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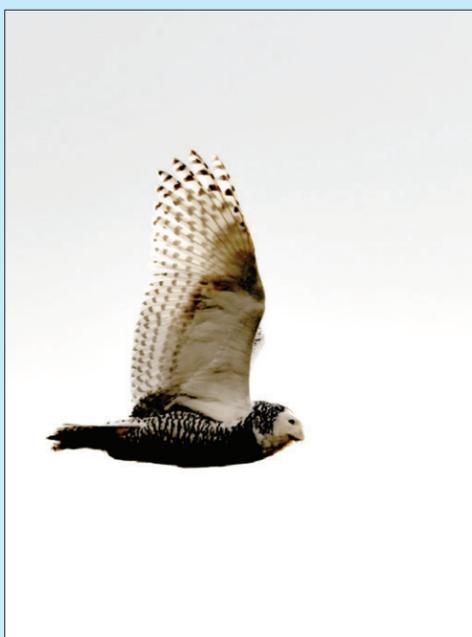
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Owl spotting

A Snowy owl is spotted perched, and taking off from a utility pole near Genoa. Snowy owls are just one of the five bird species not to be missed this winter season. See page 10, Entertainment. (Photos by Katie Boss)

Drug seizures increase in Ohio

The Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OOCIC) – a collaborative effort involving federal, state and local law enforcement agencies – seized more than \$42 million in illegal drugs in 2021, surpassing the \$29 million in confiscations the previous year.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and Homeland Security Special Agent-in-Charge Vance Callender announced last week that OOCIC's major drug interdiction task forces confiscated more heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamines, and cocaine in 2021 than in 2020. More marijuana was confiscated in 2020 than in 2021.

The one-year increase in seizure amounts is attributable to the addition of an OOCIC task force, the expansion of other OOCIC task forces, increased levels of drug trafficking in Ohio, and the culmination of long-term investigations, Yost said. Also in 2021, OOCIC task forces seized 7,906 opioid pain pills and 1,205 other prescription pain pills.

"The law enforcement officers of our major drug interdiction task forces are guardians on the wall, protecting Ohioans from overdoses and death by seizing narcotics before they are distributed into our communities," Yost said. "Substantially larger quantities of heroin, fentanyl and methamphetamine were interdicted in 2021 than prior years, proof of our task forces' vigilance to stay ahead of drug traffickers. I look forward to OOCIC's continued success in 2022."

The task forces, formed through partnerships with Homeland Security Investigations and local law enforcement agencies statewide, are funded through RecoveryOhio, in concert with the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio Criminal Justice Services.

"The continued success of the task forces this past year can directly be attributed to the tireless efforts of police officers and special agents working together to arrest and prosecute those who seek to profit on the addictions of others," Callender said, "HSI brings national and international resources

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Wood County Commissioners OK 2022 appropriations

By Larry Limpf
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To fund the county's operations in 2022 the Wood County commissioners have approved appropriations of approximately \$47.6 million – an increase of about 4.6 percent from what they appropriated for 2021.

In a letter to elected officials, the commissioners say the county's basic governmental operations have proceeded better this year than in 2020 despite the continuing pandemic.

"Due primarily to continuing robust sales tax collection, Wood County remains in a strong financial position," the letter says. "The only significant revenue source that has declined appreciably is interest income – a direct result of interest rates remaining below one percent. We will continue to monitor revenues while planning for expenditures by using sound budget principles. The other significant dilemmas facing county offices are a shortage of potential employees and wage pressures from employers throughout Wood County."

The commissioners have already allocated \$21 million in the permanent improvement fund for an expansion and renovation of the county jail and will use the fund to pay for upgrades to a court room,

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including access improvements to a restroom, improvements to the electrical system, new carpeting and paint.

Discussions on replacing the county highway garage will continue in 2022, the letter says.

Two new full-time positions were approved for next year: an application development manager to assist the courts with information technology and a new patrol deputy in the sheriff's office. The cost of the deputy will be reimbursed through a township policing agreement.

"In the past year it has become increasingly difficult to attract people to fill vacant

county jobs," the commissioners write. "In order to address this and take steps to keep existing staff we agreed to provide a wage increase of 4 percent to employees in all commissioners' departments as well as those in the prosecutor's, recorder's, court secretary, and public defender's offices for 2022. An increase to reflect this percentage will also be made to the salary items, not including grants, for all remaining elected officials and general fund departments (including the board of elections) to be distributed as they see fit to staff currently on their personnel services schedule."

In addition, to address wage pressures the commissioners approved lump-sum payments for 2022 only to employees:

- Regular, full-time employees currently being paid 46,000 or less will receive a payment of \$2,000
- Regular, full-time employees currently being paid \$46,000 up to \$62,000 will receive a payment of \$1,000
- Regular, full-time employees currently being paid \$62,000 up to \$72,000 will receive a payment of \$500

The payments will be made in halves in January and July.

"Employees from any office or department who have already received a lump sum payment, bonus payment, or any other similar payment in 2021 are not eligible for these lump sum payments," the letter says.

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(From left) John Havens, Sandusky County Bicentennial chairman, awards Laurie Young, Sandusky County Communities Foundation executive director, a check for \$9,280. Havens is assisted by Peggy Courtney, bicentennial treasurer, and Dave Thornbury, bicentennial vice president. The bicentennial used the grant funding to purchase and create a traveling museum, and it was thrilled to be able to return the money to allow the communities foundation to award it to another worthy project in the future. (Submitted photo)

Grant funds returned

The Sandusky County Bicentennial Committee last month returned \$9,280 it received in grant funding from the Sandusky County Communities Foundation to be used for other causes.

The communities foundation had awarded the money to the bicentennial in 2019 to be used for the bicentennial traveling museum, a trailer outfitted with museum panels, exhibits and artifacts sharing Sandusky County's diverse history. The museum traveled across the county to various events briefly in 2020 and throughout 2021, which was the bicentennial's

"200-plus-one year" due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the bicentennial ended in October 2021, the committee sold the trailer to the Sandusky County Emergency Management Agency, allowing the committee to return the money to the communities foundation.

"We greatly appreciated that we got the grant, but we felt that with the sale of the trailer, it was only right to give the money back so that they could use it to fund other projects in the community," said John Havens, Sandusky County Bicentennial chairman.

For information on the Sandusky County Bicentennial, visit www.bicentennial2020.org.

	2021	2020
Heroin	15 pounds	8 pounds
Fentanyl	187 pounds	87 pounds
Methamphetamine	472 pounds	168 pounds
Cocaine	297 pounds	135 pounds
Marijuana	2,478 pounds	3,117 pounds
Firearms	167	106
Currency	\$4,582,640	\$6,640,020

With the exception of marijuana, more drugs were seized in 2021 than in 2020 by the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission task forces.

Drug seizures

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to Ohio law enforcement so not only local dealers are arrested, but also the leader/organizers who are the source of supply for local criminal networks and across the U.S. We want to ensure the broadest impact is brought to those who ultimately profit from these international conspiracies."

In April, the task force worked with the Toledo Police Gang Unit and the Toledo Police SWAT Unit to execute a search warrant related to drug trafficking that originat-

ed in California. Suspect Brandon Moore was arrested and charged with multiple trafficking-related felonies and weapons charges after more than 20 pounds of marijuana, other drugs, a loaded pistol and \$48,000 were seized.

The task force includes the Toledo Police, the sheriff's offices in Lucas and Wood counties, Homeland Security Investigations, the FBI, the Toledo Drug Task Force, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Perrysburg Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Ohio, the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office and the Wood County Prosecutor's Office.

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Remediation work continues

Environmental remediation work at the former Brush Beryllium site near Luckey continues, including the removal of buildings to provide access to potential contaminated soil underneath. By mid-July, the Army Corps of Engineers deconstructed seven buildings and the debris was disposed at U.S. Ecology in Belleville, Mich. A contract was awarded in August to complete soil remediation. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Week ending Dec. 24

Allen Township

12/21/2021 Sander Farms LLC to Thomas Michael Wojciechowski and Tracy Michelle Wojciechowski, 0 Walbridge Road, \$48,000.

Benton Township

12/22/2021 Robert F Beyer and Becky Ann Beyer to Trey James Hartman, 0 Gray Town Road (78.344 acres), \$430,892.

12/23/2021 Gregory C Worden and Amber M Worden to James Vermilyea and Kathryn Vermilyea, 15051 West State Route 2, \$120,000

Carroll Township

12/21/2021 Daniel R Youngpeter and Susan L Hohenbrink (2/5 interest) to Lois A MacLennan, Cynthia J Ginter and Kay M Clark, 9415 West Hollywood, \$140,000.

Clay Township

12/21/2021 Roland Hansen Jr (Successor Trustee) to Debra Gugle and Larry G Gugle, 235 Third Street, \$68,000.

12/23/2021 David A Spurgeon and Suzanne M Spurgeon to Kyle A Kinsey, 21520 West Hellwig Road, \$167,000.

Genoa Corp

12/21/2021 Neil Bower and Debra Bower to Nadine Bower, 309 West 10th Street, \$80,000.

12/21/2021 Ryan R Emmett to Janelle Crump, 607 Superior Street, \$150,000.

12/21/2021 Curtis N Carr and Karli A Carr to Gale Despones and Frank Despones, 103 East 3rd, \$103,000.

Harris Township

12/20/2021 Stephanie L Gray to Jeramiah

Real Estate Transfers

Garner, 17087 West State Route 105, \$73,700.

Elmore Corporation

12/21/2021 Lucas J Wilson and Suzanne Wilson to Molly J Dresser, 234 Ottawa Street, \$120,000.

12/21/2021 Thomas Paule and Julie J Paule to Cade AT Burroughs, 329 Congress Street, \$108,750.

Catawba Township

12/21/2021 Marci Frederick and Mark Frederick and Joe Dale and Doug Dale to Craig P Trick and Andrea L Trick, 3865 East Vineyard Village Drive, \$140,000.

12/21/2021 Joseph F Edinger to Lee A Short Revocable Trust dated September 3, 1999- Lee A Short as Trustee, 3638 Rock Cliff Road, \$60,000.

12/23/2021 David B Erwin, Bartholomew W Erwin, and Robert D Erwin II -Successor Trustees to Quint R Smith and Donna P Smith-Trustees of Quintin R Living Trust, 3421 Northeast Catawba Road, \$1,200,000.

Danbury Township

12/20/2021 The Estate of William C Mack to Gregory L Swartzmiller and Diane L Swartzmiller, 8217 Lake Boulevard, \$750,000.

12/21/2021 Thomas H Petersen and Judith M Petersen to Eric J Kush II and Stephanie M Kush, 0 Lake Boulevard, \$235,000.

12/21/2021 Louisville Title Agency of N.W Ohio to Gregory Breck and Vicki Breck, 2262 South Harbor Bay Drive, \$139,900.

12/22/2021 M.V.P Ltd to Jonathan D Brown and Jessica C Brown, 2026 South Emerald Shores Drive, \$110,000.

12/22/2021 Daniel J Jadwisiak Trustee of the Daniel J Jadwisiak Living Trust to John Tucholski and Carrie Tucholski, 5677 East Bayshore Road, \$370,000.

12/22/2021 Mark R Harris to Scott R Harris, 7931 East Harbor Road, \$700,000.

Port Clinton Corp

12/22/2021 Randy Ruggles and Lynne E Ruggles to Robert E Grove and Elizabeth D Tucker-Grove, 706 Clinton Street, \$200,000.

12/22/2021 Joseph L Theibert and Jenny M LeJeune aka Jenny M Theibert to Joseph C Gerber and Maureen H Gerber, 519 East Eleventh Street, \$109,890.

12/23/2021 Daniel G Mallory and Kyong Hui Mallory to David D Hardy and Tammy R Hardy, 1004 Glendale Drive, \$305,000.

Portage Township

12/22/2021 JDM Island Development LLC to Stephanie McMillion-Trustee of the Stephanie W McMillion Trust, 2656 East Harbor Road Unit C-1, \$169,808.75

Salem Township

12/22/2021 Catherine Bowman and Garry Bowman to Eric Robert Sigurdson aka Eric R Sigurdson, 2411 South Stephanie Lane, \$36,000.

Library construction project underway

The building project which will add a new wing to the main branch of the Birchard Public Library of Sandusky County in Fremont is underway.

Footers are being poured, and the new parking area is being excavated and compacted. Piping for storm water is being laid, and the underground water retention system is scheduled to be installed the first week of January.

"It's exciting to see progress being made. There is a great view of the project from the windows on the west end of the building," said Pam Hoesman, library director.

Mosser Construction, Inc., is the construction manager of the project and the Buehrer Group from Maumee is the architect. Major funding for this community facilities project is from USDA Rural Development. A partnership with Terra State Community College added funds from the State of Ohio for the planned technology wing, which will include a makerspace, recording studio and a tech training classroom.

The Birchard Library Association Foundation is conducting a fundraising campaign which will acknowledge donations on a wall adjacent to the new checkout desk in the library.

More information is available at www.birchard.org.

Blood needed

Historically low blood supply levels not seen in more than a decade persist for the American Red Cross, which supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. The ongoing decline comes at a time of year when donations typically fall. Holiday get-togethers, school breaks and winter weather often lead to lower donor turnout, potentially further compounding the situation.

Potential donors are urged to schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Plat request on commission agenda

The Wood County Planning Commission will consider a request for a plat approval in Middleton Township during the commission's Jan. 4 meeting.

The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at the county office building in Bowling Green.

McCarthy Builders and Feller Finch & Associates have submitted a preliminary plat, The Village at Riverbend Phase 3, for review. It covers about 140 acres.

Catherine Michael Knoop

~Attorney at Law~

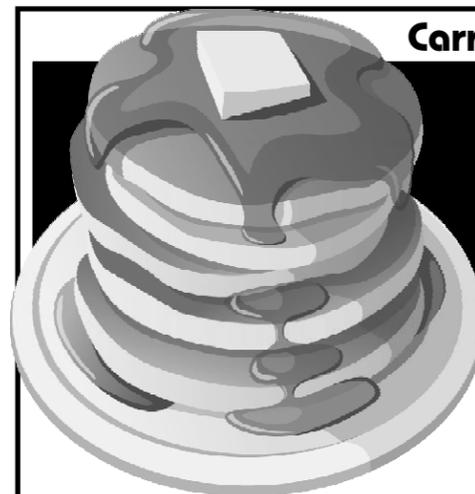


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Toledo History Museum has big plans for 2022

By Larry Limpf
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Lou Hebert, a member of the board of trustees of the Toledo History Museum, spent hours of his time in 2020 compiling a weekly column of local history events.

"This Week in Toledo's Past" has been a popular column with readers of The Press over the past year and, for Hebert, it is a labor of love to research the items that make it into his column. In addition to old newspapers, he pores over history books, articles, museum files and photo archives.

"Hours of plain old reading time," he said. "It's actually something I truly enjoy doing. Those old papers are a treasure trove of hidden gems," he said.

Some examples of the gems he's uncovered:

- Toledoans were reporting sightings of UFOs in 1901. They described mysterious lighted airships in the night skies that moved with fast acceleration in erratic patterns.
- The vice mayor of Toledo and several other prominent men were arrested for "tar

“Those old papers are a treasure trove of hidden gems.”

and feathering" a man who refused to buy Liberty Bonds at the start of World War I.

• The man who built the Burt Theater on Jefferson Ave. would almost die in front of the theater after he was shot by his wife. He would live and later oversee the Pan American Exposition in San Francisco.

Several special exhibits and projects are being planned for 2022 at the museum, including an exhibit to celebrate the service of local veterans of World War II and the construction of the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"That memorial became a reality as the result of the efforts by many people, but especially Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who never gave up her tireless campaign

to have it built. It is a grand tribute to all of those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice during that war. The Toledo History Museum's exhibit will be centered around one of only two architectural scale models of the memorial, which we have been given by the Smithsonian Institute," Hebert said, adding details will be announced later.

Depending on the severity of the pandemic, the museum may bring back its popular bus tours of Toledo's infamous crime and prohibition venues.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed and our masks on in hopes we can restart those tours in 2022," he said.

Last year the Toledo Zoo loaned what's been called an "aboriginal dugout canoe" to the museum. The canoe's local history may date back to the East Toledo area in the early 1800s when it was given to the pioneer family of Luther Whitmore, Jr.

"He was, according to some accounts, an Indian agent who worked with local tribes in the area. If the canoe's origins are indeed aboriginal, the canoe is a rare artifact representing the Northern Ohio Native American history culture," Hebert said.

"We are grateful to have it and are now working with the Toledo Area Aboriginal Research Society to verify its authenticity and story through research and carbon dating."

He said he's intrigued by the characters his research has uncovered. From Benjamin Stickney, who named his sons "One" and "Two"; to Pauline Steinem, the fiery independent politician who was the first woman to hold elective office in the city and whose granddaughter, Gloria, would follow in her feminist footsteps.

Ella Stewart, a pharmacist, set up a shop on Indiana Avenue and dispensed wisdom and courage along with prescriptions and became a leader in the Civil Rights movement.

"As we walk down the street of this brand new year, 2022, who knows what history will be written into the pavement of Toledo's timeline. At the Toledo History Museum, we hope to be part of it, and a relevant part of the area's vibrance as we strive to give our fair city's very rich history - a future," Hebert said.

The museum is located at 425 N. St. Clair St.

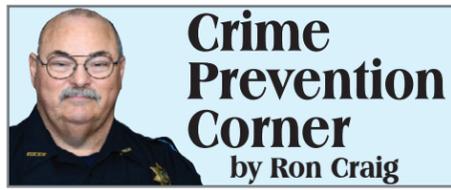
"See something, say something" still relevant in today's world

While the mantra, "see something, say something" was first widely used immediately after 9/11, it is still relevant today.

I recently wrote a column about the rash of car break-ins that has been occurring in the Lake Township area. Those incidents are continuing, despite our department's charging of several people with these crimes. That should be an indication of how widespread this problem is, and how many people are involved.

Last week, a neighbor told me that two nights prior, she saw someone going around the neighborhood shining a flashlight into cars. The logical deduction would be the person or persons were looking for valuables inside the cars. I asked her if she called 9-1-1 to report this, knowing I had heard nothing about it occurring in my neighborhood, and she said no. Really?

Seeing someone shining a flashlight



Crime Prevention Corner
by Ron Craig

“...but if people become complacent and don't call to report it, it makes it nearly impossible to catch criminals and prosecute them.”

into cars in the middle of the night should prompt an immediate call to 9-1-1.

I recently heard someone complain that it doesn't do any good to call the police because they don't do anything about the situation anyway. Yes, it may be true by the time we arrive on scene, the perpetrators are gone, but if people become complacent and don't call to report it, it makes it nearly impossible to catch criminals and prosecute them.

By the way, the area from which this person who complained that it doesn't do any good to report crime is one of the areas that has been the hardest hit with car break-ins and resulting thefts of items.

Again, one of the biggest problems law enforcement faces in dealing with these types of incidents is the reluctance of people to report what they see. Many times, people think someone else will report it,

but if everyone thinks the same thing, no one reports it.

We can all make a positive impact by being observant to things going on around us. This is true in many cases, from terroristic threats to thefts.

If you see something unusual that may be a crime in progress, you must ask yourself how you would feel if it turned out to be a crime and you could have done something to stop it but you didn't. There are those who may not be bothered by this, but any decent person should be.

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

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Jan. 3-7. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

- Jan. 3:** Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 4:** WIC Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 5: 60+ Clinic - Danbury, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 6: Reproductive Health/HealthChek Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; COVID Vaccine Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

Jan. 7: COVID Clinic, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

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

December 26 – 31

Dec. 26

1916 - Wilson Brown, one of the Union soldiers group known as the famous Andrews' Raiders of the Civil War, dies at his home in East Toledo. The Medal of Honor winner is buried in a cemetery in Wood County north of Bowling Green.

1919 - Lucas County jail is raided by four men who shoot one guard and lock up three deputies, setting a convicted killer and two safe-breakers free.

1942 - The little Village of Caraghar, 20 miles west of Toledo, changes its name to Assumption.

1954 - Ohio Bell reports that Christmas Day required 375 phone operators to handle over 16,000 holiday greeting calls from all over the world.

1961 - Nickles' Bread Company advertises their "Butter-Nut" bread and that they are Toledo's only remaining bread company with "home delivery."

1971 - Toledo Metro Parks begin push to acquire many new parcels of land to preserve for future park use. Areas targeted include Oak Openings, Swan Creek and the Maumee Riverfront.

Dec. 27

1887 - Town of Put-in-Bay is established amid fanfare of great and rowdy celebration.

1897 - Sun Oil reports that 1,786 new oil wells were drilled in Wood County during the year. Two-hundred of them were dry.

1905 - Entertainer and comedian, Cliff Arquette, known as "Charlie Weaver" is born in Toledo.

1923 - Michael Owens, the man who helped make Toledo the "Glass Capital of the World" with his innovative bottle making machines, takes his last breath at the age of 65. Owens was at work in his Toledo office when he suffered a sudden heart attack.

1937 - Toledo City Council approves ordinance to outlaw personal possession or discharge of fireworks within city limits. Only public displays will be permitted.

1949 - Tiedtke's store in Toledo holds "After-Christmas" sale offering men's work



Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert

jackets for 88 cents, and boys' sweaters \$1. 1953 - Car plunges off Cherry Street Bridge into Maumee River. Five young Toledoans were who having a "night on town" were drowned.

Dec. 28

1905 - Perrysburg Marshall Frank Thornton is mortally wounded in a shoot-out on the streets of downtown Perrysburg with safe-crackers. They had just robbed the Central interurban car barn in Toledo and were on their way through Perrysburg as they made their escape. Thornton died several weeks later from his wounds.

1915 - Toledo Mayor Carl Keller indicted for bribery by a Lucas County grand jury, accused of accepting kickbacks for contracts.

1921 - Toledo Police Patrolman William Reed, 31 years of age, shot to death while questioning suspect.

1938 - Southwesterly winds blow Maumee River water into Lake Erie, dropping water levels below the water supply intake pipes, reducing water supply for a short time. Lowest water ever recorded on Maumee River.

1959 - WOHO 1470 Radio features "Hitch with Mitch" (Fred Mitchell) and the "Lucky 13- The potential hits of Tomorrow."

1978 - Coast Guard crew from Marblehead rescues 21 rabbit hunters who run aground on a tugboat near Pelee Island.

Dec. 29

1873 - City of Toledo's new public water system and supply is operating and providing clean, fresh water to homes and businesses through a system of underground pipes.

1894 - The Dayton and Michigan grain elevator in East Toledo erupts into flames, killing one workman and destroying over

600,000 bushels of corn.

1901 - Crowds of people on Cherry Street gawk in wonder at some strange lights in sky, about a mile high in the air. The witnesses claim this early "UFO" is some type of "airship", and they can see life forms inside of it. It hovers for over an hour and then vanishes.

1919 - As prohibition era evolves, Toledo's first murder involving illegal rum running takes place as 29-year old Siegfried Gross is gunned down by booze thieves on River Road in Toledo.

1937 - Erie Isles Airways plane crashes on Starve Island. Three passengers are killed, but the pilot is rescued.

1939 - Glenn Miller Orchestra performs at Tri-anon Ballroom in Toledo.

Dec. 30

1852 - First train arrives in Toledo via the newly established Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland Railroad Company.

1890 - Post office established in the small burg of Bays, Ohio in Wood County. Bays is now merely a ghost town of the era.

1918 - Influenza deaths continue in City of Toledo with 350 reported to have lost lives for the year, and 6,000 cases of influenza overall.

1932 - Toledo gangster wars continue as two mobsters and booze runners, Sam Kaplan and "Speedy Lampert" are slain in Monroe, Mich.

1938 - Car accident claims the life of BGSU President Roy Offenhauer.

1959 - Toledo police get new uniforms for first time in 25 years, with tan shirts replacing the blue shirts and white crowned hats.

Dec. 31

1863 - Green Island Lighthouse burns on Lake Erie.

1901 - The highly popular Casino theater and amusement park on Maumee Bay at Point Place burns to the ground.

1904 - Train accident and fire destroy the main East-West rail line over the Sandusky Bay between Ottawa and Erie counties.

1905 - Toledo Fire Department reports record breaking 700 fires in the city for the year.

1923 - Toledo Trust Bank is formed.

1931 - It's now reported that 8,000 people in Toledo are on direct relief as effects of the depression grow worse.

1949 - The end of an era is marked, as last trolley car runs on the streets of Toledo. The Monroe Street streetcar makes its final run and hundreds turn out to watch the trolley on its end-of-the-line trek through downtown Toledo.

Humane Society annual meeting

The Humane Society of Ottawa County (HSOC) will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison St., Port Clinton.

A general election will be held for the board of directors at the meeting. Incumbent board members Barb Ayers, Crystal Cleary and Mary Anne Koebel are running for reelection. There are also two open positions on the board.

Members of the HSOC are eligible to vote. Members include anyone who adopted a pet from the shelter in 2021; anyone who volunteers at the shelter on a regular basis; HSOC employees and anyone who donated to HSOC in 2021.

Ballots are available at the Humane Society office, 2424 E. Sand Rd., Port Clinton. Ballots may be mailed or emailed, upon request. Call 419-734-5191 or email HSOCpets@gmail.com to request a ballot.

Ballots must be returned to the Humane Society office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Anyone interested in serving as a board member may request an application from the Humane Society office. Nominations for board members will also be accepted from the floor during the annual meeting.

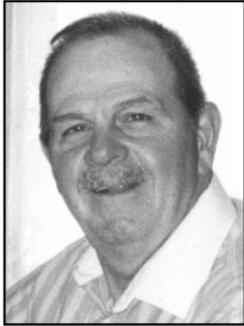
Call the shelter at the above number for more information.



Obituaries

Obituary**Francis L. Marlow-Mominee**

March 22, 1937 – December 23, 2021



Francis L. Marlow-Mominee age 84 of Oregon passed away Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Mercy St. Charles Hospital. Frank served in the U.S. Army and worked as an Ironworker with Local 55 for 50+ years. He was in a country music band where he sang and played guitar. Frank also enjoyed singing gospel music in the church choir and fishing with his friends.

Frank is survived by his wife Jeanne (Kleinhans); children Jerry, Perry, Troy, Cindy and April; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren; brother Cleo "Fritz" (Ann) Mominee Jr.; sisters Bonita Huffman-Kellk and Emily "Emy" Barraclough; and best-friend Butch (Kathy) Fletcher. He was preceded in death by his daughter Tammy; parents and siblings InaBye Schroeder, Robert "Sonny" Marlow, Mae Horvath, and Vaughn Marlow.

Thank you to St. Charles Mercy ICU and Palliative nurses for the excellent care Frank received. Thank you to Freck Funeral Chapel for their kindness and help.

A private visitation was held. Burial with military honors will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Freck Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions are appreciated to the American Heart Foundation or the Mercy Health Foundation of Greater Toledo.

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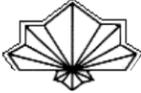
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A call to action

To the editor: With the holidays here and many people planning to gather to honor family traditions, we would like to remind you that it is important to protect your health and the health of others during this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Sandusky County, like the rest of the country, is again experiencing an overwhelming surge in cases of COVID-19 in our community. While this was not unanticipated, the impact on our community and health care system has reached a point of serious concern.

Local physician, Dr. Jennifer Hohman, MD witnesses first-hand the dramatic impact that COVID-19 is having on Sandusky County.

"The healthcare system and its workers were tired two years ago before the COVID pandemic. Now, that system and its team are exhausted. It is purely the heroics of the healthcare workers that have helped us to get this far but now they are running on fumes," Hohman said. "What started as a sprint now has turned into an incredibly long marathon. We need the help of every single person, doing everything possible to stop the virus or we will see even higher levels of death and disease."

It's important that citizens of Sandusky County understand the facts and prepare for what may be the most dangerous period of time during this pandemic.

Here's a summary of the current situation:

- Our local hospitals have reached, or are close to capacity.
- Most of the hospitals in Northwest Ohio are near capacity and some are now transferring local patients to outside of our region for care.
- Some operating rooms for outpatients in Toledo are temporarily suspending operations because nurses are needed on the floor to care for COVID patients.
- There is discussion that elective surgeries may need to be postponed due to a growing shortage of staff and beds.

If the current trend continues, our hospitals will be increasingly challenged. So, we are asking the public to please be part of the solution. Most people are aware of the recommended precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect ourselves and our families. It is time for all of us to take them seriously:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccine and booster as soon as you can.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
- Social distance (stay six feet away from others whenever possible).
- Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- If you must gather, consider home COVID-19 testing within 24 hours prior to the event.
- If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering.

We know this pandemic has been difficult, but if we work together as a community, we can minimize the spread of COVID-19. Please encourage friends, family and neighbors to take the recommended COVID-19 precautions. We have to be diligent and stay strong for the sake of our future.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will continue to work together to protect our community until this crisis is over.

Stay safe.
The Bellevue Hospital
ProMedica Memorial Hospital
NOMS Physicians: Dr. Bower,
Dr. Wonderly, and Dr. Hohman
Sandusky County EMS
Sandusky County Public Health
Community Health Services

Doing more than is expected has rewards

When you are short on time, and overloaded with tasks and obligations, it's tempting to do just enough to get by. Thinking, "why do more than necessary," is common. An all-too-common standard is that good is good enough. This low bar of mediocrity limits your achievements.

Instead of doing just enough, try doing more than is expected. This approach yields amazing results. Going beyond what people expect leads to incredible results because they are pleasantly surprised.

How much you do determines how you are perceived. Those who do more than is expected significantly enhance their reputation. Ralph was hoping to get a raise and promotion. He was a diligent employee who always completed whatever tasks he was given. When Ralph was done with an assignment, he would wait to be given whatever was needed next.

Carol worked for the same company as Ralph. However, Carol went above and beyond what was required. When all of Carol's projects were complete, she would look for what needed to be worked on next. Carol never waited for her next assignment. She always took initiative.

The next time a promotion became available it was given to Carol. Her boss appreciated that Carol was already performing at the level required by the new position. Although Ralph was a solid employee, he didn't do more than was expected.

Have a standard of excellence where good is not good enough. Always do just a little extra without being asked. Although



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

Ralph was reliable, he performed at exactly the level his current position required. However, Carol was always looking for extra ways she could be of value to her employer. Performing at the level you desire is an effective way to accelerate your progress to your desired goals.

Regardless of the work you are involved with, you have customers. You may have direct contact with those who patronize your employer. Even without direct customer contact, your boss is your customer, your coworkers are your customers, and any people you supervise are your customers.

Doing more than is expected means solving problems. Don't tell others what you can't do, always tell them what you can do. Be solution oriented. There's always a way to do something. This is the foundation of exceptional customer service.

People don't like to be told NO. In instances when you are requested to do something you can't do, instead of saying, "No, I can't do that," reply, "Here's what I can do for you." Using this approach shows that you are trying to help instead of being an impediment.

How you treat others has a huge impact. Too often people are rude. Always be polite. Use please and thank you. Ask people for what you want instead of demanding. By being more polite than expected, you will have more productive, and effective interactions. People respond better to being treated with respect than being talked down to.

Showing your gratitude has a positive impact. Small gestures mean a lot. Let people know you appreciate their efforts. Say thank you with a phone call, text, email, or a hand written card. Surprise someone with a small, unexpected gift. You are more likely to be treated with respect when you treat others well.

Take pride in all you do. Always be on the lookout for ways you can improve. A little extra goes a long way. Utilize the principle of the slight edge which states: A small amount of extra effort produces results far in excess of the effort required. A horse which wins the Kentucky derby by a nose is proof this works. The first place finisher can be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars more than second place. It pays to do more than is expected.

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A Great Reset - and a different burden of proof

By Thomas L. Knapp

In 2020, the world's political and economic elites gathered in Switzerland to discuss ways of restructuring society after the COVID-19 pandemic. The occasion: The 50th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, themed "The Great Reset."

That meeting and its theme give rise to a number of novel theories -- we're all going to be micro-chipped for constant tracking in a "social credit system" operated by a single world government, etc. - and in our 21st century authoritarian age, it's hard to blame anyone for fearing moves in that direction.

In my view, the World Economic Forum isn't just thinking in the wrong direction, it isn't thinking big enough. It's far too constrained in its goals, which revolve around bringing the world's regimes into closer conformity with each other and with the United Nations on issues like taxes, regulations, and

the bugbear du jour, climate change.

To put it a different way, The Great Reset is about finding ways to make it easier for the same people who've been running things for the last 400 years -- since the 1648 Peace of Westphalia, when the modern "nation-state" model we live under came into existence -- to remain in charge, doing the same things they've been doing, with even less inconvenient dissent from uppity serfs, forever and ever, amen.

In my opinion, we need a far Greater Reset than that. It's time to tear the whole Westphalian Model down to its component parts -- from its shearing of the public as sheep with taxation, to its periodic large-scale military and political holocausts, to its technocratic mismanagement and "sovereignty" disputes -- and demand that those parts justify themselves or be discarded.

As a panarchist, one of the most amusing demands I run into is that I prove

how, without monopoly government in the form it exists now, we wouldn't run into the problem of ... well, insert any major problem we already have.

They've had 400 years to solve Problem X, and haven't. Where Problem X is concerned, the burden of proof should be on them to prove how their solution is going to suddenly, magically start working when it never has before, not on me to prove that an untried alternative will solve what they haven't.

I don't expect to see a free society in my lifetime, but four centuries seems like a more than generous trial period for the Davos crowd's alternative. It's time to get moving toward A Greater Reset.

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Building community, a fruit tree at a time

By Jim Hightower

Some years ago, a young, hippyish couple knocked on my front door. They had noticed that I had fig trees in the yard, laden with summer fruit. If I wasn't going to pick them all, they asked, could they harvest some figs?

Since I was about to take a trip, I said: Sure, have at 'em.

Upon my return, as I stood at the door fumbling for my keys, I looked down — and there were two jars of delicious fig jam awaiting me.

A little common neighborliness can be deeply enriching, in so many ways.

I remembered my happy fig exchange recently when I read that a fast-growing, underground fruit economy is spreading in cities across America. Well, the movement is underground, but, naturally, the fruit is above ground and — like my figs — in plain sight.

"Urban fruit foraging," it's called. It's being organized spontaneously by local folks who look around their neighborhoods and see yards with trees bearing an abun-

dance of apples, plums, oranges, pomegranates, and other delights — an abundance that largely goes un-picked.

So, why not find ways to gather, distribute, and eat this "public fruit"? Cleverly, people are doing just that.

In Oregon, for example, the Portland Fruit Tree Project is a database of 300 trees for picking. The owners sign up, then alert foragers a couple of weeks before the fruit ripens so a harvest can be scheduled. Noting that one can only eat so many apples, one of the project's organizers says: "A fruit tree is really made for sharing with your neighborhood."

Others share with food banks, form backyard fruit co-ops, or put city-wide maps of available fruit on websites, or — well, come up with your own idea. To help guide you, check out fallenfruit.org.

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Winter brings interesting bird species to the Buckeye State

Winter may seem like a quiet time for wildlife, but in Ohio, birds and birding opportunities flourish during this season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The possibilities to view birds and wildlife are nearly endless at locations with suitable habitat, particularly state wildlife areas that feature large tracts of habitat managed for wildlife and are open year-round.

While some species migrate south during the winter, many of Ohio's resident birds, such as northern cardinals, screech-owls, woodpeckers, and several species of hawks remain here. Winter also brings new visitors from the north, such as pine siskins, northern shrikes, snow buntings, and dark-eyed juncos.

Below are five species not to be missed during this exciting winter season, with suggestions on where to find each one. Be sure to share the experience and take someone birding with you.

Sandhill cranes

Numbers of these large wading birds are increasing in Ohio. They are reliably found in areas with large tracts of wetland habitat, particularly in the Lake Erie marsh region. Sandhill cranes are often heard before they are seen, with their nasally bugles passing overhead. The cranes fly with their necks stretched out and feet trailing behind. A red crown on an adult bird easily differentiates it from the similarly sized and colored great blue heron.

Suggested viewing locations include Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (Ottawa County) along with LaDue Public Hunting Area (Geauga and Portage counties); Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area (Wayne and Ashland counties); Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area (Holmes and Wayne counties) and Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (Wyandot and Marion counties).

Tundra swans

Tundra swans are highly migratory, spending much of the year in the extreme northern reaches of North America. Tundra swans migrate to Ohio in the fall and are found in open marshes, lakes and flooded fields, where they are often in mixed flocks with trumpeter swans. Differentiating tundra swans from trumpeter swans is sometimes a challenge. An overall smaller size compared to a trumpeter swan and a yellow



Sandhill cranes are becoming more numerous in Ohio, particularly near areas with large tracts of wetlands. (Photo courtesy of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources)

low spot on the base of a black bill are good indicators of a tundra swan.

Suggested viewing locations include Magee Marsh Wildlife Area (Lucas and Ottawa counties), along with Deer Creek Wildlife Area (Madison County); Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area (Wayne and Ashland counties) and Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (Wyandot and Marion counties).

Snowy owls

By far one of the most well-known and sought-after birds on Ohio's winter landscape, snowy owls are easily identified by their mostly snow-white feathers and yellow cat-like eyes. Snowy owls spend most of the year in the Arctic tundra. The number of snowy owls in Ohio varies greatly from year to year and corresponds directly with the abundance of their primary prey, small rodents called lemmings, on their hunting grounds. Look for these beautiful owls in open fields and along rocky shorelines.

“ Winter also brings new visitors from the north... ”

Suggested viewing locations include Maumee Bay State Park (Lucas County) and Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area (Trumbull County) and Alum Creek State Park (Delaware County).

Bald eagle

One of the most iconic birds in Ohio, the bald eagle always excites when it flies overhead. Bald eagle numbers have in-

creased dramatically since they were nearly lost from the state in the 1970s. Adult eagles are unmistakable with their white head and tail bookending a brown-black body, while immatures retain an overall brown appearance for up to five years. Eagles may be seen actively building nests in the winter, and incubating eggs by late February.

Suggested viewing locations include Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area (Ottawa County); Delaware Wildlife Area (Delaware County); Caesar Creek Lake Wildlife Area (Clinton, Greene, and Warren counties) and along any of Ohio's largest rivers, such as the Muskingum and Scioto.

Visitors to Ohio wildlife areas are encouraged to be mindful of locations closed to the public, such as state and federal refuges where proper signage is displayed. Follow the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics at aba.org.

When venturing out to view birds, whether pursuing small songbirds or large birds of prey, it is important to have the right equipment. A good pair of binoculars, or even better, a spotting scope to magnify large birds at long distances, is worth the investment. Being able to truly appreciate birds' physical attributes that would not otherwise be seen with the naked eye will open the door to new and exciting experiences.

Consider these additional resources to help enhance your bird watching experience: Common Birds of Ohio field guidebook and Birds of Ohio field checklist, both available at wildohio.gov, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird online database and mobile app. The platform offered by eBird provides users an opportunity to serve as citizen scientists by contributing valuable information regarding bird populations. Learn more about the longest-running citizen science project in the world, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, at audubon.org.

Connect with the Division of Wildlife through Twitter and Facebook for instant news stories, outdoor recreation ideas, and local wildlife information. The Your Wild Ohio Explorer Facebook page provides wildlife watching tips and useful information as you get outside this season.

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“Snow People” on display at Glass City Metropark

More than 100 snowman cutouts, each with a unique design created by local individuals and groups, are on display through January at Glass City Metropark, located at 1001 E. Front St., in East Toledo.

Use the Morrison Street entrance to see all the Snow People in this drive-thru event called “Snowplace Like Metroparks.”

While at the Metropark, visitors are invited to stop in at the rooftop plaza at the Glass City Pavilion, where they can see some of the progress underway on phase 2 of the riverfront park.

Ongoing events

Through Feb. 27: “The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum,” Toledo Museum of Art, Levis Gallery. The exhibition explores armor made for the battlefield, tournaments and ceremonies, highlighting armor’s practical function and its cultural role as a symbol of personal identity, social prestige and the values of a heroic past. toledomuseum.org.

Through March 27: Chameleon Effects: Glass (Un)Defined, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit brings together historical and contemporary works from the museum’s collection to explore the spectrum of technical and formal possibilities of glass. toledomuseum.org.

Through May 15: Stan Douglas: Doppelgänger, Toledo Museum of Art, Canaday Gallery. The science fiction-inspired film centers around an astronaut named Alice who embarks on a solitary outer space mission. The work comprises two translucent screens, which can be viewed from either side and display parallel narratives that unfold simultaneously. toledomuseum.org.

Through June 19: “Out of the Dark: A Historic Journey,” Toledo Museum of Art. A digital exhibition in recognition of Juneteenth, an observance acknowledging the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. toledomuseum.org.

Jan. 15-May 1: “Living Legacies: Art of the American South,” Toledo Museum



of Art. A landmark exhibition organized by the Toledo Museum of Art will present the museum’s recent acquisitions of major works by African American artists from the southern United States. toledomuseum.org.

Ongoing: “Sign of the Times: The Great American Political Poster, 1844-2012,” Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. The exhibit explores a variety of styles, design trends and printing technology that will delight the eye, engage the imagination and lead you to ruminate over past political commitments. On loan from Exhibits USA/Mid-America Arts Alliance. Included with regular admission. Admission rates and advance tickets are available at rbhayes.org/visit-us/visitor-information/. Walk-ins are welcome. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

January

Dec. 29-Jan. 1: The Great Art Escape, Toledo Museum of Art. Bring family and friends to celebrate the season with a diverse array of events. Admission to the museum during the event is free; admission for special exhibitions, programs and parking apply. Register online at tickets.toledomuseum.org or call 419-255-8000, ext. 7448.

Through Jan. 2: Winterfest, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo. Outdoor hockey, open skate times, college hockey and more. toledowalleye.com/winterfest.

Jan. 8: Fremont Pigeon Club Show and Shop, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 8 a.m. Free. 419-483-3484 or larrygardner55@yahoo.com.

Jan. 8: Model Train Clinic, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 1-4 p.m. Bring your model train for some attention from train hobbyists, who will assist with advice related to mod-



el train maintenance and repair, as well as estimate the value of older model trains. Admission is \$5 for ages 6 and older. Kids 5 and younger are admitted free. Those who bring trains also can run their trains on the “Hayes Train Special” track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains. Call 419-332-2081 or visit rbhayes.org for more information.

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Jan. 9: Toledo Walleye vs. Fort Wayne Komets, Huntington Center, downtown To-

ledo, 5:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

Jan. 10-17: BOo COo Model Trains, Imagination Station, downtown Toledo. Marvel at a model train display decorated with miniature villages, cities and rural areas courtesy of BOo COo Trains. Children and adults alike will enjoy searching for hidden items within the wintry scene. Free with science center admission.

Jan. 26: Presidential History Book Club, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, noon-1 p.m., in person or online. Free. All are invited to read and discuss books about the American presidency at this free book club. To join online from a computer, smartphone or tablet, visit global.gotomeeting.com/join/128601789. The Access Code is 128-601-789. For information, contact Historian Dustin McLochlin at dmclochlin@rbhayes.org. Participants can bring their lunch. Call 419-332-2081 or visit rbhayes.org for more information.

Jan. 20: Reba McEntire, live in concert, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 7 p.m. Tickets purchased for originally scheduled dates of March 28 and July 17, 2020, and Aug. 7, 2021 will be honored. tickemtaster.com

Jan. 28, 29, 30 and Feb. 4, 5, 6: “Kalamazoo,” presented by Fremont Community Theatre, 1551 Dickinson St., Fremont. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Cost: is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors/military and \$5 for children in 12th grade or younger. Season tickets are \$50 for adults or \$40 for seniors and military. For more information, call 419-332-0695, follow Fremont Community Theatre on Facebook or visit fremontcommunitytheatre.org.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, please visit event websites and social media for updates on safety procedures and scheduling. For more events, visit presspublications.com, visittoledo.org, shoresandislands.com or sanduskycounty.org. Submit event information to twalro@presspublications.com for inclusion in calendar of event listings.

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Here’s a card to get you started!

Start by cutting out this form and interview family members:

What’s your full name?

When and where were you born?

When and where were you married?

Whom did you marry? (their name, date, and place of birth)

How many children did you have? (their names)

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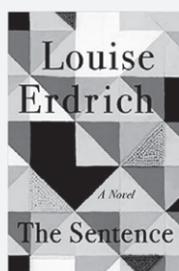
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For more information visit the Local History Department at Main Library or call 419.259.5233.

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Genoa and Elmore libraries offering Winter Read Program

Do you find yourself with the post-holiday winter blues?

Curl up with a good book and earn chances to win prizes while you're at it with the Winter Read Program at the Genoa and Harris-Elmore libraries.

Earn virtual tickets for each book that you read. Tickets will be entered into two grand prize drawings. Participate in January and February to earn extra tickets.

Registration opens Saturday, Jan. 8. Library staff at each branch can help with sign up and keep track for you, or sign up and track your progress online at <https://wandooreader.com/harriselmorelibrary/winter-read>. Collect a small prize when you sign up at the library.

All ages are welcome to participate. The program runs through Monday, Feb. 28.

Prizes include:

January grand prize drawing:

Kids: Mitten fidget popper.

Teens: Movie tickets.

Adults: Hot chocolate gift set.

February grand prize drawing:

Kids: Cookie dunker.

Teens: Game box.

Adults: \$15 gift card to a local business.

For more information or to sign up, call the Harris-Elmore Public Library at 419-862-2482 or the Genoa Branch Library at 419-855-3380.

2nd Saturdays R 4 Kids at Hayes Presidential

Kids can create a craft or participate in an activity relating to President Hayes' 200th birthday during a free, monthly program at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.



Second Saturdays R 4 Kids will take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the museum.

Activities will focus on President Rutherford B. Hayes' birthday bicentennial, which is Oct. 4.

This event is open-house style, so participants can stop by any time between 9:30-11:30 a.m. to complete the activities. This program is focused for kids in kindergarten through third grade, but kids of any age are welcome to participate.

The 2022 schedule includes Saturdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Activities for each month are to be announced. For information on Second Saturdays R 4 Kids, contact Education Coordinator Joan Eardly at 419-332-2081, ext. 246, or jeardly@rbhayes.org.

Second Saturdays is sponsored by Mosser Construction.

Visit rbhayes.org for details on other programs and events.

Model Train Clinic

Veteran model train hobbyists will be available to offer advice about train repair and help estimate the value of trains at the annual Model Train Clinic Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Hayes Presidential Library &

Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont.

The clinic will be held from 1-4 p.m. in the museum auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per person ages 6 and older. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free.

Tickets are available in advance online at rbhayes.org/events/2022/01/08/events/model-train-clinic/ and in-person the day of the event.

Those who bring trains to the clinic can also can run their trains on the "Hayes Train Special" track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains.

"The Hayes Train Special" is Hayes Presidential's annual model train display, where model trains run through a Victorian holiday scene and delight visitors of all ages. It is on display through Sunday, Jan. 9. Admission to the display is free. There will be a donation box for those who want to make a gift to Hayes Presidential.

Visitors and train clinic participants can watch them wind through tunnels and villages in this multi-tiered 12-foot by 24-foot exhibit. They can get involved by pushing buttons that run one of the trains, turn the Ferris wheel, send the ice skaters gliding across the pond and more.

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This presentation will be hybrid,

taking place in Meeting Room C at the Bowling Green Library and online via Zoom. Registration is required. To register, call 419-352-5050, email woodref@wcdpl.org, or register online at wcdpl.org.

Unruly Arts receives grant

The Board of Trustees of the Stranahan Supporting Organization of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation has approved a grant to Unruly Arts in the amount of \$45,390.

These funds will be used to create a digital art program for school-age youth and adults. Digital art is an artistic work or practice that uses digital technology as part of the creative or presentation process.

The impact of digital technology has transformed activities such as painting, drawing, sculpture and music/sound art, while new forms such as digital installation art and virtual reality have become recognized artistic practices.

The Stranahan Supporting Organization grant will be used to fund the purchase of iPad Pro tablets, rental of a dedicated building and a stipend for an artist in residence or a part-time instructor.

According to Studio Director Lori Schoen, "Digital art making allows the studio to increase the mediums available to the artists and in ways that might have physical or chemical limitations in traditional media. Studies have shown that this new technology will appeal to many youths currently not being served by any other program...especially those on the autism spectrum, youth interested in animation and visual effects, and artists with physical disabilities."

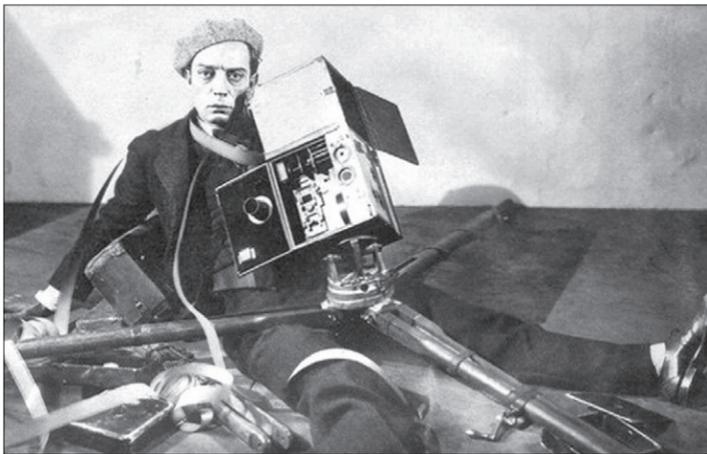
Live! In the House Concert Series to feature silent film classic

The Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society will present a silent movie night featuring Buster Keaton in "The Cameraman," Saturday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pemberville Opera House, 115 Main St.

The event is part of the ongoing Live! In the House Concert Series, which runs September through May.

In the silent film classic, a hapless would-be newsreel photographer is trying to get a foothold within MGM, mostly in order to win the sweet girl in the front office.

Pianist Lynne Long will once again grace and entertain audiences with her dynamic interpretation of this silent movie. A cum laude graduate of Bowling Green State University in piano performance, Long has



Buster Keaton stars as "The Cameraman" in the silent film classic that will be shown at the Pemberville Opera House Saturday, Jan. 8. (Submitted photo)

maintained a private piano studio in her home for more than 40 years.

Long performs and accompanies on a regular basis at a variety of functions in the Northwest Ohio area and accompanies silent movies in four different venues. She has recorded two CDs of sacred music. She also serves as president of the Grand Rapids Arts Council and coordinates the "Rhythm on the River" music series for the Historical Society of Grand Rapids.

Tickets for "The Cameraman" are \$12 and are available the door or in advance at Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., Pemberville, or by calling Carol at 419-287-4848.

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Monday, Jan. 17 Pulled Pork Sandwich Cheesy Potatoes Baked Beans \$8	Tuesday, Jan. 18 Creamy Salisbury Steak 5 Cheese Mashed Potatoes Malibu Veg Blend \$10	Wednesday, Jan. 19 Chicken Carbonara over Buttered Noodles Green Beans \$9	Thursday, Jan. 20 Liver & Onions Fried Potato Skins Glazed Carrots \$9
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Great Decisions Lecture Series returning with engaging topics

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA), along with the American Association of University Women – Bowling Green Branch, will once again host the Great Decisions Lecture Series for six consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 22 through Feb. 26, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Wood County Senior Center, 140 S. Grove St., Bowling Green.

The lecture series is an informative educational discussion group designed by the Foreign Policy Association. At each lecture, participants will hear up-to-date information on worldly topics, facilitated by professors from various universities. The professors will provide an opportunity for questions and answers following each discussion session. The sessions are free and open to the public. Manuals are available for \$35 but are not required for participation. To register for this program, contact the WCCOA Programs Department at 419-353-5661, 800-367-4935 or email programs@wcco.net.

The full list of topics and speakers include:

• **Jan. 22: "Changing Demographics,"** led by Dr. Kelly Balistreri, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University. The world experienced remarkable demographic changes in the 20th century that continue today and have resulted in far-reaching social, economic, political and environmental consequences all over the globe. These consequences are creating mounting challenges to development efforts, security, climate, and the environment, as well as the sustainability of human populations.

• **Jan. 29: "Climate Change,"** led by Dr. Marc Simon, Department of Political Science, BGSU. The ideological divide in the United States on the subject of climate change has impeded progress in curbing greenhouse emissions. However, extreme weather events at both ends of the thermometer have focused attention on the consequences of inaction. What role will the United States play in future negotiations on climate?

• **Feb. 5: "Russia & the U.S.,"** led by Dr. Stefan Fritsch, Department of Political Science, BGSU. Russia and the United States have many areas of conflict and some possible areas of mutual interest. Arms control, Russian interference in U.S.

elections and support of cyber attacks, the status of Ukraine, the fate of opposition politicians in Russia, all continue to be concerning. How will the new administration in Washington approach these issues?

• **Feb. 12: "Outer Space,"** led by Dr. Arpan Yagnik, Communications Department, Penn State University. The launch of Sputnik I in October 1957 marked the beginning of the space era and of the space race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In the 21st century, there are many more participants in space, including countries such as India and China, and commercial companies such as SpaceX. How will the United States fare in a crowded outer space?

• **Feb. 19: "Drug Policy in Latin America,"** led by Dr. Amilcar Challu, Department of History, BGSU. The issue of migration to the United States from Latin America has overshadowed the war on drugs, which has been underway for decades, with little signs of progress. What are the roots and the bureaucratic logic behind today's dominant drug policies in Latin America? Is it time to reconsider punitive drug control policies that disrupt supply chains and punish drug possession?

• **Feb. 26: "Industrial Policy,"** led by Dr. William Sawaya, Department of Management, BGSU. The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy?

*Note: Dates and topics are subject to change.

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The awards just keep coming for Owens volleyball

The awards just keep coming for the Owens Community College volleyball team.

Sydney Meinke (Clay), Carol Lutz (Genoa), Karly Bekier (Lake) and Taylor Momany (Lake) helped lead No. 2 Owens (29-7) to become the first NJCAA Division III team to capture three consecutive national championships in November.

Two of their teammates, Maddie White and McKenna Babcock, were named First Team All-Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The freshmen duo are the 30th and 31st All-Americans in program history dating back to 1996.

White (Ottawa-Glandorf), who was named the MVP of the NJCAA Division III national tournament, was previously named First Team All-Region XII, Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) Division III Player of the Year, OCCAC Freshman of the Year and First Team All-OCCAC. She was also a three-time OCCAC Player of the Week (10/18, 9/20, 8/30).

White registered a team-high 358 kills while hitting .284 with 134 assists, 311 digs, 59 blocks (15 solo) and 30 aces this year. She posted nine double-doubles on the season, including two in the national

tournament. In fact, she recorded a new season-high in kills (21) in the national championship win over No. 1 Rock Valley.

She also posted one triple-double on the season and notched a season-high 27 digs against St. Clair County on Sept. 3. On Oct. 16, she had 14 kills, 19 assists and 13 digs in another five-set win over St. Clair County. On Oct. 12 against Edison, she finished with a season-best 24 assists. Overall, she had 17 matches with 10-plus kills, five with 10-plus assists and 13 with 10+ digs.

Babcock (Evergreen), meanwhile, was previously named First Team All-Region XII and First Team All-OCCAC.

Babcock finished second on the team in kills with 266 while hitting .236 with 11 assists, 43 aces, 263 digs and 42 blocks (four solo). She posted 11 matches with 10-plus kills on the season, including a season-high 16 twice, while registering five double-doubles.

In the national tournament, Babcock had five kills and 12 digs in the quarterfinals before adding five kills and 15 digs in the national title match. In total, she had 10 matches with double-digit digs. Her season-best performance came on Oct. 16 against Rochester University's JV team in which

she had 14 kills and a season-high 21 digs.

Owens coach Sonny Lewis was also named the NJCAA Division III Coach of the Year for the third-consecutive season. The local girls garnered awards, too, as Meinke was first team All-OCCAC and earned a spot on the all-tournament team at the national championships.

Meinke is a freshman 5-foot-8 outside hitter/defensive specialist, Lutz is a 5-8 freshman setter/DS, Bekier is a 5-11 freshman setter/OH and Momany is a 6-0 sophomore middle blocker.

Meinke, a first team Ohio Community College Athletic Conference honoree, exploded onto the scene in early October and has been a force for the Express since then. Through the season's first 20 matches, she totaled just 28 kills and had one match with 10+ digs, which came on Sept. 3 against Rock Valley.

"Sydney Meinke did a great job for Owens volleyball this season. She became an important six-rotation player on the team and provide offense and defense that the team needed," Lewis said.

Up until the regional and national tournament, Meinke has had three double-doubles, including six matches with 10-plus

kills and five with 10-plus digs. On Oct. 12, she registered 10 kills and a season-high 20 digs. In total, she registered 103 kills over 12 matches. Meinke finished the season with 158 kills and 57 aces on the season and Momany had 164 kills and 15 aces.

"Taylor Momany was a team captain and gave the leadership that the team needed. She did a great job as a middle hitter and blocker. She came up with big plays when needed," Lewis said.

"Carol Lutz provided help when necessary. If we needed her to set, serve or play defense she was able to fill those roles," Lewis continued. "Karly Bekier was injured all year but she became a great teammate and provided the team with the support they needed."

The Express are now 40-3 in postseason play over the past six seasons with three national titles, a national runner-up finish, a third-place finish and a ninth-place finish. Since moving to the Division III level, the Red and White are 22-0 over the past three seasons, and they have dropped just five total sets over those 22 matches. (— includes contributions from Press Sports Editor J. Patrick Eaken and Owens CC Sports Information Director Nicholas Huenefeld).

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Deighton Wamer takes direct route to Northern Illinois

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Clay High School senior Deighton Wamer did not make the Alan Miller Jewelers All-Press Girls Soccer Team, but she would have been in line for Goalkeeper of the Year.

Clay coach Don "Duck" Hess would have loved to have her playing for his Eagles, too. Clay has won more Three Rivers Athletic Conference girls soccer titles (5) than any other school and was 52-12-4 in the first 10 seasons of league play.

Deighton is the daughter of Clay High Dean of Students and former soccer and track coach Scott Wamer, who gave up coaching so his daughter could "pursue her dream" of playing soccer virtually year-round for a nationally ranked team. It is paying off.

"They are a big-time club," Scott said. "She is up there at least five days a week because she's a keeper, so there are a couple days a week where it is just for keeper training, and then she has her normal team training, obviously. Deighton is on the 10-month team, but they are pretty much doing something 12 months out of the year."

TopDrawerSoccer has Deighton, who plays for the Michigan Hawks based out of the Livonia-Plymouth area, ranked as the 21st best player in the Great Lakes Region regardless of position.

Deighton has already signed her national letter of intent to play NCAA Division I soccer in the Mid-American Conference at Northern Illinois University. She chose it because of academics, not just soccer, planning to major in engineering.

"I think it's really the setting. I love the school itself," Deighton said. "I love what I'm going to be majoring in. They really have a great selection there compared to other schools. I really love the distance — it's not far and close enough that if I wanted to come home and see my family but can still have the college life."

The Michigan Hawks joined the United Soccer Leagues W-League in 2004 as the Detroit Jaguars and was renamed to the



Clay High School senior Deighton Wamer

Michigan Hawks as growth from the larger Michigan Wolves/Hawks organization. The Hawks played in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference. The team competes in the Elite Clubs National League.

The Hawks have reached the national finals 21 times with 10 national championships, 115 players selected to youth national teams and 1,108 former Hawks moving on to play collegiately.

Deighton's current team, the 18/19U Hawks are currently 9-1, ranked sixth nationally, and have outscored opponents this year, 32-6, with three games remain-

ing. League opponents are from as far away as Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri. The Hawks are already close to qualifying for the national championships in Seattle.

"Right now, we kind of have Big Ten travel," Scott said.

In a week, the team travels to a showcase in Florida and then in February they go to Houston, then hopefully in Seattle next June for the national championships.

Deighton has played in goal nine of the 10 league games and has been scored upon only once this season. The other five goals

were scored on the team's other keeper. The second-place team, Chicago Eclipse Select, scored on her during a 2-1 Hawks win. She credits a well-qualified coaching staff for preparing her as a goalkeeper.

"We have multiple coaches there who really look and choose the goalkeeper side of things and really help and work with the goalkeeper side for hours and hours on end. They make sure there is extra training, make sure there are extra games or film or anything like that," Deighton said.

Deighton says the soccer is intense, since she is competing against other commitments to NCAA D-I soccer, or players still trying to showcase their talent.

"The competition is very hard. There are a lot of determined individuals out there," Deighton said. "I think that everybody is also competing to play at such a high level, and everyone really wants to drive for the win, or drive for the national championships, and I think the competition is at its highest."

The ECNL season coincides with Ohio's prep soccer season in the fall and continues into the winter but does not interfere with Michigan and other states, which play high school soccer in the spring. So, some of Deighton's teammates will have the opportunity to play high school soccer.

Deighton has played with the Hawks since she was in middle school and chose to keep with the organization. In 2018-19, she was voted first team ECNL All-Midwest Conference.

"Playing for the Michigan Hawks is a great experience for me," Deighton said. "I think it really provides the opportunity and development for soccer players, especially women's soccer players, because it allows you to travel the country playing the sport that you love to play, and at a really high level. I think that it is a big commitment for me, but I really love playing."

"I think that playing seven years there, it really just shows me that if you love something enough that you should just go ahead and do it. I think that you should take the risk, take the time, really practice your skills and do it because I love playing," Deighton continued.

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Returning state placer Connor Smith looks for a takedown. (File photo by Doug Hise)

14-0 Golden Bears seek fourth straight SBC title

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Gibsonburg wrestling's return of 10 lettermen, led by junior Connor Smith and senior Dominick Whetsel, is paying dividends.

The Golden Bears are undefeated, 14-0, in three dual tournaments. Including invitationals, the Golden Bears are 97-31 entering the new year.

At the Gibsonburg Duals in early December, the Bears defeated Paulding, 72-12, Elmwood, 44-37, Fostoria, 63-12, Perkins, 54-24 and Norwalk, 50-30.

One week later at the Hopewell-Loudon Duals, the Bears downed Fremont Ross, 36-34, H-L, 64-12, Margaretta, 60-18, and Port Clinton, 67-6.

One week after that, Gibsonburg defeated Woodward, 78-0, Margaretta, 64-12, Northwestern, 50-30, Northwood, 78-0, and Mohawk 50-24.

See a trend? Gibsonburg is defeating everyone so far in dual meets, including larger schools from the Three Rivers Athletic Conference and Sandusky Bay Conference Lake Division.

Not too much of a surprise. The Bears were 14-6 in dual meets last year, SBC River Division champions, and placed sixth at the sectional meet, 19th at districts and 38th at the state tournament.

"I believe our strengths are leadership and dedication from our seniors and juniors," Gibsonburg coach Greg Spoores said. "These young men are always putting in the work whether it is during practice or in the weight room before school and after practice. They have contagious positive attitudes and the other kids rally around them."

"If I had to pick a weakness it would be the one open spot in the lineup we have and some of the young wrestlers we have in the lineup still learning the sport while trying to help the team any way they can," Spoores continued.

"With the dedication, determination, and discipline it takes to be successful in the sport of wrestling these young men show us time and time again they are willing to do what it takes to be successful and as coaches that is what we love to see."

In seven years at Gibsonburg, Spoores has amassed nine state qualifiers and four state placers. He has a 97-31 dual meet record.

Gibsonburg will be looking for their fourth straight River Division championship this year.

"With the returning wrestlers we have and some younger kids looking to contribute as well, we fully expect to compete for the top spot in the SBC River Division again this year and bring home our fourth straight SBC league championship," Spoores said.

"With all three divisions completing in our league tournament once again this season I believe it is arguably the toughest

tournament in Northwest Ohio."

Under Spoores' tutelage, they also won three Toledo City League championships (2015-17). Since 2015, Gibsonburg failed to win a league championship just once, in 2018, when the team had no league to participate in.

Smith returns after winning a league and sectional title, was district runner-up and fourth at the state meet at 152 pounds. Whetsel is a returning two-time district qualifier looking to join Smith in Columbus in March.

"These wrestlers should lead the team not only by example in the (wrestling) room but in competition as well. We expect big things from these young men," Spoores said. "Smith and Whetsel are very dedicated athletes and natural leaders in and out of the wrestling room."

One point ultimately proved to be the difference last year for Smith during the Division III state wrestling meet.

For Smith, 42-3, it was a 3-2 loss to Garfield freshman Keegan Sell (31-4) in the quarterfinals that set the table. Still, Smith placed two spots higher than Sell, who ended up in sixth. But Smith would have liked to have that match back, says Spoores.

"He was definitely a little disappointed. He had one match that he didn't wrestle his best, and we talked about it afterwards," Spoores said. "He lost in the last seconds of the match, and it was a little heartbreaking for him. He got a takedown right at the buzzer that would have won it for him, but it was just not in time. He just didn't wrestle like himself. It is not that he wasn't aggressive, it was just not like he usually is."

To get to the quarterfinal, Smith won by default over Greenon senior Evan Davis (30-9). After the loss to Sell, Smith went on a tear.

"He absolutely picked it up," Spoores said. "We talked about it after the match, and he refocused, and he wrestled like a kid on a mission that was going to settle for nothing less. I just kept telling him, 'You know, live the moment one moment at a time. You cannot worry about the next match. Take care of this one. You came here with a goal, so let's make sure we get there.'"

Other returning seniors include Cole Pietrowski, Antonio Villarreal, Nick Hiser, D.J. Ornlef and Bryson Leavitt.

"They have stepped up as leaders in the weight room in the off season and have also drawn in more wrestlers to follow their lead," Spoores said. "The seniors should be ready to step up and shine after solid junior seasons."

"Juniors Alex Porteous and Kollin Bruns as well as sophomore Adan Miller are also looking to impact the varsity lineup in a positive fashion. Possibly one of the biggest sleepers could be freshman Antonio Salazar who is off to an impressive start to his first varsity season at 14-0," Spoores continued.

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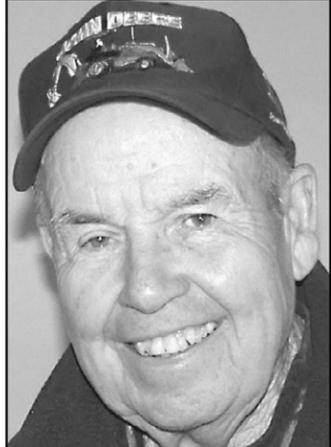
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Marines, army leaders make historic showing at Camp Perry

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It's been a few months since the 2021 National Matches took place, yet the individuals who crossed the thresholds of the famous Camp Perry ranges continue to teach us lessons that can be remembered throughout the year and for generations to come.

Back in August, Lt. Colonel Erik Andreasen, 42, and Major Richard Martinez, 37, competed together in the famous Hearst Doubles event on Camp Perry's Viale Range. The men are leaders for their respective service marksmanship teams: Andreasen the Commanding Officer for the United States Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) and Martinez the OIC (Officer in Charge) for the Marine Corps.

"There is a sense of spirited competition between the U.S. Army and the Marine Corps that has been there for many years," Andreasen explained. "The U.S. AMU and Marine Corps Shooting teams do a lot of training and competing with one another, and most folks do not realize that a rivalry that exists between the teams is one of friendly competition."

The Hearst Doubles is a two-person team competition that has been fired at the National Matches for over 15 years. Its popularity has allowed it to grow into one of the staple events on the National Matches schedule with a respected reputation – boasting some of the country's most talented marksmen and women as winners through its existence. According to Andreasen and Martinez, the pairing of two military marksmanship team leaders has never happened in the match's history, until now.

"There wasn't a lot of hype to it," said Martinez. "It was a good day. It was a fun day. I learned a lot about myself through this whole process."

"We thought that it would be an interesting accomplishment," Andreasen said. "We also wanted to be good role models for all the junior shooters at Camp Perry. Junior Shooters and new adult shooter integration is a passion of both of ours, and our goal at this specific match was to compete, place high, be a good role model and, finally, enjoy some personal rivalry between the two of us."

Depending on the source, the rivalry between the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army either dates back to the beginning of the National Matches or the first post-World War II match that was held at Marine



"I reinforced how much I love the National Matches," LTC Erik Andreasen said of competing with Maj. Richard Martinez in the Hearst. (Photo courtesy CMP)

Corps Base Camp Matthews in California and can be traced to the beginning of the Inter-Service matches, back in the 1960s.

"In a lot of ways, it's like two major sports teams that consistently rival each other and push one another to be better," Andreasen said. "It also gives a lot of shooters a military team to get behind and cheer for."

Both services, with their competitive natures, strive to be the best with small arms and prove to the world that they have the best marksmen. The constant reach toward greatness is a reflection of the legacy imprinted by the branches throughout history.

"That rivalry isn't a bad thing or a negative thing – it pushes us," said Martinez. "It makes us want to be better versions of ourselves for our country and our service."

"We collaborate a lot with each other during the year," Andreasen added. "Having worked closely with the Marine Corps Team, I feel their goals are similar."

The idea of teaming up for the 2021 Hearst Doubles began when Martinez and Andreasen crossed paths at the Eastern CMP Games at Camp Butner, North Carolina, in April. Martinez had driven down from Quantico, Virginia, and Andreasen had driven up from Fort Benning, Georgia, to attend the match. Martinez suggested the

two team up for the Hearst Doubles when they attend the National Matches just a few months later.

"I thought it would be a very interesting take on two competing services having their leaders deciding that it would be more beneficial to them to come together as a team and compete to show the benefits of working together – of cooperation," Martinez explained.

Leading to national matches

Andreasen had already planned to fire the Hearst with a family member but accepted Martinez's offer instead. The next several weeks leading up to the National Matches, Martinez trained for the Hearst.

"A lot of preparation, a lot of time and a lot of discipline is needed in order to achieve your goals," Martinez explained. "I think the goal of us competing as senior leaders, communicating, having a dialogue about where we wanted to take our teams in the directions they needed to go for the benefit of marksmanship instruction – for the benefit of the shooting sports in competition and for the benefit of the American people, that they see that the Army and the Marine Corps work well together – that they complement each other, and that this rivalry is just healthy competition in order

to better one's self."

Andreasen was able to get on the range about once a week prior to Nationals and was lucky enough to receive one-on-one instruction from members of the U.S. AMU Service Rifle Team. Since range access was limited, he spent a lot of time dry firing at his house and using an air rifle to work on positioning. He also did a fair amount of mental work and physical fitness training in the lead up to the matches.

Soon, August rolled around, and the two met up on Viale in the early morning of the Hearst Doubles to be squadded together, just as they had discussed. The unique pairing quickly caught the attention of others on the range, with some playfully commenting out loud, "Who's going to win?" and "Who's going to outshoot the other?"

"It was fun to see the competitor's reactions when they saw us on the line shooting together," said Andreasen. "And, as always, interacting with the great competitors and match staff at Camp Perry was great – especially as they offered us words of encouragement and advice."

Though both competitive, the men decided the scores weren't the only thing that mattered that day – the way they behaved as leaders on the firing line was the most important thing.

"I can tell you with all certainty that LTC Erik Andreasen was a consummate professional and outstanding performer," Martinez said. "He carried our team, and even when mistakes were made, he lifted the team back up and he reminded me that it is a team effort in everything that we do. I certainly learned some things from him."

Martinez went on, "He's a great long range shooter and can read the wind. The mental strength that that man has is extremely high and that challenges me to increase my mental strength – to work that muscle so I can be just as strong and just as capable."

With their combined talents, the pair found themselves 13th out of 220 teams overall.

"The match was extremely well run, and there was good competition across all the teams," Andreasen said. "Major Martinez shot well, and I enjoyed the camaraderie and opportunity to share with him some of the techniques that we use at U.S. AMU. It goes without saying that he is a good competitor and teammate. I enjoyed his humor while shooting as well as his ability to relate to the shooters on our point and around us on the line."

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Toledo

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis have resumed face-to-face meetings. The Kiwanis meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

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

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

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

Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy Health - St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

Oregon

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Book Sale continues at the Harbor View Historical Society, located at 2083 Autokey St., just outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club. Antique books and extensive collection about the Civil War sold by the pound. Call 419-691-1517 for info or visit the Harbor View Museum on Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m. Free admission.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club is meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club provides a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Contact Allen at 419-698-3733 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

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

Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thurs. of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Northwood

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the 2100 Tracy Rd. Fire Station. Bring any questions or concerns to discuss. Check the block watch Facebook page for updates.

Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1975. A class representative is needed for 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, and 1975. Show your Ranger Spirit and volunteer to represent your class. Email your name and contact info to rangersfun@yahoo.com to volunteer or to be added to the invite list.

VFW Post 2984 Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., 102 W. Andrus Rd. Also featuring steak, shrimp, chicken and macaroni and cheese. Dine in or carry out. Weekly Sunday Breakfasts served 8:30-11:30 a.m. Includes two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancake or French toast, potatoes and orange juice.

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Andrus Road. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford.

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

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Township Chambers at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with coronavirus variants, meetings are accessible via Zoom through the end of 2021. The public is welcome to join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

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

Genoa

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. Call Tom Chalfin at 419-460-3265 for more info.

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

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime, Thursdays, 11 a.m.; Bestseller Saturdays - Virtual, Saturdays at 7 a.m. - A new video each week on Facebook highlighting a best-selling book; Foodies Night, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. (in person) - Make a recipe from Wanda Brunstetter's "Amish Friends Healthy Option Cookbook," and bring it to share; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. (in person) - A discussion of "The Window of the South," by Robert Hicks. All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org. The library will be closed Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

Graytown/Elliston

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Mystery in the Library (all ages) - There have been some shenanigans in the library to see what happened and submit a mystery story to achio@seolibraries.org; For adults: Puzzle Exchange starting Jan. 15 - Bring gently used puzzles with all the pieces and receive a ticket to trade for new-to-you puzzles Jan. 29 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Craft Monday, Jan. 24, 2 p.m. - Make and take a Valentine craft (supplies provided, registration required); Coffee and a Book Club, Jan. 12, 11 a.m. - a Discuss "Paris Secret," by Natasha Lester; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Jan. 25, 6 p.m. - Discuss "Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths," by Bruce Feiler; Watercolor Wednesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. (bring your own supplies); Knitters' Group, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon (bring your own supplies). Contactless pickup still available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries, a bowl of soup and free clothes for all ages. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more info.

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

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

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Masks are required for adults and children ages 2 and older. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.; Winter Reading Challenge starts Jan. 18 (all ages); Homemade Living, Jan. 9 and 23, 10 a.m. on Facebook - Back-to-basics skills for living a simpler life; Adult Book Club, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. - Discuss "The Last Thing He Told Me," by Laura Dave; Crochet Basics & More, Jan. 10 and 24, 6:30 p.m.; Kids & Canvas, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. (supplies provided, registration required); What's Your Hobby - Sailing, Jan. 16 via Facebook; Magic Trick Mondays beginning Jan. 17, 4 p.m. via Facebook Live; Simply Craftastic, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. via Facebook Live; Teen Canvas Painting,

Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. (supplies provided, registration required); Snowman Crafts, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Kids are invited to drop in and create a snowman craft. The library will be closed Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Visit birchard.lib.oh.us or call 419-849-2744.

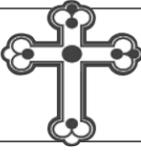
Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thurs. of the month 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the last Fri. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry. Accepting help from the pantry will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Seventh-day Adventist Church 2975 Eastpointe Blvd. NorthwoodAdventist.org Saturday Worship: 11:00am Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm <i>Welcome to our Church</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8am & 10am 300 Warner St., Walbridge St.JeromeWalbridge.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lake Twp. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 26535 Pemberville Rd. (between St. Rtes. 795 & 163) Perrysburg, OH (Lake Township) Phone: 419-837-5023 www.zionlatcha.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Unity United Methodist 1910 E. Broadway St. 419-693-5170 Indoor & Parking Lot Service Sunday 11:00 am <i>No matter who you are, you are welcome.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Woodville Solomon Lutheran Church and School 305 W. Main St. 419-849-3600 Sunday Worship: 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday School (All Ages) & Catechism 9:20am Recovery Worship Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm The Rev. G. Alan Brown, II, Pastor School Open Enrollment Nursery thru 6th Grade</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Indoor Worship Service @ 10:15 a.m. <i>"God's Work, Our Hands"</i> ELCA</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">See You in Church! Oak Harbor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 204 Main St., Genoa, OH Masses- Saturday 6:30 pm Sunday 10:30 am 419-855-8501 www.ourladygenoa.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Lutheran Church 412 Fremont St. 419-862-3461 Stephen Lutz, Pastor In-Person Worship 8:00am & 10:45am Zoom Simulcast 8:00am In-Person Bible Study 9:30am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">St. Boniface Catholic Church 215 Church St. Oak Harbor 419-898-1389 Masses - Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 am www.sb-oh.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity United Methodist Main at 4th, Genoa Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Ramp & Elevator Pastor Greg Miller www.genoatrinity.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Rt. 51 at Witty Rd., just north of Elmore Sunday Worship Inside - 10:30am Outside Worship also available Pastor Jaci Tiell 419/862-3630 graceelc@gmail.com www.graceelconline.com Check out our facebook page. Praising. Growing. Serving in Jesus' name.</p>
<p style="margin: 0;">Inspirational Message of the Week:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">You often hear it said that only you can define what success means to you. While this is certainly true, it doesn't go far enough. That is, the story of our life is something that only we can properly tell. We certainly rely on others to help us with the details, since no one remembers their own birth, or can know what happened while they were under anesthesia or otherwise unconscious, but it's up to us to create the guiding narrative of our own life story. And don't we all want there to be a story worth telling when it comes to our own life? While we are alive the story is necessarily unfinished, but as we get older we begin to see certain themes coming together. Whatever your life story is about, make sure that the way you live makes you a hero and not a villain. And like any good story, the parts that tell us the most are the trials and the struggles we go through. It's easy to be calm, cool and collected when everything is going smoothly. The real question is whether you can maintain your composure, and your values, when things start to fall apart? Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12</p>		

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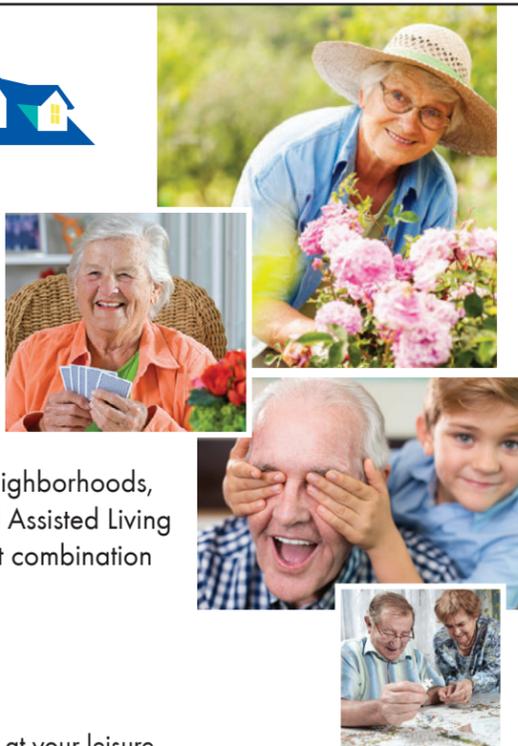


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- 1/11, 12, & 14: Nurturing the Mother Pregnancy and Postpartum Massage
24 CEU
- Buti + Dat Beat (LIVE MUSIC)
- 1/20-24: Lomi Lomi Basis 1 - 30 CEUs
- 1/25-26: Wise Woman Menopause
16 CEUs
- 1/28: Pelvic Floor, Core, and More
7-9p \$25

Our philosophy is to provide you with affordable massage therapy. It is our goal that each time you come through the doors you're not just treated as another client. We are personable and work with you to improve your overall well-being. Mind, body & soul; we want to help you over-come the obstacles in your everyday life. Whether it be fibromyalgia, back pain, arthritis or some other form of an ache or pain. We customize each session to help you improve; from chronic pain to a migraine.

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