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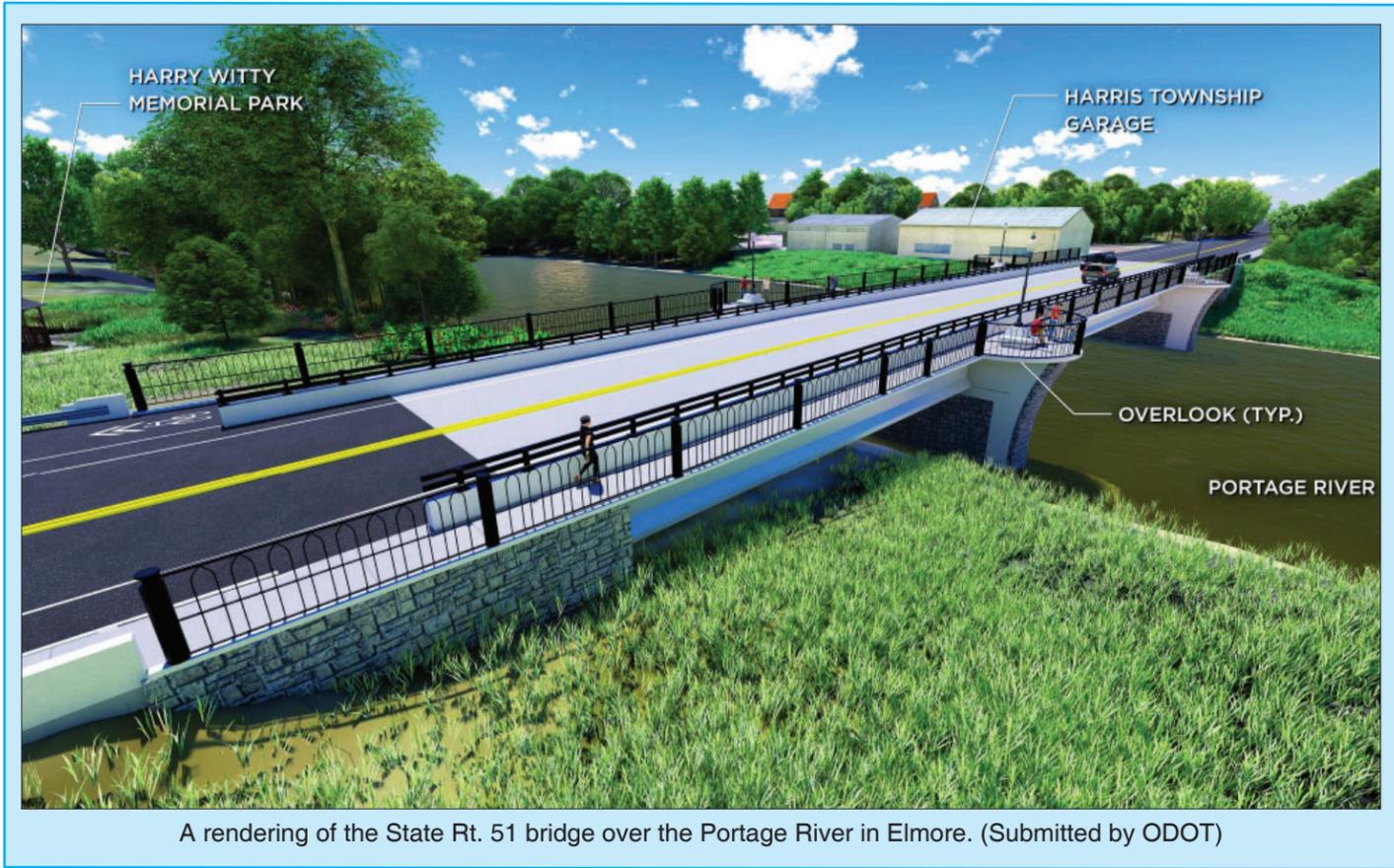
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A rendering of the State Rt. 51 bridge over the Portage River in Elmore. (Submitted by ODOT)

Elmore Village preps for State Rt. 51 bridge closing

By Larry Limpf
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Work crews have begun preliminary work on the State Rt. 51 bridge over the Portage River in Elmore.

The bridge is being replaced at a cost of about \$6.5 million.

Rebecca Dangelo, a spokesman for the Ohio Department of Transportation, said the prep work will cause lane restrictions with flaggers directing traffic.

Around Feb. 1, crews will begin installing a causeway in the river, allowing work to be done on the bridge from below. The causeway will span the river, preventing watercraft such as kayaks and canoes from passing under the bridge. Water flow will be maintained for river wildlife.

In mid-March, crews plan to close the bridge to traffic for about five months. Dangelo said the official detour route is Rt. 51 to U.S. Route 20 to State Rt. 105. Pedestrians and bicyclists may use the North Coast Inland Trail, which stretches along a former rail bridge, to cross the river.

The new bridge will be wider and have 12-foot lanes with 4-foot shoulders. There will be an 11-foot multi-use path on the west side, a 6-foot sidewalk on the east side, and four overlooks. Lighting on the new bridge will be similar to the old-fashioned style of street lights along Rice Street in the downtown section of the village.

Kokosing Construction Co. is the general contractor for the project.

Dangelo said the construction schedule could vary depending on weather conditions.

ODOT personnel held a pre-construction meeting Jan. 7 in Bowling Green with village and Harris Township officials to discuss the project schedule.

Elmore mayor Rick Claar said the

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Oregon Code updated for non-payment of utility bills

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council approved an update to the municipal water code that penalizes residents who violate water rules and regulations.

"The bigger item is our \$50 penalty for non-payments," said Public Service Director Paul Roman at a council meeting on Monday.

"The purpose of the penalty is to recoup costs of non-payments. If needed, we may send out three notices over a 50 day period to have utility bills paid. By the third notice, if you don't pay by a certain date, we will dispatch meter readers to do shut-offs. We may have up to 20-30 shut-offs at a particular time, which is a lot. Some people will still try to come in after the last hour, try to pay it, and will argue not to pay the \$50 because they are not physically shut-off. But we've already spent - gone through the cost - of actually trying to collect it. To actually send the meter readers out for a shut-off - there is a cost."

"So it's not a punishment," said Councilman James Seaman, "but an effort to compensate for administrative and hands-on services that have taken place, basically."

"It's really both," said Roman. "We justify the cost by the actual time and money spent. I want to make it clear that the people who pay their bills on time shouldn't be subsidizing the people who don't pay. That is the biggest reason."

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"It is actually more of a punishment than an administrative cost because it really isn't fair," said Mayor Mike Seferian. "Mr. Roman, out of the goodness of his heart, after someone was scheduled for shutoff, would chose not to shut the water off, but they were still penalized the \$50. And people had a hard time with it. I addressed many of those people in person. They would say, 'They didn't even come out to shut off the water, but I'm being charged the \$50.' I'd say, 'Would you rather we turned it off and you'd be out of water for three days, or be fined and still have the water.' It's something you take for granted that the water comes out of that spout when you turn it on. Still, we would like to afford the right to leave it on, but people can still be penalized for being late. It does disrespect the people who do pay their bills, which is, thankfully, most of the people."

Also at the meeting, council:
• Approved the creation of the position of tax administrator in the tax department. "As some retirements occur, our expectations are that we're going to be combining our finance and tax departments in a single entity," said Administrator Mike Beazley. "We're going to have a position of tax administrator, which will ultimately be the successor to the tax commissioner. I think the departments combined, with some changes in skills that council has already acted on, really creates more opportunity for us to help each other, be more flexible, and meet the needs of the tax payers, the operational needs of the department, at a lower price long term. We will take further steps later in the year as we go down this path."

Also at the meeting, council:
• Approved an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for the bid and construction of the Starr Avenue Resurfacing Project. The city received a \$400,000 grant funding from the FHA through ODOT for the bid and construction to resurface Starr Avenue from Whittlesey Avenue to Lallendorf Road. The city also received \$300,000 in grant funding through the Ohio Public Works Commission for construction of the project.

• Authorized ODOT to repair the Navarre Avenue Bridge over State Route 2 and I-280. "When you drive on Navarre and you're going onto the northbound ramp,

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Quote of The Week

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Bryan Golden
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Village of Elmore preps for bridge closing

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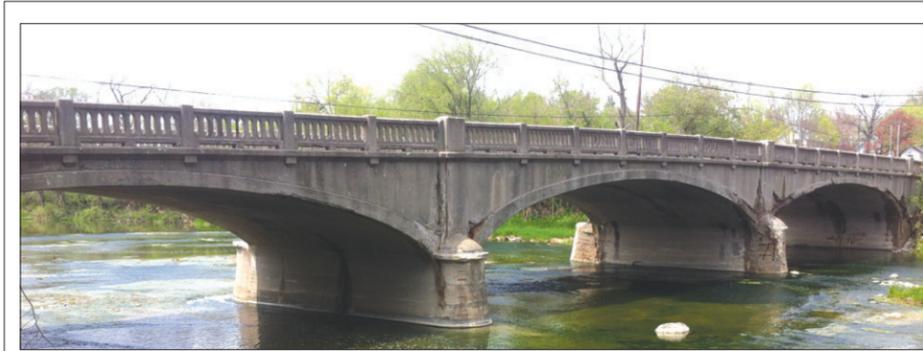
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village has already relocated utility poles near the bridge site and businesses have been handing out flyers with detour information.

“Everyone has been very pro-active,” he said. “The Explore Elmore Committee and a committee of residents, business owners and others are planning events to let the public know the downtown is open for business.”

The Ottawa County Improvement Corp. has assisted the village with posters advising the public about the project, he said, and ODOT is furnishing signage alerting motorists about the detour and businesses remaining open.



Improvements to the bridge will cost about \$6.5 million. (Submitted by ODOT)

Foundation invites grant applications

The Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) invites nonprofit organizations located in or serving Ottawa County to submit requests for grant funding.

The Foundation annually awards grants to programs in the fields of education, social services, physical and mental health, safe and positive living environments, natural resources and the arts. Since its inception in 1999, the Foundation has awarded over \$600,000 through its community grants program.

Interested applicants should download the latest Guidelines for Grant Seekers and Forms from the website at www.OttawaCCF.org

Applications must be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service to Ottawa County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 36, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 16 to be considered.

For additional information, email info@ottawaccf.org.

Health Dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Jan. 20-24. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Jan. 20: Holiday – office closed.

Jan. 21: No clinics.

Jan. 22: Immunization Clinic, Health Department (including flu shots), 12-4:30 p.m.; Oak Harbor Immunization Satellite Clinic (including flu shots), 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 23: 60-Plus Clinic – Put-in-Bay Senior Center, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jan. 24: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

For home health, call 419-734-6800.

Utility bills

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you’ll realize the abutment at the bridge is out by an inch or two,” said Roman. “You’ll feel that bump. We’ve had a lot of problems with this. We’ve made the request of ODOT to repair it. They’ve agreed to repair it at no cost to us. But there will be a major detour likely next fall when they will perform the work.”

The work could take 30-60 days to repair, he added. “They will literally shut down the bridge,” said Roman.

•Heard Seaman ask when the Kmart parking lot will be cleared.

“I’ve been asked by some constituents about it. We made some great progress, but there’s still piles of stuff there. What’s the status of that? When will it be moved out?”

“There was a half a step we had to take to achieve an environmental cleanup procedure,” said Beazley. “We have to jump through a couple of extra hoops that led to some delay.”

“Once we acquire the property,” said Council President Dennis Walendzak, “will we be posting no parking signs for the semi trucks that come and park on that property?”

“Yes, we will be doing that,” said Beazley. “We’ll decide the appropriate ways of working through those changes. Within about 30 days, the property will be ours.”



Eagle spotting

A Bald Eagle is looking majestic as it sits in a tree above Magee Marsh. (Photo by Ryan Lesniewicz)

Zoning change recommended

The Wood County Planning Commission is recommending a request to rezone a parcel of land in Lake Township be approved by the township.

The commission approved its non-binding recommendation during its Jan. 7 meeting.

Kenneth Swartz requested the 60-acre parcel be rezoned from A-1 agricultural to B-2 commercial.

In his application, Swartz said he intends to sell the parcel and the B-2 classification would make it more marketable.

The property is located about 1,800 feet south of the intersection of State Rt. 795 and Cummings Road. Latcha Road borders it to the south.

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Court Log

Oregon Municipal Court

- Mark K. Beck, 27 Moorish, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, domestic violence.
- Emmanuel Marquise Coleman, 847 Dorr, Toledo, 30 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 30 days suspended, \$237 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Michael Allen Dusenberry, 629 Foredale, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 69 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Canela Rosario Oveido, 12447 Washington, Perrysburg, 180 days CCNO, 165 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, theft.
- Keionna Diana Bryant, 514 Brighton, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 173 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, theft.
- Samantha Marie Swiczowski, 1409 Albert, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, \$187 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Samantha Marie Swiczowski, 1409 Albert, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 60 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, theft.
- Mark K. Beck, 27 Moorish, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, violation of a protection order.
- Devonte Markeese Hughes, 105 Ravine Park Village, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 168 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, assault.
- Alyssa M. Sterger, 2111 N. Erie, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$237 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- William Richard McNally, 1054 Creceus, Oregon, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$237 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Devonte Markeese Hughes, 105 Ravine Park, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 178 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, violation of a protection order.
- Romone Cruzito Resendez, 1408 Ironwood, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 173 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, carrying concealed weapons.
- Romone Cruzito Resendez, 1408 Ironwood, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 173 days suspended, \$200 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Brandon Dean Gobbel, 820 Ambia, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 164 days suspended, \$287 court costs and fines, theft.
- Russell Joseph Johnson, 1041 Prouty, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 27 days suspended, \$187 court costs and fines, criminal trespass.
- Christopher Samuel McMillian, 1159 Basswood, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 176 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$546 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Florencio Amaya, 5427 Keller, Walbridge, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$546 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Micaela Angelina Speelman, 1929 Reinwood, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 134 days suspended, license suspended two years, \$696 court costs and fines, OVI with breath concentration.

Meeting canceled

Due to a lack of agenda items, Oregon City Council President Dennis Walendzak has canceled the Committee of the Whole meeting that was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 21. The next regular council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at 5330 Seaman Rd.

Old Raymer School, 1924



Students are pictured here in front of the first Raymer School built in 1889, just before it was torn down for a newer school in 1924. It faced Nevada Street on the northwest corner of Raymer Boulevard, and was named for James Raymer, a member of the school board who owned a farm in that area. The addition in the back was built in the 1890s.

History Corner
East Toledo Historical Society
 by Larry Michaels



Toledo New code enforcement notices

City of Toledo code enforcement employees began using a new courtesy notice for violations on Jan. 13.

The courtesy notices will give property owners an opportunity to correct problems before a costly city cleanup or civil penalty is imposed.

“The Code Enforcement division will also perform increased follow-ups with property owners in an effort to reduce violations by one-third and save residents money,” said Code Enforcement Commissioner Dennis Kennedy.

The new notices will be posted at occupied properties to alert residents of property maintenance violations such as abandoned vehicles, tall grass, illegal signs, graffiti, improper bulk refuse set-outs at the curb or structural issues. Code enforcement inspectors will conduct a follow-up inspection seven days later, at which time, a traditional violation notice could be issued if the problem has not been corrected.

The city has 11 inspectors who issue about 26,000 violations a year. About 50 percent of violators respond, while the other half are issued citations or proceed to court. Voluntary compliance with the courtesy notice program may reduce the number of cleanups that must be performed by

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the city and cut reinspection costs by thousands of dollars by the end of the year.

“Community groups and property owners asked for us to make this change, and implement a new courtesy notice because many times we have issued a citation for a problem the property owner was not previously aware of,” Kennedy said. “Many times, people say, ‘why didn’t you just tell me about this before giving me a ticket?’ We think this will reduce code violations because we believe people truly want to be compliant with the code but they may be unaware of violations on their properties.”

Crash investigated

The Toledo Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle crash which occurred around 4:50 a.m. on Thursday on State Route 2 east of Decant Road in Jerusalem Township.

A pick-up truck, driven by Miranda J. Heuberger, 20, Toledo, was eastbound on Route 2, when it traveled left of center and struck a garbage truck driven by Thomas C. Sutton, 48, also of Toledo.

Heuberger was extricated by mechanical means from her vehicle, and transported by Life Flight to St. Vincent Medical Center with serious injuries. Sutton was transported to St. Charles Hospital by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. The roadway was closed for approximately three hours.

Safety belts were in use by both drivers and it wasn’t known if drug or alcohol impairment played a factor in the crash, the patrol said.

The Highway Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Lucas County Sheriff’s Office, Oregon Police Department, Jerusalem Township Fire Department, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Boating safety course

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft will present an Ohio Boating Education Course on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Maumee Bay State Park Nature Center, 1400 State Park Rd., Oregon. Admission is free. Pre-registration is required due to class size limitations.

The course covers a variety of boating topics such as navigation rules, boating and personal safety equipment, navigational signage, Ohio boating laws and more.

Ohio law requires any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1982 to be able to show proof of successful completion of an approved boating safety education course if operating any watercraft powered by a motor greater than 10 horsepower. For additional information or register, call the Maumee Bay office at 419-836-6003 or visit <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov>.

DeWine to sign HB 4

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine will sign House Bill 4, a measure that requires the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation to act as a liaison between the business community and the Department of Education or the Chancellor of Higher Education regarding industry-recognized credentials and certificate programs.

Catherine Michael Knoop

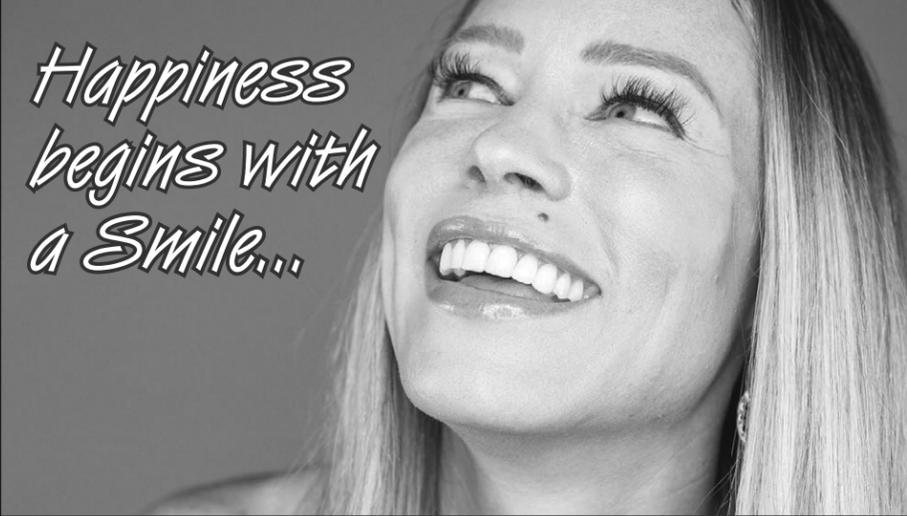
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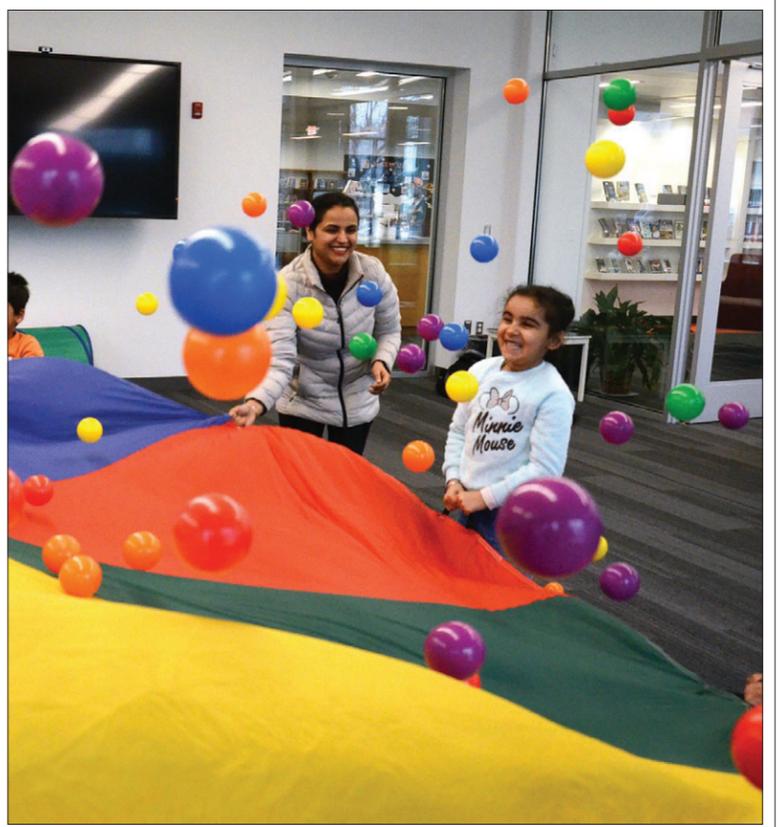
Patrick Pauken, president of the Bowling Green Kiwanis Club, last week presented a \$5,000 check to Jack Jones, chairman of the Fundraising Committee for the Wood County Veterans Memorial.

"The members of Bowling Green Kiwanis are pleased to contribute to this memorial project. The primary mission of Kiwanis is to serve children, and this revitalized memorial will show respect for our fallen military members, while helping children to understand the sacrifices that have been made to keep America free," Pauken said.

The existing Wood County Veterans Memorial was established on the southwest corner of the courthouse lawn in 1950. Memorials for Korea and Vietnam were added.

Weather has taken a toll on the memorials, he said, as has time. Wood County veterans worked to design a new memorial plaza that will recognize all county residents who died in the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, and Afghanistan along with Gold Star families.

The \$400,000 project will create an area that is accessible to people with disabilities, and is conducive to memorial services. Donations for the project can be made to the Bowling Green Community Foundation/Wood County Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 1175, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Email: Vmemorial@co.wood.oh.us



Developing motor skills

The Walbridge Branch Library offers Kinderskills, a program that helps children from ages 3-6 develop motor skills in preparation for kindergarten, on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Top left, Unnat Aggarwal maneuvers her way through a tunnel. At right, Asankh Kaur teams up with her mother Preet and plays with a parachute. Bottom left, Avani Vakiti shows coordination with a soccer ball. For more information call 419-666-6900. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)



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Lake Twp.

School officer contract to be on agenda

By Larry Limpf
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The Lake Township trustees are expected to approve a contract Tuesday with Lake schools that will have the school system pay \$36,000 to partially fund the School Resource Officer position.

Police chief Mark Hummer said he will have the contract on the agenda of the trustees meeting for their consideration.

"I have been in discussion for several months regarding funding for the SRO position. The school board has always been supportive of the program, and we thank them for their financial contribution to keep the SRO program in place," the chief said last week.

He said \$36,000 will cover roughly half of the officer's salary and benefits.

Jeff Carpenter, treasurer of Lake schools, said the school board approved the agreement during its January meeting and the first payment to the township is

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...we thank (the school board) for their financial contribution to keep the SRO program in place.
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due March 1.

The trustees in October approved hiring Robert Roe, a retired 31-year veteran of the Sylvania Police Division and a School Resource Officer at Sylvania Southview High School, as SRO for Lake schools.

A resident of Lake Township, Roe replaced Steve Poiry, who retired from the Lake Township department as its SRO in September.

A joint funding of the position is one of the goals chief Hummer set for his department this year as operating costs have increased while revenues from the property tax levies that pay for departmental expenses have remained flat.

At their last meeting, the trustees approved a transfer of \$200,000 from the general fund to the police fund for 2020.

This year, the department budget is about \$1.6 million. Three levies dedicated to fund the department collect a total of 8.3 mills and bring in about \$1.3 million annually.

Chief Hummer said he's been conferring with Vicki Schwamberger, the township fiscal officer, about the department's finances and what options are available, including placing a levy on the ballot this year.

Last year, the trustees temporarily advanced \$100,000 from the general fund to the department, Schwamberger, said, adding the advance to the department was refunded to the general fund but the transfer this year is permanent.

Water, sewer district board organizes for 2020

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District's Board of Trustees has accepted the appointment of a new board member, reappointment of a current member, and approved board officers for 2020.

The board accepted the township appointment of Brooke Hahn to the board. Hahn fills the board seat left vacant by Rob Armstrong. She lives in Troy Township and has previously worked as a paraprofessional educator at Eastwood Local Schools. Her term will expire in 2023.

John Cheney was re-appointed to the board. He resides in Henry Township. A founding member of the district's board, he has served on the Board of Trustees since July 1992. His current term expires in December 2023.

Mark Sheffer was re-elected to serve as board chairman. This will be his fifth consecutive year as chairman. Sheffer resides in Weston and serves as a municipal appointee. His current term will expire in December 2021.

Douglas Miller, of Perrysburg Township, was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Miller resides in Perrysburg Township. His term expires in December 2021.

Melinda Kale was elected to serve as the secretary of the board. This will be her second year serving in the position. Kale is a resident of Rudolph, Ohio, and is a township appointee whose term expires in 2020.

Board members are appointed three each by the townships, municipalities, Wood County commissioners and one board member appointed by the Henry County commissioners.

Meeting rescheduled

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners for the Wood County Park District has been rescheduled to Monday, Jan. 20 at 3:30 p.m. at Park District Headquarters, 18729 Mercer Rd., Bowling Green.

Wood County

Agricultural use renewal forms mailed

By Press Staff Writer
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Last year, owners of agricultural property in Wood County saved more than \$14.2 million in property taxes by having 317,634 acres enrolled in the Current Agricultural Use Value program, according to Matthew Oestreich, county auditor, who announced CAUV renewal forms for 2020 have been mailed to enrolled property owners.

Eligible property owners who aren't currently enrolled may apply for the program. This year, applications must be filed with the auditor's office by March 2.

CAUV authorizes county auditors to assess farmland at its value for producing crops rather than market value. That assessment procedure is intended to help preserve farmland operations by gearing

the tax base to production rather than its development potential.

CAUV soil values are set by the Ohio Department of Taxation and are adjusted every three years for each county.

Oestreich said current CAUV assessments in Wood County were set for the 2017 tax year. New values will be issued for the 2020 tax year, which will be payable in 2021.

In the 2017 biennium budget, the state legislature included a major change for valuing CAUV land used only for conservation practices. That land is now being assessed at the lowest value in the soil valuation table used for CAUV, which is \$230 per acre, rather than the value for a specific soil type.

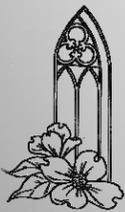
As an example, Oestreich said Hoytville Clay soil that is tillable has a

value of \$3,110 per acre. If the land is used exclusively for conservation practices the value would be \$230 per acre under CAUV.

There is no fee to renew land in CAUV but there is a \$25 fee for initial applications.

Oestreich said if renewal forms aren't filed by March 2 county auditors are required to assess the acreage at market value and recoup the tax savings of the past three years.

To qualify for the CAUV, land must meet one of the following requirements during the three years preceding an application: 10 or more acres must be devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use; or, if less than 10 acres are devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use, the farm must produce an average yearly gross income of at least \$2,500.



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Soil & water conservation district offices holding tree sales

Order forms for the Ottawa Soil & Water Conservation District's 2020 Seedling Tree & Shrub Sale are now available by calling 419-898-1595 or by visiting www.ottawaswcd.com.

Evergreen varieties, sold in packets of 10, include Colorado Blue Spruce and Norway Spruce.

Fast-growing Green Rocket Cedars are also being sold individually. The cedars – which grow up to three feet per year, are deer-resistant, have a strong root system and no major insect problems – make a great windbreak or privacy screen.

Other varieties available include Shellbark Hickory, Princeton American Elm, Canada Red Chokeberry, Ivory Silk Lilac, Autumn Blaze Maple, White Oak, Exclamation London Plane, Skyrise, Tulip Poplar and American Cranberry. Back for a third year are the Wildlife Tree Pack, Pollinator Tree Pack and a Nut Tree Pack, which include five different types of native trees. To view the different varieties, visit ottawaswcd.com.

Prices range from \$12-\$25. The deadline for ordering is April 1. Early ordering is encouraged due to limited supplies.

Money raised from the program goes to support District education programs conducted throughout the year.

Wood SWCD

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting orders for its Annual Tree Seedling Sale through Friday, Feb. 28.

Trees available include:

- Conifers: American Arborvitae, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, and Bald Cypress;

- Hardwoods: Red Maple, Shagbark Hickory, Swamp White Oak, and Tulip Poplar;

- Wildlife Shrubs: Black Chokeberry, Butterfly Bush, and Redbud.

Packets are \$12 with 10 seedlings per packet. The order and payment deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. Order forms are available on the website at www.woodswcd.com, on Facebook and at the district office, located at 1616 E. Wooster St., Bowling Green (Greenwood Centre – The Courtyard).

Tree workshop planned

A free tree workshop is being offered Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Ag Incubator Foundation (AIF), 13737 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green. Doors open at 6 p.m. Sam Kaiser, ODNR Service Forester, will give a brief presentation and answer questions.



Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Chairman Todd Hecht (left) swears in newly elected board member Bill Hartman. (Submitted photo)

Register online at www.woodswcd.com or call the district office at 419-354-5517, #4.

Historic farms program

The Ohio Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Historic Family Farms Program registered 975 historic farms between 2010-2019. That's a 26 percent increase in historic farms during the decade. In comparison, during the program's first 16 years (1993-2009), 749 farms were registered. The top registering counties in the last decade were: Putnam County, 122 farms, Mercer County, 65 farms and Hancock County, 33 farms.

Recognized locally are Birchfield Properties (Lucas County, 1834), Whiteman Family (Ottawa Co., 1887), Kerbel Family (Sandusky Co., 1885), Rothenbuhler Family (Wood Co., 1891) and Gerwin Family (Wood Co., 1867).

Ohio's Historic Family Farms program was developed in 1993 to honor Ohio's founding farm families for their contributions to agriculture in Ohio. Farms under same-family ownership for 100 years or more qualify to be designated as a historic family farm.

"In 26 years, we've seen this program grow from eight recipients in its inaugural year to nearly 1,800 registered farms today. The level of enthusiasm from farm families

receiving their historic designations is indisputable," said Erin Dillon, program administrator for the Ohio Historic Family Farms Program. "The successes of the Historic Family Farms Program can be solely attributed to families who proudly continue their farming heritage - it's our duty and honor to acknowledge that perseverance."

In 2019 alone, ODA recognized 106 new historic farms owned by the same family for at least 100, 150 or 200 consecutive years. There are now more than 1,700 farms registered across the state in the Ohio Historic Family Farms program.

Each family received a certificate signed by Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Dorothy Pelanda to keep with their historic documents and to pass down to future generations.

"I am the fourth generation to grow up at my family's homestead in Danbury Township near Lakeside on the Marblehead Peninsula where my father and his father lived and farmed the land," said Mary Ahrens Kuehn, a Sesquicentennial Historic Family Farm owner. "I grew up with stories of farm life, all working together in the fields and dairy barn. We are very grateful to have this opportunity as landowners and treasure our Historic Family Farm sign."



Ohio's Historic Family Farms is a voluntary program administered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. ODA has recognized families who have owned their farms for at least 100 years since 1993.

Supervisors sworn in

Bill Hartman was newly elected and Roland Sandrock was recently re-elected to the Board of Supervisors of the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). They were sworn into office by Chairman Todd Hecht at the district's January board meeting.

In addition to Hecht, they join Rich Thorbahn, vice chairman, on the Board of Supervisors. Sandrock will hold the position of treasurer and Hartman will be the secretary.

Together the board members direct the staff of the district to carry out the conservation of natural resources by assisting landowners, both urban and rural, throughout Ottawa County.

Fair honorees

Forty-one individuals were recently recognized at the 94th Ohio Fair Managers Association annual convention at the Greater Columbus Convention Center for outstanding service to their local fairs. Of this group, seven received the Director's Award for Innovation and Excellence for their progressive ideas and actions to improve and strengthen their fairs. Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Dorothy Pelanda presented each winner with a certificate.

Ohio's 94 county and independent fairs and the Ohio State Fair support the local economy and help educate the public about the importance of agriculture and the many necessities it provides, including food, clothing, shelter, fuel and energy. In addition to setting and approving the dates for the independent and county fairs, the department is responsible for helping to assure the safety of amusement rides, for monitoring livestock shows to help assure honest competition, and for coordinating animal health efforts with designated local veterinarians.

Obituary

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Raymond David Leichty, Sr, "Tuffy"

January 17, 1948 - December 25, 2019

Raymond David Leichty, Sr, "Tuffy", went to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on December 25, 2019 in Bradenton, Florida after a long illness.

Born in Toledo, Ohio on January 17, 1948 to the late Ralph and Betty Leichty. He was also preceded in death by brother and sister-in-law Melvin and Ann Leichty from Lago Vista, Texas. Surviving are brother Ralph and Pat Leichty living in Toledo, Ohio and sister and brother-in-law, Lillian and Gerald Long who took care of him with help from nieces Janice and Mark Jones, Carolyn Morelli, Elizabeth Jones and nephew Thomas Jones, Jr. Son, Raymond David Leichty, Jr of LaSalle, Michigan, granddaughters Madisyn, Megen, Kaitlyn and Allisyn also grandson Anthony Leichty and granddaughter Nicole Brown of Toledo, Ohio. Nephew Mark and Linda Leichty and Niece Karen and Gary Reed, both living in Lago Vista, Texas. Niece Jennifer and Scott Clark of Oregon, Ohio. Step-Nephews Gerald and Veronica Long of Fenton, Michigan and Greg and Brenda Long of Linden, Michigan, Step Nieces Kathy and Vern Urick of Maricopa, Arizona, and Carol and Neil Webster of Bath, Michigan and many nieces and nephews scattered all over the United States.

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Your voice on the Street: By Stephanie Wade

Do you have
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Steve Starner
Northwood

"I already got a new car and a new job. My goal for 2020 is to manage my Crohn's Disease and get healthy. Actually if I stay the same and don't get any worse I would still be happy."



Mario Titta
Toledo

"To keep it real and aggravate as many people as I can. When you tell people the truth they always get their feelings hurt but I like to keep it real."



Phil Tropp
Cleveland

"Yes, I am going to try to save as much money as possible."



Selena Leeper
Toledo

"To help my mom. I want to help her with my siblings. I am the oldest and I think she'd like to have a little extra help."



Jesse Ruiz
Toledo

"Yes. Doing Gods work. Being a daily ambassador for the Lord. Along with my wife Colleen. By the end of the year I want to be able to look back and say I've done all I could for my Lord and Savior."

Don't let your fears limit your personal freedom

Your personal freedom allows you to follow whatever path you choose. Not fully utilizing your freedom squanders success, while diverting you from your goal. Ironically, a surprising number of people erode their personal freedom through their own thoughts and actions.

Freedom is generally thought of as freedom from oppression. Although you may live in a free country, are you oppressing yourself? This happens when you abandon goals by imposing limits on what you believe is possible.

Although there are a number of factors which contribute to this phenomenon, they are all ultimately rooted in your mental outlook. When you believe something is possible, you are right. Conversely, when you believe something is impossible, you are also right. Negative self-talk, which delineates all that you can't or won't do, suppresses your personal freedom.

You can recapture any lost personal freedom by altering your thinking patterns. Letting go of limiting behavior opens up wonderful new horizons filled with amazing potential. So let's take a look at how to identify



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

and remove personal freedom obstructions.

Fear of failure is a major limiting factor. Fear inhibits forward progress. You typically won't even attempt anything where you are afraid of failure. Since there are no guarantees in life, there is always the possibility that you won't get your expected results. However, this is not failure.

Failure only occurs when you give up. So, have a commitment to never quit. When something doesn't work out as planned, make an adjustment before giving it another go. Success usually requires several attempts before it's realized.

Leaving your comfort zone is part of achieving your goals. Achieving goals is part of your personal freedom. Yet, there is often a fear of leaving your comfort zone. Therefore, you must follow your path in

spite of any fears you may have.

Worry limits your personal freedom by connecting to fear. You worry about that which you are afraid of. Worry is a fixation on worst case scenarios. There is a tendency to avoid anything you worry about. For example, you won't attend college if you are worried about failing. You won't start your own business if you are worried about going bankrupt. You won't buy a house if you are worried about maintenance.

You can stop worrying by focusing on positive outcomes instead of all that could go wrong. If you want to go to school, consider all the resources available to help you pass each class. If you want your own business, concentrate on profit making strategies. If you want your own home, look for one which won't require a lot of maintenance.

Worrying about what other people say, think, and do is also limiting. Concern about criticism influences your behavior. You will avoid saying or doing something you feel will elicit criticism or ridicule. Ignore what other people say, think, or do. What you say, think, and do is of paramount importance because it impacts your personal freedom.

Don't allow your past to limit your freedom. This occurs when a bad experience interferes with your objectives. Just because something didn't work out as anticipated in the past doesn't mean it can't ever work. Many successful business people have overcome one or more business failures.

Mistakes are part of the road to success. Not everything you do will turn out as planned. Mistakes limit your personal freedom when you don't learn from them. When something goes wrong, determine what when awry, and why. Then make the necessary adjustments so that the same mistake is not repeated.

Guard and protect your personal freedom. It is a precious asset. Eliminate and avoid any behavior which limits your personal freedom.

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The rich get richer while the rest of us...

By Jim Hightower

As Ray Charles wailed in a song of true-life blues: "Them that's got is them that gets/And I ain't got nothin' yet."

While the workaday majority of Americans continue to be mired in our low-wage economy, the precious few at the tippy-top soared out of sight in 2019. They started the year already wallowing in wealth. By year's end, the 500 richest people saw their total haul increase by an average of \$2.4-billion each.

Indeed, some needed bulldozers to bank their increased wealth.



Guest Editorial

Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook, for example, piled up an extra \$27-billion last year. Bill Gates of Microsoft added \$22 billion to his stash. And even though Amazon czar Jeff Bezos dropped \$9 billion in a divorce settlement, his fortune multiplied so much that he's still the world's richest person.

Bear in mind that none of these moneyed elites did anything extra to earn these extraordinary bonanzas. They didn't work any harder, didn't get smarter, didn't add anything of value to society. They simply reclined in luxury and let their money make money.

That's a dirty little secret of our rigged economic system — unfettered inequality begets ever-expanding inequality.

Another dirty little secret is that billionaire-ism is hereditary. Right-wing media baron Rupert Murdoch, for example, doled out \$10-billion to his six children last year. So — voila! — thus were born six

brand-spanking-new baby billionaires, who did nothing to reach the top of the world's financial heap, except please daddy.

Not only are the rich different from you and me, but the filthy rich are also different from the merely rich. It can take hard work, creativity, perseverance, and luck to become a millionaire, but in today's skewed wealth system, multibillionaires don't need any of that — their money does all the work to lift them above everyone else.

OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker. Distributed by OtherWords.org.

Void in schools

To the editor: When I was a kid in the 1940s, there were many catholic schools on this side of town.

The schools were operated by various orders of religious sisters and they worked for almost nothing. In return, the schools were very inexpensively operated and what a great job the sisters did.

About 50 years ago something happened and the church decided it could no longer operate its schools. I'm not sure why but many things led to this problem; not enough sisters, not enough money and not enough drive by those in charge.

All problems are solvable. The loss of teachers is the number one problem and the loss of priests is next. Operational costs are also a problem.

We should be ashamed for not teaching our children about Jesus Christ.

We don't need priests and nuns to teach religion, we need teachers who've studied religious texts and who've passed a test to qualify to teach about Jesus.

My thought is to sell the closed churches, schools and parish properties and put the money to use building district schools and get back to teaching about Jesus.

We have a few parochial schools now

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in operation but you had better be able to spend a small fortune. What about families with many children? Do they deserve a chance to learn about Jesus?

The church should not only be for the rich but for all families.

Larry Erard
Walbridge
(Class of 1954 Central Catholic High School)

Levy merits support

To the editor: I am a long time Oregon citizen and would like to voice my support for the March 17 Oregon City Schools levy.

I am a Clay grad and my children are Clay grads. My daughter is now a first year high school science teacher in a district near Columbus. She chose this field because of the inspiration and quality of her high school science teachers who encouraged her interest and recognized that we need more women entering into careers in science. Her goal is to inspire other young girls to also pursue math and science — her

way to pay it forward from her instruction and guidance in Oregon City Schools.

There is a lot of talk about teacher pay every time a levy comes up. We compare ourselves to other districts and justify levies by showing that our teacher pay is lower than most comparable schools in our area. Last week's Press article said our teachers are paid above the statewide average, as if that somehow proves something about the claims about comparable local districts. Teacher pay is not a race to the bottom and we should be proud to pay our teachers well and offer them raises in line with their experience, education and the cost of living.

If we are going to continue the growth we are seeing in our district, maintain the exciting momentum I see, retain the value in our community and maintain all existing programs and trajectories - yes, including teacher pay - then we must vote yes.

I will be voting yes for the kids in our district and I will be voting yes for teachers.

Joy Andrews
Oregon

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Fun is in the forecast at the Imagination Station

The Toledo region has been a little light on the snow this winter season, but that's not stopping Imagination Station from celebrating one of winter's most anticipated events...the snow day.

The science center is hosting a Snowed-In Pajama Party from Saturday through Monday, Jan. 18-20. Fun is in the forecast with traditional snow day activities planned to entertain little kids and big kids alike.

Visitors will enjoy STEM activities like:

- Taking notes from the pros as they watch some of the world's best compete in a Rubik's Cube Tournament with the World Cube Association (Saturday only);
- Watching as a specialized robot solves a Rubik's Cube in a matter of moments;
- Putting their engineering skills to the test as they work together to construct an epic blanket fort to explore;
- Competing in a battle of concentration and strategy with oversize chess;
- Exploring friction, balance and structural engineering with a game of giant Jenga;
- Learning challenging new board games and classic favorites with Toledo Game Room (Saturday), Old School Gaming (Sunday) and Checkmate Games and Hobbies (Monday);
- Investigating weight, balance and center of mass by building a mobile for the community art display.

The Snowed-In PJ Party is the final event in Imagination Station's Snowmazing



Fun is in the forecast Jan. 18-20 as Imagination Station hosts a Snowed-In Pajama Party. (Photo courtesy of Imagination Station)

Science event series. Pajamas and slippers are welcome. Snowmazing Science is presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame.

Imagination Station provides science

enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. With a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement,

Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

For more information, call 419-244-2674 or visit imaginationstationtoledo.org.

Crime Prevention Corner

Vigilance, communication can help parents spot signs of bullying

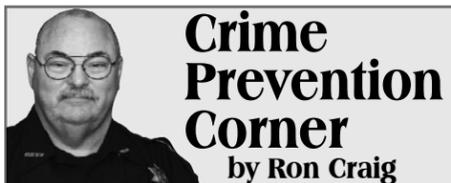
When I was growing up in the 1960s and early '70s, kids picking on one another wasn't called bullying.

After my tonsils were removed at age 5, I gained weight, that has stayed with me for life. That set me up as an easy target for being picked on.

I remember complaining to my father about it, and he told me to stand up for myself. Easier said than done, but I never told him again about any harassment I received at school.

As those of you who may be old enough to remember or who have seen reruns of "The Andy Griffith Show," you should probably recall how many times the show had a moral to it and told a story about life's lessons. There was an episode in which Andy's son, Opie, was being picked on at school, and Andy told him to just fight back. The boy ended up with a black eye, but Opie was proud of it.

There are those who say today's kids are "too soft," and are coddled too much. Regardless of your opinion, there's no doubt that this is a different day and age. Trying



Crime Prevention Corner
by Ron Craig

to compare today's kids with those from 50 years ago is like, as they say, comparing apples to oranges.

Because of the growing technology, today's kids have the internet and cell phones to contend with. These two devices are many times the catalysts for the conveyance of bullying, along with face-to-face incidents.

There are many other things that have changed over the past half century that are also changing the family dynamic, including the number of single parents trying to manage the demands of work, managing a home and raising kids.

In trying to prevent and address the subject of bullying, one of the best weapons

in a parent's arsenal is open communication with their kids. It is not an easy task, but one that is very important.

Bonding with your child at the earliest possible age is one key to good communication. Taking a true interest in what they like to do is another. Spending quality time together is a good foundation for trust between a parent and child.

What makes a mother and/or father a good parent is debatable. Limiting or at least monitoring electronics and spending quality time together can help build relationships and foster communication.

A youngster is in school only about one third of a weekday and only 9 months of the year. The rest of the time, the parents are responsible. However, school personnel may observe early warning signs through a youngster's behavior that allow them to alert parents to possible bullying.

Kids today like their privacy and usually don't appreciate a parent paying attention to what they are viewing on the internet or on their cell phones. Parents need to tell their kids it is part of a parent's responsibility

to make sure what they are doing is safe.

The signs of bullying are not always hard to spot. A drastic change in a youngster's demeanor is one sign. Many kids who are being bullied deliberately miss school to avoid a bad situation, so if your child seems to complain of illness too often, bullying may be a factor.

What do you do if you think your child is the target of bullying? Having an open and frank discussion with the child is a good starting point. Handling the situation yourself is not a bad thing, but remember to seek the help of others if you do not seem to be making any headway.

Don't be afraid to talk to a school counselor or outside professional to get advice on how to proceed.

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The Victory Center, 5532 W. Central Ave., Suite B., Toledo, will present the Eighth Annual Cancer Survivor Art Show on Friday, Jan. 31 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1 from 1-3 p.m.

Since art expression is an individual process, the scope of the collection includes a wide variety, with items such as bead and wire, jewelry, knitting, collage, watercolor, ink and acrylics. Pieces range from contemplative to joyful and inspirational. Many of the cancer survivors will be present to share the stories behind their artwork.

The Victory Center hosts a free art therapy program for area cancer patients and survivors. The program, Healthy Spirit Art Therapy, is led by local art therapist Areka Foster.

The art show is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Call 419-531-7600 for more information or to RSVP. Drop-ins are also welcome.

Zoo discounts & coupons

Need an inexpensive yet entertaining activity to drive away the winter blahs? The Toledo Zoo is offering half-off admission coupons redeemable through Friday, Jan. 31.

Coupons are available online at toledo-zoo.org. Guests must present the coupon (printed or digital) at the entry gate to receive the discount. The coupon is not valid with any other offers and does not apply to groups of 20 or more.

Additionally, in appreciation of Lucas County voters' continuing levy support, Lucas County residents receive free admission to the Zoo Saturday, Jan. 18 through Monday, Jan. 20. Valid proof of residency is required.

To make the holiday weekend even more affordable, Lucas County visitors receive two sets of Zoo coupons. The first includes coupons for concessions and merchandise and is valid throughout the MLK holiday weekend. The second contains coupons for a return Zoo visit during the month of March. This is the Zoo's way of thanking Lucas County voters for their longtime show of support for the Zoo and its mission of inspiring others to join us in caring for animals and conserving the natural world.

Wine by the Glass Pavilion

Wine tasting returns to the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) with the winter series of "Wine by the Glass Pavilion."

Visitors can enjoy four wines and paired hors d'oeuvres from 6:30-8:30 p.m. during It's Friday! at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion.

"This winter, the Museum is offering another wonderful lineup for its Wine by the Glass Pavilion series," said Maricarmen Westmark, TMA's special events and food services manager. "The magnificent setting in the Glass Pavilion offers a special experience for couples or friends looking for something unique to do."

The schedule includes:

- Jan. 24: Luxurious Layers – Blended Wines;
- Jan. 31: Sinful Sips – Wines to Warm Your Soul;
- Feb. 14: Bubbles and Bordeaux;



Annual Valentine's Event;

- Feb. 21: Classically Complex – Great Estate Wines.

Tickets are \$35 for Museum members and \$55 for nonmembers, plus tax. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit tickets.toledomuseum.org or call 419-255-8000 during Museum hours.

Dueling Pianos fundraiser

Beat the winter blues with an evening of music and comedy as Benton-Carroll-Salem Music Boosters present the sixth annual Dueling Pianos Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Oak Harbor VFW Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The evening will feature the musical talents of Main Street Dueling Pianos, a high energy, all-request, sing-a-long, comedic piano show with full audience participation.

Tickets for the 21-and-older event are \$45 per person or \$85 per couple, which includes a roasted chicken and swiss steak dinner with sides, dessert and beverage. There will also be 50/50 raffles and a silent auction. For tickets, contact Tina at 419-266-7171 or Ann at 419-271-1278.

Wish Upon a Cure Princess Party

The Tiki Warriors Relay For Life Team is hosting a Wish Upon A Cure "Frozen 2" Princess Party on Saturday, March 14 from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Market VFW Hall in Oak Harbor.

Tickets are \$15 each per child, which includes a free goody/swag bag, sundae/dessert bar and beverage, crafts, games, raffles and a meet-and-greet with Queen Elsa and Princess Anna from Gabby's Once Upon a Time Princess Parties.

Adults are asked to pay a \$5 donation if they wish to partake in the food and beverages. All tickets will be put into a special door prize drawing.

Kids are encouraged to dress in Elsa and Anna costumes or as their favorite princess at the party. The deadline to purchase tickets is Saturday, Feb. 29. Proceeds raised benefit the American Cancer Society.

For more info or to purchase tickets, contact Tami Coppes at 419-270-2194. Find additional updates on the Tiki Warriors Relay For Life Team Facebook page.

1st St. John Day School Enrolling for 2020-21

First St. John Lutheran Day School, 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, is now registering for the 2020-21 school year.

The program offers education and child care to 3- to 5-year-olds featuring a Christ-centered educational program with a multi-sensory curriculum and hands-on activities. First St. John offers a large indoor play area and a new playground.

An early-bird registration discount is currently being offered. The registration fee is waived for church members. Church

scholarships are available.

For more details, visit firststjohnday-school.org, call 419-691-6480 or email fsj-dayschool@firststjohn.com.

Mercy welcomes new OB/GYN

Mercy Health announced the expansion of its Obstetrics and Gynecology team with the addition of Janelle M. Noel, DO.

Dr. Noel is a provider with more than 10 years of experience caring for women of all ages and at every stage of life. She is board-certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Noel received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree in 2007 from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Clarion, Pennsylvania. She completed her internship and residency at Oakwood Southshore Medical Center in Trenton, Michigan.

Her areas of expertise include pregnancy and childbirth, as well as the diagnosis of illnesses and conditions, treatments and overall health of the female reproductive system.

In addition, Dr. Noel is certified in DaVinci® Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery – which helps in reducing pain after surgery and promotes quicker recovery.

"Making an annual visit to your OB/GYN is so important because your reproductive health matters and I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to care for the women of the Toledo area," said Dr. Noel. "I am thrilled to be able to join a community-oriented and like-minded health care system, and phenomenal OB/GYN teams that put the wellness of their patients at the forefront of their work."

Dr. Noel is accepting new patients at Mercy Health — Maumee Bay Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2702 Navarre Ave., Suite 305, Oregon. Call 419-691-8000 to make an appointment.

She is also accepting new patients at Mercy Health — Perrysburg Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1103 Village Square Dr., Suite 101, Perrysburg. Call 419-872-3207 for an appointment.

Visit mercy.com for more information.

Wild about Art call for Artists

Toledo Zoo is inviting artists and craftsmen to unleash their creativity and talents at its summer art fair, Wild About Art, taking place Saturday, Aug. 1 and Sunday, Aug. 2.

In addition to local and regional artists showcasing their talents, Wild About Art will include entertainment, interactive activities and, of course, animals.

Art does not have to be animal-related. To sign up, visit toledo-zoo.org/wildaboutart to be directed to an online application through ZAPP. Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 6.

For more info, email artfair@toledo-zoo.org.

History talk at HPLM

Historian Sam Kidder will discuss an Ohio congressman's role in drafting the amendment that gave citizenship to anyone born or naturalized in the United States, including former slaves.

Kidder will discuss Congressman John A. Bingham's role in the 14th Amendment,

which also guaranteed equal protection under the law to all U.S. citizens, and Bingham's relationship to Presidents Rutherford B. Hayes and Abraham Lincoln, at a talk Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in the library at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont. Admission is free.

Kidder served three years at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and studied East Asian history at Harvard University and the University of Washington.

Bingham has been called the Second Madison or American Founding Son for his role in drafting the 14th Amendment, which was ratified in 1868. A friend and political supporter of President Hayes, Bingham's role during the years immediately after the Civil War is attracting more and more attention from historians.

A trusted advisor to President Lincoln, Bingham served as the lone civilian prosecutor in the trial of the Lincoln assassins and delivered the articles of impeachment from the House to the Senate in the trial of President Andrew Johnson.

Following his career on Capitol Hill, Bingham was appointed by President Ulysses Grant to be America's envoy to Japan. Hayes retained Bingham in his Japan posting, and Bingham went on to become the United States' longest serving ambassador to a key Asian nation.

Japan, at the time, was just emerging from centuries of feudal military-style government and beginning the process of modernization.

For info, call 419-332-2081 or visit rbhayes.org.

Healthy living event

As we launch into a new decade, Orangetheory Fitness and Whole Foods Market Toledo are collaborating on an event to help inspire a healthier, happier life.

The event, which is open to the public, will take place in Secor Square at Orangetheory Fitness and Whole Foods Market on Sat. Jan 18 from 1-3 p.m.

At the event, Whole Foods Market will feature live cooking demos for healthy weekday meals as well as the opportunity to talk to a Whole Body expert about workout nutrition, winter skin care and other healthy lifestyle tips.

At Orangetheory, coaches will be available to talk about safe, effective workouts and give studio tours. There will also be a Whole Foods Market expert in-studio talking about effective pre- and post-workout nutrition. In addition, Orangetheory will have special membership offers, giveaways and a raffle for the chance to win a \$250 Whole Foods Market gift card and Hardcover Healthy Cooking Cookbook.

For the kids, there will be face painting and other fun activities inside Orangetheory studio. Learn more about Orangetheory Fitness at www.orangetheoryfitness.com.

Help Me Grow Program

Help Me Grow Home Visiting and Early Intervention can help teach families how to strengthen vital parent-child relationships prenatally through age 3.

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How to break a sweat without causing acne and breakouts

Those hitting the gym on account of their New Year's resolutions are likely reaping the benefits, including improved overall health and mood.

However, gymgoers may also find that their skin is breaking out more than usual, putting a damper on that post-workout glow. According to dermatologists from the American Academy of Dermatology, working out can cause excessive sweating, as well as a buildup of oil, dirt and bacteria on your skin — all of which can lead to acne. Despite this, people don't have to quit exercising in order to see clearer skin. The key, say dermatologists, is to maintain proper hygiene before, during and after your workouts.

"While exercise itself doesn't cause acne, the skin care habits you maintain around your workouts can significantly impact your skin," says board-certified dermatologist Elizabeth Bahar Houshmand, MD, FAAD. "Since germs thrive at the gym, it's important to maintain good hygiene while working out to prevent clogged pores and the spread of harmful bacteria."

To help prevent acne caused by working out, Dr. Houshmand recommends the following tips:

- Dress in clean, loose-fitting, moisture-wicking clothes that won't rub your skin. Clothing and accessories that are too tight, such as headbands, bra straps or spandex garments, can cause a type of acne that occurs at the spot of repeated friction.
- Remove any makeup before working out, as makeup can clog your pores. Use an oil-free makeup remover, towelette or micellar water to take makeup off your face.
- Before exercising outdoors, generously apply sunscreen on any skin not covered by clothing. Not only do the sun's harmful UV rays cause skin cancer and premature skin aging, unprotected exposure can also cause breakouts. This is because the sun dries out your skin, leading to more oil production. To help, apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Look for formulas that are water resistant and labeled "oil free," "noncomedogenic" or "won't clog pores."
- During your workout, keep your skin

“
...exercise itself
doesn't cause acne...
”

dry. Use a clean towel to gently pat sweat off of your body, since rubbing your skin can cause acne to flare.

• Wipe off shared equipment. Shared workout equipment can be full of acne-causing bacteria and dirt. Most gyms supply a cleaning spray or towelettes to wipe off the equipment. Clean off the equipment before and after your workout as a courtesy to others.

• After your workout, shower immediately. Use warm — not hot — water to remove sweat, dirt and oil from your skin. Wash acne-prone skin with a mild cleanser that is labeled "oil free," "non-comedogenic" or "won't clog pores." However, if your skin tends to be oily and not dry, consider us-

ing a cleanser with salicylic acid or benzoyl peroxide instead. If you can't shower immediately, wash your hands, and wipe off your face using a pad that contains salicylic acid. In addition, take a spare t-shirt and change out of your sweaty clothing.

• After showering, change into clean clothes and wash the dirty clothes, which is full of sweat and pore-clogging culprits. Always wash your gym clothes between workouts.

"Keep in mind that acne can have many causes, including genetics, hormones, stress and medications," says Dr. Houshmand. "If you still have acne after following these tips, talk to a board-certified dermatologist, as there may be a different cause."

These tips are demonstrated in "How to Prevent Acne Caused by Your Workout," a video posted to the AAD website, www.aad.org and the academy's YouTube channel. This video is part of the AAD's "Video of the Month" series, which offers tips people can use to properly care for their skin, hair and nails.

Study: Increased employment rates may mean more flu

Businesses should take precautions during flu season to keep sick workers home and reduce infection rates that send people to physicians in droves, says new research from Ball State University.

"The Effects of Employment on Influenza Rates" found that a 1 percentage point increase in the employment rate correlates with increases in the number of influenza-related doctor visits by about 16 percent. These effects are highly pronounced in the retail sector and health care sectors — industries with the highest levels of interpersonal contact. Erik Nesson, an associate professor of Economics at Ball State, said labor market-based activities, such as using public transportation and carpools, working in offices, putting children in daycare, and having frequent contact with the public, might help spread the flu.

"Employers should consider differences in the lost productivity from many employees becoming infected with influenza versus the lost productivity from a few infected individuals taking sick leave," Nesson said. "Workers concerned about missing pay or losing their jobs as the result of staying home from work due to illness will be less likely to heed early signs of influenza infection and stay home."

"Since a person may be infectious while experiencing mild symptoms, this greatly increases the probability that the virus will spread to other workers in the firm. This implies that firms should consider more generous sick day policies, particularly during the flu season."

The study was recently published by Economics & Human Biology. Nesson was joined on the research project by Sara Markowitz, a professor of Economics at Emory University, and Joshua Robinson, an assistant professor of Economics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The team used state-level data on the prevalence of the flu from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Employers, particularly those in service industries, should consider more generous sick day policies, particularly during the flu season, to prevent the spread of illness and lost productivity. (Photo courtesy of Metro Graphics)

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Nesson points out that employment conditions can be forecast, to a fairly accurate degree, several months in advance.

"This information could be used by the public health community to plan for the severity of an upcoming flu season," he said. "For example, if the economy is on an upswing, the public health community

should plan for an above normal increase in flu incidence.

"Our results imply that employment in service industries — particularly retail and health care — is a particularly strong mechanism for flu spread. If our economy continues to shift to more service-oriented employment, the results presented here suggest there is greater potential for flu spread in the future."

Website aids Ohioans searching for missing life insurance

The Ohio Department of Insurance has a new website to help Ohioans locate a deceased family member's missing life insurance policy or annuity contract.

The Life Insurance Policy Locator is a free service operated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. The user-friendly site requires basic information to get started. The Ohio Department of Insurance has been offering this service for over 10 years, but decided to transition to the national search application to provide Ohioans a more comprehensive search tool.

The Locator can be found on the department's website, www.insurance.ohio.gov, or at <https://eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator/#/welcome>.

"To date, the department's system has matched thousands of individuals with previously unclaimed beneficiary funds in excess of \$11 million," Director Jillian Froment said. "This search service provides a real benefit to Ohioans, simplifying what otherwise could be a cumbersome and lengthy process identifying potential beneficiary life insurance proceeds."

Individuals who believe they are beneficiaries, executors or legal representatives of a deceased person may submit a search request. Insurance companies receive the requests, search their records, and directly contact the individual only if a match is made, typically within 90 business days.

For more information about the Locator, call the department at 1-800-686-1526.

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E. Toledo Senior Center accepting Senior Softball signups

The East Toledo Senior Center is taking registrations for its 2020 Senior Softball Leagues.

All individuals ages 50 and older are eligible to play in the two leagues – 50 and over and 58 and over.

The registration fee is \$55 until Jan. 31 and \$60 Feb. 1-March 13. Players 58 and older may play in both leagues for a registration fee of \$75 through Jan. 31 and \$80 from Feb. 1-March 13.

Games are played in Navarre Park on Monday evenings (58 and older) and Wednesday evenings (50 and older).

For more information, call Mary at 419-691-2254.

TMA recruiting docents

The Toledo Museum of Art is seeking volunteers who have a passion for teaching and sharing the arts with school-aged audiences to consider becoming a museum docent.

An informational session will be held Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater.

"Docents are trained Toledo Museum of Art volunteers who engage with visitors to encourage enjoyment of the arts and create a warm and welcoming museum environment," said Mike Deetsch, TMA's director of education. "Anyone with a passion for learning can apply to be a docent, no art or art history background needed."

Applications are being accepted through Feb. 7 and interviews will take place mid-February, with classes scheduled to begin in April 2020. As part of the year-long training process, participants will attend weekday classroom and gallery training sessions where they will meet with experienced docents and Museum curators.

In addition to the overall docent training, this 2020 class will gain specific skills to connect K-8 students with the works of art in the TMA collection, as well as specific training for the school tour program.

"We are often asked what makes a good docent," Deetsch said. "We look for volunteers who are enthusiastic, patient and flexible with an interest in interacting with the public as part of an energetic team."

For more information, visit toledomuseum.org or plan on attending the informa-



tional session.

Lancaster Show Trip

The East Toledo Senior Center, with the help of Diamond Tours, will host a Lancaster Pa. Show Trip June 15-19.

The cost is \$549 per person, based on double occupancy, which includes four nights of lodging, eight meals, two shows at Queen Esther and Britain's Best, a guided tour of Lancaster, the Gettysburg National Park & Village, the charming Kitchen Kettle Village, a visit to Park City Center and more.

The trip is open to adults ages 21 and older.

A deposit of \$75 is due by Friday, Feb. 7. For more details, call 419-691-2254.

Valentine Party set

The East Toledo Senior Center's Annual Valentine Party will be held Friday, Feb. 14 beginning at 11:45 a.m.

The cost is \$5 per person, which includes lunch, games and prizes. Reservations and payment are due by Friday, Feb. 7.

The center is located at 1001 White St. For more info, call 419-691-2254.

Bilingual outreach

The East Toledo Senior Center welcomed a new Bilingual Outreach Worker, Diana Armagost.

Armagost brings years of experience working in the community helping seniors and their families connect to programs and services they need. She will be working with all seniors 60 and older, including those who are Spanish speaking. She is also available to help fill out forms and to refer people to needed programs and services.

Armagost is also facilitating new pro-

grams such as Spanish movie day, educational speakers, Spanish classes which are open to everyone, and much more.

For the Hispanic population she will starting a monthly get-together discussing many topics such as customs, foods and more.

For more information, call Armagost at 419-691-2254, ext. 207.

Oregon Senior Center

The Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave., provides free breakfast every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. to Oregon

residents age 60 years or older. The cost is \$5.61 to anyone under 60 years.

Lunch is available Monday-Friday at 11:30 a.m. The donation is \$2.50 to anyone 60 years or older and \$5.61 for anyone under 60 years. Sign-up is required 24 hours in advance.

The Area Office on Aging serves dinner at the center Thursday evenings at 4:30 p.m. Sign-up is required by Wednesday at noon. No walk-ins will be accepted. The suggested donation is \$2.50.

Call 419-698-7078 for program details or to sign up.

Brain fitness can help memory

From the American Counseling Association

It's a common problem many of us encounter as we age — we forget more things and it seems to happen more frequently. It can be a frustrating experience and even a frightening one as we worry that serious issues of dementia are just around the corner.

While researchers are only beginning to understand exactly why our brains seem to be more prone to memory issues as we get older, they have, however, begun to make real progress in finding ways to help fight memory problems as we age. And the latest advice is that we all ought to begin proactively working to keep maximum brain function at a much earlier age.

Many older folks try to keep mentally active through activities like crossword or Sudoku puzzles, and that's a good thing. But more recent research is finding that such activities simply may not be providing the level of stimulation needed for real "brain fitness."

Brain fitness starts with mental activities that truly engage your mental powers. Critical thinking, for example, requires you to think about a topic that you understand and agree with, and then to look at that same subject from the op-

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posite point of view. Can you evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of that subject from a totally different side than the one you're normally on?

You want to stimulate your brain in ways that require it to really think about finding new solutions. Finding new recipes and then working out ways to improve them is such an activity. Learning and using new vocabulary words, tackling a foreign language, or taking up a new hobby like art or music, are all ways to maximize brain effort and increase brain stimulation.

Brain fitness also requires recognizing that the brain is a part of your body and is affected by your fitness. It requires exercising more, eating healthier and staying fit overall.

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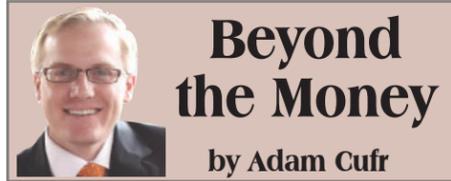
Predicting the future is hard. When I was a kid, I was going to grow up to be either the quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys or a semitruck driver. It turns out that driving long distances makes me very restless, ruling out the truck thing, and I grew to the size of a field goal kicker and not a pro quarterback.

So how did I end up as a guy wearing a suit most days? Well, this illustrates how difficult it is to predict the future.

One of the planning decisions that affects all other planning decisions involves the breakeven analysis. In short, it's the calculation that involves an initial investment and the point in time down the road where that initial investment turns positive. In other words, how long will it take for this pay off? And while this is a very useful context for making financial decisions (or someday-pro quarterback decisions), there's just no way of accurately predicting all of the variables that may arise. What if taxes rise, interest rates drop, the company goes bankrupt, the government changes regulations, another more compelling need for the money pops up? There are an almost infinite number of reasons why the breakeven analysis fails us.

Yet, we still use the breakeven analysis all the time. Why? Back to where we started – predicting the future is very difficult to do. As a result, we use whatever tools we have available. Using the breakeven analysis for determining when to begin receiving Social Security benefits as an example, we simply ask ourselves, "How long do I think I'll live?" For when it comes to an investment like Social Security income, we know it stops when we pass away (or our spouse passes away), so applying a life expectancy breakeven analysis to the total income calculation allows us to cut through a fair amount of clutter to make a decent decision about when to begin benefits, even though we really don't know how long we'll live.

We've discussed this concept when looking at pension lump sum decisions. Breakeven analysis helps with determining whether to finance a car or pay cash,



Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufir

whether to buy a house or rent, how to pay for college, and on and on. Knowing the flaws and pitfalls of the breakeven analysis, however, we know that some things are just impossible to get right. But don't we inherently know that already? I don't think any of us is under the illusion that there's any one right answer to most financial decisions. We're doing our best to...well, do our best.

The real challenge is to apply a reasonable analysis to Social Security decisions, pension lump sum decisions, investment decisions, insurance decisions, financing decisions and more...all at the same time. Putting all of these pieces together in a way that provides the highest probability of success while tempering the risks is what we aim to do when we're working through the planning process. And once the plan is crafted and set into motion, we meet regularly to discuss new variables that may have entered into the scenario that require further thought. Said a different way, we do our best to predict an uncertain future and then adjust as we go as the future becomes the present. Then repeat.

When I consider how badly I wanted to be a pro quarterback, I'm glad nobody shared with me how long the odds were. That would have stolen much of my joy. And driving a truck didn't suit me but for reasons that wouldn't become clear until long after I got my driver's license and learned about my penchant for long-trip boredom behind the wheel. These variables just took time to present themselves. In my case, the best thing to do was to dream about big things while studying hard as if the future was wildly unknowable, because it is.

For retirees, this looks like making investment and income decisions for the very long-term while staying as flexible as possible for responsiveness to the short-term variables that life throws our way. No silver bullets; no pie in the sky – just solid decision-making with a dose of dreaming sprinkled on top. That's a game plan that makes sense even when the game changes on you or you decide to change the game altogether.

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Care Compass: Navigating the caregiving continuum

The Care Compass project, which serves as a quarterly network gathering for caregivers, will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at First Christian Church, 875 Haskins Rd., Bowling Green.

Care Compass is a place to gather together and obtain resources to make the journey of caregiving less stressful.

The Feb. 5 agenda includes:

- 11:15-11:45 a.m. – Lisa Myers, LISW, Wood County Committee on Aging, will discuss the signs and symptoms of depression and anxiety in care recipients and caregivers.

- 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – Lunch sponsored by Brookdale of Bowling Green.

- 12:15-1 p.m. – Karla Gleason, physical therapist with NOMS/CPW Healthcare will present on transforming pain management without the use of opioids.

The Care Compass Project is free and open to all caregivers but requires pre-registration by calling 1-800-367-4935 or 419-353-5661 or by emailing programs@wccoa.net. Those wanting to learn about caregiving are welcome and those who are currently caregiving are encouraged to bring their care recipients. Separate caregiving services are provided during the training session to those community members in need of care.

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Future Care Compass seminars are scheduled for June 3, Sept. 2 and Nov. 4.

The CARE Compass Project is sponsored by Brookdale of Bowling Green, Wood County Committee on Aging, BGSU Optimal Aging Institute, Golden Care Partners, Ohio Living Home Health and Wood County Hospital.

For ongoing community support, caregivers are encouraged to join the Facebook community, [facebook.com/WoodCountyCareGiverCircle](https://www.facebook.com/WoodCountyCareGiverCircle).

For information on programs and services offered by the Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc., call 800-367-4935 or visit www.wccoa.net.

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Riverview update

Final touches added on Riverview Healthcare Campus projects

The final touches are being made to Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus' newly remodeled Cottage Cove, Short-Term Rehab Suites, and the new service to Riverview, the Hartford on the River Assisted Living.

The addition of assisted living had been talked about for many years at Riverview, but the facility was paying off a bond from a project completed in the mid-1990s, which included the addition of the front lobby and nurses' stations 1 and 2, according to Kendra M. German, Riverview Healthcare Campus administrator. In 2015, as the facility neared the last payment on the bond (in 2016), a building committee was formed. Construction began on the six-phase project in December 2017. The project touched all areas of the facility.

The final phases, phase 5 (Cottage Cove) and phase 6 (The Hartford) have passed the Ohio Fire Marshal inspection and occupancy from Ottawa County Building Inspections. Cottage Cove, because it offers skilled nursing home beds, also needs the approval of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), a process the facility has found to take approximately two to three months, German said.

The completion of phases 5 and 6 will put all areas of Riverview back into full use. Part of this area was Riverview's former Station 6, the Lighthouse Memory Care Unit, and the other parts were Nurses' Stations 4 and 5, which had been closed



Assisted Living Spa Room. (Submitted photo.)

since the facility restructured in 2009. "The staff is very excited to have the facility back in full use again," German said.

Cottage Cove Short-term Rehab Unit, will house 17 private suites for those coming to Riverview to heal and rehab to move back to the community after an acute situation, often resulting following a hospital

stay. The suites include a private bathroom with a handicap-accessible shower for private use. The unit also includes two living rooms, one with a computer for patient use, a dining room as well as a large shower room for those preferring a jetted tub bath.

The Hartford on the River Assisted Living includes 20 units with a mix of

studio, one-bedroom and a two-bedroom option. Each unit has closet space, a private bathroom with a handicap-accessible shower, and a kitchenette. The unit also has a dining room, two living rooms, three outdoor porches, a solarium, a courtyard, a spa room with a jet tub and activity room. While the facility will do the residents' laundry, there is a laundry room that is available for no additional cost with a small lounge (if the resident or family chooses to do laundry on their own, the resident is responsible to supply their own supplies). Included in the daily rate is all utilities (including WiFi, telephone and cable), medication management, 24-hour licensed nurse, activities and three meals daily. Residents are responsible for their own furnishings and linens. No additional care rates or service charges will be applied to daily rates. Rooms are all by private payment; Medicare/Medicaid do not pay for assisted living at Riverview

Riverview is currently working with those interested in assisted living. For more information, contact Riverview's RN Case Manager, Cara Densic, at 419-898-2851, ext. 4041.

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AARP The Magazine celebrates Movies for Grownups® Awards

AARP The Magazine's 19th Annual Movies for Grownups® Awards were held Jan. 11 at the Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills. The event celebrated 2019's stand-out films with unique appeal to moviegoers 50-plus and recognizing the inspiring artists who make them.

For nearly two decades, AARP's Movies for Grownups program has championed movies for grownups, by grownups, by advocating for the 50-plus audience, fighting industry ageism, and encouraging films that resonate with older viewers. Hosted by iconic screen and stage performer Tony Danza, the star-studded awards ceremony included a touching tribute to Career Achievement Award honoree, Annette Bening. Bening spoke about the power of shared purpose, vulnerability and camaraderie in filmmaking as Tinseltown's elite turned out to laud her.

Other highlights of the evening included a special appearance by Diane Ladd, who presented Best Supporting Actress award to daughter Laura Dern for her performance in "Marriage Story," returning a gesture daughter gave to mom at Movies For Grownups four years ago.

Rock and pop legend Linda Ronstadt earned a prolonged standing ovation for Best Documentary, "Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice," presented by her friend of three-plus decades Maria Muldaur. Conan O'Brien hilariously cut down Adam Sandler, as the "desperate" Best Actor awardee descended on the stage before O'Brien could finish talking up Sandler's performance in "Uncut Gems." And Finn Wittrock presented the Best Actress award to Renée Zellweger for portraying "Judy" 80 years after Garland starred in "The Wizard of Oz."

The Awards ceremony will be broadcast by Great Performances on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020, at 6 p.m. ET on PBS (check local listings), and will be available to stream the following day on pbs.org/moviesforgrownups and the PBS Video app.

The complete list of the 19th Annual Movies for Grownups Awards Winners

- Career Achievement: Annette Bening;
- Best Picture/Best Movie for Grownups: "The Irishman";
- Best Actress: Renée Zellweger ("Judy");
- Best Actor: Adam Sandler ("Uncut Gems");
- Best Supporting Actress: Laura Dern ("Marriage Story");
- Best Supporting Actor: Tom Hanks ("A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood");
- Best Director: Martin Scorsese ("The Irishman");
- Best Screenwriter: Noah Baumbach ("Marriage Story");
- Best Ensemble: "Knives Out";
- Best Documentary: "Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice";
- Best Intergenerational Film: "The Farewell";
- Best Foreign Language Film: "Pain & Glory" (Spain);
- Readers' Choice: "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood";
- Best Time Capsule: "Harriet."

Consumer Cellular is the presenting sponsor for the Movies for Grownups Awards. Event proceeds benefit AARP Foundation, which works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable older adults in Los Angeles and across the country to build economic opportunity and social connectedness.

AARP's Movies for Grownups advocates for the 50-plus audience by fighting ageism in the entertainment industry and encouraging films that resonate with older viewers. With weekly news and reviews, nationwide screenings and an annual awards event, AARP champions movies for grownups, by grownups. For more information go to www.aarp.org/moviesforgrownups.

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Annette Bening receiving a Career Achievement Award, presented by Billy Crudup at AARP The Magazine's 19th Annual Movies for Grownups Awards, (Credit: Rob Latour/AARP/Shutterstock)

WCCOA welcoming entries for 14th Annual Poetry Contest

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) has issued a call for entries for this year's poetry contest.

Any Wood County resident 50 years of age or older may participate. Submissions will be accepted Tuesday, Jan. 21 through Friday, March 27 at 4 p.m.

Poems should share stories based on the theme of "Persistence." Contest organizers are looking for poetry that in some way celebrates the heart and soul of Wood County citizens as they continue to celebrate their lives.

Entries must be submitted in English, double spaced, in a 12-point Times New Roman font, and not be longer than one page.

Submissions must be entirely the entrant's own work and never previously published, online or offline.

All styles of poems are acceptable but they must be originals. Any plagiarized short stories and poems will be disqualified.

Two entries will be accepted per per-

son. Intent to submit will not be accepted. Poems must have a title and include the poet's name, address and phone number.

Mail entries to the WCCOA Program Department, 305 North Main St., Bowling Green, OH 43402 or email programs@wcco.net.

Winners will be selected by a Bowling Green State University writing professor. All poems entered will be available for reading in a loosely bound edition.

Winning poems will be announced on Friday, April 24 on the WCCOA Facebook page, www.facebook.com/wcco. They will also be posted on the WCCOA blog, woodcountycommitteeonaging.blogspot.com.

The grand prize award will be a \$50 gift card. Prizes are sponsored by Bowling Green Manor & Bowling Green Care Center.

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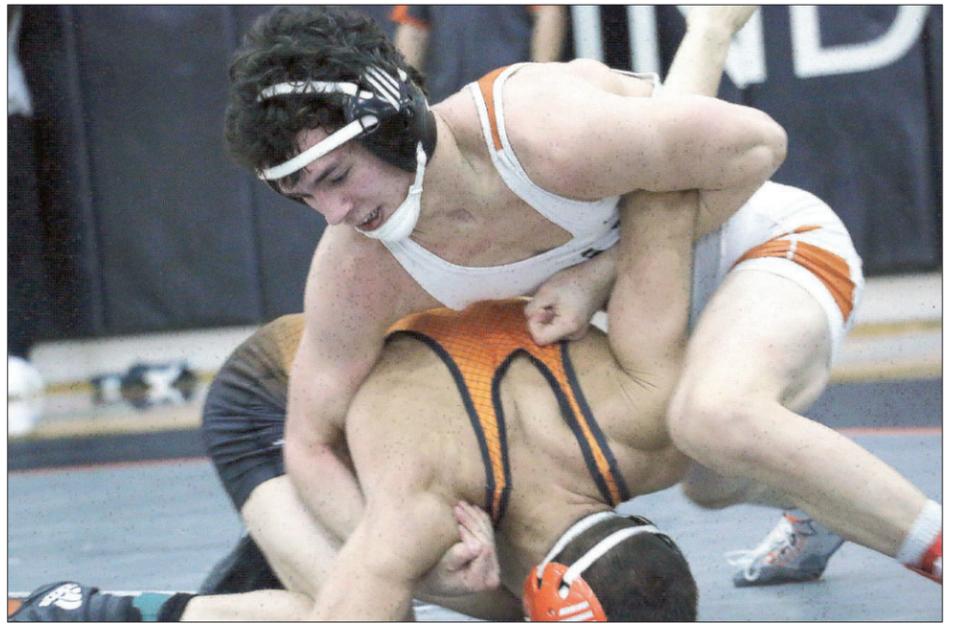


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Garret Anderson. (Lourdes Athletics)



Nick Henneman. (Lourdes Athletics)

Henneman, Anderson put Lourdes on national stage

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Two former Clay wrestlers, redshirt sophomore Nick Henneman and sophomore Garret Anderson, are playing major roles in getting the Lourdes University wrestling team on to the national stage.

“Nick Henneman and Garret Anderson are phenomenal student-athletes who have both played vital roles in the national recognition for the Lourdes University wrestling program. They both have unparalleled work ethics, which has made an incredible impact on the entire team,” Lourdes coach Dock Kelly III said.

“Nick and Garret’s impact on the Lourdes University wrestling program has been huge. The key to being a successful collegiate wrestling program is that you have to be able to keep recruiting the locally talented guys in your area. This will attract equally talented wrestlers to come and join what we have built here in Sylvania.”

Lourdes was invited to the NWCA/NAIA National Duals inside the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky. for the first time in program history, but dropped matches to sixth-ranked Baker and 16th-ranked Missouri Valley before finishing with a victory over Brewton-Parker.

“This tournament is as tough as it was advertised to be,” Kelly said. “We allowed several opportunities to elude us today, and that is very disappointing. We have to learn from the adversity that we experienced today in order to achieve our remaining goals for the season.”

The 18th-ranked Gray Wolves suffered a 35-14 decision against Baker in the opening round before dropping a heart-breaking 24-23 consolation round match to Missouri Valley in a contest that was decided via criteria, with the Vikings winning 39-38 on total points. Lourdes concluded the tournament with a 28-12 win over Brewton-Parker.

Lourdes fell behind 7-0 to Baker after two bouts before Henneman scored a 9-0 major decision at 141 pounds to put the Gray Wolves on the scoreboard. Trailing 13-4 heading into 157 pounds, Anderson won via fall at the 3:56 mark midway in the second period.

Lourdes had to rally in the final match



Nick Henneman. (Lourdes Athletics)

of the day against Brewton-Parker. The Barons opened with three decisions in the first four bouts with only Henneman being awarded a forfeit at 141 pounds for Lourdes’ early points. Anderson recorded his second fall of the day 21 seconds into the second period to put the Gray Wolves in front 12-9 at the midway point.

“It was great to finish on a winning note,” Kelly added. “It is imperative that we get mentally and physically prepared for the Missouri Valley Invitational next weekend.”

Kelly returned 20 wrestlers from last

year’s squad, which set a school record with eight dual victories while finishing fourth in the Sooner Athletic Conference. The Gray Wolves excelled in the postseason, sending five grapplers to the NAIA National Championship while producing the first All-American in program history and finishing the year 25th nationally. Kelly has added 10 new wrestlers to the squad as well this year, and the depth and experience should lead to an exciting season.

Henneman returns for his second season at 141 pounds. He entered the season ranked second nationally after finishing last year with a 14-5 mark with seven falls and has moved up to No. 1 in the rankings. Henneman is on a mission to earn the school’s first national title this year. This year he is 12-1 with four falls, one technical fall and three major decisions.

“Nick Henneman is an elite athlete, and his lofty national ranking is proof that he will be a perennial threat to win an individual national title every year. His wrestling IQ is off the charts, and his sheer will to win is unmatched. Nick is very respectful, humble, and he is a model citizen. I am most proud of Nick for the way that he has worked equally as hard in the classroom to maintain a 3.0 grade point average,” Kelly said.

Anderson has grown into the 157-pound weight class comfortably and Coach Kelly expects big things from him this year. Anderson recorded a team-leading 10 falls last year while posting a 13-12 record overall, wrestling a majority of his matches down one weight class. This year, he is 10-5 with five falls and one major decision.

“Garret Anderson is a hard-working student-athlete that is no non-sense. He does everything that is asked of him, and he works hard both on the wrestling mat and in the classroom. He is committed to getting better every day, and that is apparent in how his wrestling has continued to improve,” Kelly said.

More ranked competition

Lourdes does not have an easy schedule, either, taking on ranked opponents from the NAIA and NCAA all season. Earlier this season, Lourdes dropped matches to 17th-ranked Indiana Tech 39-7 and fourth-

ranked Marian 32-16 before rebounding to close the Warrior Duals with a 33-24 victory over Thomas More on Saturday afternoon inside the Warrior Athletic Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

“The competition at these duals was as tough as we thought it would be,” Kelly said. “Unfortunately, we failed to capitalize on multiple opportunities where we could have defeated ranked wrestlers.”

The Gray Wolves opened the day against host Indiana Tech. After the Warriors scored a fall at 133, Henneman put the Gray Wolves back in front with a 12-2 major decision at 141 pounds. Indiana Tech would win the remaining seven bouts though, including three via fall, to pull away in the match.

Lourdes built a big lead early against Thomas More on the way to closing the day with a victory. Henneman made it 18-0 Gray Wolves with a fall at 1:39, giving Lourdes three first period pins. Anderson followed with a second period fall to increase the lead to 27-0 Gray Wolves.

Inside of Founders Hall Gymnasium in New Philadelphia, Ohio, Lourdes had little resistance as the Gray Wolves posted a 44-12 victory over Ohio Valley and a 53-6 triumph over Kent State-Tuscarawas. It came on the heels of a poor team performance during a loss to Adrian.

“This was a nice bounce back after our performance in our last match,” Kelly said. “I’m very pleased with the way that our wrestlers responded.”

In the opener against Ohio Valley, Anderson and Greg Briggs (Lodi Cloverleaf) recorded back-to-back pins at 157 and 165 pounds respectively.

Lourdes held an 11-point lead midway through the dual match inside the Merillat Sports and Fitness Center in Adrian, Mich., but Adrian rallied with wins in the final five bouts to defeat the Gray Wolves 30-17.

“Unfortunately, a few wrestlers came out flat, which resulted in them wrestling sluggish,” Kelly said. “We must be committed to training at a higher level in order to achieve success on nights like tonight.”

After the Bulldogs got a win by decision at 133 pounds, Henneman showed why he’s the top-ranked wrestler at 141 pounds in the NAIA, recording a fall at the 2:27 mark of the opening period. (— includes press release contributions from Ryan Wronkiewicz/Lourdes Athletics)

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Schmeltz taking ownership of Eastwood record book

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Eastwood 5-foot-10 senior guard Jamie Schmeltz knew this day was coming.

In a Saturday afternoon 67-56 non-league victory at Anthony Wayne, Schmeltz hit nothing but net on a three-point shot in the second half, and that made her the all-time leading girls basketball scorer in school history.

"That means a lot. I've always had that in the back of my mind going into this season," Schmeltz said. "I knew it was going to be achievable and it means a lot to finally be able to achieve that accomplishment."

Schmeltz scored 20 in the win over AW, and then added 19 more in a 75-50 victory at Northern Buckeye Conference foe Woodmore Tuesday.

In 75 games played over three-plus years, she has scored 1,516 points, surpassing Teri Poggemeyer, who played at Eastwood from 1980-84.

"That was really neat. Teri Poggemeyer was a really good ballplayer here, just from stories I've heard. That is cool that Jamie was able to get that record, but I'm really as proud of our team and the way they are playing," said Eastwood coach Nick Schmeltz, Jamie's older brother.

Schmeltz also has 590 field goals and at Woodmore, with her second 3-point shot, she tied the school record for makes from behind the arc at 127. She also has made 205 free throws, 19 away from the school record. Heading into the Woodmore game, she had 542 career rebounds (80 away from school record), 286 assists and 339 steals, which is a school record. By the time she is done with her senior year, she will likely own the school's record book.

There is one record she is still chasing — the late Aaron Lawniczak owns the all-time basketball record at Eastwood, boys or girls, scoring 1,635 points from 1993-97. Lawniczak was heading on a full ride to NCAA Division I Bowling Green State University, but he was killed in an automobile accident and his collegiate career never got started. Jamie needs 119 points to catch Lawniczak.

Records aside, the Schmeltz siblings are feeling good about the Eagles' success. Eastwood is 12-3 overall and 9-0 in the NBC, tied for first place with Otsego, which is 13-0 and 9-0. The Eagles and Knights have not played yet, but will meet up in Tontogony on Thursday, Jan. 23, and in Pemberville on Thursday, Feb. 13.

"I'm really proud of my team and where we are at. We still have a lot of room for improvement, but every game you can always rely on six or seven players to put some points up on the board," Jamie said. "Our leadership throughout the team is tre-

Eastwood 5-foot-10 senior guard Jamie Schmeltz scores during the Eagles' 71-52 win at Elmwood. (Photo by Tammy Schmeltz)



mendous, and not just myself, but everyone is a great leader on this team."

All three of Eastwood's losses came during a trip to San Diego, California for a holiday tournament. The Eagles fell to Woodinville (Wash.), 64-58, San Leandro (Calif.), 71-61, and Union (Wash.), 81-53. In Ohio, the Eagles have yet to be beaten.

"We've had a really good season here in Ohio," Nick said. "(California) was a great experience for our girls, just being able to travel together, go out to the West Coast and see some stuff out there.

"We played some really good schools. We played two of the top teams in Washington in their highest division and we played San Leandro from California, which is another big school. We lost all three games but I think as a team it made us better," Nick continued.

"It was almost better that we lost those three games than staying home and winning three games. We learned a lot about ourselves. We took 11 girls, and 11 girls got to play. Overall, sure, we would have liked

to win one out there, but it was a great experience and we would go back and do it again in a heartbeat."

There was more to the trip than just basketball.

"We did some sightseeing. People went to the zoo one day, the aquarium, visit the beach, of course, we went to The Coves (La Jolla) and saw the seals and stuff. It was a great experience. We were out there for six days, and got to experience some nicer

weather than back home. That was a cool experience," Nick said.

Now the focus is back on the rest of the season, winning an NBC title and then advancing in the tournament. Jamie Schmeltz leads the team, averaging 21.2 points, 10.4 rebounds, 5.8 steals, 4.9 assists and she is blocking one shot per game. Aubrey Haas, a 5-8 sophomore, is averaging 14.7 points, 3.3 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 1.2 assists, plus she was the leading scorer in the win over AW, scoring 21.

"Obviously, in our games back in Ohio, we've done a great job. Jamie and Aubrey have done a great job in leading us in scoring, but they are also doing some other stuff — rebounding the ball really well, getting steals.

Haas leads a strong sophomore class that could see this program continue its success after Jamie Schmeltz graduates.

"Our sophomore class all throughout, especially Aubrey Haas — you can definitely rely on her to have a great game and she does everything for us," Jamie said.

Twelve players have gotten into the scoring column for Eastwood. Brenna Moenter, a 6-2 sophomore, is averaging 8.2 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.9 steals. Veteran starter Sydnie Abke, a 5-8 senior, is averaging six points, five rebounds, 2.3 steals and 1.6 assists. Kaitlyn Luidhardt, a 5-9 sophomore, is averaging 5.7 points, 2.4 rebounds, 1.1 steals and 1.6 assists.

The Eastwood-AW matchup showed off the athleticism from both teams because both rosters were half-filled with players coming over from soccer teams that had undefeated regular seasons. But the Eagles get up and down the floor every game, averaging 71.3 points, so coach Schmeltz has to rely on plenty of players to keep everyone fresh.

Senior guard Hannah Limes is averaging 5.5 points, 2.3 rebounds, 1.3 steals and 1.7 assists, sophomore guard Makenna Souder is contributing 4.8 points, four rebounds, 2.3 steals and 2.5 assists, junior Jaylee Souder is contributing 3.4 points, three rebounds, 1.4 steals and 1.6 assists, and starting senior point guard Rory Farmer is averaging 2.4 points, two rebounds and 1.4 assists.

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Skating at Fifth Third Field during WinterFest 2014. (Press file photo by Scott Grau)

Lourdes adding women's wrestling as varsity sport

Lourdes University has announced that the school will add women's wrestling to its varsity sport lineup beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year and that Kate Hill will serve as the team's head coach.



Kate Hill

"Women's wrestling has been growing on the collegiate level throughout the country," Athletics Director Janet Eaton said. "We are excited to add the sport here at Lourdes, as it complements our diverse athletics offerings already in place."

The Gray Wolves will compete in the NAIA, where the sport is in its second season as an invitational sport.

There are 28 NAIA institutions that sponsor women's wrestling for the 2019-2020 season, and several other schools have announced plans to add the sport for next season.

Lourdes joins NCAA member Tiffin University as the only schools in the state of Ohio to sponsor varsity wrestling.

Hill arrives at Lourdes after serving as a graduate assistant at Campbellsville University since the summer of 2018. During the 2018-2019 season, Campbellsville finished fourth at the NAIA National Invitational as a team while producing a national champion and a pair of national runners-up. Upon her departure from Campbellsville midway through this season, the Tigers were ranked second in the latest NAIA Coaches' Poll.

"Coach Hill has a passion for wrestling," Eaton stated. "I am confident that she has the ability to start our program based upon her enthusiasm and knowledge of the sport. She was a successful student-athlete on the mat and will be able to bring that knowledge to Lourdes."

Hill wrestled four seasons at Campbellsville, helping the Tigers win a WCWA National Championship her senior season. Individually, she earned All-American honors on the mat in 2018.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to start the women's wrestling program at Lourdes University," Hill said. "Not only do I believe that Lourdes is the ideal location to build a successful program, but it is also the ideal university to have successful athletes. The University's dedication to service and academics produces individuals that make the world better. My goal is to positively impact young women with regards to their ability to wrestle, academics,



sportsmanship, work ethic, and faith. I am so grateful to be here."

Hill has also served as a volunteer coach for Team Michigan at the USA Wrestling Freestyle National Championships. (— Ryan Wronkovicz/Lourdes Athletics)

Skate outdoors at WinterFest

An 18-day celebration of winter and all things to do in Toledo awaits us all, as Winterfest presented by ProMedica will be held at Fifth Third Field, beginning Thursday, December 17, 2020 through Sunday, January 3, 2021

The baseball grass surface at the ballpark will make way for a frozen sheet of ice to be installed, with events to include two outdoor games played by the Toledo Walleye.

But wait, there's more! Public Open Skate sessions, presented by Marathon, will give people a chance to lace up the skates and be part of the outdoor fun. More than 10,000 people skated on the outdoor rink during the last Winterfest event held December 2014-January 2015, and with eight more days this time around, there will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy a leisurely skate on the ice.

Sign up to be first in line to choose your time and date when reservations open for the Winterfest Open Skate sessions. Go to www.toledowalleye.com/winterfest and fill out an interest form. (— Andi Roman/Toledo Walleye)

Toledo, Detroit alumni hockey

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Slovak set for soccer, but committed to three sports

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Clay senior Kennedy Slovak is already set to play NCAA Division II soccer at the University of Findlay next year.

However, as a senior, Slovak is going to do her best to make sure the Clay basketball and softball teams have good seasons.

She has been playing soccer since age 5, and by the time she was eight she was playing all three.

"I've pretty much played all three since I was younger and I've pretty much stuck with them all the way through. I have to say soccer is my favorite just because of the level I am at, but I enjoy playing basketball," Kennedy said.

Kennedy is accomplished, having made all-league teams in all three sports, including Three Rivers Athletic Conference first team goalkeeper, second team all-league and all-district shortstop in softball, and honorable mention in basketball.

"I've enjoyed her accomplishments here at Clay — they have been phenomenal," said her father and basketball coach Corey Slovak. "She's been a part of two TRAC championships in soccer, she's been a part of two TRAC championships in softball, she's been part of a district championship in soccer—first time Clay has ever done it.

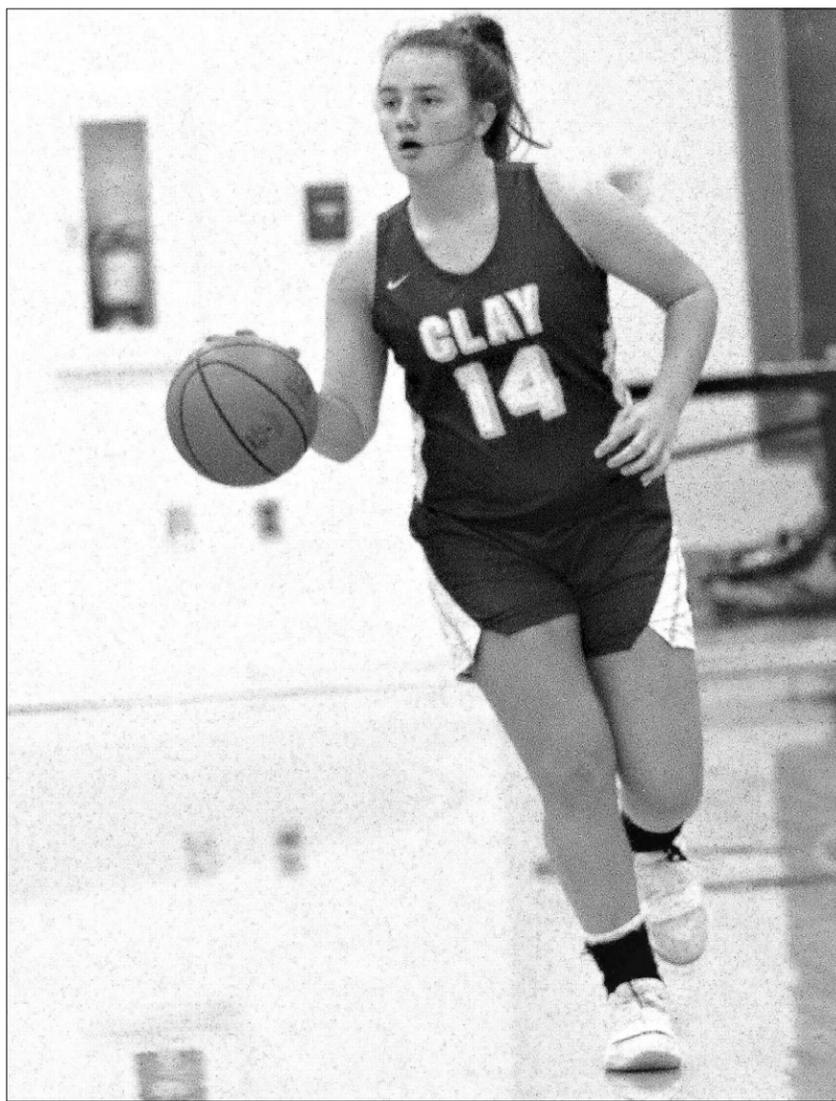
"And, a part of a district championship in softball, so I think she's one of very few who can say that. I know there are only two girls now and maybe for a long time who have had two district championships in two different sports at Clay. But beyond that, I'm most proud of her because she's coachable and she's a fantastic teammate, so that's where I beam with pride is watching her be a great teammate and be successful.

"One of the accomplishments that she will never bring up, but I will, is that she is a three-time TRAC goalkeeper of the year, which has never been done. That was kind of a neat thing for her this year to hang her hat on — combine that with the first-ever district championship. That is a senior season fairy tale, right there.

"It's been a great career, but it's that she's been such a great teammate, and that is a credit to her, her coaches, her travel coaches, and everybody who chirps in her ear but me."

Last fall, the Clay girls soccer team was 11-6-1, losing in a Division I regional semifinal to eventual state runner-up Anthony Wayne, 2-1. Kennedy had 69 saves and was part of eight shutout victories.

At Findlay, she will join a team that went 14-3-2 last year, the most wins in a season since 1997, and won a Great Midwest Athletic Conference regular season championship advancing to the NCAA



Clay senior guard Kennedy Slovak. (Photo by Laura Bolander)

Division II regional final.

She will major in sports management and join AW players Hannah Rybicki and Emily Gardner and Notre Dame standout Alyssa Stark at UF.

"We should be solid," Kennedy said. "I've actually been playing with Emily since I was five. I have not played with Hannah, but I know her, and Alyssa — I've been playing with her since I was 5, too, so that is really cool."

She had some inside roads to Findlay — head coach James Walker was her travel coach with the Pacesetters before he took over the Findlay program in January of 2018.

"He saw me play throughout my Pacesetter career and he recruited me through there," Kennedy said.

Clay coach Don Hess also played a major role.

"He has definitely pushed me to my limits, and I think that has helped me a

lot, and he's definitely formed me into the player I am," Kennedy said.

For the basketball team, Kennedy, a 5-foot-8 senior guard, is averaging nine points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals, leading the team in assists and steals and third in scoring and rebounding.

The team is led by 6-1 senior forward Olivia Henneman-Dallape, who is averaging nearly a double-double at 13.7 points and 9.9 rebounds. Alivia Rew, a 6-1 senior center, contributes with 6.6 rebounds. They all play for Kennedy's father, eighth-year coach Corey Slovak, which Kennedy enjoys.

"I like it actually," Kennedy said. "It has a lot of pros to it, but it also has a lot of cons because you have people who think that, 'Oh, she's only playing because her dad is the coach.' But, I like having him for the support and he is really supportive."

As a junior on the basketball team, she averaged seven points and five assists and had 43 steals and blocked 22 shots. As a

“ Since she's been eight or nine, she has played all three and it would not have happened without phenomenal, patient and great...coaches. ”

sophomore, she contributed five points, six rebounds and five assists.

This year, the Clay basketball team only has four wins (4-10 overall, 1-6 TRAC), and Kennedy is hoping the Eagles can get back to .500 before it is all said and done. On the soccer pitch and basketball court, she has found herself in a leadership role her senior year.

"I'm really close with everybody at Clay who plays sports, and especially for soccer, I was really close with the underclassmen and I think it helped them be more comfortable, and the same with basketball," Kennedy said.

Playing shortstop for coach Brenda Radabaugh, Kennedy batted .392 (31 for 79) with 18 runs, three home runs, 25 RBIs, eight stolen bases and was second team All-TRAC and first team Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press her junior year. As a sophomore playing second and third base, she batted .377 (26 for 69) with 19 runs, four HR, 30 RBIs and two SB.

She still plans to play softball for Clay, which is a perennial powerhouse in the TRAC and the Northwest District, budgeting her time, even though she could hang her hat on her soccer scholarship.

"I think what makes things kind of rare for her is nowadays she is able to manage school, time, club sports with high school sports. That's hard. That's difficult," her dad Corey said.

"Since she's been eight or nine, she has played all three and it would not have happened without phenomenal, patient and great AAU and travel coaches who were willing to work with us and our time schedule. So, we've been very fortunate with that. It's been a fun ride to watch, no doubt about it."

Corey says budgeting her time will still be a challenge at UF, but he doesn't plan to miss any soccer games.

"I'm not going to miss a second of her at Findlay — that is for sure," Corey said.



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Oak Harbor gets the big wins they were working for

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Oak Harbor girls basketball got a big win two weeks ago, coming from behind to defeat perennial powerhouse Clyde, 46-42, in overtime.

Senior guard Sophia Eli scored 14 and junior guard Kaitlin Paul and senior post Cora Domanowski scored 12 each to lead the Rockets, which made 12 of 14 free throws, including 7 of 9 in overtime. But it's been a long road to here for the Rockets.

The Rockets followed that on Tuesday by breaking a game deadlocked at 28-all after three quarters and defeated Clay, 44-38. Eli hit a big fourth quarter trey and finished with 16 points and junior post Auna Tack scored 14.

Last week, Oak Harbor took on a good Perkins squad, taking a 16-11 first quarter lead. Then the roof fell in as the Pirates, now 11-2 overall and 5-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division, went on an 18-3 run and won 53-41, despite 20 points from Eli.

The Rockets are 5-8 overall and 2-3 in the Bay Division, but five of the six teams they lost to are a combined 41-7.

"This season has been a great challenge for our players," said eighth-year coach Tom Kontak. "With the reorganization of several of the league teams, there were voids in the schedule that needed to be filled. Those open dates were filled with high-level programs.

"The (league) teams we have played had a combined record of something like 34-5. So, right there you find out who you are and what you're made of. This group has been knocked down, but they have been resilient and steady, and gotten right back up."

There have been other big wins this season, like when Eli scored 25, sophomore guard Riley Steinbrick scored 15 and Tack scored 12 to rout Huron, 66-32. The Rockets were in charge quickly, leading 24-11 after one quarter and 41-17 at halftime.

The Rockets had a not-so-easy win in non-league action, hanging on to defeat a resurging Genoa team, 49-47, despite 16 points from Genoa sophomore Hannah Bradfield and 11 from 5-foot-10 junior guard Caitlin Cruickshank. For the Rockets, Eli scored 16, 5-11 senior post Madison Glaser scored 13 and junior guard Kaitlin Paul scored 11. Kontak likes these games against local teams that bring a stronger fan base.

"In the first half of the season there have been wins against Genoa, Clyde, and Clay — all local teams which creates a rivalry atmosphere," Kontak said. "So, those wins are very meaningful.

"As the season progresses, there will be tremendous challenges with this tough league for sure. We will continue to compete to improve to get ready for the tournament at the end of the season and hopefully have a chance to add another sectional title to this program's resume."

Oak Harbor came into the season with just two returning starters — Eli and Steinbrick. Steinbrick made 4 of 6 free throws in the win over the Fliers for her only points, but she knows her role on defense.

"Riley Steinbrick draws some defensive assignments. But, overall, we are a defensive by committee team," said eighth-year coach Tom Kontak.

Kontak says the challenge is getting everyone to understand their role, and the team will ultimately be alright.

"The key to this year's team will be for each player to understand their individual role, accept that role, and then be able to compete within that role at a high varsity level. For the majority of our players, this is their first experience to be playing in a full-time role as a varsity player," Kontak said.

"There will be times when our inexperience will show, but there will also be times when you will see the athletic ability this group shine. As a coaching staff, we look forward to this group getting better each and every day of the season," Kontak continued.

"The biggest challenge for this group is their inexperience and understanding that when things don't go as planned, you have to get back up and keep moving forward."

"Other challenges include responsibility and accountability to the team — to know that each and every possession matters. To compete every time down the floor on both offense and defense — not just some of the time, but each and every possession for your team and teammates."

Trying to offset 41-points

There have been tough losses, too. Oak



Oak Harbor post Auna Tack grabs a rebound. (Photo by Laura Bolander)



Oak Harbor senior guard Simone Eli (2). (Photo by Laura Bolander)



BOYS BASKETBALL

Team (League)	Overall
Oak Harbor (2-1, SBC Bay)	6 1
Eastwood (4-2, NBC)	8 2
Cardinal Stritch (4-0, TAAC)	9 3
Gibsonburg (3-3, SBC River)	4 5
Northwood (0-4, TAAC)	4 7
Genoa (3-3, NBC)	3 8
Lake (3-5, NBC)	3 8
Woodmore (0-6, NBC)	3 8
Clay (0-8, TRAC)	3 10
Waite (0-5, TCL)	1 12

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Eastwood (9-0, NBC)	12 3
Woodmore (6-4, NBC)	8 4
Lake (3-7, NBC)	7 8
Genoa (2-7, NBC)	6 8
Oak Harbor (2-3, SBC Bay)	5 8
Northwood (2-3, TAAC)	4 8
Gibsonburg (0-6, SBC River)	4 8
Clay (1-6, TRAC)	4 10
Cardinal Stritch (0-4, TAAC)	3 9
Waite (1-5, TCL)	1 13

(Records updated to January 16)

Harbor was down by 10 to Rossford, 46-36, entering the final quarter, but could not overcome a school-record 41 points scored by the Bulldogs' Sammi Mikonowicz, losing 58-56. Mikonowicz had 12 field goals and was 17 for 24 from the charity stripe. Tack scored 14, including a fourth-quarter trey that almost got the Rockets over the hump. Glaser added 13 points and Eli scored 12.

A 48-43 loss to Edison was similar — the Rockets trailed by five entering the fourth and just could not overcome a Chargers team that made 14 of 24 free throws. Eli was the only Rocket to get into double figures with 14 points.

Then, there was the 69-44 rout by Bowsher over Oak Harbor as sophomore guard Alysia Lawson scored 26. Tack and Glaser had 10 apiece for Oak Harbor. However, that was the season opener and Kontak says his team wants to win, and he's seeing it come to fruition more and more as they gain experience.

"This group cares very much about wanting to represent their school at the level of standards they know represents the program. They've practiced hard and have been very coachable. We will all continue to work very hard to represent our school and the Rocket logo on the front of our jersey the very best we can every time we step on the floor to compete," Kontak said.



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Wild Game Dinner presented by VFW Auxiliary Post 4906, 2161 Consaul St., Feb. 9, 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. Public welcome. Call 419-698-4411 for info or tickets. Public welcome.

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Euchre Tournaments at VFW 9816, 1802 Ashcroft Dr., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts played every other Saturday at 7 p.m.

Clay High School Class of 2000 is planning a 20-year reunion May 2, 2020. For more details and RSVP info, visit Clay2000reunion.wixsite.com.

Oregon Retired Firefighters Assn. meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon at the Oregon Inn.

Food for Thought Food Pantry at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church (corner of Coy and Navarre), open the second Tuesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. Please bring ID. Supplemental groceries provided to those in need.

Harbor View Historical Society Inc. and Museum, 2083 Autokee St., is open Thursdays 5-8 p.m. Admission is free. For info call 419-691-1517 or visit the museum’s Facebook page.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in the community meeting room near the cafeteria at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital. Guests welcome or join for a small fee. Contact Allan Hoar at 419-698-3733 or visit GreateasternTMC.ToastmastersClubs.org for info.

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

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., open the last Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. ID required.

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

James Wes Hancock Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. open weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Daily activities include bingo, cardio drumming, line dancing, fitness classes, exercise, Euchre, Bunco, Mahjong and health screenings. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. daily. \$2.50 donation suggested for seniors 60 and older; all others \$5.32. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. 419-698-7078.

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

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

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd.

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station at 2100 Tracy Rd. See Facebook page for info and updates.

Northwood VFW 2984 Fish Fries every Friday, 5-7:30 p.m. Chicken, steaks and shrimp also available. The post serves breakfast every Sunday, 9-11:30 a.m.

Adult Recreation for Northwood residents 18 and older at Arts, Athletics, Admin. Building at Northwood Schools (old high school), Mon. and Wed., 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon. Access to weight room, gym, marked walking track and indoor pickleball court. \$30 for unlimited visits; \$3 drop-in fee. Fitness classes \$3 per class Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-10 a.m. New this year: Northwood residents can have access to computers or the internet during these times. Seniors can walk the halls Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (no charge).

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

Free Home Safety Assessments and Smoke Detector Installation Program offered by Northwood Fire Department. To schedule an appointment, city residents may contact the fire chief at 419-690-1647 or email firechief@ci.northwood.oh.us.

Jerusalem Twp.

Board of Trustees meet the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month at 7 p.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

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

Genoa

Moms Are Be You-tiful in Christ Christian Moms Group will meet Jan 22 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, 204 Main St. Join the group for “Encouragement for Single or Lonely Moms.” Christian moms with kids of all ages are invited for fellowship, food and fun. Free childcare. For info, contact Patti Greenhill at 419-262-1165. New members always welcome.

Genoa Legion Breakfasts held the last Sunday of the month January-April, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy and applesauce. Dine in or carry out.

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

Genoa Senior Center, 514 Main St., open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Open for bingo at 9:30 a.m. on Monday; open at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. (reservations required 10 a.m. the day before). Blood pressure and blood sugar screenings offered 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.; Blood oxygen and blood pressure screenings offered the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. Educational/informational speakers on Wednesday; Pinochle Monday and Wednesday after lunch; Dominoes Friday after lunch. Reservations: 419-855-4491.

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

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

Luckey

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

Luckey Library, 228 Main St., presents: storytime for ages 3-7 every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Includes stories, finger plays, music and crafts; LEGO Club (K-5th grade) Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-1:50 p.m.; Men’s Shoot-the-Bull gatherings Monday at 9:30 a.m., coffee provided; Read to a Dog Program, Thursday (four 10-minute sessions available beginning at 4:50 p.m. — registration required). Home delivery of library materials to homebound Luckey residents is available by calling the library during regular hours at 419-833-6040.

Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St. programs include storytime Tuesdays at 11 a.m. — stories, songs, rhymes and movement for kids and caretakers; Kinderskills for ages 3-6 Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Call 419-666-9900 for info.

Northeast Area Senior Center: 705 N. Main St., provides programs and activities for adults 60 and over. Open Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm. Lunch served at noon. Call 567-249-4921 for info.

Walbridge VFW Bingo, 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 109 S. Main St. Lightning bingo at 1 p.m.; regular bingo at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Food and drinks available. New games; higher prizes. Sponsored by the Auxiliary. Call 419-666-0367 for info.

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

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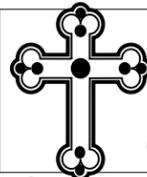
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Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

Inspirational Message of the Week: Transcendence

Transcendence occurs when we have an experience which gives us a glimpse beyond our mundane physical world. Sometimes this happens when we experience God in the stillness of prayer or solitude. Other times this happens when we confront the power or vastness of nature. The starry sky can overwhelm one with the sense of eternity, just as the power and size of the ocean can make us aware of God because we feel so small by comparison. Transcendent experiences where we feel the presence of God can’t be forced, but we can make ourselves ready for them, and put ourselves in situations where they are more likely to happen. Nature and solitude are two of the more common ways to foster transcendent experiences, but many people also get them through

being in sacred places, such as churches or temples. Some find the experience through works of art or music, and it can also come via our contact with holy men or women. Truly holy people often radiate God’s love so strongly that one feels God’s presence through that person. One problem with transcendent experiences is that they don’t last forever. Despite glimpsing eternity in the experience, we inevitably fall back into the humdrum monotony of everyday life, and that return can be a letdown. We should seek these experiences, but realize that they are but a glimpse of our ultimate origin and destination. “Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!” —Romans 11: 33 NIV

Northwood

Calvary Lutheran Ch.
1930 Bradner Rd./Corner of Woodville & Bradner Rds.
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Fellowship Breakfast/Learning: 9:15am
Sunday Worship: 10:30am
Pastor Robert Noble



Seventh-day Adventist Church
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NorthwoodAdventist.org
Saturday Worship: 11:00am
Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm

Welcome to our Church

Northwood Church of God

1838 S. Coy @ Curtice
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
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Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders shall submit proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders

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Statement of Qualifications should include information as required per ORC 153.06(D) 1-5, such as the firm's history; education and experience of owners, key technical personnel and employees; the firms experience in performing engineering studies, design, construction administration and construction observation; availability of the firm in terms of workload; the firms equipment and facilities; references; and any work evaluations performed for previous clients or the Village of Oak Harbor. Areas that require design may include water, sewer, storm drainage, transportation, electrical, parks and recreation, zoning, waterfront development as well as grant writing.

The Statement of Qualifications should be transmitted to: Village of Oak Harbor, Randall Genzman, Administrator, 146 N. Church Street, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449-0232, in a sealed envelope marked "Professional Design Services".

As required by ORC 153.65-71, responding firms will be evaluated and ranked in order of their qualifications. Following this evaluation, Oak Harbor will enter into contract negotiations with the most highly qualified firm as design work becomes available.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Woodville Township has filed its Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019 with the Auditor of State. The report is on file and available to the public in the Fiscal Office which is located in the Woodville Township Volunteer Fire Station, 321 E. Main Street, Woodville, Ohio, 419-849-2492.

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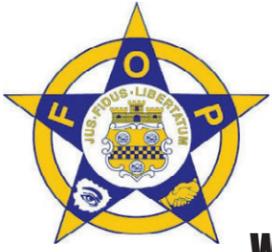
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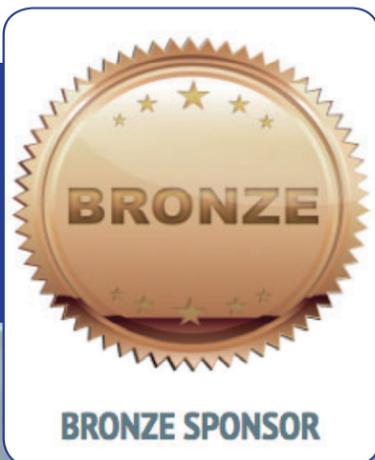
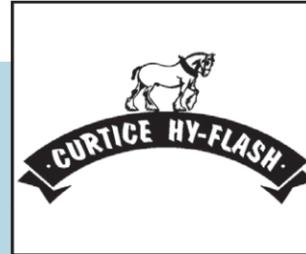
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