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PUCO to resume probes into FirstEnergy

By Larry Limpf
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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has ordered its four investigations related to FirstEnergy and House Bill 6 to resume.

The cases have been stayed since Aug. 24, 2022, at the request of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio while a federal case was pending. The request letter stated that a trial for two persons involved in the \$61 million corruption case, Larry Householder, former Republican Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, and Matt Borges, a lobbyist, was scheduled to start in January 2023 and the PUCO probe could impede with the federal case.

Householder and Borges have since been convicted.

The stay expired on Feb. 23, of this year.

"We remain committed to protecting the interests of Ohio's consumers," said PUCO chairperson Jenifer French. "The PUCO will continue to follow the facts wherever they may lead."

A PUCO administrative law judge will issue an entry in the coming days to establish hearing dates for the proceedings, she said, including a due date for the ongoing audit of the utility's rates related to political and charitable expenses.

On Sep. 15, 2020, the PUCO opened a proceeding to review whether the political and charitable spending by Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison, and Toledo Edison in support of HB 6 and a subsequent referendum effort was included, directly or indirectly, in any rates or charges paid by customers.

On March 9, 2022, the PUCO ordered a third-party auditor to examine political and charitable expenses that may have been included in utility rates.

On Nov. 4, 2020, the PUCO initiated an audit of FirstEnergy Corp.'s compliance with Ohio's corporate sep-

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Northwood High School to present "Annie"

Ozzy Giller, as Sandy, poses with his co-stars Nick Jones (Daddy Warbucks), Liberty Knisely (Grace), Brielle Closson (Annie) and Lainee Partin (Miss Hannigan) as they prepare to rehearse a scene from Northwood High School's upcoming production of the musical "Annie." Performances are March 8 and 9 at 7:00 p.m. and March 10 at 3:00 p.m. For ticket information go to northwoodschoools.org and click Purchase Event Tickets. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

3 counties studying area's water/sewer capacity

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If a major tech company showed interest in locating in Northwest Ohio would the area have sufficient water and sewer service capacity to meet the needs of a large facility that uses millions of gallons daily?

A proposed study will attempt to answer that question.

"JobsOhio has been searching for sites for larger development that would include tech-related projects. Anything from data centers to possibly chip plants and computers. Intel is in the process of building a big plant near Columbus," said Kelly Frey, Ottawa County sanitary engineer. "The overall goal is to be prepared for future economic development opportunities as they arise. This study is the first step."

If the study proceeds, Frey's office will be collaborating with the sanitary engineering department of Lucas County and the Northwestern Water and Sewer District, which serves most of Wood County.

"Those three entities are working with the City of Toledo to look at potential sites for larger manufacturing/technical campuses," Frey said. "The study we're involved with as a county is to look at all the supporting communities and see what availability they have for water and sewer and add that to what is available through Toledo. Then,

“The goal, as a group, is to share economic development opportunities with everyone and create a unified approach to this.”

from an engineering standpoint, look to see how that would serve the area in southern Lucas County, eastern Wood County, and western Ottawa County.

"I don't think the study is looking at building anything as far as treatment. But the idea is to try and take advantage of the availability of capacity for different areas."

A computer chip plant could typically use 20 million gallons a day of water and maybe 15 million gallons a day of wastewater.

"That is really more than anybody has available now, with the exception of Toledo. With the study we're trying to determine what would be available to use for a facility of that nature. We'd like to get the study done in about six months," he said. "Right now we're just trying to get an understanding of what utilities are out there and what is available. Then we'll consolidate that into a report so if someone comes to the area we can show them what is available and how it would be provided."

Frey believes some area communities could benefit by participating in a development and providing water/sewer service due to economies of scale. For example, the Village of Genoa could lower its water costs.

"That's the hope for everybody, to lower the costs. If you look at the Village of Genoa and what its capabilities from a water and sewer standpoint are, which will be included in this study, there is a chance for them to capitalize on what is being done," Frey said. "The goal, as a group, is to share economic development opportunities with everyone and create a unified approach to this."

During a visit to Northwest Ohio in January, Gov. Mike DeWine said he was optimistic about the region's economic development potential.

Quote of The Week

...I found their tactics controlling and manipulative.

Brian Myers
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ration laws and rules, which are designed to ensure that no undue preference or competitive advantage is provided to an affiliate by an electric distribution utility. The audit is to include an examination of the time period leading up to the passage of HB 6 and the subsequent ballot referendum.

According to court documents, from March 2017 to March 2020, millions of dollars were funneled to Householder and others in exchange for their help in passing HB 6.

The defendants then also allegedly worked to ensure the bill went into effect by helping to defeat a ballot initiative that would have given voters a chance to overturn the legislation.

When's the last time you saw a frog in February?

A frog is spotted at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge during a brief warm up in mid-February. The unseasonably warm weather seems to be altering with below freezing weather as we head into March. (Photo by Tony Everhardt)



Packer Creek improvement plan petitioned

Residents in the Packer Creek watershed in Wood, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties will have an opportunity this week to view the scope of a proposed improvement project for the creek.

Notices have been sent to landowners in the watershed advising them they can view an engineering report on the project March 7 at 10 a.m. at the meeting room of the Wood County commissioners on the fifth floor of the county office building in Bowling Green.

The first hearing on the project is scheduled for April 16 at 10 a.m. at the same location.

A petition for the clean-up project was filed with the Wood County Board of Commissioners.

Within 21 days of the viewing landowners may file an amendment to the petition that expands the length of the pro-

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Bowling Green, 43402.

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The main channel of the watershed begins at a catch basin on the south side of Sugar Ridge Road, approximately 2,000 feet west of Mercer Road. It proceeds to the northeast to the intersection of Fostoria Road and State Rt. 163 and follows through to the Village of Genoa and then to State Rt. 590.

Maps of the location of the proposed improvement were included with the mailed notices.

For information about the project contact the Wood County engineer's office at 419-354-9060 or engineer@woodcountyohio.gov.

posed improvement.

Amendments or written comments should be submitted to the clerk of the Wood County commissioners, One Courthouse Square,

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Levy estimator available

Wood County Auditor Matthew Oestreich said the levy estimator on the auditor's website is updated for the March 19, 2024 ballot. The website is located at <https://auditor.co.wood.oh.us>.

"The levy estimator is a valuable tool to inform voters of the impact on their taxes of upcoming levies," he said.

To use the estimator, property owners can search on the website for their specific parcel and then click on the levy estimator button. Users can then view the current tax amount on their parcel generated by each levy, the new tax amount if passed, and the difference based on the current year tax value. The website also lists the authority proposing the levy, the use of the levy, the type of levy (renewal, replacement, bond, etc.), the proposed mills, and the number of years the proposed levy will remain in effect. Auditor Oestreich stresses that "the parcel-specific information provided by the levy estimator will help voters make informed decisions."

There are three individual property tax levies on the March 19, ballot: Way Library, Anthony Wayne schools, and Perrysburg schools.

For information on polling locations and early or absentee voting, visit the Board of Elections website at <https://www.co.wood.oh.us/BOE/>. For questions regarding the levy estimator or the auditor's website, contact the Wood County Auditor's Office at 419-354-9150 or auditor@wood-countyohio.gov.

Toledo Helps Ukraine continuing work

As the war on Ukraine marked the two-year anniversary last month, Toledo Helps Ukraine continues its lifesaving work.

"The war in Ukraine is always front and center for Toledo Helps Ukraine," said Alona Matchenko, president and co-founder of the nonprofit. Matchenko, who was born and raised in Ukraine and recently earned her law degree from the University of Toledo, said she begins each morning by checking on her family in Ukraine, confirming that they are all alive.

"Unfortunately, as the war continues, it often becomes a footnote in the news," she said. "Yet every day, the people of Ukraine are dealing with devastating attacks on homes, schools, hospitals and civilians. Their needs are great and that is why we continue our work."

"Every day is consumed with meetings, plans, and work to assist Ukrainian citizens impacted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine," said Matchenko, who launched Toledo Helps Ukraine within days of the invasion. "Our goal is to raise awareness and funds, and to distribute them in a manner that will make the most significant impact on the lives of displaced or besieged Ukrainians."

Matchenko said Toledo Helps Ukraine, through the Uniting for Ukraine initiative, has relocated 65 individuals (18 families) from war-torn Ukraine, primarily in the Northwest Ohio area.

"We try to be a face in the community as often as possible, whether it is speaking to community groups or sponsoring special

events and fundraisers. To date, Toledo Helps Ukraine has raised more than \$90,000 and shipped thousands of pounds of humanitarian aid, including food, water, medicine, flashlights, generators and other items directly to the Ukrainian people," she said. "Every time we are in front of people, we are a reminder that the war continues, and that Ukraine desperately needs help."

Kindergarten registration

Northwood Elementary will begin Kindergarten Registration on Monday, March 18.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must turn 5 years old by Aug. 1. Parents/guardians of eligible children may visit northwoodschoools.org to download the registration packet. Visit the website home page, click on "Kindergarten Registration," print the documents and return them to school.

Forms may be emailed to nsmith@northwoodschoools.org, mailed to the school at 600 Lemoyne Rd., Northwood, OH 43619 or dropped off at the school office.

A mandatory Kindergarten Parent Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

For more information, call 419-691-3888.

Park district plans prescribed burns

The stewardship department of the Wood County Park District is planning to conduct prescribed fires in several park properties this spring.

The locations of these burns may include Bradner Preserve, Rudolph Savanna Area, Cricket Frog Cove and Sawyer Quarry Preserve.

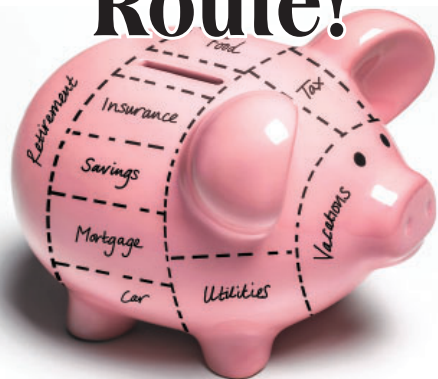
The timing of the fires will be determined by weather factors to ensure the most effective and safe conditions, including smoke mitigation.

All prescribed fire practices are conducted under waiver through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, notification of the Ohio EPA, and direct supervision by an Ohio Certified Prescribed Fire Manager. Local fire departments for each site will be made aware of plans and will be directly notified at least 24 hours before the fire and also on the day of the fire.

For more information about prescribed fire practices, call Justin Siler, woodland specialist, at 419-466-3594 or email jsiler@wcparks.org.

For general questions, call 419-353-1897.

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Agriculture Breakfast set for March 15

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The cost for the all-you-can-eat scrambled egg, pancake and sausage breakfast is \$5. Admission is open to members of the agricultural community and the community.

The guest speaker will be Quintin Smith, owner of Gideon Owen Winery, who will speak about the former Mon Ami Winery and the past and present of agriculture and winemaking on Catawba Island.

Proceeds from the breakfast go back into the agricultural community through various scholarships. These scholarships will be awarded at the breakfast. For more information about scholarships, call 419-898-3631.

For tickets to the event, call the Ottawa Soil And Water Conservation District at 419-898-1595.



Lucas SWCD Tree Sale

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (Lucas SWCD) is accepting orders for the Annual Tree, Shrub and Garden Sale through Friday, March 29.

Each year, the district offers a unique selection of native and habitat trees, shrubs, and plants to promote conservation in the landscape. These plants are offered at a low cost to encourage residents to help wildlife, provide soil and water benefits and improve their properties.

This year's sale offers several hardwood species in 3-gallon pots, including American sycamore, serviceberry, bur oak

and Eastern redbud.

Bare-root seedling packs of flowering shrubs, like sweet shrub and smooth rose and three varieties of conifers or evergreens are also available.

Those interested in getting more than one species in a pack may order the Variety Habitat Packet, Fruit and Berries Packet or the Native Prairie Seed Packets, which contain seeds from flowers and grasses collected locally from the Oak Openings Region.

Place orders online at lswcd-tree.square.site (credit card only) or visit the LSWCD office at 3350 Hill Ave., Toledo, Suite K, during business hours to complete an order form and make the payment by cash, check or credit card.

All orders must be picked up at the Lucas County Fairgrounds on April 22 between 1 and 6 p.m. or April 23 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Delivery is not available.

For more information or to request a copy of the Spring 2024 newsletter, call 419-893-1966.

Diabetes program set

The next Magruder Diabetes Get-Together will be held Thursday, March 7 at 1 p.m. in the Magruder Conference Center, 615 Fulton St., Port Clinton.

These free get-togethers are for anyone dealing with diabetes or pre-diabetes, including family and friends. The topic for March will be "Diabetes and Nerve Damage." Discussions are led by certified diabetes care and education specialists.

Call 419-732-4047 or email tstadler@magruderhospital.com for more details.

Easter egg hunt

The Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Easter egg hunt March 23 at 2 p.m.

The event will begin in Adolphus Kraemer Park at the log cabin with an egg hunt, followed by a candy hunt downtown.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures at the log cabin as well. This event is free to the public and open to children ages 12 and under.

For more information please contact the chamber office at 419-898-0479.

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Genzman to retire after long career in Oak Harbor

When Randy Genzman was just 15 years old, he began his career as a seasonal staff employee in the Oak Harbor wastewater treatment plant. Little did he know this would mark the start of a remarkable 30-year journey in public service, culminating in his role as the Village of Oak Harbor Administrator for the past decade.



Genzman

As Genzman looks forward to his upcoming retirement on July 31, he reflects on the diverse experiences that have shaped his career.

His journey with the village and Ottawa County has taken him from the wastewater treatment plant to the village streets department, then to operations manager, overseeing both water and streets before being appointed as village administrator on Valentine's Day 2014.

"I've experienced the whole spectrum of the village, from sanitation to streets to water to operations to now village administrator. It's really been an honor to serve my community and I am grateful every day for this opportunity," he said.

As village administrator, Genzman said finds each day unique and welcomes the challenges it brings. While he may start the day in the office with a list of projects and priorities, a single phone call about an issue or concern can quickly shift his focus.

"It's a very multifaceted role. One minute, I could be dealing with a pothole on Oak Street, and then the next I'm leading a \$12 million sewer replacement project on Church Street," he said. "The latter, of course, is a once-in-a-lifetime project. To see the impact it has made for residents and businesses is what that type of project is all about."

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Those times may have made my day longer, but it was so worth it. They genuinely felt better because I took the time to just sit and listen to them. That's all they wanted.”

Genzman says the most rewarding aspect of his job has been the relationships he has built over the last 33 years. He recalls walking his meter route around town many years ago, where residents would invite him to sit and talk on their front porches or at picnic tables.

"Those times may have made my day longer, but it was so worth it. They genuinely felt better because I took the time to just sit and listen to them. That's all they wanted," he said.

Genzman also cherishes the friendships he has made with his colleagues over the years, remembering fondly those who are no longer with us, like Dick Meyer, Earl Graham, and Gary Harlow.

"Projects will always mean certain things to those of us who worked on them and had to deal with a failing system before we had a new system, but at the end of the day, it's the people and the relationships that matter most to me and ones that I will cherish forever," he said.

As the village begins the search for the

next administrator, Genzman emphasizes the importance of listening and engaging with the community. He believes that listening to others is a crucial part of the role, as many times people just want someone to talk to, even if it's about an issue the village cannot directly address.

Engagement is also a critical component of the job, which involves connecting with residents, visitors and politicians, and understanding the Oak Harbor community.

"I'm part of a generational family who has been here since 1855. Oak Harbor is my home and the place where I not only grew up but raised my own children, and I'm excited for the community's next chapter. There are lots of strong initiatives and plans in place for the future," he said.

Oak Harbor Mayor Quinton Babcock expressed gratitude to Genzman for his contributions in positioning the village for the future and acknowledges that the next village administrator will have big shoes to fill.

"Wherever I go, people let me know how lucky we are to have Randy in Oak Harbor. It's going to be hard to measure up to him, but his successor will be lucky to stand on his shoulders," Babcock said. "We are so grateful that he gave his talents to the village for the last 30 years and I can't wait to see what mark he will leave on the community next."

As for Genzman's future plans, he and his wife, Monica, own Kozy Corners Restaurant, where he will be spending more time. With the spring and summer approaching, he also plans to spend more time outdoors and on his own projects. He said he has received several offers for new opportunities, but he's not ready to commit to anything just yet.

"I love the warmer weather, so August, September and hopefully into October, you'll see me outside and enjoying time with my family and friends. Then we'll see what comes next," he said.

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending February 16

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2/15/2024 Tammy Sandwisch fka Tammy Hansen, Holly Stewart and Terrylou Coger to Flipping Innovations LLC, 355 Main Street, \$35,000.

Harris Elmore Corporation
02/15/2024 Donald R Widmer and Sandra K Widmer to Watchtower Estates LLC, 366 Rice Street, \$105,000.

02/16/2024 Morgan N Netcher to Meghan Glenn and Javier Slaughter, 307 Clinton Street, \$150,000.

Danbury Township
02/12/2024 Emil L Bloomfield to Linda Gray and Dennis Gray, 4210 East State Road, \$250,000.

02/15/2024 Peter J Mulcahy and Deborah L Mulcahy to David P Roy Jr and Heather Roy, 2600 South Waterside Court Unit #511, \$530,000.

02/16/2024 Mollie U Flaherty and Riley F Flaherty to Jennifer D Parisian and Jeffrey A Parisian-Trustees of the Parisian Revocable Trust dated September 15, 2020, 1867 Fernwood Lane, \$460,000.

Port Clinton Corporation
02/14/2024 Michael C Barnes and Wendy M Barnes to Kenneth O Whetzel and Carol L Whetzel, 200 W. Lakeshore Dr Unit 8, \$349,500.

Catawba Township
02/15/2024 Evelyn Albrecht to Jason Harmon & Danielle Harmon, 3291 N Stonehouse & E Moore's Dock, \$400,000.

02/15/2024 Evelyn Albrecht to David E Urdzik & Dianne G Urdzik, 1595 N Edgewater Dr., \$275,000.

02/15/2024 Steven Dort & Susan Dort to Dean F Clemons & Lyn M Clemons, 972 Lost Lake Rd. \$665,000.

02/15/2024 Joseph M Walby & Lynette Walby to Paul C Gruttadauria & Christine M Gruttadauria, 5608 East Farrow Ave., \$60,000.

02/16/2024 John P Rossman and June H Rossman to Terrence R Speth-Trustee of the Declaration of Trust of Carmelo Ruta, 3173 Beach Towne Court, \$555,000.

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Roger Newland

July 22, 1964 - February 20, 2024

Roger Newland passed away February 20, 2024. He passed peacefully at home with his loving wife by his side, after a long battle from cancer. He was the son of Alvin "Red" and Sharon Newland.

"Red", the only father he ever knew, taught him many trades that Roger used throughout his life. He enjoyed working with hand tools and was an excellent welder. If he wasn't at home working on a project you'd likely find him at someone else's house, helping them with one of theirs. He was the kind of man who would literally give you the shirt off his back. That's probably why you'd see him shirtless most of the time. He worked hard all his life. He played hard and loved even harder. He enjoyed life to the fullest.

He loved his family and his friends. He was the happiest just joking around and being silly. Even in his darkest days,

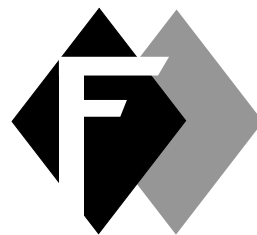
he filled the room with laughter many times, which made him smile. He surely will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son. He is survived by his wife, Dawn; siblings, Denise (David) Malkemus and Mark Newland; three biological children, three step children, eight step grandchildren, and one step great grandchild. He leaves behind many more relatives and some very special friends.

Per Roger's request, there will be no visitation or services at this time. There will be a Celebration of Life party either late spring or early summer.



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March 3-9

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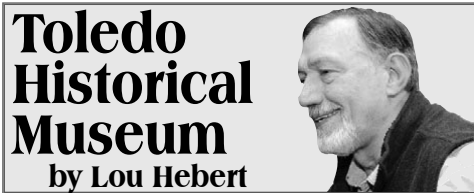
1905 - Master pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski of Poland plays to packed audience at Toledo's Valentine Theater.
 1928 - Construction begins for Central Catholic High School on Cherry Street.
 1930 - Ground broken for the new University Hall. The first building construction project at the University of Toledo on Bancroft Street.
 1944 - USS Mackinaw Coast Guard cutter launched at the Toledo Shipyards
 1981 - Ollie Czelusta, who in the 1950s served as Toledo's first Polish mayor, dies at the age of 85.

March 4

1916 - An investigation begins after Toledo Hospital refused to admit a woman in labor. Ada Jones was forced out into the streets where she had her 10-pound baby boy in a snow bank in front of shocked pedestrians at Bancroft and Cherry.
 1919 - "Babe," the large Indian elephant at the Toledo Zoo, is used to push a big truck out of the heavy mud on Dartmouth adjacent to the zoo. The truck is crushed in the attempt.
 1949 - Hanna Davidson celebrates her 106th birthday in a Toledo nursing home. One of the last of former slaves living in the Toledo area.
 1976 - Toledo bowler, 46-year old John Pezzin rolls 33 consecutive strikes in back to back 300 games and an 859 series at Miracle Lanes. It sets a new record for consecutive strikes.

March 5

1878 - Mattie Haynes was shot through the heart and killed in a bordello in Toledo. The gunman, Louis Attenborough, her husband, had pleaded with her to return home with him before he shot her.
 1880 - Toledo Policeman John Hassett killed when hit by tornado debris from falling smokestack while on duty at Buckeye



Brewery.
 1938 - Bomb thrown at house of Toledo School Board chairman John Taylor in protest of speech by Earl Browder, Secretary of American Communist Party, that took place at Robinson Junior High School.
 1960 - More than 30 thousand bowlers from 43 states come to Toledo to take part in the American Bowling Congress championships.

March 6

1837 - Toledo holds first municipal elections. John Berdan elected as mayor.
 1857 - First students graduate from Toledo's first high school.
 1895 - A Wood County grand jury indicts three Wood County commissioners, three architects and contractors for corruption in the building of the new courthouse in Bowling Green.
 1926 - Edward Drummond Libbey leaves \$14 million to endow the Toledo Museum of Art.
 1934 - A Port Clinton man says he has invented the world's smallest radio, which fits into a matchbox and is powered by a battery.

March 7

1928 - Two young sisters, 12 and 6, are rescued from the frigid waters of Miami and Erie Canal by a railroad fireman who jumped into the waterway to save them.
 1945 - Sgt. Alexander Drabik of Toledo becomes first American soldier to cross over the Rhine River into Germany on the Ludendorff Bridge near Remagen during World War II. The Holland, Ohio native dodged machine gun fire and made a dash to the German side of the river. He returns

to Toledo as a war hero.



Sgt. Alexander Drabik

1949 - Three Great Lakes seamen drown in Maumee Bay when their work boat capsizes. Three others are rescued.
 1984 - Two Toledo police officers are shot and wounded during call to a home on Ewing Street. Officers Keith Miller and Bruce Helppie were wounded seriously after responding to a domestic disturbance. The man who shot the officers died in the ensuing gun battle.

March 8

1892 - First oil pipeline built to Toledo, runs to Gibsonburg oil storage depot.
 1906 - A mystery woman in Toledo sends a large shipment of flowers to the shut-ins at the Toledo Infirmary. The rooms are filled with the bright vivid blooms of roses, carnations, violets and lilies.
 1907 - Escape artist Harry Houdini thrills audience at the Valentine Theater when he frees himself from the so called "Oregon Boot" involving four handcuffs and a heavy piece of steel. He next promises an escape from a zinc-lined piano box from Starr Pianos in Toledo.
 1926 - WTAL, Toledo' first licensed radio station, begins on-air testing with new transmitter.
 1948 - Ammonia explosion at Page Dairy on Wade Street kills two men and sends 27 people to the hospital for injuries.
 1995 - Larry Schacht of Luckey is credit-

ed with saving the lives of a man and his 12-year-old daughter, whom he had pulled from their fiery pick-up truck after a collision near his home.

March 9

1822 - Sam Ewing killed in bar fight at Roche de Boeuf in Waterville. First recorded bar fight and murder in Toledo area history.
 1868 - Ice and floods slam downtown Toledo. Buildings on riverfront are damaged and part of Cherry Street Bridge is destroyed.
 1921 - President Warren Harding gets gift of a dog from Charles Quscheke and Caswell Kennels of Toledo. "Laddie Boy," a male Airedale, would become the first celebrity White House dog. He was beloved by both children and adults and was always at Harding's side.
 1943 - Jacob Rinebold, Toledo's last Civil War Veteran, dies at the age of 92. He joined the Union Army as a 14-year-old runaway. He was wounded and returned home to live his last years on Walbridge Avenue in South Toledo.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of March 4-8. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

March 4: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 5: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic - Elmore, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

March 6: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

March 7: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 8-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

March 8: Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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 Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91369601243>

Valuable information about academic expectations, along with tips and strategies for preparing your child for kindergarten will be presented as well as the link to register your child for kindergarten.

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit www.oregoncityschools.org, click on Families & Students, then Registration & Enrollment for all available information.

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Thoughts on what is fair and what isn't

By Bryan Golden

"That's not fair," is a common childhood mantra. It's typically heard when a child doesn't get what he or she wants. Sometimes the sentiment is valid, more often it's not.

As we grow up, adults, whether it be parents or others, tend to intercede on our behalf to demonstrate fairness. The problem is we then develop a false expectation of fairness. This leads to great frustration as we mature since fairness in life is not guaranteed.

You've probably encountered many unfair circumstances. Invariably, you will encounter more. You can yell and scream, but you won't make life fair. Unplanned, unexpected, and even unfortunate circumstances do occur. It's not ideal, but that's the way it is.

Anger is a normal reaction when encountering unfair events. You may even feel bitter or resentful. These reactions, however, do not serve you well. They are counter-productive. Additionally, they are as destructive as poison to your mind and body.

Feeling victimized is another associated emotion. When you think something is unfair you may feel someone else is out to get you. When you take on the role of victim, you become reactive instead of proactive. This means you wait for what will come next rather than becoming a proactive participant. Victims are defensive. Those who refuse to act like a victim are offensive.

On the other hand, determination is good. When something is unfair, you have a chance to make the best of it. You can choose to use a bad situation as a stepping stone to something better. You can't control your environment but you do decide how to respond to it.

When faced with the unfair, you have to decide where you want to go from there. In order to make the best of a situation, consider all of your options with an open mind. Harboring resentment impairs your judgment. You are then more likely to react emotionally instead of logically. The goal is to make your situation better, not worse.

Julie had applied for an open position in her company. She was eminently qualified and consistently received excellent performance reviews. Julie was optimistic about her chances. She really wanted the promotion. To Julie's dismay, Cathy, a friend of her boss, was hired for the job. Julie felt it wasn't fair. Cathy didn't have nearly as much experience as her.

What were Julie's options? She could go to work each day filled with bitterness, determined to get even. She didn't have to perform at such a high level. Julie could do just enough to get by. Why should she work so hard only to be treated unfairly?

The second option was for Julie to accept that such things happen. As a well-regarded employee, other opportunities would emerge. If Julie wasn't happy with the growth path at her company, she could get another job elsewhere.

If Julie picked the first option, she would only be hurting herself. As her productivity dropped, her reviews would suffer along with her chances for a promotion. Should Julie then look for another job, she certainly wouldn't get any glowing references.

The second option is much more beneficial to Julie's future. Regardless of whether she looks for a new job or not, Julie would not be acting in a self-destructive manner.

Regardless of what unfair situations you face, you have a chance to improve your situation. Understand what sequence of events lead you to your current circumstances. It may not always make sense, but that doesn't matter. What's important is optimizing your chances to make the best of it.

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Asking Taylor Swift to park the private jet

By Chuck Collins

I spent a decade, like many parents, chauffeuring pre-teen and teenage girls around to a Taylor Swift soundtrack. I learned every Swift song as it was released and sang along to the chorus in the car. I even went to one of her first stadium concerts with my young Swifties.

Congrats, Taylor, for your talent and decades of consistently great songwriting. You deserve all the accolades and rewards. Here's my one request: Give up your private jet.

Those young fans of yours that I used to shuttle around are now campaigning against climate change. They understand this is the critical decade to shift our trajectory away from fossil fuels and towards clean energy.

And they need you, once again, to sing a new song.

I know you're dealing with a lot of crazy conspiracy theories in right-wing media. In their zeal to denounce you, you even succeeded in getting Fox News to admit that private jet travel contributes to climate change, which is no small feat!

They've said a lot of nonsense about you, but that part is true. Private jets

emit 10 to 20 times more pollutants per passenger than commercial jets. You know it's wrong — that's why you cover your face with an umbrella when you're disembarking.

Maybe it's even why you've decided to sell one of your jets. Why not the other?

We all have that experience of wishing we could be two places at once. I've been on a work trip and wished I could zip home for my daughter's soccer game. But your private flight from your tour in Tokyo to the Super Bowl burned more carbon than six entire average U.S. households will all year.

Like so many challenges in our country, private jet pollution is increasing alongside inequality. According to a report I co-authored for the Institute for Policy Studies, High Flyers 2023, the number of private jets has grown 133 percent over the last two decades. And just 1 percent of flyers now contribute half of all carbon emissions from aviation.

Should we set off a carbon bomb so the ultra-rich can fly to their vacation destinations? More and more Americans are answering no. In Massachusetts, a grassroots coalition called Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom and Everywhere is calling on

the governor to reject an airport expansion that would serve private jets. It could inspire similar fights nationally.

Banning or restricting private jet travel would be one of the easiest paths to reducing emissions if it weren't a luxury consumed by the most wealthy and powerful people on the planet. But climate advocates are still working to find a way. In Congress, Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Nydia Velazquez have proposed hiking the tax on private jet fuel to make sure private jet users pay the real financial and ecological costs of their luxury travel.

There's good news, Taylor: A generation of music stars toured without jets, taking the proverbial tour bus. And it sparked a lot of great songs about this amazing land.

Taylor, if you want to be green, stay on the ground. Your fans will love you and the future generations will thank you.

I believe there's a song there.

Chuck Collins directs the Program on Inequality and co-edits the Inequality.org website at the Institute for Policy Studies. This op-ed was adapted from an earlier version at CommonDreams.org and distributed for syndication by OtherWords.org.

Lessons learned from forgiving student loans

By Thomas Knapp

The Biden administration recently announced a new \$1.2 billion round of student loan forgiveness, with President Joe Biden personally notifying the 153,000 beneficiaries by email.

"I hope this relief gives you a little more breathing room," Biden wrote. "I've heard from countless people who have told me that relieving the burden of their student loan debt will allow them to support themselves and their families, buy their first home, start a small business, and move forward with life plans they've put on hold."

Coming atop more than 3.9 million previous recipients, that 153,000 may not seem like a lot, but let's consider two other numbers.

In the 2016 presidential election, Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton with 304 electoral votes to her 227 — but by a total of less than 80,000 individual votes in three very close states (Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin).

In 2020, Biden coasted into office by beating Trump 306-232 in the Electoral College. As in 2016, though, three key states (Arizona, Georgia, and Wisconsin) delivered that victory by a razor-thin popular vote margin of less than 45,000.

Biden's hoping for "breathing room,"

“

I hope this relief gives you a little more breathing room.

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all right — but more for himself and his party than for those student borrowers.

Borrowers aren't unimportant, of course. But Biden isn't really looking at 153,000 borrowers. He's looking at 153,000 voters.

Plus a previous 3.9 million.

Plus all of those voters' parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones who probably like the reduced monthly hit on their household incomes.

Like previous rounds, this latest write-off is a \$1.2 billion campaign expenditure, one that doesn't have to come out of the Biden campaign's \$56 million in cash reserves, or be raised with donation drives.

Those of us who don't have student

loan balances hanging over our heads might not like it that much, but we probably won't remember on the 5th of November quite as bitterly as the beneficiaries will fondly.

And before we get temporarily outraged, it's probably worth considering how OUR votes are bought.

They're bought with "stimulus" checks.

They're bought with farm subsidies.

They're bought with government paychecks (including at second hand through contractors in industries ranging from "defense" to "infrastructure" and beyond).

They're bought with newly created, or increased, "benefit" payouts of all kinds.

We're all of us getting bribed, all the time — with our own money and with money from other Americans.

We're supposed to remember the bribes we get, forget the bribes others got, and vote accordingly.

And we probably will.

Thus endeth the lesson.

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Letters

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PAC flyers are misleading

To the editor: At the heart of the Ohio Republican primary election in the 75th House of Representatives District is who selects their representative: special interests or the people?

A flurry of flyers in your mailbox from dark money, out-of-state organizations — trying to appear like they are grass roots — are spreading deceit about our conservative champion, Rep. Haraz Ghanbari.

The dark money groups invite you to use their scorecard so you know which lawmakers and candidates are "principled" enough to deserve your support. After a brief Facebook interaction with a prominent group's contact office, I found their tactics controlling and manipulative. Legislature voting records are readily available without the dogmatic slant and shell name of a "conservative" PAC.

Voters must look at facts and not generalized statements on campaign flyers sponsored by a PAC. These organizations care nothing about the real grassroots system built over decades by the county parties to ensure a steady flow of quality leadership. Their intrusion in the Republican primary is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

The newcomers they sponsor on the primary ballot have little to no civic experience other than to make generic statements, using buzzwords like "economic opportunity, limited government, and af-

fordable energy." To even try and compare these candidates with the achievements of Rep. Ghanbari is almost laughable. Rep. Ghanbari works hands-on daily in Wood County. He is willing to work with any level of government and address any citizen's concerns.

Brian Myers
Pemberville

Romance at Forest Park

To the editor: I recall going to the Forest Park as a youngster, particularly riding the dodgem cars.

But my fondest memory is meeting my future wife there.

In 1943 or 44, I was with a classmate at Harris-Elmore and we were "cruising" and stopped at the park. We went in and the roller skating was in progress. One of the skaters was a relative of my friend and he introduced me to Anita Deno, who was from Woodville and was a very good skater.

About four years later she became my wife.

We had a few dates after the Forest Park introduction but then drifted apart until I returned home from World War II. In December, 1946, a friend of mine arranged a date with Anita and I and we went to Rainbow Gardens in Fremont to dance.

Our romance continued and we were married in 1948.

Blair Miller
Oak Harbor

Editor's note: Mr. Miller is referencing a story in the Feb. 12 issue of The Press about the Forest Park amusement park along Woodville Road near Genoa.

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"First Ladies of the Buckeye State" at Hayes Presidential Center

Hear stories of the lives and legacies of Ohio's eight first ladies during two virtual programs featuring experts from historic sites put on by the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums and First Ladies National Historic Site.

"All the Ohio Ladies: First Ladies of the Buckeye State" will be held from 6-7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7, and Thursday, March 14. Both programs will be offered via Zoom.

During the March 7 program, experts from historic sites will discuss Anna Harrison, Julie Grant, Lucy Hayes and Lucretia Garfield. The March 14 discussion will include Caroline Harrison, Ida McKinley, Helen Taft and Florence Harding.

There will be a question-and-answer session at the end of each program.

"This unique pair of programs will offer glimpses into the lives of eight fascinating women—their lives, their relationships with their Ohio husbands and the eras in which they served as first ladies of the United States," said Josh Dubbert, Hayes Presidential historian. "We are so fortunate in having experts joining us from historical sites and societies that focus on these remarkable female historical figures."

Participants can join the program by clicking this Zoom link that will be posted on Hayes Presidential's website at rbhayes.org.

NHS to present "Annie The Musical"

Northwood Local Schools Music and Drama Departments will present, "Annie The Musical" Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday March 10 at

Etc.

3 p.m. in Northwood's AAA Auditorium.

"The cast of Annie has been hard at work over the last several months preparing for this year's musical performances," said Jeff Agan, choir/musical director.

Tickets may be purchased online by going to Northwood's website, Northwood-Schools.org, and clicking on "Purchase Event Tickets Here."

"Annie The Musical" tells the story of spunky red-headed orphan Annie Bennett and her journey to find her parents. With the help of billionaire industrialist Oliver Warbucks and his trusty secretary Grace, Annie aims to avoid the clutches of Miss Hannigan, her brother Rooster, and Rooster's girlfriend Lily. The story shares a sentiment of maintaining optimism through challenges and working together toward a brighter future.

"Willy Wonka"

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy students will present "Willy Wonka the Musical" Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m. at the Ohio Theatre, 3112 Lagrange St., Toledo.

The cast and crew will take audiences on an unforgettable journey into the whimsical universe of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, where dreams and candies collide in a delightful spectacle for the whole family.

Tickets for "Willy Wonka the Musical" can be purchased in advance at ShowTix4U.com for \$15.

Free the trees

The Wood County Park District is seeking volunteers to help free trees from tree tubes in the restored wetland at Carter Historic Farm on Mondays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1 from 10 a.m.-noon. The Carter Historic Farm is located at 8331 Carter Rd., Bowling Green.

The tubes protected 5,000 small trees when they were first planted and now need to be removed to allow the trees to flourish.

The trees were planted into 18-acres of restored wetland on the Carter Historic Farm property with funding through a grant with the Black Swamp Conservancy. The work involves stacking, bending, and lifting 5-15 pounds on uneven ground.

Volunteers should wear layers of clothes for outdoor "mud stompin'" and tree-freeing. All materials and tools will be provided.

Register at wcparks.org/volunteer.

OJHS announces events

The Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society will celebrate Pi Day on Thursday, March 14.

Select and purchase pies donated by members and businesses in the community between 10 a.m. and noon at Brandville School, 1133 Grasser St., Oregon.

Pies will be available for \$20-25, payable by cash, check or debit/credit card.

If any pies remain, they may be purchased that evening at 6:30 p.m. at a free program featuring Tedd Long, author, storyteller and tour guide. Long will discuss

Toledo history.

Refreshments will be served. RSVP by calling the OJHS phone line at 419-902-5149. Seating is limited.

Euchre parties return

The Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society will once again host Euchre Parties beginning Monday, March 25.

OJHS invites all interested euchre players to come for an afternoon of fun and food March 25, April 29, Sept. 30, Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 from 2-5 p.m. at Brandville School.

The cost to play is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sandwiches, beverages, chips and desserts will be served. Come alone or bring a group of friends.

All revenue benefits the building restoration fund at Brandville Museum Complex. To RSVP or get more details, call or text OJHS at 419-902-5149.

Lecture to discuss songbird migration

Did you know that each year, millions of migratory birds grace the skies of the Great Lakes region?

The National Museum of the Great Lakes will present the first program in its Spring Lecture Series – "The World of Songbird Migration" – Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Presented by Impact Employment Solutions, the program will feature speaker Kimberly Kaufman, executive director of Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO), who will discuss the secrets of where and why birds and birders alike gather in massive numbers across Northwest Ohio.

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Participate in person at the museum, 1701 Front St., Toledo, or online via Zoom. Learn more or reserve a spot by visiting nmgl.org/events/.

Totality on Tap

To kick off eclipse celebrations, Imagination Station Toledo will present BrewClipse 2024, a craft beer tasting with a celestial twist, Saturday, April 6 from 6-10 p.m.

The event will highlight over a dozen total eclipse beers specially crafted by local breweries participating in the 419 Ale Trail.

In addition to sampling all the local solar brews, visitors can watch what it takes to create a new brew during The Science of Beer workshop, hosted by the Glass City Mashers and the Lourdes University-Craft Beverage Program. Then, explore the science center, enjoy a Solar System Experience and see the latest traveling exhibit, "Above and Beyond."

Tickets to The Total BrewClipse 2024 are \$35 in advance and \$45 at the door. The Science of Beer workshop is a \$15 add-on. Tickets are available online at imaginationstationtoledo.org.

'The Tuskegee Airmen and The Great Lakes'

The National Museum of the Great Lakes is hosting a micro exhibit titled, "Taking Flight: The Tuskegee Airmen and The Great Lakes," on display through March 31.

The exhibit examines the Great Lakes connection to the famed Tuskegee Airmen, an elite group of African American military pilots and airmen who fought in World War II.

"During World War II, with a segregated military, African American men were sent to the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee,

Alabama to train for working in, on, and around airplanes," said Carrie Sowden, the museum's Archaeological and Research Director, who developed the micro exhibit and is also a part of the archaeological team studying the Tuskegee aircraft recently discovered at the bottom of Lake Huron. "Held to a much higher standard to enter the military's aviation program, African American men graduating from Tuskegee were some of the smartest and most fit pilots of their time."

The exhibit uses images and words to tell visitors the story of the Great Lakes connection to the famed Tuskegee Airmen. It examines the elite men trained in the program and focuses particularly on the tragic story of Lt. Frank Moody, who lost his life on a training mission over Lake Huron on April 11, 1944.

For more information on the exhibit, museum hours and ticket pricing visit nmgl.org.

Black Swamp Players to present 'War Paint'

The Black Swamp Players will present "War Paint," a mesmerizing musical that tells the story of legendary 20th-century businesswomen Elizabeth Arden and Helena Rubinstein.

The production, which features music by Scott Frankel, lyrics by Michael Korie and book by Doug Wright, will be staged Fridays and Saturdays March 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m. and Sundays March 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. at 115 E. Oak St., Bowling Green.

Tickets are \$25, general admission. For ticket information and reservations, visit www.tinyurl.com/BSPSeason.

'42nd Street'

Fremont Community Theatre will present their latest production, "42nd Street," offering a new twist on the timeless classic.

Under the direction of Pamela Meggitt, assisted by Randy and Darla Brown, the production will be staged April 26-28 and May 3-5.

Single tickets range from \$10-\$18. For more information, visit fremontcommunitytheatre.org or call 419-332-0695.

TourismOhio launches 2024 solar eclipse trip planning feature

With the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse quickly approaching, TourismOhio has launched an updated Total Solar Eclipse map to make planning for the event in Ohio easier.

The April 8 event will plunge parts of Ohio into total darkness for nearly 5 minutes as the moon passes between the sun and Earth. Several cities, including Dayton, Lima, Toledo, Findlay, Cleveland, and Akron, are in the path of totality. In total, 55 Ohio counties will experience at least a partial eclipse.

"From state agencies to our local partners, there are many Ohioans working together to ensure that visitors and residents have a safe and enjoyable experience in the Heart of it All," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Department of Development, which oversees the TourismOhio office. "With all there is to experience in Ohio, you can create an unforgettable weekend filled with memories your family will be talking about for years to come."

The interactive Total Solar Eclipse Map on Ohio.org helps visitors plan their trip to Ohio with places to watch the eclipse and an interactive list of viewing parties, festivals, and other events happening across the state.

The Total Solar Eclipse landing page also includes other ideas to create an out-of-this-world itinerary perfect for a long weekend—travelers can also go 'to the moon and back' along the Ohio Lunar Road Trip or gaze up at the stars with the best spots in the state, and explore Ohio's top-rated science museums with their families.

Visitors are encouraged to share their Ohio total solar eclipse memories and adventures on social media with #OhioTheHeartofItAll and #Eclipse2024.

Upcoming events:

Ongoing: Above and Beyond, Imagination Station Toledo, 1 Discovery Way. Get a closer look at the advances that transformed aviation and aerospace, from the first powered flights to the latest inven-



tions on Earth and in space. Featuring five different galleries full of interactive, hands-on experiences. Combined with the science center's new solar eclipse programming, Above and Beyond helps give visitors community a detailed understanding of outer space and the eclipse experience area residents will have on April 8. imaginationstationtoledo.com.

Through March 31: "Taking Flight - The Tuskegee Airmen and The Great Lakes," National Museum of the Great Lakes, 1701 Front St., Toledo. Take flight through history to uncover the Great Lakes' connection to the famed Tuskegee Airmen. nmgl.org.

Through April 14: "The Brilliance of Caravaggio: Four Paintings in Focus," Toledo Museum of Art, Canaday Gallery. Landmark exhibition pairs four theatrical paintings by the renowned Italian artist with four works by Italian, French, Dutch and Spanish artists in TMA's collection who found inspiration in his technique and subject matter. toledomuseum.org.

March

March 2: All Wheels Swap, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Formerly Fremont Racers' Swap. Swap/trade anything with wheels. Featuring new and used racing parts and equipment, boats, trailers and more. 419-332-5604, sanduskycountyfair.com.

March 2: Glass City Wine Festival, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave.,

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Toledo. Afternoon session runs from 1-4 p.m.; evening session runs from 6-9 p.m. VIP admission available. glasscitywinefestival.com.

March 2: Afternoon of Jazz with Jean and Lisa Holden, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 3-5 p.m. Jazz Alley, a first-floor corridor in the Glass City Center, will come alive with a free jazz concert from Jean and Lisa Holden. glasscitycenter.com.

March 2: Toledo Walleye vs. Iowa Heartlanders, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:15 p.m. The Walleye will play on pink ice to raise awareness about breast cancer. toledowalleye.com.

Through March 3: Restaurant Week Toledo. An opportunity to enjoy delicious meals at special prices from dozens of the Glass City's best locally owned restaurants while supporting Leadership Toledo's tuition-free youth programs. restaurantweek-toledo.com.

March 3: Thrift & Sip, Bridal Edition, Maumee Bay Brewing Co. Event Warehouse, 201 Morris St., Toledo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. An opportunity to buy, sell and trade wedding dresses, accessories and décor. mbybrew.com/whats-happening/.

March 3: Toledo Walleye vs. Iowa Heartlanders, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 5:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

March 5-6: PAW Patrol Live! Great Pirate Adventure, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 6 p.m. An action-packed, music-filled production. huntingtoncentertoledo.com.

March 7: Glass City Wranglers vs. Kokomo BobKats, Owens Community College Gym, 7315 Championship Dr. W, Perrysburg, 7 p.m. glasscitywranglers.com.

March 7: "Golden Girls - The Laughs Continue", Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Miami's sassiest seniors return for one more hurrah. 18+ only (adult themed comedy). Post-show photo experience with the cast available for purchase. stranahantheater.com.

March 7 and 14: "All the Ohio Ladies: First Ladies of the Buckeye State", presented virtually via Zoom, 6-7:15 p.m. Hear stories of the lives and legacies of Ohio's eight first ladies during two virtual programs featuring experts from historic sites, presented by Hayes Presidential Library & Museums and First Ladies National Historic Site. Join the program by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/92195639874?pwd=UE5relRMNTdIb-kMrZFoyZVVoQkREZz09> Meeting ID: 921 9563 9874 Passcode: 8Be2Uk.

March 8: Toledo Zoo Wine Tasting, Zoo Great Hall, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, 7-9 p.m. Delight in a delectable mix of wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, live music and more. Open to ages 21 and older; valid ID required. toledozoo.org/events/

wine.

March 8: Toledo Walleye vs. Cincinnati Cyclones, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

March 9: The Foul Mouth Road Run, Main St., Gibsonburg, 10 a.m. Sign up for a Half of a Half Marathon (6.55 miles) and the Half of a Half of a Half Marathon (3.27 miles). Entry fee \$20 per participant. All participants registered by 11:59 p.m. on March 4 are guaranteed a race shirt. Race day registration is \$20. All proceeds from the event and shirts go directly to the Brandon's Brigade effort. Food, entertainment and other refreshments available at the American Legion after the run. Online registration at runsignup.com (search: Foul Mouth Road Run). For info, contact Marc at 419-637-2634 or mdglotz@yahoo.com.

March 9: "Apollo 11 Documentary", KeyBank Discovery Theater, Imagination Station Toledo, 1 Discovery Way. 5:30-9 p.m. Take a trip back in time and feel the exhilarating moments as Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins took their historic trip to the moon. tickets.imaginationstationtoledo.org.

March 9: Toledo Walleye vs. Kalamazoo Wings, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:15 p.m. Rock the Rink Weekend; Battle of the Badges. toledowalleye.com.

March 9-10: Fremont Flea Market, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. 419-332-5604, sanduskycountyfair.com.

March 9-10: Fantasticon, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. A mid-size comic con created for

true comic book and pop culture collectors and fans. fantasticon.net.

March 10: "Songs for the Victorian Parlor: The Music of Stephen Foster", Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 4-5 p.m. Hear songs written by "the father of American music" in the historic Hayes Home and learn about the man behind them. Tickets for non-members are \$15 for adults, \$6 for kids 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger. Tickets for HPLM members are \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger. rbhayes.org.

March 12: Solar Eclipse Education with Saturn V Education, Birmingham Branch Library Community Room, 203 Paine Ave., Toledo, 4 p.m. Gain understanding of the Earth, moon, and sun, and how to safely participate in the April 8 Solar Eclipse. Eclipse glasses will be passed out at the event. events.toledolibrary.org/event/9605830.

March 14: Out of This World Speaker Series - Jim Ottaviani, Imagination Station Toledo, 1 Discovery Way. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Join Solar System Ambassador Jim Ottaviani, and composers Jamie Leigh Sampson and Andrew Martin Smith of ADJ•ective New Music as they explore the mysteries of exoplanets and how our solar system inspires creativity and art here on Earth. imaginationstationtoledo.org.

March 15-17: St. Patrick's Day at Hensville Park, Washington and St. Clair streets, Toledo. For a full schedule of events, visit hensvilletoledo.com/st-patricks-day.

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March 15-17: Monster Jam 2024, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. An action-packed motorsport with world-class athletes locked in intense competitions of speed and skill. Witness heated rivalries, high-flying stunts and fierce head-to-head battles for the Event Championship. huntingtoncentertoledo.com/events/monster-jam/.

March 15-17: Annual Blarney Irish Pub Annual St. Patrick's Day Block Party, 601 Monroe St., Toledo, Times TBA.

March 16-17: 38th Annual Fremont Toy Show, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. More than 200 tables of collectible toys and die-cast racing collectibles. 419-307-5026.

March 16: Toledo Symphony with Common, Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theater, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo, 8 p.m. Award-winning hip hop artist, actor, film producer and poet, Common joins the Toledo Symphony for a one-night-only performance. artstoledo.com.

March 17: Citizen Science: Wildflower Surveys, Creek Bend Farm: Wilson Nature Center, 720 S. Main Street, Lindsey, 1-2:30

p.m. Connect with nature and learn more about wildflowers. No experience is needed to assist with identifying and cataloging wildflower species found in the park. The workshop will include a presentation on identifying wildflowers, tutorials on two mobile apps, and the requirements needed to participate in this project. Open to ages 12 and up. Register at lovemyparks.com.

March 17: John Mellencamp Live and In Person, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. stranahantheater.com.

March 21: Out of this World Speaker Series - Dr. Jose Francisco Salgado, Imagination Station Toledo, 1 Discovery Way, Toledo. Salgado is an Emmy-nominated astronomer, experimental photographer and visual artist whose "Science and Symphony" films have been presented in more than 254 concerts and 205 talks. See his planetary photography during a night of awe-inspiring wonder. maginationstationtoledo.org.

March 22: Glass City Wranglers vs. Cincinnati Warriors, Owens Community College Gym, 7315 Championship Dr. W., Perrysburg, 7 p.m. glasscitywranglers.com.

March 22: Toledo Walleye vs. Fort Wayne Komets, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

March 23: Herb & Garden Symposium, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore, 8 a.m. Topics include Bonsai 101, Gardening for the Soul, Hydrangea Dynamics, Inspiring Herbs and more. \$39.95 includes lunch and beverage from Bella Cuisine. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

March 23: Easter Egg Hunt, Stony Ridge Park, 10 a.m. Open to children through age 12. Sponsored by the Stony Ridge Civic Association.

March 23: Solar Eclipse Education with Saturn V Education, Oregon Branch Library, 3340 Dustin Rd. 4-5 p.m. Attendees will gain an understanding of the Earth, moon, and sun, and how to safely participate in the April 8 solar eclipse. Eclipse glasses will be passed out at the event. events.toledolibrary.org/event/9772635.

March 23: Annual Easter Egg & Candy Hunt, Adolphus Kraemer Park, 125 N. Church St., Oak Harbor, 2-4 p.m. Presented by the Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce, the event will begin at the Log Cabin with an Easter Egg Hunt, followed by a candy hunt downtown, and then visits with the Easter Bunny at the Log Cabin. Free to the public and open to children ages 12 years and under.

March 23: Teddy Bear Care Fair, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, 10 a.m. Bring your favorite stuffed pal and Zoo volunteers and staff will make sure it's fixed up

and fit for another year. Visitors and their stuffies can also enjoy keeper talks, animal feeding demonstrations, characters and more bear-y fun activities. toledozoo.org/events/teddy-bear.

March 27: Presidential History Book Club, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, noon-1 p.m., in person and online. This month, the club is reading "Tecumseh and the Prophet," By Peter Cozzens. For online login information, email jdubbert@rbhayes.org. Participants can bring their lunch. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

March 29: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Nashville Sounds on Opening Day, Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo, 4:05 p.m. The teams will also take the field March 30 at 4:05 p.m. and March 31 at 2:05 p.m. milb.com/toledo.

March 29: Animal Egg Hunt, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, during Zoo hours. Hop in to see what egg-citing treats the Easter Bunny dropped off for your favorite animals. toledozoo.org/events/animal-egg-hunt.

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State nature preserves are Ohio's hidden gems, natural treasures

Ohio may not be blessed with vast wilderness acreage but what it does have is an extensive network of state parks, preserves, regional park systems, municipal parks and conservancy lands that is the envy of the nation.

It's common for those who visit or relocate to Ohio to be surprised at the beauty and variety of natural areas to visit and enjoy.

So many great places that it's a good bet most Ohioans don't even know the extent of choices available. It's a fact that some of the best natural places in Ohio just aren't very well known.

It's not that people are trying to keep them secret. It's just that they exist in relative obscurity. They're not frontline destinations like our biggest state parks. They're not fodder for the tourism bureaus to feature. Some of them don't have many amenities, or they're in remote locations, or maybe they just don't get the attention they deserve.

Some of Ohio's best gems are to be found in the long list of state nature preserves. You'll find some on roads seldom traveled. Others are surrounded by a bigger better-known place, like Mohican State Park, Hocking Hills, or Hueston Woods.

They range in size from an acres to hundreds of acres.

There are 146 state-listed preserves in Ohio, four of them in Lucas County. Irwin Prairie, Campbell Prairie and Kitty Todd Preserve were joined early this year by one of the state's newest designated preserves, Blue Creek Limestone Glade, which is surrounded by Blue Creek Metropark.

Just a short drive away for us is Goll Woods, a premier natural area noted for its old growth forest and spring wildflower



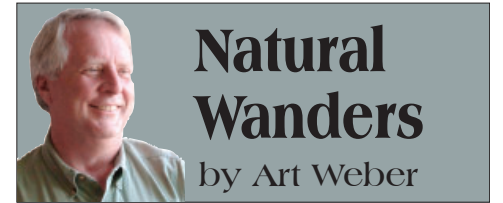
Conkles Hollow in Ohio's Hocking Hills region is noted for its spectacular natural features. Conkles is one of the best known of 146 state-listed nature preserves in Ohio. (Photo by Art Weber)

ers, You'll find that 312-acre preserve northwest of Archbold, not far from another popular Northwest Ohio attraction, Sauder Village.

Holden Arboretum, located east of Cleveland in Geauga County, is well-known for the beauty and quality of its

formal collections. The big surprise might just be the special natural areas it also counts in its holdings.

Count Stebbins Gulch as a natural treasure that's one of our state's biggest secrets. Holden Arboretum calls it the crown jewel of their extensive natural area hold-



Natural Wanders
by Art Weber

ings, which also include Little Mountain.

The Ohio History Connection – you might remember it as the Ohio Historical Society – has its own share of natural treasures, a diversion from the commonly held notion that OHC is all about human history. Among its many facilities is Cedar Bog Nature Preserve near Springfield, which is a bona fide natural treasure. OHC calls it “the largest and best example of a boreal and prairie fen complex in Ohio.” And they're right. Especially good is timing a visit to enjoy the splendor of the showy lady's-slipper orchids in bloom.

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, in an effort spearheaded by botanist Jim Bissell, has been instrumental in acquiring key natural areas in northeast Ohio all the way over to significant sites on the Lake Erie Islands. Count among them such diverse areas as Grand River Terraces, Cathedral Woods, Morgan Swamp and Cuyahoga Wetlands among the sites their work has contributed to preservation.

Arguably the best and best-known state preserve is Conkles Hollow in the Hocking Hills. The rugged, rocky gorge with outstanding scenic features is a very popular destination.

For a complete list of state preserves as well as information on the state scenic rivers and Ohio's rare plants, visit natu- rereserves.ohiodnr.gov.

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Turnaround in full swing for Kate Achter at UDM

By Yaneek Smith
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When Kate Achter took over the girls basketball program at the University of Detroit Mercy, the Titans had won 11 games in the previous five seasons, reaching a low of 1-29 in 2022.

In Achter's first year as the coach, UDM went 5-25, including a 3-17 mark in the Horizon League, but things have drastically changed for the better this season.

The Titans are currently 15-14 and 8-10 in the conference and are trying to make a push in the stretch run as the league tournament awaits.

Achter, a 2004 Clay alum, is known for her stellar basketball career with the Eagles and then at Bowling Green State University, which ended in 2008.

Now she's living close to home and rebuilding a program while balancing her life as a mother and wife.

"Well, I would love to say it's the job we're doing (as coaches). We were hired to change a program. We won more games this season than I think in the last seven seasons combined," Achter said. "The style of basketball that we play fits in our league. We've been able to develop our players in the program and supplement them with recruiting."

"I think the program turnaround is one of the best in the country. I think people assume how easy it is to win games; it's why people get jobs and lose jobs so quickly. I can't undersell enough how much work we've put in, the staff, the players and their investments. It's been a very hard two-year journey, but it's been fruitful."

Achter talked about her offensive and defensive philosophies.

"We run a combination of a motion, ball-screen offense. The brand draws two defenders, and we teach the kids to make the read. Attacking the basket or a post touch inside commands a double team, and you have to make a read out of it," she said. "We've been doing a good job of it so far."

"The defense is all man-to-man. We do a little bit of pressing, a 2-2-1 press, run-and-jump press. It's full man-to-man," she said.

The starting lineup consists of 5-6 point guard Paris Gilmore, who is backed up by 5-5 point guard Myrna Hooper. Amaya Burch, who is 5-9, and Imani McNeal, who is 5-8, are the wings, and the 6-0 Irene Murua and the 6-1 Emma Trawally-Porta are the forwards.

The six players average between 6.0 points and 10.7 points.

Murua leads the team with an average of 10.7 points and 7.2 rebounds, Trawally-Porta puts up 9.6 points and 7.7 rebounds, McNeal is averaging 7.7 points, followed by Burch (7.4 ppg), Hooper (6.8 ppg) and Gilmore (6.0 ppg).

Annika Corcoran, who has played in five games this season, has averaged 7.8 points. Jada Moorehead is averaging 4.7 points and Makayla Jackson is putting up 3.4 points per game.

The Titans play their games at Calihan Hall, which seats just over 7,900 people. It is named after Bob Calihan, who went on to become the school's winningest coach. Thirteen years ago, the court was named



Clay and BGSU grad, head coach Kate Achter yells instructions to her University of Detroit Mercy Titans during a game. (Photo courtesy of Detroit Mercy Athletics)

Dick Vitale Court in honor of the ESPN analyst, who coached the boys team at UDM starting in 1973, and later served as the school's athletic director.

Before coming to UDM, a Jesuit university that is home to over 5,000 students, Achter was the coach at Loyola Chicago, rebuilding the program there in six seasons. She was also an assistant coach at Xavier and St. Bonaventure before that.

In her coaching career, Achter has seen student-athletes receive 21 all-conference selections, one Freshman of the Year and one Sixth Women of the Year accolades.

After graduating from BGSU, Achter played a year of professional basketball in Greece before returning to the U.S. and working as a graduate assistant with the Falcons. She is in the BGSU Hall of Fame.

A four year starter, she was a part of a senior class in '08 that went a combined 108-23 during their tenure at BG, while also going 57-7 in the MAC. Their remarkable team success included a historic run to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament. That 2006-07 team won 31 games, which set school and MAC records for victories in a season. Achter was the MAC Player of the Year as a senior in '08 and first-team all-MAC, after earning second team all-MAC the previous two seasons. She also was named to the MAC All-Tournament Team three times in her four years, including in 2005, when she earned MAC Tournament MVP honors.

Achter played for Curt Miller, who is now the coach of the Los Angeles Sparks.

She talked about the demands of being a coach.

"This situation has been the best since I was at St. Bonaventure. One of the reasons I like working here is because of the freedom — I know what is most important and deserves my time. Sometimes you have to take an 11 p.m. phone call from a recruit on the West Coast," she said. "I'm spending more time with someone else's children than my own (during the season)."

"My wife, Tina, gets it, she can relate to the time and knows I'm not skipping out because I want to skip out," she said. The couple has two kids, Reese, who is 4, and Archie, who is 2.

As one might expect, Achter is very happy to be closer to her friends and family. Oregon is just 70 miles south of Detroit.

"I'm enjoying myself a lot — the move has been great for our family. I'm close to home for the first time in my career," she said. "I've been able to have family at our games. The administration's support has been amazing. Detroit wants winners."

Achter was a student-athlete at one time and knows how demanding it can be.

"It's legitimately a full-time job and then some if you want to be a really good player. People think it's just class, traveling and games. Yes, that is true, but you have to take time taking care of your body, working on basketball maintenance, putting the extra work in, watching film, going to study tables," she said. "It can take 12 hours out of the day. Some people are better at balancing that than others."

One of Achter's assistants is Oak Harbor legend Andrea Cecil, who also played at BG before finishing up at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Cecil works with Trawally-Porta, Murua, Moorehead and Latifah Amzil. She was previously the director of basketball operations but is now an assistant coach.

"Her responsibilities changed a little bit with her promotion," Achter said of Cecil. "She's a great basketball mind; she's local, and I had familiarity with her. She mentors (four players), does all the things like scouting and recruiting visits on campus. It's a little different than what she was doing a year ago."

Achter's sisters are Susan and Jessica, and her brother is Ross. Roger, her father, coached her at Clay, and Marianne is her mother. Her cousins, A.J. and Austin, are well known for their athletic prowess as well.

"My father is very driven; my mother is as well. I think when you grow up in an environment where people are driven to be very good at their profession, it leads you to be driven. I'm one of four kids, so fighting and competing for the best dinner roll was a sport," Achter said. "We played together outside and everything was a competition. I don't think you get to teach those things."

"I'm lucky to have a really supportive home life — close to my aunts, uncles and cousins," she said. "It's led us to find success in our personal adult lives. I've been very lucky and fortunate enough to have a family that supports me."

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Local coaching assistant mentoring players in three sports

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Eric Dusseau is Oak Harbor personified.

The 2004 Oak Harbor graduate, who earned 10 letters playing football, basketball and baseball as a student, is working at the school as an assistant coach of those same three teams. He's overseen successes within all three sports and is busy working to help those teams accomplish loftier goals.

He has the respect of the coaches he works with, and the experience and credibility when it comes to working with the players.

Head football coach, Mike May, who has led the program for 16 years, has had Dusseau with him for over a decade and has seen his assistant coach grow into accepting larger roles with the team. Dusseau is the quarterbacks coach and coaches the defensive line.

"He always has the defensive line playing hard and they take great pride in that. During practice, they sprint from drill to drill and always give tremendous effort," said May. "On the offensive side of the ball, Eric is heavily involved with weekly game planning and also works with (offensive coordinator) Scott Schulte on play calling du-

ties on Friday nights.

"When Eric first started with us, he was a position coach who possessed a great knowledge of the game. Over the years, he has taken on more responsibility, which has helped us as a program. He does a great job of staying on an even keel on game days and remains steady in pressure situations. That approach definitely helps our quarterbacks stay calm regardless of the situation we may be in."

In the last six seasons, the Rockets have won four league titles, one regional championship and advanced as far as the regional semifinals three times. And they'll bring a number of key players back next fall.

Dusseau also coaches basketball with Eric Sweet, who has rebuilt a program that had fallen on hard times when he took over.

Dusseau coached basketball at the junior high for three years and is now in his sixth season as an assistant with Sweet.

"Coach Dusseau is my varsity assistant and is my right-hand man when it comes to my varsity team. He is directly in charge of subbing but has roles in game planning, game management, scouting reports and daily practice roles," said Sweet. "In basketball, you have to be involved in a little bit of everything, but during the game he does manage the subbing pattern and helps out play calling when he has an itch that something will work."

"He has grown as a coach and I have also grown as a coach with him on my staff. He brings a different style of coaching and knowledge than I do and we have grown together over the years and have enjoyed every minute of it."

Under Sweet's tenure, the Rockets won their first league title in 19 years and the first sectional title in 19 years. Now, Oak Harbor is a bonafide competitor in the Northern Buckeye Conference and was competitive before that in the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division.

Sweet knows how much it matters to a local resident like Dusseau to be part of the program.

"I think it is a great honor that all coaches in the three sports want and need Eric to be a part of their program. I think he views it as a huge honor but also views it as giving back to the school that he loves. He was born and raised in this area, played in high school and is now able to give back and help mold and create the next generation of Rockets," said Sweet. "I am proud to coach in Oak Harbor and be a part of the programs, but that is a different pride and honor when you come from the system. When we are in big moments, often Coach Duss will step up with a story from a different time ago of Oak Harbor. He has great pride in Oak Harbor."

Nick Lance oversees a good baseball program, and he's had Dusseau as an as-

istant for eight years. Dusseau coaches the JV team and assists with outfielders in the program.

"Each year, he continues to help develop our young JV players, which helps to provide us at the varsity level with quality players," Lance said. "More so, he's just a positive role model for our kids and holds them accountable to the standards of the program."

"Eric is the epitome of what it means to be a Rocket. He plays a vital role in each of the programs he's a part of. It's apparent that he wants his high school to be the best it can whether it be athletically and/or academically."

May summed up just what Dusseau means to the school district and the community.

"Eric loves Oak Harbor as much as anyone that I have ever known. Since the very first day of coaching football here, he has been willing to do anything to help the program," said May. "Eric has coached the JV offense for many years, which has helped our kids develop their skills in preparation to be varsity players. It is rare these days to have someone who teaches full time and is willing to invest the time to coach three sports. We are very fortunate to have Eric here at Oak Harbor. He has a tremendous impact on our kids, school and community."

ODNR to release rainbow trout in several Ohio lakes

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife will release 85,000 rainbow trout across the state beginning Wednesday, March 13. The 95 stocking locations were chosen to give as many anglers as possible a chance to reel in these feisty fish in March, April, and May. Trout releases are designed for high angler success and harvest.

Find a complete list of release dates and locations at ohiodnr.gov/trout-stockings. Fishing techniques can be found at wildohio.gov.

Information about the trout releases, including a complete list of dates, stocking locations, event information, and any changes to the schedule because of weather is available at wildohio.gov or by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE (1-800-945-3543).

Some trout stocking locations feature a special event on the day of the scheduled release, including youth-only fishing. Fishing at state park youth ponds is only available for youth 16 years of age and younger for the first seven days after trout are released. After that week, these waters are open to anglers of all ages through the end of April. On May 1, these ponds return to providing youth-only fishing for the rest of the year.

Where to fish

Rainbow trout are stocked throughout Ohio. A few of the most popular local fishing locations include:

Northwest Ohio: East Harbor State Park Pond, Giertz Lake, Maumee Bay State Park Nature Center Pond, Olander Lake, Pearson Metropark Ponds and Sleepy Hollow Park Pond.

By stocking these and other water areas across the state, the Division of Wildlife provides anglers the opportunity to enjoy quality spring rainbow trout fishing in a family-friendly environment. The daily limit is five rainbow trout per angler.

Rainbow trout are raised at Ohio's cold water state fish hatcheries and measure between 10-13 inches when they are released by the Division of Wildlife. Rainbow trout are stocked primarily near metropolitan areas in order to provide close-to-home fishing opportunities for many anglers. Trout are sensitive to warm temperatures and typically do not survive through late spring so the best time to catch them is within two weeks of release.

Anglers ages 16 and older are required to have an Ohio fishing license to fish in state public waters. An annual license is \$25 and is valid for one year after purchase.



ODNR will release 85,000 rainbow trout across the state. Trout releases are designed for high angler success and harvest. (ODNR photo)

A one-day fishing license costs \$14 and may be redeemed for credit toward the purchase

of a one-year fishing license. Licenses and permits can be purchased online at wildohio.gov, through the HuntFish OH app and at participating license sales agents.

Sales of fishing licenses, along with the federal Sport Fish Restoration program, support the operation of Division of Wildlife fish hatcheries. The Sport Fish Restoration program is a partnership among federal and state governments, the fishing industry, anglers and boaters. When anglers purchase rods, reels, fishing tackle, fish finders and motorboat fuel, they pay an excise tax. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers and disburses funds from these taxes to state fish and wildlife agencies. These funds are used to acquire habitat, produce and stock fish, conduct research and assessment surveys, provide aquatic education and secure fishing access.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit wildohio.gov to find out more.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov for more information.

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

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

Oregon

Gamblers Anonymous meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, Starr Avenue Ext. To reach the local hotline, call 419-327-9514.

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

Oregon Conservative Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Speakers, education and an opportunity to make a change with like-minded people in the community. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 4350 Navarre Ave., is open for private tours. Call Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383 for info.

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step, Christian-based recovery program to help anyone dealing with addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and codependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free; everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.

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

Northwood

Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Dine in or carry out. Steak, shrimp, chicken and mac and cheese available until sold out. Weekly Sunday breakfasts held 8-11:30 a.m.

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Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in-person or 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 Township Zoning Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the second Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore Post 279 of the American Legion is available for rental for events and parties with a capacity of 200. Kitchen area available. Contact Bill at 419-279-0928. The post meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend monthly meetings.

Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers have combined. The seniors meet at the Ed Griswold Senior Center, 514 Main St., Genoa. The center is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Seniors are invited to stop in to pick up a newsletter, which lists menus and activities. Call 419-855-4491 for reservations or info.

Genoa

Bingo, March 7 and 21 (first and third Thursday), Genoa American Legion, 302 West St. Doors open at 5 p.m. Game packages start at \$25. Early games at 5:30 p.m.; regular bingo at 6:15 p.m. Open to ages 18 and older. Refreshments available; no outside food or drink.

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up

to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise at 419-855-0014. To join the Genoa American Legion, call 419-635-5810 for info. The Legion Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of each month (except holidays, then meetings are held the following day) at 7 p.m.

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

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

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Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; SPARKS: Curious Kids Learn about STEAM Explorers, March 7, 4-5 p.m. - Grades K-5 will learn about chemist Tu Youyou and create a fun craft (registration required); Yellow Brick Road Storytime, March 14, 11 a.m. - A storytime to celebrate Gibsonburg Schools' spring musical, "Wizard of Oz";

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

Graytown

LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., off Elliston Trowbridge Road, is open the second Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food insecurity. Staples include meat, bread and eggs; hygiene items also available. Donations of non-perishables welcome.

Oak Harbor

Lake Erie Yellow Perch Fish Fries at Oak Harbor American Legion Post 114, 221 Park St., Fridays in March 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 4-7:30 p.m. or until sold out. Public is welcome to dine in or carry out.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St. programs include Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.; Understanding the Solar Eclipse, March 12, 6 p.m.; Afterschool Fun - Decorate Eclipse Glasses (March 11-15), Astronaut Fun (March 18-22), Space and Eclipse (March 25-29). For adults: Tai Chi for Beginners, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (video led); 60+ Clinic provided by Ottawa Co. Health Department, **Sunday Bingo**, St. Boniface. Doors open at 4 p.m. Early bird games start at 5:30 p.m. Main Game at 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit St. Boniface School. Call the school at 419-898-1340 with any questions.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, located at 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m., offering groceries for anyone in need. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more information.

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

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

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

Walbridge

Euchre, March 2, VFW 9963, 109 N. Main St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Play starts at 1 p.m. 100% payout.

Bingo, first and third Sunday of the month, starting at 1 p.m., Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Concessions available; no outside food or beverages permitted.

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., programs include: Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Snacks, weekdays, 3-3:30 p.m. - Families can grab a snack, supported by Connecting Kids to Meals and Friends of the WCDPL; Game Days, Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - Visit the library to play games or bring your own game and start something new. For info, visit wcdpl.org/events.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Winter Storytimes, Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Solar Crafts for Kidz, Saturdays in March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. - Crafts and experiments for the solar eclipse; Stuffed Animal Crochet for Beginners, March 2, 10:30 a.m. - Knowledge of basic stitches required (registration required); Create a Canvas, March 4, 6:30-8 p.m. - Painting for adults (registration required); Woodville Book Club, March 13, 7-8 p.m. - Discuss "The Day the World Came to Town," by Jim DeFede; Fungi Fanatics, March 20, 6:30 p.m. - Talk mushrooms at the Harris-Elmore Library; Paper Crafting, March 25, 6:30 p.m. Register at birchard.org or call 419-849-2744.

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VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 for The Village of Oak Harbor, Ottawa County, Ohio is complete and available for public inspection by calling (419)898-5561 to make an appointment.

Records are located in the Village's Fiscal Office located at 146 N. Church Street.

PORTAGE FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual financial report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 for Portage Fire District, Ottawa County, Ohio is completed and available for public inspection. Records can be viewed by calling the Fiscal Officer at (419)898-3109 to make an appointment to view the records at the District's fire station located at 240 W. Water Street.

Northwood Schools Public Hearing

Northwood Local Schools Board of Education will have a public hearing during their regularly scheduled meeting on the issue of the retirement/ rehire to the same positions for Lori Turner and Michelle Reiter.

The meeting is currently scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 6pm at the Northwood Local Schools Arts, Athletics, and Administration (AAA) Building.

The Carroll Township Trustees are seeking a full-time maintenance employee.

Work will include, but not limited to, physical labor, operating heavy equipment, lawn care, janitorial work, mechanical work, snow removal, etc. All applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent and hold a Class B CDL. Must pass a drug screening, physical examination, and a background check upon hiring. For more information, contact Bill at 419-898-9621 Ext.3.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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Live & Webcast March 23rd @ 9:37am
Location: 714 North Street, Fremont, Ohio

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Check-in Dates for Both Auctions:
 March 15th-16th, 9am-6:30pm
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Seeking...Ag & Construction Equipment · Trucks · Autos · Mowers · ATVs / UTVs · Trailers · Tools · Lawn & Landscaping Items & More!

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Open House · March 23rd, 9am-12pm
March 27th, 3pm-5pm
Location: 714 North Street, Fremont, Ohio

City of Northwood NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Northwood will hold a Public Hearing on March 14th at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Wales Rd. to discuss Ordinance 2024-12; referencing the approval of the Zoning Amendment application as submitted by The RISE, located at 2550 Tracy Road, Northwood, OH 43619 (M50-300-240004011000) to add "Personal Service Establishments" as a Conditional Use and "Co-warehousing" as Principal Uses Permitted in the M-1; Light Industrial Zoning District. The reason for the zoning text amendment request is to accommodate future small businesses seeking to operate on the property

VILLAGE OF ELMORE PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 05-2024

An Ordinance Establishing Permanent Appropriations for January 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2024 for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Elmore, Ottawa, County, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024.

To read in full please contact the Fiscal Officer
 Gretchen Densic, Fiscal Office,
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ENGINEER I

City of Oregon seeks Engineer I in the Department of Public Service. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering (or related degree) and certification as an Engineer in Training (EIT) or the ability to become certified within one year of employment. Minimum of one year experience in civil engineering design, project management, or construction inspection (internships included). Current salary range: \$70,958 - \$79,725. Submit a complete application packet before March 15, 2024 to Civil Service Commission, City of Oregon, 5330 Seaman, Oregon, OH 43616 or email to sgarverick@oregonohio.org. For additional duties, qualifications, and application requirements, see official announcement on the city's website at www.oregonohio.org under Job Opportunities.

ACHIEVE Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator

The Oregon Police Division is looking for a qualified candidate for the ACHIEVE Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator position. This is a part-time, 20-hour per week, contract position. The ACHIEVE Juvenile Diversion Program seeks to employ a broad-based, comprehensive approach to juvenile delinquency and unruliness by applying the principles of restorative justice.

The position reports to an Oregon Police Sergeant and is responsible for working directly with the juvenile and their family to complete the multiple stages of the diversion program requirements. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in education, social work, sociology, or a related field and be able to build strong relationships with youth, their families, law enforcement and community partners.

The candidate must have excellent all-around skills in communication, critical thinking, working independently, time management, and organization as well as a working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs. For more information on the ACHIEVE Juvenile Diversion Program, please visit:
<https://oregonohio.org/departments/police/community-involvement/>

The current rate of pay is \$25 per hour. Due to this position being part-time, 20 hours per week contract position, no health insurance or fringe benefits are offered. Application packet is available at <https://oregonohio.org/residents/job-postings/> and will be accepted until March 22, 2024; email to bbegin@oregonohio.org or send to City of Oregon Police Division, 5330 Seaman Rd, Oregon, OH 43616

Village of Oak Harbor, Ohio Salem Township Pump Stations Rehabilitation ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the Salem Township Pump Stations Rehabilitation will be received by the Village of Oak Harbor, Ohio, at the Municipal Building Fiscal Office, 146 North Church Street; PO Box 232; Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449, until 11:00 a.m., local time, on April 2, 2024, at which time, they will be publicly opened and read.

In general, the work consists of: The rehabilitation of two duplex submersible wastewater pump stations.

The issuing office is Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd.; 3103 Executive Parkway, Suite 300; Toledo, Ohio 43606-1373. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Owner's office listed above or the issuing office, without charge. Technical questions regarding the project should be e-mailed to the Project Manager, Kyle M. Brueggemeier, kbrueggemeier@jheng.com, at Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd.

Copies of Bidding Documents and Contract Documents may be obtained electronically from www.jhplanroom.com. There is no charge to download from the digital print-room, however, registration is required. If hard copies of the bidding documents are needed, they can be ordered from the print-room for a fee. If you have any problems using the digital print-room, you are encouraged to contact either the Engineer's Project Manager, or Eastern Engineering at 419-661-9841.

Neither Owner nor Engineer has any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of any bid documents obtained from any source other than the source indicated in these documents. Obtaining these documents from any other source(s) may result in obtaining incomplete and inaccurate information. Obtaining these documents from any source other than directly from the source listed herein may also result in failure to receive any addenda, corrections, or other revisions to these documents that may be issued.

Bids must be submitted on the forms bound herein, must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by either a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond in the amount of 100% of the amount bid with satisfactory corporate surety, or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of not less than 10% of the amount of the Bid, subject to conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Maintenance and Guarantee Bond in the amount of 100% of the Bid.

The Contractor shall be required to pay not less than the prevailing wage rates established by the Federal Davis Bacon rates issued by the U.S. Department of Labor. Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his Bid within 90 days after the actual opening thereof.

The Contractor shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund; which includes, but not limited to: EEO, Federal Debarment; DBE; American Iron and Steel (AIS); and Small Business in Rural Areas (SBRA).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, waive irregularities in any Bid, and to accept any Bid which is deemed most favorable to the Owner. Engineer's Estimate is \$600,000 to \$700,000.

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When: Wednesday's During Lent - February 21, 28, March 6, and 20
Where: Alternating between parishes
All Saints Rossford - February 21st & March 6th
Saint Jerome in Walbridge - February 28th & March 20th
Time: 5:30pm

In this 4-part series we will dive into the Church's Social Teaching and how we might live it out.

February 21 - All Saints: Life and the Dignity of the Human Person-Fr. Scott Woods

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Soup & Bread

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Speaker

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When: Tuesday February 27th - **Mission Where:** All Saints in Rossford **Time:** 7:00pm



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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday 3/23 4:30pm (AS & SJ) & **3/24- Mass:** 8:30 am & 11am (AS) or 8am & 10am (SJ)
Holy Thursday 3/28: 7pm (SJ), **Good Friday 3/29:** 1:30pm (AS), **Holy Saturday 3/30:** 8:30pm (SJ)
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