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Truck driver in fatal crash loses court appeal

By Larry Limpf
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The Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of a truck driver who was involved in a fatal crash in August 2019 on I-280 in Lake Township.

The appeals court affirmed the sentence the Wood County Common Pleas Court imposed on Lawrence Nastal, who struck vehicles that had stopped or slowed for a construction zone between the Walbridge Road overpass and an Ohio Turnpike ramp. The collision killed three persons and seriously injured two others.

Nastal was convicted on three counts of vehicular homicide, which are first degree misdemeanors, and two counts of vehicular assault, fourth degree felonies. The court sentenced him to 180 days in jail for the misdemeanor counts – to be served concurrently; two years of community control for the felony counts, and suspended his driving privileges for three years.

In his appeal, Nastal argued his case was one of negligence, not recklessness, and as such the felony convictions for vehicular assault were not supported by sufficient evidence.

But the appeals court rejected his argument.

“With the exception of appellant’s own testimony that he was not reckless, but merely negligent, there is no conflicting testimony regarding the events on the day of the crash. The evidence demonstrated slowing and stopped traffic, signage alerting drivers to a construction zone, and appellant’s (Nastal) high rate of speed, inappropriate for the circumstances,” the appeals court wrote. “Significantly, appellant kept his cruise control engaged, set at 60 miles per hour, up until seconds before he crashed into traffic. Appellant’s claim that he did not perceive the circumstances...does not negate the evidence of recklessness.

“It is clear that, while speed does not always equal recklessness, the evi-

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Good day for a run

Joe Sparks, of Perrysburg, took advantage of the warm weather last Wednesday, March 30, when temperatures reached over 70 degrees. Temperatures quickly dropped the following day. Sparks had just finished teaching a yoga class at the Eastern YMCA when he decided to take a run at Pearson Metropark. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon OKs bid to renovate space in police division

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Oregon City Council on Monday approved a purchase order to Lakeside Interior Contractors, Perrysburg, for the renovation of the records and former dispatch center in the Oregon Police Division.

With the recent consolidation of dispatch, the police department is renovating the old dispatch center to repurpose the area.

“When dispatch vacated the room that they were in, that left us with some open space to rework,” said Police Chief Brandon Begin. “We will move the records section to a bigger area to accommodate for that, and redo the whole records department section to make it a more usable space for us. We just want to get this space more usable for what we need.”

During the 2022 budget meetings, the renovation was discussed, with some funds set aside for the project.

Three quotes were submitted, according to Begin: Lakeside, at \$49,500, Rudolph Libbe Inc., for \$60,000; and Buehrer Group for a range of \$200,000 to \$240,000 with an additional cost of \$16,000 for architectural and engineering design.

Lakeside submitted the lowest combined quote to complete the full renovation.

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In an effort to diminish the overall cost of the project, all of the demolition work has been completed by the Oregon Street Department. A part of the renovations requires the installation of two electronic card readers to tie into the city’s existing card reader system with Asset Protection Corporation (APC). In addition to the Lakeside quote of \$49,500, APC’s quote was \$7,925. Only one quote was sought for the card reader work, as the card readers have to tie into the current card reader system in the City of Oregon. It brings the overall total for the project to \$57,425.

Councilman Steve Hornyak asked about the expense of the project.

“We did appropriate funding for this in the budget. Did the scope of work change?” asked Hornyak, referring to the wide difference in quotes from the Buehrer Group and Lakeside.

“It did not,” said Begin. “The original quote that we got was for over \$200,000 from the Buehrer Group for the same type of repairs. When we went through the budget process last year, it was the only quote we had. We knew if we were going to do it cheaper, we would have to accommodate and do less with the space. When we went with Lakeside and got other quotes from other companies, Lakeside came in with something very similar to what we wanted to do in that original quote. So that’s why there’s a price difference.”

Also at the meeting, council:
• Accepted a purchase order from BP-Husky Refining, LLC, to provide traffic control services through the Oregon Police Division.

BP-Husky Refining LLC plans to use Oregon Police Officers for traffic control services for one of their projects.

The City of Oregon Police Division will be reimbursed for direct costs.

“They’re doing a large shut down and retooling that will be going on until at least June,” said Begin. “It requires multiple of-

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Quote of The Week

As for the rest of us, at least a little “prepping” is definitely in order.

Thomas L. Knapp
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Fatal crash

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It is clear that, while speed does not always equal recklessness, the evidence in this case demonstrated more than speed.

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dence in this case demonstrated more than speed. Eyewitness testimony and data recovered from the vehicle confirmed that appellant drove his truck without regard for the circumstances. He entered a stretch of slowed and stopped traffic with a heavy load and with his cruise control engaged, and only attempted to slow in the seconds preceding the crash. Even if the jury believed the appellant's claim that he never perceived the circumstances, the jury could have considered appellant's extreme inattention, while operating a truck with the mass and momentum of a 70,000 lb. load at a high rate of speed, as exhibiting 'heedless indifference to the consequences' and disregarding 'a substantial and unjustifiable risk,' considering the circumstances.”

After the common pleas court jury reached a verdict but before the court held a sentencing hearing, Nastal filed a motion for acquittal, arguing a lack of evidence of reckless conduct to support the convictions for vehicular assault. He contended the jury was inconsistent in finding no reckless conduct in the three misdemeanor charges but finding the same conduct reckless as to the felony charges.

The court denied the motion.



Support for Ukraine

Fran Cary, a returned Peace Corp Volunteer who was in Ukraine, stands with the Ukrainian flag at the Hungarian Club, East Toledo. The flag was flown during an event at the club as a show of solidarity with Ukraine. A GoFundMe page for Ukraine can be found at <https://gofund.me/9d340ee5>. (Submitted photo)

OneOhio funding

Wood County will host a meeting April 11 to discuss the OneOhio plan and opportunities for distribution of settlement funds from State opioid litigation settlements. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the county commissioners' hearing room in the county courthouse complex in Bowling Green.

Political subdivisions and agencies interested in seeking funding through the OneOhio Foundation Board are strongly encouraged to attend. The process to submit funding proposals and the by-laws for Region 17 will be discussed.

Under the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding, Wood County is part of Region 17 which includes Sandusky, Seneca, Hancock, Crawford, Hardin, Ottawa, and Wyandot Counties. The regional board will receive and evaluate local funding proposals in order to make recommendations to the OneOhio State Foundation Board.

Commissioner Ted Bowlus will represent the interests of Wood County and its local governments and agencies on the board.

For information, contact Andrew S. Kalmar, Wood County Administrator.

Park grants available

The Park District of Ottawa County is pleased to announce a grant opportunity for Ottawa County political subdivisions, public schools, and public libraries to apply for funding in order to offer greater access to outdoor recreation opportunities. Grant projects are required to provide improvements to public outdoor recreation facilities, green spaces, and/or trails located all or part in Ottawa County.

The Board of Park Commissioners has approved up to \$200,000 in funds for the grant program. Digital applications are available online at www.ottawacountyparksoh.org or by e-mailing Jannah Wilson at jwilson@ottawacountyparksoh.org.

Interested applicants may also make an appointment to pick up a paper copy by contacting the district office at 419-707-4051. Completed applications must be submitted no later than May 25 at 4:30 p.m. Entities will be notified of grant approval status by June 30. This is a reimbursement program, funds will be dispersed after the project is completed and proper documentation is submitted.

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Turnpike commission OKs \$233 million in improvements

By Press Staff Writer

Several projects in the local stretch of the Ohio Turnpike are included in the \$233 million capital budget for 2022 approved last week by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.

The projects include:

-A new weigh-in motion system at a milepost location in Ottawa County.

-In addition to new toll plazas on the mainline, Toll Plaza 64 in Wood County will be expanded with the construction of concrete toll islands, toll booths and canopies to relieve traffic congestion.

-Twenty interchanges, from Toll Plaza 52 to Toll Plaza 209 (Lucas, Wood, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, and Trumbull counties), will be upgraded with new tolling equipment, including the installation of new toll payment machines, cameras, and computer cabinets.

-Weigh-in motion systems, including pavement motion sensors to weigh trucks travelling at highway speeds and detect over-

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The Highway Patrol will be conducting speed enforcement, including aerial enforcement, in work zones...during the construction season.
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weight vehicles, will be installed at milepost 79.8 in Ottawa County and 141.1 in Lorain County.

The commission also approved four resurfacing projects to replace asphalt, upgrade guardrails and other road work.

All three lanes and shoulders from

milepost 73.95 to 80.5 in Wood, Ottawa, and Sandusky counties will be included in one project that is scheduled to start this month and be completed in October.

The Shelly Co. is the contractor for the project, which has an estimated cost of \$14.1 million.

Ferzan Ahmed, executive director of the turnpike commission, said with the start of the nine-month construction season, motorists should be cautious when driving around work zones.

There were 1,443 vehicle crashes in work zones on the turnpike from 2016-2020 – an average of 289 crashes each year, according to the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

“Speeding in work zones is a primary cause of crashes,” Ahmed said. “The Highway Patrol will be conducting speed enforcement, including aerial enforcement, in work zones...during the construction season.”

Penta Career Center to host Community Service Day

Penta Career Center will host a Community Service Day on Monday, April 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the school's Perrysburg Township campus, located at 9301 Buck Rd.

A variety of services will be offered free to veterans and active service members, and at a small cost for others.

Community Service Day is being held in honor of Penta's designation as a Purple Star School and in recognition of the Month of the Military Child.

Planned activities and services include:

• **Cut-A-Thon.** Cosmetology will offer simple haircuts, styles and basic manicures. (\$5 minimum donation for non-military members). Proceeds raised will benefit the Wood County Fraternal Order of Police.

• **Tire Checks and Basic Car Washes.** Automotive Technology students will set up drive-through stations near the Penta Greenhouse.

• **American Flag Retirement.** Residents can drop off their old, worn American flags at Penta's main entrance to be properly retired by firefighter students and staff.

• **Clothing Drive.** Sponsored by the Inventory & Warehouse Operations program, the drive will collect adult clothing and shoes in clean, wearable condition. No undergarments accepted. Clothing do-

notated will be used to stock Penta's on-campus closet for students who have clothing needs. Also, some clothing will be donated to Vietnam Veterans of America.

For more information about Community Service Day, call 419-666-1120.

Mercy hiring event

Mercy Health will host a hiring event on Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mercy College of Ohio. The event is open to anyone seeking to work in healthcare, but with special emphasis on high school and transfer students looking to work while pursuing an education.

Those attending will learn about the education benefits Mercy Health offers hospital employees. Benefits now extend to part-time employees, including those actively pursuing a degree. All tuition expenses for Mercy Health associates pursuing nursing at Mercy College are paid in full, and assistance is provided for all Mercy College programs. Entry-level positions at Mercy Health include nursing support, housekeeping, dietary/food service, patient transport, and more.

Information about Mercy College's various options for nursing and allied health programs and campus tours will be available.

The event will be held in the sixth floor Hanson Learning Commons on the Mercy Campus, 2200 Jefferson Ave., Toledo.

Participants should bring multiple copies of their resumes, if they have one, and

be prepared to interview. Representatives will be available to help create resumes for those who need one. Masks will be required.

Guests who bring a friend to the event will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card.

Aspire Program accepting students

The Vanguard Sentinel Aspire Program is accepting students in Fremont, Oak Harbor and Port Clinton.

Free Aspire classes are available for adults interested in obtaining a GED or improving basic skills in preparation for college, a career, an apprenticeship, a certificate training program or additional workforce training.

Classes help students improve reading, math, writing, and basic skills. Orientation to the Aspire program is required before enrollment in classes. Attend orientation to set goals, complete placement testing and develop an individualized learning plan.

Upcoming orientation dates include:

• Fremont – Vanguard Adult Workforce Development Center, 9 a.m. or 5 p.m. April 19 and 21, May 3 and 5 and June 7 and 9.

• Oak Harbor – Ottawa County Resource Centre, 9 a.m., April 5 and 7, May 3 and 5 and June 7 and 9.

Call the Vanguard Adult Workforce Development Center at 419-334-6901, ext. 2700 to register or obtain more information.

WCCOA to offer home repair series

The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) will present a three-part series, “Spring Home Repairs? Learn How to Work with Contractors,” at the Wood County Senior Center, 140 S. Grove St., Bowling Green.

The programs will take a comprehensive look at the homeowner/contractor relationship and provide tips for ensuring a home repair project goes smoothly. Panelists will include contractors, attorneys and consumer advocates.

• Part I: What Can Go Wrong? Tuesday, April 5, 4:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about common issues and legal basics. Bowling Green City Councilmember Rachel Phipps will moderate the discussion.

• Part II: Bidding and Contracting, Tuesday, April 19, 4:30 p.m. Consider best practices for obtaining quotes and what a contract should include. Lisa Myers, a social worker with WCCOA, will moderate the discussion.

• Part III: Q & A with Contractors, Tuesday, May 3, at 4:30 p.m. Hear directly from contractors and learn about their expectations of clients.

Advance registration is required by calling the WCCOA Programs Department at 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or email programs@wcco.net.

For information on WCCOA programs and services, visit wcco.net.

Church welcomes ministry April 7

Ashland Church, 2350 Starr Ave., will host Dennis Karp, of Chosen People Ministries, on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. to engage attendees in an understanding of the “Shema.”

The prayer begins in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

It is prayed twice daily by Jewish people and is foundational for all people of the Jewish and Christian faiths. Karp will explain and demonstrate how the Shema is prayed and its meaning for today.

The public is welcome to the free event. A love offering will be received for the Chosen People Ministries.

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cers per day in the morning and evening for traffic control services. This is a purchase order for reimbursement for those officers to be out there as a special detail.”

•Entered into an amended agreement with Toledo Refining Company, LLC, to provide traffic control services through the Oregon Police Division on an as-needed basis, and reimbursed.

Toledo Refining Company, LLC, wants to use Oregon police officers for traffic control services at and around their property.

The Oregon Police Division will be reimbursed for direct costs based on actual activity completed.

“This is pretty much the same as with BP,” said Begin. “But it’s for Toledo Refining Company. We have no set timeline to do any traffic control details with them. This is a three year contract with wage increases over those three years to provide traffic control services and safety services in and around Toledo Refining.”

•Approved a purchase order to Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Findlay, to provide maintenance and repair services for fire engines and tower ladders. Atlantic Emergency Solutions specializes in all areas of repair for Pierce fire engines and tower ladders, and is needed when the re-

pairs require service outside of the scope of practice of the local vendor. Atlantic Emergency Solutions is the sole vendor in the area that can perform all repairs

“The vast majority of our trucks are manufactured by Pierce,” said Fire Chief Denny Hartman. “It’s for repairs that are manufacture-specific that can be handled locally.”

Council President Tim Zale said he was concerned the ordinance didn’t have a cost attached to it.

“Is there a threshold of expense that has to be approved by council?” asked Zale. “Because of the nature of the contract” said City Administrator Mike Beazley, “we wanted to get this approved so they can go out and get that work done. Ultimately, it has to be within the budget. If it’s outside of that, we’ll come back and get council’s approval.”

•Issued a purchase order to DMC Technology Group Inc., Toledo, for the purchase of a license for Microsoft 365 Commerce for \$29,754 to be used for the City of Oregon and Oregon Municipal Court. The city is currently operating Microsoft Office 365. The Microsoft license will give city employees the most updated Microsoft office products on computers. The current licenses are on a month-to-month license agreement.



Wind damage

Heavy winds on Thursday, March 31, caused a utility pole to shear off on State Route 2 between Cousino and Decant roads. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

Ottawa County: Business survey is underway

According to the Business Retention and Expansion Program at The Ohio State University Extension, existing businesses create 60-80 percent of new jobs.

To foster an environment in which local companies can flourish, the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Ottawa County Improvement Corp. are conducting a survey of businesses, asking them to rate the county’s infrastructure, taxes, public services and other features.

The survey is the first step in the chamber of commerce and improvement corporation implementing a retention and expansion program and forming an on-going

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economic development plan.

The survey asks respondents if they believe the cost of doing business in the county is acceptable, low or high for rent expenses, taxes, environmental regulations, utility and permit costs, and health care insurance and workers compensation.

The survey also asks them to rate roads, water and sewer service, telecom and high speed access, public transportation, fire and police service, school systems, road repairs, air service, zoning processes and other services.

In the survey, business owners will be able to list their needs and concerns that

could be addressed by local government or local private entities and to cite their reasons for locating or keeping their businesses in the county.

“A BRE program involves a dialogue with local businesses to better understand their issues and concerns. Such efforts can show the community’s appreciation for business contributions and enable local leadership to identify economic development strategies informed by local business as well as inform the community at large about individual and community-wide business concerns,” the OSU community development website says.

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Legislature considers expanding medical marijuana program

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The list of conditions qualifying for medical marijuana use would be significantly expanded if a bill pending in the Ohio legislature becomes law.

Senator Steve Huffman, the bill's sponsor, said it's time to "make some improvements to the program" in his testimony to the House Government Oversight Committee.

According to Sen. Huffman, "The bill would expand the list of qualifying conditions for medical marijuana to include: autism spectrum disorder, arthritis, migraines, terminal illness and treatment of any other medical condition determined by a licensed physician.

"The bill would also expand the methods medical marijuana may be dispensed to include: pills, capsules, suppositories, oral pouches, oral strips, oral or topical sprays, salves, lotions, and inhalation. It will still prohibit a user from smoking it or home growing it on their own."

He was also a sponsor of the bill authorizing the use of medical marijuana in the state five years ago. That bill largely placed the state's medical marijuana pro-

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gram under regulatory authority of both the State Board of Pharmacy and Department of Commerce.

The pharmacy board was charged with registering patients and caregivers and licensing retail dispensaries while the commerce department issued licenses to medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and testing labs and the medical board issued certificates to physicians.

"Today, 216,471 patients have become registered for medical marijuana and only 131,536 have both an active registration and an active recommendation. Six hundred and thirty-seven physicians have been granted certificates to recommend. Medical

marijuana also costs Ohio patients about \$310 an ounce, which is much higher than any other surrounding state. This legislation aims to guide the program in a way that is business friendly and create greater access for patients at a lower cost," Sen. Huffman told the committee.

The bill would move regulation of dispensaries from the pharmacy board to the commerce department's newly created Division of Marijuana Control.

"Moving the program essentially under the supervision of the Department of Commerce should simplify the compliance process for businesses within the industry," he said. "The Board of Pharmacy would still be responsible for tracking medical marijuana in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System. The State Medical Board would continue to issue certifications to recommend to physicians and retain the ability to add qualifying medical conditions to the program."

Louis Tobin, executive director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, said his organization is opposed to removing oversight from the pharmacy board.

"Marijuana remains a Schedule 1 controlled substance and should therefore remain subject to oversight by the State Board of Pharmacy. When the original

medical marijuana legislation was enacted in 2016 the legislation was promoted to our association as a good idea because it would be carefully and tightly regulated. Now, Senate Bill 261 would undo, at least partially, that regulation," he told the committee.

He said the bill is "simply another step toward recreational use marijuana."

The bill has already passed in the Senate. The House committee has held three hearings on the bill.

Sen. Huffman said 57 provisional licensees have received their certificate of operation for a dispensary, meaning there are currently 6,000 registered patients for every dispensary in the state. The bill would permit the Division of Marijuana Control to reach a ratio of at least one retail dispensary per 1,000 registered patients up to the first 300,000 patients and on an as-needed basis after that – to be evaluated once every two years.

The Division of Marijuana Control would also be responsible for determining which criminal offenses would no longer disqualify an applicant from holding a retail dispensary license if the applicant was convicted or pled guilty to an offense more than five years prior to filing an application.

Free weather safety seminar planned

The public is invited to attend a free weather safety seminar sponsored by the Lake Township Police Department, in conjunction with its Neighborhood Watch program.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at the Lake Township Hall, 27975 Cummings Rd., Millbury.

WTVG chief meteorologist Jay Berschback will present the hourlong program, which will include a question-and-answer session.

Police Chief Mark Hummer noted this year's program will be a restart of an annual event that was suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ever since we initiated the Neighborhood Watch program, we have offered this training in the springtime," Hummer said. "Things have changed over

the last 12 years since the deadly tornado struck the township in June 2010, and we want our area residents to have the most up-to-date information on tornado and severe storm safety."

The June 2010 EF4 tornado killed seven people and caused heavy property damage in Lake Township. It touched down first in Moline before touching down again in Millbury. Along the way, it heavily damaged the township police department building and Lake High School.

"People who lived in this area at that time are keenly aware of how dangerous storms can be," Hummer said. "We want our residents to be as safe as they can be, so we offer this seminar before the peak of the storm season."

Pre-registration is required. For more info, call Ron Craig, the police department's community policing officer and crime prevention officer, at 419-481-6354.

Obituaries

Obituary

Sharon R. Hess

January 2, 1940 – March 24, 2022

Sharon R. Hess, 82, of Oak Harbor, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, Thursday, March 24, 2022. Sharon was born January 2, 1940 in Toledo, Ohio to John and Helen (Brant) Yohnke. In 1957, she graduated from Waite High School. On February 3, 1962, she married David Hess. Sharon worked as a secretary and clerk before becoming a homemaker for her five children and husband while he was on the road for work. In later years, Sharon was an active volunteer with ETCO (East Toledo Community Organization) for over 10 years. She enjoyed volunteering with Riverside Hospital in transport where she was offered a position in the Radiology department as a unit secretary from 1985-2002. She transitioned to St. Anne's Mercy Hospital retiring in 2006, allowing her to spend more time participating in her grandchildren's sporting events, fair events, and travel with her husband. Sharon was known for her famous rice pudding, Christmas Eve chicken noodle soup served with a side of ketchup, and her Jiggs dinner to anyone who showed up. In 1976 Calvary Church gave Sharon along with other church members the honor of making the Bicentennial celebratory 10-foot Apple Pie, it was 100% edible!

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 60 years, David, children; Tamra (Lee) Hanely, David (Lynn) Hess, Boone (Karen) Hess, Wendy (Jeff) Young, and Darin (Barb) Hess, grandchildren; Jennie (Aaron) Pierson, Byron Atkinson, Justin (Jaime) Atkinson, Eric Hanely, Kelsey (Blair) Hall, Jessica Hess, Lindsey (Dillon) Stiger, Logan (Alex) LaPointe, Jaclynn (Phil) Blazek, Trevor Hanely, Jacob Groesser, Jordan Hess, Julie Young, Rachael Young, along with 8 great-grandchildren and 3 on the way, sister; Marvene Whitmore along with loved and cherished adopted son Tom (Mary) Flowers. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents and granddaughter, Taylor Hess.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 31, 2022. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Sunshine Children's Home. Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.



Obituary

Mary M. Batchman

April 18, 1938 – March 22, 2022

Mary M. Batchman, 83, of Oregon, OH, died Tuesday, March 22, 2022 in Ottawa County Riverview. Mary was born on April 18, 1938 to Walter and Ruth Manz. She married Robert Batchman in 1957 and he preceded her in death. Mary worked many years as a school bus driver and also at Maumee Bay State Park. After retiring from Oregon City Schools, Mary enjoyed playing softball and volleyball, watching all types of sports, walking miles with her Labrador, traveling, and caring for her yard.

Survivors include daughter; Cindy Alspach, Venice FL, son; Scott Batchman, Medina OH, grandson; Kristophor Alspach, granddaughters; Amy and Aaron Batchman, dearest niece; Sandy Volschow, nephews; John and Jerry Wodrich, and great-nieces; Erin and Jacki. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, son; Ross Batchman, grandson; Brian Batchman, sister; Carolyn Wodrich, and brother; Jerry Manz.

Per Mary's wishes there will be no visitation or services. The family requests that any donations in remembrance of Mary be made to the Oregon Fire Department in honor of son Ross who was a volunteer fireman, or to an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

The family wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to the exceptional staff at Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus who went above and beyond each and every day in caring for Mary. Arrangements entrusted to Freck Funeral Chapel.



Obituary

Louis Takacs

November 3, 1944 – March 11, 2022



Louis Takacs, 78 of Oregon, Ohio passed away in his residence on Friday, March 11, 2022. Louie was born in Kaposfo, Hungary on November 3, 1944 to Louis and Margaret (Fazekas) Takacs. Louie came to the United States in 1957 after fleeing Hungary with his mother during the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Louie attended St. Stephen Catholic School and graduated from Waite High School in 1963. Louie and his wife, Cheryl, ran and operated their family store, Takacs Meat Market for over 32 years until their son Louie took over the business. Louie and Cheryl also owned and currently manage apartment complexes in the Oregon Area. Louie took pride in his family and spent his life devoted to his darling wife, children, and grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife of 58 years, Cheryl, Louis is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Jim & Mary Takacs, Jerry & Katalin Takacs; mother, Margaret Takacs; grandchildren, Jamie, Jessica (Justin), Ashlyn, Katelynn, James, Darren; and sister, Margie (Ted) Peacock. He was preceded in death by his father, Louis Takacs, Sr.; son, Louis Ronald Takacs; and grandson, Austin Takacs.

As per Louie's wishes private family visitation and services were held at Eggleston Meinert & Pavley, Oregon Chapel, 440 S. Coy Road followed by internment at St. Ignatius Cemetery. Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Louie's favorite charity, The American Red Cross which assisted his mother and him after fleeing Hungary and coming to the States or to the donor's choice.

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Canner dial gauge testing

As the food preservation season approaches, those who use pressure canner dial gauges are reminded that gauges should be checked each year to ensure accuracy for food safety.

Katie Schlagheck, an Ohio State University family and consumer sciences educator, is conducting four special pressure canner testing dates.

Testing will be available April 14 and May 24 from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Sandusky County OSU Extension office, 2000 Countryside Dr., Fremont; and April 15 and June 1 from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Ottawa County OSU Extension office, 240 W Lake St., Oak Harbor.

The cost is \$5 per gauge tested. The process will take about 10 minutes. Participants need to bring the dial gauge and may bring the entire canner if desired.

Those who cannot make any of the dates may call 419-898-3631 in Ottawa County or 419-334-6340 in Sandusky County or drop off at gauges either location during business hours for testing.

New sign in Elmore

The Elmore Kiwanis Club has installed a new electronic community message sign on the corner of Toledo and Rice streets.

The new sign replaces an older letter board that needed letters placed manually with a long handled suction cup.

Volunteers fabricated an aluminum frame to stabilize the sign and village employees took down the old sign, which was given to the Elmore Historical Society, and attached the new sign and frame to the pole while connecting the electricity.

Alvin Roepke, of Vision Quest, fashioned the "Elmore Kiwanis Club" with the International Kiwanis logo above the sign.

The new sign will also be a message board for community events. Sign requests can be made in writing at the Harris-Elmore Public Library where policy guidelines are available.

- Veronica A. Almaraz, 1315 Utah, Toledo, 30 days Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO), 30 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Indonesia Jean Frison, 3806 E. Manhattan, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 29 days suspended, \$337 court costs and fines, theft.
- Siffany Lynnita Marie Davis, 1023 Artis, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 80 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Joshua Ryan Millimen, 721 Vinton, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 13 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, domestic violence.
- Fidel Almarez, 5044 Seaman, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct public intoxication.
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- Alfonso Sifuentez, 1202 Nevada, Toledo, 10 days CCNO, \$347 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Daniel J. Stratton, 1608 Ironwood, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, improperly handling firearms.
- Daniel J. Stratton, 1608 Ironwood, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$556 court costs and fines, physical control under the influence.
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- Pamela S. Davis, 11960 Reubens, Curtice, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Sarah B. Friess, 654 Weston, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- James Vandiver, 331 Torch, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$197 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct public intoxication.
- Esmeralda Blanca Ramirez, 845 Utah, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 60 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Bradley Garrett Preston, 12336 Lafontaine, Curtice, \$197 court costs and fines, use, possession, or sale of drug paraphernalia.
- Tim Alan Gantt, 19 Nevada, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 60 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.
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- 180 days CCNO, 161 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.
- Alexus V Flores, 2241 W. Laskey, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Long T. Tran, 6800 Skies Ridge, Cincinnati, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, theft.
- Luke Matthew Short, 525 Dexter, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 135 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, assault.
- Luke Matthew Short, 525 Dexter, 180 days CCNO, 135 days suspended, \$250 court costs and fines, assault.
- Luke Matthew Short, 525 Dexter, 90 days CCNO, 45 days suspended, \$200 court costs and fines, resisting arrest.
- Cody Lyle-John Harris, 1119 Miami, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, endangering children.
- Michael Chase Lutz, 2512 Skagway, Northwood, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, obstructing official business.
- Kevin Marice Harris, 1663 Nebraska, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, theft.
- Jason Michael Adamczewski, 1765 Lagundovie, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 180 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, falsification.
- Russell J. Miller, 158 N. Goodrich, Oregon, 90 days CCNO, 85 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, obstructing official business.
- Ernest Lee Rasar, 1054 Mambriano, Oregon, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, criminal trespass.
- Amanda Monhollen, 1505 Pemberville, Northwood, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Anastasiona Lavanna Jackson, 459 W. Poinsetta, Toledo, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Candace Lee Werley, 1225 Utah, Toledo, 180 days CCNO, 177 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$556 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Russell James Miller, 158 N. Goodrich, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 150 days suspended, license suspended two years, \$906 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Joshua Thomas Nero, 3555 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 170 days suspended, license suspended one year, \$706 court costs and fines, operating a motor vehicle under the influence.
- Amr Mohammad Shaheen, homeless, unknown address, 30 days CCNO, \$247 court costs and fines, criminal trespass.
- Amr Mohammad Shaheen, homeless, unknown address, 60 days CCNO, \$297 court costs and fines, criminal mischief set fire on land.
- Sylvia D. Stewart, 1336 Clay, Toledo, \$172 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Courtney Yvonne Engelkes, 609 Chestnut, Toledo, \$197 court costs and fines, disorderly conduct.
- Ashley Nicole Cain, 2074 Tracy, Northwood, 90 days CCNO, 90 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Joshua Thomas Nero, 3555 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 142 days suspended, \$397 court costs and fines, attempt to commit an offense.
- Joshua Thomas Nero, 3555 Pickle, Oregon, 180 days CCNO, 142 days suspended, \$300 court costs and fines, possession of a controlled substance.
- Jammie L. Babiuch, 1726 Bond, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$347 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Alice Billegas, 1014 Greenwood, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Patricia Ann Shaughnessy, 835 Lorain, Toledo, 30 days CCNO, 30 days suspended, \$297 court costs and fines, unauthorized use of property.
- Giordano Marte McCaskill, 967 East Broadway, Toledo, \$297 court costs and fines, firearm in vehicle.

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If life is good why are so many struggling?

Life is a journey that is comprised of a variety of circumstances, situations, and experiences. We all experience a mix of joy and sorrow, elation and disappointment, the expected and unexpected, and good and bad.

In spite of the obstacles, bumps, and detours, the journey is a good one. You have awesome potential. Within you is the capacity to successfully navigate throughout your journey.

You have the ability to improve and grow throughout your life. You can learn from your mistakes, change course as needed and liberate yourself from your past. You are free to choose your thoughts and determine the habits you develop.

Life is good because you have the freedom to get whatever you want from it. There are no limitations imposed on you. If you are not happy with your situation, you can change it. If you feel you are on the wrong track, you can alter directions. When you find your calling, you can focus your energy and efforts on it.

Life is good because we have a gift of abundance. There is no shortage of food, shelter, and clothing. Many amenities are readily available. You have more choices and options than at any other time in history.

But if life is so good, why do some people struggle? One reason is that we get spoiled. We have a continual appetite for more without fully appreciating what we



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

already have. We get jealous of others and compare ourselves to some external standard.

Another reason is the affliction of negative thinking. Believing that life is bad, there are no opportunities, there is never enough, and that there are limitations, create a self-fulfilling prophecy. If you don't see potential, there is no chance of realizing it.

Movies, TV, newspapers, and magazines depict fantasy lifestyles, that when compared to our own lives, can cause people to feel inadequate or unfulfilled. When this happens, our focus shifts from how much we really have to a perception of lack when compared to fantasy portrayed as reality.

There is always room for personal growth and improvement. Yet many people focus on external acquisitions as a way to gauge the quality of life. This is a real shame because it causes people to live a life of dissatisfaction rather than being thankful for how good their life actually is.

Every day is a good day. If you doubt this, try skipping a one. Some days have

more challenges than others. All challenges have solutions, and all problems fade with time. No one's life is perfect but everyone has the freedom to overcome obstacles.

There are many world events that cause stress and concern. Yet life is still good. If you don't think life is good, you will feel depressed. In a depressed state of mind, your ability to achieve your goals and solve problems is greatly diminished. Living in a negative state for an extended period of time creates a downward spiral that builds its own momentum. So a belief in the goodness of life provides you with an abundance of advantages.

Help yourself realize the good in your life by helping others to find the good in their lives. One of the best ways to motivate yourself is by giving someone else a mental boost. When you help another person to feel happy you can't help but feel happy yourself.

I've just scratched the surface in mentioning the basics that make life good. There's no doubt that you can find a long list of good things in your situation. Focus on the good and you charge your batteries. Focus on the negative and you deplete your energy and taint your outlook.

Make an inventory of all that is good in your life. Often people are surprised by how much richer they are than they realized. Review your inventory frequently to remind yourself of the good you have.

Crack down on oligarchs, on U.S. tax havens

By Chuck Collins

As part of the sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, the United States and its European partners are cracking down on Russian oligarchs. They're freezing assets and tracking the yachts, private jets, and luxury real estate holdings of these Russian billionaires.

"I say to the Russian oligarchs and the corrupt leaders who bilked billions of dollars off this violent regime: no more," Biden said in his State of the Union address. "We are coming for your ill-begotten gains."

Targeting Russia's elites, who have stolen trillions from their own people, is an important strategy to pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin, who himself may be among the wealthiest people on the planet.

But the U.S. faces a major obstacle in this effort: Our own country has become a major destination tax haven for criminal and oligarch wealth from around the world and not just Russians.

While European Union countries have been increasing transparency and cracking down on kleptocratic capital, the United States is a laggard. As the Pandora Papers disclosed last year, the U.S. has become a weak link in the fight against global corruption.



Guest Editorial

Delaware, the state President Biden represented in the Senate for 36 years, is the premiere venue for anonymous limited liability companies that don't have to disclose who their real beneficial owners are, even to law enforcement. And South Dakota is the home for billionaires creating dynasty trusts, where they can park wealth outside the reach of tax authorities for generations.

Even U.S. charities, as my IPS colleague Helen Flannery wrote recently, have received billions from Russian oligarchs, helping to sanitize their reputations.

Global wealth is flooding into the United States, especially in luxury real estate. In February, the New York Post did an expose on the luxury real estate holdings of Russian oligarchs in the Big Apple. But oligarchs hide their wealth in real estate all over the country, as well as art, cryptocurrency, and jewelry.

This vast wealth-hiding apparatus would not exist without an enormous en-

abling class of lawyers, accountants, and wealth managers. These "wealth defense industry" professionals are the agents of inequality, the facilitators of the wealth disappearing act. This class of professionals uses their considerable political clout to block reforms.

The first step in fixing the hidden wealth system is ownership transparency requiring the disclosure of beneficial ownership in real estate, trusts, and companies and corporations.

But we should also shine a spotlight on the wealth defense industry. Days after the release of the Pandora Papers, U.S. lawmakers introduced the ENABLERS Act, which would require such attorneys, wealth managers, real estate professionals, and art dealers to report suspicious activity. The attention on Russian oligarchs has revived interest in this legislation.

If the U.S. wants to clamp down on Russian oligarchs, the first step is to get our own house in order.

Chuck Collins directs the Program on Inequality at the Institute for Policy Studies. He's the author of The Wealth Hoarders: How Billionaires Pay Millions to Hide Trillions. This op-ed was adapted from Inequality.org and distributed by OtherWords.org.

Letters

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Power grab by state legislature?

To the editor: Our country was founded on the principles of opportunity, individual freedom and less government control. The ideals of less government and free markets have been successful strategies in American competitiveness for more than 200 years.

Yet Ohio lawmakers are considering legislation - Ohio House Bill 235, that could tip the scales, choose winners and losers and allow for additional government control.

House Bill 235 would write into law specific hiring practices for privately-owned oil refineries, limiting who they can hire by mandating ratios of apprentice-trained employees. Even more concerning, it would establish a precedent in law to allow for future government control and overreach in any industry. No matter if it is a refinery or a lemonade stand, the government has no business mandating private employers hire certain employees in specified quotas. Today it is refineries, but tomorrow it could be any other industry if we let House Bill 235 pass.

Adding insult to injury, HB 235 hides

a government power-grab behind the guise of improved safety and worker training. In reality, refineries are already highly regulated for safety at the local, state and federal levels. In 2020, the Ohio injury and illness incidence rates for petroleum and coal products manufacturing was 5th lowest of all manufacturing industries at only 1.4 cases per 100 full time workers, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In contrast, food manufacturing in Ohio more than doubled that rate at 3.5 cases per 100 and the forging and stamping sector ranked at 5 cases per 100 employees, which is triple the rate found in the fuel refining sector. It is abundantly clear that safety is merely a false pretense for forced unionization in this bill.

HB 235 is essentially a backdoor attempt at forced unionization, creating government-mandated quotas of employees who must have attended approved apprenticeship programs, at a time when Ohio faces crippling workforce shortages.

According to Apprentice Ohio, a publicly funded council that tracks apprenticeships in Ohio, there were 12,932 active construction apprentices in Ohio as of February of this year and 9,787 of those were union based, a 76 percent rate translates into a protected-status of more than

three-quarters of the job opportunities. While the bill claims to prioritize worker safety and education, it in fact favors pro-union interests more than traditional tradesmanship, on-the-job experience and practical training.

Quotas, bureaucracy and burdensome compliance costs do nothing to improve worker safety and ultimately translate to higher prices. As gas prices are increasing, additional mandates will cost all of us at the pump.

The indirect costs of HB 235 hinder free enterprise, limit energy independence and punish private business, while giving a free pass to unions and increasing bureaucracy. We urge the legislature to say no to more government mandates, say no to forced unionization and vote no on House Bill 235.

By Steve Stivers, President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and **Pat Tiberi**, President and CEO of the Ohio Business Roundtable.

Editor's note: House Bill 235 has had four hearings before the House Commerce and Labor Committee. An analysis of the bill, known as the High Hazard Training Certification Act, is available on the committee's website.

Time for prepping

By Thomas Knapp

"President Joe Biden and other leaders of the world's major industrialized democracies pledged action on March 24 to address food shortages caused by Russia's war on Ukraine," Politico reports.

Biden says food shortages "are going to be real," although he seems to see them as an opportunity to increase U.S. grain production and food exports rather than a real threat to Americans' own well-being.

After a year of continuing his predecessor's "trade war" policies, Biden seems to be getting some free trade religion, which is nice, but he may be under-estimating the scope of the problem.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the US/EU/NATO sanctions response, doesn't just up-end the global supply of grain crops (Russia and Ukraine are both top exporters of wheat) and other foods.

As Reuters reports, it also affects the global supply of the fertilizers that power farming elsewhere. Russia is the world's top fertilizer exporter, followed by China, a top "trade war" target of the last few years.

What does this mean for Americans? Probably not starvation in the streets, but food prices are going to keep soaring, probably even more so than they have the last couple of years. More of our incomes will go to putting food on the table, and less to other things. We're getting, in a word, poorer.

If you had the foresight to go full "prepper" years ago, a basement full of freeze-dried meals, a large garden and annual canning operation, etc., good on you. Unless things escalate we're probably not looking at the apocalypse, but you've been vindicated nonetheless.

As for the rest of us, at least a little "prepping" is definitely in order. It's not too late to start stocking up on canned food before the next big price increase. And, if you have a yard or access to a community gardening space, to put some food in the ground for harvest later this year.

Personally, I've had gardening ambitions for years - I spent part of my childhood on a subsistence farm and enjoyed it - but until last week I limited myself to a little raised bed affair with some salad and stir fry items.

This week I invested in a tiller and an assortment of "heirloom" seeds, with the expectation of getting to work on a much larger garden next week. I'm fortunate to live on a full acre in northern Florida, where I can reasonably expect to get two growing seasons in this year.

If worse comes to worst, doubling up on the cans in your pantry and growing a little romaine for Caesar salads won't save your life. But if not, they'll save you some much-needed money in the harder days to come.

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Schedel Arboretum & Gardens to hold Easter celebration

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens will present an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, from noon-4 p.m. on the garden grounds, 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore.

Young egg hunters should bring their own baskets. The event is free, however donations of canned goods for the Elmore Food Bank are appreciated.

The egg hunts will be held at 1:15 and 1:45 p.m., rain or shine. Separate egg-hunting areas will be designed for different age groups between 1 and 12 years old.

The event will also include:

- Easter Bunny pics with Brittany P Photography.

- An Easter egg cookie decorating station.
- A game station presented by the Harris-Elmore Library.
- A petting station with chicks, bunnies and ducks.
- A coloring station.
- Face painting.
- Kona Ice shaved ice treats and Poppin' George Kettle Corn.

Event sponsors include North Branch Nursery, Inc., GenoaBank and Materion. Visit schedel-gardens.org for more details.

Ongoing events

Through May 1: "Living Legacies: Art of the American South," Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St. An exhibition featuring the museum's acquisitions of major works by African American artists from the southern United States. toledomuseum.org.

Through May 15: "Stan Douglas: Doppelgänger," Toledo Museum of Art's Canaday Gallery. The science fiction-inspired film centers around an astronaut named Alice who embarks on a solitary outer space mission. toledomuseum.org.

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

Through March 31, 2023: "Chameleon Effects: Glass (Un)Defined," Toledo Museum of Art's Wolfe Gallery Mezzanine. The exhibit brings together historical and contemporary works from TMA's collection to explore the spectrum of technical and formal



The Toledo Mud Hens kick off their 20th season at Fifth Third field at the season opener April 5 against the Rochester Red Wings. (Photo by Scott Grau)



possibilities of glass. toledomuseum.org.

Fridays and Saturdays: Toledo Museum of Art Glass Workshop, TMA Glass Pavilion, 2444 Monroe St. Fridays 6 or 7 p.m.; Saturdays 12, 1, 3 or 7 p.m. Learn to create a glass shamrock. \$30/members and \$40/nonmembers. Adults and children 14 and older. Registration required. tickets. toledomuseum.org.

Sundays through April: TMA Glass Workshop: Pick Your Own Project, TMA Glass Pavilion, Toledo, noon and 3 p.m. Pick from an apple, donut, flower and other options in this hands-on glassblowing workshop. Registration required. tickets. toledomuseum.org.

Saturdays through April: Indoor

Toledo Farmers Market, 525 Market St., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. toledofarmersmarket.com.

Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in April and May: Manor House Tours, Wildwood Metropark, 5100 Central Ave., Toledo. Tour the Manor House, a 30,000+ square foot, Georgian Colonial home formerly owned by the Stranahan family. Check metroparkstoledo.com for updates.

April events

April 1-2: 2nd Annual Toledo R/C Swap Meet, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Tickets available at the door. toledorcswapmeet.com.

April 2: Toledo Walleye vs. Indy Fuel, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

April 2, 8 and 10: "Our Town & Middletown," Toledo Repertoire Theatre, 16 10th St., Toledo. The Toledo Rep and Actors Collaborative Toledo present their first-ever joint repertory productions

with "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder and "Middletown," by Will Eno. toledorep.org.

April 3: Sandusky County Hawkeyes: Silhouette Shoot, Izaak Walton League, 2240 CR 170, Fremont, 10 a.m. All shooting is off hand with open sights, keeping alive the skills and traditions of the early American rifleman. 419 - 202 - 3101.

April 3: Toledo Walleye vs. Kalamazoo Wings, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 5:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

April 4: Cannaley Treehouse Tours, Oak Openings Preserve Beach Ridge Area, 3520 Waterville Swanton Rd., Swanton. All four treehouses, three tent platforms and the grounds will be open to tour. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide info. No reservations required. Free. Tours offered the first Monday of the month through August. metroparkstoledo.com.

April 4 - 7: Celebration of the Arts, Terra State Community College, 2830 Napoleon Rd., Fremont. A community showcase highlighting the work of Terra students and local artists and writers. On April 7, at 7 p.m., there will be a literature reading, musical performances, and digital media presentations in Terra's recital hall, room D - 122. Email aohoss01@terra.edu for info.

April 5: Toledo Mud Hens Opening Day, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo, 4 p.m. The Mud Hens will take on the Rochester Red Wings as they kick off the 20th season at Fifth Third Field. milb.com/Toledo.

April 5: "The Ten Tenors," Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., Toledo, 7:30 p.m. Broadway's greatest hits sung by 10 of Australia's hottest tenors. valentinetheatre.com.

April 6 and 7: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Rochester Red Wings, Fifth Third Field, Toledo, 6:35 p.m. milb.com/Toledo.

April 7-10: Holy Toledo Polka Days. The festival will feature the some of the top polka bands in the industry. For locations and schedule, visit holytoledopolkadays.com.

April 8-9: Prohibition and Bootlegger Tour, Toledo Spirits Co., 1301 N. Summit St., Toledo, 7-10 p.m. Hop on the 419 Brew Bus and hear stories of Prohibition and gangsters of Toledo and NW Ohio as

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April 9: Second Saturdays R 4 Kids, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. A drop-in event geared toward kids in K-3rd grade, but all ages are welcome to participate. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

April 9: Easter Egg & Candy Hunt, Adolphus Kraemer Park, Church St., Oak Harbor, 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. The event will begin with an egg hunt at the Log Cabin in Adolphus Kraemer Park, followed by a candy hunt downtown. Free. Open to children ages 12 and under. facebook.com/toledosymphony.com.

April 9: Actress and singer Bernadette Peters performs, Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo, 8 p.m. toledosymphony.com.

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

April 9, 10 and 16: Easter Bunny Hayride, Egg Hunt & Baby Animal Tour, Country Lane Tree Farm, 3525 N. Bolander Rd., Genoa, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit with the Easter Bunny; hold baby ducks, chicks and bunnies; take a pony ride; get a kiss from the kissing llamas and more. Take a hayride to the Easter Bunny's Egg Patch to collect eggs for candy prizes. All activities included in price. \$12 for ages 2-12, \$5 for ages 13 and up. countrylanetreefarm.com/easter_weekend.html.

April 10: Toledo Artists' Club "Meet the Artist," Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore, 2-4 p.m. schedel-gardens.org.

April 10: "Pout Pout Fish," Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., Toledo, 2 p.m. Turn the poutiest of frowns upside down in this new musical featuring whimsical puppets and live performers in a sweeping oceanic adventure. valentinetheatre.com.

April 10: Toledo Mud Hens host the Rochester Red Wings, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo, 2 p.m. milb.com/Toledo.

April 12: Fallen Timbers Battlefield Walk, Fallen Timbers Battlefield Visitors Center, 4949 Jerome Rd., Maumee, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$5 fee. facebook.com/events/880781196023720.

April 13: Sandusky County Historic Jail & Dungeon, Historical Tours, 622 Croghan St., Fremont, 5:30 p.m. The one-hour guided tour includes the historic 1892 Sandusky County jail that has ties to President Rutherford B. Hayes, the 1840's dungeon located underneath the Sandusky County Courthouse and the Gallows Exhibition Hall featuring the gallows used for the last hanging in Sandusky County. \$5. Tickets available at the door if not sold out. sanduskycounty.org.

April 13: Sandusky County Historic Jail & Dungeon, Flashlight Tours, 622 Croghan St., Fremont, 6:30 p.m. Hear the macabre stories of inmates who once paced the cellblock, some of whom are believed to still haunt them. Each guest will be loaned a flashlight to take on the tour. The tour lasts about one-hour and is not recommended for children. \$10. Tickets available at the door if not sold-out. sanduskycounty.org.

April 14: Tree Pruning with North Branch Nursery, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore, 6-7:30 p.m. Join Karen Himelhan from North Branch Nursery and learn the art of tree pruning. \$12.36. schedel-gardens.org.

April 14: Authors! Former Saturday Night Live cast member Molly Shannon, Stranahan Theater & Great Hall, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo, 7 p.m. Presented by the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. Shannon will discuss her book, "Hello, Molly!" Tickets are \$20, which includes a book. toledolibrary.org.

April 14: Shinedown - The Revolution

Tour, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 7 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

April 15: Animal Egg Hunt, Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Come see what enrichment treats the Easter Bunny dropped off for zoo animals. In addition, friends from Kinder Joy will be on the grounds with some fun activities and treats. toledozoo.org/egghunt.

April 15: Pulse Championship Boxing, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:45 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

April 15-16: Breakfast with the Bunny, Toledo Zoo & Aquarium, 2 Hippo Way, Toledo, 9-11 a.m. Guests can enjoy an exciting egg hunt, animal encounter and breakfast with the family, buffet style. For pricing and tickets, visit toledozoo.org/bunny.

April 16: Fremont Pigeon Club Show & Shop, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 8 a.m. Free. Presented by the Fremont Pigeon Club. 419-483-3484 or email larrygardner55@yahoo.com.

April 16: Easter Shop Hop Saturday! downtown Fremont. See the Easter Bunny at the Bunny House on the corner of Croghan and Front streets 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Also, visit local downtown businesses to find unique items to support shopping local. downtownfremontohio.org.

April 16: Hayes Easter Egg Roll, Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 2-3:30 p.m. Kids ages 3-10 are invited to participate in a variety of egg games that replicate the famous White House Easter Egg Roll started by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Prizes are awarded in six age categories, and each child receives a balloon and treats. Kids are asked to bring three hard-boiled colored eggs for use in the egg games. There will also be face painting, corn hole games, crafts and visits with the Easter Bunny. If there is inclement weather, egg games will be canceled, but other egg roll events will take place in the museum. rbhayes.org.

April 16: No Kids Allowed - Canoeing and Fishing, Side Cut Metropark, 1025 W. River Rd., Maumee, 3-5 p.m. Discover local aquatic wildlife through an afternoon of canoeing and fishing at Silver Lake. Dress to get wet and wear synthetic clothing,

old tennis shoes, water shoes or sandals. Boats, life jackets and other gear provided. \$15. Reservations required. facebook.com/events/314551373891864.

April 16: Toledo Walleye host Kalamazoo Wings, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowall-eye.com.

April 16: Fleetwood Gold - The Fleetwood Mac Experience, Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St. 7:30 p.m. maumeeindoor.com.

April 16: Adult Easter Egg Hunt, Downtown Fremont, 6-9 p.m. Come hunt more than 4,000 Easter eggs in downtown Fremont. Relay for Life and Downtown Fremont Inc. are sponsoring the event for all adults 21 and over who want to relive their childhood and grab some prizes too. downtownfremontohio.org.

April 16-17, April 29-30: Tour Ottawa Wildlife Drive, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, 14000 W SR 2, Oak Harbor. Enjoy the refuge from the comfort of your vehicle. The seven-mile, one-way gravel route begins from the overflow parking area. Entrance gate closes one hour prior to sunset. 419-898-0014, fws.gov/refuge/Ottawa.

April 19-21: Toledo Mud Hens host St. Paul Saints, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo, 6:35 p.m. milb.com/Toledo.

April 20: Chris Stapleton's All American Road Show, Huntington Center, 7 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

April 21: Say YES to FUN! Terra Neeley Center, 2830 Napoleon Rd., Fremont, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Ages 50 and over are welcome to join the Sandusky County Senior Coalition for a day of fun and learning about community resources for seniors. Lunch, fun and games are included in admission. Register by April 8 by calling 419-559-2166 or email learn@terra.edu.

April 22: Wine by the Glass Pavilion, Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion, 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 for members and \$50 general admission, plus tax. Theme: All Mixed Up: Best of Blends. toledomuseum.org/visit/events.

April 22: Toledo Mud Hens host St. Paul Saints, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo, 7:05 p.m. milb.com/Toledo.

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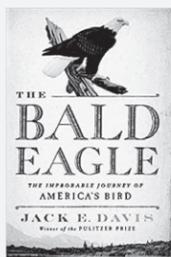
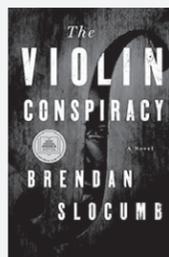
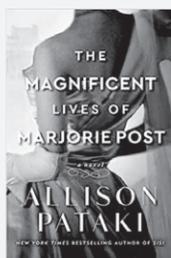
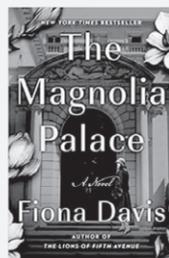
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April 22: Fort Meigs After Dark Lantern Tour, 29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg, 8 p.m. Led by costumed guides, guests will tour the fort by lantern light, witness a nighttime musket demonstration, and experience the historic battlefield as soldiers did during the War of 1812. \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for seniors and students. Register by calling 419-874-4121.

April 22-24: Toledo Opera presents, "La Traviata," by Giuseppe Verdi, Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., Toledo.

April 23: Party for the Planet, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, 9 a.m. Drop off recyclable goods between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the zoo's Anthony Wayne Trail parking lot. Learn about environmentally friendly initiatives through conservation talks, animal demonstrations and activities across the zoo. The Wild Toledo Native Plant Nursery will also be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Stop by to browse over 400 species of native plants that will help to support wildlife in your own backyard. toledozoo.org/planet.

April 23: The New Toledo Toy Show, Total Sports Rossford, 10020 S. Compass Rd., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Over 225 tables and thousands of collectible toys. Early admission at 7:30 a.m. midmichigansupershow.com.

April 23: Toledo Mud Hens host St. Paul Saints, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo, 5:05 p.m. milb.com/Toledo.

April 23: Fremont Speedway (410's, 305's and Dirt Trucks), 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. Times and schedules are subject to change. Ticket prices vary. fremontspeedway.com, 419-332-5604.

April 24: Mercy Health Glass City Marathon, University of Toledo, 2801 Bancroft St., Toledo, 7 a.m. glasscitymarathon.org.

April 24: Art Loop Festival, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

See the works of over 20 talented local artists on the garden grounds. In lieu of admission, bring canned goods for the Elmore Food Bank. Food, beer, wine and spirits available.

April 27: Presidential History Book Club, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, noon-1 p.m., in person and online. Free. Discussion of "Destiny and Power: George Herbert Walker Bush," by John Meachum (a continuation of the March discussion). To join online, visit global.gotomeeting.com/join/128601789. The Access Code is 128-601-789. Email Dustin McLochlin at dmclochlin@rbhayes.org for info. Participants can bring their lunch. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

April 28: Hydro-Dipped Bird House Program, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore, 5:30-8 p.m. Join Joni Hasselbach from Pottery Perfection to paint a birdhouse gourd. \$41.20 includes paint and materials. Sponsored by North Branch Nursery. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

April 28: Science After Dark: Ultimate Field Trip, Imagination Station, 1 Discovery Way, Toledo, 6-10 p.m. Picture this: you're 10 years old and getting ready for school, but this is no ordinary school day – it's field trip day. Grown-ups only. imaginationstationtoledo.org.

April 28: Brit Floyd, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 8 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

April 29-30: Tree Tours of Spiegel Grove, Hayes Presidential Center and Museums, Fremont. Tours offered at 3 and 4 p.m. Friday and 1 and 2 p.m. Saturday. Celebrate Arbor Day by taking a tour that points out the unique trees of Spiegel Grove. Tickets \$10 for non-member adults, \$7 for non-member kids ages 6-18 and free for kids 5 and younger. Members, their kids and grandkids admitted free. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

April 29: Wine Tastings at the Zoo, Toledo Zoo Museum Great Hall, 2 Hippo Way, 7-9 p.m. Ages 21 and older. Delight in a delectable mix of wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, live music and more. toledozoo.org/wine.

April 30: Fun with Mom, Some Paint and Joni, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 12 p.m. Led by Jodi Hasselbach, from Pottery Perfection. \$36.05. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

Museum exhibit celebrates heritage of Persian culture

The Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) is offering an expansive exhibition this spring and summer of more than 100 objects drawn from one of the most significant private collections of Persian art.

"Bestowing Beauty: Masterpieces from Persian Lands," which opens Saturday, April 23, showcases the artistic inventiveness of Persian culture across different media, featuring a broad array of textiles, ceramics, metalwork, lacquer, paintings, jewelry and manuscripts from the Hossein Afshar Collection. The exhibit will run through Sunday, July 17.

Woven throughout the stories of these extraordinary objects are experiences, ideas and emotions shared by cultures across the globe. By evoking universal themes of love, loss, conflict and spirituality, the exhibition brings to life the rich heritage and enduring beauty of Persian art.

"Celebrating the cultural heritage of Iran at the Toledo Museum of Art with 'Bestowing Beauty' represents a rare opportunity for our audiences to experience the grandeur and beauty of these objects in person," said Diane Wright, TMA's senior curator of glass and contemporary craft.

The visual and literary arts have held a privileged place in Iranian civilization for centuries. The Hossein Afshar Collection, which embraces a diverse range of treasures from the eve of Islam's arrival in the seventh century to the end of the 19th century, was assembled to preserve and share Persian art and culture today and for future generations. The exhibition is divided into six sections:

- "Banquets and Battles" features the exuberance of palace feasting and fighting, quintessential aspects of Persian kingship and perennially popular subjects in Persian art and literature. The exhibition also includes lavishly decorated serving vessels and utensils fashioned from metals and ceramic.

- "Faith and Piety" explores how, after the advent of Islam, words from the Qur'an became paramount as a mode of

expression. Exquisitely penned and magnificently illuminated Qur'an manuscripts were produced across the Islamic world.

- "Art of the Word," delves into the different developments, styles and uses of calligraphy, enhancing the aesthetic form and rhythmic beauty of lettering.

- In Persian literature, love finds expression as a profound human connection and metaphor for a yearning for unity with the divine. "Love and Longing" traces how calligraphers and painters brought to life the rich Persian literature.

- "Kingship and Authority" explores the kingly ideal, which figures prominently in Persian visual and literary culture. In addition to the Shahnama – the masterpiece that reflects the legends and virtues of Persian dynasties – court painters in the 19th century captured portraits of royalty and the ruling elite.

- The concluding section, "Earth and Nature," examines the manifestations of flora and fauna that abound in the art of Iran. Its people were among the earliest civilizations to cultivate gardens. The garden's symbolism – of paradise, of the promise of spring, of renewal – permeated Persian culture and can be seen in the exhibition through glorious depictions of lions, falcons, nightingales, roses and fruit.

"Bestowing Beauty: Masterpieces from Persian Lands" is organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. It is sponsored locally by season sponsor ProMedica and presenting sponsors Susan and Tom Palmer, with additional support from Taylor Cadillac, KeyBank, the Ohio Arts Council, and Shumaker Loop.

The Toledo Museum of Art is located at 2445 Monroe St. at Scottwood Ave. Admission is free, but visitors are required to register at the Information Desks.

The Museum is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and all major holidays.

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Howler monkeys represent just one of more species than can be counted in this small, but richly endowed Central American country, home to stunning tropical scenery and an incredible variety of colorful flora and fauna.

"I love the biodiversity of my beautiful country," said Eduardo Sanchez, an extraordinary naturalist and wilderness guide associated with Ylang Ylang Beach Resort, one of Costa Rica's best.

It is a nature lover's paradise; likewise for anglers, adventurers, beach lovers, and romantics. The scenery is stunning, the topography dramatic, the wildlife viewing is unmatched.

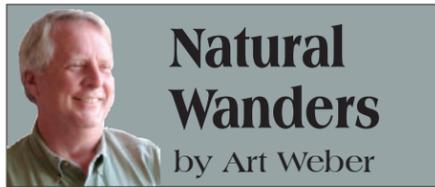
"We have five to seven percent of all the species on earth," Eduardo said. "Hundreds of those species are endemic to Costa Rica."

Birders will find paradise in Costa Rica, especially this time of year, when birds are in their breeding plumage, including many that have or will soon head north to the United States to nest. Others, often with colorful tropical names to match their stunning colors, call Costa Rica their home year-round. Count among those scarlet macaws, parrots, mot motts, trogons, and quetzals.

Like any destination, would-be visitors need to decide on priorities and match those desires with choices. All-inclusive modern resorts are readily available, though often are in high demand, so advance arrangements are important. There are welcoming coastal communities on both the Caribbean on the east and the



Left: Montezuma Beach at Ylang Ylang Resort at sunrise. (Photo by Art Weber) At right: A scarlet macaw feeds in treetops near Curu Wildlife Refuge.



Natural Wanders
by Art Weber

Pacific, and mountains and the cloud forest in between.

"I'm booked solid, working every day for the next year," Eduardo said. The high demand comes on the heels of two years of COVID isolation when he had no work.

His home and the destinations he uses for his tours are on the Pacific coast, an area

he characterizes as tropical dry forest that's lush through the rainy season and enters a dry season from December through April. As the dry season wears on, the forest can be crackle-dry and subject to extensive wildfires.

Excellent resorts like Ylang Ylang, near the quintessentially Costa Rican fishing town of Montezuma, with its own offering of tourist-friendly markets, restaurants, and tour operators, leave visitors – friends as you'll be called – wanting for virtually nothing.

At Ylang Ylang, a name taken from the flowering tree that contributes to the scent for Chanel No 5, the accommodations are extraordinary, as is the food which is

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Museum to debut "Allure & Illusion"

The Wood County Museum invites the community to a grand opening celebration and open house for a new exhibit, "Allure & Illusion: A Rose-Colored Romance" on Friday, April 8. The museum is located at 13660 County Home Rd. in Bowling Green.

The celebration will kick off at 4 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting by the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, followed by a public reception that will run until 6 p.m. Reservations should be made by emailing visitus@woodcountyhistory.org or calling 419-352-0967.

The exhibit will showcase over 40 wedding dresses from 1855-2001, once worn by local community members. Within five custom-created life-size dioramas, the exhibit addresses the foundation of marriage culture and how modern ideology is changing what it means to get married and strive for the American Dream.

Special gallery spaces will feature the Frank Kalan Harlequin Romance cover art collection from the Bowling Green State University Browne Popular Culture Library.

The museum is offering a special members-only preview Thursday, April 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Beginning April 9, the museum will be open for self-guided tours Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-4 p.m. (closed on government holidays). Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, with discounts offered for seniors, students and military members. Historical Society members receive free admission as well as a gift shop discount. The museum is handicap accessible and group tours are welcome.

All events detailed at woodcountyhistory.org or by following the Wood County Museum on social media.

Genoa Kiwanis plan Easter Egg Hunt April 16

Genoa Area Kiwanis will present an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m. at Genoa Veterans Memorial Park, 600 Washington St.

Young egg hunters will be divided into different age groups, including ages 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5-kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade.

The event is open to all children living in the Genoa Area School District. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 204 Main St.

Oak Harbor Egg Hunt

The Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

The festivities will begin with an egg hunt in Adolphus Kraemer Park at the Log Cabin, followed by a candy hunt downtown.

The event is free to the public and open to children ages 12 and younger. For more details, call the chamber office at 419-898-0479.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio will host three in-person bowling events in April to raise funds to support the program in the Northwest Ohio service area.

Every year, an estimated 500,000 people across America come together to have fun and raise money to support Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Teams of four to five people are invited to Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS) April 16, 23 or 30 at 1 p.m. at Miracle Lanes, 5030 Jackman Rd., Toledo. The cost is \$250, which includes two games of bowling, shoes, lunch and prizes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest youth mentoring organization in the nation and has served children and families facing adversity for more than 100 years. The program strives to help students improve in academics, avoid risky and delinquent behaviors, and achieve higher

self-esteem and aspirations.

For more details, call 419-243-4600 or email Liz Watson at lwatson@bbbsnw.org.

Schedel Arboretum open

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, located at 19255 W. Portage River South Rd., Elmore, opened for the season April 1.

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Learn more about the Schedel Arboretum & Gardens and upcoming events at schedel-gardens.org.

Volunteers needed

Entering its fifth year, the Bass Pro Shops' 2022 Rossford Walleye Roundup is scheduled for April 15-16.

The event is open to two-person teams. Payouts are based on the number of entries and are anticipated to return an estimated \$20,000 back to the winning teams.

Last year, 53 anglers from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Wisconsin participated. Due to the growth in last year's tournament, the Rossford Convention & Visitors Bureau (RCVB) is seeking volunteers to help with the 2022 tournament.

"As the number of teams grows, we need more people to fill critical roles such as traffic control, checking live wells on the boats, dock patrol, guiding fisherman to the lineup for the weigh-in, and running the catch up to the stage," said Beth Genson, director of the Rossford CVB.

Tournament volunteers will be work-

ing outside for two- to three-hour shifts, depending on the assignment. About 25 volunteers are needed for each of the two days.

"We need people starting at Cullen Park in Point Place for the launch in the morning, through the weigh-ins at our store at 4 p.m. both afternoons," said Bill Sisty, boat room manager at Bass Pro Shops.

For more details and online registration for both volunteers and fishing teams, visit RossfordWalleyeRoundup.com.

For questions, contact Genson at bethgenson@visitrossfordohio.com. Tournament volunteers will be required to attend a volunteer meeting and pizza party Wednesday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at Bass Pro Shops to confirm their assignments and go over details of the event.

Authors! to feature Molly Shannon

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library's in-person Authors! program is back with former Saturday Night Live cast member Molly Shannon on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Stranahan Theater & Great Hall, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo.

Shannon's new book, "Hello, Molly!" is a candid, hilarious, and heartbreaking memoir.

Tickets are \$20, which includes a copy of the book. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit toledolibrary.org.

"The Adams Family"

Perrysburg High School thespians will present their 2022 spring musical, "The Addams Family," April 28, 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and May 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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While the debate will continue on how this difficult subject should be remembered, the latest special exhibit at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont will provide the often-overlooked history of how people have chosen and still choose to remember the Civil War.

“Mustering Memory: 160 Years of Saluting the Civil War” opens to the public on Thursday, April 14.

From the aged veterans who walked on the fields of Gettysburg for its 50th anniversary in 1913 to modern enthusiasts who use their vacation time reliving famous

battles or scouring Civil War antique shows, this exhibit offers context on where Civil War memory has been and insights for those interested in engaging with it today.

“How we remember the Civil War has been and continues to be a tough subject. It deals with issues of race and patriotism, as well as history and heritage,” said Kevin Moore, curator of artifacts at Hayes Presidential. “Our hope is that visitors to ‘Mustering Memory’ will leave with a better grasp of how past generations, beginning with the Civil War veterans themselves, have tried to understand and commemorate this pivotal event.”

Artifacts that will be on display include Civil War medals from President Rutherford B. Hayes and First Lady Lucy Hayes, as well as medals from other Civil War veterans. Lucy Hayes’ medal, from

the Women’s Relief Corps, honored her for her work in tending to wounded soldiers, mending their uniforms and offering other support.

“Mustering Memory” will include items from President Hayes, including his work as president of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, an organization that began as a group for Union Civil War veterans. It will feature Civil War manuscripts and artifacts from Hayes Presidential’s collections.

The exhibit also will share information about Civil War reenacting and Civil War artifact and memorabilia collecting.

“People who are into history continue to remember the Civil War in a number of different ways, many of which can be both educational and a lot of fun,” Moore said. “We want to make visitors aware

of what activities exist today and point them to resources in case they want to get involved.”

“Mustering Memory” will be open during regular museum hours, which are available at rbhayes.org. Members are admitted for free. For non-members, access to the exhibit is included with regular admission.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is America’s first presidential library and the forerunner for the federal presidential library system. It is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues, Fremont.

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****UPDATED MEETING INFO****

The Northwood Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for April 12, 2022 is cancelled.

Hanson's Tree Service located at 345 W. Andrus Road has requested to be removed from the Planning Commission meeting that is scheduled for April 11, 2022 at 6PM. The Planning Commission meeting will still be held for Double A Trailer Sales and Service.

The meeting will be via Zoom on April 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm via Zoom.
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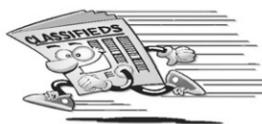
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- 19.503 acres of land located at 6353 Navarre Avenue, owned by Daniel J & Judith A Lajti AS Trustees.
- 6 acres of land located at 6715 Seaman Road, owned by Jeffrey S Martin Etal.
- 16.5926 acres of land located at 6449 Navarre Avenue, 19.504 acres of land located at 6425 Navarre Avenue, 20.93 acres of land located at 1262 Bury Road, 5.438 acres of land located at 1302 Bury Road, 40 acres of land located at 6559 Corduroy Road, and 48.40 acres of land located at 6715 Corduroy Road, owned by Glen E Ackerman.

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Village of Harbor View-Public Notice

On March 14th the council of Harbor View passed Resolution 01-2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION The full text can be seen at the office of the clerk.

Lorraine Crapsey
Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Elmore Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on April 21, 2022 at the Village of Elmore Community Center, 410 Clinton St., Elmore, Ohio at 7:00 PM. Individuals who will attend this meeting will have the opportunity to speak. Those not able to attend may submit comments. Comments will need to be in writing and shall be received before 4:00 PM on the date of the above hearing. Comments can be addressed to the President of Village Council, 344 Rice St., Elmore, Ohio 43416.

The purpose of the hearing is to approve the updated changes to the Village of Elmore Zoning Map which include the recently 2021 annexed parcels of land into the Village of Elmore. These parcels are currently zoned through the Harris Township Zoning code.

At the conclusion of this hearing these matters will be discussed during an Elmore Village Council meeting for further determination.

David Hower – Village of Elmore Administrator

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The report is on file and available to the public at the Library, which is located at 328 Toledo Street, Elmore, OH 43416. 419-862-2482

Brianne Markley, Fiscal Officer,
Harris Elmore Public Library

INVITATION TO BID

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing of the necessary materials and rehabilitation of the

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will be received by the Village of Elmore, Ohio at the Office of the Administrator, 344 Rice Street, Elmore, Ohio 43416 until

12:00 P.M. Noon (Local Time)
Tuesday April 6, 2022

and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work consists of providing labor and materials necessary to power wash, point tuck, replace deteriorated stone belt and dampproof of the brick on Bays 1, - 7 and rear elevation of the Village of Elmore Town Hall, 344 Rice St., Elmore, Oh.

All bids must be signed. Bids must state the prices for all services provided and be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked --- **TOWN HALL BRICK RENOVATION** --- and be addressed to the Village of Elmore, 344 Rice Street, Elmore, Ohio 43416.

After the award of the contract let by competitive bid and prior to the time the contract is entered into, bidders shall submit the affidavit required under the Ohio Revised Code, Section 5719.042 that the bidder was not charged with any delinquent personal property taxes in Ottawa County, Ohio.

The successful bidder will be required to pay not less than the highest applicable minimum wage rates as established by the federal Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Village of Elmore, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity in any bid and to determine the lowest and best bidder.

The opinion of the probable cost of construction is \$85,000.

By Order of
Dave Hower, Administrator
Village of Elmore, Ohio

VILLAGE OF ELMORE PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance 04-22

An Ordinance Accepting the Petition for Annexation Granted by the Board of County Commissioners in Its Resolution No. 22-03 (This is the Annexation for the Schedel Property and Other Properties)

Ordinance 05-22

An Ordinance Establishing Permanent Appropriations for January 1, 2022 Through December 31, 2022 for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Elmore, Ottawa County, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022, and Declaring an Emergency

Ordinance 06-22

An Ordinance of the Codified Ordinances to Change the Allocation of Funds Derived from the Municipal Income Tax Imposed Under Chapter 181

Ordinance 07-22

An Ordinance to Amend the Village of Elmore Employee Handbook to Change the Full Time Employees Paid Vacation Schedule

Ordinance 08-22

An Ordinance to Amend the Employee Handbook Ohio Public Employees' Retirement System/Ohio Police & Fire Fund (OPERS/OP&F) Employer Contribution Rate

Ordinance 12-22

An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Anthem BCBS for Health Insurance, EyeMed for Vision Insurance, Sun Life Dental Insurance and The Hartford Life Insurance for Village Employees. This Includes an Employee Deduction for Health Insurance and to Set Village HSA Contributions and to Declare An Emergency

Resolution 02-22

A Resolution Declaring Intent to Sell Property, Including Motor Vehicles Acquired for the Use of Municipal Officers and Department, and Road Machinery, Equipment, Tools, or Supplies Not Needed for Public Use, or is Obsolete or Unfit for the Use for Which It was Acquired by Internet Auction

Resolution 04-22

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2022

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