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An explosion and fire at BP-Husky on Tuesday killed two employees. No word as of Thursday from BP officials on what caused the incident. (facebook photo)

## State board may oppose proposed Title IX gender identity policies

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State Senator Teresa Fedor is critical of a resolution under consideration by the Ohio State Board of Education that opposes proposed federal regulatory changes to Title IX gender identity policies.

The state board resolution argues the U.S. Department of Education proposals would force schools to grant access to sex-separate restroom and locker room facilities based on gender identity rather than on biological sex, placing girls and women at increased risk of harassment and sexual assault by males who claim a female identity.

Athletics would also come under assault by the proposed regulatory changes, the resolution says, by forcing sports teams to be based on gender identity and, in turn, requiring girls to compete against males for athletic opportunities and scholarships.

Sen. Fedor said the resolution "hides under a very thin veil of 'supporting families.'"

"The resolution is harassment – full

stop," she said in a prepared statement. "If adopted, our children will be pushed into social isolation, stigmatization, bullying and potentially even self-harm. It will shame children in their own homes and keep them in hiding at school, a place where all students should feel welcome, safe, and accepted for who they are, not for who the board of education tells them to be."

In June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it would interpret the prohibition on sex discrimination in Title IX and the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to include discrimination based on gender identity.

That move could force public and non-profit private schools to choose between adopting gender identity policies or foregoing federal funding for subsidized free or reduced-price meals for students, the state resolution says, noting more than 516,000 students in Ohio qualify for the meals.

Ohio Attorney General David Yost and 21 other state attorneys general have filed

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## Two killed in explosion, fire at BP-Husky refinery

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There was still no word by press time on Thursday on what caused an explosion and fire at the BP-Husky refinery on Cedar Point Road that killed two employees on Tuesday.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance officers were at the scene on Wednesday.

Ben Morrissey, 32, and his brother Max Morrissey, 34, died Wednesday at the University of Michigan medical center, where they were transported from Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center after suffering severe burns.

The brothers were graduates of Clay High School, where they participated in the wrestling program.

Max was also the owner of Red Eye Pie and Frozen Fantasy's on Seaman Road in Oregon. Its website states: "We will be closed until further notice."

BP issued the following statement: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of these two individuals," BP spokesperson Megan Baldino said in a statement. "All other staff is accounted for and our employee assistance team is on site to support our employees impacted by this tragedy."

### Offline

BP stated that the refinery was safely shut down and remains offline.

"Our highest priority remains the safety of our staff, the responders and the public. We continue to update local, state and federal officials."

The City of Oregon issued the following statement on its website: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of the employees at BP-Husky who lost their lives in the catastrophic fire on Tuesday evening at the refinery. It is such a difficult time, especially for the family, experiencing this horrific loss, and for so many in our community who know these families, we all grieve together."

Oregon Fire Chief Denny Hartman said the Oregon Fire Department assisted BP's fire response team.

"They called us immediately after the fire occurred. Our initial dispatch was 6:50 p.m. Our first priority was to take care of the burn victims, which we did," he said.

"We ended up with 19 firefighters and six vehicles that responded to the call," he added.

It was not the worst refinery fire he had ever seen, he said, "but it's the worst human outcome I've ever seen."

There were no other injuries from

the fire. "There were earlier reports that a bunch of people were hurt, but that was not the case," he said.

The fire was extinguished at about 10:15 p.m., he said. "To make sure there were no re-ignition, or fuel sources, it was around 11:15 p.m. when we left."

### Tribute

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur paid tribute to the Morrissey's on the floor of the House on Wednesday.

The Morrissey brothers, she said, were "responsible citizens, husbands and fathers, who performed America's essential work that drives progress and our American way forward."

"These brave men will never again return home to their families. They leave behind their young children who will come

to understand the gravity of the loss of their fathers. My heart goes out to their precious families, and with their brothers and sisters in the United Steel Workers local 1346, who lost two beloved friends. We also extend our deep gratitude to the brave first responders who rushed to the scene, provided aid, and helped keep our community safe. We have flown flags in honor of Ben and Max

Morrissey high above the U.S. Capitol today. We pray their families may find solace and comfort in the memories they'll always have of their treasured husbands, fathers and sons."

A fund to help the families has been set up at Croghan Colonial Bank, 4157 Navarre

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## Head coach at Lake suspended

The administration at Lake Local Schools has relieved the head football coach at the high school of his duties pending the outcome of an investigation into what the administration described as "improper communications."

Josh Andrews is also the assistant principal at the high school.

David Rymer, listed on the district website as a teacher, head softball coach, and defensive coordinator of the football team, has been named interim head football coach.

"Due to the on-going nature of the investigation, the district will have no further comments on the matter at this time," a statement by the administration said.

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## Gender politics

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a lawsuit to invalidate the agriculture department's action tying continued receipt of federal nutritional assistance to adopting gender identity policies.

A fact sheet compiled by the U.S. Department of Education says the proposed regulations will "strengthen protections for LGBTQI+ students by clarifying that Title IX's protections against discrimination based on sex apply to discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity."

The proposals would require schools to treat complainants and respondents equitably.

The resolution by the state board says the appropriate course to pursue for students experiencing symptoms of gender dysphoria is "treatment delivered by parent-selected mental health professionals."

## BP fire

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The BP-operated refinery, which can process up to 160,000 barrels of crude oil per day, has been an important part of the region's economy for more than 100 years, according to BP, supporting jobs and safely supplying gasoline, diesel and other essential fuels and products.

In August, BP shut down some of its units at its refinery in Whiting, Indiana, due to an electrical fire. Nobody was hurt.

Last month, BP-Husky reached an agreement to sell its 50-percent interest in the refinery to Calgary-based Cenovus, its joint venture partner in the facility.



### Elmore library hosts Fans + Fiction Fest

A Fans + Fiction Fest was held at the Harris-Elmore Library on Saturday, Sept. 17. At left: the Star Wars 501st Ohio Garrison and Rebel Legion members are Rodney Massman, of Lima, Matt Rose, of Maumee and Jeff Rice, of Oak Harbor. Top right: writer, editor and publisher of fiction and non-fiction Jim Beard, Toledo, chats with Hayden Gyuras, Elmore. Bottom right: artist and writer Jarett Walen, Toledo, displays some of his work. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

## Farmland preservation

Counties, soil and water conservation districts, land trusts, cities and townships are invited to apply to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Office of Farmland Preservation for local sponsor certification through Oct. 14.

Local sponsors that complete the certification application and qualify will be allocated a portion of the funding available

in Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program 2023 funds. These funds are used to purchase agricultural easements on Ohio farms, preserving productive agricultural farmland.

Certified local sponsors will then accept local landowner applications and help secure easements through ODA's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. Once the easement is secured, the local sponsor visits the farm once a year to com-

plete a monitoring report to ensure the land is being used for agricultural purposes.

The application is available on ODA's local sponsor page. Any organization interested in being a local sponsor for the 2023 landowner application year must apply during this time period.

If you have questions, please contact the Farmland Preservation Office at 614 728-6238 or farmlandpres@agri.ohio.gov.

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## Jerusalem School's 85th

A celebration in honor of Jerusalem Elementary School's 85th Anniversary was held Sunday, Sept. 18. Attendees had the chance to reminisce and enjoy memorabilia.

Top left, former classmates Dennis Grosjean, Oregon, and Cheryl Flack, Curtice, look over old photos. Top right, vendor Doreen Robeson with her chocolate chip bread.

Bottom photo, the celebration included a car show where Chuck Flack admired a Z-28.

(Photos by Maggi Dandar)



## Genoa Harvest Fest

Shayne Hornstein's 1939 Allis-Chalmers makes its way from Veteran's Park to Main Street in the Tractor Parade, one of the events at the Genoa Harvest Fest, held on Saturday, Sept. 17. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

## Live! In the House

Tim Graves & The Farm Hands will bring their Bluegrass sounds to the stage of the Pemberville Opera House Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., Pemberville, at the door or by calling Carol at 419-287-4848. The Pemberville Opera House is located at 115 Main St.

Since their inception in 2010, Tim Graves & The Farm Hands have received numerous major awards, including Bluegrass Gospel Band of the Year at the 2019 and 2020 Bluegrass Music Awards.

The band is comprised of guitarist Graves, a Grammy award winner who was inducted into the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame in 2015; banjo player Don Wayne Reno; Jimmy Haynes, who plays guitar, sings and does some songwriting and singer and multi-talented musician, Terry Elderedge,

To learn more about the band, visit farmhandmusic.com.

To learn more about the concert or the Live! In the House Concert Series, which offers live entertainment at the Opera House through May, visit pembervilleoperahouse.org.

## Ice Frogs to hold 'Get to Know Us'

The Black Swamp Ice Frogs (BSIF), a co-ed, no-contact Association of Special Needs Hockey program for ages 5 and up, will hold a season kick-off Sunday, Sept. 25.

The "Get to Know Us Skate" will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Slater Family Ice Arena at Bowling Green State University. Check-in will begin at 4:30 p.m. Participants can skate with the team and coaches from 5-6 p.m.

The event is open to anyone who would like to give the Black Swamp Ice Frogs a try. One-on-one instruction will be offered and everything needed to participate will be included.

BSIF provides individuals with physical and/or developmental disabilities the opportunity to learn to skate and participate in the sport of ice hockey. Skaters of all skill levels are welcome, from the non-skater to the experienced.

Fees for the program include participants' practice ice time, skates, equipment, instruction and coaching.

For more information, email blackswampicefrogs@yahoo.com or visit facebook.com/BlackSwampIceFrogs.

## Chocolate Crawl set

Tickets are on sale for United Way in Wood County's fifth annual Charity Chocolate Crawl, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 15.

From 2-6 p.m., participants will have the opportunity to visit more than 20 restaurants, retail shops and local nonprofits throughout downtown Bowling Green, with each location sharing a signature sweet treat.

Tickets, otherwise known as Golden Passports, are \$26. Proceeds support UWYC and its community partners' ongoing work to strengthen education, financial stability, health and housing resources for Wood County residents. Purchase tickets online on Eventbrite. For more information visit United Way in Wood County on Facebook.

## Moms groups forming

A MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and MOMSnext (Moms with Kids of All Ages) group is being formed at Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd., Walbridge.

A Wednesday group will meet from 6:15-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning Oct. 5.

A Thursday morning group will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning Oct. 6.

For more information visit mainstreetlife.org/mops.

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# Ottawa County grand jury issues indictments

After a recent session of the Ottawa County Grand Jury, indictments have now been returned against the following individuals, according to Prosecuting Attorney James VanEerten:

-Brandan Alliman, who is currently incarcerated in the Ottawa County Detention Facility, has been indicted on charges of aggravated burglary, attempted murder, felonious assault, kidnapping, and abduction. Alliman is accused of entering a Port Clinton home last month and attacking a resident who was sleeping inside.

-Dustin Silva, who is currently being held in the Ottawa County Detention Facility, has been charged with one count of domestic violence, after he allegedly caused physical harm to a family or household member last month. The charge is a felony of the fourth degree, alleging that Silva has a prior domestic violence conviction.

-Paul Southey, Toledo, was charged with two counts of improper handling of firearms in a motor vehicle, both felonies, along with a misdemeanor count of OVI. According to reports of the Clay Township Police Department, Southey was intoxicated and carrying a loaded firearm in his vehicle when he was stopped for a traffic violation last May.

-Trinity Elizabeth Tyus, Diamond Sharlay Nelson, and Rajena Larmartique Linson, of Michigan, have each been charged with one count of theft, a felony of the fifth degree, after they reportedly took over \$1,000 worth of property from a Genoa business in July.

-Stacey L. Conley, Redford, Mich., has been indicted on two felony counts of OVI, along with one misdemeanor count of driving without a license. Officers of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources stopped Conley last month for a traffic violation, found her to be driving impaired, and determined that she had at least three prior OVI convictions, making this charge a felony.

-Blaze Solis, currently being held in the Ottawa County Detention Facility, was indicted on three counts of possession of drugs, all felonies, after he was found in possession of methamphetamine, clonazepam, and a fentanyl-related compound

during a traffic stop by troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol in February.

-Jon Joseph Peak, Cleveland, has been charged with one count each of theft of a motor vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, after deputies of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office allegedly found him in possession of a stolen vehicle in August.

-Marilyn Alosio and Zona Deanne Garcia, both being held in the Sandusky County Detention Facility, have each been indicted on charges of theft, forgery, identity fraud, and receiving stolen property, all felonies, after they reportedly cashed a stolen check at an Oak Harbor bank last month.

-Celeste Tarrant, Port Clinton, was charged with one count of theft, a felony of the fourth degree. Tarrant is accused of stealing in excess of \$10,000 worth of lottery tickets from her former employer.

-Ryan Wolf, Kelleys Island, has been charged with one count each of OVI and improper handling of firearms, after deputies of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office stopped him for a traffic offense last month and found him to be intoxicated and carrying a loaded handgun.

-Michael Edward Wilson, who is also being held in the Ottawa County Detention Facility, was indicted on two counts of aggravated menacing and one count of tampering with evidence. According to reports of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, Wilson pulled a gun on two motorists in western Ottawa County on Sept. 10, then attempted to conceal the ammunition for the firearm before deputies arrived.

-Bradley Heath, currently incarcerated in the Ottawa County Detention Facility, has been indicted on felony charges of possession of drugs and possession of weapons under disability. According to reports of the Ottawa County Drug Task Force, a search warrant was executed at Heath's home earlier this month, during which agents found drugs and a firearm.

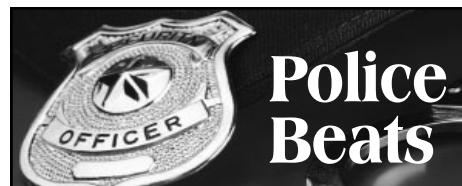
-Cesario Osegueda, Port Clinton, is facing charges of OVI and Improper Handling of a Firearm, after a traffic stop earlier this month by officers of the Port Clinton Police Department revealed that Osegueda was intoxicated and carrying a loaded firearm.

-Jason Ritzenthaler, who is also be-

ing held in the Ottawa County Detention Facility, was indicted on one count each of aggravated burglary and domestic violence, after he allegedly kicked in the door of a Port Clinton residence earlier this month and caused physical harm to the occupant.

Warrants were issued for Alliman, Silva, Solis, Alosio, Garcia, Wilson, Heath and Ritzenthaler. Summonses have been issued for all other defendants to make their initial appearance in the Ottawa County Court of Common Pleas next month.

VanEerten noted that an indictment is merely a formal charge in the Common Pleas Court, and does not denote guilt or innocence.



Lake Twp. — Aidan Pursel, 19, Wauseon, was charged with criminal damage after police received a complaint Sept. 15 of nails in a vehicle's tires at a Wagoner Drive residence.

## Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of Sept. 26-30. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

**Sept. 26:** Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sept. 27:** WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic — Danbury, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

**Sept. 28:** Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

**Sept. 29:** Reproductive Health/HealthChek, 8-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

**Sept. 30:** Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



## People



Roxie Mylnek holds a tray of Barbie cut out cookies. (Photo by Cassie Tinta)

## Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society holds Ladies Formal Tea

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society (OJHS) highlighted Ruth Handler (1916-2002), co-founder of Mattel Toy Company and creator of the Barbie doll, at their annual Ladies Formal Tea fundraiser, held over two days, Sept. 8 and 13.

Barbie pink was the theme to a sold-out crowd, and guests were mesmerized as they listened to Handler's story, told in first person by life coach Krisi Vadnais. Ruth was the 10th child of Polish immigrants, who married her high school sweetheart, Elliot Handler. The two went on to build one of the largest toy companies in the world and create the endearing Barbie doll.

Proceeds from the OJHS fundraiser are used for the preservation of artifacts at the Brandville Museum Complex, located on Grasser Street in Oregon.

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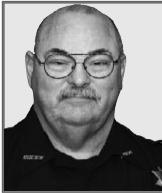
# National Preparedness Month...are you prepared?

September is National Preparedness Month. Please note that this title does not say anything about weather. That is done on purpose, nor does it single out any other type of emergency.

September was declared by the federal government as a way to spur the public into becoming prepared for a variety of issues that we need to be prepared for, including weather problems, nuclear disasters, electrical grid problems and any other issues that could mean we need to shelter in place for an extended period of time.

If you are one of the lucky ones who have a generator, you are one step ahead of the game. You are two steps ahead of the game if you have one large enough to keep the whole house running for several days, such as one powered by natural gas or diesel fuel. For example, my aunt and uncle have a generator powered by natural gas. This generator kicks in automatically should there be an interruption in the electrical feed.

You will need to stock up on provisions, most notably canned goods that don't need to be refrigerated or heated up.



## Crime Prevention Corner by Ron Craig

Put some thought into the type of canned goods you want to put aside for this purpose. About five days of provisions should be adequate.

Please don't forget water. You may want to set aside several gallons of water for use in such circumstances.

Don't forget a radio, preferably one that has a hand crank to power it. If you don't have a hand crank one, make sure you have plenty of batteries.

Cell phones may be useless in some cases, especially if the power goes out to the towers. You should have a cell phone charger and keep a few external batteries if you have them. If you still have an old-fashioned "landline" telephone, this is one case it may come in handy.

Get some clothes together, and jackets and coats are recommended if the weather is chilly or cold. You can always take clothes off if the weather is hot or warm. Give some thought to where you will store these items. You may want to consider the basement if you have one. Regardless, keep things together so you don't have to scramble to get them together if you need them in a hurry.

I can't give you all the information you will need to get through an emergency in this one article. You may contact Jeff Klein, director of Wood County's Emergency Management Agency, at 419-354-9269 during regular business hours for more information.

*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.*

## Hayes escape room

It's President Rutherford B. Hayes' 200th birthday, and First Lady Lucy Hayes has hidden his present.

President Hayes has 30 minutes to find it, and he needs your help. Lucy left clues inspired by the presidential history her husband knows and loves, along with a few surprises.

With the president busy in meetings all day, it is up to your team to uncover the clues and find this hidden, precious gift.

That's the premise of the escape room experience the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is offering on Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, as part of Hayes' 200th birthday celebration.

The escape room will be offered at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1. Tickets are \$10 for non-members and \$8 for Hayes Presidential members.

Tickets are available at [rbhayes.org/news/2022/09/06/general/solve-puzzles-to-find-president-hayes-birthday-gift-in-escape-room-offered-sept.-30-oct.-1/](http://rbhayes.org/news/2022/09/06/general/solve-puzzles-to-find-president-hayes-birthday-gift-in-escape-room-offered-sept.-30-oct.-1/).

This event is part of the kickoff weekend to Hayes' 200th birthday celebration, which will include events through October 2023. For details, visit [rbhayes.org/rbh200](http://rbhayes.org/rbh200).

# Obituaries

## Obituary

### Molly Marie Rahn

July 10, 1992 - September 15, 2022



Molly Marie Rahn, age 30, of Toledo passed away Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio after a month-long battle with Covid. Molly was born to Chris and Diane (Welling) Rahn on July 10, 1992, in Oregon, Ohio. She attended Bowsher High School's special education program and participated in the Sunshine Day Program for many years. Molly was easy going and thoroughly enjoyed the simple things in life. She was the happiest at the lake, and especially loved boat and golf cart rides with her dad. Some of her all-time favorite things include chocolate milkshakes, music by the (Dixie) Chicks, and Barney. The people in her life are blessed to know a Barney song for every occasion and will happily keep her memory alive by sharing them.

Molly was the sweetest, calmest, and most loving soul. Her disabilities were nothing that defined her. Her beautiful smile, bright blue eyes, and joyful spirit touched everyone she met. She taught others kindness, how to accept people for more than their appearance, and helped everyone understand the real meaning of unconditional love.

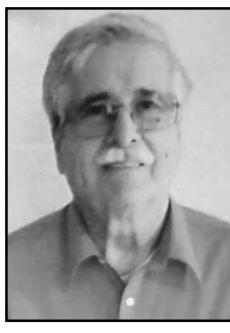
Molly was the blessing her family did not know they needed, and she was loved beyond measure. She is survived by her parents Chris and Diane; sisters Genny (Corey) Ballmer, Samantha (Joseph) Decker, Jessie (Tyrone) Coombs, Kasey Rahn, and Emma Rahn; nieces and nephews Alivia, Mason, Charlie, Wesley, Braylon, Zita, Jamison, and Sullivan; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Freck Funeral Chapel 1155 S. Wynn Rd. Oregon, Ohio assisted the family with the arrangements. Memorial contributions are appreciated to Sunshine Inc. of NW Ohio.

## Obituary

### Terrance Williams

October 24, 1940 - September 21, 2022



Terrance Williams, 81, of Walbridge, died September 21, 2022 at Majestic Care. He was born in Toledo on October 24, 1940 to James (Eva Schuetz) Williams.

He retired from the docks with CSX Railroad. He served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his wife; Marilynn, children; Todd (Janine) Warnke, Lenn Warnke, Jennifer (Wendy) Williams Picard, and Dana (Scott) Miller, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, siblings; Tom (Judy) Williams, Ted (Pat) Williams, and Margaret "Dolly" Haar. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild.

Friends will be received in the Witzler-Shank-Walker funeral home, 701 N Main St. Walbridge, Ohio 43465 (419-666-3121) from 2-8pm, Monday, September 26, 2022. Funeral services will be held at Memorial United Church of Christ 1301 Starr Ave. Toledo, Ohio 43605 at 11:00am Tuesday, September 27, 2022 with a luncheon immediately afterwards. Graveside services will follow at 2:00pm at Toledo Memorial Park, Sylvania.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Northwest Ohio, The Alzheimers Foundation, or the church. Online condolences may be left at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com)

## Obituary

### Michael W. Giles

November 9, 1958 - September 15, 2022



It was an almost perfect card of health his entire life, then one day he mysteriously wakes up in the hospital! His first waking words were "Wow... well, I wasn't going to drink today but now I think I have to!" Hahaha!

Days pass and he finds out he has a cancerous tumor in his brain. His first words are "I'm just glad it's ME."

A witty mind and a grateful heart, Michael W. Giles, lived his life unapologetically authentic. Born in Toledo, Ohio November 9, 1958 to Donald & Virginia Giles, second of 6 children, he was known in "The Old West End" for living free on his bike and watching classic cars cruise by while listening to Motown Music on the front porch. Eventually Mike would be known in the Genoa area for his muscle cars, loud rock n' roll, and wavy long hair. He lived for what he loved, even if it meant pissin' a few people off. He fell in love with a lil Mexican hippie, named Maria (Garza) Giles, and they ran as free spirits to dance, race cars, marry, have 4 children, and eventually 9 grandchildren... whether you approved of it or not! And while the house-shaking rock music never rolled away, hobbies like hunting and fishing became Mike's escape into a world of adventure! The coolest stories of classic cars and music, quickly became about the unbelievably, hilarious close calls, "monsters", and stroke of "luck" adventures, that would leave you with warm beer because you were so engulfed in his story that you forgot to drink it! Haha!

While life changed dramatically 3 years ago, when Mike was diagnosed, endured brain surgery, underwent treatments, he unfortunately was pounded with health mishaps over and over that had nothing to do with the brain cancer he no longer had. So many more close calls, struggles, and do-overs gave him battle after battle, that he would WIN with his will to LIVE, TEACH, and LOVE! He made it look so effortless, with his grace and smooth mannerism, that we sometimes wondered if it was harder for us, as witnesses, than it was for him within. And THIS is why he said "I'm just glad it's ME."

Mike Giles knew the pain of helplessness, as he has sat sidelines of many of your own trying times in life. He was there to give you break with a 6 pack, put some laughs back in your soul, inspire a bigger life outside your problems, or gave you something new to think about or learn. Mike was unapologetic because he LOVED authentically. He made you feel like his only person for the day but... he never gave away his fish recipe and he was NEVER going to love your food or face more than Maria's.

On the morning of September 15, 2022, Michael W. Giles became free to tell stories of his life on earth, sipping a Rolling Rock, while scarfing down his favorite flavors, as he is preceded in death by his father, Donald Giles, in-laws, Alfonzo and Andrea Barron, friend and brother-in-law, Joe Soncrant, sister-in-law, Lisa Giles, and grandson, Malaki Giles. Mike leaves behind his brokenhearted bride of 44 years, Maria Giles, their children Jen (and Troy) Bullock, David (and Christine) Giles, Allen (and Ashley) Giles, and Anna-Banana Giles, as well as their grandchildren Desmond, Isaac, Alana, Madison, Dakota, Levi, Dominic, and Jacob. Also surviving are his mother, Virginia Giles, siblings, Victoria Soncrant, Theresa (Bob) Searles, Kevin Giles, Thomas (Kelly) Giles and Steven (Kerry) Giles. He was preceded in death by his father Donald Giles.

Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 501 West St., Genoa, Ohio assisted the family with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Mike's family suggests memorials to Arc of Appalachia, c/o Highlands Nature Sanctuary, 7660 Cave Road, Bainbridge, Ohio 45612 or The American Red Cross Blood Services, 3510 Executive Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43606. Everyone is encouraged to share their stories of Mike's life at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com)



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**This week in Toledo's past:**

# Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

## Sept. 25

1895 - Much of downtown Haskins in Wood County is destroyed by flames.  
1911 - Toledo Police Patrolman Harry Smith dies from injuries sustained while trying to arrest two men six weeks earlier.

1917 - Silent film "The Birth of a Nation" plays at Auditorium Theater in Toledo and is given rave reviews by Toledo News Bee.  
1921 - Waite High School is dealing with severe overcrowding as student population reaches 1,875, which is 600 more pupils than what it was designed for.

1926 - City of Toledo starts construction on new system of electric traffic signals. The first one scheduled for completion is at Bancroft and Upton.

1934 - City health officials report the 10th death in Toledo from "sleeping sickness," which has been a problem for about 60 days.  
1936 - Toledo's "gas bomb terrorists" strike again. This time they toss gas grenade into an ice creams social being held at the "South Side Workers Alliance" hall at Page and Knapp Street. 75 men, women and children are left gasping and choking in the fumes of the gas.

## Sept. 26

1918 - George Smith, the editor of a Leipsic, Ohio newspaper in Wood County faces federal charges for printing stories deemed to be hurting America's war effort in World War I.

1927 - Toledo Mud Hens win the American League pennant defeating Indianapolis in two games, and would go on to win the "Junior World Series" the next month against Buffalo.

1942 - The oil tanker "Transoil" and two other boats including a tugboat, catch fire in Toledo on the Maumee River. The blaze injures twelve men who were trapped on the docks. Two of the crew members later die from their injuries.

1984 - President Ronald Reagan speaks to campaign rally crowd at Wood County Courthouse.

## Sept. 27

1904 - Toledo police catch two boys trying to use grasshoppers to steal mail by dropping them into a mailbox with a string and letting the insects grab pieces of mail with

## Harris Township Cemetery Clean-Up

The deadline for the summer clean up at Harris -Elmore Union Cemetery is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

All wreaths and all floral arrangements or other materials remaining after that date will be removed and disposed of by order of the Trustees.

New Fall arrangements may be displayed beginning Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert



their legs. The boys would then pull the grasshoppers out of the slot with the mail attached.

1918 - A gun battle in West Toledo between two Michigan Central Railroad Detectives and a gang of bootleggers leaves one bootlegger dead and a railroad detective severely wounded.

1925 - Toledo News Bee reports that some women in Toledo are now wearing notes on their garters as a warning to men, that "if they read the note, they are too close."

1937 - First home game for UT Football team is played at WPA-built "Rocket" Stadium which would be renamed the "Glass Bowl" in 1946.

1943 - The Fiske Brothers Oil Refinery on Oakdale in East Toledo catches fires and sends thick black smoke skyward visible for miles. The refinery manufactures engine grease.

1944 - News is revealed that a group of Toledo hunters find an alligator along the banks of the Maumee River near the town of Florida. They shoot and kill the four and half foot long reptile and tack it to a tree. Many motorists are stopping to get a better look at it.

1948 - Polio is claiming more lives in Toledo area. Scores of children are stricken and special isolation wards are set up at area hospitals.

## Sept. 28

1892 - An accident near Elmore on the Toledo, Port Clinton and Lakeside Interurban results in death of train engineer.

1911 - The City of Toledo Health Department announces that it will use university students to test various foods from Toledo groceries to develop a "white list" of foods that are safe to consume.

1931 - The Colored Protective Union is

## Woodville Township Fall Clean Up

### Woodville Cemetery Westwood Cemetery

All arrangements, including holders, must be removed by October 13th.

If you have items you wish to keep, please remove them by this date.

Any arrangements remaining after October 13 will be removed and disposed of by order of the Woodville Township Trustees.

New arrangements may be displayed beginning October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Lori Kepus, Fiscal Officer  
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## East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Craft & Independent Sales Event



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formed in Toledo. A group organized to protect the rights of "blacks" in the city and to pass legislation that would be "in the interest of the colored race," says group President Charles Carson.

1933 - A bank robber is killed in Luckey, Ohio during a shoot-out with village Marshal Ben Stone. Stone is wounded in the attack but survives to become local legend.

## Sept. 29

1817 - The Treaty of Maumee Rapids is signed with several major Indian tribes, opening up most contested lands south of Maumee River to White settlement.

1922 - Toledo City Health Department warns residents living in "shed" homes near Girard and White Streets in East Toledo that they may be forced out of those rental properties because they have no sewer or water and are unsanitary.

1917 - First football game played at Waite Bowl in East Toledo.

1923 - University of Toledo football team earns its nickname the "Rockets" when a sports writer says one of the UT players runs like a "rocket" and the name stuck.

1956 - The new LaSalle's sign is being raised at Adams and Huron Street. It is the largest sign in the city, weighing 4,000 pounds.

## Sept. 30

1900 - Ottawa Park continues to show a huge increase in popularity as it's noted in the local paper that thousands of people are turning out on the weekends to spend time in the park and the golf course is also very busy.

1903 - Amelia Combowski of East Toledo is arrested and taken to jail for picking

up pieces of coal from the rail line along Yondota Street.

1932 - Crowds line up on Jackson Street at News Bee building to watch the World Series with the new "Play-O-Graph" system of mechanical graphics that allows audience to watch the series as it unfolds.

1935 - The Fassett Street Bridge over the Maumee collapses under stress of high wind. It is rebuilt only to be wrecked by a freighter in 1957.

1942 - Lucas County American Legion groups begin training programs at YMCA and various high schools for boys 15 to 16 to prepare for military service in the war effort.

## Oct. 1

1903 - Toledo News Bee reports that a four-month-old baby boy was badly bitten by a baboon that was housed at an animal museum on Summit Street.

1908 - Train collision between Toledo and Bowling Green kills four people on their way home from the Wood County Fair.

1912 - Ground broken for Perry's Monument on South Bass Island.

1922 - The Toledo Maroons NFL team plays its first game against Evansville Crimson Giants at Armory Park in Toledo, winning 15-0.

1929 - Construction begins on long-awaited High Level suspension bridge over Maumee River. It would later be named the Anthony Wayne Bridge.

1931 - The Toledo Railway and Light Company officially changes its name to Toledo Edison.

1940 - Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on Collingwood is dedicated as mother church for Toledo Diocese.

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# Managing your reaction to stress is key to reducing it

By Bryan Golden

Do you ever feel stressed? Is stress a regular component of your lifestyle? What exactly is stress? What causes it and what can you do to manage and reduce it?

What you experience as stress is the result of your reaction to the events, circumstances, and people you encounter. The more you feel frustrated, a victim, helpless, a target, or picked on, the more you feel stressed.

You are surrounded by potential sources of stress. Your job, family, friends, schedule, traffic, and finances are among the many possible origins of stress you encounter on a daily basis.

The key to managing stress is monitoring and controlling the way you react. Stress affects you mentally and physically. Mental manifestations include irritability, sleeplessness, a lack of focus, emotional swings, a feeling of helplessness, and a short temper. Physical symptoms include elevated blood pressure, ulcers, headaches, weight gain, and aches and pains.

Don't underestimate the destructive ef-



## Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

fects of stress on you. The consequences of stress can be debilitating. Left unchecked, stress can cut years from your life span and severely undermine your quality of life.

Our innate fight or flight response is responsible for the physiological symptoms. Our bodies are designed to run from or combat any perceived source of stress. Modern society, however, prohibits us from doing either. Stress therefore finds an outlet by affecting us mentally and physically.

If you attempt to manage stress by trying to control your environment, you will only succeed in exacerbating your stress level. You can't change people or circumstances but you do have control over yourself. The only effective strategy for managing and reducing stress is learning how to

manage your reaction to your environment.

Unless and until you change the way you react to stress, you will keep experiencing the same symptoms. You can't run away because wherever you go there are stress inducing situations. Only by changing your internal stress handling mechanism will you free yourself from the clutches of stress.

One effective method for managing your stress is constructing a written stress management handbook. The first step is to identify and write down everything that causes you stress. Next detail how you react to each of the sources of stress. The handbook is your own private document so be honest about what you react to and how you respond. Different people have varying reactions to the same circumstances. You are only concerned with your own behavior.

For each of your reactions, describe an ideal response that would minimize anxiety. For example, if obnoxious people stress you, your ideal reaction might be to ignore them without getting upset.

Identifying the causes and effects of stress in writing enables you to formulate a

stress management strategy. The following are some effective techniques for reducing your stress.

Take responsibility for your life. Don't blame others. You are the only one who has the power to change things. Make sure that you effectively communicate your feelings and desires. Don't assume that others know how you feel or what you think. Don't take personally the actions of others. If someone treats you poorly, it's because they have a problem.

You don't want to allow frustrations and anger to build up internally. Doing so substantially increases stress levels. You need to restructure how you interpret and react to sources of stress.

With practice you can train yourself to successfully manage and reduce your stress level. Doing so will improve your health and enrich your life.

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# Addressing heat and transportation correlation

By Sam Pizzigati

The heat. It's never been hotter in our lifetimes.

This past spring the mercury hit nearly 124 degrees Fahrenheit in the Pakistani city of Jacobabad, "just below the conventional estimate for the threshold of human survival," notes science writer David Wallace-Wells.

This summer's U.S. daily high temperatures continued our globe's torrid pace.

In Phoenix, daily highs averaged well over 100 all summer long. Citing the "imminent threat" of heat-driven wildfires, Oregon's governor declared a state of emergency last month. California, meanwhile, declared a statewide grid emergency amid surging demand for power during another record heat wave.

Stories like these might well be focusing people's attention on climate change. But what's getting less coverage is how these temperatures are connected to inequality.

The inequality of modern America doesn't just determine who suffers the most from all the heat. Inequality is actually driving the mercury higher, as new research from New York details.

A block-by-block heat assessment, the first ever, found that temperatures in the city's low-income South Bronx run 8 degrees higher than in the high-income neighborhoods of Manhattan's Upper West and East Sides.

How does economic inequality generate temperature differentials? At a most basic level, the rich and powerful use their wealth and power to shunt the most undesirable aspects of modern life onto poor neighborhoods.

Take transportation.

Five major highways, the notorious Cross Bronx Expressway among them,



cut through and encircle the South Bronx. These high-traffic corridors spew contaminants into the air and deny South Bronx residents access to heat-relieving green and "blue", public waterfront spaces.

In the South Bronx, these spaces barely even exist. The area has about only one park for every 60,000 residents.

In New York's most affluent neighborhoods, streets themselves can actually become park-like when they sport plenty of tree cover. The vast majority of the South Bronx has no tree cover, and that absence, coupled with asphalt everywhere, nurtures heat pockets that compound air pollution. And the South Bronx's old housing stock leaves residents few escapes from all this bad air and heat.

One result: The Bronx overall commands just 17 percent of New York City's population but 95 percent of the city's hospitalizations for asthma.

Community activists in the advocacy group South Bronx Unite are working to overturn these deadly social and environmental dynamics. They've proposed a plan "to provide 100,000+ people access to a public waterfront that, for decades, has been inaccessible."

Activists are also working to offset the incredible environmental damage that comes from the heavy daily traffic on the Cross Bronx Expressway, where the rumblings of 300 diesel trucks every hour are fouling the air and leaving the South Bronx

'...just below the conventional estimate for the threshold of human survival.'

ever hotter.

They're pushing for an ambitious project that "would add a deck on top of below-grade sections of the Cross Bronx Expressway, with filtered vents to scrub exhaust," according to Columbia University's public health school.

Atop the deck, under the project plan, would be a green park, a project akin to others in cities like Boston, Dallas, and Seattle.

Building out such an effort, analysts believe, would cost \$750 million. Too ambitious? Maybe not. New York City, Forbes reported this past spring, now boasts more billionaires "than any other city on the planet."

The city's 107 billionaire residents have a combined net worth of \$640 billion. A 1-percent annual wealth tax on that combined fortune would raise over eight times the cost of the proposed cap-the-Cross-Bronx-Expressway project in just one year.

If rising inequality can drive climate change, then closing those gaps can help reverse it, in New York and anywhere else.

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## Letters

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### Flag bill shows disrespect

To the editor: Regarding the Sept. 12 article, "Thin blue line flag bill introduced," two things should be noted.

First, in many parts of the country, including Ohio, various groups and individuals have unfortunately usurped the flag's intended message of police respect and instead are using this flag to represent white supremacy and are flying the thin blue line flag as a substitute for the flag of the Confederacy.

Second, as drafted by the American Legion and codified into law, Title 4 of the U.S. Flag Code states: "The flag should never have placed upon it, nor any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture or drawing of any nature."

To do so is a measure of disrespect to the flag. It's hard to believe state representatives Kevin Miller and Tim Ginter are not aware of this. If you want a flag to express an idea or culture, you can create your own unique flag. It isn't necessary to deface and disrespect the great American flag in doing so.

Dennis Momine  
Martin

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By Jim Hightower

For generations, workers have been punished by corporate bosses for watching the clock. But now, the corporate clock is watching workers.

Called "digital productivity monitoring," this surveillance is done by an integrated computer system including a real-time clock, camera, keyboard tracker, and algorithms to provide a second-by-second record of what each employee is doing.

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos pioneered use of this ticking electronic eye in his monstrous warehouses, forcing hapless, low-paid "pickers" to sprint down cavernous stacks of consumer stuff to fill online orders, pronto — beat the clock, or be fired.

Terrific idea, exclaimed taskmasters at hospital chains, banks, tech giants, newspapers, colleges, and other outfits employing millions of mid-level professionals.

They've been installing these unblinking digital snoops to watch their employees, even timing their bathroom breaks and constantly eying each one's pace of work.

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They've plugged in new software with such Orwellian names as WorkSmart and Time Doctor to count worker's keystrokes and to snap pictures every 10 minutes of workers' faces and screens, recording all on digital scoreboards.

You are paid only for the minutes the computers "see" you in action. Bosses hail the electronic minders as "Fitbits" of pro-

ductivity, spurring workers to keep noses to the grindstone, and also to instill workplace honesty.

Only... the whole scheme is dishonest.

No employee's worthiness can be measured in keystrokes and 10-minute snapshots! What about thinking, conferring with colleagues, or listening to customers? No "productivity points" are awarded for that work.

For example, the New York Times reports that the multibillion-dollar United Health Group marks its drug-addiction therapists "idle" if they are conversing offline with patients, leaving their keyboards inactive.

Employees call this digital management "demoralizing," "toxic," and "just wrong." But corporate investors are pouring billions into it. Which group do you trust to shape America's workplace?

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# Education

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## Owens Community College Open House Monday, Oct. 17

Owens Community College will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17 to provide community members and prospective new students with an opportunity to explore academic programs and transfer options.

At the Open House, community members and prospective students will be able to:

- Talk with faculty and staff about our academic majors.
- Complete the admissions application.
- Attend a FAFSA workshop.
- Sign up for a campus tour.

The Open House will be located in Veterans Hall 201 on the Toledo-area Campus and Education Center 111 on the Findlay-area Campus.

Visit [owens.edu/openhouse](http://owens.edu/openhouse) for more information.

### Scout seeks donations for project

Vinny Kendriotski, of Boy Scout Troop 112, Oregon, is seeking donations for his Eagle Scout project, which involves helping Unison Health's Housing First Program in moving homeless people off the streets and into shared homes/apartments.

The drive will be held Sunday, Sept. 25 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Oregon Municipal Building. Kendriotski is seeking donations of dish soap, toilet cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, plates, forks, spoons, hand soap, shampoo, body wash, towels, plungers, sanitizing wipes, etc.

Cash, check, Venmo and PayPal donations are also welcome. Make Venmo payments to @Jason-Kendriotski and PayPal payments to JasonKedrio.

### Purple & Gold Dinner

Morrison R. Waite High School is celebrating its 108th year as an educational institution in Toledo. Five Waite graduates will be honored and inducted as Distinguished Alumni at the 58th Annual Purple & Gold Dinner Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Honorees have distinguished themselves as successful adults in their respective careers. They include:

- Heather N. Griffin Bean, class of 1994, Education and Community Service.
- Ralph G. Brockett, Ph.D., class of 1972, Education and Community Service.
- Steve M. Junga, class of 1978, Public and Community Service.
- Martin L. Ramirez, class of 1983, Public and Community Service.
- George D. Thompson, class of 1976, Business and Community Service.

The Purple & Gold dinner, which will be held at St. Michael Centre, 4001 Navarre Ave., Oregon, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour, gift basket raffle and silent auction. Soft drinks, beer and wine will be provided. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The five Distinguished Alumni inductees will be introduced at 8 p.m. Fellowship will follow from 9:30-11 p.m. A \$50 per person reservation is required for the evening.

On Friday, Oct. 29 at 9:30 a.m., the five Distinguished Alumni will be presented to the current Waite student body and staff at a special program in the high school auditorium.

For information about reservations and donations, contact Dave Yenrick, chairman, Morrison R. Waite High School Alumni Association by calling 419-697-1949 or emailing [david.yenrick@gmail.com](mailto:david.yenrick@gmail.com).

### Cardinal Stritch Homecoming

There will be a flurry of activities at Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School during the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 1 as the school celebrates Homecoming and Spirit Week.

The festivities will include a bonfire, daily Spirit Week activities, Powder Puff games, a Homecoming Queen and King Ceremony and a dance.

"As a school, we are so excited for the Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, Sept. 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. where we travel through the community neighborhoods," said Ellie Manders, teacher and student council advisor. "This year's parade will include all students of Stritch grades K-12."



The parade will step off at CSCHA and will travel down Pickle Road to Eastland Drive, through the neighborhood, then onto Coy Road back to campus, where high school students will enjoy a traditional bonfire.

The parade will include the school band, cheerleaders, cars carrying administration, class floats, all Academy students, and the Homecoming Court.

### Eagle Way Hall of Fame banquet

The Eastwood Alumni Association will honor the Eagle Way Hall of Fame Classes of 2021 and 2022 at a banquet Sept. 24 at the High school.

The 2022 honorees included Dr. Ted Bowlus, honored as community contributor, and Dr. James Kurkess and Dr. Kreigh Spahn, noteworthy alumni.

The Eagle Way Hall of Fame 2021 honorees include the Frobose family, community contributors; Michelle Kahlenberg, M.D., Ph.D., noteworthy alumna; James Opelt, community contributor and noteworthy alumnus, and Jim Welling, noteworthy alumnus and coach.

### STEM Job Fair

Owens Community College will hold a STEM Job Fair Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in Industrial & Engineering Technologies Building, Room 109, 7250 College Dr. East, Perrysburg.

The event is open to Owens students, alumni and the community and is hosted by Owens Career & Transfer Services and the School of STEM.

Attendees will have the opportunity to talk with employers in the following fields about their available job opportunities:

- Applied Engineering
- Automotive
- CAD
- Computer Programming Technology
- Environmental Science
- Information Systems Technology
- Welding

For more information, email [peter.kowal@owens.edu](mailto:peter.kowal@owens.edu) or visit [owens.edu/STEM](http://owens.edu/STEM).

### Vanguard-Sentinel course

Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers, Adult Workforce Development, has announced the dates for its next short-term course for phlebotomy.

The course will begin in January and end in May 2023 and will include 144 hours of class plus 100 hours of clinical externship.

It will include comprehensive classroom and clinical education that covers techniques, skills and equipment for the purpose of safe and effective blood collection.

Students will be expected to demonstrate the ability to obtain blood specimens by venipuncture and micro-collection techniques.

Individuals who meet all course requirements will be eligible to sit for the Registered Phlebotomy Technician certification exam with American Medical Technologists.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers is located at 1306 Cedar St., Fremont. For more information, call 419-334-6901 or 419-448-1212 or visit [vsctc.org](http://vsctc.org).

### Geologic research grants

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Geological Survey is accepting applications for the Ohio Geology Student Research Grant program.

Now in its eighth academic year, the program supports graduate and undergraduate students who conduct geologic research in the state.



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The ODNR Division of Geological Survey will award grants of \$2,500 each to three earth science students at Ohio colleges and universities. Grantees will be selected based on the quality of their application, the strength of their professor's letter of recommendation and the relevancy of their proposed research.

"Our scientists frequently reference student research when conducting our own investigations in Ohio geology," ODNR Division of Geological Survey Chief and State Geologist D. Mark Jones said. "Funding students is part of a self-sustaining cycle that enables scientific research for the benefit of all, including the citizens of Ohio."

Candidates must be enrolled in a full-time graduate or undergraduate earth science studies program at an accredited college or university in Ohio for the 2022-2023 year. The deadline for application submission is Friday, Dec. 9. The application and complete submission guidelines can be found on the division's website.

### GenoaBank golf outing a success

It was a record-breaking year for GenoaBank's 24th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing, held Sept. 9 at the Oak Harbor Golf Club.

This year, 64 teams registered for the event, which provides scholarships to local students planning to major in business at a two or four-year college or university of their choice.

Funds raised will benefit Cardinal Stritch, Clay, Genoa, Lake, Northwood, Oak Harbor, Woodmore, Waite, Perrysburg, Rossford, Maumee, Danbury, Northview, Southview, Port Clinton and Put-in-Bay high schools.

To date, the annual golf outing has provided scholarships to approximately 275 students.

"Throughout the year, GenoaBank focuses on building relationships with the community, however, we mostly look forward to the Annual Golf Outing," said Martin P. Sutter, president and CEO of GenoaBank. "It offers us a chance to bring together local, like-minded leaders, businesses and school administrators who gather with the purpose of giving back and swinging for education excellence."

To date, the annual golf outing has provided scholarships to approximately 275 students.

The scholarships are presented to students selected by their school who have demonstrated academic success, have an interest in pursuing a higher education and seeking a degree in finance or business at a two- or four-year college.

Students at the aforementioned schools should contact their guidance department to be considered for a GenoaBank Scholarship.

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### Genoa High School



### Madison Wolf

Madison has a GPA of 4.262 and is ranked 1st in her class. She is in the Marching Band and was part of the Quiz Bowl. She also is in the FFA, 4-H and is a member of the Ottawa Co. Junior Fair Board. Madison is also in the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

Madison is the daughter of Christie and Jason Wolf.



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**Jessika  
Foster**

Jessika has a GPA of 4.5 and is ranked 1st in her class. She is president of the National Honor Society and the International Thespian Society. Jessika also is a member of Tri-M, Key Club and the drama department. She is captain of the Volleyball team and was in Track and Field.

Jessika, daughter of Erika and Mark Montgomery, plans to attend Bowling Green State University and study Early Childhood Education.



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**Andrew  
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Andrew has a GPA of 4.125 and is ranked 1st in his class. He is the founding member of S.A.F.E. (Students Advocating for Equality). Andrew is also a member of the jazz and concert bands, mixed choir, and the theatre department where he had the lead role in the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone."

The son of April Ohms and Ryan Ohms, Andrew plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in Computer Science, and then become a video game developer.

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**Katie  
Oestreich**



Katie has a GPA of 4.59 and is ranked 1st in her class. She is the Ohio FFA State Treasurer, Eastwood FFA President and the Vice President of her 4-H Club, the Blue Ribbon Rangers. Katie is also involved in Key Club, Student Council, National Honor Society and Senior Executive. She also participates in Softball. Katie is the editor of the Junior Fair Board and is a camp counselor.

Katie, the daughter of Matt and Leslie Oestreich, plans to attend a four year university and major in Political Science with minors in Spanish and Agricultural Communications. She hopes to become an Immigration or Agricultural Attorney.



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**Lilly  
Strong**

Lilly has a GPA of 4.188. She is Senior Class President, on the Student Council and is in the National Honor Society. Lilly is also on the yearbook staff and is a football statistician. She participates in cross country and softball.

Lilly, the daughter of Aaron and Laura Strong and Emily Strong, plans to major in Pre-Law at an undecided university.

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# Eastwood Tri-M Chapter holds induction ceremony

Eastwood High School Tri-M Chapter #5458 held its annual Induction Ceremony Sept. 18 at the Pemberville Opera House.

Eastwood alumna Amanda Withrow, '18, a senior Oboe Performance Major at Bowling Green State University, performed at the ceremony.

Honorary memberships were bestowed on Jackie Siebert, Benton-Carroll-Salem general music teacher, and Keith Hamen '70, retired Sylvania City Schools band director.

The following chapter officers were installed: Brenna Payne, president; Curtis Nutter, vice president; Ian Sander, secretary and Emma Ruffner, treasurer.

The chapter has seven second-year members, including the officers and Kristin Ford, Natalie Redfern and Kailin Wargo.

Eight new members were inducted, including Jordan Appelhans, Joseph Hohman, Jaymie Johnson, Elijah Good, Avery Patchett, Maggie Ramsey, Z Ramsey, Isabella Romero and Haley Sponaugle.

Chapter advisers are band directors Brian Myers and Jonathan Roode.

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a program of the National Association for Music Education. An international music honor society for secondary students, it is designed to recognize students for their academic and musical achievements, reward them for their accomplishments and service activities, and to inspire other students to excel at music and leadership in their school and community.

## Commended student

Clay High School Principal James Jurski announced that Nathan Agler has been named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corp. which conducts the program, will be presented to Jurski by the principal.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in



Eight new members were inducted into the Eastwood High School Tri-M Chapter #5458 Sept. 18 at a ceremony held at the Pemberville Opera House. The new members join seven second-year members. Chapter advisers are band directors Brian Myers and Jonathan Roode. (Submitted photo)



the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit

## Scholarship Qualifying Test.

### Academic honors

#### Bowling Green State University

Joshua Bolander, of Graytown; Taylor Wilkins, of Luckey; Beth DeLuca, of Oak Harbor; Renee Appelhans, of Pemberville; Mackenzie Smith, of Walbridge; Grace McCarthy, of Woodville.

#### Southern New Hampshire University

(SNHU): Miranda Boerst, Alexia Peth, of Toledo; Ken Barker, of Elmore; Andrea Julius, of Gibsonburg; Dawn Groh, of Woodville.

### Mckenzie Brittenham wins pharmacy award

The Cedarville University School of Pharmacy's student chapter of the National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) won six awards at the organization's annual conference on July 29-31 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Among the honorees was McKenzie Brittenham, of Millbury, who won second place in the Dompe Therapeutics Competition, along with Grace Hong, from Cedarville. The competition was a challenge to create educational materials that allow for better patient communication.

### UF welcomes students

The University of Findlay recently welcomed new undergraduate and graduate students to campus for fall 2022. New students began their studies at UF on Aug. 15.

Local students and their fields of study include:

- Amelia Mizelle, of Oak Harbor, adolescent/young adult/integrated mathematics education.
- Hailey Kirian, of Oregon, associate of arts degree in diagnostic medical sonography.
- Ben Morrison, of Oregon, exercise science for health professions.
- Martin Vasquez, of Oregon, undeclared.
- Ava Ayers, of Northwood, exercise science for health professions.
- Haley Jones, of Millbury, animal science.
- Nichole Beyer, of Graytown, associate of arts degree in diagnostic medical sonography.
- Ava Kiefer, of Luckey, animal science.
- Bryce Chanthavong, of Oak Harbor, animal science.
- Caitlynn Noble, of Oak Harbor, animal science.
- Emma Phillips, of Oak Harbor, exercise science for health professions.
- Kaylynn Simon, of Pemberville, exercise science for health professions.

# GENOA BANK

Salutes Lake High School's September Student of the Month



## Myles Lowe

Myles has a GPA of 4.5 and is ranked 5th in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Students in Action. He also participates in Golf, Basketball and Baseball.

Myles, the son of Jenny and Dan Lowe, will major in Finance at the University of Toledo.



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## Paige Helmke



Paige is a senior from Woodmore High School and is enrolled in the Exercise Science & Sports Medicine program at Penta Career Center where she holds a GPA of 4.204. At Woodmore, Paige has been a member of the golf, soccer, basketball, and track & field teams. She has also been involved for five years with the Camp Wildcats program as a camp counselor. At Penta, Paige is a member of HOSA-Future Health Professionals and the Drug Free Club. As a junior, Paige competed in the Regional HOSA Health Career Photography contest and earned a first place award. In her spare time, Paige enjoys painting. She currently is employed with Chick-fil-A in Perrysburg.

After completing her training at Penta and graduating from Woodmore High School, Paige plans to enroll in the physical therapy assistant program at Owens Community College. Her ultimate goal is to become a physical therapist. She is the daughter of Jeff and Cheryl Helmke.



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# Penta to host Cruise-In Car Show Sept. 28

Students in Penta Career Center's transportation programs will host the 11th Annual Cruise-In Car Show Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on the school's campus, located at 9301 Buck Rd. in Perrysburg.

All types of vehicles and motorcycles are welcome to participate. Vehicle owners are admitted free of charge as long as they bring a non-perishable food item (e.g., peanut butter, boxed macaroni & cheese, boxed cookies, crackers, or canned chili) or a personal hygiene item (e.g., soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.) to donate to the Penta Pantry.

The pantry helps Penta students and their families who are in need of assistance.

The cruise-in will also feature music and door prizes, such as car care kits, gift certificates and products from several Penta programs. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students will have activities for children called the "Kids Garage." Food will be available for purchase from several food trucks.

Awards will be presented to vehicle



Students enrolled in transportation programs at Penta Career Center will host a Cruise-In Car Show Sept. 28 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. (Submitted photo)

owners in various categories, including Penta Alumni, Superintendent's Choice and Best Motorcycle.

The event is organized by Penta's Transportation programs and SkillsUSA, a

leadership organization for career-technical education students.

For more information about the cruise-in event, call 419-666-1120, ext. 1428 or email [randerson@pentacc.org](mailto:randerson@pentacc.org).

## BGSU named among top schools for veterans

Bowling Green State University has been ranked second in the nation – and No. 1 in the Midwest – for veterans and active military students by Military Times in its Best for Vets: Colleges 2022 rankings.

The University is up three spots in the national rankings, according to the largest and most comprehensive ranking of schools for military service members and veterans.

"Bowling Green State University is honored to be ranked the No. 2 Best for Vets university in the nation by Military Times," BGSU President Rodney K. Rogers said. "As a public university for the public good, we are all in and continue to embrace the special commitment to educate, support and serve our veterans and active members of the U.S. Armed Forces to ensure they are successful in college and beyond."

Rankings are based on the results of

a comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement, according to the Military Times.

"BGSU ensures veterans and active military students are supported from the time they enroll to the time they graduate," said Dr. Barbara Henry, assistant vice president of BGSU Nontraditional and Military Student Services.

"Everyone at the University puts in a sincere effort to connect with military students to ensure they succeed. It's that care and commitment that makes BGSU one of the best universities for students."

Military Times compiles an annual survey that asks colleges and universities to document services, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus.

Henry said the University's personal-

ized, student-centered approach and services - like tutoring and a student veteran center equipped with computers and free printing - sets BGSU apart.

"Our students value the personalized experience that BGSU provides, and we owe it to them," Henry said. "From tutors to academic advisors, the University has worked hard to ensure veterans and military students succeed in and out of the classroom. Students are at the center of what we do, and we're proud to support student learning and outcomes."

The Best for Vets rankings are considered the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and their rates of academic achievement.

The editorially independent project evaluates factors that make colleges and universities a good fit for active service members, veterans and their families.

## Terra State Board approves upgrades

The Terra State Community College Board of Trustees held an emergency board meeting Sept. 12 to discuss the redistribution of capital funds.

At this meeting, the board of trustees unanimously approved the request to transfer \$360,000 out of capital funds to cover the cost of upgrading the welding lab in the Rutherford B. Hayes Skilled Trades Center (Building I) on campus.

The college identified the immediate need to expand its welding resources in both equipment and instructors to meet the current job demands of its workforce development partners. This expansion of the welding lab will include 10 additional welding stations.

Nate Kohlberg, Assistant Dean of Technology and Skilled Trades, has led these efforts.

"Our region depends on manufacturing, with over 200 manufacturing establishments in our main three-county service region (Sandusky, Seneca and Ottawa)," he said. "It's our responsibility to identify and respond to the needs of our manufacturing and education partners. This expansion is an example of us doing exactly that to support and strengthen our region's workforce."

"Terra State Community College is very thankful for the support of Chancellor Randy Gardner and the Terra State Board of Trustees in helping us address the needs of workforce development within our service district," said William Taylor, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "We are also thankful to Gov. Mike DeWine for supporting the needs of meeting current workforce demands in the state of Ohio. The college is very proud to play a role in increasing workforce education, training and opportunities of our region."

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**Maumee Bay****Students plan Haunted Trail**

American Cultural Exchange Service (ACES) International high school students are busy creating the 5th Annual Glow in the Dark Haunted Trail for a cause at Maumee Bay State Park.

The haunting good time will be held Oct. 7 and 8 from 6-10 p.m., rain or shine, in Parking Lot #7 (near the big hill) at the park, located at 1400 State Park Rd., Oregon.

The event will feature Halloween games, face painting, henna tattoos, a spooktacular bake sale and food trucks, including Toledo Let's Eat, (Friday and Saturday), O-Henry's Kitchen on Wheels (Friday only) and Detroit Mini Donuts (Saturday only). Attendees can also try their luck at the Casket Raffle booth to win prizes sponsored by local businesses.

From 7-10 p.m., enter the creepy dark Haunted Glow Trail through the cemetery in Death Valley, speed through Ghost Lane, Witch Way and Scarecrow Pumpkin

Patch then exit through Spider Alley. ACES Global ghouls will haunt and hide as kids trick-or-treat on this Spooktacular trail.

Admission to the Forest Glow Trail is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-15 and free for ages 5 and younger with a paid adult.

A Kiddie Climb up the mountain will be available from 6-9 p.m. for children under 5 who do not want to be frightened but want to trick-or-treat. The cost is \$2 per person.

Costumes are encouraged. Advance tickets may be purchased at eventbrite.com.

Once again, in response to an urgent need there will be the Hygiene for Humanity Drop-off at the Trail event co-sponsored by ACES and Christ United Methodist Church in Oregon. Everyone donating hygiene items will get a free game ticket. Proceeds will benefit Maumee Bay State Park (Mobi



ACES international students Erika, from Indonesia; Zhaniya, from Kazakhstan; Yuliia, from Ukraine and Neece, from Thailand prepare for the upcoming Glow in the Dark Haunted Trail, set for Oct. 7 and 8 at Maumee Bay State Park. (Submitted photo)

Mat for the Beach for wheelchair access), World Affairs Council of NWO/Educational programs and American Cultural Exchange Service Projects.

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# Agriculture

## Food, farm association completes 2023 platform

The Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) recently released its 2023 Farm Bill Platform.

It includes five planks:

- Promote soil health and climate resilience through conservation policy;
- Increase investments in local and regional food systems;
- Address consolidation in the food and agricultural system;
- Invest in organic and sustainable research;
- Provide more support to beginning and BIPOC farmers.

The farm bill structures the food and agricultural system in the United States. It is a major commitment by the government—

and, by extension, taxpayers—to provide nutrition assistance, commodity and crop insurance subsidies, funding for on-farm conservation, support for renewable energy, and much more.

The OEFFA 2023 Farm Bill Platform was developed by farmers and engaged citizens who shared their vision for a “just and sustainable food system,” expressing their hopes for the next farm bill through listening sessions and a survey.

“OEFFA has an incredible community of farmers and non-farm members who believe that good, healthy, nutrient-rich food is a right. Together, we are working to build a food system that recognizes the intrinsic value of all living things, respecting the

land, water, air, animals, and diversity of people that require our care,” said OEFFA Policy Director Amalie Lipstreu.

She said the platform will serve as a roadmap for OEFFA’s work on the 2023 Farm Bill. OEFFA members will evaluate the legislation introduced to see how it fits with their needs and vision for a more healthy and resilient food system.

“You can expect to see OEFFA member leaders communicating with members of the Ohio congressional delegation,” Lipstreu said. “We will continue to work in a bipartisan way to ensure the goals and needs of our members are being met.”

More info about OEFFA’s work can be seen at [action.oeffa.org/farm-bill](http://action.oeffa.org/farm-bill).

## Farm bureau 2022 ag excellence award winner

“...my promotion of the industry never ends...”

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for Legacy Farmers Cooperative, where she manages sales of crop nutrients, chemicals, seeds, and precision products

“With a career, farm business and family all rooted in agriculture – my promotion of the industry never ends,” Anderson said in her application. “Whether it involves working with growers to position agronomy products on their farm during the work day, hosting customers to tour our own

farm in the evening, or volunteering at a Farm Bureau event on the weekend – I constantly try to be transparent, open minded and share my everyday experiences with all those I encounter.”

She is a member of the Wood County Farm Bureau, where she serves as the president of the board of trustees. She also serves on multiple local and state boards providing leadership and direction to those organizations.

As the 2022 winner, she receives expense-paid trips to the 2023 Young Agricultural Professionals Winter Leadership Experience and the 2022 Ohio Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, a media package, a \$3,000 prize of choice, and will compete at the American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico in January 2023. Prizes are courtesy of Farm Credit Mid-America, Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau.

## Forestry ed grants available

The Ohio Forestry Association Foundation is offering grants to support educational projects throughout Ohio. The grants are designed to assist an organization with a project, with a maximum individual grant amount of \$2,500.

Applications will be accepted between Sept. 12 and October 14 this year, with grant awards being selected and announced by Dec. 1.

Examples of past grant recipients include:

- \$750 to support a Wood Art Festival
- \$1000 to help fund development, printing, and distribution of Invasive Species Calendars
- \$1000 to help fund the purchase of a Portable Sawmill for a Natural Resource Class at a Career Center
- \$1000 to sponsor a Forestry Station at a State Envirothon
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- \$1500 to sponsor a 4-H Woodworking Day at a State Fair

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More information is available at [www.ohioforest.org/page/Foundation](http://www.ohioforest.org/page/Foundation).

## Crop insurance deadline Sept. 30

The USDA’s Risk Management Agency reminds Ohio wheat growers the final date to apply for crop insurance coverage or for current policyholders to make changes to their existing policy for the 2023 crop year is Sept. 30.

Federal crop insurance helps producers and owners manage revenue risks.

Producers may select from several coverage options, including yield coverage, revenue protection, and area risk policies.

For producers without insurance, contact a crop insurance agent to get information on coverage options, and premium cost. Producers with coverage should review their policy with an agent.

One option added last year was the Quality Loss Option. This is an option growers may elect to improve their Actual Production History (APH) for years in which they suffered a quality loss.

The Quality Loss Option must be elected by the sales closing date of Sept. 30. When elected, the quality loss will replace post-quality adjusted production with the

pre-quality adjusted production for any year the insured filed a notice of loss.

For more information on this and other crop insurance options, growers should contact their crop insurance agent.

The RMA is authorizing additional flexibilities due to coronavirus while continuing to support producers, working through Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to deliver services, including processing policies, claims and agreements.

The RMA staff is working with AIPs and other customers by phone, mail and electronically to continue supporting crop insurance coverage for producers.

On farmers.gov, there is more information on USDA’s response and relief for producers.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Learn more about crop insurance and the modern farm safety net at [rma.usda.gov](http://rma.usda.gov).

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# Genoa to honor legendary coach Jim Firestone

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The Genoa football program had some great coaches – Mike Vicars, John Boles, Tim Spiess and Paul Patterson come to mind, but nobody quite compares to Jim Firestone.

The legendary football coach is being honored Friday at 6:40 p.m. before Genoa faces Lake. The stadium is going to be named “Jim Firestone Field” after the coach in recognition of his long-standing presence in the community.

“I hope that the future players know that playing on the field with my name is about giving everything they’ve got,” he said.

GenoaBank, whose CEO/President, Marty Sutter has been a steadfast supporter of Genoa Area Local Schools, is purchasing the naming rights to the stadium.

“GenoaBank is a community bank,” said Sutter, a 1983 graduate of Genoa High School. “Investing in the community is our top priority. Our employees are from the community, and our customers live in the community.”

“At GenoaBank, we love Northwest Ohio, we love our community and we are extremely proud to play our part. We have valued our relationship with Genoa Schools. We felt (that giving back) was a way to meet the needs of the kids in the district. We have had record years of growth and financial prosperity, and this was a way to give back,” he said.

“We have had a long history in the Genoa community. I grew up in Genoa, went to Genoa Schools, and graduated in 1983,” he said. “My family, my wife’s family all attended Genoa Schools. We have had past long-time directors and our bank board who have known the accomplishments of Coach Firestone. It’s a team effort.”

Firestone, who is Genoa’s all-time winningest coach, compiled a record of 109-60-6 (.631) in 18 seasons from ‘59-‘76. He became the head coach at the age of 24 and won three Suburban Lakes League championships. Firestone’s ‘75 team was the school’s first to go 10-0 and was incredibly dominant, allowing just 32 points for the entire season and was part of a 20-game un-



In recognition of Jim Firestone's longtime community accomplishments Genoa Stadium will be named Jim Firestone Field. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/www.HEH photos.)

beaten streak.

The undefeated team featured quarterback Gary Mathews and running back Alfredo Lozaya.

“They didn’t get a chance to prove themselves in the playoffs,” said Firestone. “There were only three divisions in those days. Now, with so many divisions, it seems like everybody makes it.”

One of Firestone’s best players was Fred Koester, who graduated in ‘60 and had a successful career at Bowling Green State University for legendary coach Doyt Perry.

“He was an assistant and then became the head coach at Eastwood,” said Firestone. “He was coaching against me and we had some great battles. He passed away a few years ago.”

The Comets competed in the Northern

Lakes League, which featured bigger schools like Perrysburg and Anthony Wayne, until ‘72, when Firestone helped form the SLL. Had Genoa been in a conference with more teams similar in size, Firestone would’ve accumulated more victories, perhaps a great deal more.

“I started as an assistant in ‘56 and in ‘59 I was named the head coach and athletic director,” said Firestone. “We were in a very tough league; we had winning seasons, but we were one of the smallest schools in the NLL. We had to compete against much bigger schools. After coaching there for 13 years, I knew a fit for all sports for Genoa would be (in a smaller conference). I pushed for the SLL to be formed in ‘72, and I’m proud that most of the schools in that area are still together in the Northern

Buckeye Conference.”

Aside from being a coach and educator, Firestone was the principal of Genoa High School for 10 of his 30 years at the school and worked 46 years in education. He devoted himself to promoting and supporting not only the school district, but the community of Genoa.

“All the people I’ve met, the coaches I’ve worked with, the school system, the teachers — they are people who I still associate with to this day. As the principal, I had a wonderful staff and teachers, and so many students who went on and were successful in their careers. Their families contributed to their communities,” said Firestone. “Genoa, Curtice, Williston, Clay Center and Martin — those places are the best. I’ve lived in this house for 60 years, and they still come back and visit.”

Firestone, 87, is originally from Connellsville, Pennsylvania, which is located 36 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. He played football at Ashland College (now Ashland University) where he was part of the program’s first undefeated team and two teams that won league championships.

Firestone has accumulated a list of accomplishments in the community, too. He’s in the Genoa High School Athletic Hall of Fame, as an individual and with the ‘75 team. A member of the Genoa Kiwanis for 62 years, he received the organization’s highest honor when he was given the George F. Hixon Fellowship Award. He was also inducted into the Ashland Hall of Fame.

One of the things that has endeared Firestone to the community and the football program is the fact that he’s developed friendships with the coaches who have come after him, he said.

“Many coaches have helped keep a great tradition going,” he said. “Dave Hitchen was my long-time assistant and he won a championship. I got to know Bob Baird, too. John Boles had terrific teams. What Mike Vicars and Tim Spiess did during their time, well, you can’t do any better than that. Paul Patterson invited me often to speak to the team. He had a team ranked No. 1 in Ohio. I am watching this year’s team and they improve every week. Bill Fisher is doing a great job,” he said.

## Flyers, Comets square off in Game of the Week

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Separated by just over six miles via SR 795, Genoa and Lake are natural rivals. Dating back to 1996, when the Flyers left the Northern Lakes League for the Suburban Lakes League, the teams have been competing against one another for over 25 years. (Both were in the NLL from ‘60-‘72.)

Since 2016, the Comets have won five of the last seven games between the two teams, including a victory in the playoffs in 2018.

Genoa finds itself 2-3 and 1-1 in the Northern Buckeye Conference. Aside from the 35-14 loss to Archbold to open the season, the Comets’ last four games have been decided by one possession. The three teams that beat the Comets have a combined record of 13-2.

Genoa’s last game was a 34-26 loss to Eastwood. The Comets couldn’t contain Eagles QB Case Boos, who, as he’s been for many opponents, was too much to handle.

Genoa quarterback Aiden Brunkhorst rushed 14 times for 45 yards and completed 20-of-40 passes for 281 yards, accounting for four touchdowns and three interceptions. Mason Drummond caught eight passes for 100 yards, Robert Messenger had seven receptions for 89 yards and Austin Teet caught six passes for 35 yards.

The Comets’ other losses were to the Blue Streaks and Huron, 55-49. But Genoa did rally to beat Oak Harbor (28-25) and Rossford (32-28). The Comets are ranked 13th in the Division V, Region 18 standings with 5.0 points. Despite having a losing record, Genoa coach Bill Fisher feels good



The Comets and Flyers are both 1-1 in league play going into this week’s game. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/www.HEH photos.smugmug.com)

about his team’s status.

“I think we’re in a good spot. Even from a mental standpoint, we know we were in a meat grinder for the first five games. We still have our goals in the forefront within our vision, and that’s to win as many games as we can and get into the playoffs and make as deep of a run as we can,” he said. “We’ve battled every single game, even with the mistakes that have been made. Everyone has a good head on their shoulders.”

The Comets run a variety of formations on offense, ranging from a three-back set to a five-wide set.

“I think it’s very difficult to prepare for (our offense). We have a great combination

of size and skill. If we decide it’s time to ground and pound, with two tight ends and three running backs, we can use our size up front to lean on and drive on people,” said Fisher. “We have the skill on the outside to open it up and get the ball to our playmakers in space. Our quarterback is doing a heck of a job so far in two offensive systems. He’s a heck of a player and we want to put him in situations to be successful. We were averaging 400 yards per game, that’s nothing to sneeze at, and I’m very pleased with what the offense has been doing.”

Like Genoa, Lake has faced its share of good teams, losing to Bowling Green, Northwood, Archbold and Otsego.

The Flyers find themselves with a 1-4 record and are 1-1 in the league. Lake won its first game last week, 49-7, over Woodmore.

In the win over the Wildcats, David Parsons carried the ball 16 times for 203 yards and four touchdowns while Caleb Tobias completed 4-of-5 passes for 127 yards and two scores.

As a team, the Flyers rushed for a total of 302 yards.

Lake interim head coach Dave Rymers, a ‘99 graduate of Genoa, says every week comes with new challenges as they prepare to take the field.

“There’s a lot of good that we do — and a lot of growth that can come from what we do on the field,” he said. “I think we have some talented kids; we have to start being a little more consistent, and hopefully there are a few more wins on our schedule for us.”

Rymers talked about preparing to compete against his alma mater, a place where he coached for years — football, basketball and baseball — before moving on to Lake.

“We try to do our homework and pay attention to what the NBC schools do in the non-league schedule and I know Genoa has played a very tough schedule. They do some really nice things on offense and are multiple in their looks. Their quarterback is really, really good at what he does, both in the running game and managing his offense and spreading the ball around to his weapons,” he said. “I don’t know Coach Fisher very well, but the people I know that know him speak very highly of what he does. His defense gives them a chance every single week. They’re definitely going to be a tough matchup.”

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# Flyers undefeated as they reach the midway point

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Last season, the Lake Flyers won the Northern Buckeye Conference volleyball title for the second year in a row and came excruciatingly close to advancing to regionals before losing in five sets to Defiance Tinora in a Division III district final.

If Lake's performance at this point is any indicator, bigger things could be in store for the club. Two of the team's goals before the season were to win the conference and a district championship.

The Flyers are 12-0 and 7-0 in the league and have been incredibly dominant, losing just four sets this season.

There are usually at least three factors at play when a team is playing at a high level — talented athletes, good coaching and team chemistry.

"I think we are playing so well because the kids have bought into the team concept," said eighth-year coach Amy Vorst. "We have a balanced, well-rounded team that likes to compete."

"I think our success has come from our players' dedication to the sport. The majority of our girls play volleyball year-round on national-level, club teams in the area. We had two players cut their summer vacations short and fly home by themselves in order to compete with our team. Our girls are very committed to each other and this team," she said.

Making this even more impressive is the fact that Lake lost four key players — a very accomplished quartet — from last year's squad. Cassidey Wiley is playing volleyball at Wheeling University (WV) and Phoebe Scott is playing volleyball at Adrian College (MI) while Lani Robinson is set to play college basketball at Madonna University (MI) and Abbie Rymers is set to play softball at Grace College (IN).

Lake's most impressive wins are over Clay (3-2), Springfield (3-1), Eastwood (3-1) and Ottawa-Glandorf (3-0).

"Beating the higher-division schools is always a great accomplishment, along with defeating Ottawa-Glandorf and our league



Lake Volleyball player Taryn DeWese leads the team with 148 kills and also has 175 assists. (Photo by Innovations Potrait Studio/InnovationsVisualImpact)

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rival, Eastwood," said Vayda Delventhal. "So far we are off to a great start, and I hope we can keep that going."

Taryn DeWese, the All-Press Player of the Year in 2021, gave her two cents.

"Ottawa-Glandorf was the biggest win for us this year," she said. "They are a really solid team and we played really well together in that game and it just showed us and everyone else how good we really are."

Delventhal and DeWese are the two setters on the team, Sydney Stanley is the lone libero and Kiera Magers is the only middle blocker. Ella Vorst and Maura Deutschman are the middle hitters, Sydney Brown, Sydney Marchetto, Mallory Wineland and Kylee Pietrzak are the defensive specialists and Skyler Foster and Zoe Ager are the right-side hitters.

Vorst, Foster and Ager are the three seniors.

"We have a really good libero, Sydney Stanley and our lefty right side, Zoe Ager and our other right side, Skyler Foster, are adding a lot of offense to our team," DeWese said. "Our middles, Keira Magers and Ella Vorst, bring a lot of offense and do really well blocking. Delventhal and Sydney Brown bring a lot of defense for our team as well."

DeWese leads the team in kills with 148, and Vorst has 144. Delventhal has 241 assists, followed by DeWese, who has 175. And Stanley leads the team with 192 digs while Delventhal has 148.

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**Words on Birds**

# Why birds and birding matter to Northwest Ohio

By Kimberly Kaufman

Since the inception of Black Swamp Bird Observatory's Biggest Week In American Birding in 2010, more people in this region are aware of birds and birding than ever before.

Birds enhance the quality of our lives in myriad ways, and birding tourism is providing our area with a much-needed economic "shot in the arm" in early spring. Here are just a few reasons to consider expanding your knowledge of birds and birding and supporting BSBO and The Biggest Week In American Birding.

**Quality of life**

Birds are colorful and active, and many sing beautiful songs. Once you delve into the world of birds, you'll discover that their lifestyles and behaviors are endlessly fascinating. Imagine a Ruby-throated Hummingbird (weighing just one-tenth of an ounce) crossing the Gulf of Mexico in fall migration, an 18-hour journey.

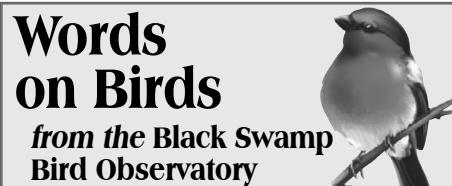
And, although it's possible to do a lot of birding just by looking out the window, sooner or later, birds will lure us outdoors. Studies have proven that when we're outdoors, moving around and breathing fresh air, we tend to take deeper breaths. With more oxygen transported to all the cells of our bodies, including our brains, we become more alert and our mood is likely to be elevated. Yes, birding is good for your health.

**A Feather in our tourism cap (pun intended)**

The sensational birding in this area is a tremendous and highly marketable asset. I like to say that all the birding stars align for us here in Northwest Ohio. First, we have major concentrations of birds. When migratory birds are moving north in spring, a large expanse of water poses a daunting



Chestnut-sided Warbler in fall plumage. (Photo courtesy of Tyler Ficker)



barrier. Before crossing Lake Erie, small songbirds need to rest and feed to build their energy reserves. As a result, large concentrations of these small birds converge on the remaining patches of wooded habitat along our lakeshore in spring.

We also have access to some of the best birding spots on the continent for experiencing this migration parade. Birding sites like our world-class Metroparks, Magee Marsh Wildlife Area and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge provide prime habitat for migratory birds, as well as access for people, allowing us to immerse birders in spring migration in a way that rivals any other destination in the Western Hemisphere.

**Birds mean business**

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And while spring migration is justly famous, fall migration lasts longer – almost half the year – and involves more birds, since the surviving adults are joined by many more young birds hatched during the summer. So, this is the perfect time to get out and enjoy the feathered parade passing through our area.

**The take-home message**

If you remember one thing about this article, I hope it's this: the connection between habitat conservation and the economic impact of birding tourism. To continue to provide the world-class birding experience that attracts birders from all over the globe, we must be good stewards of the habitat that supports birds. We must protect the habitat that already exists and expand and enhance these areas at every opportunity. Doing so is an investment in the health and wealth of our communities.

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# Oak Harbor bowling alley open for business

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Steve Pocock is hoping he can resurrect 20th Century Lanes.

After being closed to the public for the last two years, Pocock, 27, decided to contact Mike Renz, whose father, Scott, owns the establishment, which has been Oak Harbor's bowling alley for decades.

"I've always wanted to run a bowling alley since I was in middle school. I figured the opportunity was right, and I tried to see if I could get a lease," Pocock said. "I got ahold of Mike's best friend, and he got Mike's phone number back in July. We set a meeting and basically went from there. Scott is the owner; Mike is who I go through."

The Clyde native said he is working 18-hour days between the bowling alley and his primary business, MLP Lawn Care, which is based in Port Clinton.

Mike Renz talked about meeting up with Pocock.

"We met up a few times and discussed what we thought he would like to do. I'm currently in a situation making it so I can't give the bowling alley the time it requires,"

said Renz. "So, in the interest of keeping bowling alive in Oak Harbor and the doors open, we needed to make a change. After meeting Steve and talking with my family, I thought he was a perfect fit."

The bowling alley is open every day from 1 p.m. until midnight. There are six lanes, a full bar, vending machines, a few arcade games, lottery machines and a full kitchen. Pocock says that the most popular menu items are boneless wings, burgers and chicken tenders.

"We want to make it a family environment," said Pocock, who lives in Vickery with his wife, Camille, who is also helping to operate the bowling alley. "We have daily food specials that we announce on Facebook. (The Facebook page is 20th Century Lanes.)

"Our dollar-per-game special (last) Sunday was really popular — we had a waiting list from 7 p.m. to midnight," he said. "We have glow bowling on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. until midnight."

"It's slow right now, but once we get out there more, I think we'll be fine," he added.

"We hope to have a lot of upgrades," he said. "Our goal next year is to have a pa-

tio outside where people can drink, smoke and eat. We're going to have some bands performing out here next summer. We're trying to utilize every piece of this place that we can."

"Bowling is a fun sport that you can play at almost any age, and with arcade games, a kitchen and a fully-stocked bar, it

can be a great place for people of all ages," he said.

20th Century Lanes is located at 1284 SR 19 in between Portage River South Road and Oak Harbor Southeast Road, just outside of the village limits. For more information, contact Pocock at 419-208-2561 or by email at [info@20thcenturylanesoakharbor.com](mailto:info@20thcenturylanesoakharbor.com).

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Gibsonburg running back Connor Smith (Press photo by Albert Onderko)

## Gibsonburg's Connor Smith on pace to rush for over 2,000 yards

By Yaneek Smith  
Press Contributing Writer  
[sports@presspublications.com](mailto:sports@presspublications.com)

Following a 35-13 loss to Ottawa Hills in the opener, Gibsonburg has outscored its opponents by a combined 175-76.

Exhibit A for that turnaround is senior RB/LB Connor Smith.

The senior, who was recently featured by WTOL in a segment after it named him Athlete of the Week, has rushed for 1,305 yards and 18 touchdowns, plus a receiving touchdown.

The Golden Bears find themselves 4-1 and ranked fourth in the Division VII, Region 26 standings with 6.10 points, less than a point behind Antwerp, which is in first place.

Joe Wyant, now in his third season as the coach, is pleased with the experience the younger players have gained in five games.

"We have been starting a lot of new guys. We graduated a good class; we lost nine seniors and just about all, if not most of them, played both ways. We didn't have that many starters back," he said. "I just think the kids are getting more confident because they're getting some playing time under their belts."

Gibsonburg's two most impressive victories have come in the last two weeks against Northwood (44-27) and Tiffin Calvert (44-14). The Bears blew out the Senecas and led 28-27 early in the fourth quarter against the Rangers before pulling away after Smith scored two touchdowns.

In the win over Northwood, Smith rushed 34 times for 323 yards and four touchdowns. Against Calvert, he was even better, rushing for 355 yards and six touchdowns, tying a school record.

"We played really well against Calvert; we were good in all phases of the game. Our special teams got two onside kicks and our defense played well against a team that throws it well, and our offense scored," Wyant said. "Northwood was a close game until the very end. We were up by one point with eight minutes to go. It was a close game, a physical game for both teams. We didn't get anybody hurt, but Northwood had a lot of guys that had to leave the field for injuries or cramping."

As for Smith, he has carried the ball 148 times for 1,296 yards and 18 touchdowns, plus a receiving touchdown. (Last season, Smith carried the ball 183 times for 1,632 yards and 28 touchdowns.)

"What makes Connor so special is his work ethic. I've coached kids in other sports, and of all my 48 years coaching, he's probably got the best work ethic that I've been around," said Wyant. "He's constantly lifting weights; he does every day of the year, even when we don't as a team — he has a gym at his house. His work ethic is the key."

He hasn't done it alone, running behind a stout offensive line, plus a tight end in the Wing-T offense.

Only two of those six players are returning starters — right guard Martin Myerholtz and right tackle Camden Waugaman. The center is Alex Porteous, the left guard is Sam Hanson, the left tackle is Dylan Rodriguez and the tight end is Daniel Frost.

"Those guys are great. I wouldn't be able to do what I've done without them. They hardly ever get the recognition they deserve. And in an offense like ours, they do most of the work," said Smith. "They really work with each other, too, and try to make sure that whatever play is called will be successful, which I think is great. Our offensive line is a huge part of our entire team."

Wyant is impressed with their growth. "Those guys are starting to gel — they've gotten better," he said. "Myerholtz is as good as any lineman that we've had at Gibsonburg. Waugaman is getting better, he's real good. The first-time guys are younger and they've got some time under their belt."

Smith, who it should be noted is also a stellar wrestler, having won a Div. III state championship at 157 pounds last season, says he likes the Wing-T.

"I like it a lot. It really makes it tough on every opposing team's defense because not a lot of schools run this type of offense anymore," he said. "Our coaches teach us really well on how to execute and do our jobs in this offense, which allows us to be successful."

Joining Smith in the backfield are two wingbacks — Nolan Hoover (456 rushing yards) and Antonio Salazar (100 rushing yards) — and quarterback Camden Mooney. They have the important tasks, when the ball isn't thrown or handed off to them, to carry out the fakes and block for Smith.

Defensively, the Bears operate out of the 4-4.

Smith, a middle linebacker, leads the team in tackles with 66, and Myerholtz, the other middle linebacker has 39 tackles. Mooney, the free safety, has 27 tackles, and Salazar, the strong safety has 24.

"The defense, that is where I think we're getting much better, too," said Wyant. The first game, we started one freshman and three sophomores in the defensive backfield. Our front six includes guys that played last year, all but one. Hoover and Salazar are sophomores and they're the outside linebackers. Our five defensive backs, they're getting better with pass coverage."

The remaining schedule features Monroeville and St. Joseph Central Catholic, both of whom are struggling, and Margaretta and Hopewell-Loudon, two of the best teams in the area. (The Bears faced Lakota on Friday.)

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Sunday Worship  
Online or in-person 11:00am  
Pastor Robert Noble

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
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### Elmore

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### Genoa

**Trinity United Methodist**  
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Sunday School 9:30 am  
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**Toledo**

**Birmingham Neighbors Helping Neighbors** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Branch Library, 203 Paine Ave., and the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul.

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

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

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

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

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

**Oregon**

**Rollin' Food & Farmer's Market**, first and third Wednesdays of the month May-October, 5401 Starr Ave Ext., soccer fields. Farmers market, food trucks, vendors and more. Free admission. Presented by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce and the City of Oregon.

**Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society** is hosting an Old Fashioned Apple Butter Stir Oct. 8-9 at Maumee Bay Bed and Breakfast, 9855 Jerusalem Rd. Volunteers are needed in two-hour shifts to help with peeling, stirring and canning the apple butter. Call Kitty, at 419-376-9491 to volunteer. OJHS Apple Butter will then be for sale with proceeds going towards a Clay High School scholarship.

**Vendors Wanted** for Kiwanis Craft & Independent Sales Event, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. For info, contact Cathy King, 419-262-2325 or onthebay@bex.net.

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

**Food for Thought Food Pantry** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Coy Road and Navarre Avenue, is moving to Northwood Church of God, 3375 Curtice Rd., for September, October and November due to road construction on SR 2. The pantry will be open regular hours the second Tuesday of the month from 3-5 p.m.

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

**Great Eastern Toastmasters Club** meets in person on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.

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

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**Genoa**

**Crafters of Handmade Items Sought** for Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Craft Bazaar, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 204 Main St. \$30 for each space (8' wide x 6' deep). For an application, email [OLLGrottoBazaar@yahoo.com](mailto:OLLGrottoBazaar@yahoo.com) or call 419-346-4137.

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

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

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

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

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

**Gibsonburg**

**Gibsonburg Branch Library** offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Adult Creative Writing Workshop, Sept. 28, 6-8 p.m. – Minerva Victoria will facilitate two creative writing sessions for adults (register by emailing [Carol.montgomery@birchard.lib.oh.us](mailto:Carol.montgomery@birchard.lib.oh.us)); Adult Book Chat, Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m. – Discuss “The Lilac Girls,” by Martha Hall Kelly; Lockers are available for after-hours pickup of materials. Register for programs at [birchard.org](http://birchard.org). Call 419-637-2173 for details.

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

**Graytown**

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

**Luckey**

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

**Millbury**

**Crafters Wanted** for St. Peter's U.C.C. Christmas Craft Bazaar on Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Millbury Fire Hall. Tables/spaces available for \$30. Call St. Peter's at 419-836-3243 and leave a message.

**Oak Harbor**

**Oak Harbor American Legion Post 114, 221 Park St.**, will offer Lake Erie Yellow Perch Fish Fries on Fridays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 21 from 4-7:30 p.m. or until sold out. Dine-in or carryout. Public welcome.

**Oak Harbor Public Library**, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Afterschool Book Club, Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Students invited to discuss “This is Your Time,” by Ruby Bridges; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Sept. 27, 6 p.m. – Discuss “There There,” by Tommy Orange; Watercolor Group

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

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

**Pemberville**

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

**Port Clinton**

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**Stony Ridge**

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

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

**Walbridge**

**MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) and MOMSnext (Moms with Kids of All Ages)** group is being formed at Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd., Walbridge. A Wednesday group will meet from 6:15-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning Oct. 5. A Thursday morning group will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning Oct. 6. Visit [mainstreetlife.org/mops](http://mainstreetlife.org/mops) for more info.

**Walbridge VFW #9963**, 109 N. Main St., monthly drive-thru dinners, the third Saturday of the month from 4-6 p.m. or until sold out. \$10. No pre-orders. Follow signs to alley.

**Fall & Winter Storytimes**, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the meeting room at Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St. Registration required – email [wcdpl.org/events](mailto:wcdpl.org/events). The library also offers Wednesday Game Days weekly from 2-4 p.m. Stop in to play pinocchio, euchre and hand & foot card game, or bring your own game. Registration required by calling 419-666-9900 or visit [wcdpl.org/events](http://wcdpl.org/events).

**Dance featuring Crimson Lights Band**, Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., Sept. 25 from 2-5 p.m. Bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with soft drinks. Future dates include Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 13 and 27 and Dec. 11 (subject to change). Call Carolyn at 419-836-3308 or 419-260-0464.

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

**Woodville**

**Woodville Library**, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Fall Storytimes, Mondays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Needle Felting, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. – Learn the basics of making objects from felted wool, registration required. birchard.org.

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

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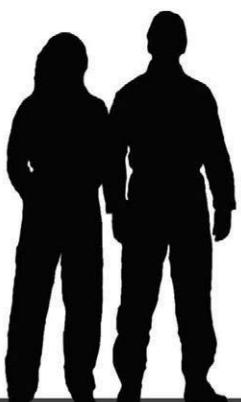
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