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Oregon City receives transaction report from OEDF

By Nicholas Huenefeld

Nick Roman, the city of Oregon's finance director, shared an update at the Jan. 13 city council meeting that the Oregon Economic Development Foundation has provided a report of all transactions from Jan. 1, 2022 through Dec. 31, 2024.

It balances out to the penny for the expenditures and income that came into the foundation in the city's land account. That dollar amount was approximately \$206,000 after all expenditures and purchase of land, he said.

The OEDF receives \$100,000 in donations per year from the city for the foundation's operating budget. Last year, the city also provided \$1.7 million for the foundation to purchase land to extend the city's industrial park. The transaction report was provided in an effort for more transparency.

Members of the OEDF will be at the next regular council meeting on Jan. 27 to speak to council and answer questions.

In other business:

Council passed seven items, including the sale authorization of a small residential lot at 2275 Pickle Road – at the corner of Cresceus - that had been declared a nuisance last year. A nearby neighbor submitted a bid for \$1,000.

• The retirement resignation of Oregon firefighter Keith Henninger, effective Jan. 25, 2025, was accepted. He has served eight years with the department.

• With the 250th anniversary of the United States coming up on July 4, 2026, the city of Oregon could be eligible for multiple \$5,000 grants should city officials declare Oregon an America 250 city, Joel Mazur, city administrator, reported.

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Winter fishing

No, it's not Ground Hog Day and it's not a ground hog. Photographer Tony Everhardt watched a mink fish at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge after a fresh covering of snow. (Photo by Tony Everhardt)

Oak Harbor

B-C-S board planning middle school demolition

By Nicholas Huenefeld

The Benton-Carroll-Salem school board held a special meeting Jan. 13 to present information about the 10-year process to decide the future of the old Oak Harbor Middle School building.

Barring any last-minute formal viability studies or detailed redevelopment plans from interested parties, the board plans on moving forward with the demolition process.

"Our No. 1 priority as a school district is to educate kids," B-C-S treasurer Cajon Keeton said. "To date, no political subdivision has come forward and said, 'We want that building.' "We don't have that. Ultimately, it comes back down to a timing issue."

The cost to demolish the building, which opened in 1911, would be \$1 million, half of which would be paid for by a grant from the Ottawa County Land Bank. The other half would be paid for by funds the school board began setting aside in 2015.

The board stressed that no new or additional taxes would be necessary for demolition.

The timing issue mentioned by Keeton revolves around the \$500,000 grant requir-

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ing demolition by June 30, 2025, and board members said they were told an extension is not possible.

While there has been a company selected to abate the property, the bid process hasn't started with potential demolition companies, and that process would be completed by Ottawa County.

It was noted on Monday that one individual formally addressed the board during a recent meeting about the property, and a letter was received from an out-of-state investor. However, that investor ultimately had minimal interest in the project and wouldn't even be able to assess the project for six-plus months.

For those interested in a more complete background of the process, the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District Facebook page has the full video of the presentation. It was posted Jan. 14.

District Superintendent Cathy Bergman encouraged transparency in the process and asked people to reach out with any questions. Bergman can be reached at cbergman@bcssd.com, while Keeton can be contacted at ckeeton@bcssd.com. Contact information for all board members is also available on the district's website.

The building has its ardent supporters throughout the district.

In a recent letter to the editor of The Press, Jim Benadom, Oak Harbor, wrote that the Oak Harbor Village Council and the B-C-S school board should join forces and find investors "willing to renovate the vacated middle school building."

"If someone is willing to invest their own money to renovate the school building, why not let them," he wrote. "What an asset it would be to the community."

In October 2023, during the Oak Harbor Apple Festival, the school district held an open house for the building, allowing alumni and the public the opportunity

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Quote of The Week

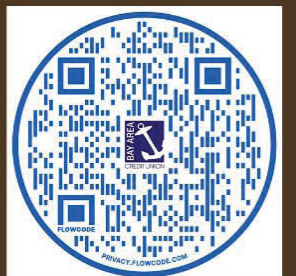
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Election audit shows high accuracy rate, LaRose says

By Larry Limpf
News Editor
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The results of Ohio's post-election audit of the November 2024 general election show a 99.9 percent accuracy rate, Secretary of State Frank LaRose has announced.

All 88 counties reported a 100 percent accuracy rate specifically for the presidential election, he said.

A post-election audit includes a review of results to verify the election was accurate.

Prior to elections, county boards of elections are required to conduct a battery of tests called logic and accuracy testing on all voting equipment. After elections, a bipartisan team from each county elections board compares the tabulated results to the hardcopy paper ballots to ensure fidelity between the two.

Secretary LaRose has required Ohio's

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county boards to audit election results after every election.

Last month, the state legislature enacted a bill to codify the practice of requiring a post-election audit after every election.

“During my administration, I have required post-election audits after every

election, and I am glad to see the General Assembly codify what is clearly a best practice that boosts voter confidence,” LaRose said.

Three local counties all recorded voter turnout percentages in the November election well above 70 percent.

Ottawa County, with 30,694 registered voters, had 24,215 ballots counted. (78.89 percent)

Sandusky County, with 40,500 registered voters, had 30,053 ballots counted. (74.2 percent)

Wood County, with 90,664 registered voters, had 68,446 ballots counted. (75.49 percent)

Lucas County, with 309,694 registered voters, had 193,872 ballots counted. (63.58 percent)

LaRose noted that even though November was a presidential election with high turnouts, there were extremely close races at the local level, resulting in the trig-

gering of 23 automatic recounts.

In Summit County, a school levy contest tied at 4,470 votes for and against. In Shelby County, a township fire levy tied at 229 votes and in Marion County a fire district levy passed by one vote: for – 1,259 to 1,258 - against.

Euchre tournament

The Northwood Community Center is hosting a euchre tournament on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 12 p.m. The entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes food. Participants must be at least 21 years old, and there is a 64-person max. Cash prizes will be awarded for top players, and raffles will be held throughout the event. Proceeds from the tournament will go directly toward supporting future programs at the Northwood Community Center. For more information, call 419-690-1625.

Middle school

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Oak Harbor Middle School.

to tour the landmark structure.

A few months later, the school board and administration held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the Oak Harbor Intermediate School next to the R.C. Waters Elementary School.

Students in grades four through six attend the Intermediate School and those in kindergarten through the third grade attend class at the R.C. Waters building.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 18 at 4:45 p.m. in the board of education office. The date is one week earlier than the normally scheduled board meetings, which occur on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Transaction report

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The grants, some of which have a Jan. 31 application deadline, could potentially help with tree planting at the dog park. A project with the Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society may also qualify for a grant, he said.

The plan is to bring that forward at the next city council meeting, Mazur said.

- The next safety committee meeting will be held Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. to discuss the flock camera system for the police, and there will be an update from the fire department.

- Police chief Brandon Begin addressed an incident that happened Jan. 13 at Circle K on the 400 block of S. Wheeling in which a 16-year-old and 17-year-old were discovered with gunshot wounds.

The initial shooting incident occurred behind the Toledo Sports Center in the 1500 block of Starr Ave. around 5:30 p.m.

The two teenagers then left the scene and ended up at Circle K, where emergency crews responded, ultimately transporting and treating the pair for non-life threatening injuries. It is unclear what led to the shooting and if anyone has any details, call Crime Stoppers at 419-255-1111.

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An aerial view of the Sandusky Bay. (Submitted photo)

Grant awarded to study rebuilding of Bay Bridge

By Press Staff Writer

The City of Port Clinton has been awarded funding to plan a connected multi-use pathway for pedestrian and bicycle travel between Erie and Ottawa counties.

The funding comes through the Active Transportation Infrastructure and Investment Program from the Federal Highway Administration.

The city welcomed the ATIP selection as one of only 14 from a competitive field of more than 350 applicants nationwide.

“This award will help link the City with popular destinations for residents to enjoy, as well as drive new traffic to the great businesses and local amenities our community offers residents, neighbors and visitors alike,” said Mayor Mike Snider. “The award will allow the region to further leverage this great location along Lake Erie and continue to provide world-class outdoor recreation opportunities.”

A key element of the plan is a 14-mile extension of the Sandusky Bay Pathway, which will connect Sandusky to Port Clinton.

For the first time in more than 35 years, the initiative will reunite communities that were once linked by the now-decommissioned Sandusky Bay lift bridge, familiarly known as the Old Bay Bridge.

The Sandusky Bay Pathway is part of a 100-mile vision to connect communities around the Greater Sandusky Bay Region. Currently, 20 miles are completed or funded, with the Route 6 Corridor as one of those critical pieces awarded a grant in

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2022.

Future proposed connections include Sandusky to Huron and expanding as far as Vermilion.

“The Sandusky Bay Pathway extension is a bold step toward creating a regional trail network that redefines how people experience our region. It will establish our region as a premier destination for recreation and community connection—offering residents and visitors alike a unique way to explore, engage, and enjoy the beauty and vibrancy of Greater Sandusky Region,” said Jeff Kerr, Director of Planning and Policy for Greater Sandusky Partnership.

The study will involve public engagement and preliminary engineering design to ensure an inclusive approach.

Once completed, the connection will become a vital link in the region, providing safe, sustainable, and enjoyable transporta-

tion and recreation opportunities for all.

The City of Port Clinton, the Park District of Ottawa County and Greater Sandusky Partnership, collaborated to complete the application for the grant.

“Bringing communities together through innovative projects like the Sandusky Bay Pathway is a testament to the power of collaboration. This transformative initiative not only connects people but also opens the door to opportunities for outdoor recreation and regional growth,” said Jannah Wilson, Executive Director, Park District of Ottawa County.

The ATIP was created in 2021 as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, also known as the Connecting America’s Active Transportation System Act. The program funds the planning, design, and construction of active transportation networks across the country.

Bayview Mayor, Larry Gwinner, and Bayview Village Council President Kimberly Broker stated, “We are incredibly grateful Greater Sandusky is committed to the Village of Bayview. This project is a powerful reminder that every community, no matter its size, truly matters. The connection through the Sandusky Bay Pathway will not only benefit Bayview but also strengthen ties across the entire region.”

Shores & Islands Ohio President, Larry Fletcher, said “A pedestrian-friendly bridge linking Erie and Ottawa Counties would be an attraction, an economic driver, and yet another high-profile amenity for the region’s residents and the millions who visit us each year. Thank you to those whose hard work resulted in this grant.”

CAUV filing deadline

Wood County Auditor Matthew Oestreich has announced that the 2025 Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) renewal forms have been mailed to property owners currently enrolled in the program.

Eligible property owners who are not currently enrolled may also apply for the program now.

In accordance with Ohio law, CAUV applications are to be filed with the county auditor’s office by the first Monday in March, this year by March 3. Eligible property owners must renew each year with no renewal fee. There is a \$25 initial filing fee for all new applications.

If renewal forms are not returned by March 4, the county auditor will be required by law to value the property at its market value and recoup the tax savings for the past three years.

Current Agricultural Use Value authorizes the county auditor to assess farmland at its crop production value rather than its market value. It protects and preserves farming operations by gearing the tax base to the production of the land rather than its potential for development.

Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment that created the program, and since 1974 most of the state’s agricultural land has been taxed at this value instead of market value.

CAUV soil values are set by the Ohio Department of Taxation and are adjusted every three years for each county. New values were issued for the 2023 tax year and are effective for tax years 2023-25.

“Wood County has 9,496 individual real estate parcels on Ag Use,” Oestreich said. “A total of 311,394 acres in this program brought a tax savings to agricultural landowners last year of nearly \$22,000,000.”

Call the Wood County Auditor’s Office at 419-354-9174 for more information.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of Jan. 20-24. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

Jan. 20: Holiday – office closed.

Jan. 21: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Put-in-Bay – 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Genoa Immunization – Allen Clay Fire, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 22: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 23: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 8-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

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Sinkholes threaten Rt. 2, lawsuit alleges

By Larry Limpf
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Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost is suing the U.S. Gypsum Company for nearly \$17 million over what he says is the company's failure to maintain underground mines that caused dangerous sinkholes near State Rt. 2 in Ottawa County, threatening the roadway's stability.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the Ohio Department of Transportation, seeks to recover \$16.8 million in costs incurred by ODOT to stabilize the roadway and prevent its collapse.

"U.S. Gypsum's failure to uphold their responsibility has put Ohio's taxpayers in a multi-million-dollar hole," AG Yost said. "We're holding them accountable for the money it took to fill it and keep State Route 2 from crumbling."

The case dates from 1965, when USG sold land to ODOT to build State Route 2 above the company's underground gypsum mines. The purchase agreement required USG to maintain the integrity of the mines to ensure the highway's stability.

As Yost's lawsuit alleges, however, USG filed a quit claim deed in 1977, withdrawing its commitment to maintain the mines but failed to notify ODOT about the filing or seek the department's approval.

In the ensuing decades, Route 2 developed into a main thoroughfare for travelers in the Marblehead, Kelleys Island, and Cedar Point tourism areas. USG continued to engage in discussions with ODOT regarding potential earth movement along the route resulting from sinkholes developing, but by the early 2000s – again without notifying ODOT – the company filed paperwork to legally end its offer to monitor the highway.

The company continues to operate its construction materials business as well as a factory in Ottawa County.

In 2013, concerns about the potential collapse of Route 2 prompted ODOT to proceed with a \$20 million project to stabilize USG's mines near the highway by injecting grout into flooded underground gypsum tunnels.



There are concerns about the potential collapse of Route 2 due to the sinkholes. (Photos courtesy of AG Dave Yost office).

The money that the lawsuit seeks from USG is directly related to the mine stabilization costs, Yost said.

The lawsuit was filed in the Ottawa County Common Pleas Court.

"In the 1965 warranty deed conveyance, USG covenanted to provide vertical and lateral support for areas of its mine below S.R. 2, independent of its separate absolute common law duty to maintain support of the surface," the lawsuit says.

Contacted by email, the company issued the following statement:

"It is USG's policy not to comment on any pending litigation. However, we can

confirm that we have seen a copy of the complaint that was filed on January 13, 2025.

"From our reading of the complaint, the Ohio Department of Transportation is only seeking to recover legacy costs that were incurred by it for work on State Road 2 that occurred a decade or more ago. The complaint does not allege any imminent risk to public safety. Safety is our top priority for both our employees and our community. To that end, USG monitors and conducts regular inspections of its closed mine areas. USG will fully respond to the state's allegations in court."



Bank celebrates branch anniversary

GenoaBank celebrated the one-year anniversary of the opening of its Fremont branch office on Jan. 16.

The locally-owned, independent community bank served coffee and cake from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., while cake and ice cream were served in the afternoon as part of a full day of celebration.

"The Fremont community has been very welcoming to GenoaBank," GenoaBank President/CEO Martin P. Sutter said. "We value our relationships in every community we serve and are happy we have developed strong relationships with our neighbors."

The Fremont branch is located at 1701 W. State St.

Lake commission holding its 33rd photo contest

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission has announced its 33rd Annual Life on Lake Erie Photo Contest.

The contest invites photographers to submit up to five images that represent life on Lake Erie – whether that's a scenic capture of the Great Lake Erie, its wildlife, recreation activities, or events.

Entries will be judged based on relevancy to the theme, creativity, and visual quality and composition.

Prizes will be awarded to the top entries and photographs will be featured on the Ohio Lake Erie website, social channels, and at partner venues.

Submissions for the photo contest are due by July 31, 2025. Participants can submit up to five photographs for consideration. Each photo should be submitted as a high-resolution digital file along with a completed entry form and submitted to lakeerie-commission@lakeerie.ohio.gov.

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Eight common health conditions midlife women face

By Colette Gallagher
Mayo Clinic News Network

A study published in "Menopause" provides a comprehensive overview of the most common conditions diagnosed in clinical practice among women in the U.S. Upper Midwest during their critical midlife transition.

Overall, eight conditions increased by 45% or more between the ages of 40 and 59, and several conditions were more common in Black women and women living in more socioeconomically deprived neighborhoods.

Jennifer St. Sauver, Ph.D., the study's first author and professor of epidemiology at Mayo Clinic, says that the health of women in midlife is understudied, and comprehensive data about women between the ages of 40 and 59 are lacking.

"Most studies examine men and women together. However, we know that men and women age differently, so it's important to do separate studies to understand these differences," she explains.

Researchers know that hypertension and high cholesterol increase rapidly in

both men and women during midlife. However, in this study, the researchers were surprised to see such a significant increase in sleep disorders, acid reflux and conditions related to joint and muscle pain in midlife women, according to Dr. St. Sauver.

Together, these data provide a picture of the most common health conditions that come to medical attention in midlife women and the most rapidly increasing, medically diagnosed conditions during the menopause transition.

Key findings

Eight conditions became significantly more common and increased in women during midlife (ages 40-59).

- Disorders of lipid metabolism (high cholesterol).
- Hypertension (high blood pressure).
- Sleep/wake disorders.
- Thyroid disorders.
- Esophageal disorders (especially acid reflux).
- Osteoarthritis (joint wear and tear).
- Tendon and synovial disorders (problems with joints and connective tissues).
- Menopausal disorders (especially

hot flashes)

Black women and women living in socioeconomically deprived neighborhoods were more likely to have many of these conditions. Black women were more likely to have high blood pressure and esophageal disorders (especially acid reflux) compared to white women across all age groups. Women living in more deprived neighborhoods had a significantly higher prevalence of high cholesterol, high blood pressure, sleep disorders and esophageal disorders.

"Our data provide a comprehensive picture of the most common conditions coming to medical attention in midlife women. They are useful for understanding common diagnoses in women during the menopause transition and suggest that additional attention should be focused on Black women and women with lower socioeconomic status to ensure that common midlife conditions are identified and addressed," says women's health researcher and coauthor Stephanie Faubion, M.D., Mayo Clinic in

Florida.

The findings also underscore the need for increased research to understand underlying biological changes in women at midlife and how these changes contribute to the development of many conditions throughout the aging process. Such research may suggest future treatments that could be beneficial for multiple conditions. In addition, the findings highlight the need for increased attention to the health needs of Black women and women with lower socioeconomic status to ensure early diagnosis and treatment of common midlife health conditions.

The study used data from the Rochester Epidemiology Project in Minnesota, including medical records from approximately 1.4 million people in the Upper Midwest. Researchers analyzed data from 86,946 women between the ages of 40 and 59. They examined diagnoses recorded in electronic health records between 2016 and 2019.

Foster care and adoption training now available online

Lucas County Children Services (LCCS), the county agency responsible for leading the community in the protection of children, is offering online, or "virtual," training this winter for adults interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent.

The first training series will begin Friday, Jan. 24. A second session is scheduled to start Friday, Feb. 7. The online series consists of courses that can be completed at one's own pace as well as scheduled, instructor-led courses. The bulk of the online training is scheduled to be completed in one weekend.

The schedule of winter training sessions can be accessed at <https://lucaskids.net/pre-service-training>.

To qualify to be a foster or adoptive parent, applicants:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must participate in the free training. All caretaking adults in the household must attend.
- Must demonstrate a source of income

sufficient to care for themselves.

- Can own or rent a home or apartment with at least two bedrooms. The home must pass a safety inspection.

- All adults in the home must provide references and pass a background check.

- Can be married, single or in a relationship.

- Can work outside the home.

Foster parents will receive financial support, based on their foster child(ren)'s needs.

Registration is required to participate in the programs. To register, visit <https://lucaskids.net/pre-service-training>, call 419-213-3336 or email lucaskids-recruitment@jfs.ohio.gov.

Learn more and speak to foster recruitment team members by calling 419-213-3336 before enrolling.

About Lucas County Children Services

The mission of Lucas County Children Services is to lead the community in the protection of children at risk of abuse and neglect. This is accomplished by working with families, service providers and community members to assess risk and coordinate community-based services resulting in safe, stable and permanent families for children.

Eastern Community Y launches weight loss, diabetes classes

The Eastern Community YMCA is offering a pair of classes designed to help area residents stay healthy in the New Year and beyond.

A 12-week weight loss program begins Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 for YMCA members age 18 and older.

The program features 12 one-hour group discussions facilitated by a trained instructor. Topics include food choices, physical activity, managing stress and improving sleep habits. Participants will benefit from weekly weigh-ins and goal-setting exercises to track progress and stay motivated throughout the journey.

For more information or to sign up, visit the front desk at the Eastern Community YMCA, 2960 Pickle Rd., Oregon.

Diabetes education

The Eastern Y will kick off a Diabetes

Prevention Program on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m.

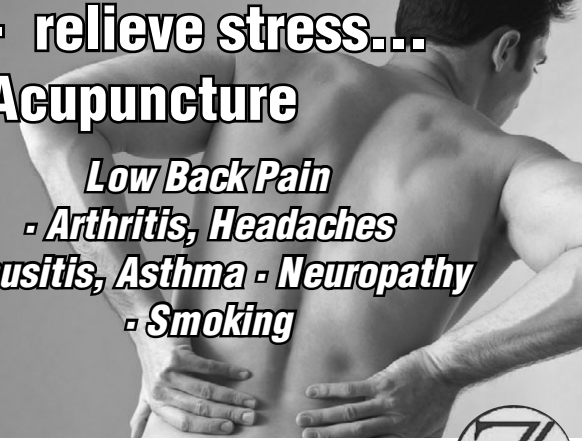
The program, which will include 25 sessions over one year, is aimed at helping participants take control of their health and reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Led by a trained lifestyle coach, the program follows a CDC-approved curriculum that includes guidance on healthy eating, physical activity, and self-monitoring techniques. Weekly weigh-ins will help participants stay on track and measure progress throughout the year.

Participants must meet at least one of the following criteria:


- An A1C level between 5.7% and 6.4%
- Fasting plasma glucose between 100-125 mg/dl
- A pre-diabetes diagnosis
- History of gestational diabetes during a previous pregnancy

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

Jan 19-25

January 19

1886 - While being transported by train from Arkansas to New York, two large "killer" wolves escape during a stop in Toledo. They gnaw through their wooden crates at the Toledo Express office, run wild for a half hour, eat anything they could including a jug of whiskey which makes them sleepy and docile, enabling their recapture.
 1905 -The "Pope Toledo" automobile makes record 503-mile run in 24 hours, 3 minutes.
 1926 - The body of 42-year-old Mary Handley is found and believed to be the 7th victim of the notorious "Toledo Clubber" who has been victimizing women for months in Toledo.
 1955 - Hearings resume in Washington, D.C. on allegations that Toledo industrialist, attorney and broadcast station owner, Edward Lamb had ties to the Communist Party.



Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert



The operator of "The Clock", Lillian Tailford, was sentenced to federal prison for tax evasion.

January 20

1875 - Scores of men gather at the Boody House Hotel to witness the first telephone call made in Toledo.
 1886 - Great excitement in Northwest Ohio as the "Karg" natural gas well is struck in downtown Findlay. The gas ignites and its tower of flame can be seen as far away as Toledo.
 1920 - Toledo Health Commission reports 1,000 cases of the flu in the city and three deaths.
 1927 - Toledo Police show off their new bullet proof armor by having policemen stand behind it while bullets are shot at them in a live demonstration. The bullets never penetrated the hard metal.
 1944 - Major fire at Harry's Auto store in downtown Toledo on Summit. The difficult blaze in the five-story building causes over \$250,000 in damage.

January 21

1904 - A Toledo High School teen is allowed to re-enter the school after his hand-

gun he took to school discharged during a class. He was given a "stern lecture" by police.
 1915 - TPD detective Kaiser Bartecki is shot and killed by suspected stalker, Peter Skribner who had earlier gunned down his former girlfriend. It was during the pursuit of Skribner that Detective Bartecki was shot and killed in North Toledo.
 1921 - Women workers at the Spitzer Building form a "hatpin brigade" to defend themselves against "Jack the Hugger", an elderly man who hangs out in the lobby and tries to grab them.
 1970 - The notorious brothel at the "Round the Clock Grille" on Woodville Road near Millbury is raided by federal agents after almost 20 years of operations. The raid resulted in numerous charges against the owners and law enforcement officials in Ottawa County who had accepted bribes
 1972 - Nolte's Sohio gas station in Genoa on Woodville Road erupts into inferno of flame in eight- vehicle accident. Two people seriously injured.



TPD detective Kaiser Bartecki is shot and killed by suspected stalker, Peter Skribner.

1984 - Record setting low temperatures reported in Toledo at -20.

January 22

1900 -The Kuebeler Hotel in Oak Harbor has its grand opening with hordes of people and a band for the ceremony. The hotel features 35 rooms and both electric and gas chandeliers.
 1904 - The Portage River at Oak Harbor goes on a rampage. The ice jams break in the river triggering record flooding. Many homes and business flooded out.
 1921 - Fifteen thousand loaves of bread and 5,000 quarts of milk are given by an anonymous donor to help Toledo's needy families.
 1927 - Seven people are killed and eight others injured in the gas explosion of a two-story retail and apartment building in Point Place.
 1929 - Nineteen people are killed in the collision of a Lakeshore Electric train (LSE) and a bus at Bellevue. Oddly, an injured passenger from Detroit who thought he was dying, confessed to rescuers that he had recently robbed a bank. (He didn't die)

January 23

1904 - A massive back up of flood waters threatening downtown Toledo begins to break up and city is spared from flooding and bridge wash outs.
 1906 - A major fire destroys several businesses in downtown Genoa, including O.G. Werners Grocery, the meat market

owned operated by Cashen and Gallup and Heilman's jewelry store. The village says the block is not likely to be rebuilt.
 1959 - Fire breaks out in the BGSU campus dining hall. Heavy damage reported.

January 24

1879 - A large wooden grain elevator on the Middle Grounds by the Maumee River burns to the ground. Large quantities of corn and flax seed are destroyed.
 1899 - Toledo inventor Allen DeVilbiss patents an automatic scale.
 1959 - Violinist Isaac Stern plays with Toledo Symphony at the Peristyle.
 1963 - Deep freeze hits Toledo area. Temps recorded at -19 degrees.
 1965 Major ice storm closes schools and businesses. Snarls traffic, causes power and phone outages throughout the Toledo area.

January 25

1910 -Toledo Public Schools continue their tradition of offering sleigh rides to school children.
 1933 - Toledo Blade reports that a new chapter of the KKK is formed in Toledo and is called the General Custer Klan.
 1915 - A Fremont family is said to have the smallest child born in the U.S. At two pounds, four ounces, George and Daisy Kiser's boy eclipses the former record of 2 pounds 8 ounces.
 1958 - The Miracle Mile Shopping Center in West Toledo is ravaged by flames, causing \$600,000 in damage and destroying the W.T. Grant Store and 4 others.

Board meeting date changed

The meeting date of the next regular meeting of the Eastwood school board has been changed to Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in the administrative offices.
 The Wellness Committee will meet Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at 6 p.m. in the upstairs of the bus garage on campus.

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01/08/2025 Virginia L Shields to Ronald J Sheahan and Sondra N Sheahan, 22233 W. Curtice East and West Road, \$133,100.

Bay Township
01/06/2025 Ronald Siferd to Amen LLC, 715 S Tiffin St., \$350,000.
01/09/2025 Karin Beth Messner- Trustee of the Karin Beth Messner Living Trust to Paul Darr, 2558 W Janes, \$97,000.

Benton Township
01/06/2025 D and M Sommer Family LLC to Janice L Sandrock-Trustee and Ronald Sandrock, 0 North Graytown Road (58.5acres), \$575,000.

Catawba Township
01/06/2025 Ross & Sandra Simms to Jeffrey Simeri, 5305 East Port Dr., \$350,000.
01/10/2025 John T Mack IV to Nikolai and Kensi Blumensaadt, 310 n Crest Drive, \$460,000.
01/10/2025 Linda S Saylor, Thomas A Baker, and Edwin A Baker to Harry Lee Wilhelm Jr, 4329 East The Valley Road, \$575,000.

Danbury Township
01/06/2025 Brandon Holmes, Robert Keith Holmes and Jane E Holmes to James Wilson, 9533 East Bayshore Road, \$299,000.
01/07/2025 Mark A Dennison & Sherrie L Dennison to Jon Robert & Kristy Ann Pietruszka, 2711 S

Real Estate Transfers



Harbor Bay Dr. #1211 MS 51, \$68,000.
01/07/2025 Mark A Dennison & Sherrie L Dennison to Jon Robert & Kristy Ann Pietruszka, 2711 S Harbor Bay Drive # 1211 Unit G3-30, \$48,000.
01/07/2025 Mark A Dennison & Sherrie L Dennison to Jon Robert & Kristy Ann Pietruszka, 2711 S Harbor Bay #1211 Unit L1211, \$449,900.
01/08/2025 Joanna Sanders to Rick A McConnell and Deedra L McConnell, 152 Steele Road Lots, \$45,000.

Marblehead Corporation
01/10/2025 Marie Maxwell to Susan K Rosa, 123 Glacial Lane 3C, \$959,000.

Oak Harbor Corp
01/07/2025 Michael James Fry and Shari D Trepicone-Fry to Shawn M Craig and Kimberly Fields, 341 East Ottawa Street, \$255,000.
01/08/2025 Timothy W Branum to Michael Finney, 414 Church St., \$182,000.

01/10/2025 Thomas E Reinhart Jr. to Robert H & Deborah L Jess, 121 N Benton Street, \$100,000.

Portage Township
01/07/2025 John Daven Port to Firelands Management LLC, 750 Southeast Catawba Road, \$180,000.
01/08/2025 Storage Condominiums LLC to David C Cutter & Shelby L Lyon, 3720 Clean St., \$288,770.
01/09/2025 Storage Condominiums Inc to Carl W Schaffner, 4125 E Kirk Rd #33, \$57,537.

Port Clinton Corporation
01/08/2025 Collin & Elizabeth Salyersi to Camilio Rayo & Issac Salinas, 814 E 3rd St., \$129,000.
01/10/2025 Kevin G McCartney and Bonnie S McCartney (Co-Trustees) to Stephanie Ann Theiss and Jeremy Robert Theiss, 858 North Falling Waters Blvd, \$500,000.

Salem Township
1/10/2025 Kelley R Smith aka Kellen R Smith(Trustee) to Jesse Edward Crouch and Lydiana Celise Zwick-Crouch, 0 North Brokate (18.937acres), \$128,771.

Road limits to be lowered

Motorists in Ottawa County will be seeing new signs along county roads as the winter progresses.

The Ottawa County commissioners have approved a reduction of up to 50 percent in the maximum legal load limit for vehicles on county roads, effective Feb. 1.

The county engineer's office, which recommended the reduction, is authorized to place signs indicating load limits as necessary.

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Salvation Army thanks community

To the editor: The Salvation Army Elmore unit thanks the Elmore Kiwanis, Key Club and all the volunteers for faithfully ringing the bells for our collection kettles.

A total of \$1,821 was collected from the Elmore community.

A special thanks to all who donated money and bought gifts from the Angel Trees at the libraries in Woodville and Elmore.

This year we served 24 families and 70 children.

Thanks to Sharon and her helpers for organizing all the gifts and getting them ready for delivery.

Janice Netcher
Treasurer

Who is pro life?

To the editor: I am sick of the phony moralists of the so-called pro life movement who pretend morality.

The Republican Party is the party of

Opinion

death. It has been said pro lifers concern for life ends with birth and rightly so.

Republicans have long opposed health care, leading to thousands of deaths for the poor. Republicans have long opposed Obamacare and would prefer people to die without getting needed surgeries or treatments. Republicans support wild theories about immunity shots and others.

Our partisan Supreme Court has ruled against EPA regulations, which will result in thousands of deaths from cancer and lung disease.

Republicans have encouraged the widespread use of guns, resulting in thousands of deaths of men, women, and children.

Pro life my fanny.

Albert Kapustar
Oregon

Sports and TV selling

To the editor: When it comes to modern day sporting events on TV, today's so called marketing professionals have downgraded the great parts of the actual games themselves.

Ad men have extended the length of all games for the benefit of selling products not associated with the sport itself. The money hungry, big-time networks have more interest in money making and selling everything than they do the games they are airing.

In years past, the ads on TV were shown at the beginning of the game, during timeouts, the 15 minute break, the half hour break, the 45 minute break, the one-hour break and so on until the end of the game.

Not anymore, America.

We are bombarded from start to finish of all TV sporting events. The stations add

about 30 TV minutes to every game, which completely disrupts the entire game. This unwanted marketing ploy is irritating.

My old sports watching friends and I have made a rule amongst ourselves to not buy any products shown during game times ever. We all took a vow to boycott all inter-ruptive products.

You have all ruined a great American tradition. Nothing in TV sports is holy anymore.

They also have another money making trick. Throughout the football season, they air league games on regular TV stations, and we become school fans. Then the money hungry leaders change their rules.

No more playoffs or bowl games on regular TV stations from now on. All games are on ESPN and regular fans have to pay or not watch. Thank you all so much. We older people on Social Security income are shut out.

Well, OK keep your darn football. Remember when your days are over, so is your money. I hope you all remember what you – yes you – did to all of us old-timers.

Larry Erard
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Did you make a New Year's resolution? Did you also keep it?

I'm not a big resolutions guy, but I'm happy to hear from others who've had a resolution actually stick. My big resolution success started when I resolved to floss my teeth daily starting on Jan. 1, 2012 and haven't missed a day since. When you read this, assuming I haven't stumbled, that's well over 4,760 days of uninterrupted flossing. I'm proud enough of that accomplishment that you're reading about it now, haha.

Do you have a resolution that worked out long term? If so, congratulations. For the rest of us, I think there's great power in this brand of optimism, even if it doesn't become a lifelong habit. After all, if you don't at least try to make a positive change every now and then, then who have you become?

Rather than try and guilt you into making a resolution that might end in, well...not keeping yet another resolution, I have another method for transformation you might consider. Using this method, you're going to decide what not to do in 2025. Doesn't that already sound better than adding more things? With that, here's your ever-so-brief guide to a better 2025:

Eliminate, delegate, automate
If you take a look at the tasks that keep you busy, busy, busy and keeping you stressed and from doing other things you may find more enjoyable, consider applying these steps to those tasks:

Eliminate – Do you actually need to do this task? In other words, are you doing it just because you've always done it, or has somebody else guilted you into doing it? If it's not something that actually needs to be done, why not just stop doing it and see what happens? This is the ultimate stress-reducing way to transform your life. Just say "No longer!"

Delegate – If you've determined that a task needs to be done, are you actually the best person to do it? Chances are, there's someone else who may be better at it than



Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufr

you are. They may be able to do it better, faster, or cheaper than you, but you've never considered "outsourcing" this task. This can be a very powerful strategy for the person who is always busy and becomes frustrated by having to do it all. Chances are, you don't; someone else can and would be happy to.

Automate – This is a form of leverage that has become much more powerful thanks to technology. Applying automation to a task can ensure that it gets done right every time without you having to do it manually. Remember writing checks each month to pay all of your bills?

Now you've automated most of your financial life through automatic bill-pay and electronic fund transfer (EFT). Imagine other areas of your life where this principal can be applied. If you're interested in examples of areas where this process has benefited others over the years, here are just a few.

- Hire a lawn service. Most people spend hours every week cutting, trimming and cleaning up their lawn. But who says you need to mow your own lawn? Not only does outsourcing lawncare free up time and reduce stress from not having to do the work, but you'll no longer need to own, maintain, and store lawn equipment. It could also prevent an injury if you hire someone else. (Note: many retirees think they need to move to a condo when the maintenance of their lawn becomes "too much." It's likely much more cost effective to stay in your home and hire a lawn and

snow removal service than it is to pay the many thousands in moving costs.)

- Invite Alexa into your life. Adding an Amazon Echo device in your kitchen means you'll have music available by voice command while you're cooking and doing dishes. Another great feature is the shopping list. When someone removes the last gallon of milk from the fridge, simply say, "Alexa, add milk to our shopping list." When shopping at the store or building a shopping list to have groceries delivered, simply open the app on your phone to find a shopping list full of needed items. No more paper lists and arguments about having forgotten to write it down when the milk ran out.

- Commit all tasks to the calendar. In our business, there are incredible numbers of recurring and important tasks to remember throughout the year. For example, our professional licenses require that we complete continuing education courses. We have deadlines for writing and publishing newsletters, state regulatory agency filing requirements, bills to pay, RMDs to calculate for our over-73 clients, investment accounts and annuities to monitor, and on and on.

Trying to keep all of these tasks straight can be a nightmare. A number of years ago, we applied this "Eliminate-Delegate-Automate" process to our business and identified every task we do in a year, all the way down to the seemingly mundane. From there, we added every task that's required of us (and many that we do just because we love our clients) to our calendar system, with notes about how to complete the task and when. This meant that there was no longer a need to remember because the automation of the calendar system does the remembering for us.

Now we simply follow the system we created to ensure that we're carrying out our work at the highest level possible.

As you can see, there is no limit to the efficiencies gained by applying this simple process to your life. What's great is the power that comes from knowing that you're no longer a victim to busy-ness; you're choosing to run your life in a way that suits you. It's a powerful way to get you doing more of the tasks that you want to do and not just those you need to do.

Here's to an amazing 2025!
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Oregon Senior Center to host spaghetti dinner Jan. 27

Oregon Senior Center will host a Spaghetti Dinner Monday, Jan. 27, at 4 p.m., 4350 Navarre Ave.

The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers. The event will also include an art show.

RSVP by calling 419-698-7078 or sign up with Jen at the center's front desk.

TV raffle

The center is also conducting a fund-raising raffle for a 75-inch 4KUHD television.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the center. The drawing will be held Thursday, Feb. 6. All proceeds raised will benefit the senior center.

'An Affair to Remember'

Ottawa County Senior Resources will present a Valentine's Brunch & Dance Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ottawa County Fairgrounds, Damschroder Hall - White Barn, 7870 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor.

The event, themed "An Affair to Remember," will include:

- Brunch and beverage stations.
- Entertainment by DJ Kenneth.
- Bingosize at 11:30 a.m.
- A Cupid's Coloring Contest.
- Health screenings provided by the Ottawa County Health Department and Magruder Hospital.

• Photo booth fun.

- Raffles and more.

The event is open to seniors, caregivers and the community.

Those who need transportation may contact Ottawa County Senior Resources at 419-898-6459 for a free ride voucher with OCTA. Schedule a trip to the dance by calling 419-898-7433.

Tax prep vouchers to be available

For the second year, Ottawa County Senior Resources and the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners are teaming up with local tax preparers to offer tax prep vouchers to qualified Ottawa County senior citizens age 60 and better.

The tax prep voucher program will begin Monday, Feb. 3. Vouchers will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis and a limited



number of vouchers will be available.

To be eligible, voucher applicants must provide proof of residency in Ottawa County, be willing to use selected tax preparers and meet income qualification requirements.

For more info contact Ottawa County Senior Resources at 419-898-6459.

Advance care planning

In partnership with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Hospice of Northwest Ohio will offer monthly Advance Care Planning information sessions for the community. The sessions will be held at various times and library locations.

Locally, a session will be offered April 23 from 6-7 p.m. at the Oregon Branch Library, 3340 Dustin Rd. Registration is not required.

Each one-hour presentation will provide an overview of completing a living will, designating a medical power of attorney and donating your organs.

Following the presentations Sara Chambers, BSN, RN, CHPN, community educator and advance care planning facilitator, for Hospice of Northwest Ohio will be available to set up one-on-one appointments.

For more information contact Chambers at 419-931-5423 or schambers@hospicenwo.org.

WCCOA virtual programs

The Wood County Committee on Aging offers a number of virtual programs via Zoom.

Call the Programs Department at 419-353-5661 or email programs@wccoa.net to gain access.

Upcoming programs include:

- Happy Hour: Friday, Feb. 7, 12:30 p.m. Enjoy information on February's famous birthdays, inventions, riddles, jokes and more.
- Spelling Bee: Monday, Feb. 10, at 1

p.m. Challenge yourself to an interactive spelling bee, competing against the Wayne Senior Center.

- Managing Blood Pressure: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m. Learn about the importance of managing blood pressure for overall health. Presented by Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program.

- Lunch & Learn: Friday, Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. "Words of a Woodworker" a novel review from Michael J. Shertzer, who will share life lessons learned from woodworking.

- Bingo: Friday, Feb. 28, 1 p.m. Play 10 rounds of bingo online. Line, postage stamps or four corners and then a coverall. Prize awarded for the cover-all.

Seniors interested in joining these online programs and who do not have access to the internet or a tablet can take part in WCCOA's technology loan program. Learn more by calling 419-353-5661.

Lunches offered

The East Toledo Senior offers lunches Monday-Friday at 11:45 a.m. (dine-in only - no food may be carried out).

Seniors are invited to stop in and get a menu and order form or call 419-691-2254 and ask for the lunch line (ext. 9).

There is a \$2.50 suggested donation for lunch. During winter, the center will be offering soup on Tuesdays as often as possible.

Those who do not have transportation to go to the center for lunch may call 419-691-2254 to schedule a ride.

Tax preparation vouchers

To meet the need locally for tax preparation assistance, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) will provide low-income seniors age 60+ a voucher to offset the cost if they use participating tax preparation businesses.

Businesses willing to accept the voucher (intent to pay) and bill GLCAP are Fremont and Clyde Liberty Tax, Holland CPA and S&S CPA, Inc. Appointments are required.

Seniors will need to come to the center to sign the voucher. Call 419-334-8383 for more information and eligibility requirements.

Winter weather tips for Alzheimer's, dementia caregivers

Winter weather conditions — cold temperatures, snow, ice, and early darkness — can be potentially dangerous and even life-threatening for the 236,000 people living with Alzheimer's and other dementia in Ohio.

By preparing in advance, caregivers can make a significant difference in keeping their loved one with Alzheimer's and other dementia safe.

The Alzheimer's Association offers these tips to keep people living with dementia safe during the winter months:

- Be prepared. Winter storms can be dangerous. Check weather conditions regularly and have emergency plans in place

- Bundle up. Help the person living with Alzheimer's dress warmly for winter weather conditions.

- Prevent slips. Assume all surfaces are slick; help the person by taking smaller steps and slowing down, so they can match gait and speed to a safer level.

- Prevent wandering. Wandering is one of the most frequent and challenging problems that caregivers face and can be extremely dangerous in colder conditions. Monitor closely for agitation or restlessness as day transitions into night.

- Ask for Help/Take a Break: An Alzheimer's Association survey says a whopping 84 percent of caregivers said they would like more support in providing care for someone with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, especially from their family. Do not hesitate to ask others for help with errands, grocery shopping or with snow/ice removal.

For more safety tips, visit the Alzheimer's Association website, alz.org. The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline also provides support to all those who need help. Call anytime, including holidays, at 1-800-272-3900. Local help/resources are available at 419-537-1999.



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I'M OVER THE HILL, NOW WHAT?

In today's parlance you're 40 years old or older. This is the time in your life when you begin to notice changes in your body. You're definitely not old, but something tells you that you're no longer young. It's a time when you begin to wonder what lies ahead. As this article is written by an eighty-year-old barbell strength training coach, I can give you a glimpse into your near and distant future as it pertains to your muscles, health, and possible outcomes.

Body muscle, or lack thereof, has always been a part of my life concerns. Sixty years ago, I began an on-again off-again exercise routine to stay in shape consisting of bicycling, running, and push-ups. As years passed, I bought a set of dumbbells for overhead presses, bench presses, and bicep curls. A few years later I purchased a four-station gym set and the original Nordic Track. For the next twenty years I exercised three to four times a week.

By the age of 74 you would think I'd be in peak shape, but I knew I wasn't. Simple tasks were becoming more difficult each year. It was a big letdown because I was doing everything my doctor and the "experts" on television and magazines prescribed. What to do? In desperation, at the age of 74 I bought a barbell squat rack, barbell, and 300 pounds of weights. Boy, did I ever get humbled.

The full-body, full-motion weight lifting routine I use only requires four lifts. Of the four lifts, I was only able to complete two with the barbell, the other two with light dumbbells. As time went on and I added weight to my lifts on a weekly basis I became strong and my body changed. I now have more strength than I had at 35 years old. My journey was not difficult, nor would it be for you. All it takes is the determination to work out three days a week.

As I've written in the past, muscle is the driver of a healthy life and is associated with longevity. Doctors and the medical establishment see low muscle mass attributing to an increased risk of injury and disability, difficulty doing daily activities, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, osteoporosis, complications after surgery, poor chronic disease outcomes, hospital readmission and early death. The benefits of an adequate amount of muscle mass in our later years cannot be overstated.

I've lived to experience that "exercising" of any kind doesn't build muscle. Forget about running miles in the park, calisthenics, or working out on the machines at a Big Box gym. None of that will build muscle no matter how hard you try. The ONLY way to build muscle is to stress it, allow two days of rest and stress it again, and repeat. You won't become strong after one workout, but you will be stronger than you were two days ago. And stronger yet as you continue the process. Try it for a couple weeks and make your own decision. You'll find that the only difficult part of lifting weights is in creating a new habit of going to the gym three days a week.

How do you determine when you need to start rebuilding your muscles? Listen to your body. We are programmed to lose 1% of our muscle and bone mass every year after we turn 25 years old. You may weigh the same at 45 years old as you weighed at 25. Don't be fooled. Mother Nature doesn't make mistakes. Your muscle and bone loss has been replaced with visceral and body fat. Be vigilant of muscle loss and the cues your body gives you of lost strength. You'll know when it's time to take action.

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New report finds growing interest in tech for aging well at home

Older Americans are increasingly interested in using technology to live in their current homes and communities. New research conducted by AARP and the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) finds that 80% of older Americans currently own at least one type of tech that enables aging at home, and over half express a high likelihood of buying and adapting more of these emerging technologies.

"From smart wearable health monitors to hearing aids to digital security, there's a huge interest among older Americans who want to integrate these technologies into their plans to age in their homes and communities," said Patty David, AARP vice president of consumer insights. "The market is large and will grow as more and more Americans age into the 50-plus bracket. This is projected to be a \$120 billion market by 2030."

Seven in 10 of adults 50-plus (70%) say they feel very comfortable using tech to help them age in their homes and communities. A significant number of older adults are considering buying additional tech to help them in their aging journey.

The top potential tech products for older Americans are smart health devices, with more than half of older adults considering connected medical alert devices, digital hearing aids and blood pressure and glucose monitors as AgeTech.

Fewer than half of adults 50+ own some AgeTech products than would like to, such as:

- Only 3% own a connected medical alert device, when an additional 18% say they would be likely to purchase one.
- Only 6% own a continuous glucose monitor, when an additional 8% say they would be likely to purchase one.

Only 3% own an over-the-counter digital hearing aid, when an additional 10% say they would be likely to purchase one.

Price and reliability are the top barriers to purchase for many AgeTech products, with 60% saying that some form of cost cited as a barrier to purchase, and 41% saying that their concerns about reliability are a barrier to purchase. Sixty-four percent of adults 50+ do not feel technology today is designed with their age in mind, according to AARP's 2024 Tech Trends Survey.

"This report confirms that seniors are ready to adopt technology that help them age in place," said René Quashie, vice president, digital health, CTA. "Our focus at CTA is making sure that developers make tools easy to use through thoughtful innovation, using our consumer research and industry standards."

The new research from AARP and CTA provides valuable insight into the priorities of older Americans when it comes to using and adopting technology to help them age. For some, there are large gaps in the adoption of technology and the number of people who are interested.

"There are some hesitations in adoption, including price, ease of use and data security," David said. "AARP and CTA are interested in overcoming some of these challenges to enable older Americans everywhere to live the way they want."

The AgeTech Collaborative from AARP is an innovation ecosystem that brings together cutting-edge thinkers in the longevity tech space to champion meaningful advances to make aging easier for everyone.

For the full report from AARP and CTA, visit <http://www.aarp.org/AgingInPlaceTech>.



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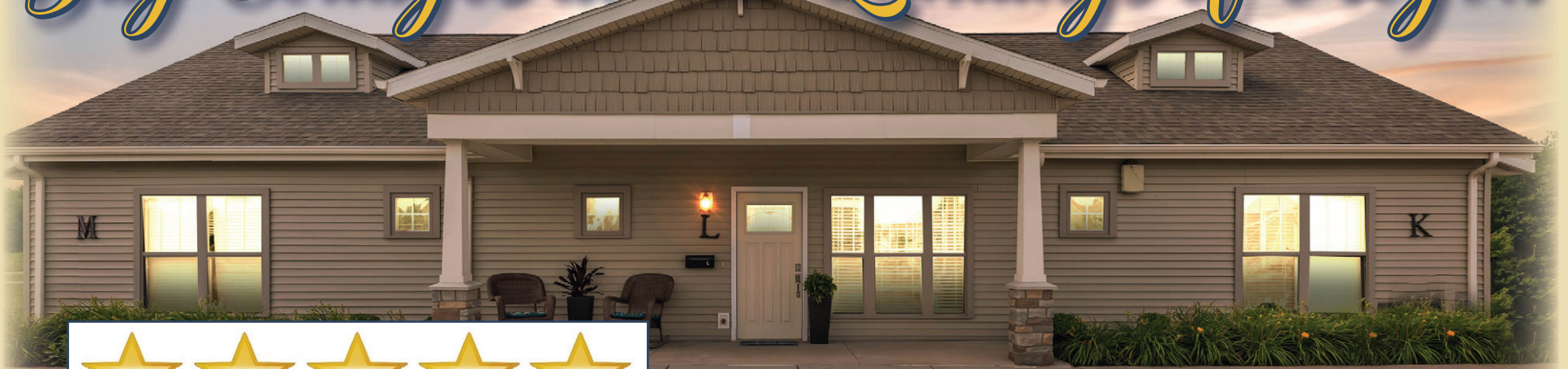
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Toledo Swiss Singers plan Valentine High Tea Feb. 2

Toledo Swiss Singers, one of the area's oldest singing groups, will host a traditional Valentine High Tea Sunday, Feb. 2, at 3 p.m. at Oak Shade Grove, 3625 Seaman Rd., Oregon. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m.

The event, returning for its third year, will feature finger sandwiches, sweets, scones with cream and jam and a selection of teas. A cash bar featuring Valentine cocktails and mimosas will be available. The dress code for the event is smart casual.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children under 13. Buy tickets online at toledoswiss.simplerix.com. RSVP by Monday, Jan. 27. For more information, call or text Elaine at: 419-206-0975.

About the Singers

Under the direction of Micah Graber, the choir has been a cultural staple in the Toledo area since 1869. The chorus in its current form has been around since 1924. Its aim is to retain and preserve the culture and songs of Switzerland, to live up to the singers' ancestors' tenets of faith and behavior, help others, and to be good citizens. They practice Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., September to May, at Oak Shade Grove.

The Singers will also host a Swiss farmer's brunch on March 16, 2025. And their Murder Mystery special event will return May 3 and 4, 2025.

Free museum admission

The National Museum of the Great Lakes is offering free admission Saturday, Jan. 18 through Monday, Jan. 20, in the spirit of community, service and reflection inspired by the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The museum is located at 1701 Front St., Toledo.

Visitors will have access to exhibits, including the museum's latest micro exhibit, "Frozen Fun: Recreational Activities on the Frozen Great Lakes."

Families are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to explore the interactive displays and gain a deeper un-



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derstanding of the Great Lakes' impact on industry, culture and daily life.

Following the free admission days, the museum will close for its annual cleaning and maintenance period from Jan. 21-31. The museum will reopen Saturday, Feb. 1.

Preregistration for weekend admission is not required, however, to get advance tickets, visit nmglstore.org/collections/presale-museum-admission/products/free-museum-admission

TMA MLK Day events

The Toledo Museum of Art, which is typically closed on Mondays, will be open and offering a full day of engaging programs and activities on Monday, Jan. 20, to honor the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

This year's theme, "More than a Dream," asks visitors to reflect on Rev. King's enduring vision for justice and equity and celebrate his profound impact through art and dialogue.

"Dr. King's transformative leadership continues to inspire generations," said Jennifer McCary, chief culture and brand experience officer at the museum. "On MLK Day, we open the museum as a welcoming space for reflection, creativity, and connection, inviting our community to engage with his vision in ways that foster understanding and unity."

Jan. 20 museum hours will be 11 a.m.-5 p.m. for this free event. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit toledomuseum.org.



The Toledo Swiss Singers are accepting reservations for their Valentine High Tea, set for Sunday, Feb. 2, at Oak Shade Grove in Oregon. (Submitted photo)

Voices of Harmony to offer singing Valentines

The "Voices of Harmony" chorus, part of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, is preparing to fill the hearts (and email in-boxes) of area residents with the sound of four-part harmony, as they deliver singing Valentines on Friday, Feb. 14.

A limited number of in-person singing Valentines, with quartets performing one song and delivering a rose and personalized card, will be available throughout Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan at a cost of \$50. For an additional \$10, a gourmet cupcake can be added to the in-person delivery.

A phone package, which includes a live song and message delivered over the phone, is being offered for \$15.

Orders can be placed online at the Voices of Harmony website at thevoicesofharmony.org, by calling 888-741-7464 (option 3), or by emailing thevoicesofharmony@gmail.com.

Christmas decoration donations welcome

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society is accepting new and gently used Christmas ornaments and decorations for next year's Community Christmas event.

Drop off donations at the Educational Wing (building behind the church) of Brandville School Museum at 1133 Grasser St. Monday and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-noon through Jan. 22. Call 419-902-5149 to make other drop off arrangements.

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Cancer support get-together set

The next Magruder Cancer Get-Together will be held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. in the hospital conference center, 615 Fulton St., Port Clinton.

The monthly free get-togethers are for anyone who has been impacted by cancer, including patients, caregivers and family members. Participants need not be patients of Magruder Oncology to attend.

Oncology nurse practitioner Laura

Muller will lead the January discussion, "Side Effects and When to Report Them," with

RSVP by calling 419-734-3131 ext. 3729 or email tarmstrong@magruderhospital.com.

Jim Morrison tribute Concert, fundraiser

Phil Barone, local entrepreneur and owner of Rosie's Italian Grille and Rosaria's on Third Street, is teaming up with The Cruisers for a Jim Morrison Tribute Concert Saturday, Feb. 1, at the historic Maumee Indoor Theatre, 601 Conant St., Maumee.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Catered food will be available for purchase from Rosaria's on Third Street. A cash bar will be available.

The show will begin at 7 p.m. with the opening act, Mikey "Blue" Barone playing the harmonica, guitar and vocals. Phil Barone and The Cruisers will take the stage at 8 p.m.

The tribute will feature several local musicians, including Phil Barone on lead vocals as Jim Morrison, Pat McDonagh on lead guitar, Mike Perzynski on bass, Nate Woodward on the keyboard, Evan Spurlock on drums, and an accomplished horn section led by John Grafing on the Trumpet, Al Ashby on the tenor sax and Bob Huff on the trombone.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit the local non-profit The Dyslexia Education Training Center (formerly the 32nd Masonic Learning Center for Children), which provides help for students from Northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. The center is located at Coy Elementary School in Oregon.

The event is open to ages 18 and older. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$35 with access to the VIP bar and cocktail service during the show. Order tickets at Eventbrite.com.

YMCA celebrating 160 years

The YMCA of Greater Toledo is celebrating 160 years of transforming lives and strengthening local communities.

Established in 1865, the YMCA provides programs and services to individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds.

Yearlong celebration planned

The YMCA invites members, supporters, and the public to join in the celebration this year. Highlights include:

- Community impact events: Family fun nights, pool bashes and festivals throughout the year.

- 160 Years of Stories: Explore an on-line timeline of the YMCA's history, showcasing milestones, member stories and YMCA impact on the Toledo area.

- Special member recognition: A celebration of members through rewards and recognition programs.

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Sports

Former Eagle earns national collegiate honors in volleyball

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The list of accolades are seemingly endless.

Clay alum Olivia Henneman-Dallape led Ferris State, ranked first in Division II, to the national quarterfinals before they fell, 3-2, to Bentley (MA) University.

It was the only loss for the Bulldogs, who went 34-1 and won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic League with a 17-0 record.

The biggest win of the season came in the Midwest Regional finals against Findlay, where the Bulldogs rallied to defeat the Oilers, 3-2.

Ferris State took the first set, 27-25, but lost the next two (25-22, 25-19) before rallying to take the final two sets by scores of 25-21 and 15-13. Henneman-Dallape had a team-high 22 kills and earned all-tournament honors.

To give someone an idea of just how dominant FSU was, the team lost just 16 sets during the whole season.

For her efforts, Henneman-Dallape was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Player of the Year. She also earned first-team honors, one year after being named to the second team.

Henneman-Dallape was also the GLIAC Tournament MVP.

She finished the season with 502 kills, 161 digs and 81 blocks. In 28 of the team's 35 matches, she had at least 10 kills.

The coach, Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, was named the National Coach of the Year, and Kaylee Maat and Claire Nowicki earned national honors.

"This season was one of a kind. The team that we had at Ferris was very dedicated on making everyone in the gym better and taking it one day at a time," said Henneman-Dallape. "The chemistry that



Former Clay Eagle, Ferris State senior, Olivia Henneman-Dallape was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Player of the Year. (Photo courtesy of Ferris State)

we built together helped us to be so successful. We were able to travel and do many team-bonding (activities) to help with that.

Henneman-Dallape, who is an outside hitter, is quick to credit her teammates.

"I was part of a graduating class of eight seniors, which included every position that was needed. Kaylee (Maat), our setter really brought a competitive leadership every day, Chelsie (Freeman) was one our (middle hitters), and she brought heat and a strategic plan," said Henneman-Dallape. "Syann (Fairfield) was another middle that brought strategic play and was a very versatile player. Leah (Bylut) is the libero everyone wants to have; she just had so much love for the sport and is just a go-getter. Hanny (Tecumseh) is the game changer, Tatum (Outlaw) is the one who keeps things fun and not too serious and

just loves the game. Claire (Nowicki) was our backbone – she did a lot for our team. She is a snappy, athletic volleyball player.

"It's been the coolest experience of my life. I never go a day without laughing and just having something to be grateful for," she said.

Henneman-Dallape, who stands 6-2, is a nursing major.

"It's very difficult, but if time is managed right, it makes it very, very possible (to succeed)," she said. "Being a student-athlete is not all that I get to experience. There are way more stress and cramming, but in the end, that's also the fun of it."

Not bad for a student who earned All-Academic honors in the GLIAC as a junior.

"College has been extremely fulfilling. I am just beyond grateful and appreciative to be a part of such an amazing program and culture, and to be able to work for

one of the highest-competitive teams in Division II. Not only that, I've made relationships with people. These girls are going to be in my life forever, and I wouldn't change my experience at Ferris State for anything," said Henneman-Dallape. "I was also extremely grateful to join a program that allowed me to do nursing school and be a student-athlete, which is actually very rare; I just can't say enough about how grateful and appreciative I am, and how I will always cherish these memories at Ferris for the rest of my life."

In high school, Henneman-Dallape played for Carrie Wagoner. She earned all-district honors in volleyball and was an All-TRAC selection in basketball, too.

Fellow Clay alum Shannon Coughlin, who is now coaching at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, talked about what kind of teammate Henneman-Dallape was in high school.

"Olivia was a sophomore when I was a senior, so I didn't play with her very long, but I just remember her being a really raw volleyball player. Her ceiling was so high because she was just getting into the game in high school. I remember Coach Conley seeing a lot of potential in her," said Coughlin. "I remember specifically her getting a lot of extra hitting reps during practices. I didn't keep up with her college career much as I was in mine and was overseas, but it was so awesome to see that she was Division II Player of the Year, because I can imagine how much growth, learning, and hard work was put into it. I played basketball with her as well, she's an awesome person and a good teammate – (she) always wanted the best for everyone and just a sweet person all around."

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Woodmore Wildcats Athletic Hall of Fame to induct 11 members January 25

The Woodmore Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome its second class on Jan. 25 when the 11 newest members are recognized between the JV and varsity boys' basketball games at the high school gymnasium. The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m., with the recognition at approximately 6:45 p.m. The Wildcats basketball teams play New Riegel.

The class consists of the following:

- Dan Becerra (class of 1998) is one of only two football players in school history to earn first-team All-State honors twice (1996 and 1997). Becerra was the district Lineman of the Year in his last two seasons and was a three-time first-team All-Suburban Lakes League (SLL) and district selection. He helped the Wildcats to the SLL title his last three years and a state playoff berth in each of his four seasons.

- Angie Fegley (class of 1995) was a three-time first-team All-SLL pitcher in softball, an SLL Player-of-the-Year in basketball, and an all-league honoree in volleyball. Fegley helped the softball team to three-straight SLL titles (1993-95) and during the course of her career set records for doubles in a season (14, 1993), RBI in a season (48, 1994) and season ERA (0.75, 1994). Her senior season she averaged 18.5 points, 8.8 rebounds, and 1.6 assists in basketball and was named the top player in the SLL.

- Jenny (Helmuci) Burner (class of 1991) is the only four-time league champion in school history in cross country (1987-90). While winning the individual league title in cross country, she was helping the team to league titles in 1989 and 1990. In track and field, Burner was a four-time placer in the 800 at the league meet, a four-time placer in the 1600, and a three-time placer in the 3200. As a senior, she helped the 3200 relay team to the SLL title, a third-place finish in the regional meet, and a fourth-place finish in the state meet.

- Steve Korn (class of 1984) still holds the career scoring average at Woodmore of 39.6 and he is the only golfer in school history to earn first-team all-league honors four times. Korn helped the Wildcats to the state Class A team title as a sophomore and a state runner-up finish as a freshman. Korn, a three-year letterwinner in basketball, tied for medalist honors in the league tournament as a senior.

- Carly Pendleton (class of 2011) won the Div. III state championship in the discus as a senior with a throw of 156-0 after winning the SLL and district titles and finishing as the runner-up in the regional meet. As a junior, she was the league and district champion, was second in the regional meet, and finished second in the state meet (147-6). Pendleton went on to throw at The Ohio State University where she qualified for the NCAA Div. I outdoor meet earning honorable mention All-America honors.

- Erin (Pendleton) Saenz (class of 2009) won back-to-back Div. III state titles in the discus throwing 160-0 as senior and 168-10 as a junior. Her throw as a junior is still the Div. III state meet record and is the second-best throw all-time for all divisions in the state meet. She was second to her sister, Emily, as a sophomore in the discus at the state meet and fourth as a freshman. She was a top four placer in the shot put in the state meet as a junior and senior. She went on to attend the University of Michigan where she was the Big Ten champion in the discus twice and she was a three-time NCAA Div. I outdoor meet qualifier.

- Amy (Perkins) Bergman (class of 1999) is third on the career scoring list in basketball with 1,162 career points. She holds school records for three-pointers in a game (8, 1998-99), three-pointers in a career (223) and steals in a career (301). She earned All-SLL honors three times, including first-team honors as a senior when she also was the Div. III District 7 Player-of-the-Year and a third-team All-State selection. A four-year letterwinner in softball, she earned all-league honors three times.

- Tyler Rosenberger (class of 2005) was the SLL Player-of-the-Year in basketball his junior and senior seasons on his way to 1,309 points, second-best total in school history. Rosenberger was a three-time first-team All-SLL selection and he earned third-team All-State honors as a senior. He helped the Wildcats win the SLL title his final three seasons and a runner-up finish as a freshman. He is second in career steals (227), fifth in career rebounds (535), and eighth in career assists (275).

- Jeff Rospert (class of 1984) still holds

nine school records in baseball including the top batting average of .480 in both his junior and senior seasons. As a senior, he was first-team All-SLL, all-district, and All-Ohio playing in the district and state all-star games. Also a three-year letterwinner in basketball and football, Rospert went on to attend Kent State University where he earned four letters leading the team in batting average as a sophomore and junior.

- Ryan Travis (class of 1997) was the leading ball-carrier on football teams his junior and senior seasons that set many school records on their way to the two winningest seasons in school history. Second on the career rushing list with 3,130 yards, Travis rushed for a school-record 23 touchdowns as a senior along with 1,764 yards, the third-best season mark in school histo-

ry. His 39 career rushing touchdowns and 250 career points are both second in school history. He also earned four letters in baseball and three in basketball.

- Evan Ulinski (class of 2014) is the only four-time state wrestling meet qualifier and four-time league champion in school history. Ulinski is also the only three-time state meet placer in school history finishing as the state runner-up as a junior and senior and he was fourth in the state as a sophomore. He holds school records for wins in a career (184) and season (51, 2014) and pins in a career (117) and season (37, 2014). He also earned all-league honors in baseball and football, where he holds school records for receptions in a season (63, 2013), career receptions (140), and career receiving yards (1,667).

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Questions on the CMP Junior Rifle Camps may be directed to CMP camp director, Ryan Hinson, at rhinson@thecmp.org. Questions on registration may be sent to CMP's Alana Kelly at akelly@thecmp.org.



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Shiavone

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather "Papa" and great-grandfather "Poppy", Joseph A. Schiavone who passed away peacefully December 29, 2024, age 92 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg.



A devoted husband to Joann B. (Massa) Schiavone, whom he married January 30, 1960; loving father to Julie (Scott) Phelps, Gina (Gordon) Judy, Jennifer Bockey, and Joseph (Vicky) Schiavone; grandfather to eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Joe was known for his strong work ethic, kindness and unwavering dedication to his family. Joe was a veteran serving his country as a cook in the United States Army during the Korean War while stationed in Japan. He worked 39 ½ years for Libbey Owens Ford as a mold maker and followed by 20 post-retirement years as a courier for Mercy Health. He was an avid gardener and yearly passed out tomatoes to all his friends, family and neighbors. Joe loved playing and watching basketball. He was a loyal supporter of Notre Dame, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons and Ohio State Buckeyes. Joe was inducted as a Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus and spent many of his earlier years chairing the St Jerome church festival, along with weekly bingo calling. He was a true family man and the times he looked forward to most were spent with his family.

The family will receive friends at Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, 1111 Woodville Road (east of I-280), Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 10:30 am until Celebration of Life Service at 12:30pm. Private burial: Lake Township Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy are asked to be directed in the form of donations to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the kindness of the staff at Hospice of NW Ohio for their wonderful care along with his care team of Karen, Macy, Savanna, Jackie, Indigo and Margot.

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Myrice

E. Skip Myrice, Jr. passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Skip was born in Oregon, Ohio on his dad's birthday August 16, 1955 and was one of 12 children in his family. Skippy followed in his father's footsteps and began a musical career at the age of 7. His dad said "Ma, get Skippy in his best clothes" and she did. They got in a car and Skippy wondered where they were going. His dad said, "We are going to a Millbury Christmas party, I am playing tonight and you are going to sing a song. You are going to sing I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus and you better do a good job!". So after arrival and band set up his dad said, "When I call you up come up the steps don't fall and stand in front of me". Skippy did as his dad said and when the song started Skippy was doing well! His dad then told him, "Don't look at me, look at the people out there, go from side to side, look at each one, and keep singing well". Skippy did. When the song was over, he went down the steps, and to Skippy's amazement, the people hugged, kissed him, and put money in his pocket! They loaded him up with a bushel basket with stockings, candy, fruit, toys, and more money. Skippy shared the bushel basket with family at home and passed out the goodies. From that moment on he was hooked on performing. Skip played in his own band for 45 years; he is famous for country legends with a touch of the oldies and his phenomenal train whistle. Skip went to Houston, TX in the mid-70s for about 8 years following his job at Hunt Wesson, from here to Texas. Skip followed 50 years of working a day job Monday through Friday while performing on stage every weekend from house parties, get-togethers, yacht clubs, etc. In Houston, Skip played large venues to backwoods gatherings -popular spots where locals hung out. He made it to Nashville frequently and he played on the stages at Legends, Tootsie's, and a few others as a guest. Skip was well known and always rose to the occasion he was asked to join George Jones (his hero) and Boxcar Willy. Despite his success on stage Skip always held down his day job.



Skip graduated from Clay High School in 1974 and he was very proud of that. He was

allowed shorter classes to be able to work. Skip had a CHS teacher that gave him some good coaching. The teacher said, "Skippy get a job you like and stick with it; Get a vehicle you like. Get a place to live and keep it well.



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Skip worked in asphalt, as a lab tech in plants, and warehousing. He loved to sing, play music, go fishing and boating on Lake Erie. Skip was a fun person to be around for a great time. He had a knack to even perk people up in the grocery store. We will miss you so much here, We will look in the Honky Tonk part of Heaven for you.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents Everett and Helen Myrice; grandparents A and M Myrice and his Lyman grandparents; siblings Deborah, Charles, Jerry, and George. He is survived by his wife Sharon "Shari" M. King-Myrice; siblings Sharon, Dicky (Denise), James (Diane), Barb, Linda (Tom), Johnny, Mary (Darrell); and dozens of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at Freck Funeral Chapel 1155 S Wynn Rd in Oregon, Ohio on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. continuing Sunday after 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Immediately following there will be food and drinks at a local establishment. We will be happy to see you! Donations are not necessary but if you need to, please pledge any donations to St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Curtice, Ohio.

Special thanks to Robert Frank for stopping in weekly to see Skip and bringing lunch. Amazing mountains of thanks to caregivers- Sam R and Austin G, you are the best ever and have extreme knowledge in the medical field. Many thanks to Ohio Living Home Care and all of the wonderful therapists, aides, and RNs for staying with us through the years.

"Skip, my true friend since the age of 13 we enjoyed our 30 years together later in life. It was meant to be. My true friend, loving husband; I will love you forever and always. We will meet again."

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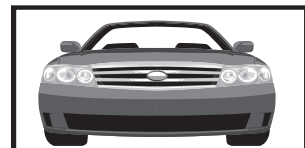
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 Nancy Sabin, Zoning Inspector

Clay Twp. Public Notice
 The annual 2024 financial report is complete and available at the office of the Fiscal Officer of Clay Township, 21774 Holts-East Road, Genoa, OH 43430. It can be reviewed by appointment. Please call (419) 855-7878 to set up an appointment time.
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 The Woodville Township Trustees hold their regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the fire station. The public is welcome to attend!
 Lori Kepus, Fiscal Officer

NOTICE OF ASSESSING ORDINANCE
 Take notice that in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the Council of the City of Oregon, Ordinance No. 006-2025, passed on January 13, 2025, levied assessments upon the benefited property owners for the improvement of the North side of Brown Road from approximately 422 feet east of Coy Road to Approximately 1,079 feet east of Coy Road by the installation of a sanitary sewer including necessary street restoration and resurfacing and other necessary appurtenances. The final assessment against each parcel may be paid on or before March 14, 2025. If not paid within such period, the assessment will be certified to the County Auditor for collection in 20 semi-annual installments with interest at the rate of 5.0% on the installments. The assessments levied by the Ordinance are in the Office of the Finance Director for inspection and examination by any interested persons. This notice is given pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.26 and by order of the Council of the City of Oregon.
 Nicholas Roman
 Finance Director

Village of Genoa - INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Genoa at the Genoa Administration Building, 102 E 6th Street, Genoa, Ohio, 43430 until 11:00 AM EST, February 14, 2025, at which time bids will be opened for the 2025 GENOA BASKETBALL COURTS RECONSTRUCTION.

Bids must be sealed and endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name of the bidder and the project bid upon. Bids received after the scheduled bid opening date and time will neither be read nor considered. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The contract documents and specifications are on file at the office of the Village Administrator, 102 E 6th Street, Genoa, Ohio 43430. The documents may be obtained at the Village's website at genoahio.org or by contacting the Village Administrator at 419-855-7791 or administrator@genoahio.org.

No proposal will be considered unless it is made on the blanks furnished by the Village. No bidder shall take any exception to any requirement of the specifications. Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein.

The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than May 24, 2025.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guaranty. The bid guaranty may be of two forms: 1) A Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond using the form in the Contract Documents, or 2) a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit in favor of the Village of Genoa, Ohio, in the amount of 10% of the bid. If the contract is awarded a Contract Bond will be required, which is a 100% payment and performance bond. The bid guaranty must meet all requirements of Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Instructions to Bidders.

All work shall be carried out in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations that apply to the work. Any project specification item in conflict with federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation, shall be void.

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The Village of Genoa is not keeping a list of plan holders. The Village of Genoa reserves the right to reject any bids, and to waive any irregularities in a bid, or to accept that bid which in the judgment of the proper officials is to the best interest of the County.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 731.14, this shall serve as notification that this notice is available on the Village of Genoa website at genoahio.org.

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