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Packer Creek hearing set for April 16

By Larry Limpf
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The commissioners of Ottawa, Wood, and Sandusky counties have agreed to hold the first hearing on a joint improvement project for Packer Creek on April 16.

The commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. at the Wood County commissioners' office and then recess the meeting and reconvene at the Wood County Fairgrounds at 10:30 a.m.

There, they will hear a report by the Wood County engineer's office on the project and accept public comment.

Residents within the Packer Creek watershed have been sent notices of a petition being filed with the clerk of the Wood County seeking improvements to the creek.

A public viewing of the scope of the project was held March 7 at the Wood County commissioners' office.

The petition states that "the construction of said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public welfare."

If the commissioners authorize the proposed improvements, costs for engineering, construction, and future maintenance will be assessed to the land parcels that benefit from the improvements.

Packer Creek's watershed begins at a catch basin on the south side of Sugar Ridge Road in Wood County and covers terrain to the north-east to the intersection of Fostoria Road and State Rt. 163. From there it sits along Rt. 163 through the Village of Genoa and continues to State Rt. 590.

Amendments to the petition or written comments may be submitted to the clerk of the Wood County commissioners, One Courthouse Square, Bowling Green, 43402.

LaCarpe Creek hearing

The Ottawa County commissioners will hold a hearing April 23 at 9 a.m. to discuss proposed changes to

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Happy Easter!

The Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 23. Despite the chilly weather, over 300 children attended and received numbers for their Easter candy located at the 10 participating downtown businesses. There were 50 "Golden Egg Baskets" this year and those who had the lucky numbers received a special gift basket provided by local businesses. (Photo courtesy of the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce). At right, Oak Harbor Mayor Quinton Babcock announces the start of the hunt. (Photo by Laura Bolander)



Appeal planned in Luckey eminent domain case

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The owners of property in the Village of Luckey plan to appeal a ruling by the Wood County Common Pleas Court that allows the village to appropriate their property through the eminent domain process.

Zachary Murry, attorney for T&S Agriventures, LLC, owned by Timothy Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Steven Snyder, and Beth Snyder, said his clients will appeal the decision by Judge Mary Mack.

The property covers about 73 acres and includes a former stone quarry.

The village filed a petition in March 2023 to appropriate the property to construct a public water system for residents. In April 2023, the defendants filed their response to the petition, challenging the authority of the village to make the appropriation, the necessity of the appropriation, and the offer by the village.

Village mayor Cory Panning testified the village made a good faith offer of \$525,000 to purchase the property and had obtained an appraisal listing its fair market value at \$435,000 before the offer to the defendants.

However, the parties were unable to reach an agreement on a purchase price, he

“The court further finds that defendants have not met their burden of demonstrating bad faith, fraud, or an abuse of discretion by the village.”

said.

The owners entered into an agreement with an auctioneer in August, 2021 to sell the property and an auction was scheduled for September, 2021. A month before the auction, the village notified the owners by letter that council had voted unanimously to begin the process of acquiring the property. The letter said village representatives would be on the property to conduct surveys, soundings, appraisals, and other tests to determine if the property was suitable for use by the village.

The village also retained a consultant, Artesian of Pioneer, who said the property was sufficient to construct a water treatment facility and had adequate water supply.

According to court testimony, a buyer's agent acting on behalf of the village wasn't permitted to bid at the auction and the property remained unsold.

A certified laboratory analysis showed no issues that would preclude the water in the quarry from being treated and used for consumption by residents.

A proposal by Artesian of Pioneer called for a treatment plant that could process 250,000 gallons per day and maintain 125,000 gallons in an elevated storage tower while meeting Ohio Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The village is now serviced by water wells.

Judge Mack ruled the village followed the proper steps and complied with state law to begin appropriating the property.

"The court further finds that defendants have not met their burden of demonstrating bad faith, fraud, or an abuse of discretion by the village," the judge wrote. "Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the court rejects

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Quote of The Week

It is not We the Courts who should decide, it is We the People.

Steve Cherry
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Former policeman sentenced in child porn case

By Press Staff Writer

A former Elmore police officer has been sentenced to 13 years in prison after being convicted of child porn charges.

Samuel Kurp, 29, was sentenced in U.S. District Court for Northern Ohio last week after pleading guilty to receipt and distribution of child pornography. He must also serve 15 years of supervised release following his imprisonment and pay \$36,000 in restitution.

Kurp was arrested in August, 2020 by the Toledo office of the FBI's Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.

According to the FBI, a tip was forwarded Aug. 4 by the Ohio Internet Crime Against Children Task Force to the Oregon Police Department, which relayed the tip to the FBI task force.

The FBI said the tip indicated someone had been using a social media messenger app to upload and send 26 videos or images of child sexual abuse material.

Investigators determined the IP ad-

resses used in the transmission of the material were utilized by Kurp, who had lived in Oregon.

According to court documents, he used the social media applications KiK and Snapchat to distribute child pornography images and videos to other users. Based on the IP addresses used, investigators were able to determine that Kurp had committed the child pornography activity while on duty as a police officer and while off duty at his parents' residence where he lived at that time.

On Aug. 10, 2020, a search warrant was executed at Kurp's residence in Elmore, where he had just moved. A forensic examination of Kurp's cellular phone revealed images and videos of child pornography.

The Elmore Police Department confirmed Kurp's work schedule on certain dates that coincided with when the images were distributed.

A post on the Elmore department's Facebook page at the time said Kurp resigned his position with the department prior to being taken into custody by the FBI.

The post said the department had no information that any local victims were involved.

iPad courses at libraries

The Harris-Elmore and Genoa libraries will be offering free technical courses to help seniors improve their digital literacy skills.

The courses are being funded by an Ottawa County Senior Resources Healthy Aging Grant. Seniors will have a chance to win a free iPad at the conclusion of the final course in August.

Two courses will be offered per month at each library and include topics such as how to set up an iPad, how to download and use apps, checking email, adjusting settings, and how to browse the internet.

Participants may bring their iPads or

practice on one provided by the library.

Classes at the Harris-Elmore Library will be held April 10, May 8, June 5, July 10, and August 14.

Classes will be held at the Genoa Branch Library, 602 West St. on April 26, May 24, June 21, July 26, and August 30.

Classes at both locations will be held from 1:30-3 p.m.

The courses are open to Ottawa County seniors who are 60 and older. Each class attended earns participants one raffle ticket for a new iPad. Twenty iPads will be raffled after the last course in August.

Seating is limited. To register, call Abigail at the Genoa branch: 419 855-3380, ext. 202.

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Eminent domain

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the challenges raised by defendants and finds in favor of the village as to its authority to make the appropriation, the necessity of the appropriation, and the good faith offer.”

She wrote that the Ohio Constitution “does not require that the taking be immediately necessary, only that the taking is necessary for a public purpose.”

The judge ruled a hearing before a jury to determine just compensation for T&S Agriventures for the property is to be held at least 60 days from the day her decision was filed.

Murry said any compensation hearing wouldn't take place until the appeal is completed.

A telephone conference on the status of an appeal or mediation is scheduled for April 2.

Packer Creek

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the permanent assessment base for the LaCarpe Creek (Harmon Ditch).

If approved, the changes, which have been recommended by the county engineer's office, would go into effect May 23.

The hearing will be held at the commissioners' assembly room at the county courthouse, 315 Madison St., Port Clinton.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of April 1-5. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 1: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 2: 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.

April 3: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

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

April 5: Immunization Clinic 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wreath committee fundraiser set

On April 6, the Ottawa County Wreath Committee will host its annual chicken dinner and silent auction to benefit Wreaths Across America. The dinner will be held at the Port Clinton Elks Lodge with dinners being sold starting at 5 p.m. until sold out. Follow the committee Facebook page for more information.

All money raised will go to bringing Wreaths Across America back to Ottawa County in 2024.

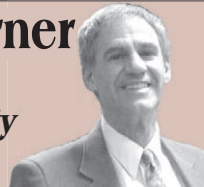
Masonic Temple, 401-409 Main St., early postcard view



Masonic Temple, Main Street, East Toledo, Ohio.

A prominent East Side landmark building, the Masonic Temple, was built on the northeast corner of Fourth and Main Street in 1913. The Masons occupied the upper floors, and the original ground floor business was Finkbeiner's Furniture, operated by former mayor Carty Finkbeiner's grandfather. The basement also held several businesses over the years, including a bowling alley and a boxing gym. The building has been vacant for many years but is now being renovated as part of the whole riverfront and Main Street revitalization plan.

History Corner East Toledo Historical Society by Larry Michaels



Nice day for a swim

A female Hooded Merganser is spotted going for a swim at The Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. (Photo by Tony Everhardt)

Chicken bar-b-que

The Oak Harbor Masonic Lodge #495 will hold its 21st annual chicken bar-b-que fundraiser Sunday, April 28, at the shelter house at Veterans Memorial Park, 300 Finke Rd., Oak Harbor.

Meals will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out. The cost is \$15, which includes a half-chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll and butter and a brownie prepared by Roots Chicken, of Fremont. Dinners will be served carry-out only.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the annual college scholarship offered by the lodge to a graduating Oak Harbor High School senior.

The dinner is being conducted on a pre-sale basis; however a limited number of first-come, first-served meals will be available on the day of the event.

Tickets are available from any Masonic Lodge member or contact Andrew Haley at 419-707-4067.

Quilters to meet

The Maumee Bay Country Quilters Guild will meet Tuesday, April 2, at 6:45 p.m. at Northwood Church of God, 3375 Curtice Rd., Northwood.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Guild member Maggie Trzinski will lead those present in creating a Forever Quilt by imprinting a design made of serged decorative threads onto clay. She will then fire, color and refire the pieces and return them to the creators in May. Participants may bring a flat textured button to use for additional impressions.

Visitors and new members are welcome. The visitors' fee is \$10 and yearly membership is \$35.

Special use permit topic of meeting

A public meeting to discuss an application by a behavior health company for a special use permit to purchase The Landings assisted living facility is scheduled for April 10 at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave.

Two meeting are planned at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Eclipse closure

The Ottawa County Board of Elections office will close Monday, April 8, at noon in observance of the solar eclipse. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, April 9. Call 419-898-3071 for more information.

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Service and Curriculum Learning Promotes Pet Rescue Adoption

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School and Academy teacher Kristi Howard is bringing service learning to her classroom to promote pet adoption within her curriculum which involves math, geography, research/writing, and creativity. Howard has strong ties to Traveling Tails Dog Rescue as a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors. The organization pulls from all over the country rescuing sick, neglected, and injured dogs. The students will design their own animal shelter where they will promote pet adoption. At left, Savannah Hill and Gracelyn Keesee create blankets that they will send to a rural shelter in Tennessee. At right, Howard works with Thalia Ramos, left, and Henley Manders as they create flyers that will help shelter dogs get adopted. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Toledo Zoo to host solar eclipse event on Monday, April 8

The Toledo Zoo will host a special event, "Total Eclipse at the Zoo," Monday, April 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The unique experience will allow visitors to witness the solar eclipse from the path of totality, accompanied by a range of engaging activities suitable for all ages. Lucas County residents can enjoy free admission from 10 a.m.-noon with proof of residency.

Activities throughout the day will include animal demonstrations, character meet-and-greets, a bounce house, musical entertainment and various other fun-filled engagements. Guests can also collaborate with zoo staff in animal observations and research to witness firsthand how the animals respond to the celestial phenomenon.



Visitors can witness the solar eclipse from the path of totality, participate in a range of engaging activities and watch how zoo animals react to the eclipse. (Toledo Zoo photo)

"We're thrilled to offer this rare viewing opportunity to our community and visitors. Witnessing a total solar eclipse among the animals adds a unique layer to an already incredible event," said Jen Brassil, director of PR and communications events at the zoo. "We invite guests to come for the eclipse and stay for the fun interactions and enriching experiences throughout the day."

For eclipse viewing, the Toledo Zoo will be distributing free eclipse glasses to attendees, while supplies last. Guests are invited to gather at the historic amphitheatre to witness the darkness of the eclipse and the sounds of the zoo.

Admission to the eclipse-related activities is included with general zoo admission.

As part of the zoo's Conda Family Zoo For All program, a Sensory Area will be available in the ProMedica Museum of Natural History. This area is designed as a quiet zone, offering sensory-friendly activities with dedicated staff and volunteers ready to support any sensory needs. For other information about accessibility features, visit toledo zoo.org/accessibility.

For a schedule of events and an opportunity to livestream some of our animal exhibits, monitoring their behavior during the eclipse, visit toledo zoo.org/events/total-eclipse. This work is supported by the Simons Foundation as part of its "In the Path of Totality" initiative.

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- May 4 & 5**
Nurturing the Mother Fertility Seminar - Sarasota, FL
- May 8**
Farmer's Market - Oregon, OH
- June 8 & 9**
Lymphatic Massage for Detoxification - Dundee, MI
- June 12**
Farmer's Market - Oregon, OH
- July 10**
Farmer's Market - Oregon, OH
- August 9, 10 & 11**
Nurturing the Mother Prenatal, Postnatal, Delivery Support Certification - Dundee, MI
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AG indicts Householder on state felony charges

By Press Staff Writer

Former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder has been indicted on multiple state felony charges alleging misuse of campaign money and ethics violations – including one count that would permanently ban him from holding public office again in Ohio, Attorney General Dave Yost announced last week.

“This case seeks to hold Mr. Householder accountable for his actions under state law, and I expect that the results will permanently bar him from public service in Ohio,” Yost said. “State crimes have state penalties, and a conviction will ensure that there will be no more comebacks from the ‘Comeback Kid.’”

The state grand jury indictment, filed in Cuyahoga County, accuses Householder, 64, of 10 felony charges:

- One count of theft in office (F1)
 - Two counts of aggravated theft (F2)
 - One count of telecommunications fraud (F2)
 - One count of money laundering (F3)
 - Five counts of tampering with records (F3)
- A conviction for theft in office would forever disqualify the Householder resident from public office, public employment or a position of trust in the state. Householder was convicted on federal charges last year, but those convictions do not legally prevent him from running again for public office.

The state indictment alleges that Householder misused campaign funds to pay for his personal criminal defense in his federal case. In addition, he allegedly failed

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to accurately complete Joint Legislative Ethics Committee filings. Specifically, records show that he did not disclose fiduciary relationships, creditors and gifts – including those related to fraudulent activity surrounding House Bill 6, legislation that benefitted FirstEnergy.

Householder was found guilty in March, 2023, for crimes related to House Bill 6 and FirstEnergy and sentenced to 20 years in prison. He is appealing the sentence.

The state charges announced last week were filed in Cuyahoga County, where the financial transactions in question allegedly occurred.

The indictment stems from an investigation by a task force organized under the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.

The task force was created at the request of the prosecutor of Summit County, where FirstEnergy is headquartered. By

Ohio law, the attorney general’s OOCIC task force cannot initiate an investigation without a request from a prosecutor.

On Feb. 12, Yost announced that a former PUCO chairman and two former FirstEnergy executives had been indicted on public corruption charges as a result of the OOCIC task force’s investigation. The case against former PUCO Chairman Sam Randazzo; former FirstEnergy CEO Charles “Chuck” Jones; and Michael Dowling, former FirstEnergy senior vice president of external affairs, is ongoing.

A timeline of the case:

- September 2020: Yost files a civil lawsuit against Householder, FirstEnergy, FirstEnergy subsidiary Energy Harbor, and various accomplices.
- November 2020: Yost moves to block HB6’s nuclear bailout, which would have taken \$150 million a year from ratepayers to give to Energy Harbor.
- December 2020: Yost’s request to prevent the bailout is granted by a judge.
- January 2021: Yost files a motion to prevent the “decoupling rider,” which would have cost customers \$700 million to \$1 billion through 2029.
- August 2021: A judge grants Yost’s request to freeze \$8 million of Randazzo’s assets after Randazzo began transferring and selling properties. The ruling was later appealed and affirmed.
- August 2021: Yost sues former FirstEnergy CEO Jones and Randazzo, among others, seeking to recover the \$4.3 million bribe that FirstEnergy has admitted paying Randazzo.

Refuge to begin prescribed burns

The staff of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is notifying the public that the refuge is entering its spring prescribed fire season.

The prescribed fire season typically runs between late March and May 15.

During this time smoke may be visible

above refuge properties throughout Ottawa and Lucas counties.

Prescribed burning on the refuge is conducted to improve wildlife habitat and reduce the accumulation of fuels that lead to uncontrolled wildfires.

Ottawa NWR has historically treated between 100 and 800 acres annually with prescribed fire. A prescribed fire during this time period is especially productive

for habitat management and brush control, according to the refuge.

Local officials have been informed of the planned burns. Prescribed fires will only be conducted when conditions allow for safe implementation.

Questions concerning the prescribed fire season may be directed to Refuge Manager Jason Lewis or Private Lands Biologist Jeff Finn.

Bill to protect expression introduced

State Senator Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) and State Senator Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville) introduced Senate Bill 237 last week, which protects the First Amendment Rights of Ohioans.

The Uniform Public Expression Protection Act establishes a judicial process to prevent meritless lawsuits that attempt to intimidate individuals from exercising their Constitutional rights.

The bill specifically curtails Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) – lawsuits that aim to stop a person or group from using their First Amendment rights when discussing public issues, such as legislation.

Sen. Gavarone said SLAPP lawsuits are often time-consuming and expensive for the person or organization being sued. The average cost of defending one of these cases is \$39,000, but can often get into six figures or higher.

“Ohioans and all Americans have the basic right to freedom of speech as protected by our First Amendment. Unfortunately, these rights and our judicial system’s integrity are under attack by frivolous lawsuits,” Gavarone said. “SLAPP cases directly harm people by burdening them with expensive legal bills and taking up months if not years of their lives. Senate Bill 237 will give Ohioans their rights and their lives back.”

Senate Bill 237 creates an expedited process for individuals engaging in speech protected by the Constitution to have these lawsuits dismissed if these lawsuits meet the criteria of a SLAPP case. The bill also allows a defendant to recoup attorney fees and other court fees if the case is dismissed, removing the financial burden of SLAPP cases.

“SLAPP lawsuits can create chaos in the lives of people who are simply exercising their First Amendment rights, including victims,” Manning said. “Senate Bill 237 will establish a way to combat these meritless lawsuits early in the process so Ohioans can retain their Constitutional rights, money, and precious time.”

Obituaries

Obituary

Suzanne (Perotin) Szozda December 13, 1927 ~ March 24, 2024



Suzanne Szozda, 96, joined her loving husband, John, on their next adventure on March 23, 2024. Suzanne was born in Warmeriville, France in 1927. At age nine, after her mother had passed, she assumed the duties of helping her father and grandmother, 79 at the time, raise her five brothers and sisters. Her younger siblings called her “Little Mother.” This started her life-long devotion to family. She raised seven children, who in turn are raising families of their own. She is survived by John (Rebecca) Szozda; Jeri (Rick) deGroff; Kathie (Jim) Koenigseker; Frank (Darla) Szozda; Tim (Lila) Szozda; Chris (Rick) Amstel and Lisa (Tony) Santos, 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, sisters Marie-Madeleine Randoulet, Marcelle Servais and brother, Michel Perotin.

Suzanne was 11 when Germany invaded France during World War II. She remembered fleeing the Nazis on the family’s 180-mile march south to Orleans. The family was fortunate to have a horse-drawn wagon to carry supplies and take turns riding. Suzanne met the love of her life in 1945, Sgt. John Szozda. He was stationed near her village after sustaining injuries when his tank hit a daisy-chain mine. He spoke only English; she spoke only French, but they fell in love while talking on her front porch. When the war ended, he asked her to marry him and move to Toledo. She told him to come back in four years when she could pass the family duties to her sister, Marcelle, when she turned 14. Suzanne

and John were married in her village in 1949. Marcelle recalled the wedding in a letter she sent for John and Suzanne’s 50th wedding anniversary. She wrote, “The vicar, in his sermon, said, ‘John, don’t forget you are taking a treasure back to America with you.’”

When John returned alone to Toledo after the wedding, he sent for Suzanne after earning enough for her fare. Suzanne joined him some months later, crossing the Atlantic on a passenger ship.

She was, as the vicar predicted, a treasure to our family. She enriched us all with her guidance, love and encouragement. Her devotion to family and her creativity remains an inspiration to her children and is being handed down to their children. Suzanne was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church. She used the lessons she learned from raising her brothers and sisters to raise her new American family. She knew how to cook, bake, sew and knit. She made afghans, quilts and clothes, particularly sweaters, caps and mittens for her children and later for the poor. She loved to bake bread and her chocolate chip cookies were treasured by her grandchildren. She was proud of the kielbasa she made for Easter and goulash for Halloween.

She also loved to play Scrabble, Dominoes and Rummy and fish at the family cabin Up North.

Suzanne is preceded in death by her parents, Vital and Eugenie, two brothers, Roger and Maurice, and the love of her life, John.

The family requests memorial donations to The Cherry Street Mission or the Salvation Army. The family also thanks the caring nursing staff at Toledo Hospital.

Services were held at an earlier date.

Tim Williams
 2/15/1952 ~ 04/03/2018

Thoughts for My Big Guy

The days are not easier but I find a way to smile, to share you, to include you, to remember our love.

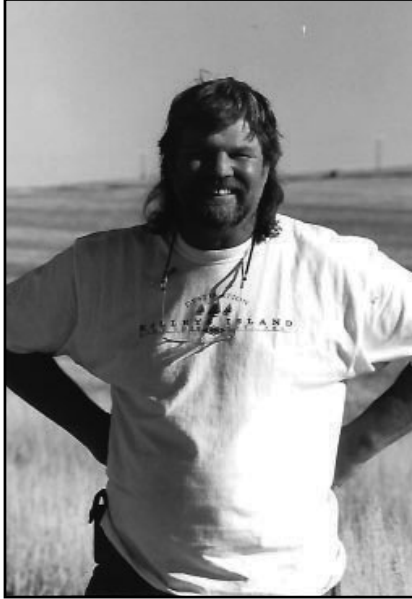
I found a note you wrote to me many years ago...

Bonnie,
 I fed the dogs & they had a great run
 I Love You, Tim


I totally forgot this is how you signed your notes, not love ya or see you but, I love you

Thanks for making me smile & cry
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Until that time.....I Love You,
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Total Solar Eclipse a rare, once-in-a-lifetime experience

By Art Weber

There are special things in nature that happen every once in a while, others that come around every few years, and a very few that we can say with certainty that they are a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Next Monday is one of those one in a lifetime days. Go to your calendar and, if you haven't already, write in Total Solar Eclipse, Monday, April 8, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Make sure you're outside during the totality phase, which, depending on your location, will start about 3:10 p.m. and last about two-and-one-half minutes.

Millions of people will travel hundreds of miles, even more, to view this rare event. It's estimated a half-million people will come to Ohio to witness the total eclipse. We're lucky. Most of us can simply walk out our back doors and look up.

That happens, like, almost never. Consider that the last total eclipse to touch the United States was in 2017. They called it the Great American Eclipse because it was only visible in the United States, cutting a swath that averaged about 65 miles wide from the coast of Oregon to coastal South Carolina.

April 8 will be another Great American Eclipse, stretching from Mexico, extending into Texas and following an arcing path over 100 miles wide to Ohio. It then takes a more eastward path directly over Lake Erie and on to Canada's Maritime Provinces. In all, the path will cross 13 states.

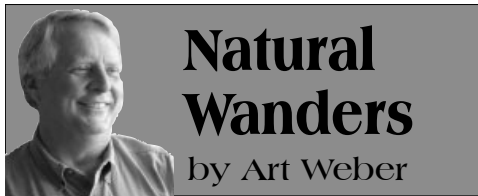
Everyone in the lower 48 states will see a partial eclipse. Seattle, for example, despite its location 2,000 miles away from the path of totality, will see 20 percent coverage.

But a partial eclipse is said to be a yawner compared to having a seat in the path of totality. Veteran eclipse observers will tell you even observing from mere miles outside the path of totality will be disappointing. Nothing, it's said, compares to the experience of witnessing totality.

Witnessing totality treats you to views of the sun's corona as you've never seen it before, and likely never will again. Check the internet for images of Bailey's Beads and the Diamond Ring, arguably the most dra-



The "Diamond Ring" photographed during the Great American Eclipse in 2017. (Photo by Art Weber)



matic scenes to witness. They occur in the moments just before and after totality. And, yes, keep that eye protection on. It's a must even to observe both of those effects.

You'll also want to take note of things happening around you in the moments during and around totality. Things that

will help you understand the panic earlier cultures must have experienced, watching their sun disappear, night arrive in the middle of the day, stars appearing in the sky.

Those who witnessed the Aug. 21, 2017, eclipse describe the surreal experience of the murky darkness, the rising sounds of crickets and katydids breaking into their nighttime songs, dogs barking as though confused and sounding an alarm and wildlife behaving strangely. The temperature will drop, the wind may rise or shift.

Ancient cultures struggled to understand eclipses. There were some who be-

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lieved the sun was attacked by a giant serpent; others blamed wolves. To others, it was thought the gods were expressing their anger by taking the sun away. Evil was certainly involved.

We know better now.

And we know there are things you should do in advance. First and foremost, make sure you prevent eye injury by having and using solar glasses that meet the ISO 12312-2 safety standard. Dark sunglasses aren't nearly dark enough. If you're shooting photos, you'll need a filter to the same standards to prevent damage both to your eyes and the camera's collector.

It's a good idea to do some test images to make sure you're getting the results you want. And it's a very good idea to make sure you're heading for a location with unobscured viewing. That's easy. Just go there on the next sunny day at about 3 p.m. and check the position of the sun.

The internet is loaded with great information on eclipses, events associated with the eclipse, and tips on viewing. One of the best sites is the National Solar Observatory, which includes a great map to click on your exact location and the precise times for the eclipse.

Look for it at www.nso.edu/for-public/eclipse-map-2024/.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

March 31-April 6

March 31

1892 - Lynch mob of 1,000 breaks into county jail in Findlay and abducts Joseph Lytle who was being held on charges of killing his wife and daughter with an ax. The mob drags Lytle outside and hangs him from a telegraph pole where he is then riddled with bullets.

1909 - Toledo labor official expresses concern that young boys aren't entering the harness-making trade. He fears that there will soon be no harness-makers left in the city.

1924 - Toledo police deploy their new "sponge squad" designed to clean up the illegal booze in the city. They go to numerous locations and round up more than 70 people for bootlegging.

1949 - Pinball machine cash payouts outlawed in the City of Toledo.

1973 - Singer Patrice Munsel, performing at the Masonic Auditorium in Toledo, is reunited with her pet boa constrictor "George" after leaving it in a Lansing, Michigan hotel.

April 1

1903 - Ground is broken at Elmore for the Toledo-Port Clinton Lakeside Railroad. It would be the first Interurban passenger and freight line to run eastward from Toledo. It would later become the Ohio Public Service line.

1918 - Toledo police officer Louis Jazwiecki dies after being shot the previous night during an arrest attempt of two men at Erie and Walnut.

1941 - WPA announces opening of second "toy lending library" in Toledo to help poor children.

1943 - It is reported that Nelson and Bernard Moss - a father and son from Toledo - have enlisted in the Navy and are now at boot camp together at Great Lakes Training Center near Chicago.

1969 - City bulldozers destroy the 50-year-old "Garden of Eden" created by the minis-



Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert

ter Cassius Hettinger at his home on Upton Ave. The odd statuary of sea shells and concrete hosted many weddings and busloads of weekend tourists over many decades.

April 2

1920 - Tiedtke's Department Store says it expects to sell more than 1,000 bunny rabbits during Easter this year.

1932 - Lake freighter sailors report another sighting of the phantom rum runner, the "Grey Ghost". The boatmen say they saw visions of the ghostly lost craft near Pelee Island in the waters of Lake Erie. The cruiser has been spotted almost every season since it vanished in 1929.

1943 - Toledo Rockets basketball team loses NIT championship game to St. Johns 47-27 at Madison Square Garden in New York.

1997 - Toledo born scientist and visionary, Lyman Spitzer Jr., passes away at the age of 82. Spitzer was best known as the man who envisioned the Hubble Space Telescope and oversaw the project from its inception to its launch into space.

April 3

1924 - Canton Avenue druggist Meyer Selzman and three clerks arrested for manslaughter in the deaths of 18 men, who died from poisoned alcohol they consumed from Selzman's drugstore. Selzman is later convicted and sentenced to four years in prison.

1957 - Flame and smoke snuff out lives of 27 race horses in blaze at Fort Miami Racetrack at Maumee. It is not known what started the tragic blaze.

1984 - Last edition of the East Toledo Sun



The East Toledo Sun.

is published.

April 4

1908 - The 524-foot lake freighter "Fred Hartwell" is launched at the Toledo Shipbuilding Company.



The Niagara was rebuilt as The Waldorf.

1915 - The Niagara Hotel in 300 block of Summit Street destroyed by fire. A newlywed couple from Adrian, Michigan is killed in the blaze.

1919 - A "monster" parade of thousands is lead by Mayor Schreiber to welcome home the more than 1500 soldiers who had been serving in the trenches of Europe in World War One.

1920 - Safecrackers break into safe at Grace Smith's cafeteria in downtown Toledo, getting away with at least \$1,000 in cash.

April 5

1867 - Ohio legislature creates a full-time

police force in Toledo and released city marshals from their duties.

1897 - Samuel "Golden Rule" Jones, one of Toledo's most colorful and controversial mayors, is elected to office. The Welsh born self-made millionaire was an ardent social reformer and is considered one of the most influential mayors in U.S. History.

1918 - Grace Doyle, 20, school teacher near Perrysburg hailed as a hero for flagging down a troop train at Roachton Road that was about to hit a saboteur's barricade of spiked planks across the tracks.



The Champlain

1957 - Lake Freighter Champlain ripped loose from its moorings on Maumee River by 90 mph winds and crashes into Fasset Street Bridge in South Toledo. The bridge is never rebuilt.

April 6

1906 - Construction begins on Camp Perry near Port Clinton in Ottawa County.

1932 - In Genoa, grocers Nick Cashen and Al Camper are selling bread for 7 cents a loaf this week and a 24-pound bag of flour is just 69 cents.

1941 - Commercial fishermen on Lake Erie complain that raw sewage pollution being pumped into the lake is killing too many fish.

1977 - Kenny Rogers' hit song Lucille, which takes place in a "bar room in Toledo" reaches number one on the record charts.

1990 - The end of a Toledo industrial era as Champion Spark Plug of Toledo announces the closing of its Toledo plant after 80 years of operation.

Allen Township

03/12/2024 Michelle D Shaffer to Malik J Bankston Jr, 22718 West Toledo Street, \$169,900.

03/12/2024 Frances Gordon Wuest atta Frances V Gordon to Brian Bengela and Tammy Bengela, 22721 West Toledo Street, \$120,000.

03/15/2024 Thomas L Cashen III & Heather A Cashen to US Bank National Association, 5888 N Reiman Road, \$25,000.

Lake in Allen Township

03/13/2024 Ronald D Boyer and Laurreta A Carlson to Jonathan Bullock, 29340 North Fostoria Road, \$150,001.

Bay Township

03/11/2024 Jonathan A Majkut and Mary E

Real Estate Transfers



Anzelmo to Kimberly A Sesko, 655 South Streeter Road, \$151,000.

03/14/2024 Donna J Laird to Kenneth Laird, 5390 Fremont Road, \$142,244.

BCS School in Bay Carroll Township

03/14/2024 Water's Edge Equity Management LLC to Kevin J Weber, 6316 North Harris Harbor Drive, \$157,500.

Harris Township

03/14/2024 Duane F Arndt & Sharon E Arndt

to Kevin M Fox & Kathy S Fox, 0 W Kempke, \$310,000.

Harris Elmore Corporation

03/15/2024 Centerbury Road LLC to P & D Holdings of Ohio LLC, 365 Rice Street, \$350,000.

Port Clinton Corporation

03/11/2024 David N Oberle & Nikki Oberle to Toni L Garrett, 710 Monroe St., \$108,000.

03/12/2024 Suzanne Leone and Vincent Leone to 2nd St Storage LLC, 322 W Second Street,

\$125,000.

03/15/2024 Cook Investment Properties LLC to SOUTHBOYDEN LLC, 215 Elm St, \$299,900.

03/15/2024 Erie Islands Land Management LLC to Sunset 12 Properties LLC, 120 Buckeye Boulevard Units A, C, D, \$445,000. Catawba Township

03/11/2024 Stacey Yelich to Paul and Caren Amodio, 5271 North Point Dr Unit 1, \$420,000.

03/14/2024 Sunshine Estates Builders LLC to Ross Graham, 2472 Torino Drive, \$694,520.

Salem Township

03/12/2024 Ashley Plummer to Aaron T. Moore, 9501 W Portage River South, \$1,000.

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There is a difference between being broke and poor

By Bryan Golden

There is an enormous difference between someone who is broke and someone who considers themselves poor. Being broke refers to a current financial situation. Poor however, is a state of mind.

The person who is broke can rectify their circumstances by improving their finances. As a solution, they seek to change their strategy in a way to improve their finances. There are countless examples of an individual losing all of their money and then making it all back. Even wealthy people have gone through this cycle.

Walt Disney didn't give up after he filed for bankruptcy in 1920. A few years later, in 1928, he founded a new company and created Mickey Mouse.

Henry Ford didn't give up after his first company failed and went bankrupt. He got right back up and started a second company. However, his second company also went broke. Undaunted, he launched FORD in 1903.

Rowland H. Macy failed at four attempts to open successful retail stores. His fifth venture was opening a store in Manhattan in 1858. This one did well, with sales of \$85,000 in the first year.

These are but three of numerous examples of people who have lost everything but never considered themselves poor. They were determined to continue until successful. They didn't waste one second making excuses. They devoted all of their time and energy to turning their situation around.

The poor person has a self-image of poverty. They believe their financial situation is a result of forces beyond their control. They use poverty as an excuse to justify their circumstances.

Anyone may experience tough financial times. What you do when there and where you go next, are the determining factors that make all the difference. Should you view yourself as a victim who doesn't have control over their circumstances, you prevent yourself from taking corrective action.

Broke vs. poor illustrates the contrast between circumstances and attitude. Although circumstances do fluctuate, it's your response which determines the future. Action changes circumstances but attitude controls action. So, it's attitude which differentiates between someone who is broke and someone who is poor.

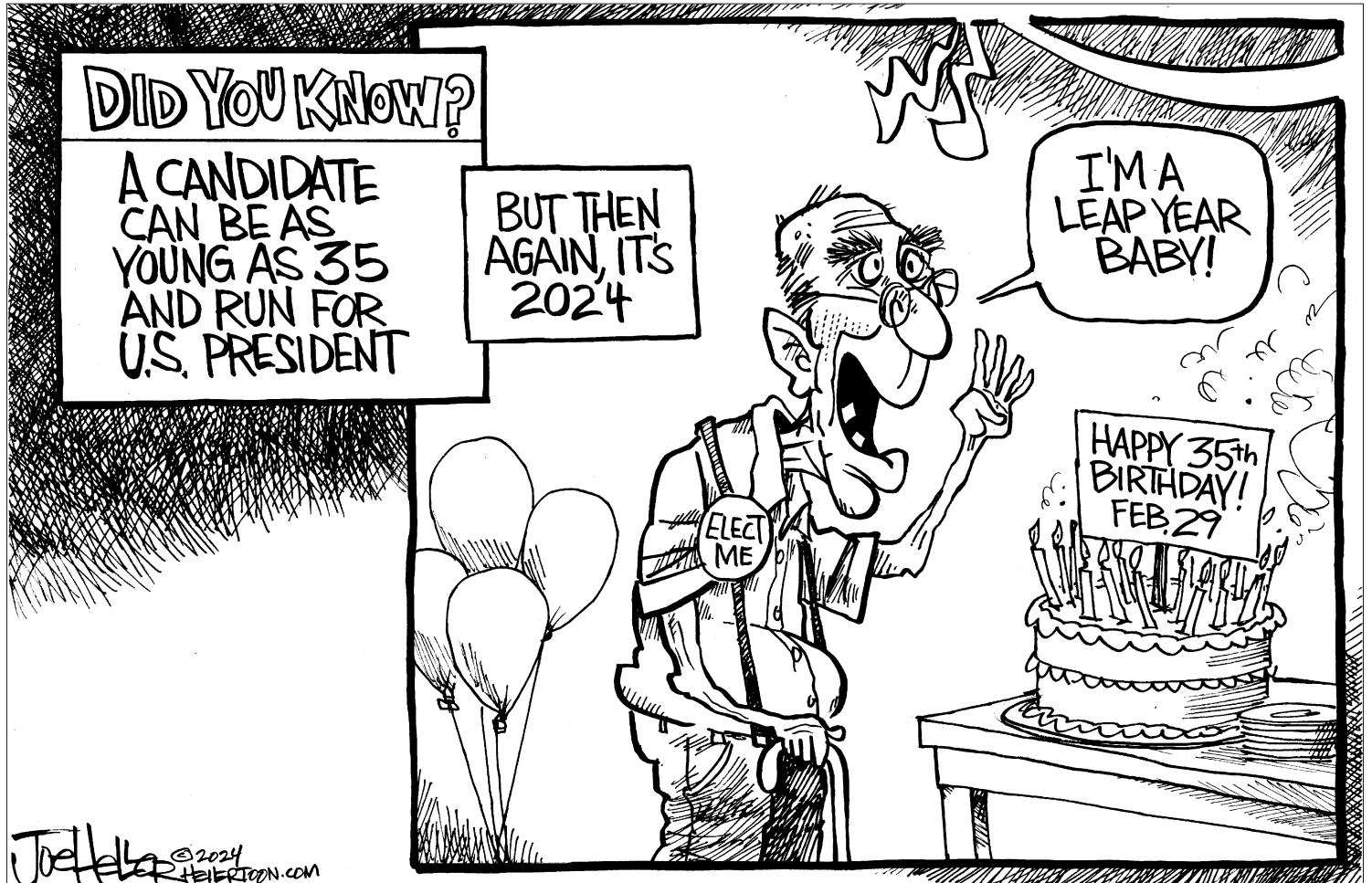
An attitude of "woe is me" leads to passivity. With this outlook, no action is taken because there is no point. This approach to life is characteristic of a victim mentality. Victims passively wait for things to get better. They passively wait for adversity to pass.

Victims blame other people or circumstances for their fate. They don't believe they have any control over what happens to them. Where they are is a result of what has been done to them. The targets they blame include family, friends, the economy, their job, their boss, bad luck, the government, or even strangers.

A person who thinks of them self as poor has a victim mentality. If they receive guidance from anyone successful, they have limitless excuses as to why they can't succeed. A poor person will also claim to have tried numerous strategies, none of which worked for them.

A broke person can't wait to do whatever is necessary to improve their finances. These people know their situation is temporary. They are constantly looking for ideas and inspiration. They study successful people to learn how they have done things. A broke person does whatever is necessary to turn their situation around.

If you ever find yourself in an adverse situation, remember that the outcome is based on your outlook. Taking the "poor" approach leaves you passively hoping and waiting for things to get better. Utilizing the "broke" strategy gets you in gear to take whatever action is needed to improve your circumstances.



Government debt service versus Stein's law

By Thomas Knapp

On March 23, the US Senate passed a \$1.2 trillion spending bill, presumably bringing an end to months of congressional combat, "stopgap" measures, etc., by accepting the House version of that bill without amendments that would require renegotiation.

As is usual with big government spending bills, it's hard to get one's mind around the total without dividing it by the number of people expected to pick up the tab.

In this case, my rough calculation (based on the round number for the total and the latest estimates of US population is that the US government just ordered every man, woman, and child in America (yes, this means you) to cough up about \$3,600.

Not all at once, of course. Much of it just will be borrowed and added to the "national debt" — currently about \$35 trillion — with you as collateral. You didn't apply for a loan, or co-sign the loan, but when the US government borrows money, it implicitly offers up your future earnings as guarantee of payment.

As I write this, Congress owes its creditors about \$35 trillion, leaving you on the hook — or so they claim, anyway — for

more than \$100,000.

And no, they're not making any effort to pay that debt down. They're continuing to borrow, and continuing to let the borrowed principal increase even as interest payments on that principal constitute an ever-growing portion of their annual spending.

As economist Herbert Stein noted in 1986, "If something cannot go on forever, it will stop."

The borrowing can't go on forever, for two reasons:

First, ever-increasing "debt service" — payments of interest which never reduce the principal still owed — will eventually grow to more than the size of any plausible federal budget.

Second, as it becomes more and more clear that that principal will never be honestly repaid (at best, some kind of "trillion-dollar coin" scam might be contrived to screw creditors while supposedly "paying" the bill) and that even paying interest is getting questionable, fewer and fewer potential creditors will be willing to buy US government debt.

The borrowing will end sooner or later. It will end with, at the very least, de facto

default, and possibly with the dissolution of the US government as we know it.

On the whole, I think that's good news along the lines of finally kicking out a housemate who keeps stealing and selling household items to cover his gambling losses.

But, make no mistake; most Americans will end up much poorer than we believe ourselves to be at the moment. The fallout may make the Great Depression look like the Good Old Days.

When that time comes, make sure you have something in your wallet besides Federal Reserve Notes. "The full faith and credit" of the US government is only worth the paper it's printed on because most people still don't understand that they're being conned.

When they do start understanding that, they're going to start demanding gold, silver, or crypto currency on the barrelhead. There's no time like the present to start moving in that direction yourself.

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Letters

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Verify school voucher system

To the editor: On March 19, there were thousands of Ohioans going to the polls and voting for or against local school levies. If approved, the money these levies generate will be appropriated in local school board meetings governed by Ohio Sunshine Laws, which states that all district level decisions must be made in a public forum board of education meeting. Every one of these school districts will be subject to a yearly audit by the Ohio Auditor's Office where every expenditure will be scrutinized.

However, there is an estimated \$1 billion of our tax dollars being funneled away from these public schools and given to private schools in the form of vouchers. There are no boards of education governed by Ohio's sunshine laws at these private schools. There is no public forum where the private school's expenditures can be scrutinized by the taxpayers who are funding these vouchers. None of these public schools will be audited by the Ohio Auditor's Office. Quite simply, the voucher money that private schools are receiving can be spent in any way they see fit.

Any student who walks into a public school where he/she resides is absolutely entitled to an education in that school district. Private schools can pick and choose who they let in and who they keep. They can send a student back to their public school if they are a discipline prob-

lem. They can send them back to their public school if they are disabled and they do not have the resources or the patience to teach this child.

If private schools are going to accept large sums of money from the state government it is time they be held to the same standard as the public schools.

They must educate every single student that wants to attend their school. If the student has a discipline problem they need to figure out a way to sort that out and help that child. If the student is disabled in any way they need to provide services that student needs to get a free and appropriate education as the public schools are mandated to do. And last but not least, every private school needs to have a board of education that conducts their meetings in the open and according to Ohio's sunshine laws so the methods of how they are spending the money they receive from the state is being spent as well as a yearly visit by auditor's office.
Martin W. Perlaky
Oregon

Let the people decide election

To the editor: The preamble of our Constitution says, "We the People."

If it is We the People then why all the shenanigans against a candidate for president of the United States? Instead of trying to have the courts decide an election,

it is time for the people to decide. It is always the people's time. It is called a republic.

We get to look at all candidates with their personal warts but more importantly their policies and then decide who we want to lead our country.

It is not We the Courts who should decide, it is We the People. Those who vote!
Steve Cherry

Oregon

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Shawn Mlynek, harpist Eleonora Congiu to present concert

Northwest Ohio native, tenor Shawn Mlynek, with harpist Eleonora Congiu, will present a concert Wednesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 611 Woodville Rd., Toledo.

Mlynek (Carnegie Hall, Slovak National Theater, Stadttheater Gießen) lives in Germany and says he's very excited to be visiting home after many years.

"I owe much of my career to the support of friends and family in Northwest Ohio, and it is an honor to be returning and to give something back," Mlynek said. "My musical partner, Italian harpist Eleonora Congiu, will be joining me for her first visit to the United States to share a beautiful and diverse concert of music with our audience," he said. "We have something for every taste, with repertoire ranging from the baroque period all the way to pop songs of the '50s and '60s."

Admission to the concert is free; donations will be gladly accepted.

Learn more about Mlynek at shawnmlynek.com.

Jake Reichbart Trio to perform April 6

The Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society will present The Jake Reichbart Trio Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pemberville Opera House, 115 Main St.

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

The trio is led by jazz guitarist Jake Reichbart, who is joined by Nick Calandro on bass and John Hill on drums. Their repertoire draws from all forms of popular music from the '60s on, especially tunes from the Great American Songbook. Between songs, the trio will share detailed information about the music, its history, their instruments and playing techniques, as well as humorous anecdotes and stories from their travels.

The concert is part of the ongoing Live! In the House concert series. Learn more at pembervilleoperahouse.org.

Generations Tea Party

The Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society invites children ages 6-13 and their moms, grandmothers or other special adults to a Generations Tea Party on Saturday, May 4, from noon-2 p.m.

The Barbie-themed event, to be held at Brandville School Museum, 1133 Grasser St., Oregon, will include lunch, tea and punch and a short program. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required.

Call Angie at 419-902-5149 to make a reservation.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Ohio will present their annual

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Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS) fundraiser, on Saturdays, April 13, 20 and 27 from 1-3 p.m. at Miracle Lanes of Toledo.

The goal of BFKS is to raise funds to support BBBSNWO's mission of making a positive, long-lasting impact on children in the community through mentoring relationships.

BFKS is one of Big Brothers Big Sisters' largest community annual events to raise money to match more children facing adversity with mentors who serve as friends and positive role models. Participants form teams to bowl, have a good time, and raise funds to support the organization's mission.

Last year, the fundraiser generated \$43,415.21.

All donations and funds raised from the event will go toward funding the organization's new Empowering Future Leaders program, which operates year-round to meet the ongoing needs of youths and communities. The program is offered in school, after school and for eight weeks in the summer and focuses on life skills, cultural competency, leadership, and career development.

The registration deadline is Friday, April 5. To learn more about BFKS and how to get involved, visit bbbsnwo.org/bfks-signup/.

Elephant Baby Bash

The Toledo Zoo announced the results of the naming contest for the African elephant calf born Feb. 17.

The winning name is Kirk, a choice that reflects the collective voice of the supportive community, said Jen Brassil director of PR and communications events at the zoo. The zoo received several thousands of votes in the naming contest.

Zoo visitors can view the male calf in the Tembo Trail exhibit Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Viewing on Saturday and Sunday will be from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Zoo members can enjoy early admission from 9-10 a.m. for Member Mornings.

Zoo staff is asking the public to please be patient as they manage exhibit visitation. Twenty guests at a time will be guided by zoo staff to enter the indoor exhibit. Noise levels must be kept to a minimum and no flash photography will be permitted.

On Saturday, April 6, the zoo will host an Elephant Baby Bash to celebrate the calf and allow the community to contribute enrichment items. There will be an online component (with an Amazon wish list), an Entry Plaza drop-off site, and a drop-off site inside the Zoo at Tembo Trail that will fea-



The community is invited to a free concert featuring Northwest Ohio native, tenor Shawn Mlynek, with harpist Eleonora Congiu, on Wednesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 611 Woodville Rd., Toledo. (Submitted photo)

ture activities, scheduled enrichment and keeper talks.

For more event details, visit toledozoo.org/events/elephant-baby-bash.

The community can also help provide exceptional animal care and enrichment for all animals at the zoo with a Zoo PAL sponsorship. Zoo PAL benefits and sponsor levels can be found at toledozoo.org/zoo-pal.

Library Book Sale

Birchard Public Library, 423 Croghan St., Fremont, will hold a book sale April 10-12.

The sale on Wednesday, April 10, from 5-8 p.m. will be for Friends of the Library members only. Join that night for a small fee and participate in the sale.

The sale will be open Thursday, April 11, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, April 12, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m.-noon. (Bag Day— fill a bag for \$3). Call 419-334-7101 for more details.

Ohio State Parks Photo Contest

Nature lovers, adventurers and photography buffs are invited to showcase their love for Ohio's state parks through the lens of their cameras by entering the 2024 Ohio State Parks Photo Contest sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Watercraft.

"Whether you're capturing memorable moments with loved ones, discovering hidden gems of wildlife or showcasing the natural beauty of our state parks, this photo contest is your chance to share your story through the lens," said ODNR Director Mary Mertz.

Contest categories include Parks and People, Wildlife Wonders,

Adventurers Unbound, Scenic Landscapes and Historic Horizons.

Entering the contest is free. Contestants can submit up to five photos, one per category, which were taken on or after Jan. 1, 2023. To honor Ohio State Parks' 75th anniversary, photo entries for the Historical Horizons category can be taken on any date.

The grand prize is a DJI Osmo Action Camera, sponsored by Tyler Technologies, ODNR's reservation management provider. Second- and third-place winners will also receive prizes.

Winners of the People's Choice in each category will score a free night of camping at any Ohio State Park campground and a camping cooking set.

Visit discoverohiostateparks.com/ to find submission forms and contest rules. The deadline to submit photos is Friday, May 3. Winners will be notified between June 10 and June 17.

Wood County Parks Nature Camps


Kids are invited to explore, learn and get dirty this summer at Wood County Park District Nature Camps.

Daily activities will connect campers to the outdoors and all the things that call it home. Participants in the day camps will experience engaging activities, learn outdoor skills and have mindful sensory time in nature.

Camp sessions will run Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the W. W. Knight Nature Preserve, 29530 White Rd., Perrysburg on the following dates:

- For ages 5-6: June 18-21, June 25-28,

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- For ages 7-8: July 9-12 or July 16-19.
- For ages 10-12: July 23-26 or July 30-Aug. 2.

The camp fee is \$175, or \$165 for members of the Friends of the Parks. Need-based assistance for covering the cost of camp is available.

Registration closes five days before the first day of camp. Register at wcparks.org or call 419-353-1897. Contact program manager Jim Witter at 419-661-1697, ext. 1, or jwitter@wcparks.org, prior to registration for more information and to learn about financial aid assistance.

Parks in the Dark Eclipse viewing party set at Glass City Metropark

Toledo Area Metroparks are positioned to be prime viewing places for the total solar eclipse on April 8. Of the 19 Metroparks in Lucas County, 18 are in the path of totality for varying lengths of time. (Secor is the only metropark outside the path but will still experience 99.99% coverage.)

Locally, a naturalist-led viewing party with kids' activities will be held at Glass City Metropark, 1505 Front St., Toledo.

The family-friendly event will offer prime views of the eclipse on the riverfront of downtown Toledo. Watch the sky through telescopes with solar filters and enjoy a Kids' Zone with eclipse-themed activities. Eclipse-viewing glasses will be available to borrow.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase at The Garden by Poco Piatti. The duration of totality is expected to be 1 minute, 56 seconds.

This event is rain or shine. Even if clouds block the eclipse, stop by the Kids Zone to learn about what's happening above the clouds.

Learn more about this and other viewing events at metroparkstoledo.com/learn-and-play/special-events-and-programs/2024-eclipse/.

Wildlife Stop and Shop

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge will host local artists and craftsmen during the Wildlife Stop and Shop at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, 14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor, May 11-12.

The Wildlife Stop and Shop will be held during the Biggest Week in American Birding on World Migratory Bird Day weekend.

Vendors who sell unique nature-themed products and crafts, artwork, and upcycled/recycled items following the theme of birds, wildlife and nature are invited to apply for a spot.

The Wildlife Stop and Shop will be located on the Visitor Center grounds from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., both days. Vendors may apply online at friendsofottawanwr.org/vendor-opportunities.html.

African Safari open for 56th season

African Safari Wildlife Park opened the gates for its 56th season on March 22.

The park's Drive-Thru Safari, which features zebras, bison, alpacas, elk, exotic cattle, emus and more, is open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with the last car admitted at 4 p.m. The park's warm-weather animals, such as giraffe, will generally not be visible unless the air temperature is above 60 degrees.

The Walk-Thru Safari will open in mid-May.

African Safari is located at 267 Lightner Rd., Port Clinton. Visit africansafariwildlifepark.com or call 1-800-521-2660 for more details.

Solar eclipse specials

The National Museum of the Great Lakes will offer Solar Eclipse Specials April 6-8.

On those dates, visitors can buy one adult admission and get one youth admission free, and/or purchase a membership and earn 20% off their first museum store

purchase.

The first 100 visitors will also get a pair of eclipse viewing glasses.

Watch eclipse at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

The Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, located at 14000 W. SR 2, will be open for those looking for a spot to view the moon pass over the sun on Monday, April 8.

Weather permitting, there will be food and coffee trucks, a viewing telescope, and programs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Apart from the visitor center and trails at the main refuge, the refuge offers other properties that could provide great viewing opportunities, including Grimm Prairie, Stange Prairie, Fox Nature Preserve, the Boss Unit, Nehl's Memorial Nature Preserve and the Marinewood Unit.

Directions and addresses for these satellite properties are as follows:

- Grimm Prairie: North side of Krause Road near the intersection of Krause Road and SR 2.

- Stange Prairie: East side of Stange Road near the corner of Stange Road and Krause Road.

- Fox Nature Preserve: West side of N. Lickert-Harder Road directly south across Route 2 from the Visitor Center.

- Boss Unit: West side of N. Benton-Carroll Road just South of Route 2.

- Nehl's Memorial Nature Preserve: South side of E. Muggy Road on Catawba - (4400 E. Muggy Rd., Port Clinton)

- Marinewood Unit: South side of Route 163 in Port Clinton - (4640 W Harbor Rd, Port Clinton, OH 43452)

The timeline for the eclipse in Oak Harbor is:

- Start of the partial eclipse: 1:57 p.m. (EDT)

- Start of totality: 3:12 p.m.

- End of totality: 3:15 p.m.

- End of partial: 4:27 p.m.

After the eclipse, used solar glasses will be recycled for reuse. Look for solar glass recycling bins at the visitor center and along exit routes.

For more information about these or other Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge events, call 419-898-0014, visit the refuge's

website, <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/ottawa> or connect on Facebook at [facebook.com/ottawanwr](https://www.facebook.com/ottawanwr).

Solar-bration Photography event

Help the Wood County District Public Library capture the upcoming total solar eclipse for their Local History Collection with a spring Solar-bration Photography event.

On April 8, Bowling Green and all of Wood County will fall within the zone of a total solar eclipse. Eclipse-watchers are invited to submit their local photos of people, buildings or Wood County landscapes in transition or under the eclipse (photos of the sun and/or the eclipse itself will not be accepted).

Photo submissions will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win \$50 in BG Downtown Dollars. Submissions may be used on WCDPL's social media pages and may be added to the WCDPL Local History Collection for historical purposes.

Photos may be submitted as a .jpeg or .tif file through Monday, April 15. For more information, call 419-352-5050 or email woodref@wcdpl.org.

Great Solar Eclipse at the Wood County Parks

The Wood County Park District invites area residents and visitors to view the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, at the following locations:

- William Henry Harrison Park, 644 Bierley Ave., Pemberville.

- Bradner Preserve, 11491 Fostoria Rd., Bradner.

- Carter Historic Farm, 18331 Carter Rd., Bowling Green.

Bring a blanket, learn the safest ways to view a solar eclipse, and experience and share the great solar eclipse. Arrive well before 3 p.m. to claim a spot and get comfy for the moment of totality at 3:13 p.m. Registration is appreciated.

For more information, and details about park district programs in nature education, wellness, recreation, conservation and cultural heritage, visit wcparks.org.

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Eclipse viewing events planned – don't get left out of the dark

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After much anticipation, the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse is quickly approaching. Weather permitting (and fingers crossed!) the Monday, April 8, event will plunge parts of Ohio into total darkness as the moon passes between the sun and Earth.

State officials expect an estimated 139,000-556,000 people to travel to Ohio to see the eclipse. More than 7,000,000 people live in the path of totality. Toledo is in that path and will see almost two minutes of totality.

While many will watch the spectacle from their homes and workplaces, several viewing parties and events are being planned throughout the area for those who want to share the eclipse excitement.

In Oregon, "Blackout on the Bay" will be held April 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Oregon Rec soccer fields.

The celebration will feature hot dogs, refreshments, glow necklaces/bracelets and more. Solar eclipse glasses will be provided by the city.

Attendees should feel free to bring lawn chairs. Parking will be available in the parking lots off Starr Extension by the rec soccer fields. Overflow parking can be found either at the Municipal Building at 5330 Seaman Rd. or at 5225 Starr Ext. by the pond.

In Walbridge, a "Park in the Dark" eclipse viewing event will be held from 1-4 p.m. at Railway Park, 101 Breckman St. Learn more at walbridgeohio.org.

Find more eclipse events and celebrations in this calendar of events and in The Press. Destination Toledo also offers a range of eclipse event information at visittoledo.org/eclipse/.

TourismOhio has launched an updated Total Solar Eclipse map to make planning for the event in Ohio easier. It's available at ohio.org/home/eclipse.

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

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.

Through April 28: "Shore Leave," an Exhibition of Paintings by Nate Lamp, The Arts Garage, 317 W. Perry St., Port Clinton. Gallery hours are Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.. gpcaac.org.

Through Sept. 1: "Beth Lipman: ReGift," Toledo Museum of Art, Gallery 18. Motivated by histories Lipman discovered in the archives at the TMA, the project features a three-quarter life-sized recreation of the parlor in Edward and Florence Libbey's Old West End house. toledomuseum.org.

Through Dec. 31, "Chasing Totality, The History of Science and Eclipses," Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. On April 8, Spiegel Grove and the rest of Sandusky County will be plunged into total darkness as the moon completely blots out the sun. The "Chasing Totality" exhibit looks at the science behind eclipses and the history of astronomy's attempts to understand that science and takes a look at one particular solar eclipse that drove Americans across the country to the western territories during Hayes's presidency. Included with regular admission. rbhayes.org.

Through Aug. 30, 2025: "Africa Unmasked," Toledo Museum of Art, Gallery 1. Exhibition commemorates 65 years of African art collecting and exhibiting at TMA. Featuring 16 works, ranging from the oldest to the most recent acquisitions, the display invites viewers to appreciate the permanent collection as both an example of African innovation and as an outgrowth of evolving European-American ideas about African culture. toledomuseum.org.



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Through Aug. 30, 2025: "Expanding Horizons: The Evolving Character of a Nation," Toledo Museum of Art, New Media Gallery. Installation celebrates, complicates, and above all, aims to instill curiosity and inquiry about American art. toledomuseum.org.

April

April 2: Brit Floyd, Pink Floyd Show, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 8 p.m. huntingtoncentertoledo.com/events/brit-floyd/.

April 2: Job & Resource Fair, Terra State Community College Student Activity Center, 2830 Napoleon Rd., Fremont, 4-6 p.m. terra.edu/careerfairs, 419-559-2391.

April 4-8: "Be Mooned" – Camping at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds in celebration of the total eclipse, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Camping, food and more. sanduskycountyfair.com.

April 4-9: Eclipse over Ottawa County, Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 SR 163, Oak Harbor. A full weekend of camping, events and fun to celebrate the solar eclipse. 419-898-0479.

April 5-6: Toledo RC Swap Meet, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. The indoor R/C fun fly will again begin Saturday morning and the R/C auction will start promptly at the conclusion of the swap meet and expo on Saturday. glasscitycenter.com.

April 5: #5poets5parks, Glass City Metroparks, 1505 Front St., Toledo, 6:30 p.m. Metroparks Toledo is celebrating National Poetry Month by spotlighting five poets who have written poems in honor of five Toledo Metroparks. metroparkstoledo.com/5poets5parks.

April 5: Glass City Wranglers, semi-professional basketball team vs. West Virginia Grind, Bowers High School 2200 Arlington Ave., Toledo, 7 p.m. glasscity-wranglers.com.

April 5: Spiegel Glow, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 7 p.m. Get ready for the big eclipse coming on April 8 with a night of fun, space and eclipse-themed activities at the Hayes Museum. Hors d' oeuvres will be served. rbhayes.org.

April 5: KANSAS: Another Fork in the Road - 50th Anniversary Tour, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo, 7 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Fans will hear songs spanning 50 years of KANSAS music. stranahantheater.com.

April 5-8: Total Eclipse Celebration, Lakeside Chautauqua, 236 Walnut Ave., Lakeside. To complement this milestone event, Lakeside will offer family-friendly programming, including live-streamed events from across the globe, scavenger hunts, a game night, out-of-this-world art activities, eclipsed-theme trivia, special movie showings, and more. lakesideohio.com.

April 6: Elephant Baby Bash, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, 10 a.m.-noon. Celebrate the newest member of the Zoo's herd. Visit Tembo Trail to meet the calf, see some special enrichment at 10:30 a.m. and hear from keepers at 11:30 a.m. There will also be games and activities. Check out our elephant baby registry on Amazon if you'd like to bring a gift for the new bundle of joy. There will be two gift drop-off locations. toledozoo.org/events/elephant-baby-bash.

April 6: Total BrewClipse, Imagination Station, 1 Discovery Way, Toledo, 6-10 p.m. Sample over 15 different types of eclipse-inspired brews created by the 419 Ale Trail Breweries. Enjoy the Solar System Experience, a live, interactive planetarium-style show in the KeyBank Discovery Theater. imaginationstationtoledo.org/solar-eclipse-2024/the-total-brew-clipse-2024/.

April 6: Eclipse Activities in the Museum, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. Eclipse-themed activities for kids, including a scavenger hunt, a reading station and craft activities, will be available in the museum. rbhayes.org.

April 6: Racing into Totality, Fremont Speedway, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. fremontohspeedway.com.

April 6: Professional Bull Riders, Huntington Center, Toledo, 7 p.m. See top cowboys and cowgirls rising stars and established veterans compete for top prize money. huntingtoncentertoledo.com/events/pcbr-bull-riders/.

April 7: Breakfast With the Animals, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo. An exclusive breakfast experience with animals across the zoo. Each breakfast includes a unique animal experience and keeper chat. Tickets include zoo admission and parking. toledozoo.org/events/breakfast-with-the-animals.

April 7: "A Musical Eclipse" concert presented by Toledo Swiss Singers, The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove, 3624 Seaman Rd., Oregon, 3 p.m. Featuring songs themed for the solar eclipse and traditional Swiss songs. Doors open at 2 p.m. Desserts and snacks sold before and after the performance. toledoswiss.simpletix.com.

April 7: Solar Street Fair, downtown Woodville, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Join Main Street Woodville businesses as they gear up for the solar eclipse. Participating businesses will have special vendors; restaurants will offer special menu items, visit the kids' zone and join in the "Guess the Rock Weight Contest," from Matin Marietta.

April 7: LIVE at Jazz Alley, Cakewalkin' Jass Band, Glass City Center, 405 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 3-5 p.m. Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month with the Cakewalkin' Jass Band as Jazz Alley, a first-floor corridor in the Glass City Center, continues its series of free concerts.

April 7: Solar Eclipse Sunday Concert presented by Terra State Jazz Ensemble, downtown Fremont amphitheater, 209 S. Arch St., 4-6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or

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April 8: Run the Eclipse, Williams Park, E. Stone Street, Gibsonburg. A 4.824 K run or walk on the paths inside of Williams Park that starts at 2:55 p.m. Event is part of the Run The Eclipse Virtual Run taking place across the country on April 8. Runners and walkers will be on the course during the Solar Eclipse Entry and fees paid at runtheeclipse.com. Contact Marc Glotzbecker at 419-637-2634 or m.glotzbecker@gibsonburgohio.org

April 8: Parkside Drive-in Viewing Party, Parkside Drive-in, 4500 Navarre Ave., Oregon. Gates open at 8 a.m. Pass includes one carload entry, four pairs of viewing glasses, one \$10 concession voucher and one commemorative popcorn bucket (with popcorn). Event is rain or shine, including cloudiness and all weather events. Spaces are first-come, first-parked day of event. Parking is guaranteed for ticket holders. All proceeds from the event benefit the non-profit, Save Our Screen. parkside-drive-in.com.

April 8: Imagination Station Solar Eclipse Viewing Party, Festival Park (next to the science center), 1 Discovery Way, Toledo, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. An outdoor celebration for the countdown to totality — happening at 3:12 p.m. Food, games, hands-on science activities and prime viewing for the solar eclipse. imaginationstationtoledo.org/solar-eclipse-2024/solar-eclipse-viewing-party/.

April 8: Total Eclipse at the Zoo, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy animal demos, character meet-and-greets, a bounce house, musical entertainment and other fun activities throughout the day. Guests can also work with zoo staff to take part in animal observations and research to see how animal behaviors may

change during the partial and total eclipse. Admission is free for Lucas County residents 10 a.m.-noon, with proof of residency.

Grab free eclipse glasses (while supplies last) and head into the historic amphitheatre to watch the eclipse take place. toledozoo.org/events/total-eclipse.

April 8: University of Toledo Solar Eclipse Viewing University of Toledo, Glass Bowl Stadium, 1745 Stadium Dr, Toledo, noon. Join The University of Toledo's Ritter Planetarium on April 8, 2024 to view the solar eclipse on Main Campus. An official event will be held in the Glass Bowl, but the public is encouraged to watch the eclipse from anywhere on campus. Fun activities will start at noon on campus, but the official viewing will not take place until 2 p.m. utoledo.edu/eclipse/.

April 8: Solar Eclipse Party at Hensville, 36 N. St. Clair, Toledo, 12-5 p.m. Head to Hensville and Fifth Third Field to watch the eclipse. The celebration will include live music, food and eclipse-themed cocktails. hensvilletoledo.com.

April 8: Eclipse Cruise on the Glass City Pearl, J&M Cruise Lines, Glass City Pearl, 1 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 12:45-4:45 p.m. jmcruiselines.com/glass-city-pearl.

April 8: Parks Eclipse Encounters at Toledo City Parks, 1-5 p.m. Live DJ, games, food trucks and fun for all. Free certified safety viewing glasses while supplies last. Bring chairs, blankets, and non-alcoholic refreshments to Navarre Park (between Woodville Road and E. Broadway, behind the E. Toledo Family Center); Promenade Park, 400 Water St., Toledo and Joe E. Park, 150 W. Oakland St., Toledo. /toledo.oh.gov/events/total-solar-eclipse.

April 8: Total Eclipse of the Point, Cedar Point, Sandusky, 12-6 p.m. A celestial celebration. Experience the thrill of select rides on The Boardwalk and savor specialty food and drinks at the Grand Pavilion Restaurant & Bar, plus a live DJ, kids' activities, games and more. A ticketed event. cedarpoint.com/events/total-eclipse-of-the-point.

April 9-14: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Indianapolis Indians, Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo, milb.com/toledo.

April 10: National Museum of the Great Lakes Spring Lecture Series – "50

Years of History and Science," 1701 Front St., Toledo, 7 p.m. NOAA's Great Lake's Regional Coordinator, Jennifer Day, joins us to chronicle half-century of history and science on the Great Lakes. Offered as a hybrid event, participants can choose when registering to take part in person at the museum or online via Zoom. Registration required. nmgl.org/event/spring-lecture-series-50-years-of-history-and-science/.

April 10-14: Disney's "Frozen," Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo. americantheatreguild.com/toledo/shows/frozen/.

April 11: Beer & Wine Tasting, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore. 6:30-8 p.m. \$38 per person. Reservations required. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html,

April 13: Taste of Schedel Bridal Show, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore, 12-3 p.m. Meet photographers, planners, musicians, transportation experts, florists and other vendors in the tent in the lower-level gardens. Take a peek inside the Brown Welcome Center, an indoor facility which is popular for engagement parties, bridal showers, and rehearsal dinners. \$5 admission includes a complimentary mimosa for attendees over 21. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

April 13: Metroparks Takeover of Toledo Library, 325 Michigan St., Toledo, noon-4 p.m. Try tree climbing, archery, rock climbing, and much more. Metroparks outdoor skills experts will be on hand to guide attendees at this free, inclusive event. Call 419-407-9700.

April 13: Toledo Walleye vs. Fort Wayne Komets, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

April 13-14: 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. sanduskycountyfair.com.

April 19: Toledo Zoo Wine Tasting, Toledo Zoo Malawi Event Center, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, 7-9 p.m. Partake in a mix of wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, live music and more. All participants must be age 21 or older; valid ID will be required. toledozoo.org/events/wine.

April 19 and 21: Toledo Opera –

"Ragtime," Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., Toledo. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday. toledoopera.org.

April 20: Healthy Kids Day, YMCA of Sandusky County, 1000 North Street, Fremont, noon-2 p.m. Featuring vendors, activities, a bounce house, scavenger hunting and more.

April 20: Rollie Beale Classic USAC Silver Crown Series Race, Toledo Speedway, 5639 Benore Rd., Toledo, 3 p.m. The season opener for both Toledo Speedway and the USAC Silver Crown Series. toledospeedway.com.

April 21: Glass City Wranglers vs. London Lightning, 2200 Arlington Ave., Toledo, 3 p.m. glasscitywranglers.com.

April 22-28: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Worcester Red Sox, Fifth Third Field, Toledo, milb.com/toledo.

April 26: Spiegel Grove Tree Tour, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, Arbor Day Sunrise Tree Tour, departs the Hayes Home Verandah at 7:30 am. Enjoy sweet treats and learn about Arbor Day and the ever-developing landscape of Spiegel Grove. Tickets are required and are available at rbhayes.org.

April 26-28: Jurassic Quest, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. Hours are 12-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Walk with the larger-than-life dinosaur herd. tickets.jurassicquest.com.

April 27: Fremont Speedway Races, Gressman Power Sports - Level Engines - Super Hero Night,, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. All times and schedules are subject to change. fremontspeedway.com.

April 28: Mercy Health Glass City Marathon, University of Toledo, 2801 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, 6:30 a.m. One of the fastest marathon courses in the Midwest, annually boasting Boston Qualifying times for 25% of the field. The 26.2 mile, one-loop course takes runners on a tour from UT through surrounding suburbs.

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Sports

Genoa Comet wrestlers finish off another stellar season

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Could this be the beginning of something special? It sure looks that way for the Genoa Comets.

Coach Bob Bergman's wrestlers won a Northern Buckeye Conference title, a sectional championship, sent 12 wrestlers to districts and, behind the performances of Scott Fuller (113 pounds) and Ethan Powell (106) at the state tournament, finished 15th in Division III.

Fuller was second and Powell placed fifth.

It was a step in the right direction for Genoa, which was 30th in Division III last year and 37th the year before that.

Fuller, a sophomore, pinned Versailles' Trey Huber in 4:28 and won by technical fall, 16-1, over Barnseville's Johnathan Huntsman to advance to the semifinals. Fuller pinned Alter's Bronson Begley in 1:24 before losing to Delta's Adam Mattin by major decision, 14-1, in the finals.

Fuller finished his season at 48-7.

Powell, a freshman, won his first match by fall in 2:55, defeating Caldwell's Jesse Pemberton. Powell beat Lake Catholic's Chance Wuhr, 6-0, to advance to the semifinals where he lost by sudden victory, 3-1, against Trinity's Derion Williams. (Williams would lose, 1-0, to Columbia's Michael Frye in the finals.)

Powell lost, 5-2, to Liberty Center's Braedyn Tammarine in the consolation bracket before recovering and beating Wuhr a second time by major decision, 9-0, in the fifth-place match.

Powell had a record of 47-7 this season.

"They're a dynamic duo. They are a one-two punch for us all year at dual meets and tournaments," said Bergman. "Both were seconds away from beating two state finalists. Ethan Powell could've been in the



Freshman Ethan Powell (106 pounds) placed fifth at the state meet. (Photo by Rich Wagner)

finals but lost a sudden-victory match in overtime.

"Fuller is dynamic and super creative; he finds ways to cradle people from any position. They're like Batman and Robin. It's neat to see them accomplish so much," he said.

This was a season filled with accomplishments for the Comets.

"It was a successful year. Certainly, you always want more at the end. We had a senior class of six guys, and they really helped set the tone and the standard, and I'm really proud of their leadership," said



Sophomore Scott Fuller (113 pounds) placed second at the state meet. (Photo courtesy of Nieman Photography)

Bergman. "We came together and finished the year strong."

In 2018 and 2019, the Comets reached the summit, winning state championships in both the individual tournament and the dual team tournament, the first of any state titles in Genoa's history.

The Comets had to rebuild, something Bergman aimed to do when he took over the program years ago.

The Comets won the league title for the second straight season and 10th time overall.

Genoa, which had 11 placers, defeated

Oak Harbor by just 1.5 points, 189-187.5, with some key wins coming at 157 when Zavier Materni beat Rocket senior Tait Dusseau, 5-2. In the next match (165), Luke Clement secured a takedown in the final 10 seconds to defeat Brady Losie, 4-3.

At 215, Ethan Crawford secured a pin with two seconds remaining in his match, and Kevin Ludwig, competing at heavy-weight, won his match, 1-0, to make up for Oak Harbor's lead.

Powell and Fuller also won their weight classes and Nate (132) and Noah Tipton (126) and Xavier Arriaga (144) finished in second place.

Those three wrestlers, plus Zayden Dunn (138), John Buffington (150) and Alex Materni (175), all advanced to districts. Crawford and Nate Tipton nearly qualified for the state tournament, losing the do-or-die match via tiebreaker, and Zavier Materni lost via sudden victory, finishing one victory short of getting to Columbus.

The Tipton twins each got to 100 career victories, the first time that has been done by a Comet in four years.

Crawford, Ludwig, the Tiptons, Luke Erwin and Luke Shay are the team's seniors

"It starts with our senior class — they went through the dark ages as underclassmen — they bought in, they trusted the process. They led by example and were great leaders. I'm super proud of them, I know a lot of them had higher goals, and they brought everyone with them," said Bergman. "We're standing on the shoulders of everyone who came before us."

"They do whatever it takes for us," he said.

Bergman is optimistic about the program's future.

"I think the best is yet to come. I think we look to have three or four guys in Columbus (next year)," he said. "Luke Clement and Zavier Materni showed the ability to be there. We have guys looking to make that run and continue the tradition."


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Eagles hockey team reflects on a season with many accolades

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When the season began, Clay was expected to have a good hockey team.

But they likely exceeded expectations with 33 wins, a district championship and a league title to highlight a season that saw the Eagles lose just four matches and tie another.

Clay had four players earn first-team honors in the Northern Hockey Conference White Division – Andrew Schruader (43 goals, 42 assists), Noah Schacht (1.56 GAA, .949 save pct.), Xander Kert (43 goals, 28 assists) and Ethan Van Hersett (23 goals, 38 assists). Brady Cook (48 goals, 20 assists), Jake Titgemeyer, Curtis Belli, Grady Minnick, Gavin Minnick and Braylon Snyder were awarded honorable-mention distinctions.

Titgemeyer won Sportsperson of the Year honors in the White Division and Schacht was Player of the Year in the White Division.

“We had a talented team. We had a good mixture of players who have played a lot of hockey and players that are that blue-collar type. Our goaltending led the way, though. Noah, Curtis, Brayden all had great seasons and are all talented kids. Noah led the bunch. He was very deserving of his Player of the Year award,” said Clay coach E.J. LeMay. “The exciting part is, this is still a young team. We graduate three seniors, so we will return a great group that is more hungry than ever.”

Did LeMay expect the Eagles were capable of doing great things?

“The short answer is yes. I knew we had some really good players returning. I knew we would have great goaltending. But the thing that carried us all year was the players and their desire to get better, their desire to win,” he said. “We set out two main goals in the preseason and those were to win our division and make noise in the playoffs. They won the division, and I think it’s safe to say made some noise (in the postseason). All credit to our guys; they’re just phenomenal young men.”

“It was a full team effort. It started way back at summer skates. This group works hard on and off the ice and those efforts are paying off in games. Roughly a year and a half ago, we said we wanted to elevate this hockey program to heights it had never seen, and it’s a lot of fun seeing it progress that direction.”

Perhaps the highlight was a 1-0 win in overtime over Northview in the Division I district finals, a match won when Kert scored in the extra session.

“The game against Northview was amazing. The game had a ton of energy. Northview is a great team; they have a ton



White Division Player of the Year, goaltender Noah Schacht and two fellow seniors led a young Clay Eagle team to a 33-4-1 record. They also had many highlights including a district championship, a league title and an overtime victory over Northview. (Photos by Abbey Mock - Mock Images)

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I’m just so happy for our players; they deserved it more than anyone knows.

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of great players and are well-coached. But going in we knew we had a chance to not only be competitive, but win,” said LeMay. “I’m just so happy for our players; they deserved it more than anyone knows. I’m also happy for our community, and they sure showed up big for us that night. The win is a great stepping stone for our program.”

It was a program-defining victory. “One of the goals we set as a team was to make some noise in the playoffs,” said Titgemeyer. “To win that game against a Red Division team that is usually at the top in our area was really special.”

LeMay also counts a 4-3 win over Anthony Wayne on Feb. 3 as a big victory, as was the Jan. 27 7-1 win over Lake, which clinched the division for Clay. He also counts a 5-2 win over Bedford (MI) in the opener on Nov. 18 as a key victory.

“Beating the Generals was really special,” said Titgemeyer. “Last year, our season ended against them in the playoffs.”

As a team, the Eagles set five program records — team goals, penalty kill percentage, wins, individual GAA for a season (Schacht) and individual GAA for NHC play (Schacht).

LeMay talked about the leadership provided by his seniors.

“We had three seniors this year and they all played a different role. Noah Schacht was spectacular in net, everyone knows that. But the best part about having him was his maturity. The way he prepared for practice and games was just excellent. He really set the bar high going forward,” said LeMay. “Brady Cook scored 40-plus goals this year – that’s nothing to overlook, and he’s a guy I never had to worry about. He’s a great young man who has an exciting future ahead of him. Ayden Nowicki was probably the most passionate person in our locker room. He came in every day with enthusiasm and energy. We are going to miss him big-time.”

Titgemeyer has high expectations for the team next season.

“In my opinion, I think we can run with any team in the state,” he said. “The attitude and effort we put in during the off-season and going into the season is going to be huge. We have what it takes to hang with any team.”

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Yearly membership is \$49. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.

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

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

Oregon

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MOMSurviving Our Ultimate Loss, a group for moms who have lost a child to the opioid epidemic, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Intersection Church, 1640 S. Coy Rd. The group's mission is to help remove the stigma of addiction while supporting those with the journey of grief and healing. For info, contact Laurie Clemons at momssoul@yahoo.com. Call 419-346-6082 or visit moms-soul.com.

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.

St Paul's Episcopal Food for Thought Food Pantry is open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at 798 S. Coy Rd., at the corner of Navarre and Coy. Easy access; help is available to get groceries to your cars. Please bring a picture ID.

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Northwood

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Genoa

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; SPARKS: Curious Kids Learn About STEAM Explorers, April 4, 4-5 p.m. - Grades K-5 will learn about William Kamkwamba and make a wind turbine (registration required); Tea Time in the Victorian Period, April 13, 11 a.m. - Tabitha from Tea Time Tiffin will serve a variety of teas while teaching etiquette and the secret language of Victorian handheld fans (registration required); Compost Workshop April 15, 6:30 p.m. - Tim Hassinger from the OSS Solid Waste District will talk composting for gardening season (registration required); Adult Book Chat, April 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Discuss "The Little Liar," by Mitch Albom. Call 419-637-2173 for details and to register. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.

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.

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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.

Luckey

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

Millbury

Annual Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny, March 30, 1-3 p.m., St. Peter's United Church of Christ, corner of Main and Millbury. Open to the community. Rain date will be April 6.

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., will be closed April 8 for the solar eclipse. Celebrate Library Week April 9-12 with a book sale. Programs include Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.; Kids' Yoga with Briana Jensen from Body Works, April 3, 5:30 p.m. - Bring a towel

(registration required); Sticker Palooza - April 15-19; Make a Bracelet, April 22-26. For adults; "It Was In the Wrong Place," April 13, 10 a.m. - Dick Martin and John Liske will discuss places in Oak Harbor that have moved (registration required); Cricut Class with Mary and Lisa, April 15, 2 p.m. (registration required); Fourth Tuesday Book Club, April 23, 6 p.m. - Discuss "The Henna Artist," by Alka Joshi; Computer Lessons, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. - Bring your own supplies; Needle Crafts Group, Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. - Bring your own supplies; Pinochle every Friday at 2 p.m. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 or visit oakharborpubliclibrary.org to register or for info.

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

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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.; Spring Craft for Kidz, Saturdays in April, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; ACT/SAT Resource Review, April 3, 7 p.m. - Learn about digital and print resources for college entrance exam prep (registration required); Woodville Book Club, April 10, 7-8 p.m. - Discuss "The Topeka School," by Ben Lerner; C2C Crochet, April 13, 10:30 a.m. - Learn the corner-to-corner crochet pattern (registration required); Crafts & Crochet, April 15, 6:30-8 p.m.; Fungi Fanatics, April 17, 6:30 p.m. - A talk about mushrooms; Switch Painting, April 29, 6:30 p.m. - Painting with a twist - swap canvases every 10 minutes (registration required). Register at birchard.org or call 419-849-2744.

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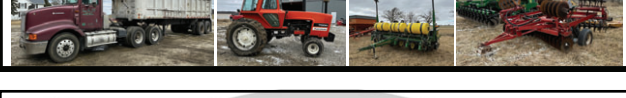
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Lake Township Noxious Weed Policy

The Lake Township Trustees remind all residents of the Noxious Weed Policy.

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