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Water district OKs rate hikes

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Customers of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District will see an increase in their rates in 2022.

The district board of trustees approved a 2.2 percent increase in water rates and a 1.8 percent increase in sewer rates as well as a \$30 million capital budget during the board's Dec. 9 monthly meeting.

Last year, the board opted to not increase rates for 2021 but some consumers may have experienced increases if the entity that provided their water treatment service raised rates.

The 2022 capital budget allocates \$20 million for water-related projects and \$10 million for the wastewater network across the district's five-county service area.

“The expected costs of providing water and sewer services reflect higher operating costs due to uncertainty within the supply chain, higher treatment costs from suppliers, the increased cost of customer data security, and sewer odor control in some areas,” said board chairman, Mark Sheffer.

The district is expecting to complete the construction in 2022 of a 1.5-million-gallon elevated water storage tank in Lake Township along Lemoyne Road, between Hanley and Latcha roads. The project began in the summer of 2021.

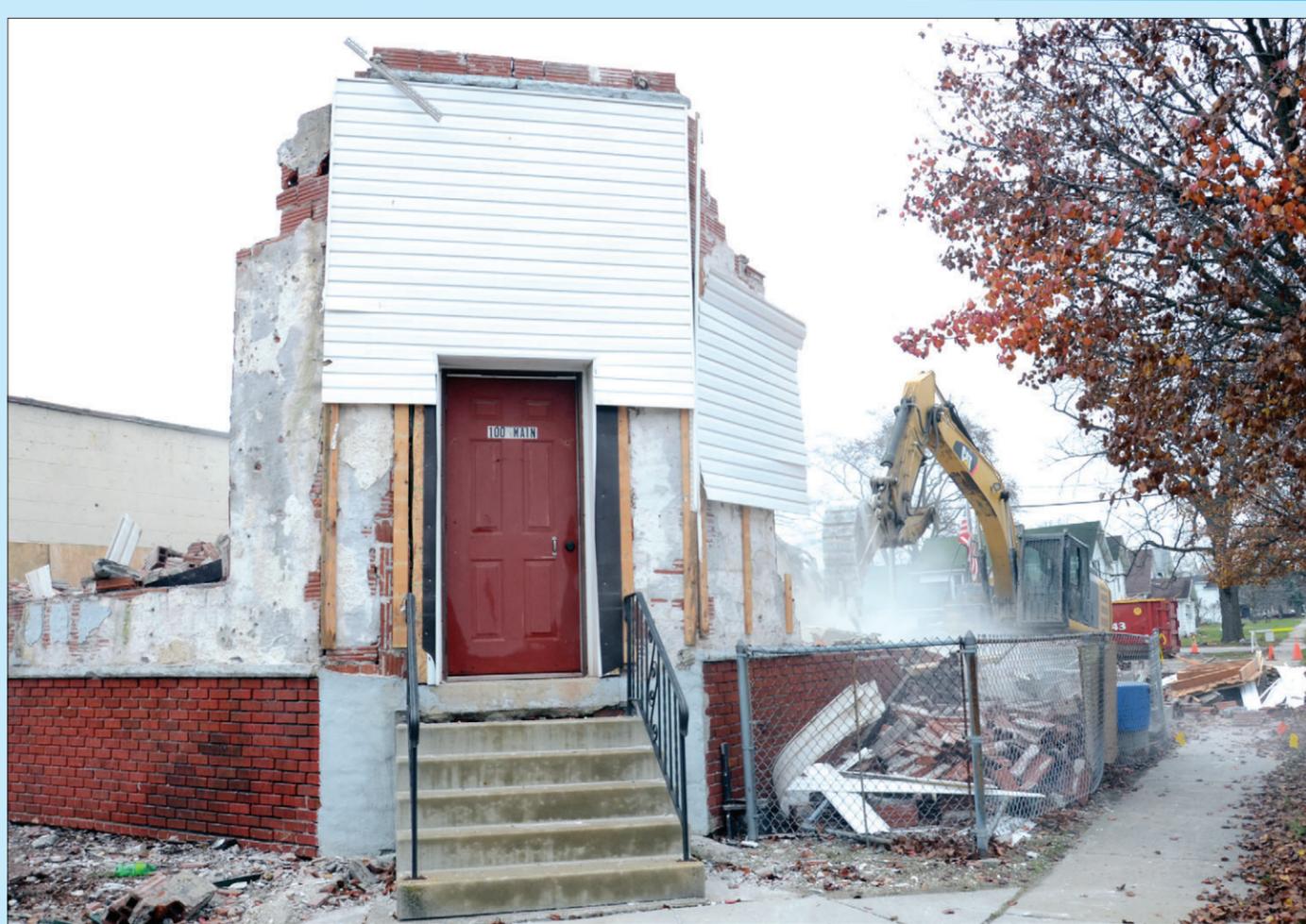
The tank will serve Walbridge, Rossford, parts of Northwood, and Lake, Troy, and Perrysburg townships in northern Wood County.

Regional projects

The district will also construct two regional waterline connections.

A new 8-mile waterline from Weston through the Village of McClure, and extending across the Maumee River will provide water service to McClure, Liberty Center, and surrounding areas in Henry County. Construction is scheduled to be complete in 2022. The district will also begin construction on an 8-mile regional waterline that will supply water from

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Down it goes

A building at the corner of N. Main Street and Walbridge Road in the Village of Walbridge was razed last week and the site will be converted into a parking area. The village purchased the property earlier this year. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Bid awarded for Oregon Trail Bikeway project

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Oregon City Council on Monday accepted the bid of Expercon, LLC, of Toledo, to construct Phase 4 of the Oregon Trail Bikeway project, which runs through a farm field.

Bids for this project were opened on November 30. Five bids were submitted. Expercon, LLC submitted the lowest and best bid of \$268,235.30.

“This project is a 10-foot-wide path that goes from Pickle Road to Brown Road,” said Public Service Director Paul Roman. “It’s really a continuation of the trail that we put in from Navarre Avenue to Pickle Road.”

The Department of Public Service reviewed a listing of past projects completed by Expercon, LLC, and checked references. “They have done a lot of other bikeway projects in the county,” said Roman, including the construction of a 6.2 mile section of the Wabash Cannonball Trail for the MetroParks Toledo.

The city received funding from the Federal Highway Administration that pays 80 percent of the project, or \$220,000, according to Roman.

Last year, council approved additional design engineering services for the design

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of Oregon Trail Bikeway – Phase 5 New Oregon Town Center Connector to Navarre Avenue, which is a new multi-use path following along Dustin Road right-of-way and along Amolsch Ditch to the Town Center Project, for \$61,000.

Also at the meeting, council:

- Approved an agreement with Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc., Bowling Green, to provide construction engineering services and preparation of right-of-way plans to meet Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requirements for Phase 4 Oregon Trail Bikeway for \$15,250;

- Entered into an agreement with Barney’s Real Estate Investment, LLC, for the acquisition of temporary and perma-

nent easement for the \$2.5 million Navarre Avenue and Coy Road Safety Improvements project. The Navarre Avenue and Coy Road intersection is along the main commercial corridor through Oregon. It experiences large volumes of traffic from I-280 to recreational areas along Lake Erie. The intersection is ranked 39th on the 2016 Urban Interstate Highway Safety Improvement Program list for Ohio. The project, which includes the widening of Coy Road and other improvements, was initiated by the city to reduce crashes and congestion.

- Heard from City Administrator Mike Beazley about blighted property in the city.

“A number of you have talked to me and the administration about blighted property challenges we face,” said Beazley. “We have been working with the Land Bank, and they have title to 6047 Aldershot Lane and 1141 Earlwood. Both of them will be listed for renovation. They are going to try and find people who want to rebuild those properties. The Land Bank is good and working with people to do that, making sure they have the resources. They’ll get them for a very reasonable price. We have a couple of properties in the foreclosure process - another one on Aldershot, and one on Navarre. There’s a little change

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Bid awarded

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in the law. We used to be able to get title to them easily. We now have to run through the sheriff's sale process. It is our hope it ends up in the Land Bank's hands. It gives us more flexibility in how to manage it. We have some likely demolitions that the Land Bank is working to secure title to at 2275 Pickle Rd., and 2048 Arkansas. Those are parcels some of you have come to us about. We're trying to get ahead of those things. If you have other properties you're aware of, or your constituents have talked to you about, we will do what we can about it."

• Approved a change order with Molnar Construction, Port Clinton, for furnishing labor, materials and equipment for the 2021 refurbishment of the boat ramp and dock located at 4926 Bayshore Rd., for \$11,610.

Due to unforeseen conditions, additional time, equipment and materials were needed to complete the work.

Rate hikes

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the Village of North Baltimore to the Village of McComb.

Planned sewer projects include new pump stations at Ford Road in Perrysburg Township and at Willowbend in Middleton Township.

Federal and state grant programs will assist the district in moving forward on construction for an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency-ordered sanitary sewer system near Sugar Ridge in Middleton Township. The project will replace aging septic tanks.

The district will also continue the rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system in McComb.

The district serves more than 20,000 customers, providing more than 5.4 million gallons a day of drinking water and treating 850,000 gallons of wastewater daily.

Myers elected trustee of Ohio Farm Bureau

By Press Staff Writer

Bill Myers, of Oregon, has been elected District 2 trustee for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. His election took place during the organization's 103rd annual meeting.



Myers

He will represent Farm Bureau members from Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood counties.

Myers is a 24-year member of the Lucas County Farm Bureau and has served as president.

He farms with his brother, Bob, and his son and daughter. The farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat and hay.

He is also president of the Lake Erie Waterkeepers Association.

Myers joins 25 other farmers on the Farm Bureau board who govern the state's largest farm and food organization.

Policies discussed

Landowner rights, energy development and the Ohio State Fair were among

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the topics discussed by delegates at Farm Bureau's annual meeting. A record 385 delegates representing all county Farm Bureaus participated in the debate and discussion.

Members supported transparency for landowner energy lease holders, including notification of lease transfers and a requirement of well inspection reports to landowners. Delegates also voted in favor of protecting the Ohio State Fair. They encouraged a strategic review to enhance the fair as an event, as well as protecting the current location and addressing the needs of the facilities of the Ohio Exposition

Center.

“The policy work that our delegates do during our annual meeting is what being a grassroots organization is all about,” said Jack Irvin, Ohio Farm Bureau's vice president of public policy. “Now that their work is done, our work begins with lawmakers in Columbus and Washington, D.C. as we continue to act on the issues important to our members and all of Ohio agriculture.”

Ohio's hunger challenges also were addressed as members agreed to support government incentives for producers who distribute surplus and cosmetically imperfect produce to local food banks.

Members also favored requests for roundabouts to be engineered and constructed to accommodate modern farm equipment and tractor trailers and use graduated curbing where possible.

Other policy votes addressed recognizing the importance and promotion of urban agriculture and enhancing the process and notification procedures when rivers are designated by the state as wild or scenic rivers.

More than 800 members and guests attended the meeting in Columbus Dec. 9-10.



Lake Twp. – Two persons were charged Dec. 13 after allegedly taking merchandise from the Love's Travel Store, Baker Drive. Courtney Ann Costello, 31, Fremont, and Eric Hawrylak, 35, Toledo, were charged with receiving stolen property and possessing drug paraphernalia. Hawrylak was also charged with theft.

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Woodville

After 20 years, Tate leaving council

By Deb Wallace

On Dec. 13, Jeff Tate attended his last meeting as a member of the Woodville Village Council, ending a 20-year career.

Tate was elected to council in 2001, after he had originally applied to fill an earlier vacant seat.

He said his reason for wanting to be on council was, "I was raising a family in the village and wanted to do my part to keep Woodville a safe friendly place to live and raise a family. I didn't want to be someone that sits back and complains about how things are, and not do my part to keep Woodville a great place to live. I have spent most of my full time career in business operations and felt that experience gave me good insight into operating a village in a fiscally smart way. Woodville is a great place to live."

During those 20 years he served on the Planning Commission and the Audit, Parks and Recreation, Personnel, Finance, and Safety committees.

The biggest and most costly infrastructure project that happened during his tenure – a major sewer separation project – is still taking place to this day.

On a related note, Tate said, "One of the most challenging items long term is funding to cover expenses and maintain services, while controlling spending and trying to keep costs down for the residents of Woodville. We have seen major reductions in funding from the state over the years. It's a never ending challenge trying to make sure we keep services at an acceptable level, roads in good condition, infrastructure working correctly, and the pool in the summer for our kids, as costs continue to climb and revenue streams get squeezed."

"A big challenge currently is staffing our police department and the funding for

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the general fund to allow us to pay a competitive wage.”

He also noted that COVID-19 has caused various challenges to the day-to-day operations in the village.

Mayor Ty Tracy, who previously served as a council member with Tate, said, "Jeff has been a valuable council member to the Village of Woodville for the last 20 years. He has been dedicated to serving the village throughout his time on council, and his knowledge and expertise will be missed."

Mayor Tracy added that Tate, "Always put the village first when making decisions on issues regarding our town."

Barb Runion, the village fiscal officer, said she will miss Tate's expertise on municipal matters.

"When I joined the team in 2008, Jeff was already an established authority at the council table. At first, because he is a man of few words, he appeared to be very quiet and reserved. I eventually realized he is a

person who carefully chooses his words, speaks directly to the point, and votes 'Nay' when necessary. His perception and knowledge of local government responsibilities is something that I will greatly miss," she said.

Asked about some of the more rewarding moments of being on council, Tate said, "It's been an honor and a privilege to work with everyone current and past keeping our community moving forward. This position has allowed me to meet so many people and make so many friends over the years. The village has many great devoted and committed employees that work hard in the village."

"I have enjoyed how well our council has worked together long term, being able to listen to many opinions and ideas, and usually find agreement when final decisions are made. We have many devoted people that care about Woodville and keeping it a great place. My children are grown now and have made homes in this community too, which I believe means they view Woodville as a good place to stay. Hopefully the last 20 years I have been involved has helped to make that feeling possible."

Police Chief Roy Whitehead thanked Tate for his years of service to the village and his support of the police department.

As for why he chose now to retire from council, Tate said, "The timing just seems right. After 20 years it's time for others to get involved and keep Woodville moving forward. Changes/challenges in my personal life over the last few years cause a changing focus, I am not getting any younger and I still have a full-time career. It's been rewarding and I would challenge other residents to get involved to learn more about where they live and how their village works."

United Way, SSOE form partnership

United Way of Greater Toledo is relocating its Lucas County operations into the world headquarters of SSOE group, a global project delivery firm for architecture, engineering, and construction management.

This move, which became official on Dec. 14, bolsters SSOE's commitment to the United Way and further cements Uptown Toledo as a unique hub for integrating private industry, STEM, and community outreach programs.

To commemorate the partnership, SSOE and United Way on Dec. 15 held a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and dedication of the plaza at their Madison Avenue, Toledo, building which will be named the "Live United at SSOE Plaza."

SSOE and its employees have been strong supporters of the United Way for decades, dating back to Founder Al Samborn's involvement with the organization in the early 1980s. SSOE recently announced it would be moving to a hybrid plan to allow employees to work both in the office and from home. When SSOE learned of United Way's search for new office space, they saw an opportunity to support this need using under-utilized space in their headquarters. SSOE is donating 50 percent of the lease proceeds back to United Way, which will result in contribution dollars going even further in helping individuals in Lucas, Wood, and Ottawa counties who are in need.

"I am so proud to continue United Way of Greater Toledo's presence in Downtown Toledo, an objective we held when starting this process. Since 1918, United Way

has occupied four office spaces, all in Downtown—the heart of our city. We are so happy to call SSOE our fifth location," said Wendy Pestrue, JD, president and CEO of the United Way of Greater Toledo.

"SSOE's vision is designing and building the future for our clients, colleagues, and communities. As we continue to look for ways to live out this vision, I am pleased to welcome our long-standing community partner into our building. I'm excited for the unique opportunity this move provides both organizations—a private philanthropic partnership in our community—working together to further strengthen Downtown Toledo and the UpTown District. We believe that this partnership builds on progress already underway in the district and will be a model for other nonprofits to consider and benefit from."

Savings projected

The Village of Genoa will save an estimated \$ 6,540 in interest costs over the next year by refinancing outstanding debt through the Ohio Market Access Program, according to the Ohio treasurer's office.

The OMAP is a credit enhancement program that leverages the state's excess liquidity and high short-term credit rating to improve market access and lower borrowing costs for local governments.

The OMAP enhancement allowed the village to achieve interest cost savings. The original notes were issued to finance improvements to the village's electrical infrastructure, including the purchase and installation of three generation units. This issuance marks the fifth time Genoa has utilized OMAP. The previous four deals have saved the village an estimated \$74,780 in interest expenses, according to the treasurer's office.

"OMAP is a powerful cost-saving tool that leverages the state's high credit rating to reduce interest expenses for our local government partners," said Treasurer Robert Sprague.

Since its 2014 launch, OMAP has supported more than 220 deals, ranging from \$390,000 to over \$100 million.

Sobecki to run

Lisa Sobecki will run for Lucas County Commissioner in the 2022 election.

"I'm running for County Commissioner because it's time for a change," she said. "As Commissioner, I'll strive to ensure that county responsibilities to taxpayers are completed on time, on task, and on mission."

Sobecki has served as state representative for Ohio House District 45 since January 2019 and intends to serve the remainder of her term.

During her time as state representative, she served as ranking member on the House Ways and Means Committee, and has prioritized economic and workforce development.

Sobecki also announced an initial round of endorsements including the Toledo Federation of Teachers, Northwest Ohio Building Trades and Greater Northwest Ohio AFL-CIO.

Quilters to meet

The Maumee Bay Country Quilters' Guild will meet Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 6:45 p.m. at Northwood Church of God, 3375 Curtice Rd., Northwood.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Visitors and new members are welcome. The visitors' fee is \$10; yearly membership is \$35.

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Bill Farrand at the site where the glowing ball landed. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Space rock or junk?

It was about 2 a.m. on a night in late November and Bill Farrand couldn't sleep. He arose and gazed out the window at the stars from his home on Foxridge Lane in Oregon and saw what he described as a glowing ball with a 6-foot tail streaking downward and land in a field near his home. "It might have been part of a satellite or a meteorite," he said. "I don't know if it

was a space rock or space junk." There is a patch in the otherwise grassy field about 15 inches in diameters that appears to be burnt where Farrand said the object landed but there is no debris on the ground at the site. According to the database of the Meteoritical Society, 1,878 meteorites have been found and verified in the United States (finds + falls) from 1807 through August, 2021. That includes 12 in Ohio.

SB 83

Brownfield bill referred to committee

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A bill that would bolster the state's efforts to assess brownfield sites has been referred to the Committee on Rules and Reference in the Ohio legislature.

Members of the House of Representatives agreed Dec. 8 to the referral of Senate Bill 83, which was introduced in the upper chamber in March and approved unanimously in May before being sent to the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee.

In testimony Dec. 7, Jason Warner, of the Greater Ohio Policy Center, urged the committee to approve the bill, saying it will provide Ohio communities with additional resources to further redevelop brownfield sites and get unstable properties into productive use.

In its original form, SB 83 would allocate \$150,000 for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with universities, to determine where brownfield sites are located. A brownfield site is defined as an abandoned or idled industrial or commercial property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by known or potential releases of hazardous substances.

The bill sponsors, senators Sandra Williams, D-Cleveland, and Michael Rulli, R-Salem, testified that state and federal inventories of brownfield sites primarily rely on voluntary reporting through programs such as the Voluntary Action Program, Ohio Site Inventory Program and Clean Ohio Fund.

Under the bill, the Ohio EPA would be required to study sites and prepare a report of its findings and recommendations by Jan. 1, 2023.

However, since the bill was introduced, the legislature approved the state biennial budget that included one-time funding of \$350 million to create the Brownfield Remediation Fund to help communities revitalize brownfields.

A substitute bill accepted by the committee removes the study portion and instead directs the \$150,000 to the OEPA to its Phase 1 Targeted Brownfield Assessment

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program to assist local governments actually begin the process of remediating brownfield sites.

“The original intent of SB 83 was for the funding of a study to identify brownfield sites across the state,” Warner said in his testimony. “However, potential legal issues were raised related to the state keeping a mandatory list of brownfield properties. Ohio EPA previously compiled a ‘Master Site List’ of brownfield sites in Ohio, but this list was successfully challenged in court by a property owner. Ohio EPA still maintains a list of brownfield sites; however this list only includes properties that have been submitted voluntarily by the property owners.

“A Phase 1 assessment can cost, on average, \$5,000 to \$8,000. Ohio EPA currently receives funding from the U.S. EPA to conduct Phase 1 assessments, which are provided at no cost to local communities. An allocation of state funding in addition to the existing federal funds would provide for an estimated 18 to 28 additional assessments. Additionally, funding these assessments now would allow communities the opportunity to determine what brownfields exist, and be better prepared to utilize the new Brownfield Remediation Fund resources available for the actual remediation of contaminated properties.”

He said the legislature has already passed a bill that better aligns Ohio and federal regulatory law that provides buyers of brownfield sites with liability protections when necessary due diligence if followed.

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Obituaries

Obituary

Margaret “Peg” Ann Keller

August 4, 1946 – December 3, 2021

Margaret “Peg” Ann Keller (nee Stagner) died peacefully after prolonged illness (not Covid related) on December 3, 2021. Peg was born on August 4, 1946 to Reinhart and Lucy Stagner in Toledo, Ohio. She graduated from Lake High School in Wood County, Ohio in 1964, Capital University in 1969 and completed her master's degree at Baldwin Wallace in 1990. She enjoyed 34 years teaching primarily at Roehm Middle School in Berea as mentor and friend to a host of students and fellow teachers.

Peg is survived by her husband Leon of 53 years, her children, Benjamin (Nicole) Keller and Marjorie (Kevin) White and their children, Kayleigh and Nathan White; her siblings, Linda (Dean, deceased) Mabus, Mary (David) Varwig, Joseph (Brooke) Stagner and Rebecca (Martin) Mang and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 26535 Pemberville Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551 on Tuesday, December 21st at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be held privately at Lake Township Cemetery, Walbridge, Ohio.

Messages and memories can be shared at www.bakerfuneralberea.com OR Peg's Facebook Page. In honor of Peg and in lieu of flowers or other support, we request that you consider donating to The Education Foundation's Enrichment Grant Fund at the Berea City School District where she taught for many years, <https://www.educationfoundationberea.org/pegkeller>



Obituary

Toni F. Butzin

March 6, 1978 – October 3, 2021



Toni Frances Butzin, 43 of Northwood, Ohio passed away suddenly on Sunday evening, October 3, 2021 in her home. Toni was born on March 6, 1978 in Vero Beach, Florida to William Milton and Stasie Julia (Balsys) Butzin.

Toni spent many years of her brief life in retail management and graduated from Owens Community College with a certificate from the Railroad Conductor Program. She loved her dog Gracie, helping others and entertaining family and friends in her home. Toni loved fashion and collecting jewelry. She will be dearly missed by her family and everyone who knew her.

Toni was preceded in death by her mother, Stasie J. Butzin; her aunt Cindy Butzin and grandparents; Melvin and Alice (Weidner) Butzin.

Toni is survived by her father; William M. (Ann) Butzin of Curtice, Ohio; brother; William J. (Dawn) Butzin of Toledo, Ohio as well as uncles, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Caring Cremation Services in Toledo, Ohio assisted the family with arrangements, no plans have been made for a memorial service at this time. The family suggests that donations be made to a charity of their choice in lieu of flowers.

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Oregon enters agreement to battle opioid addiction

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Oregon City Council on Monday approved an ordinance that authorizes the city to enter into a participation agreement that allows for the allocation of potential opioid litigation settlement funds from opioid distributors Johnson & Johnson, Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

"In August, 2021, we entered into a similar agreement with the opioid distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson," said Law Director Melissa Purpura. In that settlement, Ohio forged an \$808 million agreement with the three largest distributors of opioids that put the state at the front of the line to receive monetary relief for communities ravaged by the addiction crisis.

"The deadline for entering into this participation agreement is January 2," said Purpura. "If the state of Ohio can get a 99 percent participation rate from municipalities, then the rate of payment to municipalities is higher. These funds would be over 18 years. It could give the City of Oregon up to \$4.2 million. These funds would be

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restricted for remediation efforts as a result of the opioid epidemic.”

In the August agreement, the state developed the OneOhio plan, a mechanism to ensure that any money from a negotiated settlement would be distributed fairly to communities hit hardest by the opioid crisis. That settlement had a 99 percent participation rate.

Local impact
Councilman Dennis Walendzak asked

Police Chief Brandon Begin to provide an update on how the opioid crisis has impacted the city.

"Are we typical of most communities?" asked Walendzak. "Enlighten me on how bad or how good it is here."

"We do have an ongoing issue with it," said Begin. "It really goes in spurts as far as actual overdoses. We'll have a period of time where we don't have many at all, then we'll get a spurt where we have more. Obviously, drug use is in our community. I would say we're in line with most communities our size in the area. It is an issue. We try to combat it the best we can. It is definitely out there."

From 2010 to 2019, opioid overdoses claimed the lives of more than 23,700 Ohioans, with countless others having had their lives and/or communities torn apart by opioid addiction, according to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

Opioid overdose deaths nationwide rose last year to a record 93,000, nearly a 30 percent increase over the previous year. During the second quarter of 2020 in Ohio, 11 of every 100,000 people died of an opioid overdose, the state's highest mortality rate at any point during the epidemic.



Certification received

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Week ending Dec. 10

- Allen Township**
12/07/2021 James E Avery Jr and Dawn Avery to Tanner K Falk, 23137 West Reinman Road, \$187,000.
12/09/2021 Kimberly K Lacer, Kendra S Keppler, Kelli Lacer, And Kara Magrum to Dawn R Avery and James E Avery Jr, 6127 North Reinman Road, \$258,000.
12/09/2021 Estate of Kenneth L Mapes to David Knight and Lourdes Knight, 23447 West State Route 579, \$194,900.
- Benton Township**
12/07/2021 Stephen E Brown and Frances M Brown to Jason R Sandwisch and Brooke K Sandwisch, 17947 West Trowbridge Road, \$180,000.
- Rocky Ridge**
12/10/2021 Diane L Behlmer aka Diane Kuzeroski & Dale R Behlmer to Adam Baxter and Ariana Johnson Kovaks, 14758 West Third Street, \$131,000.
- Carroll Township**
12/06/21 Gwendolyn Buford to Cynthia Winters

Real Estate Transfers

- and Charles Davis, 8836 West Canada Goose Court, \$90,000.
- Genoa Corp**
12/07/2021 Shannon Wheeler to Teresa St. Marie, 1201 Main Street, \$105,000.
12/07/2021 Clifford Lawson and Kelly S Little by PSO to CIM REO 2021-NR2 LLC, 210 Superior Street, \$66,666.
- BCS School in Harris**
10/12/2021 Jeffrey M Hetrick and Jessica J Hetrick to Sara L Donalds and Dustin M Donalds, 2260 South Harris Salem Road, \$214,000.
- Elmore Corporation**
12/09/2021 Joanne D Price to Cameron Sneath and Karah M Sneath, 343 Fifth Street, \$130,000.
12/10/2021 L & K Farms LLC to Anthony Greco and Karen Greco, 1147 West Lakeshore Drive,

- \$515,000.
- Salem Township**
12/07/2021 Dennis Epke and Denise Schiefferly (Co-Trustees) to Stone of Hetrick LLC, 9652 West Hetrick Road, \$230,000.
12/10/2021 Andrew R Lenke to Deborah Lee San Filippo, 9467 West Portage River South Road, \$130,000.
12/10/2021 J.T Gillespie to Joseph Bohne, 2387 South Woodrick Road, \$187,400.
- Oak Harbor Corp**
12/07/2021 Kathleen Fic, Barbara Shoos, Marjorie Neal, Cleah Rae McKee and Bobbi Jo Beck to Alison Sarah Wolf, 11592 West State Route 163, \$185,000.
12/07/2021 Susan L Whitman-Co-Executor and Timothy A Held – Co Executor of The Estate of Alfreda L to Sarah Adams and Jonathan Adams, 137 Prospect Street, \$144,000.
12/07/2021 Fallout Financial LLC to L3G Properties LLC, 152 Water Street, \$200,000.
12/09/2021 Jude E Monak and LuAnn C Monak-Trustees of The Monak Family Revocable Trust to Edward S Peterson Jr and Sheryl A Peterson, 346 Main Street, \$145,000.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Dec. 20-24. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

- Dec. 20:** Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 12:45-4 p.m.
Dec. 21: WIC Clinic, 12:45-4 p.m.; COVID Vaccine Clinic, 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 22: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12:45-4:30 p.m.; COVID Vaccine Clinic, 9-11 a.m.
Dec. 23: 60-Plus Clinic – Put-in-Bay, 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; Family Planning, Well Child and STD Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dec. 24: Holiday – Office closed.

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This week in Toledo's past: Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

This week in Toledo's past

Dec. 19
1833 - First lots sold in the area of early Toledo known as Vistula.
1835 - Toledo Blade is first published as a weekly.
1891 - Wood County village of Weston devastated when fire levels more than 12 businesses and homes as bucket brigade fought valiantly to stop flames.
1936 - Toledo School Superintendent Ralph Dugdale lashes out at adults for "promiscuous" drinking at football games.
1938 - Five people killed when train hits car at Rocky Ridge train crossing.
1957 - Tiedtke's is selling complete electric toy train sets for Christmas for just \$14.64.
1965 - A North Toledo druggist John Taylor is shot and killed during a hold-up of his drug store at Columbus and Erie streets. A woman who lived nearby was also wounded. Three men from Detroit were arrested just north of Monroe a short time later and charged with the crime.
1975 - The Christmas shopping spirit begins to fade in downtown Toledo as it's reported that Santa Claus will not be making an appearance in any of the remaining downtown department stores like LaSalles, Lamsons or The Lion store. Santa had been a regular downtown attraction during the holidays for decades.

Dec. 20
1892 - Bridge Street in East Toledo is changed to Main Street.
1903 - Toledo News Bee details the miseries and despondent environment of the county infirmary and poor farm on Detroit Avenue. It reports, "There is no more misery in hell for 283 inmates."
1913 - Smallpox outbreak in Toledo. 75 people infected.
1920 - American Railway Express office in Toledo is robbed by six masked gunmen who overpower guards and take over \$16,000.
1933 - Kurtz Market on Summit Street selling pork roast for 10-cents-a-pound.
1944 - Coast Guard Cutter "Mackinaw" is commissioned in Toledo after being built at



Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert

Toledo Shipyards. The largest cutter on the Great Lakes, it stayed in service breaking ice on the lakes until 2005 when it was decommissioned. It is now a floating museum at Cheboygan, Michigan.
1973 - The lifeless body of Vicki Lynn Small is found in Ottawa Park, she had been shot at least six times. The 22-year-old Devilbiss High School grad was later discovered to be first victim of serial killer Anthony Cook.
1973 - Hundreds of guests are evacuated from the downtown Holiday Inn on Summit Street after a transformer explosion filled the building with heavy acrid smoke. Two guests and six Toledo police officers were treated at Mercy Hospital for smoke inhalation.

Dec. 21
1906 - Lucas County Children's Home reports highest number of children ever housed at the facility with 78 boys and 58 girls. Officials say it is harder to find homes for the boys than the girls.
1919 - A modern seven-room home in the Harvard Terrace neighborhood near the zoo is listed at \$3,700.
1934 - The well-known Toledo National Guard Armory is destroyed by flames on Spielbusch Avenue. The location later becomes site of the current U.S. Federal Courthouse.
1943 - Toledo Methodist Church women prepare Christmas gift packages as a goodwill gesture for the Italian POWs being held at Camp Perry in Ottawa County.

Dec. 22
1822 - Birth of Frederick Prentice is noted. He is first white child born in what was to become Toledo. He lived to be 93 years old and became a very wealthy businessman.

Prentice Park in East Toledo honors his name.
1901 - Reports are received in Toledo that a large group of men who were ice yachting see a mirage of a city over a frozen Lake Erie. They report seeing houses and church steeples and at one point, they also claim to have seen an image of building catch fire with smoke pouring from the building.
1911 - Rising Sun School house destroyed by fire.
1921 - Toledo Police Patrolman Charles McGuire is shot and killed by unknown assailant while on patrol at Indiana Avenue and Division Street.
1927 - Plans are announced by Toledo Chamber of Commerce to build a new Toledo airport in Wood County in Lake Township. It would be Toledo's main airport for many years until Toledo Express was opened in the 1950's.
1958 - Early freeze stops ferry traffic on Lake Erie, leaving residents on Put in-Bay without groceries and supplies, forcing transport by aircraft.
1967 - Toledo residents experience record amount of rainfall with 3.53 inches falling in 19 hours. Streets and homes in north and west Toledo are flooded as sewer systems can't handle the water.

Dec. 23
1921 - Search for suspects continues in slaying of Toledo motorcycle officer Charles McGuire. Toledo police report that 44 suspects are rounded up and taken to Central Police Station for questioning.
1954 - Leonard Gladieux and family of Oregon impress ice skaters as they try out a new motor-driven "icemobile" on pond at Pearson Park.
1963 - Citizens of Clay Center express outrage when proposal is made to use their abandoned stone quarry as a dump site for Toledo refuse. One local resident of the Ottawa County village says it's time to "oil up our shotguns."
1974 - An explosion and fire at Interlake Steel on Front Street. Two workers are killed, others injured.
1996 - Major fire erupts in downtown

Wayne, Ohio in Wood County. Several historic buildings are lost, including the town post office.

Dec. 24
1901 - Fire truck and streetcar collide at Collingwood and Dorr. Fire Captain John Ward is killed.
1926 - Park Lane Hotel offers Christmas dinners with all the trimmings for two dollars a plate.
1928 - Charles Tiedtke dies. He and his brother stated and operated the famous department store in downtown Toledo.
1949 - Heavy holiday shopping crowds reported in downtown Toledo as thousands jam sidewalks and stores for last minute holiday bargains.
1958 - Anderson's Boat Company plant in Oak Harbor is gutted by flames.
1969 - Pantheon Theater is crowded with families in downtown Toledo as they feature the popular, "101 Dalmatians."

Dec. 25
1880 - Former South Carolina Governor Robert Scott arrested for murder in shooting of drugstore clerk in Napoleon. The victim was young man from Elmore. Scott was acquitted but later sued by parents of young victim.
1892 - Toledo homes are plunged into darkness as linemen for local power company go on strike and cut electric lines.
1895 - George Ketcham's new Valentine Theater opens in Toledo for its grand debut. A most fashionable affair for the year.
1913 - "East Auditorium," the first movie theater in East Toledo, opens.
1915 - City officials predict that Toledo will grow by 60,000 people in 1916 because of the robust economy and fast industrial growth.
1927 - Toledo Zoo opens new Carnivora House for big cats and lions.
1935 - John Edy is named Toledo's first city manager.
1941 - Toledo City Councilman Addison Q. Thacher holds his annual "no questions asked" Christmas dinner for 5,000 needy people in Toledo.

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Don't wait for luck to happen; make your own

What exactly is luck? Why do some people appear to be luckier than others? Is luck a question of chance, fate, or are there things you can do to improve your luck? Actually, being lucky isn't just a matter of luck at all.

Luck is a combination of attitude, mental orientation, preparation, and opportunity. Typically, lucky people have an approach of possibility whereas unlucky people have a mindset of impossibility.

Those with consistent bad luck expect to have bad luck. They advertise their expectations with statements such as, "I know this won't work," "Nothing ever goes right for me," "Why can't I ever catch a break," and "There's a dark cloud that follows me."

People with good luck seek solutions rather than fixating on problems. They understand that every impediment has a resolution. They are flexible in their thinking and not locked into patterns of behavior. Their outlook allows them to find opportunity where others see only roadblocks, failure, and despair.

When a person believes they have only bad luck, they tend to attract more bad luck.



Dare to Live by Bryan Golden

This creates a vicious self-fulfilling prophecy. No one is predestined for good or bad luck. If you want more good luck, there are steps you can take to bring it about.

Keep your outlook flexible

Imagine the following scenario. You are standing at one end of a long hallway. Your destination is a door at the other end. As you walk down the hallway, you pass other doors which are slightly open.

Unlucky people will direct all of their attention on the door at the end. They will walk past the other doors without investigating what is on the other side. Behind the other doors lie potential opportunities. When they are bypassed, there is no chance of benefiting. When they discover what they missed, unlucky people will lament how unlucky they were.

Lucky people will look into each room. They will still have the door at the far end as their destination, but they won't ignore the others. This strategy positions lucky people to take advantage of unexpected and unplanned opportunities along their journey.

To increase your luck, maintain an awareness of what is around you. Don't go through life with blinders that hide opportunities.

Look for the upside

Regardless of the circumstances you encounter, you have to figure a way to make the best of them. Lucky people consistently look for what they can learn or extract from every situation. This technique enables them to recover faster and get back on track. They always maintain a mental determination to overcome whatever obstacles are encountered. They feel they are lucky because things could have been worse.

Unlucky people wallow in self-pity and become consumed with the negative. They can't see anything positive and feel and act like a victim. They won't take responsibility for their situation and therefore don't believe they have the power of self-deter-

mination. Whatever may happen, they get frustrated with how bad things are.

To increase your luck, don't lose sight of the fact that there is always a lesson to be learned and invariably a way out that will make you stronger. There is a solution to every problem.

Think and act as if you are lucky

Develop an attitude that no matter what happens, you are lucky. As a lucky person, you have the ability to make the best of every situation. Act like a lucky person. Don't talk about or dwell on problems. Concentrate on and discuss solutions.

You can become lucky. Luck is when attitude and preparation meet opportunity. Since each day is replete with new opportunities there is more than enough luck for everyone.

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Nursing homes have faced many challenges in the past year

By Michelle Vernon

Executive Director at Genoa Retirement Village

For many years, assisted living facilities and nursing homes have operated quietly, providing a safe place for seniors and elderly family members to transition to a place where they can receive day-to-day, around-the-clock care.

We have proudly provided this option to individuals and families who face difficult choices regarding loved ones who can no longer live independently, and may require constant medical care that no family member or caregiver could ever provide, no matter how hard they try.

But in the past year, senior care facilities have found ourselves in an unexpected place: in the headlines. Between the COVID-19 pandemic, worker shortages and vaccine mandates, we have faced new, unprecedented challenges. And we continue to face them head-on. Our steadfast belief in safety for our residents and employees serves as a reliable compass in making tough decisions.

Covid-19 pandemic

The pandemic's impact on residential



Guest Editorial

care cannot be underestimated. Like many other facilities, we implemented lockdowns, quarantines, campus safety zones, screenings, restrictions and took additional safety measures on our own for one reason only: to protect those in our care as well as the very people who care for them. Yes, we made hard choices – but when we looked at the numbers and assessed the risks, we knew we had to protect those who rely on us every day to provide care and to protect them.

Another ramification of the pandemic was the job market. The numbers are mind boggling: the national unemployment rate hovers at 4.8 percent, with 10.1 million job openings. Still, many businesses continue to struggle to find workers.

The past 18 months have laid bare a job market that has shifted dramatically,

creating opportunities for some, but challenges for others. Unfortunately, those of us who work and operate within senior care facilities are facing the daunting task of finding workers to fill critical spots in our facilities. So we got creative, and ramped up recruitment efforts.

By providing such benefits as automatic quarterly wage increases, a tuition reimbursement program and scheduling flexibility – we are investing in our employees and in turn, our own future as an organization. We also took a close look at the industry and created progressive compensation packages that rank above our competitors, making an \$8 million investment in our employees. Then we also sought additional input – from our employees. That's how we created an appealing benefits package that offers what they have identified as important to them in their vocations or careers. We were recently named among the Best Places to Work in America by Glassdoor as well as Fortune.

Our own employees talk about a great workplace, but it's really just the way we do business. It's a philosophy that works – culture and investment in people wins the day. Every day.

We were one of the first to implement a vaccine mandate (prior to industry/government requirements) as a condition of employment. While we realize there are differing voices and opinions on this topic, we feel strongly that this is the best course of action in providing the safest environment possible for our residents and employees. While we do make accommodations for medical or religious reasons (but must undergo regular Covid testing), all employees must be vaccinated.

In addition, we provide Covid vaccines at our campuses and were among the very first in our industry to publish our campus Covid-19 statistics on our web site. As another step of full transparency and information, we also publish our full response to the Covid-19 pandemic on our web site.

It is imperative that we create the safest environment possible for our residents and employees, because families rely on us to care for their loved ones in a setting where they have the opportunity to interact with others, including visitors so to reduce and diminish isolation and loneliness. We will always take that responsibility seriously, because it's the right thing to do.

Time to transform U.S. military bases around the globe

By Kevin Danaher

The world is facing two interlinked crises: politically motivated violence and global destruction of the environment. They are obviously related, in that global military conflicts and weapons spending are among the most egregious wasters of resources on the planet. This project would seek to unify those elements of the military and civil society who want to accelerate the transition to sustainability while also improving the security of the United States.

The force structure and strategic doctrine of the U.S. military was forged over 60 years of preparing for a land war with Soviet tank armies on the steppes of Eastern Europe. Now the threat is a suicidal individual with a suitcase bomb containing radioactive material. The struggle against this type of zealotry cannot be won with tanks and bombs, it is a war for hearts and minds, and that war can be won with eco-development on a grand scale.

More than 800 U.S. military bases around the world are a massive expense that diverts money from desperate needs at home: collapsing infrastructure, a medical system stretched to the breaking point, widespread pollution, and an education system that needs massive upgrading. Most Americans don't know it but there are large sections of the U.S. military that are developing solar energy, wind energy, biofuels, electric vehicles, and other green technology that could be used to train local people around the world in these technologies of the future.

Through grassroots networks and donations from progressive foundations, local governments would be encouraged to collaborate in transforming U.S. military bases abroad into educational and experimental clean-tech centers promoting green prac-

tices that will help us address the environmental crisis while generating good green jobs and eco-entrepreneurship.

The conversion of these military bases into models of eco-development would be beneficial to the United States in many ways:

- It would help transform the United States from a dominating empire into a global partner, thereby making us more appreciated and less of a target for terrorist attacks;
- It would save the U.S. billions of dollars now being wasted on maintaining this global network of bases;
- By helping countries develop more sustainable practices and cutting-edge green technology it will have a positive impact on the planet we all share.

Objectives

- Unify diverse global movements that are now separated by tactical issues. Some groups focus on climate change; some focus on biodiversity and saving endangered species; some try to change negative aspects of U.S. foreign policy; and some focus on promoting green economy policies. Converting U.S. military bases into eco-development platforms could unite these and many other organizations.
- Channel the energy of the peace movement from a negative frame (we are against war and against military spending) into a positive frame, switching from protest to proposal.
- Get forward-thinking members of Congress to sponsor legislation aimed at switching resources from status quo military spending to eco-development investment.
- Generate cross-sector collaboration between NGOs, governments, and green enterprises to transform the foreign bases.
- Learn important lessons for the creation

of Eco-Industrial Centers here in the USA.

- Regain respect for America after the damage done by aggressive foreign policies of the past.
- Grow organic food that can be given to local service agencies helping the weakest sectors of the local population.
- Innovate new technologies in toxic waste remediation through natural methods.
- Create collaborative spaces where international youth brigades could come together to learn nonviolence and sustainable development practices.
- Provide large enough space for permaculture "Eco-Universities" to train the trainers who will then go out and instruct communities on green economy issues such as

green building, energy conservation, renewable energy technology, urban agriculture, water conservation, mycology, natural purification of grey water and black water, clean-tech incubation, alternative transportation, neighborhood empowerment policies, and much more. Abundant green curricula already exist, and it can be used to train people in the key skill sets of the next economy: the green economy.

Dr. Kevin Danaher is the author or editor of 13 books on the global economy. This commentary was provided by PeaceVoice.



Letters

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Abortion solution

To the editor: I have a solution to the abortion issue. Let's offer those girls who want to abort their babies a fee of \$10,000 for their children.

The child would then be put up for adoption. In America, a couple wanting a child but who can't have a baby will spend an enormous amount to finally get a baby. The federal government wastes millions of dollars around the world; it could fund this life-saving program.

Doesn't an American fetus have rights as an American?

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Family

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Enjoy Date Night at the Lucas County Holiday Light Show

Holiday light shows are more popular than ever this season. While many families have been lining up to drive through the Lucas County Holiday Light Show, BOLD MEDIA, producer of the show, notes that lots of couples looking for a festive and romantic evening out have been coming to take in the sparkling lights, dozens of unique displays and holiday music.

"With COVID concerns and inflation... people are worried," said Matthew Glaser, CEO and co-producer of the shows. "The Lucas County Holiday Light Show is a safe drive-thru experience that puts everyone in the holiday spirit."

"I think that is why we have seen so many couples on dates," he said.

Located at the Lucas County Fairgrounds, a drive through the Lucas County Holiday Light Show lasts 20-25 minutes and runs on select dates through Dec. 30. Tickets prices range from \$23 to \$35 per carload. A full calendar and tickets are available online at HolidayLightShow.com.

Healing Barn fundraiser

The Healing Barn, Millbury's non-profit horse rescue facility, is holding a pop-up fundraising event Saturday, Dec. 18 from 1-4 p.m. at Wyldewood Tack Shop, 8128 Secor Rd. in Lambertville, Michigan.

"The Healing Barn lost all of their fundraising opportunities in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID, so we're trying something a little different and taking the show on the road, and popping up here and there," said Kelly Meister-Yetter,

event coordinator for The Healing Barn, "We're pleased to be partnering with Wyldewood for this event, as they're the premier English tack shop in the area."

"We'll have live music by popular Toledo-area band DC Taylor, and there will be door prizes, as well," she said. "We hope



Family Briefs

the community will come out and support The Healing Barn at this fundraiser."

VFW Cookie Sale

Walbridge VFW Post 9963 will hold a Cookie Sale Friday, Dec. 17 from 3-8 p.m. at the post, 109 N. Main St.

For a \$10 donation, come fill a container with an assortment of Christmas treats. Additional items will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds raised will benefit a post family in need this Christmas.

Life Line Screenings

Residents living in the Oak Harbor area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

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screening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Community Grief Support

Hospice of Northwest Ohio is offering in-person bereavement groups and private counseling sessions to anyone in the community who is grieving.

A virtual option remains for anyone not comfortable attending in-person sessions. Masks are required inside the hospice facilities.

Current group offerings include:

- Coping with Loss – A twice-monthly interactive support group for adults. Participants will learn about grief and have the opportunity to express and receive support, develop an understanding of loss, learn realistic expectations and discover healthy coping skills.

The group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Perrysburg Center and the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Toledo Center.

- Mending Grief with Mindfulness – A twice-monthly support group for adults. Participants will meet in a supported environment to learn techniques – including meditation – to manage the intense emotions that come with grief.

The group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Toledo Center.

- Spousal or Partner Loss – A twice monthly support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or partner. Participants will learn ways to adapt to this life-changing event, set realistic expectations for oneself, learn to take care of one's self, gain support in understanding of grief and live with/manage the loneliness after loss.

The group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Toledo Center, and the second and

fourth Tuesday of the month from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Perrysburg Center.

To assure the best possible group experience, anyone interested in attending must first speak to a member of the Hospice Bereavement Team to learn about the options and determine which group would be the most beneficial.

All bereavement services are provided free of charge. All meetings are conducted by licensed counselors.

Call the Hospice of Northwest Ohio Bereavement Department at 419-661-4001. To learn more about grief and loss, visit hospicenwo.org.

AARP supports Esther's Law

AARP Ohio, the state's largest consumer advocacy organization representing more than 1.5 million members in Ohio, released the following statement from AARP Ohio State Director Holly Holtzen urging Governor DeWine's swift signature to enact S.B. 58, Esther's Law:

"AARP Ohio has a long history of fighting for protections for vulnerable Ohioans. This is a huge step in the right direction for Ohioans. We are remarkably pleased that we are able to give the gift of safety and peace of mind to family caregivers and long-term care residents statewide this season. S.B.58 will provide nursing home residents and their family members with the ability to install a video monitoring device in their room. We urge Governor DeWine to immediately sign this bill.

We'd also like to acknowledge Steve Piskor, Esther Mitzki Piskor's son, for his work and passion on this issue. We believe this bill is a significant progress in ensuring the health and safety of long-term care residents, and preventing elder abuse and neglect."

Marathon LPGA Classic donates \$815,810 to charities

Earlier this month, the Marathon LPGA Classic Presented by Dana distributed a record \$815,810 to 29 area children's charities as a result of this year's tournament.

The tournament has now raised close to \$13 million for 200 northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan children's charities since its inception in 1984.

"We are very pleased to announce that the Marathon LPGA Classic Presented by Dana will contribute more than \$800,000 to support charities this year," said John Rice, Manager of Brand Marketing & Commerce at Marathon Petroleum. "Tournament staff did a great job planning the event around ongoing COVID-19 concerns and in the shadow of the largest event in ladies professional golf, The Solheim Cup, played right here in Toledo within weeks of The Classic. The continued success of this event in setting yet another record for charitable sup-

port is a clear testament to the commitment of local sponsors, volunteers, and fans of the Marathon LPGA Classic."

The breakdown of charities that received contributions is as follows:

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- Avenues for Autism - \$30,000
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- Children's Mentoring Connection - \$11,000
- Children's Theatre Workshop of Toledo - \$8,500
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - \$20,000
- Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo - \$5,000
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- Club - \$106,250
- Good Grief of Northwest Ohio - \$25,000
- Hilty Childcare and Preschool - \$9,000
- Jamie Farr Scholarship Fund - \$28,000
- LPGA Girls Golf - \$26,500
- Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio - \$5,000
- Marathon LPGA Classic Charity Ticket Program - \$13,560
- Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity - \$50,000
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- Young Life - \$15,000

As announced in early November, the tournament's new name is the Dana Open Presented by Marathon. Next year's event will be held Aug. 29-Sept. 4 at Highland Meadows Golf Club.

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Curtice author's story featured in "Chicken Soup" book

By Tammy Walro
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A heartwarming Christmas tale by local author Toni Wilbarger, of Curtice, is featured in the recently released book, "Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Blessings of Christmas: 101 Tales of Holiday Joy, Kindness and Gratitude." Her story, "Mission: Undercover Santa," highlights a couple's clandestine mission to help friends facing a tough Christmas.

Wilbarger has been previously published in the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series, as well as in Guideposts, The Upper Room (a Christian devotional magazine), Church Libraries, and Christian Communicator (a Christian devotional magazine).

She self-published a novel in 2000 entitled, "Out of Grace." Her latest novel, "A Matter of Truth," was runner up in the 2020 Great Novel Contest sponsored by the Ohio Writers Association, and as a semi-finalist in two other contests.

"I'm very happy and honored that the editor chose my article to include in this year's Christmas book," Wilbarger said. "This story is one of my favorite Christmas memories, and I loved sharing it with 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' readers."

Wilbarger is also happy to share her story with Press readers.

"Mission: Undercover Santa"

"Date and time: Christmas Day, one in the morning.

Our mission: Invade the back yard of our target home, deposit the payload, and escape without being discovered.

My partner and I waited down the street in our warm pickup with the headlights off. Despite our best planning, a single lamp still burned in the house.

I envisioned a thousand different ways this caper might go wrong. At least, that's how it seemed. "What if a neighbor sees us sneaking over there?" I asked my partner (and husband), Dave, who had an answer for everything.

"Look around," he said. "No one is out. People have already gone to bed."

I glanced at the scattered, shadowy clouds covering the full moon and pointed skyward. "What if those part? We'll be more visible, and someone might call the cops."

Dave leaned toward the window, glanced up, and shook his head. "So, what if they do? I just told you no one is out tonight. Will you relax?"

I checked the back of the cab to make certain the boxes hadn't shifted or toppled. Then I scanned the street again, just in case. Come on, go to bed already, I urged the home's occupants. As if I possessed magical powers, the light switched off.

"Let's go," I said.

"Wait," Dave said. "Give them about 20 minutes to fall asleep."

I rolled my eyes, but I also realized it was sound advice. I settled into my seat and hoped our plans weren't about to blow up in our faces.

From the moment Dave heard his friend and co-worker Bob mention how tough the holidays were going to be for his family, Dave knew he couldn't sit around and do nothing. Bob and his wife, Darlene, had three children. The two boys were six and four, and their baby daughter was just one. "What would you think about giving gifts to the kids?" Dave had asked.

"Absolutely. Let's do it," I replied. "But I think we should get a little something for Bob and Dar, too." But then I had another thought. "Thing is, though, I think they'd see this as a handout. Would they even accept the presents?"

"You've got a point. And Bob would probably feel even worse that he couldn't do more for his family."

So that's when we hatched the idea for Undercover Santa. Dave shopped for Bob—a basketball pole, hoop and backboard. I bought a necklace and book for Dar, games and clothes for the boys, and a stuffed animal, a doll, and clothes for Sarah.

I wrapped the gifts (except for the basketball pole, of course), and we placed them in cardboard boxes to protect them



Toni Wilbarger

from the weather. We slipped an unsigned Christmas card in one of the boxes before we packed them in the truck cab. After Christmas Eve service ended, we drove home to change clothes before heading out.

Now we were minutes away from the big moment.

Finally, Dave cut the engine. "Let's go."

We exited the truck and hauled out the boxes. The basketball equipment would require a second trip. It had snowed a few days earlier, but thankfully the streets were clear. As we moved off the sidewalk into the yard, the snow crunched with a sound that seemed louder than Santa's reindeer landing on the rooftop. I half expected the lights to flip back on.

Slowing our steps to try and make less noise, we crept behind the house. A wooden picnic table stood about thirty feet from the back door. We brushed off the snow and positioned the boxes on top. Then we retraced our footsteps and headed back to the truck to grab the basketball equipment.

I shivered as cold air seeped into my

coat and gloves. When we approached the house again, the clouds drifted away from the moon. Now the snow glowed silver-white, and our shadows appeared. "Hurry," I whispered, my heartbeat accelerating. We deposited the last of the gifts and retreated to our vehicle.

Bob and Dar's house remained dark as we climbed into the truck and drove away.

"I can't believe we pulled that off," Dave said as he turned up the heat in the cab. "I just hope someone looks out that back window in the morning."

A few days later, Darlene called and told me about finding the boxes and how excited the children were when they unwrapped their gifts.

"And you don't know who left them? Did they leave a card or anything?" I played along.

"Well, there was a card, but no one signed it. I can't believe someone did this!"

I hung up a few minutes later and smiled.

The next time we had dinner with Bob and Dar, they brought it up again. Darlene looked me in the eye and said, "Did you guys do this?"

Uh-oh, crunch time. And I'm a terrible liar. But lie I did, and she seemed to accept my answer.

We didn't speak of it again except for an occasional remembrance. Over two decades have passed since then. The family moved across town, and the kids are grown.

Bob and Dar are grandparents now. We figured they probably solved the mystery way back when, but even now we're not quite sure.

Over the years, Dave and I collaborated on a few more secret Christmas adventures for other families, but none of those experiences compared to the year we accomplished Mission: Undercover Santa."

"Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Blessings of Christmas: 101 Tales of Holiday Joy, Kindness and Gratitude," is available at Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, Walmart, Target, Rite-Aid, Kroger, Meijer, Amazon, and wherever else books are sold.

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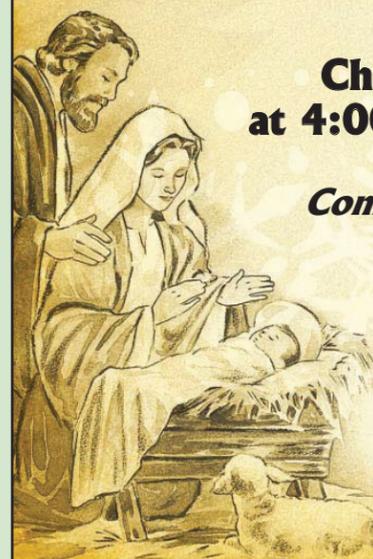


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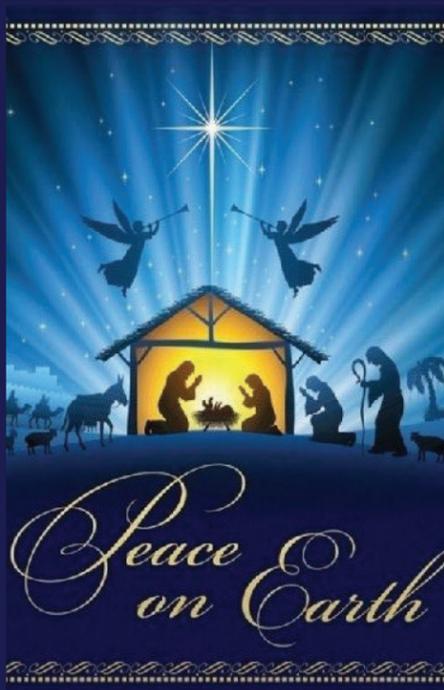
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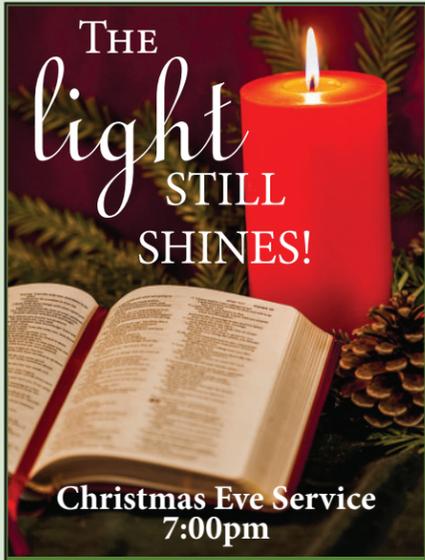
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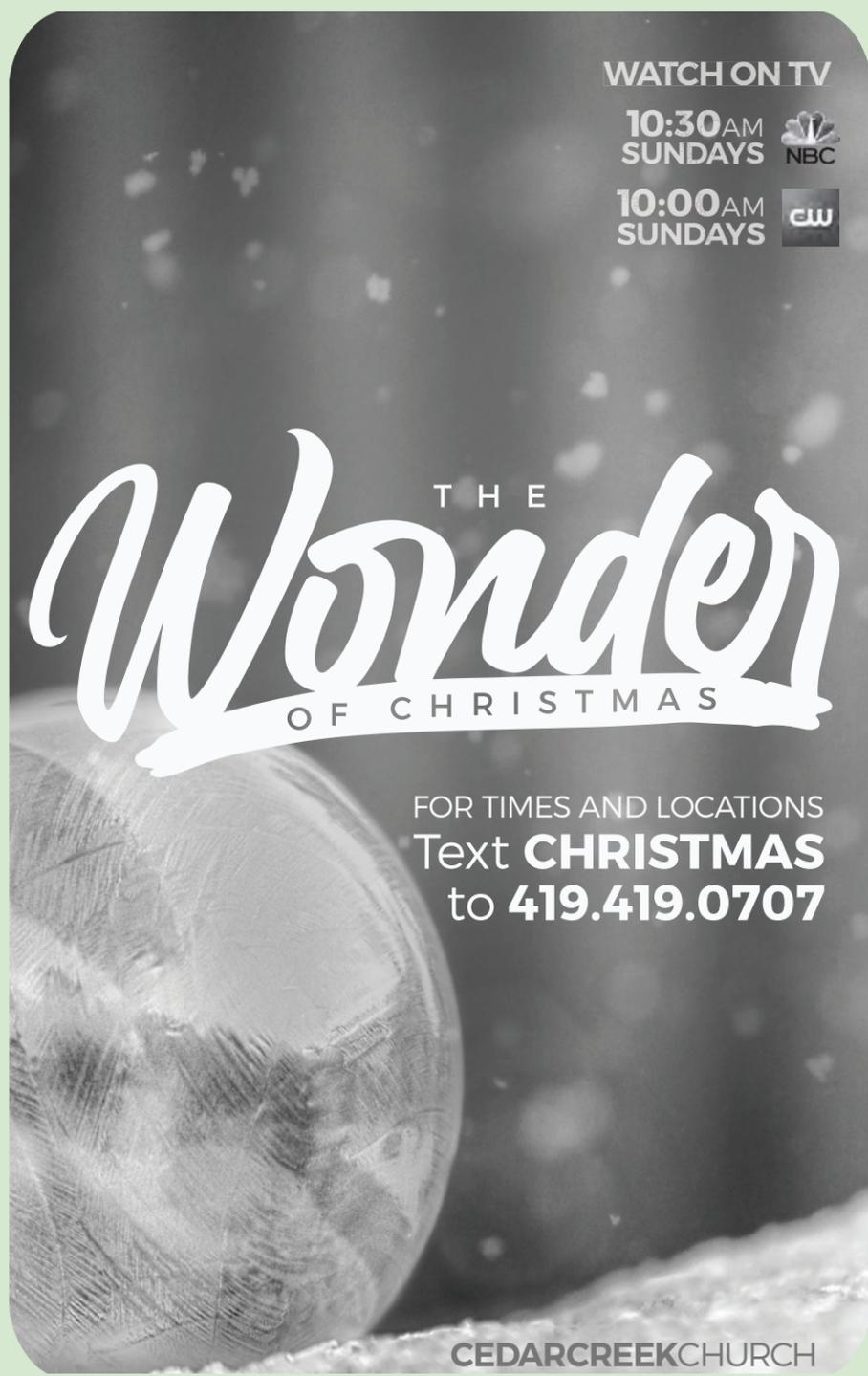
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Americans plan to be cautious during holidays

With the holiday season here, and COVID-19 vaccines rolling out to millions of American children 5-11 years old, celebrations could look a little different this year compared to the scaled back or cancelled holiday plans in 2020. While experts say small gatherings for those who are vaccinated can be safe for the holidays this year, a new national survey conducted by The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center found many Americans.

The survey found about half of Americans will ask their guests to wear masks, down from 67% a year ago, and nearly three-fourths say they plan to only celebrate with members of their household.

"If everyone in attendance is vaccinated and are without major health risks, you can have a safe, small gathering without a lot of additional precautions," said Dr. Iahn Gonsenhauser, chief quality and patient safety officer at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and assistant professor of internal medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. "Unvaccinated individuals really pose the greatest threat, and that's when it becomes necessary to put some rules and precautions in place, even though those conversations can be a little bit awkward."

According to the survey, that conversation is one many Americans are willing to have. Half of survey respondents say they'll ask about their guests' vaccination status, and 46% will require unvaccinated guests to test negative for COVID-19 before attending the gathering.

"Plain and simple, vaccines work," Gonsenhauser said. "They're highly effective. The vaccines that we've seen developed for COVID are some of the most effective vaccines that we've ever seen in the history of medicine, there's no debate about that."

Experts recommend these tips for safe holiday gatherings this season:

- Wear masks

“...still plan to celebrate very cautiously.”

- Ask attendees their vaccination status before extending an invite
- Keep gatherings and celebrations small and to a minimum
- Consider celebrating only with those in your household or family
- For those with elevated health risks, reconsider gatherings or ask the vaccination status of other guests

The survey asked more than 2,000 American adults 18 years of age and older various questions about their holiday celebration plans this year. Data was broken down by sex, age range and region of residence.

For those planning to travel for the holidays, it's recommended you check the latest information and guidance from the health department in the area you're visiting. COVID-19 precautions and mandates change quickly and vary by state, county and city. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also is recommended as a good resource for the latest health information and guidance.

Survey method:

The 2021 survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center between Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2021 among 2,042 US adults ages 18+. The 2020 survey was conducted from Oct. 29-Nov. 2, 2020 among 2,047 US adults. These online surveys are not based on a probability sample and therefore no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated.



Five generations, then and now

A five generations photo taken Oct. 2 features great-grandfather Ron Terry, great-great grandfather Bob Terry, mom Kalee Bartko holding baby Amora Sol, and grandmother Dina Terry Bartko.

In a 1950 photo, Ron Terry is seated on the lap of his great-great-grandmother, Mary Henninger. To her left is her son Frank Henninger, behind him is his grandson Bob Terry, and to the left of Bob is his mother, Gladys Terry.

The families, for the most part, have lived in the Curtice and Jerusalem township area. Dina and her family are from Columbus.

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Crime Prevention Corner

Communication can help spot signs of bullying in kids

When I was growing up in the 1960s and early '70s, kids picking on one another wasn't called bullying.

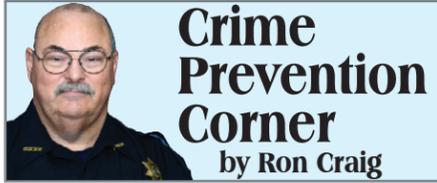
After my tonsils were removed at age 5, I gained weight that has stayed with me for life. That set me up as an easy target for being picked on.

I remember complaining to my father about it and he told me to stand up for myself – easier said than done, but I never told him again about any harassment I received at school.

Those of you who may be old enough to remember or who have seen reruns of "The Andy Griffith Show" may recall how many times the show had a moral to it and told a story about life's lessons. There was an episode in which Andy's son, Opie, was being picked on at school, and Andy told him to just fight back. The boy ended up with a black eye, but Opie was proud of it.

There are those who say today's kids are "too soft," and are coddled too much. However, there's no doubt that this is a different day and age. Trying to compare today's kids with those from 50 years ago is like, as they say, comparing apples to oranges.

Because of the growing technology, today's kids have the internet and cell phones, which are often a method of bully-



Crime Prevention Corner
by Ron Craig

ing. Face-to-face bullying is also still happening in schools, on the school bus, etc.

Many other things have changed over the past half century that are also contributing to the problem, including a growing number of single-parent families, where most or all of the parenting demands fall on Mom or Dad. Sometimes there's a temptation to allow "screen time," on a TV or game time to keep kids occupied.

There can also be family conflict when step-parents or parents' partners step in to help.

In trying to prevent and address the subject of bullying, one of the best weapons in a parent's arsenal is open communication with their children. It is not an easy

task, but it's critically important.

Bonding with your child at the earliest possible age is one key to good communication. Taking a true interest in what they like to do is another. Spending quality time together is a good foundation for trust between a parent and child.

Teachers and school personnel are valuable resources for kids, and may observe early warning signs through a youngster's behavior that allow them to alert parents to possible bullying. However, kids are in school on weekdays, and only nine months of the year. And no one knows children like their parents.

Kids today like their privacy and usually don't appreciate a parent paying attention to what they are viewing on the internet or on their cell phones. Parents need to tell their kids it is part of a parent's responsibility to make sure what they are doing is safe. Note: the fact that I used the words "responsible" and "responsibility" in the two previous paragraphs is not a coincidence.

The signs of bullying are not always hard to spot. A drastic change in a youngster's demeanor is one sign. Many kids who are being bullied deliberately miss school to avoid a bad situation, so if your child seems to complain of illness too often, bullying may be a factor.

What do you do if you think your child is the target of bullying? Having an open and frank discussion is a good starting point. Handling the situation yourself is not a bad thing, but remember to seek the help of others if you do not seem to be making any headway.

Don't be afraid to talk to a school counselor or outside professional to get advice on how to proceed.

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In a survey that spans the life of these ubiquitous messengers, "Sign of the Times: The Great American Political Poster 1844-2012" on display at Hayes Presidential Library and Museums, explores a variety of styles, design trends and printing technology that will give visitors insight into past political commitments.

"Sign of the Times" features exciting and rarely seen posters created in the last 170 years. The special exhibit, which opened Dec. 15, is on loan from Exhibits USA/Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Access to this exhibit is included with regular admission. Hayes Presidential members are admitted free. Details about admission rates and advance tickets are available at rbhayes.org/visit-us/visitor-information/. Walk-ins are also welcome.

"It's easy to feel like our modern lives are dominated by election cycle," said Kevin Moore, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' curator of artifacts. "Despite 2021 being an 'off year,' you can see people already have their signs out for next year's governor's race, ads are popping up for Ohio's open senate seat, and the news is speculating who will run for president in 2024.

"This exhibit invites our guests to think artistically and critically about not just what campaign materials say, but how they're designed visually. As works of art, campaign signs communicate a great deal through color, imagery, style, and composition. Every aspect is intentional. Our hope is visitors will gain a new perspective to better appreciate and evaluate future generations of campaign signs when they see them."

"Sign of the Times" is open during regular museum hours. December hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. January hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday



Dustin McLochlin, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums historian, hangs campaign posters in the Hayes Museum for the special exhibit "Sign of the Times." (Submitted photo)

and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

The exhibit covers the political campaign poster through the years. The campaign poster had its humble beginnings in the 1840s, when the new lithographic printing process, largely developed in Germany, was developed to satisfy a growing demand for printed material. Hand-colored portraits of presidential and vice-presidential candidates were first printed for the 1844 race between Whig Party candidate Henry Clay and the eventual winner, James K. Polk of the Democratic Party.

Technological innovation in the lithographic process in the 1880s ushered in the golden age of lithography, roughly 1890-1912, which produced some of the most intricate and colorful posters in the exhibition.

World War II saw a huge outpouring of posters offered by the Roosevelt administration and included several key Democratic

Party campaign posters designed by famous artists like Ben Shahn and James Montgomery Flagg. The international style that pervaded the 1950s rarely affected the campaign poster, an era in which cheap letterpress and offset "boxing style" posters were de rigueur. However, an exciting new design element that became popular at the time was the "floating head" poster, and several for candidates Eisenhower, Kennedy and Goldwater are included in the exhibition.

The left-wing counterculture revolution of the 1960s was awash in civil rights, psychedelia and anti-war posters that culminated in the creation of some of the finest campaign posters, many of which appeared in the 1968 Democratic primary campaign of Eugene McCarthy. The George McGovern campaign that followed in 1972 was a virtual explosion of exciting political art. The offset printed poster was the more frequent,

but many famous artists, such as Alexander Calder and Andy Warhol, screen printed limited editions that helped fund campaigns. Hundreds of posters were created by well-known artists and illustrators and often by inspired first time poster makers.

Through time, the American political poster has been sorely neglected as an art form and has played a minor cultural role despite its effectiveness in conveying a political message to millions of voters often through the skillful use of visual communication. "Sign of the Times" has made every effort to bring eye-popping political graphics to the forefront and show the great American political poster as art.

The exhibit was curated by Hal Wert, Ph.D., collector and professor of history at Kansas City Art Institute and organized by Exhibits USA/Mid-America Arts Alliance.

It is toured by ExhibitsUSA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. ExhibitsUSA sends more than 25 exhibitions on tour to more than 100 small- and mid-sized communities every year. These exhibitions create access to an array of arts and humanities experiences, nurture the understanding of diverse cultures and art forms, and encourage the expanding depth and breadth of cultural life in local communities.

Mid-America Arts Alliance (M-AAA) strengthens and supports artists, cultural organizations and communities throughout our region and beyond, primarily through its national traveling exhibition programs, leadership development and strategic grant making. It is especially committed to enriching the cultural life of historically underserved communities by providing high quality, meaningful, and accessible arts and culture programs and services.

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

For information, call 419-332-2081, visit rbhayes.org or follow Hayes Presidential on social media.

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Toledo

Birmingham Branch Library, 203 Paine Ave., will present Birmingham Book Group (for adults), Dec. 21, 4 p.m. – A discussion of “Leave the World Behind,” by Rumaan Alam. Pick up next month’s book as well.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis have resumed face-to-face meetings. The Kiwanis meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at American Family Table in Oregon. Everyone welcome.

God’s Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 1705 Tracy St. between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford.

Waite High School Class of 1951 meets the 2nd Mon. of every month. For info, call Betty at 419-691-7944 or Fran at 419-693-6060.

Waite High School Class of 1955 meets the 2nd Tues. of each month. For more info, contact Ned at 419-893-4336.

Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy Health – St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

Oregon

Oregon Jerusalem Historical Society Book Sale continues at the Harbor View Historical Society, located at 2083 Autokee St., just outside of the Harbor View Yacht Club. Antique books and extensive collection about the Civil War sold by the pound. Call 419-691-1517 for info or visit the Harbor View Museum on Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m. Free admission.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club is meeting in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club provides a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Contact Allen at 419-698-3733 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thurs. of the month at 8 pm. The club normally meets at Firehouse #1 at the corner of Wynn and Seaman roads, however due to COVID restrictions, meetings are held via conference call/Zoom. Visit www.oregondemocraticclub.org for meeting information and details.

Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thurs. of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com.

Euchre, Sundays at 2 p.m., VFW 9816, 1802 Ashcroft.

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Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation, grab-and-go meals and essential services. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum is located at 4350 Navarre Ave. For private tours, contact Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383.

Food for Thought Food Pantry at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Coy Road and Navarre Avenue, is open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-5 p.m.

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., open the last Saturday of the month for drive-thru from 12-1:30 p.m. ID required.

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step, Christian-based recovery program to help anyone overcome addictions, anxiety, depression, grief, and co-dependency, meets Wed. from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Everyone welcome; free. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals and accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-704-5381 for details.

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

Northwood

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the 2100 Tracy Rd. Fire Station. Bring any questions or concerns to discuss. Check the block watch Facebook page for updates.

Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1975. A class representative is needed for 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974, and 1975. Show your Ranger Spirit and volunteer to represent your class. Email your name and contact info to rangersrfun@yahoo.com to volunteer or to be added to the invite list.

VFW Post 2984 Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., 102 W. Andrus Rd. Also featuring steak, shrimp, chicken and macaroni and cheese. Dine in or carry out. Weekly Sunday Breakfasts served 8:30-11:30 a.m. Includes two eggs, bacon

or sausage, pancake or French toast, potatoes and orange juice.

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Men’s Prayer Breakfast, every 3rd Sat. each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Township Chambers at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. Due to concerns with coronavirus variants, meetings are accessible via Zoom through the end of 2021. The public is welcome to join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

Jerusalem Twp. Food Pantry, open 2nd Wed. of every month, 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Salvation Army Angel Tree is in place at the Harris-Elmore Library, 328 Toledo St.

Genoa

Genoa Branch Library programs include LEGO Club, Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m. Facial coverings are encouraged within the library but are not required. Meeting rooms and public areas are open. Call 419-855-3380 or visit www.harriselmorerepository.org for details.

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. Call Tom Chalfin at 419-460-3265 for more info.

Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 8 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Sat. each month 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. For more info, call 419-341-0913.

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime, Thursdays, 11 a.m.; Bestseller Saturdays – Virtual, Saturdays at 7 a.m. – A new video each week on Facebook highlighting a best-selling book; Christmas LEGO Contest, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m. – Make a LEGO creation inspired by a favorite Christmas book; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, Dec. 27, 7 p.m. – Read and discuss the short story, “The Pecan Man,” by Cassie Dandridge Selleck. (All programs are free, but some require registration at www.birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

Graytown/Elliston

Praise Hymn Band, Dec. 19, 10 a.m., Elliston Zion, UMC, 18045 W. William St, off Elliston Trowbridge Rd. The church will also hold a Blue Christmas Service of Hope, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.

Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., Elliston-Trowbridge Rd. – LIGHT pantry open to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food or financial insecurity the 2nd Wed. each month from 5-7 p.m.

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; For adults: Watercolor Wednesday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. (bring your own supplies); Knitters’ Group, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon (bring your own supplies). Craft Monday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m. – Make holiday gift boxes (supplies provided), registration required; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Dec. 28, 6 p.m. – Discuss “Inheritance,” by Danny Shapiro. Contactless pickup still available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries, a bowl of soup and free clothes for all ages. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more info.

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

St. John’s Lutheran Church’s Free Thrift Shop,

“Shared Bounty,” is open the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon.

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the 3rd Wed. of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

Walbridge

VFW Post 9963 Cookie Sale, Dec. 17, 3-8 p.m., 109 N. Main St. For a \$10 donation, come fill a container with an assortment of Christmas treats. Other items will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit a post family in need this Christmas.

New Year’s “Eve” Dinner & Dance, Thursday Dec. 30, 5-10 p.m., Walbridge VFW 9963, 109 N. Main St., featuring Crimson Lights Band, \$25 per person. For ticket or more information call Carolyn at 419-260-0464.

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Storytimes are held Thursdays at 10 a.m. through

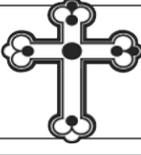
Dec. 28. Storytimes is by reservation only. Masks are required for adults and children ages 2 and older. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Salvation Army Angel Tree is in place at the Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St.

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes, Mondays, 10 a.m.; Kidz Crafts: Holiday Edition, Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Homemade Living, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. via Facebook – Learn back-to-basics skills for living a simpler life; Christmas Storytime, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Visit birchard.lib.oh.us.

Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thurs. of the month 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the last Fri. 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry. Accepting help from the pantry will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.



The Press Church Worship Guide

Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

Northwood	Walbridge	Toledo
<p>Calvary Lutheran Ch. 1930 Bradner Rd./Corner of Woodville & Bradner Rds. 419-836-8986 Fellowship Breakfast/Learning: 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30am <i>Pastor Robert Noble</i></p> <hr/> <p> Seventh-day Adventist Church 2975 Eastpointe Blvd. NorthwoodAdventist.org Saturday Worship: 11:00am Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm <i>Welcome to our Church</i></p> <hr/> <p>Unity United Methodist 1910 E. Broadway St. 419-693-5170 Indoor & Parking Lot Service Sunday 11:00 am <i>No matter who you are, you are welcome.</i></p>	<p> ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8am & 10am 300 Warner St., Walbridge St.JeromeWalbridge.org</p> <hr/> <p>Woodville Solomon Lutheran Church and School 305 W. Main St. 419-849-3600 Sunday Worship: 8:00am & 10:30am Sunday School (All Ages) & Catechism 9:20am Recovery Worship Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm The Rev. G. Alan Brown, II, Pastor School Open Enrollment Nursery thru 6th Grade</p>	<p>First St. John Lutheran Church 2471 Seaman St. 691-7222 or 691-9524 Sunday Service: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Jerald Rayl, Pastor www.firststjohn.com</p> <hr/> <p>Lake Twp.  ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 26535 Pemberville Rd. (between St. Rtes. 795 & 163) Perrysburg, OH (Lake Township) Phone: 419-837-5023 www.zionlatcha.com Sunday Indoor Worship Service @ 10:15 a.m. <i>“God’s Work, Our Hands”</i> ELCA</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">See You in Church!</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Genoa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">st. john's church Sunday School 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:00am 1213 Washington St. 419-855-3906 www.stjohnsgenoa.org</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 204 Main St., Genoa, OH Masses- Saturday 6:30 pm Sunday 10:30 am 419-855-8501 www.ourladygenoa.org</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Boniface Catholic Church  215 Church St. Oak Harbor 419-898-1389 Masses - Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 8:30 am www.sb-oh.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity United Methodist Main at 4th, Genoa Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Ramp & Elevator Pastor Greg Miller www.genoatrinity.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Lutheran Church 412 Fremont St. 419-862-3461 Stephen Lutz, Pastor In-Person Worship 8:00am & 10:45am Zoom Simulcast 8:00am In-Person Bible Study 9:30am</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Rt. 51 at Witty Rd., Just north of Elmore Sunday Worship Inside - 10:30am Outside Worship also available Pastor Jaci Tiell 419/862-3630 graceelc@gmail.com www.graceelc.com Check out our facebook page. Praising. Growing. Serving in Jesus' name.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">See You in Church!</p>

Inspirational Message of the Week:

Human beings know how to help each other. We rise to the occasion after natural disasters, for instance, and demonstrate that we are at our best when our fellow humans need us most. But why can't we do this all the time? What keeps us from reaching out and helping others in the mundane give and take of our everyday lives? Or why do we sometimes fail to rise to the occasion in certain crises, such as helping refugees from war-torn regions. The fact that we sometimes help and other times look away or just plain refuse to help is perhaps an indictment of our moral sentiments, the feelings of empathy and sympathy which move us to help. Sometimes our heartstrings

are pulled and we rise to the occasion and other times we fail to do so. Social Psychology offers some clues to this puzzle. It turns out that what is referred to as bystander apathy (not helping when you see someone in need) can be overcome by 1) noticing that someone needs help; 2) interpreting the situation as one where you could be helpful; 3) taking responsibility for helping; 4) developing a plan (or deciding what should be done); and 5) implementing the plan. It's not terribly complicated. Most of us could be doing more to help our sisters and brothers in need. "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."—Proverbs 3:27

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RESOLUTION NO. 4-2021

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE PORTAGE FIRE DISTRICT OAK HARBOR, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022.

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NORTHWOOD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS and PLANNING COMMISSION

The Northwood Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Wales Rd., Northwood, Ohio is cancelled.

Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Tuesday of each month unless it is necessary to reschedule.

The Planning Commission Meeting for Monday, January 10, 2022 is scheduled for 6PM.

Items to be reviewed: Site Plan Review for additions to existing building for Buckhead Meat Midwest located 2651 & 2665 Tracy Road.

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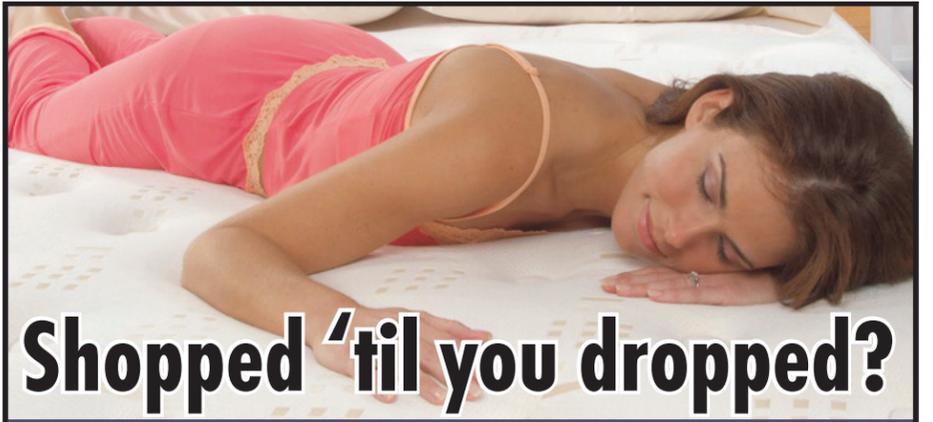
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