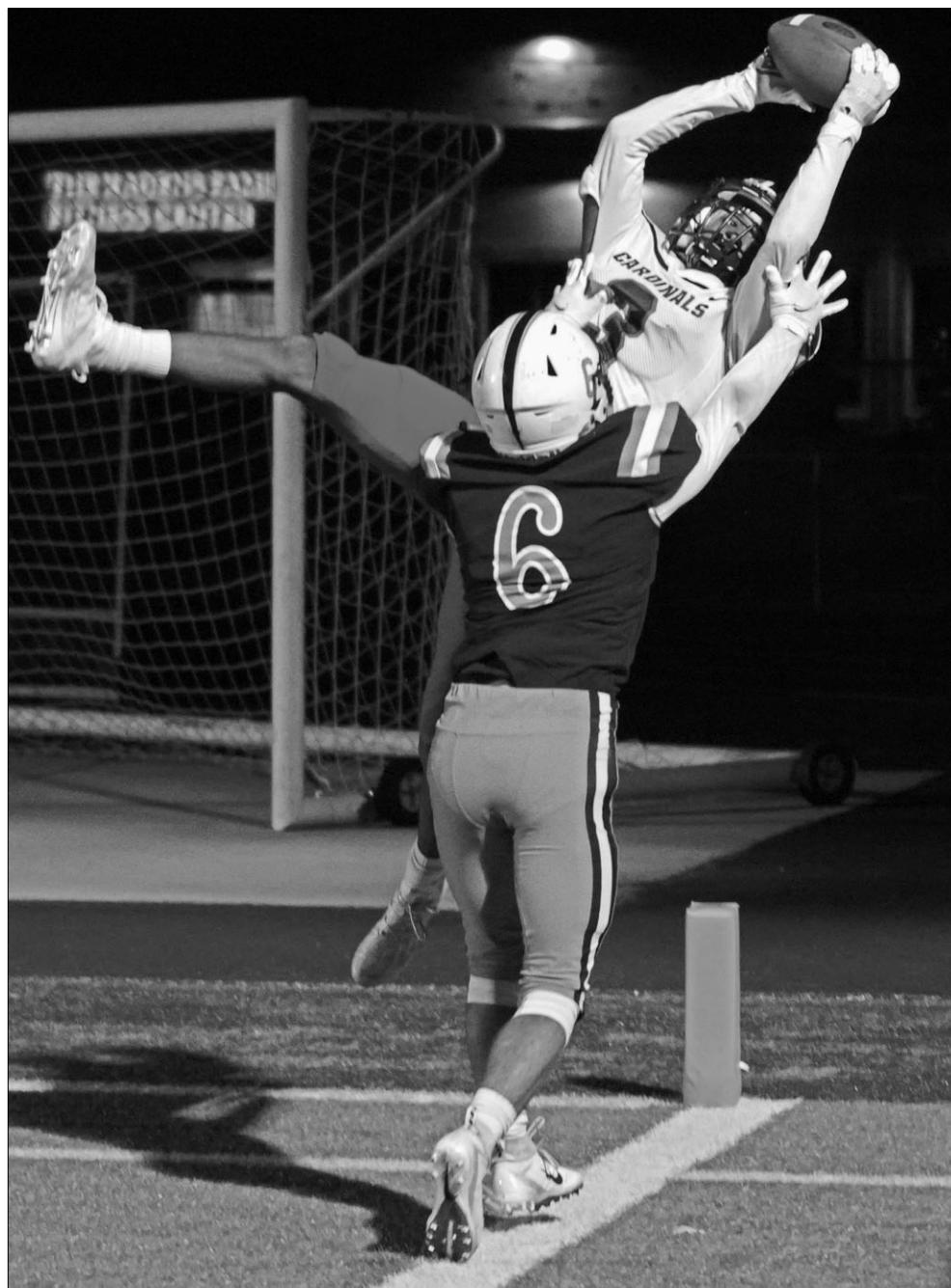
Plus, Leo Hayden, a 5-10, 175-pound junior linebacker, contributed with 52 tackles, two tackles for a loss and one fumble recovery.

Jaden Beckwith, a 6-2, 190-pound junior defensive lineman and defensive end, had 43 tackles, seven tackles for a loss, two sacks, and caused a fumble. Rucker says he is a "very quick, long and disruptive player."

You may have noticed there are no 200-pound-plus players included, but all but two are juniors. Rucker's line, on the other hand, did have some size.

"We actually had one of the bigger lines than we have had for a while," Rucker said. "We were young, so at one point we had a freshman center, a freshman guard, a junior guard that didn't play much offense the year before, and we had a first-year starting tackle and then a sophomore at the other tackle. Both of our tackles are 6-2, 6-3 and about 250 each. I really think the one tackle we have — we'll have to call people (recruiters) to get them come visit because he's also a basketball player who is extremely athletic for his size. In his first year, he got second team on the line, so we'll see if he can grow. Another one we have is Marquan Valentine — he'll be a senior next year. He ended up getting second team on both sides of the ball."

In name, the freshman center Rucker refers to is 5-10, 235-pound Wyatt Hayden, the left guard is 5-11, 185-pound senior Javen Vascik, the right guard is the 5-11, 200-pound Valentine, the "really athletic" left tackle is 6-4, 280-pound John Parks and there were other freshmen and sophomores filling in.



Cardinal Stritch cornerback Jaden Moss, a Start transfer, goes high to catch a pass at Ottawa Hills. (Press photo by Doug Karns/www.DougKarns.smugmug.com)

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Playmakers Foust, Morehead racked up the numbers

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When you consider Cardinal Stritch football's offensive talent, 6-foot-1, 165-pound junior quarterback Thomas Foust is the first to come to mind.

Foust completed 68 of 129 passes (52.7 percent) for 724 yards and four touchdowns with just two interceptions, plus he ran for 771 yards on 95 carries (8.1 per carry) and nine TDs.

"Thomas was the engine that got us going. He's a real quiet kid, really hard worker and a big competitor, but his ability at any point to make a big play is something that I know, as a defensive guy, would keep me up at night getting ready to play against him," said first-year coach Gene Rucker, who played linebacker and defensive back at Capital University.

"I think he really grew as a quarterback this year, and I think next year he could

have a really big year," Rucker continued. Foust was accompanied by other standout talents who could make a big play at a minutes notice.

"We had a little bit of ups and downs, but overall, we had good season," Rucker said. "Offensively, we have so many athletes. It's a blessing to have and it's a good thing for us, too, is a lot of those guys come back next year, too."

Rucker says the "athletic" 6-2, 185-pound senior Dwayne Morehead played wide receiver, running back and defensive back and has committed to continue playing football at the University of Dayton next year. Morehead, a first team All-TAAC

selection, ran for 558 yards on 91 carries (6.1) and caught 23 passes for 280 yards.

For Foust and Morehead, it was their second year leading the Stritch offense. In

2019 as a sophomore, Foust completed 133 of 211 passes (63 percent) for 1,727 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also ran for 1,039 yards on 130 carries, averaging eight yards per attempt and scoring eight rushing TDs. As a junior, Morehead ran for 674 yards on 106 attempts, averaging 6.4 per carry and scoring six TDs and he caught 14 passes for 213 yards (15.2)

as this global coronavirus pandemic goes away. However, there were nights in 2020 that he shined in the Cardinals' shortened eight-game season.

Rucker says his entire offense was up to the task when the Cardinals almost beat Edon, which finished 6-4 under coach Bob Owen. It was Owen who originally brought the spread offense to Fairview, where it has stuck and continues to thrive, and Owen also coached one year at Lake.

"The best game we had all year was against Edon (36-34 Stritch loss), who ended up second in the league. We lost by two, they got the win at the end, but that was a really good game," Rucker said. "They scored late, and then we took the ensuing kickoff about 65 yards back, drove down, got to about a 25-yard field goal and then pushed it (wide)."

Rucker says a philosophy of brotherhood was instilled to create some badly-

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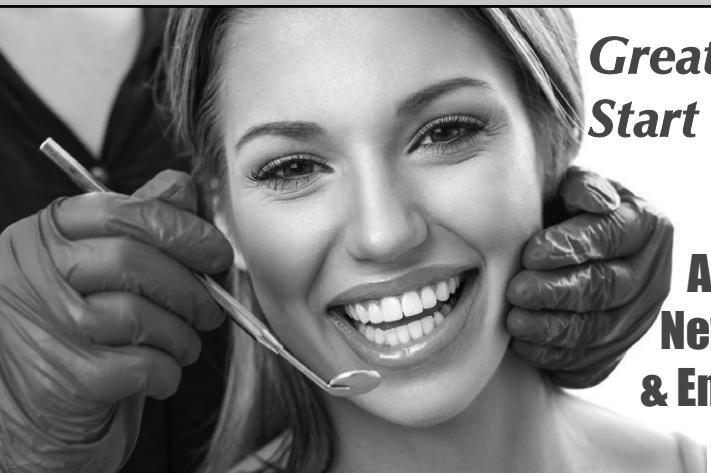

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Foust, Morehead

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needed confidence.

"We really harped on the family atmosphere this year. We let them know they can compete with anybody, and they all bought in from the start, so I think they thought of their teammates as brothers, and knowing that, they didn't want to let down their brother, and with that regard they really pulled through in the end," Rucker said.

Now, with so many returning, Rucker wants to begin setting the table for next year.

"We have a lot of young pieces, basically just two or three guys who won't return next year, but other than that we'll be good to go," Rucker said.

"I think that if we get a good offseason together and the guys continue to buy in, we would like to be competing close to the top of the conference next year. I think we have a lot of guys coming back in key positions, so I think they'll have experience, even with COVID last year that will pay off," Rucker continued.

"I think that if we continue to grow upon that, we should be and will want to be competing with the Northwoods, the Edons, the Ottawa Hills — we haven't beaten those guys in a long time, and we haven't had a winning record since 2006. So that is something that we have really set our eyes on, too. We will get to work and hopefully we can get that done next year. We have still got some things we need to work on."

(In last week's edition of The Press, due to a graphics template error, Cardinal Stritch defensive lineman Bob Sobczak was listed on the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Team. Sobczak graduated last year. The Press regrets the error)



Cardinal Stritch junior quarterback Thomas Foust gets protection as he looks for an open receiver. (Press photo by Doug Karns/www.Doug-Karns.smug-mug.com)

Driveway basketball pays for twins

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ued to evolve throughout his prep basketball career.

"Hunter has taken a traditional approach to his varsity basketball career. He played on the freshman team, his sophomore year he played junior varsity and has played varsity the last two years," Clouse said.

"A major growth spurt between his sophomore and junior year caused him to change from a guard to a stretch four. After starting the majority of his games as a junior he has continued his growth as a basketball player and had games of 25 and 26 points this season. He has gotten stronger in the post and is able to stretch defenses with his shooting ability."

Clouse sees even more "family" in Hunter, extending beyond his relationship with his twin sister.

"Hunter is a soft-spoken kid who is always in a good mood. He is a great big brother to Chase and always takes time to play with his little brother and incorporate

him into his own activities," Clouse said. "He has been a pleasure to coach and I look forward to what he can do with the remaining games in his senior year."

Woodmore boys opened with a 57-46 win over NBC foe Elmwood, defeated Gibsonburg, and then lost to Swanton, 49-45, before beating Oak Harbor. Hunter says his team learned from the loss to Swanton.

"Definitely that loss put us back to where we need to be. We were kind of thinking we were above the world there for a little bit. We won our first two games, and we were feeling good and then we did not play our best game against Swanton, that's for sure," Hunter said.

"It definitely brought us down to reality to work on some basic things, to work on our offense. Our offense could have been a little better than in that game. I think we are better than being a .500 team in the league this year. I believe the league is up in the air. After us, Rossford has the best team in the league this year, but they are a beatable team, that is for sure."

Allen seeks to add to record book

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a coach every day in practice and in games and in the locker room, so she's doing really well," Clair said.

However, records are no stranger to Brooke. She has played varsity in all three sports, volleyball, basketball, and softball, since her freshman year, and she is a record-holder in all three.

"We'll see what happens with basketball. I'm super excited. I just want us to have a super successful season and to get everything in, I think, is the most important part," Brooke said.

Brooke could not only break the all-time girls scoring record of 1,210 points held by Lori Kuhlman, she is on pace to break the career rebounding record. However, the Wildcats may have to get a full season in for that to happen.

Brooke also holds three volleyball records at Woodmore — career kills, career aces, and season aces. All records were

earned with only three years of stats because none were kept her freshman year. She was honorable mention All-NBC in her freshman, sophomore and junior seasons and second team as a senior.

She was a pivotal piece for Woodmore volleyball's turnaround as their season wins for each year were 0, 3, 8, and 12. The Wildcats won a sectional title this year and were knocked out by eventual state champion Tiffin Calvert. She was second team All-District 7 for volleyball.

Brooke also holds two softball records at Woodmore — career home runs (9) and season home runs (5). She set the season home run record as a freshman, added to it as a sophomore, but her junior season was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. She was HM All-NBC both seasons.

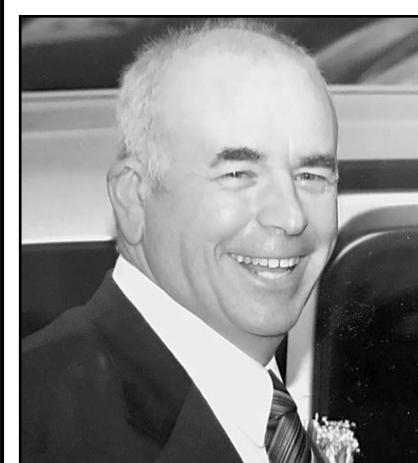
Brooke has a 4.15 GPA, is class treasurer, a National Honor Society member, and involved in Key Club, Spanish Club, among other activities.



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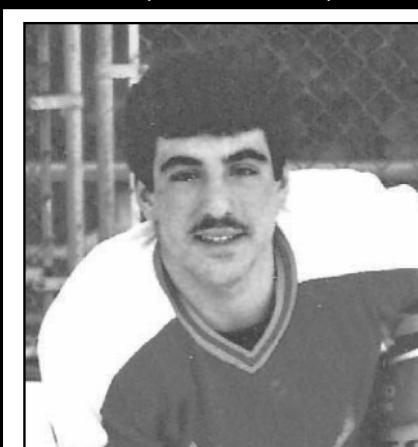
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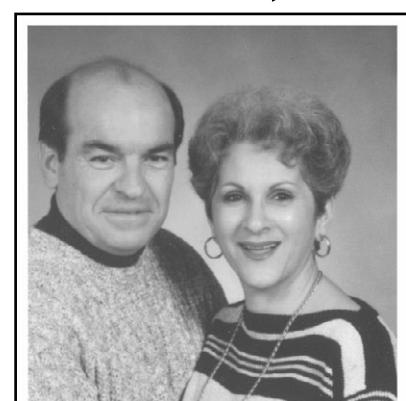
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Toledo

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

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

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

Oregon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st Thurs. of the month at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Visit www.OregonRepublicanClub.com or contact Lynn Gibbs at lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

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

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

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

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

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

Northwood

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

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

Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

Elmore

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

Genoa

Genoa Branch Library is open to the public with enhanced health and safety measures. Hours are Mon. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Weds. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sun. Curbside service is still being offered for patrons who feel uncomfortable going into the library or for those who are unable to wear face coverings. The outside table is gone, but patrons may still call the library, use the online chat feature or fill out the curbside services online form (www.harriselmorelibrary.org/curb-side-service). Requested items will be delivered to patrons' vehicles in the parking lot. 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 available. Call Tom Chalfin at 419-460-3265 for more info.

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of virtual programs, including: Gibsonburg Virtual Adult Book Discussion, Dec. 28, 7 p.m. – A virtual discussion of "When Breath Becomes Air," by Paul Kalanithi. 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.

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., is open Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon. Patrons are asked to wear a mask. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. December programs include: 4th Tuesday Book Club, Dec. 22, 6 p.m. via Zoom – A discussion of "Darling Rose Gold," by Stephanie Wrobel. The Local History Museum Center is open Tues. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-noon by appointment only. Visit the library on Facebook or YouTube for children's activities, local history, crafting projects, book news and more. Call 419-898-7001 for details.

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

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. at the Stony Ridge Library. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

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Walbridge

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

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

Woodville

Woodville Branch Library offering a variety of programming including: 25 Nights of Christmas Stories: A Facebook Event, through Dec. 25, 7:15 p.m. – Enjoy a story each night featuring guest readers; Make & Take Christmas Crafts, Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m. (grades K-6) – Pick up a craft kit to make at home; Village Christmas Scavenger Hunt, Dec. 14-26, (grades K-6) – Game boards available at the library or online; Dec. 14-Jan. 8 – Bingo cards available at the library or online. Visit birchard.org/wdv.htm.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club has returned to in-person meetings at a temporary location at Taylor's Tae Kwon Do Tumbling and Dance Studio, 200 S. Elm St. Grow your confidence in speaking, presentation and listening skills in a supportive, friendly environment. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Michigan Community Room. Guests welcome. Masks are required at this time. Contact Allan Hoar at 419-698-3733 or visit www.d28Toastmasters.org for info.

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For the Dec. 28 Issue

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(Noon) Editorial

(4pm) Real Estate, Auctions, & Transitions

Tuesday, Dec. 22

(Noon) Advertising Sales

(1pm) Classifieds

Office Closed Thursday, Dec. 24 &
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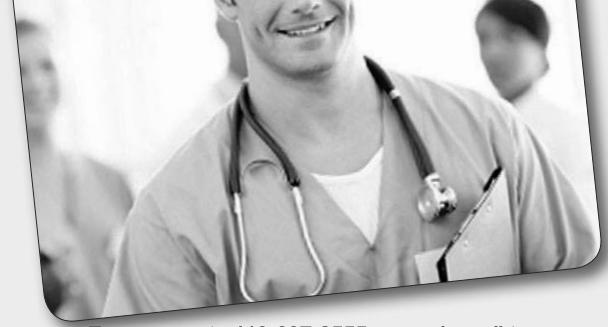


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A RESOLUTION TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2021.

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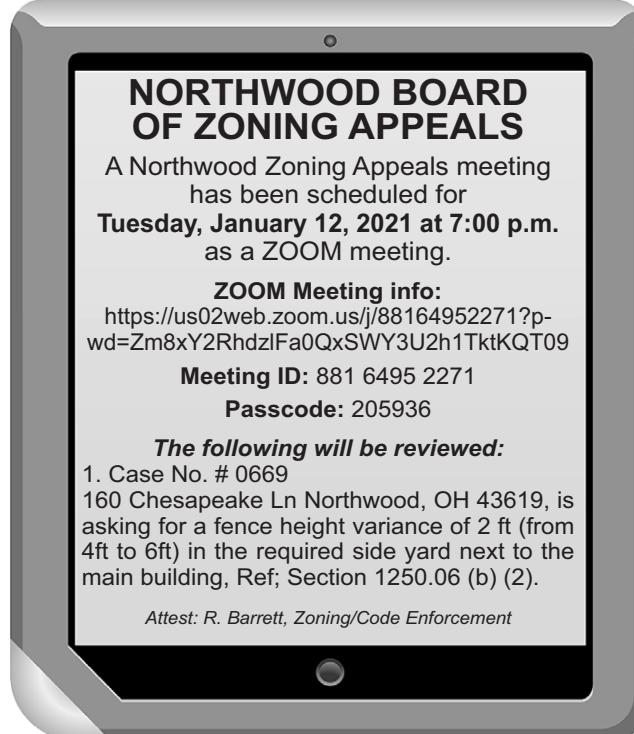
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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Oak Harbor Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 11, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 146 N Church St, Oak Harbor, OH.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comment on a Conditionally Permitted Use request to allow two-family dwelling at 218 N. Locust St., zoned Residential R-2, in accordance with Section 153.092 Conditionally Permitted Uses, (I) (1) Group dwelling development shall be defined as a group of two or more single-family dwellings occupying a lot in one ownership and having any yard in common and meets (2 - 4); of the Village of Oak Harbor Code of Ordinances, requested by Traci & Curtis Riechman, 1311 S. Golf Lane Oak Harbor, Ohio.

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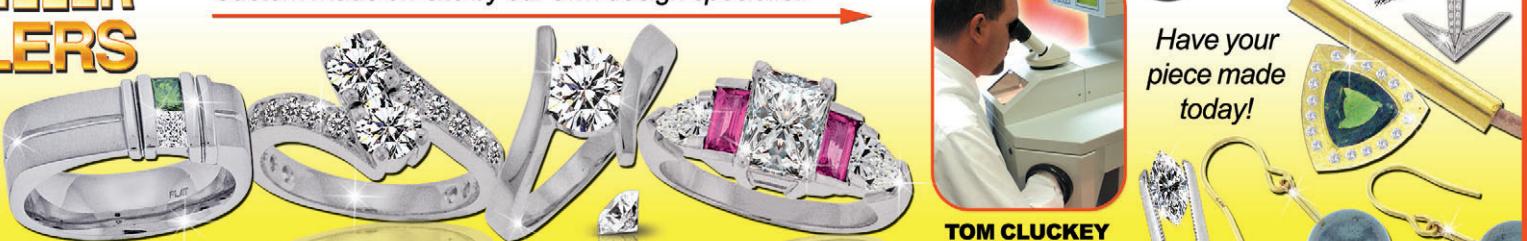


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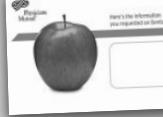
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- Home is the safest place. Only leave home for household essentials, medical care, work, and school.
- If possible, use drive-thru, curbside pick-up, or delivery services to limit face-to-face contact with others or shop online.

2. Wear your mask.

- Wear a mask whenever you are around anyone you don't live with.

3. Keep interactions short and stay apart.

- The more people you interact with and the longer amount of time you spend together, the higher your risk of becoming infected or spreading the virus to others.

4. Wash your hands.

- Clean hands are a key to preventing the spread of COVID-19.

5. Work from home.

- Everyone who can work from home should work from home. All meetings should be virtual.

6. Celebrate safe. Celebrate small.

- As people gather for the holidays, remember that older family members and those with medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19, so take extra measures to protect them.

7. Don't eat or drink with anyone outside of your household.

- Eating and drinking with others is risky because you can't wear a mask while eating and drinking.
- Limiting meals to those within your own household is safest. Home delivery, curbside pick-up, drive-thru windows, and take-out services are the best options when getting meals out.

8. Limit travel.

- This is a holiday to stay close to home. Remember that spread happens only when you are in contact with others.

9. Keep weddings and funerals safe.

- Conduct weddings and funerals in a COVID-safe way.

10. Enjoy safe holiday activities!

- Stay connected with friends and family who don't live in your home by calling, using video chat, or through social media.
- Choose drive-thru holiday light shows and virtual celebrations over in-person holiday activities.



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