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Trying for trout

The Ohio Division of Wildlife stocked rainbow trout from the state hatchery in the lake at Pearson Metropark last week. Last Friday and Saturday were kids fishing days, but all ages are now welcome to fish. State licensing regulations apply. Anglers can keep up to 5 trout. All other fish species in Metroparks lakes and ponds are catch and release. Pictured, John Hoffman, of Toledo, spends a sunny afternoon hoping to catch his limit of trout. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon

Council OKs regulation of certain types of vehicles

By Kelly J. Kaczala

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Oregon City Council recently passed an ordinance that amends the traffic code to allow street legal golf carts, UTVs, and other authorized vehicles to drive on city streets within the jurisdiction of Oregon.

It establishes a new chapter of the municipal code titled, "Operation of low-speed vehicles, under-speed vehicles, and utility vehicles on city streets."

Council President Tim Zale said "We've been talking about this for a long time," said Council President Tim Zale. "I'm glad we came to a conclusion on this."

The use of low-speed, under-speed and utility vehicles has increased as a means of alternative transportation in recent years. To provide safe and lawful use of the vehicles on the streets, the city wanted to adopt rules governing the use and operation of them.

Low-speed vehicles are described as three or four wheeled motor vehicles with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved level surface of more than 20 mph, but not more than 25 mph, with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of less than 400,000 lbs.

The GVWR is the maximum weight of a vehicle, as specified by the manufacturer.

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GVWR includes total vehicle weight plus fluids, passengers, and cargo, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Under-speed vehicles are three or four wheeled vehicles, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed of not more than 20 mph and a GVWR of less than 300,000 lbs.

Utility vehicles are self-propelled vehicles designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, agriculture, forestry, grounds, maintenance, lawn and garden, materials handling, or similar activities.

Assistant Police Chief Ryan Spangler said the vehicles were not allowed on the road before council amended the traffic code.

"Basically, you can't drive these vehicles on the roads unless there are rules that allow it," he said.

There were many residents in the South Shore Park area that wanted the amendment, as well as some in the Drake subdivision, and Eagle's Landing.

"Basically, they want to be able to travel around the city," he said. Some residents, he added, want to be able to drive around the town center as new developments are completed.

"We were getting calls from the public who wanted to be able to legally license these types of vehicles and drive them on city streets," added City Administrator Joel Mazur.

Exceptions

All public streets in the jurisdiction of the city with a speed limit of 35 mph or less may be used for the operation of low-speed and under-speed vehicles with the exception of Navarre Avenue/State Route 2, Woodville Road/State Route 51, Wynn Road, and Corduroy Road. Low-speed and under-speed vehicles may cross over these

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Finding lifeguards a challenge for village

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Trying to attract youths to work as lifeguards this summer at the Woodville municipal pool is proving to be difficult.

After starting in March with advertising in newspapers, placing information about the openings on village utility bills, and posting notices at Woodmore High School, the village still has yet to find enough applicants for staffing the pool this season, Barb Runion, village fiscal officer, said.

She said the village will try using Facebook a few weeks to reach candidates but it's possible village officials may decide to not open the pool due to a lack of lifeguards.

Typically, the pool opens the first week of June after the last day of the school year. The village would like to have a roster of at least 10 lifeguards.

"More would be great. That allows scheduling to be very flexible," Runion said.

The pool manager from last year has expressed interest in returning but on a part-time basis and two lifeguards who worked last year also said they were interested in returning but have yet to fill out applications.

Other than that, no one has applied, Runion said, adding the village would like to have applicants processed by mid-May at the latest.

Last year, lifeguards were paid about \$9.50 an hour and the head guard received \$10 an hour. The pool manager was paid \$12 an hour, according to figures provided by the village. As an incentive, the village has also been reimbursing lifeguards each year for half of the cost of the required two-year certification.

Short of closing the pool, the village may open it on a limited schedule if the life guard situation warrants it, Runion said.

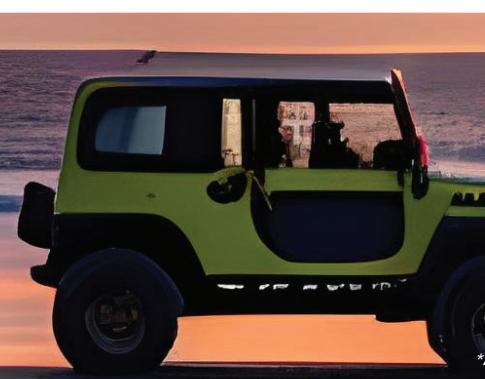
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Quote of The Week

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Thomas Knapp
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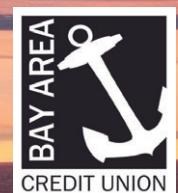
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After having problems last year finding lifeguards, the Village of Genoa has a full roster for this summer, according to Mike Thomas, pictured at left. (Press file photo by Ken Grosjean)

Lifeguards

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pool are groups such as church summer camp classes, day care classes, and the Wood County STARS program.

Mike Thomas, park director for the Village of Genoa, said his village last year had major problems finding lifeguards for Genoa Quarry, forcing the facility to implement a four-day schedule instead of the usual seven days.

This season is different, he said.

"This year we are opening seven days and have 11 guards. We have had no issues finding guards this year. We start out at \$12 per hour and we pick up the entire cost of their (certification) class. They must work all season to get that reimbursement," Thomas said.

Walbridge mayor Ed Kolanko said his village has made a concerted effort to increase pay and retain staff at the municipal pool.

"We are fortunate to retain many of our

employees from last year. The increased pay coupled with declining usage poses a definite challenge going forward though. Our pay rates range from \$12 to \$15 per hour based on experience. The village has offered reimbursement for certification classes in the past and continue to offer such programs currently," he said.

In Pembererville, the village will be hiring life guards this summer at a pay rate of \$10.30 per hour.

The cost of certification classes will be reimbursed at the end of the season.

Life guards must be at least 16 years old and have a current certification.

Sarah Dyer, village fiscal officer, said the Red Cross will offer certification classes at the pool in late May. The cost is \$200 for a full class and \$75 for a recertification class.

For registration information call 419-351-6572.

The pool is located at 154 E. College Ave., Pembererville.

Vehicle regulation

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roads. However, they are prohibited from driving along them.

They are not allowed on a roadway that is more than 35 mph. Wynn Road is the city's designated truck route. "We felt it was not a safe area," said Spangler..

All public streets in the jurisdiction of the city with a speed limit of 35 mph or less may be used for the operation of utility vehicles.

All under-speed and/or utility vehicles must have the following: Working headlights, at least one working taillight and two working brake lights, directional signals, rearview mirror, a white light illuminating the rear license plate legible from a distance of 50 feet, a working horn, a windshield made of glass or safety glass, one license plate in the rear bracket to the cart, and one seat belt per occupant.

Safety features

Police Chief Brandon Begin said low-speed vehicles do not have to be inspected, though they should be properly plated.

"Low speed vehicles – which can travel between 20-25 mph, come manufactured with certain safety features. They are titled as a low-speed vehicle. They cannot be titled as a low-speed vehicle without having those safety features on there, so we do not have to inspect them as a police department. The under-speed vehicles, which are commonly golf carts limited to under 20 mph, and utility vehicles, have to be inspected by an officer to ensure they have all the safety features as required by state law. Then they have to fill out a state form and take it to a title agency and the BMV to have them plated. But the low-speed vehicles don't have to do this because they come from the manufacturer with those safety features already on them, or they would not have that designation."

"A great deal of thought went into this," said Mazur. "The Oregon staff, Mayor and City Council all collaborated to create this ordinance that now provides the gift of freedom for residents to drive UTVs and low-speed vehicles throughout Oregon with a few reasonable restrictions. I believe that this truly was the best decision on this matter."

Trainer faces 2nd indictment

A former employee of a Perrysburg fitness facility faces another round of sex charges after being indicted earlier this month by a Wood County Grand Jury.

Zachary Gibson, 31, who was employed by Fastrak Performance as a trainer where he assisted high school athletes, was indicted on 17 counts, including three counts of rape, three counts of sexual imposition, six counts of pandering sexually-oriented matter involving a minor, and felony counts of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, importuning, and illegal administration or distribution of anabolic steroids.

He was also charged with two counts of failure to comply with underage alcohol laws, which are misdemeanors.

The charges are in addition to an indictment handed down in June 2022 by a grand jury. That indictment charged him with two counts of sexual battery, two counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material or performance, and one count of an attempt to do so.

Rape charges are first degree felonies. Gross sexual imposition and the anabolic steroids charges are felonies of the fourth degree and pandering charges are second degree felonies. Sexual battery charges are third degree felonies and the disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, importuning, and illegal use of a minor are fifth degree felonies.

The earlier case and the second indictment are both assigned to Wood County Common Pleas Court Judge Joel Kuhlman. The original trial had been scheduled for last week but has been continued due to the new indictment.

Gibson remains in the Wood County Justice Center.

Quilters' Guild to meet

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

Doors open at 6 p.m. The program will be Gail Yellin. Visitors and new members are welcome. The visitors' fee is \$10; annual membership is \$35.

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Four-Legged Friends-Alliance Therapy Dogs (for teens)
(Th) April 27 | 4 - 5 p.m.





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Dramatic reading of "The Tempest"

Enjoy a dramatic reading of a Shakespeare classic comedy that involves a storm, shipwreck and its survivors on Sunday, April 23, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont.

Local actors will perform a reading of "The Tempest" at 2 p.m. in the museum auditorium.

Seating is limited, and tickets are required. Tickets are free for HPLM members and \$5 for nonmembers. Tickets are available at rbhayes.org/news/2023/04/13/general/dramatic-reading-of-shakespeare-s-the-tempest-to-be-performed-at-hayes-presidential-and-at-the-door-on-the-day-of-the-event-pending-availability.

Historic Shakespeare books that belonged to the Hayes family and are part of the Hayes Presidential Library collections will also be on display at the event.

The reading of "The Tempest" is a precursor to Shakespeare in the Grove, which will feature free performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Aug. 11-13 on the Hayes Home verandah.

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

Ottawa County Community Day

The Ottawa County Health Department announced that Ottawa County Community Day will be held Friday, May 12, from noon-6 p.m. at the Joyful Connections building, 8200 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor.

Several local agencies will be on hand offering resources about a number of local services. The event will also include activities centered around the eight dimensions of health, guest speakers sharing experiences of mental health and recovery stories and experts available to answer questions about services available in Ottawa County. In addition, there will be giveaways and raffle prizes.

Parking will be available onsite and at the adjacent Job and Family Services building.

P.E.R.I meeting

Public Employees Retirement Inc. (P.E.R.I.) Chapter # 93, Lucas County District 1, will meet Thursday, April 27, from 1-2:15 p.m. at the Hungarian Club of Toledo, 224 Paine Ave. Parking is available across the street at the Birmingham Branch Library (use the spaces farthest from the library entrance).

The meeting will address questions about benefits, Medicare denials and the latest state legislative information regarding benefits.

All P.E.R.I. members, pre-O.P.E.R.S. and O.P.E.R.S. retirees of Lucas County and the surrounding area are welcome. Masks welcome for those who prefer to wear one. Refreshments will be available.



Something to squawk about

A Bald Eagle is spotted squawking about something at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. No doubt, happy with the recent warmer temperatures. (Photo by Tony Everhardt)

EPA education grants

Ohio organizations are receiving Ohio EPA Environmental Education mini grants for projects in multiple counties focused on environmental education. Five mini grants are being awarded statewide for a total of \$23,364.

Among the recipients locally is the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District, in Lucas County, is receiving \$4,200 to provide two educational tools: the Wetlands and the Hazardous Waste Enviroscape models. The tools will help provide visual awareness to the important functions of wetlands, seriousness of contamination by hazardous chemicals, and solutions that can be employed to help address the problems presented by wetland loss or soil contamination.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund provides grants each year for environmental education projects serving kindergarten through university students, the public, and the regulated community. Mini grants are available for projects costing between \$500 and \$5,000.

Eligible grant recipients include environmental groups, public and private schools, colleges and universities, trade or professional organizations, businesses and state and local governments. Letters of intent for the next grant round are due to Ohio EPA no later than July 10, 2023, and applications are due no later than July 17. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Ohio Environmental Education Fund online or at (614) 644-2873 to discuss project ideas.

Waste district awards grants

Winners of the funding grants offered by the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste Management District have been announced:

-The Luther Home of Mercy received \$5,526 in grant money for outside furniture in the garden area that is made from 100 percent recycled poly lumber.

-The Village of Gibsonburg received \$4,433 for the purchase of eight park benches made of 100 percent recycled plastic to be placed in Williams Park.

-The Village of Oak Harbor received \$5,929 for the purchase of 12 recycled benches for its active living projects at the fitness trail at Veterans Park and Friendship Park along the Portage River.

-The Ottawa County Ag Society received \$3,163 for projects at the fairgrounds. Twenty recycling containers will be purchased and landscaping will be renovated with recycled landscape logs.

-Bellevue City Schools received \$10,000 to help fund a shade structure made of recycled steel for the school playground.

-The Village of Marblehead received \$7,369 for recycled picnic tables that are each made of 2,475 recycled milk jugs.

-The Put-in-Bay Township Park District received \$4,760 for additional waste containers for new preserve areas.

-Danbury Township received \$5,620 for three picnic tables made of recycled material at the new shelter house at Meadowbrook Marsh Preserve and waste containers at Sackett Cemetery.

-Sandco Industries received \$1,221 for a wheel chair-accessible picnic table.

The next round of competitive grant funding closes June 30.

Toledo Toy Show

The Toledo Toy Show will return to Total Sports in Rossford on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

More than 200 tables will feature NASCAR, Hot Wheels, Star Wars, Matchbox cars, Tonka, Pez, dolls, trains, tractors, sports cards, slot cars, models, comics, tin toys, action figures, diecast trucks, cartoon characters and more.

Total Sports is located at 10020 S. Compass Dr., directly behind Meijer on SR 20. Free parking and concessions will be available.

Admission is \$5 per person, with kids under 12 admitted free. Early bird entry is available from 7:30-9 a.m. for \$10.

For more information, like the New Toledo Toy Show on Facebook or visit midmichigansupershows.com.

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Left to right: Building Committee Member Joe Hirzel, Freedom Township Fiscal Officer Julie Getz, Rex Huffman of the Wood County Port Authority, Trustee David Bruning, Trustee and Building Committee Chairman Rick Rahe, Township Trustee Chairman Kent Schuerman; Building Committee Member Bob Rentz, and Building Committee Member Dave Meismer. Not Pictured: Building Committee Members Roger Mullholland and Keith Avers. (Submitted photo)

Freedom Twp. Office/maintenance building to be built

Ground was broken recently for a 6,000-square-foot maintenance/office building in Freedom Township.

The pre-engineered building will be constructed by Rudolph Libbe, Inc. and is expected to be completed by September.

In November, 2020, township voters approved a 1.5-mill, 10-year property tax to fund the new building that will house the township tractor and two dump trucks as well as offices for the fiscal officer, trustees,

zoning board officer, cemetery office, a meeting room, and a kitchen area.

Township trustees sought a new building after years of frequent flooding along the Portage River damaged the current office and maintenance facility on Water Street.

"When the river is out of its banks, our building is underwater," Rick Rahe, a township trustee who chaired the building committee, said.

Art museum gets grant

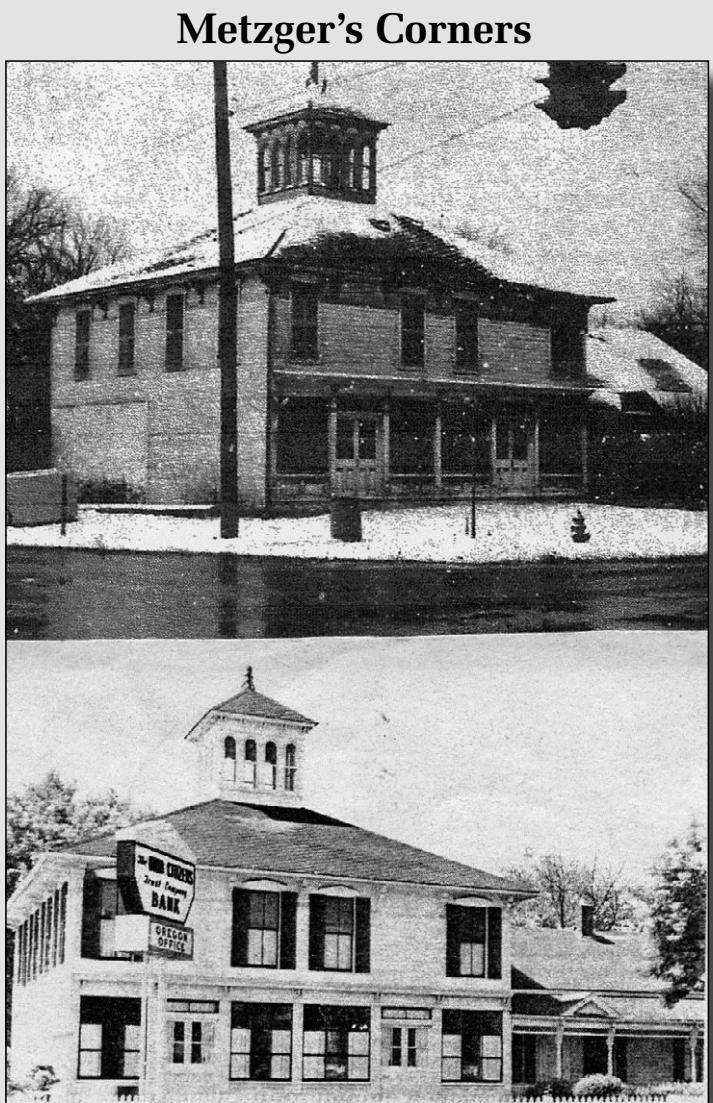
A \$400,000 infrastructure and capacity building grant was awarded to the Toledo Museum of Art, one of 258 projects selected nationwide by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to generate private support for local humanities projects.

The project to improve plumbing facilities at the Toledo Museum of Art will be funded through the NEH grant as well as \$400,000 in local matching funds.

"This federal matching grant will serve as a catalyst for further investment and underscores the rich legacy for the arts that

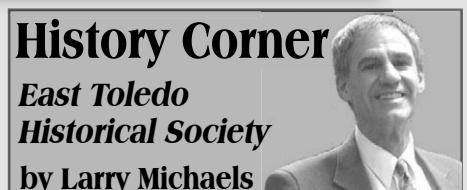
our region enjoys," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur. "The Toledo Museum of Art is an unparalleled regional jewel and its leadership is to be commended for competing for federal resources to ensure its accessibility for future generations to come."

"The Toledo Museum of Art is grateful to the National Endowment for the Humanities for their support of our vital infrastructure project to upgrade the Museum's plumbing," said Adam M. Levine, the Toledo Museum of Art's Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey Director.



Metzger's Corners

A familiar Oregon Township landmark, Metzger's Corners stood on the southwest corner of Navarre Avenue and Wheeling for nearly a century, and its distinctive Gothic cupola could be seen all the way from East Toledo. Built in 1870, the old country store was run by Victor and Mary Metzger for many decades until their deaths, but then the building stood empty for years, as seen above. The second photo shows how it was remodeled about 1960 to become an Ohio Citizens Bank branch. The bank, however, soon needed more space, and the old landmark was razed in 1965. Today a Walgreen's Drug Store and PNC Bank occupy the busy corner.



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Native Plant Sale

This year marks the fifth year that April is designated as Ohio Native Plant Month and the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District is celebrating by offering its annual Backyard Conservation and Native Plant Sale.

Items for sale include native perennial flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees as well as rain barrels, compost bins, bird and bat houses, tree shelters, raised garden beds and more.

Community members from Lucas County and surrounding areas are invited to order native plants and other conservation items through Friday, May 5. To place an order, visit lswcd-natives.square.site.

Orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, May 12, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St., Maumee. At pickup, Lucas SWCD staff will be there to greet customers and provide information on conservation projects and to answer questions.

For more information, call 419-893-1966 or visit lucasswcd.org/nativeplantsale.

Ohio has almost 2,000 different species of native plants. These native trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses are vital to all wildlife – including humans. Some benefits include

providing food for birds and insects, many of which are pollinators; filtering contaminants from storm water runoff and holding soil in place with long roots and requiring less water to stay viable, which is a cost-savings and conserves water.

To learn more about Ohio Native Plant Month, visit ohionativeplantmonth.org.

Spring Fish Sale

Area pond owners have the opportunity to stock their ponds with fish through the Ottawa Soil & Water Conservation District's Spring Fish Sale.

Orders will be accepted until Friday, May 5. Fender's Fish Hatchery will deliver fish for pickup at the SWCD office, 240 W. Lake St., Unit B, Oak Harbor, on Thursday, May 18 from 1-2:30 p.m. Individuals who order fish will be notified, reminding them of the pickup time and date.

Purchasers will need to bring their own containers filled with pond water. A trash container with a plastic liner serves as an ideal container. A clean 5-10-gallon can is adequate for 100 fish.

This year, customers can order online at ottawaswcd.com. For more info or an order form, call 419-898-1595 or email becky.simpson@ottawaswcd.com.

TARTA to hold open house on future transit service in Oregon

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) is evaluating its next steps as it expands to cover all of Lucas County.

In preparation for extending public transportation services into Oregon, TARTA will host an open house Thursday, April 27 from 3-7 p.m. at the Oregon Branch Library, 3340 Dustin Rd.

TARTA personnel will walk attendees through proposals for fixed route, TARPS paratransit and TARTA Flex microtransit service offered up by the TARTA Next redesign. Feedback will be collected on how best to serve the area, and conversations will continue between TARTA leadership and community leaders to pave the way for a final plan.

"Every recent service added to TARTA's system has come directly from talking to customers, residents and community leaders, and that's something we're excited to continue," said TARTA chief external affairs and communications officer Sam Melden. "In order to bring service to the Oregon community in a way that makes sense for everyone, we need to listen to the

community and build on what we're told."

"We're looking forward to connecting the people of Oregon with employers, doctors and other destinations in Oregon and all of Lucas County. It is also important that we be deliberate in our process, draw feedback from the residents it will benefit, and establish this service the right way," Melden said.

Service to Oregon would join several other recent changes based on the TARTA Next redesign and expansion project, including:

- The resumption of Sunday and holiday service.
- On-demand service in accessible vehicles to areas previously without public transit through TARTA Flex.
- The addition of fixed route and paratransit service to Holland and Springfield Township.
- New Route 33 through Junction and Uptown neighborhoods to South Toledo.
- New shelters and bus stop signs.
- Introduction of new vehicles to fixed-route, paratransit and microtransit fleets.

For more information, visit tarta.com.

Obituaries

Obituary

Joel A. Harper

April 10, 1970 - April 13, 2023



Joel A. Harper, 53, of Martin, Ohio passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center with his family by his side. Joel was always taking care of others in life and followed the same path by giving life to others after his death by being an organ donor. Joel was born in Tontogany, Ohio on April 10, 1970 to Roger and Kathryn (Savola) Harper. He graduated from Wauseon High School in 1988. He continued his education at Ohio Northern and Bowling Green State University. Joel was proud to have served our country in the United States Army and continued his service in the National Guard 323rd Military Police Company. His other great pride was raising his two sons. He was proud to be a member of the Genoa Civic Theater family, the Genoa American Legion and the Wauseon VFW. He enjoyed cooking and grilling, the outdoors, camping with his family, their many pets and the sunrises at Lake Erie.

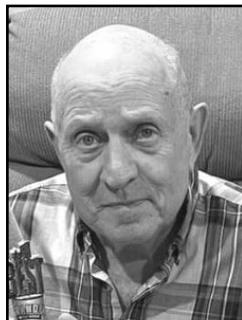
Surviving are: his wife of 23 years, Kimberly S.; sons, Zachary (Grace Claus) and Tyler Harper; mother, Kathryn Harper; father, Roger (Paula) Harper; father and mother-in-law, Harold and Carol Hamilton; brother Charlie, sister Charlene (Mark), sister Cathy (Rob), brother Jason (May), sister-in-law Karen (Steve), and brother-in-law Bob (Lisa). Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Joel was preceded in death by his nephew, Dustin Sams.

Eggleslon Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, 1111 Woodville Road, Millbury, Ohio assisted the family with arrangements. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy in Joel's memory are asked to consider Task Force 20, 23799 East Second St., Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522.

Obituary

Danny Dale Jeffers

February 25, 1947 - April 18, 2023



Danny Dale Jeffers age 76 of Martin, Ohio passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Danny was born February 25, 1947, to Lenora (Grass) and Lawrence Jeffers in Branchland, West Virginia. Danny was a hard worker, starting at age 11 working for farmers, teachers, and neighbors back home. He served our country in the U.S. Army. Danny came to Ohio at age 21 working at CSX Railroad, Chrysler, Union Carbide, and Teledyne before working at Ford Maumee Stamping in 1974 where he retired as a carpenter in 2005 after 35 years. Danny gardened, farmed, and loved woodworking, making crafts, and being involved in his grandkid's activities.

Danny is survived by his wife Karen (Younker) Jeffers; children Staci (Travis) James, Brian Jeffers, and Kimberly (Ryan) Merrow; five grandchildren Autumn and Braden Jeffers, Ashleigh James, Trent and Austin Merrow; sisters Birdie Faye (Robert) Brinkman and Kathy (Dale) Adkins; brothers Odell (Oretha) Jeffers and Gary (Linda) Jeffers; brother-in-law Robert (Bob) Younker and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son Michael Shawn Jeffers, parents Lawrence and Lenora Jeffers, and brother Bobby Jeffers.

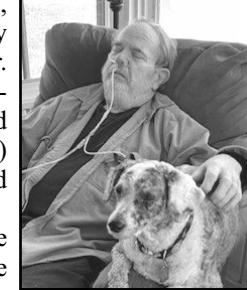
A memorial service will be held at St. John Lutheran Church 21140 W Toledo St. Williston, Ohio on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. where a luncheon will be hosted after the service.

Memorial contributions are appreciated to DaZy Aphasia Center c/o Jackie Zycho-wicz 3004 Letchworth Pkwy Toledo 43606, Ohio Living Home and Hospice, or St. John Lutheran Church-Williston.

Obituary

Charles "Chuck" A. Bonecutter

July 28, 1955 - April 4, 2023



Charles "Chuck" A. Bonecutter, 67, of Northwood, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Bay Park Community Hospital, Oregon, Ohio, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Toledo, Ohio, he was the son of Aubrey "Bony" and Eleanor "Babe" A. (Fenstermaker) Bonecutter, who have preceded him in death. Chuck married the love of his life, Judy A. (Swift) at the Genoa United Methodist Church on February 28, 1976 and they have spent the last 47 years enjoying life together.

Chuck was known to his family as "MacGyver" because he could fix anything! He spent his entire career working in the maintenance department at Libby Glass Co. in Toledo, retiring after 30 years and then for the past 3 1/2 years with Sun Chemical Co. of Maumee.

Chuck over the years had a passion for classic vehicles, always a Ford. He restored a 1966 Mustang Fastback, among others. He and Judy spent many evenings and weekends going to car shows. Chuck liked to hunt geese, ducks, pheasants and prairie dogs, fish for perch and walleye in Lake Erie, and shoot trap and skeet at Lakeland Conservation Association in Stony Ridge, Ohio. He also was a self-taught musician, mastering the banjo and mandolin.

Chuck's family invites friends and family to a celebration of his life on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 12:00-4:00 PM at the Ottawa County Conservation Club, 20998 W. Moline-Martin Road, Martin, Ohio 43445. Those wishing to make a memorial donation in his memory are asked to consider the Lakeland Conservation Assoc., 4998 Genoa Road, Stony Ridge, Ohio 43463. Arrangements are being coordinated by the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory of Genoa. Online condolences may be shared at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com

Obituary

Doris A. Hughes

August 24, 1935 - April 18, 2023



Doris A. Hughes, 87, of Walbridge, Ohio and formerly of Millbury, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Cleveland Clinic after a brief illness. She was born in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Dilgart and Mabel (Hawkins) Shull. She met the love of her life, Thomas E. Hughes, and they were married in Toledo, Ohio on October 15, 1954. They shared 41 years together, until his death in 1995.

Doris was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother that enjoyed being around her family and sharing their many activities. She had also worked as a nurse's aide in the newborn nursery at St. Charles Hospital. Doris was an active member of the Northwood Church of God where she was a long-time member and past president of the Golden Eagles and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible school. She was a member of the Christian Women's Club, the Walbridge Senior Citizens, and a former member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Millbury, Ohio. Doris was an avid reader, currently immersed in Amish lifestyle writings and a devoted flower gardener.

Doris is survived by her children, John (Karen) Hughes, Carole (Scott) Brennan and Jeffrey (Mary) Hughes, grandchildren, Robert Hughes, Kevin Hughes, Kristin (Edward Powell) Romaker, Justin (Kelly) Romaker, Jordan Brennan, Whitney, Kayla, Chelsea and Logan Hughes, Lacey and Kayla Houk, seventeen great grandchildren, son-in-law, David McCauley and a host of extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, David T. Hughes, and brothers, Wade and John Shull.

Visitation for Doris will be held from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Monday, April 24, 2023 at the Witzler-Shank-Walker Funeral Home, 701 N. Main St., Walbridge, OH, followed by the funeral service at 12:00 PM. Interment will follow in the Lake Township Cemetery, Millbury. The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Rd., Perrysburg, OH, 43551. Online condolences may be shared at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

April 23

1911 - Detectives from California investigating the deadly blast that killed 21 men at the Los Angeles Times follow clues to Northwest Ohio to the town of Bloomville in Seneca County. It was determined that the dynamite used in the blast was stolen from the France Stone Company quarry in that town.

1913 - Two buffaloes escape from the Toledo Zoo. "Bill and Belle" sent neighbors of Harvard Terrace running to the safety of their homes as they started roaming the nearby streets. They were eventually rounded up.

1919 - Tornado hits buildings and homes near North Baltimore in Southern Wood County. One person is killed.

1928 - Toledo Police arrest 63 people in a series of weekend vice raids targeting prostitution and gambling houses in the city. Of those arrested, 12 of them were women, several of whom were charged with running brothels.

1977 - Elvis Presley performs at Centennial Hall at the University of Toledo, drawing a sell-out crowd of nearly 10,000 fans.

April 24

1837 - First taxes are levied on Toledoans to pay for city services and salaries. The first city marshal, Calvin Comstock is hired.

1861 - More than 100 men leave Toledo for duty in the Union Army as a part of the 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry as the Civil War begins.

1916 - Toledo's Food and Style shows open at the Terminal Auditorium where hundreds of food producers will display their products to demonstrate how "pure" and healthy they are.

1945 - The Toledo Blade in today's editions runs horrid pictures and images of bodies, mass graves being discovered in Nazi prison camps. The Blade defends the story saying they are running the images because "too many Americans don't believe it".

1979 - State Representative Irma Karmol, 56, of Toledo is killed in an auto accident in



Toledo
Historical
Museum
by Lou Hebert

Perrysburg. Passenger, State Representative Robert Brown was injured.

April 25

1937 - Opening day at Swayne field. Box seats to watch Mud Hens play sell for \$1.00.

1938 - Toledo religious cult leader Joshua Bey is officially declared dead by a team of doctors. The body of the Moorish Church leader was being held at the church temple for days as followers waited for Bey to come back to life. Police entered the church to remove his body for examination.

1947 - Virgil Gladieux announces that the "new" sports arena will be built at east end of Cherry Street Bridge on Main Street in East Toledo. It will occupy 18 acres on site of what used to be called "Cannon's Landing."

1955 - Mass inoculation begins at schools around Toledo with the Salk vaccine to prevent childhood polio.

1959 - The \$459 million link between the Atlantic Ocean and Great Lakes called the St. Lawrence Seaway officially opens to ship traffic.

April 26

1835 - First military skirmish between Ohio and Michigan forces in the Toledo War. Shots are fired between the opposing state militias in the dispute over the so-called "Toledo strip".

1858 - Land given to City of Toledo for first public park. It is a small plot in East Toledo - later to be named Prentice Park in honor of Fredrick Prentice, the first "white" baby born in Toledo area.

1865 - Everton Conger, of Fremont, a special detective with the War Department

leads a unit of men to the barn where John Wilkes Booth is hiding in Virginia. Conger sets the barn ablaze and Booth is shot to death. Conger would receive \$15,000 reward from Congress.

1974 - The derelict Earle Hotel on Jefferson Avenue, built in back in 1891, is ravaged by flames. The blaze could be seen for miles and drew thousands of onlookers to downtown Toledo to witness its fiery demise.

April 27

1867 - Toledo's first paid police force called "MP's" for Metropolitan Police begin patrolling the city streets.

1898 - Toledo soldiers muster at National Guard Armory as they get ready for duty in the Spanish-American War.

1923 - Famed British writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (author of Sherlock Holmes fame), attends séance in Toledo with Toledo psychic Miss Ada Besinnet. The writer calls her one of the best in the world.

1932 - Tiffin sportsman Frank Callahan spends \$1,000 to stage a funeral for his beloved Pomeranian pet dog "Baby Ginter." Hundreds of curious mourners show up at his home to see the dog lie in repose in a \$400 casket.

1966 - A Chicago woman, Mary Matz, takes a taxicab from Toledo to Richmond, California to see a doctor there because "she isn't feeling good". The 2640 mile trip cost her \$1,200.

April 28

1813 - The attack on American forces at Fort Meigs in the War of 1812 begins as British soldiers and their Native American allies lay siege on the fort on the Maumee River banks for five days of bombardment.

1911 - State Pharmacy Board claims that Toledo is the "cocaine capital of Ohio." Rampant abuse of the drug is reported and numerous "coke" parties being held by teens.

1939 - Toledo Blade reports that professional golfer Byron Nelson has been signed

to become head pro at Inverness Country Club. During his time in Toledo, Nelson would win a number of major tournaments.

April 29

1913 - A somber reunion held in Toledo for survivors of the Sultana riverboat that sank on the Mississippi River after the Civil War. Over 1,100 Union soldiers, most who had been released from Confederate prison camps, died in the disaster. Many from the Toledo area.

1949 - Toledo city officials are given a demonstration of the soon-to-be-used traffic radar devices for catching speeders on Toledo roadways. Toledo was among the first cities in the nation to use radar for traffic enforcement.

1958 - A brand new Pontiac Chieftain is selling for \$2,679 in Toledo at Brown Pontiac.

1962 - The "King of the Twist" Chubby Checker appears in Toledo at the Sports Arena.

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 24-28. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 24: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 25: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Danbury, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

April 26: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic (COVID-19 and flu vaccines available), 12-4:30 p.m.

April 27: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 8-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

April 28: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Changes to cellphone use by drivers is explained



Crime
Prevention
Corner
by Ron Craig

The new law prohibits a driver from certain activities, including dialing a phone number, sending a text message, updating or browsing social media, conducting video calls such as Facetime, browsing the internet, watching videos, playing games and recording or streaming videos.

There are a few exceptions to the above situations, such as reporting an emergency to law enforcement agencies, a hospital, healthcare providers, fire and EMS departments or similar agencies.

Other exceptions include holding a phone to the ear only during phone conversations and only if the call is started or stopped with a single touch or swipe, and drivers holding or using a cellphone while

stopped at a traffic light or parked on a roadway during an emergency or road closure.

There are also exceptions for first responders such as law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel if the communications device is being used as part of their duties.

Commercial truck drivers are also permitted to use their mobile data terminals.

GPS units may be activated or deactivated, viewed, or modified verbally or with a single touch or swipe. Manually entering data to a GPS unit is prohibited.

Drivers face some pretty hefty fines when they are cited for violating the new law. A first offense within a two-year period could result in a fine of \$150 and two points on their record. A second offense within a two-year period could result in a \$250 fine and three points on their records. Fines and points go up from there for any further violations within a two-year period, and drivers could even have their licenses suspended for up to 90 days.

Fines could also be doubled if a violation occurs in a work zone.

Completion of a distracted driving course could help avoid fines and points in some cases.

There is a six-month "grace period" built into the law, which took effect April 4. During this grace period, officers are to issue warnings instead of citations. The grace period ends Oct. 4, allowing officers to issue citations starting Oct. 5.

It is noteworthy that during this grace period, officers are still allowed to issue citations and make arrests for other violations they discover during traffic stops, such as driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

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

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Opinion**The Press****NPR Twitter label is warranted**

By Thomas Knapp

In early April, Twitter added a "State-Affiliated Media" tag to National Public Radio's account on the social media platform, putting it in the same league as Russia's RT, China's Xinhua, and other government-funded "news" outlets.

Within a few days, under withering criticism from, among others, NPR CEO Jack Lansing (who came to NPR after running other US state-affiliated media such as Voice of America and Radio Free Europe), Twitter backed off a bit and changed NPR's label to "Government Funded."

What's the difference? There isn't one.

As Twitter owner Elon Musk pointed out, it "seems accurate" to class NPR with other "outlets where the state exercises control over editorial content through financial resources, direct or indirect political pressures, and/or control over production and distribution."

Oddly, French (France 24), Canadian (CBC) and British (BBC) state-affiliated media outlets don't seem to have been caught up in Twitter's labeling net. NPR makes the same claims to "editorial independence" as those outfits, but those claims are, in each and every case, risible.

NPR was established by an act of Congress. Its member stations all operate under license from the Federal Communications Commission, and receive special tax treatment as "non-profits."

While NPR no longer receives the majority of its funding directly from government, it hews rigidly to a "mainstream" narrative as set forth by the American political class, and buckles every time its funding is threatened by politicians for coloring outside the lines set by the current ruling party.

He who pays the piper calls the tune, and NPR's tune ranges from pro-US-regime heavy metal to elevator music versions of the same songs.

RT's commentators will sometimes "criticize" the Kremlin's policy line, but only in terms of urging the regime to do what it's already doing only faster and more vigorously. NPR reliably "criticizes" the U.S. regime in the same way.

FDR once told a group lobbying him on behalf of a reform they wanted, "you've convinced me — now go out and bring pressure on me."

The mission of state-affiliated media is to "bring pressure" on the US government to do what it's already doing. Want to know what the American political establishment thinks — and wants you to support? Just tune in to the daily episodes of "Morning Edition" or "All Things Considered."

If NPR doesn't want to be state-affiliated media, it should give up that government funding and start exercising real editorial independence.

**Take time to lead your children to success****Golden Advice**
by Bryan Golden

With your children, you have an opportunity to encourage them in ways you were not. You can instill them with principles to help them excel that they won't get in school or from their friends. Your children will absorb much more from you than you realize. The examples you set by your attitude and actions can be imprinted on them for life.

Your children are born veritable blank slates. You are their guide on how to deal with the world. The manner in which you react to various situations becomes a model for how your children behave. The language you use, the statements you make, the way you treat others, along with your relationship with their mother or father, are scrutinized by your children.

Leadership begins with the relationship you have with your children. It's imperative to treat your children with love and understanding. They require lots of time and attention. You never want to make your children feel as if they are annoyances or in the way. If they don't get attention from you, they will look for it elsewhere, often with destructive behavior, people, and activities.

Leading by example begins at home. Your credibility as a parent is dependent on living what you preach. If your children see you as being hypocritical, they will lose respect for you, diminishing your effectiveness as a parent.

Here are some essential principles to

instill in your children:

Potential and ability: Encourage your children to accomplish things. Teach them what they can do rather than criticizing them. When your children stumble and fall, help them up and encourage them to keep going. Show them it takes effort to realize potential and develop ability.

Challenge and adversity: Explain to your children that encountering challenges and adversity is normal, it happens to everyone. Demonstrate that all problems have solutions. Challenges are an opportunity to learn and grow. Don't whine and complain about your problems.

Honesty and integrity: Trustworthiness is priceless. Once integrity is compromised, it takes a lot of work to restore it. If you want your children to be truthful to you, you have to be honest with them and others. If you apply a double standard, your children will be confused. They won't be able to differentiate when to tell the truth and when to bend it.

Fairness: If you have more than child, make sure to treat them all fairly. Don't

play favorites. Never pit one child against another. Apply the same standards to each. Be consistent in how you treat your children. If you have to punish them, make sure they understand what they did and why you are reacting the way you are.

Patience: Children take time to learn. It takes repetition for lessons to really take hold. You should not snap at your children if they don't catch on as quickly as you want them to. A child lives in a different world than you. Children don't understand your problems nor should they have to. If you continually fly off the handle you can expect your children to behave similarly.

Failure: Not everything goes as planned. Tell your children that they will only fail if they give up. When something doesn't work as anticipated, it's time to change strategy and try again. Explain that the reason they learned how to walk is because they kept getting up every time they fell.

Set the examples to lead your children to success. In the process, you will become a better person and have a positive impact on all those you interact with.

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Letters

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Answering for abortion

To the editor: People can waste all the time and money they want in their efforts to put abortion on the ballot, but it makes no difference at all. No matter who votes for what, there is no one on earth with the authority to permit anyone to kill a baby. Not the pope, not the president, not the U.S. Supreme Court.

Even if the law says you can kill a child, when you die and are facing God, you will still have to answer for the death of that child.

Though you may get through this life with no blame or punishment or guilty conscience for whatever part you played, you can't slide past God on judgment day.

Mary Jo Bosch
Millbury

Native Americans deserve more

To the editor: Not a week goes by that I don't receive at least two or three requests

for money from Native American tribes or organizations.

Their needs are food, water, clothing, decent housing and heat. Items you and I take for granted. One tribe has water trucked in and each family gets seven gallons a day.

But the illegal immigrants are treated like royalty. Free housing, clothes, phones, food, medical care and transportation.

Some were housed in a \$500 per night hotel in New York City, which they proceeded to trash.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs should be ashamed. It should be made to remove its posh offices to the poorest reservation and have to live there too. I'll bet things would change in a hurry.

Carlene Trost

Oregon

Poor location for gas station

To the editor: The City of Oregon is considering zoning changes at the corner of Navarre Avenue and Isaac Street Drive.

The zoning board couldn't just change the zoning so it was submitted as a request for a special use permit.

The request was submitted for an elaborate multi-purpose gas station close to St. Charles Hospital and across Isaac Street from where the Town Center is proposed.

There is already a great deal of traffic congestion in the first block of Navarre Ave. coming off I-280 east into the city.

There are already two gas stations, a used car dealership, fast food outlets, restaurants, a beauty shop, a Walgreen's store, residences and two access streets from residential areas.

In the next block of Navarre Ave., from Wheeling to Coy, there are more commercial businesses, the hospital and a clinic, and other businesses.

A better fit for the mega gas station, would be east of Coy Road in the area of the Wal-Mart store.

Putting a gas station so close to the hospital is a bad idea and I can't even fathom city leaders considering it.

Ruth Price

Oregon

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Quartet to perform at Owens Accent on the Arts concert

The Music Business Technology students from Owens Community College will present the fourth and final concert of the 2022-2023 Accent on the Arts concert series, featuring the Annie and Rod Capps Quartet, Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The performance will be held in the Mainstage Theatre in the Owens Center for Fine and Performing Arts, 7270 Binicker Rd., Perrysburg.

The quartet will perform songs about "broken things and poignant little ponderings," delivered with a rootsy vibe, a touch of twang, and a soulful groove. Read more about them at AnnieandRodCapps.com.

Accent on the Arts is a free concert series designed, booked, promoted, and presented by students in the Owens Music Business Technology program.

Overnight Summer Camp

The Salvation Army Greater Toledo is offering a camp experience for children ages 6-12 who live in Lucas County.

The weeklong overnight summer camp will be held July 10-14 at Camp NEOSA, located in Carrollton, Ohio.

The camp costs a non-refundable fee of \$25 per child. A physical and medical paperwork are required. Transportation will be provided to the camp from the Salvation Army in Toledo. Campers will leave early in the morning on July 10 and return in the afternoon on July 14.

Camp NEOSA is an accredited camp with a nurse on staff and offers many activities including swimming, a zip line, ropes course and crafts.

Register online by June 1 at campneosa.org (enter "Toledo" under the serving unit tab).

Oak Harbor to host Invitational Art Show

The 55th Annual Five-County Invitational Art Show will be held April 22 and 23 from 12-4 p.m. at Oak Harbor High School, 11661 W. SR 163. Admission is free to the public.

The show will feature works from art teachers from Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood counties and their students.

Student artwork, both three-dimensional and two-dimensional, will be judged. Best-of-show honors will be awarded at the junior high and high school levels.

Eastwood Jazz Festival

The 10th Annual Eastwood Jazz Festival will be held Saturday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Eastwood High School, 4900 Sugar Ridge Rd., Pemberville.

The festival will include dinner and entertainment provided by the Toledo Jazz Festival Combo and the Bowling Green, Eastwood, Genoa and Otsego high school jazz bands. There will be a silent auction as well as a 50/50 drawing.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The four-course meal will feature smoked beef brisket and grilled seasoned pork loin. A vegetarian option is available.



Tickets are \$35 for dinner and entertainment. Entertainment-only tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15. Tables for eight with preferred seating are \$245.

Tickets and full menu information are available online at tinyurl.com/eastwoodjazzfest.

Stritch to present 'Cabaret!'

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy will present "Cabaret!" – an instrumental and vocal dinner experience focused on Broadway musicals, on May 6 and 7.

On Saturday, doors will open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:40 p.m. and performances starting at 7 p.m.

Doors will open at 1 p.m. on Sunday, with lunch served at 1:40 p.m., and performances starting at 2 p.m.

Attendees will enjoy food catered by Incorvaia's Bene Italiano Restaurant while watching Stritch students, faculty, staff, and alumni perform their Broadway renditions.

For questions, please contact Stritch Band Director, Jacob Shephard, at jshephard@cardinalstritch.org.

Ice Cream Social

The Oak Harbor High School Ice Cream Social will be held Thursday, May 4 from 6-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Attendees can choose a homemade ceramic bowl made by an OHHS student filled with ice cream. Toppings will be available. The event will feature entertainment provided by the school's Music Performance Group.

Tickets are \$15. Half the proceeds raised will go to the OHHS Art Club, with the other half going toward a scholarship for an Oak Harbor graduate pursuing an art degree.

Email egilbert@bcssd.com to reserve a bowl. Tickets are limited.

Scholarship deadline

Cancer Services is offering three \$2,000 scholarships to students in Erie, Huron, and Ottawa counties pursuing a career in the healthcare field.

To apply, visit CancerResources.org or email CecilyBrownCS@gmail.com for an application. The application deadline is Sunday, April 30.

Imagination Station offering summer camps

Area students are invited to navigate

through space, get messy, explore magic or even develop a game at Imagination Station's Summer Camps.

Campers ages 6-13 can sign up for a week (or more) of creative, mind-blowing fun. Each week will be filled with experiments, challenges and projects designed for exploration and discovery.

"Summer break is a time for kids to relax, spend time with their friends and embrace the freedom that comes with youth, but all of that free time can often result in a regression in reading and math skills, known as the summer slide," said Sloan Eberly Mann, director of educational advancement at Imagination Station. "Imagination Station Summer Camps are designed to prevent the summer slide and, instead, keep kids engaged in learning while having fun with their peers."

Each weeklong camp costs \$250 for members and \$275 for nonmembers. Some Ohio families may qualify for financial assistance. The Ohio ACE Program provides qualifying families with a \$500 credit per child that can be used to pay for a variety of enrichment activities including Summer Camp. The program is available to any student between the ages of 6-18 years old whose family income is at or below 300% of the federal poverty level.

Registration and financial assistant information is available at imaginationstationtoledo.org.

Space is limited and some camp sessions have already sold out.

Nominations sought

The Oak Harbor High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is looking for nominations for the 2023 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

Nomination forms are on the B-C-S website (bcssd.com) under the Athletics tab. Completed forms should be emailed to halloffame@bcssd.com or submitted to the high school's main office by Sunday, April 30, to be considered for induction in 2023.

Ohio Business Week summer program applications

Ohio Business Week announced its 2023 summer business program – a hands-on experiential environment designed to educate, empower and encourage a diverse population of high school students to recognize and achieve their potential.

Business leaders, educators, high school students and community volunteers teach and inspire one another to be responsible employees, employers and citizens.

Ohio Business Week places up to 200 high school students in a dynamic simulation where they compete as industry professionals, sharpen communication skills and face real-world challenges. With the guidance of a volunteer mentor from the business community, students gain a competitive edge in college preparation, workplace readiness, and overall life success.

The week-long residential program will be held at Bowling Green State University June 18-23 and will focus on skills in entrepreneurship, leadership, communication, teamwork and problem-solving.

Students will undertake hands-on projects providing them the opportunity to operate a business and create a new product or service complete with a business plan, financials, marketing materials, a website and a commercial. The week concludes with a public tradeshow and presentation judging. Students can apply online at OhioBusinessWeek.org.

Terra State celebrates expansion of welding lab

Terra State Community College celebrated the expansion and renovation of its welding lab with a ribbon-cutting held April 14.

The event featured remarks from Terra State Community College President Ron Schumacher, Terra State Vice President Bill Taylor and state representatives.

The more than \$300,000 upgrade to the welding lab, located in the Rutherford B. Hayes Skilled Trades Center on the Fremont campus, was first approved by the college's board of trustees in September 2022. The plan to strengthen Terra's welding program includes capital funds committed to adding welding instructors as well as equipment.

Afterschool Child Enrichment program changes announced

The Ohio Department of Education announced changes to the Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) educational savings account program.

Passed in December 2022, House Bill 45 of the 134th General Assembly expanded access and increased grant amounts for qualifying Ohio students and families.

Beginning April 7, qualifying families can receive a \$1,000 credit per child for enrichment and educational activities during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. Allowable activities include before- or after-school educational programs, day camps, music lessons, tutoring and more.

Expanded eligibility includes children ages 6-18 whose family income is at or less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level, who participate in income-based programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, and Ohio Works First, or who reside in districts identified as experiencing high rates of chronic absenteeism or include EdChoice-eligible schools. "The changes to the Ohio ACE program provide more students access to educational activities outside of the traditional classroom," Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Stephanie Siddens said.

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Education**The Press****Stritch, Waite****Provide expansion of services for students**

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Cardinal Stritch High School has been through quite a change in the last several months, according to Bill Berry, president of the school.

"There is a new principal, new dean of students, new assistant principal and many new teachers who have joined us over the last year," he said. "The demographics have changed dramatically. Maybe, 10-15 years ago, demographically, we only had one or two percent minorities. As of today, we're in the high 40 percent. So our mission had to completely change."

Berry made the comments earlier this year in a speech during the annual "State of the Communities" event sponsored by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Holistic approach

The high school recently agreed to a partnership with Northwest Ohio Dental to provide free dental care to nearly 80 children. "So our mission isn't just basic education. It's a holistic approach to education," said Berry.

The school has introduced a lot more programs, he added. It has partnered with Rosetta Stone, a language learning platform. "We struggle, just like the others, to find good foreign language teachers. I know not only our students, but some of their families, are able to avail themselves of nearly 25 languages, which is an excellent way of actually providing more availability to foreign languages."

He also noted the importance of professional development for teachers.

"That has always been a big thing. Your main asset is your people. This year, we have utilized a lot of funds for ongoing learning for teachers. That has been a big boost to their morale, and obviously to their way of looking at things," he said.

Sports is also important. Being a rugby player, he said he was not a huge fan of



Bill Berry, president of Cardinal Stritch High School, gave an update on the many recent changes at the school at the recent "State of the Communities" event sponsored by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce. (Press photo)

football.

"But I appreciate it, and what it means to our community. We have no intentions strategically of competing with the other five large Catholic schools in Northwest Ohio. We tend to be small, family oriented and focused," he said.

The school also plans to partner with other organizations in the future to save funds.

"We know we cannot afford it," he said. "But we live and die by the generous donations of alumni and others in the community. Please watch out for both academic and vocational [programs] as well," he said.

Waite High School

This year, according to Todd Deem, principal of Waite High School, "has definitely been a better school year."

"The 963 students we have on a daily basis has some resiliency. We're getting back to the old normal rather than the new normal. Things are better," said Deem.

There have been some challenges, he added, just like other schools.



At the recent "State of the Communities" event sponsored by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce, Waite High School Principal Todd Deem, told audiences that 2022-23 has "definitely been a better school year." (Press photo)

"We still have to focus on the trauma, as far as social and emotional well-being, and academics. So how do you balance all those things? We're fortunate to have partnerships with Health Partners of Western Ohio. We have a complete health center in our building," said Deem. "There's nurse practitioners, RNs, and we just added a dentist to the system. Optical is coming next. It's a great opportunity for our students, families, parents and any elementary student in our area, to come over to Waite High School and get the services they need."

He said he is pleased to see more students coming back to the school building.

"There's an increase in students leaving our 'virtual world,' and coming back to the brick-and-mortar of our building, which has increased participation in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, and career tech programs. We have a phenomenal construction academy, and have done some expansion and modifications in that area, thanks to Owens-Corning, and the things they do for us as a partner."

**Student Stars****National Technical Honor Society**

Fourteen Penta Career Center students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during a ceremony held March 30.

Membership in the NTHS at Penta requires students to maintain excellent attendance, good behavior and a 3.5 overall grade point average. In addition, inductees must meet the seven attributes of NTHS (skills, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership).

Among the inductees were Kayleigh Fox (Lake), Welding; Arianna Guy (Lake), Dental Assistant; Alexis Hayward (Genoa), Medical Technologies Academy; Nolan LaFeir (Northwood), Marketing Education; Jadyn Lubash (Eastwood), Marketing Education; Sophia Sherock (Northwood), Digital Arts & Design and Ella Speck (Eastwood), Marketing Education.

Dean's list

Zachary Buehler, of Pemberville, was named to the Fall 2022 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List.

Students on the dean's list earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.60 GPA for the semester.

Student photography

Christine Bolen, of Oak Harbor, received an honorable mention for her digital photography piece, "Cowboy Take Me Away," at the University of Findlay's 2023 Student Art and Design Juried Exhibition.

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Salutes Clay High School's April Student of the Month

**Joseph Duffer**

Joseph has a GPA of 4.24 and is ranked 10th in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Joseph participates in the Jazz Band, Marching Band, Pep Band and OMEA District 1 Honors Band.

Joseph, the son of Jacey and Michael Duffer, plans on attending Bowling Green State University to major in Accounting.



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Glass City Federal Credit Union salutes Waite High School's Student of the Month!**Janiyah Moyer**

Janiyah has a GPA of 3.30 and is ranked 26th in her class. She participates in Varsity Softball, Varsity Volleyball and JV/Varsity Cheerleading. Janiyah is a member of the Young Women of Excellence.



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Emily Mossing

Emily has a GPA of 4.25 and is ranked 5th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Spirit Club and is a Student Ambassador. Emily participates in Varsity Volleyball and Varsity Softball.

Emily, the daughter of Greg and Amy Mossing, plans on attending the University of Toledo to major in Occupational Therapy.



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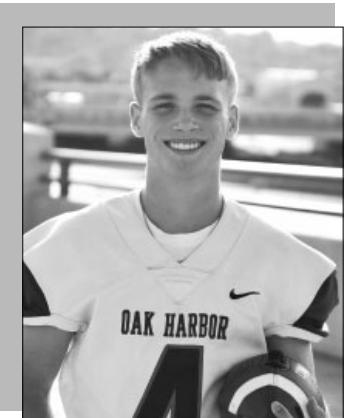
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Judson Overmeyer



Judson has a GPA of 3.79 and is ranked 15th in his class. He serves as captain of the Football Team and is also active in Track & Field-All State (4 x 200), National Honor Society, FCA (group leader) and FCCLA.

The son of Julie Overmeyer and Jason Overmeyer, Judson plans to go to the Professional Skills Institute to become a Physical Therapist, then continue his education by obtaining a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

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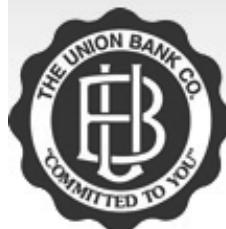
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Tyler Williamson

Tyler has a GPA of 3.814 and is ranked 34th in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, International Thespian Society, Key Club, Science Club and Spanish Club. Tyler participates in Cross Country, Track & Field, Theater and Choir.

Tyler, the son of Kevin and Amy Williamson, plans to attend the University of Toledo to major in Nursing.



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Natalie Redfern



Natalie has a GPA of 4.5 and is ranked 8th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Junior Executive, People Incorporated and the International Club. Natalie participates in YMCA Gymnastics, Eastwood Gymnastics and the Encore A Capella Singing Group.

Natalie, the daughter of Roberta Redfern, plans to attend The Ohio State University to major in Animal Sciences/Pre-Vet.



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Education**The Press**

Genoa students, art teacher featured in Fine Arts Exhibition

The artistic and musical talents of 19 gifted students from area elementary and high schools were showcased March 25 the second annual Fine Arts Exhibition at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Gallery at Norwalk High School.

Presented by North Point Educational Service Center (NPESC), the exhibition highlighted the work of students identified as gifted in the arts at 16 schools from Huron, Erie, Ottawa and Sandusky counties.

"We had a fantastic turnout," said Susie Capucini, coordinator of gifted services for NPESC. "We nearly tripled our candidates and spectators compared to last year's event."

NPESC started with students with special talent in visual art last year and added musicians to their gifted screening this year. Next year, students gifted in dance and/or drama will be added to the program.

Teachers in the 16 schools that contract with the agency for their gifted services use a rubric approved by Ohio Department of Education to screen students for the program.

"We are very excited to be able to ex-

pand this program," Capucini said. "North Point has grand plans to grow this annual gifted screening event into an anticipated, interactive community celebration of our region's most talented youth."

"We're very proud of the artistic presence within North Point districts," said Brandi Goodwin, gifted education supervisor and arts integration specialist. "NPESC is very passionate about supporting our districts in making the arts an integral part of education."

"We're trying to break down the barriers between the arts and traditional subjects, like history or math, to provide additional access points for learners of all types," Goodwin added.

Jean Gidich-Holbrook, Genoa Area Local High School art teacher, and Goodwin judged the visual art entries for the event. Melissa D'Aliberti, Norwalk High School band director, served as the evaluator for music students, who performed in a casual café-style setting.

"As an evaluator, stumbling upon some seriously impressive student artwork was like striking gold," Gidich-Holbrook said. "It's such a cool experience to witness the raw creativity and unique perspectives



Genoa Elementary student Gianna Carroll, a 5th grade visual arts candidate for gifted identification, with her artwork at the recent Fine Arts Exhibition presented by North Point Educational Service Center. (Submitted photo)

of young artists. I always leave feeling inspired and excited about the future of art."

To prepare for the event, many of the art students experimented with new and varied media to grow in versatility.

Genoa fifth-graders Gianna Carroll and Andrew Nutter had visual artwork in the exhibition.

NPESC plans to partner with regional arts organizations to provide enrichment opportunities for students and professional development for area teachers as part of the agency's gifted services program.

North Point Educational Service Center employees 300 to support 28 school districts across Huron, Erie, Ottawa and Sandusky counties with programming for special education, early childhood, gifted education, alternative education options and auxiliary services such as physical, occupational and speech therapy. NPESC also provides teacher professional development, administrative consultation, regional networking for curriculum development and school data analysis.

Sixteen districts contract for gifted education program services provided by Brandi Goodwin, Susie Capucini and Geneen Morrison.

Resource officer gathers emergency supplies for Jerusalem School

Throughout the 2022/23 school year, School Resource Officer (SRO) Jeff Costanzo partnered with the leaders of the Oregon City Schools and the Jerusalem Township Fire Department to obtain emergency preparedness supplies to be stored in each room of Jerusalem Elementary School.

The supplies for each room are stored in a "Go-Bucket," which can be quickly accessed in case of an emergency situation.

Oregon Police Division thanked Officer Costanzo and the following individuals, businesses, and entities for their donation contributions to this cause:

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From left: Tony Parasiliti, fire chief, Jerusalem Township Fire Department; Ryan Spangler, assistant chief of police, Oregon Police Division; Jeff Straka, Jerusalem Elementary principal; Oregon City Schools Superintendent Hal Gregory; Officer Jeff Costanzo - school resource officer; Chief Brandon Begin, Oregon Police Division; Sean Ziessler, Marathon Petroleum; Dean Sandwisch – assistant superintendent, Oregon City Schools and Brad Checki, Marathon Petroleum. (Submitted photo)

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Jarod, a senior from Eastwood High School, is enrolled in the Construction Electricity program at Penta Career Center. He has been a member of the varsity baseball team during the past four years as a pitcher and infielder. Jarod is an honor roll both at Eastwood and Penta. He currently has a 4.219 GPA. Jarod is a member of SkillsUSA, a career-technical student organization at Penta. Recently he earned fourth place in the electrical contest at the Regional SkillsUSA competition. Jarod is a student assistant in the Construction Electricity program.

After completing the Construction Electricity program at Penta and graduating from Eastwood, Jarod plans to work this summer for Lake Erie Electric on low voltage projects. He wants to enter the apprenticeship program through the Toledo Electrical JATC. Jarod's goal is to work in the commercial construction industry as an electrician. Jarod is the son of Ric and Susan Bonfiglio.



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Bella Hayes



Bella has a GPA of 4.458 and is ranked 8th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Council, Teen PEP and Varsity Cheerleading (awarded most spirited and team captain for 2 years). Bella also received the Toledo Area Athletic Conference All Academic Honors (grades 9-12).

The daughter of William and Nicole Hayes, Bella plans on furthering her education at either OSU or the University of Toledo, majoring in nursing.



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Carsen Szakovits

Carsen has a GPA of 4.009. He is a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, 3-D Printing Club and is the video editor of Visual Communication Technology. Carsen is the Varsity Golf Team Senior Captain.



Carsen, the son of Paul and Kris Szakovits, plans to attend Tiffin University and major in Computer Science.

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Molly Coleman

Molly has a GPA of 4.129 and is ranked 8th in her class. She participates in Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Band and the Musical.

Molly, the daughter of John and Robin Coleman, plans to attend an undecided college and major in Biology then attend Medical school.

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Megan Pacer

Megan has a GPA of 4.451 and is ranked 11th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Tri-M Music Honor Society, French Club, Students in Action, Project Change and Parea. Megan participates in the Jet Set Chorale, Women's Quartet, Drama Club, Spring Musicals and Fall Plays. She is a member of the Sun Federal Student Branch.

Megan, the daughter of Stefani and Patrick Belegren and Mike Pacer, plans on attending Lourdes University to study Business.



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Teens invited to team up for conservation



Shown are members of the 2022-2023 ConTAC class. (ODNR photo)

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is putting together a team of high school student leaders from diverse backgrounds to join the Conservation Teen Advisory Council (ConTAC).

ODNR is looking for highly motivated students who are interested in natural resource conservation, outdoor outreach, wildlife, or simply making a positive impact in their state.

"Students passionate about the environment are some of our greatest assets when it comes to protecting our natural resources," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said.

ConTAC gives students a chance to meet new peers from across the state with similar interests. Through monthly meetings and project work, members will develop

and implement innovative and practical ideas that empower young people to protect and preserve Ohio's natural resources. They will also provide feedback and make recommendations to enhance outdoor outreach.

Students entering grades 9-12 for the 2023-2024 school year are eligible to apply. Selection of the 2023-2024 ConTAC class will be made early summer 2023.

Additional questions can be directed to William Armbruster at william.armbruster@dnr.ohio.gov.

To apply for ODNR's Conservation Teen Advisory Council, visit ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/contac/contac-application. The deadline to apply is Monday, June 20.



Lake students learn about cell division

Lake High School science teacher Samantha Partin's eighth-grade class recently studied cell division using microscopes and the roots of onion plants. Shown is Gabe Sarabia at the microscope, as classmates look on. Students learned the importance of cell division not only for growth, but also for repairing damaged tissues. They were able to see each stage of the cycle using their microscopes and work together to put them in order. With no cell division, living organisms would not exist. (Submitted photo)

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BSBO taking reservations for “The Biggest Week”

By Yaneek Smith
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For the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, The Biggest Week In American Birding is like the holiday season.

The 10-day event, which takes place from May 5-14, brings in people from all over the world to observe migratory birds coming home as the weather warms up.

The mission of the BSBO is to inspire the appreciation, enjoyment, and conservation of birds and their habitats through research, education, and outreach.

Their efforts are founded in research; committed to education, to promote conservation and economic development through birding, to reach out to the business community and to connect people with the joy of birds.

People from every state in the U.S., over 50 countries and six continents have stepped foot in Oak Harbor, the “Warbler Capital of the World.”

Kim Kaufman, who is the executive director of BSBO, founded in 1992, said it's great to be able to bring joy to so many people through the 10-day festival.

“We get so excited this time of year. I was one of the people that started The Biggest Week. No matter how long we do this, I get excited welcoming birders to Northwest Ohio. I've lived in Northwest Ohio all my life, and I love it here. I love the people, and I love birds,” she said. “To be part of bringing those two things together is so important. To have it mean so much economically in Northwest Ohio, it's the greatest thing I'll ever be a part of.”

“The Biggest Week offers something for everyone, whether it's experts, to people just doing this for the first time. I encourage people to visit the website. We're offering birding workshops; there's lots of fun and encouragement. I hope people will support the festival and experience what brings people from all over the world here.”

Kaufman, who has been with BSBO, a nine-person organization, for 25 years, talked about the economic impact the festival has on Northwest Ohio and its local businesses.



Birding enthusiasts travel from all over the world to experience the “Biggest Week in American Birding” presented by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

“There was an economic survey done in 2016, and it found that the event brings \$40 million to the area for about six weeks,” she said. “And the festival has grown so much since then. The approximate total is about 90,000 people in a six-week period from the end of April through May. Small businesses are opening earlier in the season, so the birding tourism has created a very significant impact on Northwest Ohio.”

Kaufman has devoted a great deal of her life to BSBO. She became education director in 2005 and was promoted executive director four years later. She played an important role in starting the highly successful Ohio Young Birders Club, a group for teenagers that has served as a model for youth programs in 13 other states, as well as The Biggest Week In

American Birding.

She is a contributing editor to “Birds & Blooms” magazine and coauthor of the “Kaufman Field Guide to Nature of New England” and “Kaufman Field Guide to Nature of the Midwest.”

In 2015, Kaufman received the American Birding Association's prestigious Chandler Robbins Award in recognition of her contributions to bird education and conservation.

Her husband, Kenn, is the preeminent scholar on bird watching. He has authored countless books on the practice, a body of work that started when he began observing birds at the age of 6. He also works as a field editor for “Audubon Magazine” and is a regular columnist for “BirdWatching” and “Birds and Blooms.” His website is kaufmanfieldguides.com.

“Kenn is known on an international level as one of the world's leading bird experts,” Kaufman said. “He's written hundreds of articles and dozens of books about birds and bird conservation. Kenn's support has played a significant role in our success, helped create a tourism season and bring the public to Oak Harbor.”

“When Kenn began to write for the birding magazines, he sort of became an unofficial spokesman for bringing birding to Northwest Ohio,” she said. “He's done dozens of presentations and allowed BSBO to grow financially. As the director of Black Swamp, it has been a dream to advocate for birding. We owe a debt of gratitude to him.”

Visit BSBO's website, bsbo.org for more information about the organization. For more information about the festival, visit biggestweekinamericanbirding.com.

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Mintz opens Attica Raceway season with All Star win

By Brian Liskai

Gibsonburg's Craig Mintz executed a last lap, last corner pass to score his second career Tezos All Star Circuit of Champions victory to open the 2023 season at Attica Raceway Park in Attica, Seneca County.

The win came during the Core and Main Spring Nationals and was the 137th appearance of Tony Stewart's All Stars at "Ohio's Finest Racing" track.

Mintz was running fourth when the caution flag flew with 10 laps to go. The former Attica track champion used the yellow to cool his tires -- and it paid off. He moved into third on lap 28, and with six laps to go quickly closed into second behind leader Zeb Wise. Entering the final two turns, Mintz drove to the outside of Wise and the drag race to the checkers saw Mintz win by .074 seconds. It was his 16th career win at Attica and his first All Star win since April of 2012.

"We've been struggling with bleeders all night. Just couldn't get going on those long runs. During that caution I was actually trying to cool my tires down. I knew we had a great car, and I probably showed my hand a little early. It's fun to race with Zeb (Wise). We were both really going for it...you could probably measure that win in millimeters," Mintz said standing beside his Real Geese Decoys, Modern Woodman of America, KS Sales and Service and NAPA of Fremont backed #09.

"This means so much. My dad, the guys behind me, my wife, my kids...they all bust their butts to give me the chance to race. We're out here doing it for fun," Mintz said.

"That was frustrating," said Wise beside his Rayce Rudeen Foundation, Sundollar Restoration, Hager Realty backed #26. "Hats off to Craig. He drove one heck of a race. I feel like I let my team down there. I really didn't know where to go in turns one and two."

"Last week we won with a last lap pass (at Williams Grove Speedway) and tonight we got beat by one. Hopefully tomorrow we can finish it with a win," said Wise, who led laps 28 through 34.

Hunter Schuerenberg, of Sikeston,



Hunter Schuerenberg (55) and Zeb Wise (26) fighting for the lead to open the 2023 season at Attica Raceway Park in Attica (Photo courtesy of Action Photos)

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Missouri, led the first 27 laps and held on to finish third, followed by Brent Marks and Parker Price-Miller.

"You are almost a sitting duck on a restart like that. You don't know if you should stay where you have been running or try a different line and you don't know what line the guys behind you are running. It didn't work out for us tonight, but we finally put a whole night together. We've been fast all year but just haven't had the results, so this is a big step forward," Schuerenberg said.

Despite losing his brakes halfway through the Dirt Nerds Podcast, Propane.com UMP Late Model A-main, Rusty Schlenk, of McClure, Ohio took the lead from Ryan Missler on lap 18 and drove to his 36th career victory at Attica.

"Normally I run the cushion, but it wasn't there tonight, so I had to go to the

bottom. I almost forgot how to run down there. After the start of the season we've had from engine and transmission issues to problems with the truck and trailer...this is a huge shot in the arm," said Schlenk of his #91.

Missler jumped out to the early lead in the late model feature as Schlenk, Nathan Loney, Doug Drown and Eric Spangler battled for second. Schlenk drove from third to the lead on lap 18, and after a spirited battle with Missler, pulled away for the win. Spangler, Drown, Loney and Missler rounded out the top five.

For more information go to www.atticaracewaypark.com or follow the track on Twitter @atticaracewypark or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/atticaracewaypark and Instagram at attica_raceway_park.

Former BG resident satisfied with effort

The weather was challenging for the nearly 30,000 athletes who were participating in the 27th annual Boston Marathon on April 17. The temperature was cool, and rain greeted the runners throughout the day — not ideal conditions for a run in the park, let alone the world's oldest annual marathon.

For Beavercreek, Ohio resident Micah McKanna, however, it was a perfect day to be part of one of the world's six marathon major events. And, when he crossed the finish line in his first Boston Marathon with a time of 2:41:40, he was relieved and filled with the satisfaction that comes from a significant personal accomplishment.

McKanna finished at 740th in the total field, or in the top 2 percent competitors. Kenya's Evans Chebet won the men's race in a time of 2:05:54 and in winning, became a back-to-back champion.

McKanna's love for running began as a seventh grade student in Bowling Green. He wasn't fast. In fact, McKanna will tell you he was one of the slowest runners on his middle school team. Still, that didn't deter him from becoming a walk-on track and cross-country athlete at Cedarville University, where he graduated in 2021. His finish time in the Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minnesota — his first and only other marathon — qualified him for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

"I wasn't sure how I would do in Boston, because I didn't believe my training was as good as it was for the Duluth marathon," said McKanna. "And, the Boston Marathon is known for being a slower marathon, so I wasn't expecting to run as fast as I did in



Minnesota."

He finished eight minutes slower in Boston.

Also in Boston, McKanna experienced the highs and lows that come with competing on a grueling course.

"At first I felt really good, and I started out a little faster than I anticipated," said McKanna. "The first 10 miles were more on a downward slope, so I just went with the momentum and felt really good."

As he was running at a solid pace, McKanna's energy picked up around the 16-mile mark when he noticed his parents, Joe and Jayne, and brother, Tad, lining the route.

"Seeing my parents and brother

Former Bowling Green resident Micah McKanna finished at 740th in the total field, or in the top 2 percent competitors at the Boston Marathon. (Submitted photo)

gave me an extra amount of energy," said McKanna, who is a graphic designer in Cedarville University's marketing and communications division. "It was great to see them, but I also knew that the toughest part of the race was quickly approaching."

At approximately mile 17 to 20 is when McKanna felt his greatest pain of the race. He was more than half-way through the marathon but the terrain became more uphill.

At that point his college friend, Avery Traffie, who was also running in the marathon, caught up to McKanna. The pair ran together for a couple of miles before McKanna pulled away near the finish line and completed a very satisfying race.

Walleye announce playoff roster

The Toledo Walleye have announced the players who will make up its 2023 Kelly Cup playoff roster.

The 20-man active roster is nearly identical to the roster of players who were a part of Toledo's recent 18-game winning streak.

Goaltenders: Sebastian Cossa, John Lethemon.

Defensemen: Adrien Beraldo, Charlie Curti, Derek Daschke, Riley McCourt, Gordi Myer, Seth Barton, Donovan Sebrango, Eemil Viro.

Forwards: John Albert, Ryan Cox, Sam Craggs, Thomas Ebbing, Gordie Green, Brandon Hawkins, TJ Hensick, Conlan Keenan, Patrick McGrath, Brett McKenzie, Andrew Sturtz, Trenton Bliss, Kirill Tyutyayev, Drew Worrad.

"Determining a team's final roster is always difficult, but I firmly believe the players selected will provide the depth and tenacity needed for a successful playoff run," said head coach Dan Watson. "I can't thank all the players who did not make our playoff roster enough for their contributions to the Walleye this year, and in some cases, previous seasons. They represented our team, organization and community extremely well, and I wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors."

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Deer hunting seasons have been set for the 2023-24 including archery, gun, muzzleloader and youth.

Ohio's 2023-24 deer hunting seasons approved

The Ohio Wildlife Council approved proposed hunting and trapping season dates for 2023-24, including deer bag limit changes in seven counties, during its regularly scheduled meeting on April 12, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

Deer hunting seasons

Deer are Ohio's most popular game animal. Seasons in 2023-24 will have similar dates to last year. As in years past, only one antlered deer may be harvested, regardless of where or how it is taken. The deer hunting season dates for 2023-24 include:

Deer archery: Sept. 30, 2023-Feb. 4, 2024.

Youth deer gun: Nov. 18-19, 2023.

Deer gun: Nov. 27-Dec. 3; Dec. 16-17.

Deer muzzleloader: Jan. 6-9, 2024.

Turkey hunting

Fall turkey hunting will be available in 70 counties this fall from Saturday, Oct. 14

to Sunday, Nov. 12. The season bag limit is one bird of either sex. Spring 2024 wild turkey hunting season dates will be determined in the fall.

General hunting seasons

The Ohio Wildlife Council voted to approve proposed season dates similar to last season for waterfowl and migratory birds.

The council received a proposal to reduce the ruffed grouse hunting season dates and open counties because of long-term trends in declining grouse numbers. The proposed grouse season dates are from Friday, Nov. 3 to Sunday, Nov. 26, with a daily limit of one bird. Season dates would be aligned for public and private land.

Ohio Wildlife Council

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that was first formed in 1949. It reviews and votes on all Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. Council meetings are open to the public.

Schrader returns for racing at Toledo and Flat Rock speedways

Former NASCAR Cup Series star Ken Schrader will return and drive in ARCA sanctioned races at Toledo Speedway Friday, May 12 and Flat Rock Speedway Saturday, May 13.

Schrader will start off his weekend at Toledo Speedway with the School Bus Figure 8 race. He says he is eager to get back in the bus again. "I'm coming back because I didn't roll one over," he said.

The following night, Schrader will be competing against Flat Rock's best racers. It is yet to be determined what division Schrader will be racing in.

Schrader has raced in ARCA Menards Series competition at both Flat Rock and Toledo, winning five times at Toledo. He drove his first-ever School Bus Figure-8 race in 2021 at Toledo, starting last and passing every bus on the track to take the lead before his race ended in a crash. His second attempt in 2022 increased his enthusiasm for School Bus Figure-8 racing.

Schrader competed in 763 NASCAR Cup Series events from 1984-2013, winning four races with 64 top-5 finishes and finished in the top-10 in Cup points eight times. He is one of the few drivers with wins in the Cup Series, the NASCAR

Xfinity Series and the NASCAR Truck Series. In 84 ARCA Menards Series events, he has 18 wins.

On May 12, the night at Toledo begins 7 p.m., and will include the Central Avenue Truck Parts School Bus Figure 8 race, presented by All American Coach; Boat Figure 8; Safety Kleen ARCA Factory Stocks; Salenbien Excavating ARCA Late Model Sportsman and Flag Pole Race. (Rain date Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m.)

Spectator gates and ticket office open at 5 p.m. on race day.

Flat Rock begins at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 13. The ARCA Moran Chevrolet Outlaw Super Late Models, DTS Drive Train Specialists Street Stocks and the R & M Recycling Figure-8's will be in action. This will be the Racing Fan Club Day, as racing fan clubs from Michigan and Ohio converge on Flat Rock for all the racing action.

The front gates and ticket office open at 2 p.m. Night racing begins Saturday, May 20, with a 7 p.m. race time.

Tickets for the Toledo May 13 event are available online at toledospeedway.com and at the gate on race day.

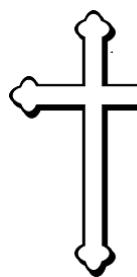
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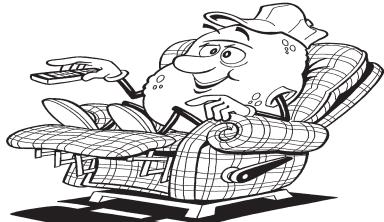
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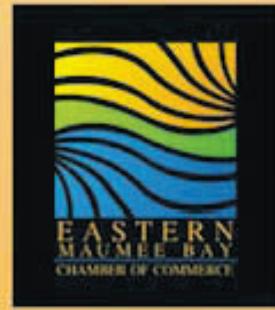
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