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JoAnne Gehr receives ashes on her forehead at The Gardens of St. Francis, Oregon, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Wood Co. court upgrades hearing assistance

Courtroom proceedings can be complicated to understand, even without the presence of audio inadequacy. When intricate details of a case are unable to be heard, serious consequences can result.

Recently, the Wood County Courthouse upgraded its already compliant technology systems to the most up to date
hearing assistance devices to ensure all people interacting with the court can engage and feel included.

The new "Listen Technologies" devices provide a dedicated personal audio feed to individuals in the courtroom. These devices are available to persons with hearing impairments, and to anyone who may wish to use them.

"...courts are held to a higher standard when it comes to accessibility of communications."

The system is also designed to wirelessly connect with hearing aid devices equipped with telecoils, so that any affected court participants may participate in the proceedings without the use of a headset. When a judge determines a particular piece of evidence or audio submission might be challenging to pick up, he or she may pause the proceeding to distribute the devices to jurors, members of the public or participants – even if they had not already been requested.

Judges Matthew Reger, Mary "Molly" Mack, Joel Kuhlman and David Woessner have employed the new devices within Courts #1, #2, and #4, the Domestic Relations Court and the Probate Court.

"Because of the sensitive nature of what we do, courts are held to a higher standard when it comes to accessibility of communications," Court Administrator Brandy Hartman said, "In Wood County, we are pleased to have the means to meet and exceed those expectations so that we can provide the best experience to all who interact with our courts."

Oregon schools

Strategic plan update among highlights in 2022

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Oregon Schools Superintendent Hal Gregory offered highlights in the school district from last year at a recent "State of the Communities" event at Mercy Health-St. Charles Hospital.

The annual event is sponsored by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Among the highlights: the school board updated its strategic plan.

"Last year was great. All that COVID stuff is behind us. It was a normal year and we got moving," said Gregory. "We updated our strategic plan with the board. We have five core goals and a number of objectives we're continuing to work on. It gives us an internal guidance of where we want to go. We always want to get better each and every day. In schools, that's hard because of the changing environment. But we're working on it every single day.

He also noted the dedication of the Carol Ann Molnar Performing Arts studio, which was in the planning stages for a long time.

"It was really a nice long journey to get there," said Gregory.

"And above the line means you behave in a way that you are disciplined, not sheer emotion."

The facility cost $1.5 million, he added. It was funded by donations, proceeds from the sale of land, and internal funds.

"Kids are using it for dance and recordings. So it's been a real highlight of our arts department," said Gregory.

Culture

Internally, the district has been working on culture, he said.

"In today's world, how you deal with things is what it's all about. And our kids and our staff need to know how to deal with things."

The district has been working on the "Focus Three" program for a while, he said.

"It's really about how you behave, and that it matters. You want everyone to behave above the line. And above the line means you behave in a way that you are disciplined, not sheer emotion. We all know what that is like when it's just pure emotion. You see it every day on the news. So that's been a big thing. We introduced that to staff a couple of years ago. But it's the students this year. There's a whole set of techniques and tools to use to be able to do that. We're very excited about that," said Gregory.

"We continue to grow," he continued. "We have mental health in-school services. We are working with Drescher and Associates, a contracted service. We are very fortunate to have a partnership that offers mental health help to every kid who wants it every day of the week. "

The service is "maxing out" as more students are in need of it, he said.

"We have seven to 10 counselors. We have state wellness funds that we've been using for the past three years to do this.

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Quote of The Week

No matter how much time has passed since the person has gone missing, never give up hope.

Ron Craig
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Oregon schools

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When you hear about mental health services, it's a real thing nowadays - babies all the way up to seniors. It's everybody," he said.

The district also expanded some of their programming, including an additional agriculture class, he said. "That was a big thing for us. It's a growing program."

Teacher shortage

The district has seen a shortage of credentialed teachers, something the school board has been trying to address, he said.

"Like everyone else, whatever industry you're in, we're short of teachers. Ohio has lost credentialed teachers by half. We're trying to figure out how to get people to encourage their children to go into education because it's a battle. It's gotten some negative raps but it's got a lot of positives to it. So we're working on that with some of our own kids," he said.

Other highlights:

• The district installed air conditioning in the Eisenhower and Clay auditoriums. "If you've ever spent time in either auditorium on a hot day, you know what a big deal that is. We've got two more gyms to get done. Then everybody will be happy," he said.

•Expanded the swim program with the YMCA. I'm excited that more kids will get that opportunity to be in the program," he said.

•Increased tutor and gap closing programs due to COVID. "That gap was pretty wide. We're starting to see some closure of that gap with kids after a couple of years. So we have more ongoing tutor programs than we've ever had in the past," he said.

•The district will be part of the Northern Lakes League (NLL) this year. The school board in 2021 voted to leave the Three Rivers Athletic Conference and join the NLL starting this year.

The NLL will be divided into two divisions: One large, one small. The large school division will consist of Whitmer, Perrysburg, Findlay, Anthony Wayne, Sylvania Northview, and Fremont Ross. The small school division will be Clay, Springfield, Sylvania Southview, Bowling Green, and Napoleon. Competing in the NLL will be good for Oregon. It allows for a strong competitive environment, limited travel and excellent fan experiences.

"So that's a big deal for Oregon schools. It's a new set of challenges, but we're excited about it," said Gregory.

The deer hunter

Deer hunting season may be over, but not for this eagle spotted near State Routes 2 and 579. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

Live! In the House welcomes 6th Edition

The 6th Edition Vocal Ensemble will bring jazz with a bit of pop thrown in to the Pemberville Opera House Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is part of the ongoing Live! In the House Concert Series presented by the Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society.

Tickets are $12 and are available at Beeker's General Store, 226 E. Front St., Pemberville, by calling Carol at 419-287-4848 or at the door. The Pemberville Opera House is located at 115 Main St.

A talented jazz vocal group with a rich, sophisticated sound, 6th Edition has been winning over audiences for 20 years with a diverse repertoire, from the American Song Book to Stevie Wonder.

The group was formed in 2001, born from the inspiration of their experience working with the legendary John Hendricks at the University of Toledo. Friends Kim Buehler, Kevin Eikum, Lori Lefevre, John Johnson and Lisa Young had been involved in studio jingle singing and ensemble work. They each had solo careers as well.

Together as The 6th Edition, they produced a CD, "It's About Time," while performing throughout the Midwest. They have also performed with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra and the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

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EPA plan for watershed criticized

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Members of Lake Erie Advocates took aim Thursday at a draft plan of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to reduce pollutants into Lake Erie, saying the proposal doesn't adequately address runoff from large-scale factory farms.

The OEPA held two hearings in Bowling Green on the agency's draft Total Maximum Daily Load program. A TMDL is the calculation of a maximum amount of a pollutant allowed to enter a body of water so it meets water quality standards for that particular pollutant.

The OEPA is accepting comments on its draft Maumee River Watershed Nutrient Water Quality Improvement Plan. The agency will accept comments on the plan through March 8 and then respond to the comments, said Anthony Chenault, media coordinator for the agency.

Lake Erie Advocates cited research it says shows the OEPA recommendations to stop toxic algae are inadequate.

Mike Ferner, an LEA organizer, said the OEPA document is "too little, too late" because:

-It doesn't consider reducing the liquid manure from animals confined in more than 800 factory farms that's spread untreated on farm fields

-It doesn't use the best available science and instead measures only Total Phosphorus to determine results. For more than a decade scientists have found that Dissolved Phosphorus or Soluble Phosphorus is what fuels Lake Erie's toxic algal blooms.

"Instead of reducing the amount of liquid manure, OEPA recommendations rely almost exclusively on expensive, ineffective 'H2Ohio' programs like no-till, buffer strips, grassed waterways and manure injection," Ferner said. "We've reviewed the scientific literature and found such programs have not significantly improved water quality and never will."

He criticized the OEPA, saying the agency continues letting industrial agriculture interests continue to influence Ohio's environmental policies.

"Nobody else will talk about the factory 'farm' elephant in the room so we will and this hearing is the time to do it," he said.

Ferner cited the water crisis that hit Lake Erie in 2014, leaving the City of Toledo without drinking water for three days, as proof the OEPA hasn't acted swiftly enough to address the problem.

5th Eagle Scout in the family

Vinny Kendrioski, Troop 112, Oregon, receives the Eagle Scout award from his mom, Amy, while his dad, Jason, looks on. Vinny planned, executed and evaluated his Eagle Project for the Unison Health Housing First Program, which provides support for homeless and victims of substance abuse. Vinny's project involved collecting donations, purchasing personal health care items and sharing information about the program, which resulted material donations of over $1800. He is the fifth member of his family to receive the award after his brother Dominic, his dad Jason and his uncles Jamie and Justin. Bottom photo: the five family Eagle Scouts are Jamie, Justin, Vinny, Jason and Dominic Kendrioski. The ceremony was held at Christ Dunberger Post 537. He is a senior at St. John's Jesuit. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Gavarone to speak

State Sen. Theresa Gavarone, R-Bowling Green, is scheduled to give a presentation to residents of Woodcreek Village, 103 Woodcreek Boulevard, Walbridge, on March 4 at 10 a.m. in the complex clubhouse.

Gavarone will address the group primarily on the state's Homestead Exemption but will take questions from the group on other topics. The presentation is part of the Neighborhood Watch program sponsored by the Lake Township Police Department.

Bridge closure

Ottawa County has contracted with R&I Construction to work on the bridge on Linker-Portage Road over Sugar Creek, between Smith and Netcher roads.

The work will require the full closure of the bridge and no through traffic will be permitted.

The bridge is scheduled for closure Feb. 27 through April 27.

A detour route will be posted.

Girl Scout cookie booths

"Cookie booth season" is open for Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. To find nearby cookie booths, connect with a troop for local delivery or purchase cookies online for donation, visit gswo.org/findcookies.

Through March 19, area Girl Scout entrepreneurs will be out and about the community at local businesses, holding drive-through cookie booths, setting up cookie stands in their neighborhoods, and taking orders online using the Digital Cookie platform.

This year, Girl Scouts are selling nine cookie varieties, including classic customer favorites such as Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, and last year's newest cookie, the brownie-inspired Adventurefuls.

Starting Monday, Feb. 27, consumers can order cookies – including the new Raspberry Rally cookie – for shipment directly to their doorsteps. Raspberry Rally, a sister to the Thin Mint, featuring a crispy, raspberry-infused center, is offered exclusively through digital channels for direct shipment only.

Every Girl Scout Cookie purchase helps girls learn entrepreneurial skills and powers adventures for them. Girl Scouts use their cookie earnings to better their communities, explore the outdoors at camp, plan trips, have fun experiences with their friends, and more.

Girl Scouts in our area also donate thousands of cookies each year to local military organizations and food banks through the council's Gift of Caring program.

Nominations sought

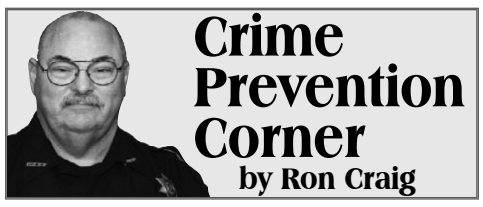
The Northwest Ohio Women's Business Council is seeking nominations for the inaugural Women's Entrepreneurial Distinction Ovation (WEDO) Awards.

The awards will be presented in May, in conjunction with National Small Business Month.

WEDO Award categories include Rising Star, Legend, Second Act, Trailblazer and Thriver. Nomination is open to women who own at least 50 percent of a business in Northwest Ohio counties, including Lucas, Sandusky, Ottawa and Wood, as well as Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams and Wyandot counties.

Learn more at nwowbc.com

What do you do if a family member goes missing?



If you are faced with a situation in which someone in your family becomes missing, you should remain calm and think clearly about what you need to do. There are many factors that need to be considered in such situations – the age, physical and mental conditions of the missing person is of utmost importance.

For example, if the person is elderly and has a condition such as dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or if it is a child too young to recognize dangerous situations, the issue is likely to be an emergency situation that needs immediate involvement of law enforcement personnel.

If the missing person takes medication that is vital to his or her physical or mental well-being, this factor makes finding the person soon even more important.

Another factor to be considered is time of day. If there are only a few hours of daylight left, the situation becomes more serious. If the weather is inclement, such as rainy or cold, this also makes the situation more imperative for quickly involving the proper authorities.

There is no shame in calling police when a family member goes missing, regardless of the reasons involved. If you have had a disagreement with that person, finding him or her soon is no less important.

Regardless of the factors that may be involved in the situation, remember that the sooner you get more people involved, the higher the likelihood the person will be found quickly and, hopefully, before the missing person gets hurt.

Calling friends of the missing person to see if they have seen him or her is important. Remember to tell them to call you if the person is seen, and make sure they have a good phone number at which to call you back.

You should check to see if there are any clues as to which direction the person may have headed. While the person can easily change direction, knowing the way the person may have initially headed can be important.

Also, law enforcement will need an accurate description of the missing person, including height, weight, hair and eye colors, and a description of the clothing the missing person was wearing, if known. Be prepared to give this information to the dispatcher when you call 9-1-1 to give the initial report.

If the person who has gone missing drives, having a good description of any vehicles in which he or she may have left is important, as is a license plate number. If the situation involves a child, is there a bicycle that could have been used?

If law enforcement personnel get involved in the situation, be sure to give them as much pertinent information as you can, as soon as you can. In most cases, the senior officer will usually talk to a parent of a child or some other relative of an older person while other officers start searching the area.

No matter how much time has passed since the person has gone missing, never give up hope. Although it's rare, there have been many cases in which both children and adults have been missing for years and were found.

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State asked to reconsider Rt. 23 corridor proposal

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The Ottawa County commissioners would like the state to resume a feasibility study of a free-flowing road connection between the Columbus and Toledo regions.

The commissioners last week approved a resolution urging Gov. Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation to reconvene the Route 23 Connect corridor study and support an improved highway connection between Northwest Ohio and Columbus.

The department of transportation began the Rt. 23 connect study in Spring 2021 to examine the pros and cons of establishing a fully, free-flowing link between the cities. The study centered on the stretch of U.S. 23 between the Village of Waldo and I-270, which is a portion of the I-75/ U.S. 23/ State Rt. 15 corridor with traffic volumes exceeding road capacity.

The area under study includes nearly 40 traffic signals – the only signals between I-270 and Toledo, according to ODOT.

Planners came up with seven concept proposals in the first phase of the study, including an option to not construct anything; upgrading the existing U.S. 23 corridor to free-flow, two new freeway connections to U.S. 33 to the west, and three new freeway connections to I-71 in the east.

According to ODOT, each option was evaluated with a variety of metrics, including travel times, safety benefits, community impacts, environmental impacts, and costs.

> **"We would like to share in the benefits of commerce between Columbus and up here along the northern shore. But we obviously need an unimpeded route in order to do that."**

"After comparison of the expected benefits and costs for each Phase 1 concept, we have determined none of the concepts as presented can be reasonably implemented. The concepts presented would cost at least three times more than the benefits it would provide and each of the proposed concepts would substantially impact community and natural resources," ODOT posted on its website after the first phase was completed.

Instead, the study was shifted to focus on planning and implementing a series of stand-alone improvement projects along the U.S. 23 corridor between Waldo and I-270. The next phase of the study lays the groundwork for a plan that recommends and prioritizes specific projects along U.S. 23 to provide safer and more efficient travel, ODOT says.

"The Route 23 Connect study is still ongoing and will identify and prioritize new project concepts along the existing U.S. 23 corridor, including projects to remove traffic signals and improve the flow of traffic along U.S. 23. Currently, ODOT is pursuing funds to develop construction plans for seven intersections in northern Delaware County to improve congestion and safety for the public.

"Additional opportunities for public-comment are expected later this year and early next before the study's action plan is finalized. As Ohio continues to grow, ODOT is tasked with evaluating the transportation needs that will allow all regions of the state to participate in the state's economic success. We remain committed to improving the link between Toledo and Columbus to ensure that transportation is never a barrier to prosperity," said Matt Bruning, ODOT press secretary.

Mark Stahl, a county commissioner said the congestion on Rt. 23 is "only going to get worse."

"We would like to share in the benefits of commerce between Columbus and up here along the northern shore. But we obviously need an unimpeded route in order to do that," he said.

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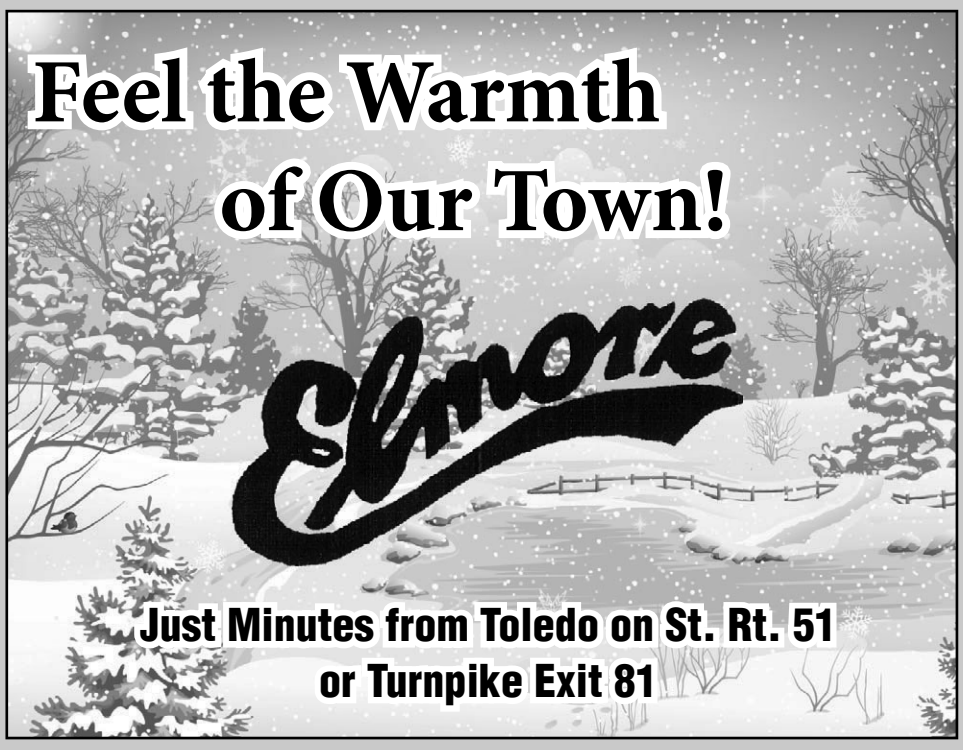

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Northwood schools

Free lunches, intervention, among 2022 highlights

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The overarching goals of the Northwood Local School District last year were student achievement, student growth and student well being.

"I always tell our staff it's not always in that order," said Northwood Local School Superintendent Jason Kozina, who spoke at a "State of the Communities" event recently in the Oregon Room at Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital. "We have to do what we need to do for kids."

The annual event was sponsored by the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce.

"One of the things we've been able to do is maintain the free lunches that were provided by the FDA during the couple of COVID-19 school years. The reimbursement for meals during those years was substantial enough that we basically built enough of a buffer so that we were able to continue that during this school year. That's been a huge help to our families," said Kozina.

He doesn't expect it to continue long-term, though.

He urged the public to talk to their legislators about continued funding for the free lunches.

"Students that come to school should get free breakfasts and lunches. That should be the way it is. It's difficult for families in Northwood. About 60-percent of our students come from families with low socio-economic income. It's difficult. It takes that burden off of them. If they can't eat and they don't have that nutrition when they come to school, it's tough for them to learn," said Kozina. "So we're proud of being able to maintain that this year."

Intervention

The district has received federal COVID-19 assistance, including Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, he said.

"We turned all of that money back around into staff, who is helping with intervention and tutoring, and lower level students early childhood, and making sure we bring students who did have that learning loss back to where we need to be. We don't put a ton of faith in State Report Cards, because I think one moment in time taking a test is not a fair assessment of any school district. However, we do take that data and learn from it," he said.

> **"About 60-percent of our students come from families with low socio-economic income. It's difficult."**

The district scored a five in the area of progress, data that was in the State Report Card, he said.

"We were one of only two schools in Wood County to do that, one of only seven in Northwest Ohio out of about 72 school districts. So we think we have invested that money appropriately, we brought students back. We're doing a great job with intervention. Our principals and staff have done a fantastic job with that."

Solar power

The district plans to have a solar field on its campus in the summer, he said.

"It should power 35-percent of our K-12 building, which we are excited to see how that will all come to be. Not only that, but there's an educational piece that goes with it. Our science department will be able to study the data, look at how it functions, what energy it will bring in. It's going to be nice for our school district," said Kozina.

He noted the financial stability of the district.

"Fiscal responsibility is always a big thing. Our last operating levy was in 2007. There are students who graduated from Northwood High School whose families never had to vote on an operating levy. That's amazing. It's also a testament to our city, which also helps the school district," he said.

Also, the district, for the fourth consecutive year, made the list of Top Work Places.

"We're very proud of our staff. They're proud of what they do, and excited to be there. We have a fantastic staff," he said.

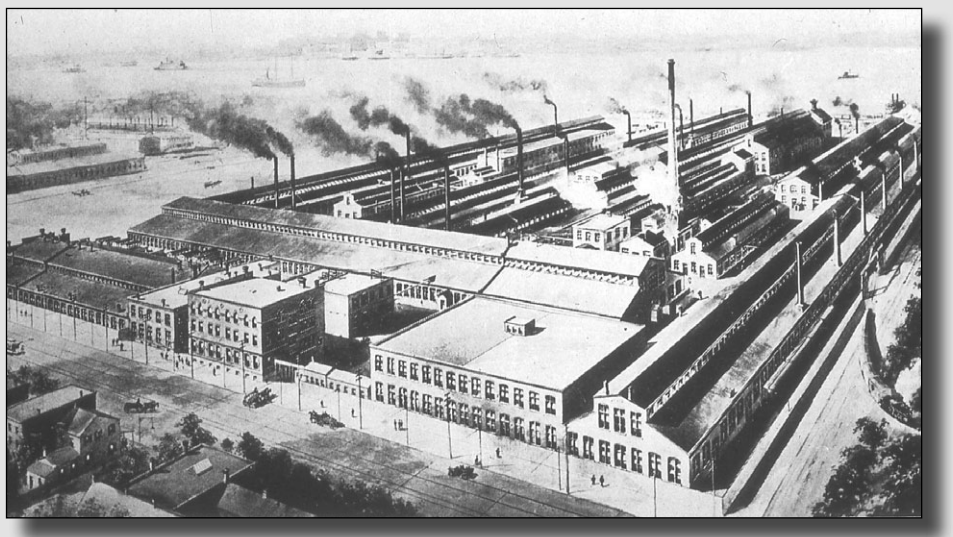
Singers plan show

The Letters From Home Singers will present "The 50 States Tour" Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St.

As the official Ohio stop of their "50-States Tour," Letters From Home will bring back the style of the USO with a high-energy performance featuring Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann. The duo has performed more than 900 shows across the United States for veterans and their families, and performed at the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

The show features singing, tap dancing, jokes and audience interaction. Tickets available online at LettersFromHomeSingers.com and at the Maumee Indoor Theater box office.

Malleable Castings Company, 1911



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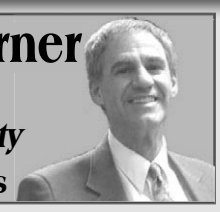

The huge size of the National Malleable Castings Company, 2200 Front St., near the corner of Consaul at the left, can be seen in this rendering from an East Toledo booklet published in 1911. This view looks west toward the river from Front Street in the foreground. Built in 1890, the massive factory complex led to the rapid growth of the Birmingham neighborhood in the 1890s and early 1900s. By World War I, the Malleable employed about 1600 workers. After other ironworks were established on the East Side, a devastating fire led to the razing of the plant, and all these buildings were gone by the 1940s.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

Feb. 26
1887 - Large oil discoveries reported in Northwest Ohio. More wells are struck. One in North Baltimore said to be a gusher producing 1,200 barrels a day.
1895 - Inventor Michael Owens of Toledo patents glass blowing machine, a move that would alter the course of history for Toledo as it helped put Toledo on the map as "The Glass Capital of the World."
1916 - State Game Warden outlaws use of nets to catch fish in the Maumee River.
1928 - Large crude oil explosions reported at Sun Oil refinery in Toledo. Thousands of people pour out of the homes to watch the spectacle.

Feb. 27
1901- A man who had his case dismissed in Toledo police court comes back to courtroom with a guitar. He serenades judge and spectators with several songs of the South.
1919 - Toledo motorcycle policeman is run over by street car on Indiana Street. He is dragged 65 feet and survives, but his clothes were pulled off during the ordeal. He climbs a nearby tree to hide, but yells to passersby that he needs a pair of pants.
1935 - Thousands of women attend an all-day cooking school at Paramount Theater in downtown Toledo.
1972 - Toledo native Pat Brady who played as comic sidekick on the Roy Rogers TV show dies at the age of 58 in Colorado. Brady, who was born in Toledo, appeared in the popular Roy Rogers Show, driving his Jeep, named Nelly-Belle.
1976 - Owens-Illinois executive, Toledoan William Niehous is kidnapped from his home in Caracas, Venezuela by terrorists. Ransom demands are made and while some of them are met, Niehous was not returned. Many feared he had been killed, but three years after his capture, in 1979, Niehous makes a daring and successful escape from his jungle prison and returns to Toledo.

Feb. 28
1900 - Massive blizzard paralyzes Toledo area with 20 inches of snow reported. Mail and passenger trains are snowbound. All able-bodied men are being called to help clear roadways.

1903 - Albert Wade is found guilty of murdering Kate Sullivan in the farm home she shared with her sister just west of Toledo in a dramatic trial. Wade's brother, Ben, also found guilty in the attack. Both die in electric chair the next year.
1912 - Sandusky County town of Bettsville wiped out by massive blaze that levels most of the downtown area.
1983 - Millions of Americans watch final episode of the hit TV show "M*A*S*H," which made Toledo's Jamie Farr and Packo's hot dogs nationally famous. Big viewing party is held at Packo's in East Toledo.

March 1
1803 - Ohio admitted to the Union.
1904 - Major flooding on Maumee River from Fort Wayne to Toledo. Waterville bridge taken out by ice jams.
1906 - Frances Goodell of Bowling Green reports she has now found three pearls in the last weeks while shucking freshwater oysters (clams). The last one she found on Saturday was as big as a pea. She says it is perfect in color and she plans on having the three pearls set in a piece of jewelry.
1926 - Seventeen people under arrest after "rum runners war" erupts into gun battle and beatings on streets of downtown Toledo and Old West End.
1947 - Tom Sholz of music group "Boston" is born in Toledo.
1957 - A "berserk" gunman opens fire and wounds two Toledo policemen and two women at a home in 600 block of Norwood, before turning the gun on himself.

March 2
1846 - First school opens in Perrysburg.
1849 - Well-known pioneer Isaac Van Tassel dies while riding horse near present-day Grand Rapids.
1900 - Inmates at the Toledo Workhouse on "Duck Island" on Swan Creek say they are being held in inhumane conditions. They allege "rotten meat" is being served to them and there is torture in dungeons.
1930 - A deadly gun battle erupts at the Standard Oil Company warehouse in South Toledo. The night watchman and one of the bandit gang members are killed.
1947 - Toledo bans sale of cream-filled pastries after 50 people are sickened by chocolate Eclairs from a
Lewis Avenue bakery.

March 3
1905 - Master pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski of Poland plays to packed audience at Toledo's Valentine Theater.
1930 - Ground is broken for University Hall at the new University of Toledo campus being built on Bancroft Street. The first building on the new campus.

1937 - Earth tremors shake much of Midwest, including downtown Toledo.
1944 - USS Mackinaw Coast Guard cutter built and launched at the Toledo Shipyards. The large cutter would continue service on the Great Lakes for 60 years before it was retired and became a museum ship at Mackinaw City.
1981 - Ollie Czelusta, who in the 1950s served as Toledo's first Polish mayor, dies at the age of 85.

March 4
1919 - "Babe," the large Indian elephant at the Toledo Zoo, is used to push a big truck out of the heavy mud at Dartmouth and Amherst Street adjacent to the zoo. The truck is crushed in the incident.
1955 - The large log building on the BGSU campus known as the "Falcon's Nest" is moved to Portage Ohio where it was used for years as the American Legion Hall.
1976 - Toledo bowler, 46-year old John Pezzin rolls 33 consecutive strikes in back to back 300 games and an 859 series at Miracle Lanes. It sets a new record for consecutive strikes.
1983 - Four prisoners escape from the newly opened Lucas County Jail

Crime Prevention

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If you have an opportunity to complete a fingerprint kit for your children or adults who may be prone to wandering, do it. The best of these kits includes DNA collection capabilities.

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Toledo Helps Ukraine plans Feb. 25 event

When the war on Ukraine began on Feb. 24, 2022, Alona Matchenko and Hope Luther, law students at the University of Toledo, mobilized help quickly to assist Ukrainians impacted by Russia's unlawful invasion. The result was the creation of a nonprofit, Toledo Helps Ukraine/4UA.org.

Now, a year later, the bombing, killing and crimes against humanity continue in Ukraine. As we approach the one-year mark of the invasion of Ukraine Toledo Helps Ukraine/4UA.org, in conjunction with St. Michaels's Ukrainian Catholic Church, will present an event welcoming Ukrainians that THU has helped to bring to safety to through the U4U initiative.

The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 135 Walnut St., Rossford.

THU/4UA.org will provide the community with an update on the ongoing work of Toledo Helps Ukraine/4UA.org and offer the Ukrainian refugees whom they have arranged to come to Ohio an opportunity to meet and enjoy some camaraderie and fellowship.

Alona Matchenko, co-founder of 4UA.org, will speak to the community about the work of the nonprofit over the past year and its current needs, including welcomers and sponsors for Ukrainians anxiously awaiting to come to the United States. THU/4UA.org will also have items available for sale to support the work of the non-profit.

Work on the wild side

African Safari Wildlife Park is hiring for more than 50 seasonal full-time and part-time positions for its upcoming 55th season.

Opportunities are available in every department of the park, including admissions, retail, food service, groundskeeping, landscaping, animal care and education.

Applicants must be 14 years of age or older, however, certain positions, such as animal care, are open to ages 18 and up only and require a valid driver's license. No previous experience is required for most positions.

"If you're an animal lover looking to gain hands-on work experience, develop your skills and make new friends, African Safari Wildlife Park is the place for you," said park director Kelsey Keller. "Join our team and work on the wild side."

The park offers flexible scheduling, bonuses for regular attendance, recognition and rewards for standout employees and free admission for friends and family of employees.

Learn more or apply at africansafariwildlifepark.com/employment.

Genealogy classes

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society has partnered with The Genealogy Investigator to offer classes on how to research family genealogy.

This course can be purchased as a six-week package or as individual classes. The first class, "Writing Your Story," will be held at Brandville School Museum, 1133 Grasser St., Oregon, Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Special OJHS member pricing is $20 per class or $110 for all six classes. Nonmembers will pay a higher per-class fee.

Call Kitty at 419-376-9491 to reserve a spot.

Board meetings set

The Board of Trustees of the Northwestern Water and Sewer District has updated its meeting schedule for February and March. Meetings will be held at The District's Board Room at 12560 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green, at 7:30 a.m. on the following Thursdays:

- March 2 (rescheduled from February 23).
- March 16 (rescheduled from March 9).
- March 30 (rescheduled from March 23).

Regular meetings will resume on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning April 13.

Quilters to meet

The Maumee Bay Country Quilters' Guild will meet Tuesday, March 7 at 6:45 p.m. at Northwood Church of God, 3375 Curtice Rd. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Speaker Cindy Hoffman will discuss "Sewing Antiques and Teaching in Africa." Visitors and new members are welcome. The visitor's fee is $10.

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Tackling difficult tasks offers the biggest rewards

Golden Advice
by Bryan Golden

Anything worthwhile in life takes effort. Yet, it's the prospect of this effort which causes procrastination. Although there is a tendency to put off life's difficult tasks in favor of easier endeavors, it's conquering the difficult tasks which offer the biggest rewards.

Build your motivation to accomplish a difficult task by first identifying all of the benefits which will accrue once successful. This focuses your mind on the joy of the destination rather than the rigors of the journey.

Set aside any small stuff which provides little or no benefits. This includes any busywork which doesn't move you closer to a goal. Focus your efforts on being productive, not just active. Cutting free from meaningless tasks frees you to devote your time to more valuable pursuits.

Identify exactly why you feel a specific task is hard. Often, your mind tends to make things seem worse than they really are. You may be labeling an entire goal as difficult, when in reality there is only one challenging step.

Once you have determined which step or steps are challenging, you can direct your energy to figuring out an effective approach. Typically, just breaking a challenging task into a series of small steps enables you to get through the difficulty.

The smaller the steps, the less intimidating they are. All goals are reached one step at a time. A goal can be made to appear more difficult than it is if the steps are too big. All journeys consist of a series of steps, regardless of how long or arduous.

You may feel you don't know enough to reach your objective. Don't get overwhelmed by things you don't know. Start with the things you do know. When you do need additional guidance or expertise, look to those who have already accomplished what you are striving for. Hiring an expert or doing your own research are other options.

Negative attitudes are self-defeating. If you don't think you can do something, you won't. If you think something is impossible, it is. Your brain won't let you accomplish anything you believe is impossible. Self-doubt is a powerful roadblock. Negative self-talk programs your mind for failure.

Trying doesn't work. When you give something a try, you leave open a backdoor to failure. If you don't succeed you can claim, "Well at least I tried." Accomplishing a difficult task requires a can-do, will-do mindset. Have faith in yourself and your abilities. Be determined to do whatever it takes to reach your objective.

Eliminate all excuses for failure, especially, "I can't do it because it's too difficult." Attempting to justify why you can't or won't start, or be successful, ensures you'll never accomplish a difficult task. A long list of excuses can be replaced with just one reason you can and will succeed.

Ignore naysayers. These people are always ready to tell you why you can't or won't reach your goals. Don't pay any attention to what these critics say, think, or do. The only thing that matters is what you say, think, and do.

Don't be deterred by obstacles. The more difficult the task, the more challenges you will encounter. This is normal and to be expected. Every challenge can be overcome. Each problem can be solved. If you stumble and fall, get back up and keep going.

Redefine impossible as It Means Possible. Too many people avoid difficult tasks because they require more effort. "It's impossible," is an all too common excuse. For every goal someone claimed to be impossible, someone else has proved them wrong.

With drive, determination, discipline, and commitment, you can and will accomplish difficult tasks. If you haven't already done so, set your sights on at least one difficult task today.

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Trouble at home? Send in the maroon people quickly

By Melinda Burrell

Somewhere in Dayton, Ohio, a 13-year-old girl was sassing her mom, who was concerned about the strangers her daughter was talking to on her phone. The mom reached over and snatched the phone out of her daughter's hand. The daughter started yelling. Fearful that the situation could come to slapping, the mother called the police.

But Dayton had recently launched its Mediation Response Unit (MRU) to take nonviolent 911 calls. Instead of police, two mediators showed up quickly at the house, wearing their signature MRU maroon shirts and carrying only radios and pamphlets of resource information. One mediator went upstairs to talk to the daughter while the other stayed in the kitchen to talk to the mother. Then the mediators asked if they could bring the mother and daughter together to talk to each other, which they did in the living room. The mom explained how scared she was for her daughter, and the daughter explained how important the phone was to her for talking to her friends. Far from slapping, mother and daughter laughed, cried, hugged each other, and apologized. No one got violent. No one went to jail.

This is one of the many small but significant successes the Dayton Mediation Response Unit has had since its launch in spring of 2022. The MRU was born out of community conversations in response to the George Floyd murder. About 120 people, a mix of city, police, public defenders, community members and leaders, discussed alternatives for responding to 911 calls. Eventually they contacted the Dayton Mediation Center and over the course of months, devised the MRU.

Since then, the MRU has taken many phone calls originally made to 911 but deemed "low-level." Think of noise complaints, neighbor disputes, barking dogs, loitering, and unruly juvenile complaints – situations that would take hours for police response, but to which the mediation team can respond quickly.

The mediators de-escalate the situation in the moment and then connect the callers with counseling or even return later themselves to offer more support.

> **"At first the police were resistant to this."**

"This is not one-and-done," explains the Dayton Mediation Center's director, Michelle Zaremba. "We stay in touch with people as long as they need. We are letting people know they have more options than calling 911 when something bad happens."

One impact of the MRU is helping people understand they don't need to use violence in a dispute, or call the police, or threaten attorneys. Another way is frequently a far better response. Often police are called for a disturbance but cannot do anything because it is a civil, rather than criminal, complaint.

"At first the police were resistant to this," Michelle notes. "We worked hard to show them we're not trying to defund the police. Now the police call us on the radio to ask for support. We're helping people who need a mediator's skills, but also pulling calls from 911 so the police can focus on what they need to, and callers don't wind up going to jail and getting criminal records for small things." And all of this is possible with far less money than additional police units would cost.

Though it's been less than a year, already word about this effective alternative is getting out. "Send the maroon people!" is heard more and more.

Melinda Burrell, PhD, syndicated by PeaceVoice, is a former humanitarian aid worker and now trains on the neuroscience of communication and conflict. She is vice-chair of the National Association for Community Mediation, which offers resources for community approaches to difficult issues.

College may be for some but not for all

By Jack Miller | RealClearWire

Over recent decades, parents, grandparents, and high school students have been subject to a barrage of messages suggesting that everyone should go to college. Higher education is the pathway to more money and more status, we're told.

Few have asked, "Is this path best for all young people, and is it best for our country?" Many young people are not cut out for college, but they have other talents. The vast majority of jobs in this country don't require a college degree, although many do require additional training.

As a result, there is a huge misappropriation of funding, with far too much going to colleges and far too little going to trade schools, community colleges, and other places where young people can get the post-high school training they need to help them lead productive, successful lives.

The U.S. Census shows that in 2021, a total of 62.2 percent of the population 25 and older did not have a college degree. Of the 37.8 percent who have a bachelor's degree or higher, one-third are underemployed, according to the Federal Reserve. Many of them are in jobs that don't actually require a college degree.

The fact is that many of the most successful Americans throughout our history didn't go to college. Some of our greatest presidents – George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Harry Truman – never received a higher education. More recently, tech and media giants like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Ted Turner, and cultural giants like Oprah Winfrey and Maya Angelou, along with countless others, didn't get degrees and yet went on to achieve great success.

This is not to deny that a college education is necessary for some. Doctors, lawyers, accountants, engineers, professors, teachers, and many other professions require a college education. That doesn't mean that colleges should just be trade schools for those students. They should also offer a strong liberal arts program to help students become more informed citizens and lead more meaningful lives. Many colleges unfortunately are neglecting or even cannibalizing this part of their curriculum.

So, what can we do?

First, let's face the reality that most jobs in the country don't require a college degree, and most young people don't get one. Then let's change our attitudes. Good tradesmen and other service people deserve as much respect as those in the professions. The country needs good plumbers and good carpenters, for example, unless we are willing to live with leaky pipes and poorly constructed homes. And often, these skilled craftsmen earn better livelihoods and enjoy their work more than those with white-collar jobs.

It may be true that the average college graduate earns more than a non-college graduate over the course of his life. But that isn't the case when you compare those with a college degree in a job that doesn't require one against those well-qualified trades people who don't have degrees. And then, when you consider the extraordinarily high cost of college – the lost 4 or 6 years of earnings and the burden of the debt acquired to pay for college – any difference becomes much less significant.

We should stop pushing everyone to go to college. Parents, high school counselors, and others with influence in students' lives need to realize that this isn't always the best advice. Then, reminding ourselves that the vast majority of young people get most of their education in the K-12 system, we need to focus on teaching the basics. Teaching good grammar and solid math skills is essential, along with giving students a strong background in civics and history, to prepare high school graduates to be good workers and citizens. Businesses should stop requiring college degrees for those jobs that don't require one.

Perhaps high schools should offer more vocational classes for students interested in the trades. And high school counselors should let students know about the full array of potential training opportunities in addition to college.

Then let's strengthen those additional training opportunities. We already have a strong community college network, where young people can get training for many different types of work or as an inexpensive first two years toward a college degree. But there aren't nearly enough trade schools and virtually no apprenticeships as there are in Germany and other countries. This should be a priority.

In America, we promise everyone "The possibility of living The American Dream," as James Truslow Adams defined it, in which "life should be better, richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability and achievement."

As Martin Luther King would say, it's time to live up to that promise, for everyone. We owe everyone an equal place at the starting line; from there, we can let meritocracy determine the outcomes. That is the American promise. And the place to start is with our educational system, from top to bottom.

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Special Olympics Ohio Indoor Winter Games returning to BGSU

Athletes across Ohio are preparing for Special Olympics Ohio's 2023 Indoor Winter Games presented by Marathon Petroleum.

As the organization's second largest state-level annual tournament, Winter Games will be held March 3-5 at Bowling Green State University.

The event will include basketball, basketball skills, competitive cheerleading and swimming tournaments for athletes as well as Unified Sports and Healthy Athletes® programs.

Almost 1,000 athletes will participate in Traditional and Unified Sports competitions at the Indoor Winter Games. Unified Sports, which joins people with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) on the same team, is inspired by a simple idea – training and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

These experiences are not only challenging and exciting, but also improve the attitudes and behaviors among all young people, both with and without ID.

"Special Olympics Ohio is thrilled to be back at Bowling Green State University for our 2023 Indoor Winter Games, presented by Marathon Petroleum. We are so appreciative of the support from local partners, Visit BG and the university, as well as the warm welcome back from the Bowling Green community," said Jessica Stewart, Special Olympics Ohio President and CEO.

"This event is the highlight of the year for many of our athletes as they show off their hard work and training preparing for this state-level competition. We invite everyone to come witness the spirit, passion and dedication of our athletes. You will be inspired."

In addition to sports competitions, athletes will have access to free health screenings and education through the Healthy Athletes program. Healthy Athletes is not only a program for athletes, but is also a program for healthcare students and professionals to increase their knowledge of best practices in caring for and communicating with people with ID.

Athletes across Ohio are preparing for Special Olympics Ohio's 2023 Indoor Winter Games presented by Marathon Petroleum, which will be held March 3-5 at Bowling Green State University. (Submitted photo)

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About Special Olympics Ohio

Special Olympics Ohio is part of the global inclusion movement using sport, health, education and leadership programs to empower people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Ohio provides year-round sports training and competition in 19 different sports for 20,000 children and adults, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

GENOA BANK

Salutes Genoa High School's February Student of the Month

Carly Campbell

Carly has a GPA of 4.144 and is ranked 6th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. Carly participates in Varsity Sideline and Competition Cheer.

Carly, the daughter of Leslie and Jeff Campbell, plans on attending Bowling Green State University to major in Forensic Science.

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Salutes Lake High School's February Student of the Month

Elise Staczek

Elise has a GPA of 4.42 and is ranked 9th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club and Students in Action. Elise participates in Soccer, Basketball and Track & Field.

Elise, the daughter of Doug and Eileen Staczek, plans to attend an undecided college and major in Business Management and Marketing.

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Nationwide Children's -Toledo assumes Mercy's athletic training

Nationwide Children's Hospital - Toledo and Mercy Health announced an agreement to enhance pediatric athletic training services in the region.

Effective Jan. 1, Nationwide Children's Hospital - Toledo assumed Mercy Health's athletic training program and sports medicine services at local schools and youth programs.

"This transition is one of many ways our two hospitals continue to work together and build upon the existing legacy developed by Mercy Children's Hospital to provide compassionate and quality care close to home," said Jennifer Strauss, vice president, Nationwide Children's Hospital - Toledo. "Nationwide Children's in Columbus has a long-standing history and proven commitment to sports medicine."

Since coming to Toledo in March 2022, Nationwide Children's - Toledo has expanded its service offerings in multiple pediatric specialties, including general pediatrics, ear, nose and throat (ENT), orthopedic surgery, and audiology. Nationwide Children's Hospital - Toledo's assumption of the sports medicine program is the most recent collaboration between the two hospital systems.

"Nationwide Children's Hospital - Toledo continues to be a valued addition in our region, and we are excited that the highly trained members of the Mercy Health athletic training program will continue to serve area athletes with high-quality and compassionate care," said Becky Ford, director, Ambulatory Operations, Mercy Health – Toledo. "Mercy Health has established an extensive, well-respected program throughout the region, and we're excited to see it evolve into its next chapter."

The athletic training program, encompassing over 40 employees, currently serves over 30 local schools and community programs across Northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Nationwide Children's - Toledo and Mercy Health will continue to work together to provide a smooth transition for student athletes, families, and staff while offering the same high-quality level of care. Families and teams should expect no interruption in care or any major changes at this time.

Mercy Health will continue to provide athletic training services for several area colleges as well as the Mercy Health Glass City Marathon this spring.

"This transfer of services feels like a natural progression that aligns with both of our hospital goals," Strauss added. "With a focus on prevention, athletic trainers will have the opportunity to partner with our clinical staff and new orthopedic surgeon to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of sports-related injuries at all of the schools and communities we serve."

Dr. Christopher Jackson, new orthopedic surgeon at Nationwide Children's - Toledo will treat student athletes with more serious injuries requiring further evaluation and medical care. In addition to his regular clinic hours, Dr. Jackson is now providing pediatric on-call services at Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center's Emergency Department.

"I am honored to be part of the Nationwide Children's - Toledo team and passionate about getting student athletes back in the game," said Dr. Jackson. "I'm excited to build on the positive momentum we have generated the last few months, and I look forward to the future of sports medicine at our hospital and in our community."

Dr. Jackson joined Nationwide Children's - Toledo in September 2022 after completing his Orthopedic Surgery Residency at the University of Toledo and his Pediatric Orthopedic Fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital. He specializes in diagnosing, evaluating, and treating children of all ages and orthopedic conditions. Dr. Jackson will work closely and collaboratively with clinical staff and athletic trainers to build the new sports medicine program at Nationwide Children's - Toledo.

For more information visit their website at NationwideChildrens.org/Toledo.

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Jordan has a GPA of 4.3 and is ranked 23rd in her class. She is a member of the Key Club, National Honor Society, Senior Executive Council, International Club, Student Council and People Inc. Jordan participates in Volleyball, Choir, Musicals, Tri-M Music Honor Society and Encore (A Capella group).

Jordan, the daughter of Matthew and Stacy Appelhans, plans on attending Ohio University or Miami University to major in Biology.

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Sophia Marsico

Sophia has a GPA of 4.2813 and is ranked 6th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Aevidum, Volunteer Focus and is a tutor. Sophia participates in Soccer, Softball and Powerlifting. She performs in the Clay High School Limelighters and Choir.

Sophia, the daughter of Jennyfer Marsico and Nicholas Marsico, plans to attend an undecided university and study Biomedical Engineering on a Pre-Med track.

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Mackenzie Clements

Mackenzie has a GPA of 4.0 and is ranked 6th in her class. She is a member of the Young Women of Excellence, Video Game Club, Teen Outreach program and the Dungeons and Dragons Club. Mackenzie participates in Band and Orchestra.

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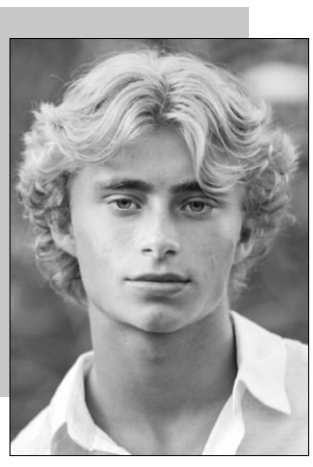

Owen Carter

Owen has a GPA of 3.39 and is ranked 12th in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Owen participates in Varsity Basketball and Varsity Soccer.

Owen, the son of Sarah and Ryan Carter, plans on attending Owens Community College to complete his foundation classes before deciding on a major.

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Jade Wiley

Jade has a GPA of 4.504 and is ranked 5th her class. She is a member of the Business Professionals of America, Key Club, Student Council, Track, Volleyball team, College Credit Plus and Youth Leadership of America. Jade is also employed by the City of Northwood and Northwood Nutrition.

The daughter of Shawna Allomong and Nate Wiley, Jade plans to attend college on the east coast and pursue a Math and Biology degree. She plans to play volleyball/track in college.

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Clay High student Blake Dayton receives Evans Scholarship

Clay High School student Blake Dayton is among 24 Ohio students to be awarded an Evans Scholarship – a full housing and tuition college grant offered to golf caddies – following a final selection meeting interview held at Scioto Country Club in Columbus last month.

Dayton, of Northwood, plans to attend Miami University.

Selection criteria include having a strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need and outstanding character. The Evans Scholarship is valued at more than $125,000 over four years.

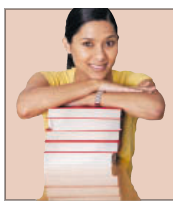
"Each student has demonstrated excellence in the classroom, on the golf course and in their communities," said Western Golf Association Chairman Joe Desch. "We are thrilled for them to join an exceptional class of newly awarded Evans Scholars from across the nation."

The Western Golf Association, headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, has supported the Chick Evans Scholarship Program through the Evans Scholars Foundation since 1930. Known as one of golf's favorite charities, it is the nation's largest scholarship program for caddies.

Currently, a record 1,100 caddies are enrolled at 22 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars, and more than 11,800 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded by famed Chicago amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans Jr.

Scholarship funds come mostly from contributions by more than 36,000 supporters across the country, who are members of the Evans Scholars Par Club program. Evans Scholars Alumni donate more than $15 million annually, and all proceeds from the BMW Championship, the penultimate PGA TOUR Playoff event in the PGA TOUR's FedExCup competition, are donated to the Evans Scholars Foundation. In 2023, the BMW Championship will be held at Olympia Fields Country Club in Illinois, from Aug. 17-20.

To learn more about the WGA and ESF, visit wgaesf.org.



Student Stars

Youth of the Month

Cardinal Stritch senior Alex Soltes was chosen as the National Exchange Club's Youth of the Month.

Soltes received a scholarship check, a plaque and certificate. She will be entered into the state competition for a chance to be recognized at the national level.

One of the most popular Exchange youth projects, the Youth of the Month/Year Award recognizes hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership.

Academic honors

Bowling Green State University: Feliciana Garza, Edward Staley, Melanie Bolden, Corrin Tripp, Hunter Carrick, of Toledo;

Kaylee Beavers, Sonia Murphy, Molly Brammer, Anna Giller, Madison Dykema, Emily Young, Albert Ondrus, Kaylee Church, Sofia Lowe, Rylee Clark, Julia Russo, Mariann Bonnice, Emmalee Guy, Ricky Jurski, Madison Kelly, Brilee Shireman, Owen Thompson, Mia McDonald, Elise DeMaria, Lily Mominee, Paige Pasztor, of Oregon;

Hunter Walters, Isaac Hoffer, Mitchell Hurley, Olivia Parr, Ethan Cunningham, Alissa Heyman, Lydia Long, Navamin Makpleek, Olivia Matlack, Grace Blackburn, Carys Thomas, Alexandra Harrison, Makenna Flores, Emerson Howard, Kaitlyn Huber, Benjamin Luoma, of Northwood;

Kayleigh Splichal, Mariah Niezgoda, Kyle Maville, Emma Lau, Anthony Jack Rubeis, of Curtice;

Brendan Bosh, Isabella Sanchez, Emma Tucker, Kaylie Latez, Dylan Seilhorst, Allison Schultze, Kyle Tomor, Grace Claus, Sidney Allen, Rachel Youngless, Paige Travis, Xavier Gschwind, of Elmore;

Samantha Siefke, Aidan Barton, Liberty McCallum, Cole Learch, Mason Hogan, Emily Dunlap, Quentin Brown, Morgan Perkins, Caleb McGeorge, Zachary Szepiela, Gina Goodman, Grant Goodman, Olivia Deverna, Amanda Partin, Adeline Linker, Lillian Reimer, Tessa Weber, Ashley Greene, Austin Greene, Isabelle Greene, of Genoa;

Cecilia Glauser, Rebecca Morelock, Olivia Paul, Amaya Nims, Nathan Tornow, Nicholas Tornow, Carter Ash, Pierson Ash, Emma Stout, of Gibsonburg; Madison Worstell, Joshua Bolander, Bailey Dusseau, of Graytown; Austin Biddle, Angela Reinhart, of Helena;

Libby Braun, Cassidy Brough, Brielle Heft, of Lindsey; Cassandra Clay, Jessica Stewart, Kira Paule, Logan Wendt, Margaret Cochrane, Emily Cajka, Paige Woodruff, Alejandro Miranda, Amanda Withrow, Jessica Lange, of Luckey;

Riley Wolff, Martin Repka, of Martin; Emily Arent, Sara Wadsworth, Olivia Thompson, Clair Johns, of Millbury;

Annastachia Britt, Gerald Craddock, Ella Dedes, Chase Stayancho, Allie Large, Gracy Johnson, Kaytlynn Sandwisch, Beth DeLuca, Weston Schroeder, Madison Glaser, Shelby Leigh, Mackenzie Adams, Abigayle Bowyer, of Oak Harbor;

Jacob McClain, Isabelle Bauer, Samantha Stewart, Stephanie Kafer, Justin Greenlese, Renee Applehans, Katie Skotynsky, Anna Gudakunst, Kyra Contris, Kalee Moore, Wesley Romanko, Lily Phommalee, Emma Finley, Madison Finley, Katelyn Konecny, Emmet Getz, Carleigh Coffield, Rory Farmer, of Pemberville;

Chloe Kadas, Jodesi Lynn Szymanski, Allysia Eicher, Ally Goetz, Kyle Walsh, Autumn Baldwin, Mackenzie Smith, Jack Walsh, Elizabeth Swartz, Izabella Hernandez, Aubrie Kunkelman, Kayla Finch, Madison Zielinski, of Walbridge; Alexys Zellner, of Williston; Justin Schiets, Sidney Wank, Joseph Emerine, Elizabith Wilt, Nicholas Rombach, Amanda Reed, Karys Becerra, Liam Crimmins, of Woodville.

University of Findlay: Madison Arquette, Logan Barshel, Christopher Joyce, Ellie Ramer, Kennedy Slovak, of Oregon; Ava Ayers, of Northwood; Emma Hansen, of Curtice;

Ava Beam, Anna Youngless, of Elmore; Morgan Contreras, of Genoa; Nichole Beyer, of Graytown; Ava Kiefer, Connor Oberhouse, of Luckey; Haley Jones, Breanna Rutkowski, of Millbury;

Logan Harris, Amelia Mizelle, Caitlynn Noble, Emma Phillips, of Oak Harbor; Kaylynn Simon, of Pemberville;
Kelly Royal, of Walbridge; Makayla Throop, of Woodville.

Kent State University: Alexandria Manthey, Garrett St. John, Emily Wiedmann, of Oregon; Jacob Jenkins, of Northwood; Abigail Horak, of Toledo;

Aaron Lejeune, of Genoa; Sidnee Hornyak, of Gibsonburg; Elizabeth Arntson, of Luckey; Alyssa Lopez, Alexis Meinhardt, of Millbury;

Kaitlyn May, Chance Milledge, Ryleigh Piper, Reagan Schultz, Tyler Wadsworth, of Oak Harbor; Keith Russell, Chloe Wilson-Henline, of Pemberville; Kristen Davis, Kirsten Sargent, of Woodville.

Miami University: Cameron Cook, Kit Gladieux, Blake Hornyak, Alexis Jacobs, Mallory Nelson, Kendal Rivera, of Oregon.

Lisa Tersigni, of Northwood; Kara Quigg, of Curtice;

Nicole Schlea, of Gibsonburg; Kiersten Linkey, of Lindsey; Charlie Farmer, of Oak Harbor; Lewis Rowan, of Pemberville.

Youngstown State University: Karina Seem, of Gibsonburg; Emily Wolf, of Oak Harbor.

Graduate

Kent State University: Sidnee Hornyak, of Gibsonburg.

Penta students earn honors at BPA regional competition

Five local students were among 22 Penta Career Center students who earned top awards at the 2023 Business Professionals of America (BPA) Regional Competition.

Students from several Penta Career Center business programs competed against students from other area schools on Jan. 19 at The University of Toledo. These students now qualify for the BPA State Leadership Conference in Columbus.

Award winners include:

• William Lynch (Lake), a senior in Penta's Digital Arts & Design Program, placed first in the Advanced Desktop Publishing competition.

• Treyton Smith (Northwood), a senior in the Information Technologies Academy, placed first in the Device Configuration & Troubleshooting competition.

• Kadance Jagielski (Eastwood), a senior in the Digital Arts & Design Program placed first in the Graphic Design Promotion competition.

• Makaylah Crawford (Lake), a senior in the Medical Office Management Program, placed first in the Health Administration Procedures competition.

• Nicholas Genzman (Northwood), a senior in the Information Technologies Academy, placed third in the Computer Security competition.

Jurski honored

Members of every Golden Eagles athletics program at Penn-West Clarion University recently gathered in Gemmell multipurpose room for the Bob Carlson Scholar-Athlete Luncheon, with a greater proportion of student-athletes than ever before earning recognition.

Joslyn Nicole Jurski (women's swimming and diving), of Oregon, was among those recognized. Jurski's major is Criminal Justice Administration.

All told, there were 251 names - 66% of the student-athlete population on campus - on this year's Clarion scholar-athlete list. The latter number represents the highest percentage of scholar-athletes in the 29-year history of the scholar-athlete luncheon.

To earn scholar-athlete status for the year, a student-athlete must have either achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or higher or recorded two consecutive semesters of a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the spring and fall terms of 2022. Freshmen and new transfer students who achieved a 3.2 grade point average or higher in the fall term of 2022 also qualified.

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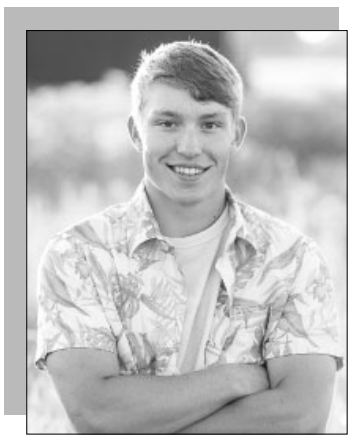
Karson Lajti



Karson has a GPA of 3.923 and is ranked 9th in his class. He is active in Varsity Golf, Swimming, Baseball and the National Honor Society. Karson also serves as a swimming lessons coach.

The son of Ron and Danielle Lajti, Karson plans to attend the University of Toledo and major in Civil Engineering.

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Mackenzie Wagner

Mackenzie, a senior from Oak Harbor High School, is studying the Dental Assistant program at Penta Career Center where she holds a 3.317 GPA. Mackenzie has been an honor roll student during her junior and senior years. At Penta, she is a member of HOSA, a career-technical student organization for health students. During Mackenzie's entire senior year, she has been participating in early job placement at West Harbor Dental as a dental assistant. In her spare time, Mackenzie enjoys sprint car racing at Fremont Speedway.

After completing the Dental Assistant program at Penta and graduating from Oak Harbor High School, Mackenzie plans to attend Youngstown State University. In college she will major in dental hygiene and pursue her license as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant. She is the daughter of Dessa Sutherland and Walt Rister.

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McKenna Freeborn

McKenna has a GPA of 4.254 and is ranked 10th in her class. She is a member of the Spanish Club and the International Thespian Society. McKenna participates in Cross Country and Track & Field. She is active in the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band and the Show Choir.

McKenna, the daughter of Nathaniel and Melissa Freeborn, plans on attending the University of Findlay to major in Medical Laboratory Science.

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Macey Bauder

Macey has a GPA of 4.126. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Macey participates in Soccer and Basketball.

Macey, the daughter of Mike and Chelle Bauder, plans on attending Bowling Green State University to major in Elementary Education.

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Owens Department of Public Safety offering ALICE Training

Owens Community College's Department of Public Safety will offer ALICE Training to community groups or individuals in the coming months.

Developed more than 20 years ago, ALICE Training is an active-shooter response training program available for individuals, schools, workplaces and other community organizations.

"The program's vision is to empower people with the skills and knowledge to respond in the event of an active shooter situation," said Steve Harrison, Owens police chief and director of public safety.

"The ALICE acronym stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The acronym was created so that these steps can quickly be remembered and people will be able to do everything possible to save themselves and others," he said.

The training sessions will be held in-person and virtually through Microsoft Teams. The first session will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 8 in Veterans Hall Room 201 on the Toledo-area Campus.

To attend or schedule a session, contact DetC. Terry Ferguson at terry_ferguson@owens.edu or 567-661-7575. Session dates also will be posted at owens.edu/dps/safety.

Mini job fairs

Oak Harbor High School will host three Mini Job Fairs this spring. Dates include Fridays, March 3, April 14 and May 5.

The job fair will take place during lunch periods (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) in the auditorium lobby. Tables will be set up to showcase Ottawa County employers and introduce career opportunities to students.

Interested businesses may register at https://forms.gle/Jh19jZWmbPLeQRjM6.

Cardinal Stritch to Present 'Mary Poppins'

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy students will present, "Mary Poppins – The Broadway Musical" Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m. in the Fassett Junior High auditorium, 3025 Starr Ave., Oregon.

Tickets are $15 and may be purchased at showtix4u.com.

The cast and crew, comprised of Cardinal Stritch students in grades 5-12, have been practicing for months this musical story of the Banks family.

Audiences should be ready to sing along with classic "Mary Poppins" songs such as "A Spoonful of Sugar," "Let's Go Fly A Kite," "Chim Chim Cher-ee," "Feed The Birds," and more.

LivelyU enrolling

The LivelyU Lifelong Learning Academy – a platform of programming offered through the Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) in partnership with the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) Optimal Aging Institute – will kick off its spring semester in March.

The Academy is designed to enhance senior center programming with opportunities for lifelong learning. Academy courses focus on education, engagement and life enrichment and are facilitated by volunteer instructors with a passion for their chosen subjects. The wide array of courses are intended to be enjoyable and stimulating and include opportunities for active learning, critical thinking and social engagement.

The spring semester will run from March through May. For a complete schedule of course dates and locations, visit wccoa.net/activities/livelyu. There is a $20 tuition fee to participate in LivelyU courses, which gives participants access to any courses offered for the calendar year. Payment and registration can be accepted through the WCCOA Programs Department by phone at 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or by email at programs@wccoa.net.

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Day Camp for grieving kids

Hospice of Northwest Ohio is offering a summer day camp for grieving kids and teens age 6-15. The four-day camp, provided at no charge to participants, will be held July 25-28 at Camp Miakonda in Toledo.

Path Finders Camp will provide opportunities for grieving kids and teens to interact with others who have experienced similar losses in a safe, fun and supportive environment. Groups will be led by licensed counselors/social workers and trained volunteers.

Through a variety of camp activities, campers will honor the memory of the person who died, normalize feelings and learn coping skills, participate in fun, outdoor games and activities and make new friends.

Thanks to the generosity of donors and sponsors – Key Bank, Trustee for the Terhune Fund and Yark Subaru, Share the Love Event – the camp will be offered at no cost to participants. Preregistration is required by completing an online application at hospicenwo.org no later than June 12.

Anyone interested in learning more about attending or volunteering at the camp can call 419-931-5623 or email pathfinderscamp@hospicenwo.org.

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- The student completes and submits the required application and essay by the deadline of March 31.

Interested scholarship applicants are encouraged to obtain a scholarship application at any Glass City Federal branch or online at glasscityfcu.com.

Graytown Preschool earns 5-star

North Point Educational Service Center provides an early learning program in Graytown for Benton-Carroll-Salem School District which has earned 5-star Step Up To Quality rating.

Step Up To Quality is a rating system that awards one to five stars to learning and development programs that go above and beyond minimum licensing standards. Programs with star ratings:

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Clay Eagles

Wrestlers enter the stretch run with high hopes

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After wrestling at Heidelberg University, Justin Wharton coached the Student Princes before following his coach, Ned Shuck, to Wisconsin-Whitewater and wound up in Tennessee before returning home to be closer to family. Now the Clay alum is living out his dream of coaching and teaching at his alma mater and is having success in just his first year at the helm.

He's got a good team, one that just finished third at the Three Rivers Athletic Conference Tournament; one that is particularly strong at the lower-weight classes. (Fremont Ross won the tournament and Findlay was second.)

Leading the pack is Micah Medina, who recently committed to continue his career at the collegiate level at Bellarmine University in Louisville, where Shuck currently coaches. He won the league title for the fourth time and also finished sixth at 113 pounds in Division I last season. Medina is currently ranked fourth in Div. I.

"He's won the league title in four different weight classes — 103, 113, 120 and 126. He's a super impressive young man. He was battling some injuries all year, he had some shoulder work done, and he only got to wrestle for half of his senior year. The most impressive thing about him is his poise," said Wharton.

"Our league tournament, when you get into the semifinals and the finals, you're going to wrestle some pretty competitive opponents. In the finals, it was close, and when someone fights back, they tend to not rise to the occasion, per se, but Micah turns it up. His poise is super impressive. Having him in the room to be a role model for the way in which someone should practice has been great. I'm glad we have a plethora of wrestlers that have a great work ethic," he said.

Josh Medina (106) won the TRAC title, as did Garrison Weisner (113), who is ranked sixth in Ohio, and Candio Deluna (120) finished second.

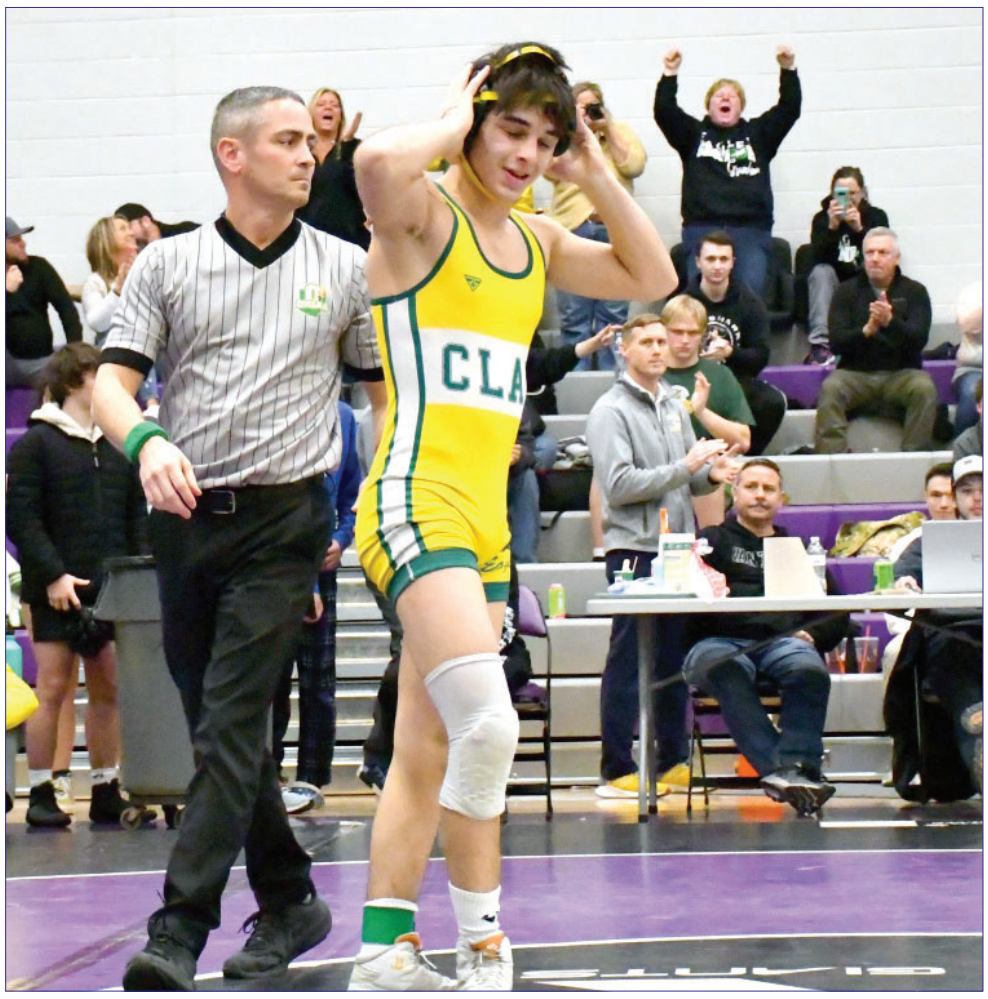
"Our lightweights are very strong. Josh and Micah are two completely different wrestlers — Josh is going to grab you and throw you down on the mat while Micah is more technical," said Wharton. "Garrison is only a freshman. He's only got a few losses, two of which he's avenged. He adds to that lightweight section of our wrestling room.

"Candio has great athletic ability and explosiveness – his speed, his technique, and to go along with that, he's a grinder in the wrestling room, and all those guys have to because of the weight class above — iron sharpens iron in the lightweight classes. In the final match, he had a nasty injury to his eyeball, and he's done for the year. It's tough because you talk about commitment and overcoming things. He's such a great young man. It breaks my heart to talk about it. He's been at practice, giving guys pointers on some positions, and that's just who he is. He plans on wrestling in college. I think he would've done something special in the postseason."

Three Eagles finished third — Austin Ganues (144); Lucas Frasier (157) and Nick Pfeiffer (215).

"Austin — what I remember about him was that he wasn't very offensive. He has turned it around. He has still lost some matches, but it's been a process for him. He's won quite a few matches where he lost to some wrestlers and he avenged them. He beat a good wrestler from Findlay in the semifinals — it was a 6-4 overtime win, but the match was controlled by Austin. His spirits are high coming into this postseason. I'm real excited to see how far he can go, he's only a sophomore," said Wharton.

Top photo, Clay wrestler Candio Deluna finished second in his weight class in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference Tournament. Bottom photo, Micah Medina won his fourth league title in his fourth different weight class. (Photos courtesy of Brandi Cowell)



> **"I'm glad we have a plethora of wrestlers that have a great work ethic"**

"I could talk about all those guys. Lucas is closing in on 100 wins. He's going to have to pull some wins off at sectionals and districts; he's been looking forward to this. He's been in and out with some injuries. Then Nick Pfeiffer is another one of those guys who, week by week, has been making adjustments. I'm excited to see what they do in the postseason."

Wharton, who graduated from Clay in 2009 and placed seventh at the state tournament in 160 pounds as a senior, talked about his team's growth.

I feel good. We're really young, and the guys have made a lot of strides and they've made a lot of growth over the course of the last three or four months. Since I got hired back in May, they've made huge gains. I feel good. We feel pretty confident looking at the teams in our sectional. It's been a fun year - some big wins. We beat Findlay in a dual meet. We had some other guys do really well at the Maumee Bay Classic."

Wharton, who took over for one of Ohio's best in Ralph Cubberly, talked about the impact Shuck had on him.

"Ned Shuck was the best man at my wedding. The impact is endless, I can't describe it. I coached with him for five years, we had a good time together, and I learned a lot from him, and his work ethic," said Wharton. "There are a lot of the things I did (with him) that I implement now.

"I learned from Gerry Anthony and the coaches at Clay. I had fantastic coaches at Clay. I just learned from them, and that's what drove me to want to be a coach.

"It's a blast. It was something I've always wanted. I've got my dream job. I wanted to be a phys ed and health teacher at Clay and coach at my alma mater. To be able to do that, it's pretty cool, and I love that I get to do that. I'm real blessed and fortunate that I never thought it would happen, but here we are," he said.

Wharton credited his assistants like Mark Beach, Garrett Anderson, Troy McLaughlin, Josh Nagy and Lyle Campbell. "It's filled with Clay guys," he said.

Regarding the competitiveness at the Division I level, Wharton said, "Just in our sectional alone at 120 pounds, four of the top 10 wrestlers in Ohio are in that weight class. We are very fortunate, there are some fantastic men running our wrestling programs like Findlay, Whitmer, Perrysburg and Anthony Wayne.

"Only four make it to districts, and the district includes (Cleveland) St. Ed's and Olmsted Falls. The competition is very good, we've got some of the best wrestlers in the country. We're in a hot bed of wrestling. I don't want it any other way," he said.

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Genoa Comet wrestlers return to the NBC's summit

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After 3 years of rebuilding, the Genoa Comets are again the title winners of the Northern Buckeye Conference. (Press photo by Harold Hamilton/www.HEH photos.smugmug.com)

Genoa is back.

The Comets, who won state dual team and state tournament championships in 2018 and '19, are back in their rightful place among the best in Northwest Ohio, if not the entire state.

Genoa is coming off a Northern Buckeye Conference title, which it won with 211.5 points, well ahead of Elmwood, which finished second with 118 points. The Comets also went 7-0 this season in the NBC Duals.

Genoa, under the direction of Bob Bergman, now in his 13th season leading the program at his alma mater, had won seven straight NBC titles from 2012-19 and reached the summit in Division III before losing a number of great wrestlers and having to rebuild for the last three seasons.

Scott Fuller, who wrestles at 106 pounds, got the Comets started off on the right foot by winning his weight class. Hayden Dunn (113), Noah Tipton (126), Nate Tipton (132), Zavier Materni (144) and Ethan Crawford (215) also finished in first place.

Mike Soto (120), Xavier Arriaga (138), Baily Everhardt (165) and Kevin Ludwig (285) placed second, while Luke Clement (157) took third.

"I'm very proud of the kids; they are a resilient bunch," said Bergman. "They have embraced the rebuilding process, and it's nice to see them come out on the other side."

Bergman talked about some of his standout wrestlers.

"The Tiptons have been the unsung heroes of the junior class; they're the core of our team. They've done all the hard work since they were freshman, and we went 29-0 and were state champs," said Bergman. "Then we were 13-10, 8-25 and 15-10 last year. They're 'Energizer Bunnies' – they've always got more to give and they give a lot each day. Kevin Ludwig, our heavyweight, has done a nice job, Ethan Crawford has been formidable. Luke Irwin has climbed a couple of weight classes and done it for the team and given us some balance on the top.

"They're great cerebral kids, great teammate," he said.

"The kids have put in the work, in the season and outside of season, and have taken advantage of the opportunity in Disney Duals, spring-season wrestling and lifting," said Bergman. "I'm fortunate that we have guys that go the extra mile and don't do the bare minimum. That comes from quality families that value wrestling."

Now, the wrestlers look forward to competing in Division III at sectionals, districts and state.

"We are optimistic and just eager for the opportunity to see how far we can go," said Bergman. "The time, effort and energy pay dividends, and the postseason is why we do all this work and the kids put all the time in with hours and training."

The Comets also had good showings at some of the state's most prestigious tournaments, including the Medina Invitational and the Perrysburg Invitational Tournament.

Recently, Bergman, who is just 37, achieved 300 career dual-meet victories, something he shies away from talking about, but he did give plenty of credit to his assistant coaches for their help during his tenure.

"Having alumni rubbing elbows with our kids, top-shelf kids, is important. We have guys like Brandon Bates, who's an assistant coach graduated with an engineering degree from the University of Toledo. He's just a great worker and teaches life lessons. Damian D'Emilio, is a middle-school and high-school coach — he refills the pipeline as a teacher in the school," said Bergman. "Our Genoa alums get behind us, the community is super supportive. Our dual meets have been supported greatly. (Assistant coach) Terry Reeves was an all-Ohio wrestler at Stritch. Tommy Giles is a recent graduate, and his dad was a coach for over 20 years in the program. In the biddy program, we have Scott Fuller and Marc Matta. It's not a Lone Ranger thing. I just get to work with the high schoolers, there are a lot of people they work with before they get to me. There's also Jonathan Poddany, who's been with us for four years, and is a middle-school coach. He's dynamic."

Bergman and the school's administration, particularly Matt Routson, the athletic director, worked to increase the popularity of the sport for the community, bringing in the pep band, cheerleaders and doing theme events.

"The administration did a fantastic job. We put some energy into promoting our kids, and Genoa responded in a big way," Bergman said. "Our cheerleaders, the pep band, the glow-stick handouts, the entrance music, the halftime events. It's been a very nice way to support the kids."

Routson talked about the experience.

"Bob's objective is to build up the sport a little more and get more kids interested. Our gym was packed for all four events. He sent me an article about another school in Northwest Ohio that tried to do the same thing, and just got their perspective," Routson said. "It was nice to have so many people. It was pretty cool."

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The East Toledo Senior Center is taking registrations for 2023 Senior Softball Leagues.

All individuals ages 48 and older are eligible to play in one or both of the center's two leagues – ages 48 and over and 56 and over. Games are played Monday (56 and older) and Wednesday (48 and older) evenings at Navarre Park.

The registration fee is $65 for each league. Players who are 56 and older may play on both leagues for $95. Registration ends Monday, March 20.

To sign up or for more information, call Brenda at 419-691-2254.

Italian Bowl heading to Toledo July 1

The Italian Bowl heads stateside this summer when the 42nd IFL Championship game is played Saturday, July 1 in the Glass Bowl on the University of Toledo campus.

Planning for the event is well underway, and event organizers recently shared a progress update, including the announcement of the Italian Bowl's leading supporters and sponsors, including Marco's Pizza and the following organizations:

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Organizers hope the XLII Italian Bowl will encourage shared experiences and collaboration between Italy and the United States, as well as the city of Toledo, which was twinned with Ferrara, Italy, in November 2021.

Planning for the Italian Bowl has been two years in the making, when a group of American businesspeople and football fans extended an invitation to the Federazione Italiana di American Football (FIDAF), which was delighted to accept. This group has been carefully following our top championship and recognized the potential of Americans' beloved sport to publicize Italy and share the country's qualities and traditions.

ODNR Wildlife proposes 2023-24 deer hunting seasons

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife proposed 2023-24 white-tailed deer hunting seasons to the Ohio Wildlife Council during its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 8. Deer hunting bag limits were proposed to increase in six counties and decrease in one. The proposed deer hunting seasons are similar to last year.

As in years past, only one antlered deer may be harvested, regardless of where or how it is taken. Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. The proposed statewide deer hunting dates for 2023-24 include:

- Deer archery: Sept. 30, 2023-Feb. 4, 2024
- Youth deer gun: Nov. 18-19, 2023
- Deer gun: Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 2023; Dec. 16-17, 2023
- Deer muzzleloader: Jan. 6-9, 2024
- Deer bag limits

Bag limit increases from two to three deer were proposed in six counties – Belmont, Gallia, Geauga, Harrison, Jefferson, and Monroe. Deer bag limit increases are designed to slow herd growth and increase hunting opportunity.

A bag limit decrease from three to two deer was proposed for Butler County. A decrease in the county bag limit is designed to allow herd growth where desirable. A proposed bag limit map is available at wildohio.gov.

Disease surveillance area deer hunting seasons

Wednesday's proposals also included separate deer hunting regulations in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance area of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties. The proposed 2023-24 disease surveillance area deer hunting regulations are similar to last season, with an earlier start to the archery hunting season and an additional early firearms season.

In addition to the statewide hunting seasons, hunters in Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties will have opportunities to participate in disease surveillance area seasons:

Deer archery season: Sept. 9, 2023-Feb. 4, 2024

Early gun season: Oct. 7-9, 2023

A disease surveillance area was established following the discovery in 2020 of CWD-positive deer in Wyandot County. Monitoring is ongoing and the Division of Wildlife has proposed additional measures to increase the deer harvest, decrease the possibility of disease transmission, and limit the spread of CWD in Hardin, Marion and Wyandot counties. CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer and other similar species.

Ohio Wildlife Council

The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that was first formed in 1949. It approves all Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations. Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals interested in providing comments are asked to call 614-265-6304 at least two days prior to the meeting to register. All comments are required to be three minutes or less.

Small game, waterfowl, and wild turkey hunting season proposals for the 2023-24 seasons were presented in January. A complete list of proposed rule changes for 2023-24 are available at wildohio.gov. Anyone who would like to comment on Division of Wildlife proposals can do so online at wildohio.gov through March 8. A statewide hearing on all proposed rules will be held on Wednesday, March 15.

In 2023, the Division of Wildlife celebrates 150 years of professional fish and wildlife conservation since it was founded as the Ohio Fish Commission in 1873. Throughout the agency's history it has remained committed to fish and wildlife research, restoration, conservation, and education.

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Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 4-7 p.m. or until sold out in the Donnelly Neighborhood Center, 4255 Bellevue Rd. All-you-can-eat dinners include baked and fried Alaskan pollock, fries, macaroni and cheese, baked potato, homemade cole slaw, rolls, drink and dessert. Dine in or carry out. $15 for adults, $13 for seniors, $10 for ages 6-12 and free for kids 5 and younger. No fish fry on Good Friday.
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419 Cares, a ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, serves food and beverages and provides toiletries to the less fortunate every Sunday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uptown Green Park on Madison Avenue in Toledo. A monthly giveaway of clothes, blankets and shoes is also offered. Donations of toiletries and clothing items, particularly bigger men's sizes, are welcome. Contact Christ UMC or visit 419 Cares on Facebook for info.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 6-6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is $49. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.
East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Everyone welcome.
God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-noon at 1705 Tracy St., between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.
Waite High School Class of 1951 meets the second Monday of every month. For info, call Betty at 419-691-7944 or Fran at 419-693-6060.
Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the fourth Monday 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.

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Food for Thought Food Pantry, open the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., corner of Coy and Navarre. The pantry has moved inside. Due to parking space and the need to limit the number of families inside at a time, attendees are asked to stagger arrival times.
Mobile Meals of Toledo, local community non-profit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital. For more information or to sign up, contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodgers@mobilemeals.org.
Rita's Soups at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted from those wishing to contribute to this program and its future success.
Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lake Erie Room at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital (lower level, behind the cafeteria). The club offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.
Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Social hour at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. Visit oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details.
Oregon Republican Club meets the first Thursday 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 for info.
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Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation needs, grab-and-go meals, essential services and is open for recreational activities such as bingo, card games, acrylic classes and dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.
Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 4350 Navarre Ave., is open for private tours. Call Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383 for info.
Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., is 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 dealing with addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and codependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free; everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.
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Northwood

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Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Tracy Road Fire Department. Find updates on the Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch Facebook page. Bring a neighbor.
Weekly Sunday Breakfasts, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Featuring two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes or French toast, potatoes, toast and jelly. $8. Public welcome.
Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023: Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1980. Class representatives are needed for many years. If you or someone you know would be able to help find addresses for your year, email rangersrfun@yahoo.com or text 419-262-0693.
God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the first and third Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 1705 Tracy St. between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.
Men's Prayer Breakfast, the third Saturday 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 has implemented a Wireless Emergency Network System. To sign up for civic text alerts, visit http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/jerusalem_township_oh/wens.cfm. The link is also available on the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and at twp.jerusalem.oh.us.
Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in-person or join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.
Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the second Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers have combined. The seniors will meet at the Ed Griswold Senior Center, 514 Main St., Genoa. The center will be open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Seniors are invited to stop in to pick up a newsletter, which lists menus and activities. Call 419-855-4491 for reservations or info.
American Legion Auxiliary meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elmore American Legion.
Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the second Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

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Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise at 419-855-0014. To join the Genoa American Legion, call 419-635-5810 for info.
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Gift Shop open every Sunday after Mass at 11:30 a.m., 204 Main St. (behind Grotto).
Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.
Genoa Community Food Pantry is open the third Saturday of 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 info, call 419-341-0913.
Trinity Thrift Shop, 105 4th St., open Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes and small household items available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; SPARKS – Curious Kids Learn: Amelia Earhart, March 2, 4 p.m. (K-5), registration required; Foodies Night: Taste of Home Favorites: Delicious Recipes Shared Across Generations, March 13, 6:30 p.m. – Adults invited to make a recipe from the cookbook and bring it to share; Sew a Bear with Stacie, March 18, 10 a.m. – Kids 10 and older invited to sew a bear, supplies provided, registration required; Virtual Adult Book Chat, March 23, 1 p.m. (via Zoom) – Discuss "The Indigo Girl," by Natasha Boyd (registration required); Adult Book Chat, March 27, 6:30 p.m. – Discuss "Educated: A Memoir," by Tara Westover; Novel Explorers, March 29, 4 p.m. – Teens invited to read and discuss the graphic novel, "Persepolis," by Marjane Satrapi. Register for programs at birchard.lib.oh.us. Call 419-637-2173 for details. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.
Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown

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

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

Ottawa County Board of Developmental Disabilities Monthly Board Meeting, Feb. 27, 5 p.m., 235 N. Toussaint South Rd. Meetings are open to the public. Call 419-898-0400 for info.
American Legion Post 114 Monthly Dinners, served on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or until sold out, 221 Park St. Dine in or carry out. Public welcome. Call the post at 419-898-5888 for more details.
Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs for kids include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; STEM Crafts Afterschool – Squishy Circuits March 6-10 and LEGOS March 20-24. For adults: St. Patrick's Day Craft, Feb. 27, 2 p.m. – Bring your own supplies; Ottawa County Health Department 60+ Clinic, March 8, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (schedule an appointment at 419-734-6800); Charming Charcuterie Celebrations, March 13, 2 p.m., registration required; Easter Bunny Craft, March 20, 2 p.m., registration required; Coffee and A Book Book Club, March 8, 11 a.m. – Discuss "We Are the Brennans," by Tracey Lange; 4th Tuesday Book Club, March 28, 6 p.m. – Discuss "We Are Not Like Them," by Christine Pride & Jo Piazza; Pinochle every Friday at 2 p.m.; Watercolor Group meets Wednesdays 12:30-3:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies: Needle Craft Group meets Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m.; – Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 or visit oakharborpubliclibrary.org to register or for info.
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BCS Food Pantry Inc. at St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint St., is open Monday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Open to residents of Benton, Carroll and Salem townships. Providing groceries, as well as personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, when available.

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon, 5520 Fremont Pike.
Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the shelter house at Stony Ridge Park. Visit stonyridgepark.com for more details.

Walbridge

St. Jerome Catholic Church Fish Fries, every Friday during Lent (Feb. 24-March 31), 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 300 Warner St. Perch, shrimp and perch/shrimp combo dinners available, along with other options including Salad bar, shrimp basket, cheese or mushroom pizza. Dinners are $14. Dine in or carry out (carryout doesn't include salad bar). Call 419-666-2857 or visit stjeromewalbridge.org for info.
Crimson Lights Band will play at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., from 2-5 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 26; March 12, 26; April 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9, 23; Aug. 13-27; Sept. 10-24; Oct. 8-22; Nov. 12-26 and Dec. 10 and 30. The bar will be serving snacks, beer, wine coolers and soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info.
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Storytimes, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the meeting room at Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St. Registration required by calling 419-666-9900 or visit wcdpl.org/events.
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. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Winter storytimes for preschoolers and caregivers, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Crochet & More, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. – An evening of crochet, knitting, macramé, etc.; Crazy About Crafts & Hobbies, March 1, 7 p.m. – Explore the "Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center" database; Nature Night Storytime, March 6, 7 p.m. – Kids in grades K-4 are invited for crafts, facts and stories about polar bears; Sewing Machine Basics, Tuesdays in March – Register for one-on-one lessons; Woodville Book Club, March 8, 7 p.m. – Discuss "On the Rooftop," by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton; Lego Thursday, March 9, 4-5:30 p.m.; Paper Quilling, March 13, 6:30 p.m. (adults and teens), registration required; Create a Canvas (adults), March 15, 6:30 p.m., registration required; Leprechaun Crafts (Pre-K-6), March 16, 4-5:30 p.m.; Keep it Cool Denim Crafts (K-6), March 22, 6 p.m.; Crochet & More, March 20, 6:30 p.m. – An evening of crochet, knitting, macrame, etc.; True Crime Book Club, March 27, 7 p.m. – Discuss "Wicked Women of Ohio," by Jane Ann Turzillo; Do You DIY?, March 29, 6 p.m. – Explore the "Home Improvement Reference Center" database. Register at birchard.org.
Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m. and the last Friday, 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.

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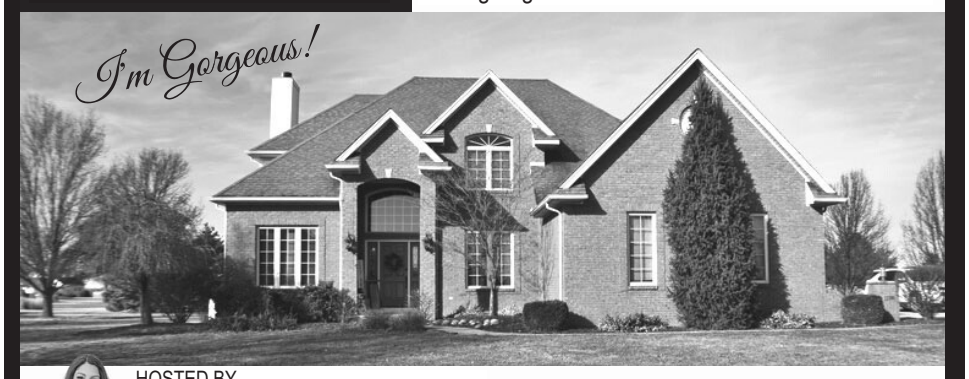

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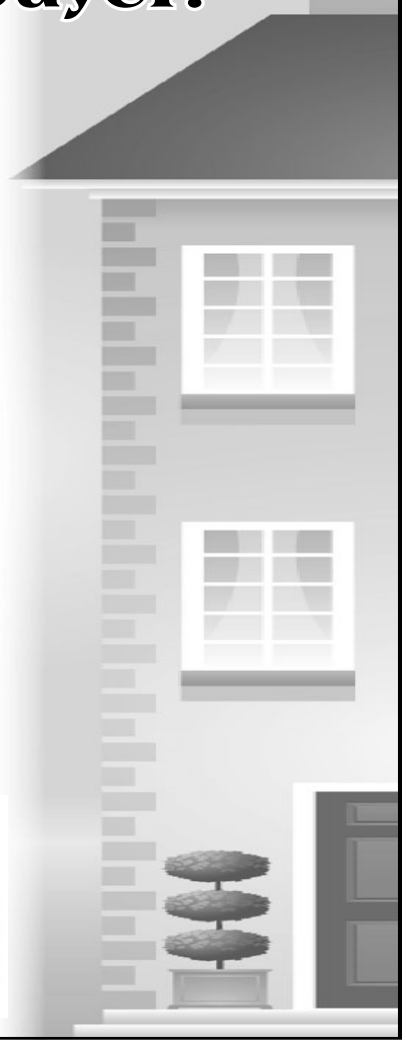

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Aaron Avery, Fiscal Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE OF WOODVILLE

The annual financial report of the Village of Woodville for 2022 is complete, and has been filed with the State Auditor.

The report is available for inspection at the office of the Fiscal Officer, 530 Lime Street, Woodville, Ohio during normal business hours.

Barbara J. Runion, Fiscal Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

The year-end financial report of the Mid County Joint Ambulance District for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022 is complete, and available by appointment for public inspection at the Mid County Joint Ambulance District office, located at 222 Washington St, Oak Harbor OH 43449.

Aaron Avery, Fiscal Officer

LAND FOR SALE:

The City of Northwood is offering 8.5 acres of land for sale to the highest and best bidder at the site of the old Woodville Mall in the City of Northwood. The property is described as the east 8.5 acres of Lot # 6 in the Enclave subdivision in the City of Northwood, Wood County Ohio.

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Bids will be received through March 2, 2023 at 4:30 P.M. and should be submitted to the Northwood City Clerk at 6000 Wales, Northwood, Ohio 43619
Questions should be submitted to the City Administrator at cityadmin@northwoodoh.gov

City of NORTHWOOD OHIO

Public Notice-Genoa

The annual financial report of the Village of Genoa, Ohio for 2022 is complete and has been filed with the Auditor of the State of Ohio.
The report is available for inspection at the Office of the Fiscal Officer
102 E. Sixth Street, Genoa, OH
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Julie A. Van Nest
Village of Genoa
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CITY OF OREGON
- PUBLIC NOTICE -

The City of Oregon Civil Service Commission will conduct an examination on Saturday, April 1, 2023, for the position of Administrative Clerk at 9:00 am at the new Oregon Fire Station #41 at 1040 S. Wynn Road, Oregon.
Applications must be filed at the Civil Service Commission office, 5330 Seaman Road, from March 1 – 16, 2023 during regular business hours or email directly to sgarverick@oregonohio.org.
Applications can be obtained at ***www.oregonohio.org*** under **'Job Opportunities'** or at the office.
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CITY OF NORTHWOOD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The City of Northwood will be holding a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Item to be discussed:
• Budget Dumpsters & Demolition, Inc. is appealing the decision of the Zoning Inspector that the business is operating a Junk Yard on the property in violation of Ordinance 1282.07. The property owner is also appealing the order of the Zoning Inspector to make repairs to the buildings under the Ordinance 2022-35, an Ordinance adopting Chapter 1428 Exterior Property Maintenance Code of the Northwood Codified Ordinances.

Attest: A. Stribrny
Zoning/Code Enforcement

CITY OF NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6 PM has been cancelled.

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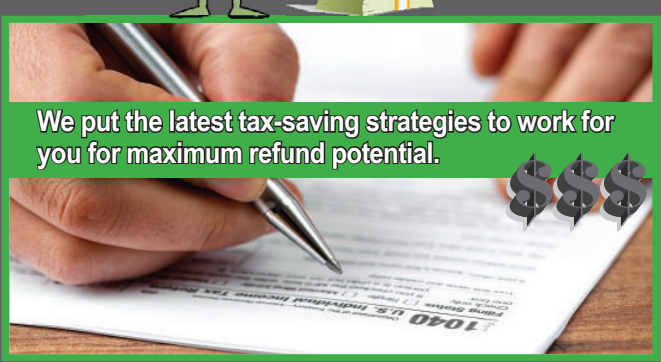

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March 22, All Saints: *Opening the Ears of Our Hearts to the Eucharistic Prayers*
March 29, St. Jerome: *One Day on the Way to Emmaus*

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