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Lent begins

Gary Conklin, along with other residents and visitors at The Gardens of St. Francis, Oregon, receives ashes on his forehead, marking the beginning of Lent. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

**Lake Twp.
Blocked rail
crossings still
a problem**

By Larry Limpf
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Blocked rail crossings in Lake Township – the crossing at Walbridge Road in particular - continue to be a problem for motorists and township emergency vehicles.

Video from a Walbridge Road residential security camera shows that stopped Norfolk Southern trains blocked that crossing 24 times over a recent four-week period – for a total time blocked of more than 202 hours and 45 minutes.

Marvin Burns, who lives near the crossing, has been compiling the video data about the crossing blockages since this past summer and providing it to township officials.

He said the blockages over the four weeks averaged nearly seven hours and 15 minutes a day.

“Over those four weeks, there were eight days that the crossing was blocked over eight hours. Five of these days, Walbridge Road was blocked more than 18 hours, with one day blocked all day. One time, this crossing was blocked for over 66 continuous hours,” Burns said, adding that blockage started about 2:50 a.m. on Feb. 3 and cleared about 9:05 p.m. on Feb. 5.

Walbridge Road is a major east-west artery of the township.

During those four weeks, township fire and EMS vehicles had to detour or were delayed 20 times due to trains, according to figures from the township administration.

In addition to the delays of emergency vehicles, Burns said he has witnessed Lake school buses having to back up from the crossing and turn around.

“I have also seen semi-trucks back up over one-half mile to find a place to turn around. The USPS has also had to find alternative routes to complete their mail delivery many times,” he

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Oregon to announce development in town center

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Oregon is preparing to make an announcement in about two weeks regarding new developments in its Town Center.

Mayor Mike Seferian said at a council meeting on Monday that interest is “really escalating.”

“We are in conversations with different businesses daily,” said Seferian. “We believe in about two weeks we’ll have some announcements we can make. We feel very good about that. From the beginning, we knew for us to develop retail in our city was going to take a lot of strategy because we needed something that could stay in business and be supported by the numbers we have in our community. We stayed with that all during this time in the event it would slow some of the progress down a bit, but we thought we’re going in for the long haul and wanted to see businesses succeed. Going slow and cautiously was the best avenue to travel.”

Council President Tim Zale said there was some frustration in the community about the development of the area.

“A lot of people don’t seem to understand that a city like us has not been in the game for years and years and years. A couple cities around us have been in this game. They service a whole lot more people than we do and they establish themselves as a commercial business type of city that we have not been for years. I think we’re mov-

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ing in the right direction. Everything that has come here so far that I have seen has succeeded very well,” said Zale.

Phase 2

Also at the meeting, council passed an ordinance for the provision of professional planning and engineering services for Harbor Drive Extension – Oregon Town Center Project Phase 2, for \$415,000.

“This ordinance is needed for additional engineering design for the Oregon Town Center Project,” said Public Service Director Paul Roman. “So far, the design has been done just north of Pickle Road. You see construction ongoing right now. This is now public roads that would be

within the old Kmart site, and surrounding it.”

Phase 2 will focus on connecting the redevelopment from Phase 1 limits up to Navarre Avenue by extending Town Center Boulevard, adding two new public roads, and renovating Dustin Road for on-street parking and future streetscape. New roads and utility extensions are anticipated to promote ongoing development of the area. Streetscape improvements in the right-of-way will be designed conceptually in order to properly locate underground utilities. Final streetscape drawings and streetscape construction will occur after development parcels are built out to avoid “rebuilding” of streetscape and under a separate contract.

“The bulk of the work is road and utility design,” said Roman.

Multi-use

In 2017, council passed a resolution in support of designating a zoning overlay as the first step in creating a downtown area that would include retail, residential, an entertainment district, and open green space along Navarre Avenue. The overlay district covers three areas bordered by Isaac Streets Drive, Navarre Avenue, Coy Road, Dustin Road, and Pickle Road, an area that totals 167 acres.

The city also purchased the property of the former Kmart on Navarre Avenue as part of the town center.

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**Quote
of The Week**

But it’s complicated. Things always are in a democracy.

**D.G. Mawn
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Town center

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Last month, council approved an agreement with Oregon on the Bay Regional Economic Development to allow the city to assign its land lease interests to the Oregon Economic Development Foundation as a first step to develop the former Kmart site as part of the Downtown Center project.

The city has a lease interest with an option to purchase 12.3 acres of property located at 2830 Navarre Avenue, also known as the Kmart property. The city intends to transfer its lease interest and option to purchase this parcel to Oregon on the Bay Regional Economic Development.

Oregon on the Bay Regional Economic Development is the economic development arm of the city. Oregon hopes to increase opportunities for development in the area of this parcel by partnering with Oregon on the Bay Regional Economic Development to better enable marketing of the property.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for March 7-11. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

March 7: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-noon.

March 8: 60+ Clinic - Port Clinton, 8 a.m.-noon; WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-noon.

March 9: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; 60+ Clinic - Oak Harbor, 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

March 10: 60+ Clinic - Port Clinton, 8-11 a.m.; Health Chk/STD/Reproductive Health Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 11: COVID Vaccination Clinic, 8:30-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

Rail crossings

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said.

Burns started monitoring the train traffic at the crossing this past summer when he "got tired of being blocked by trains."

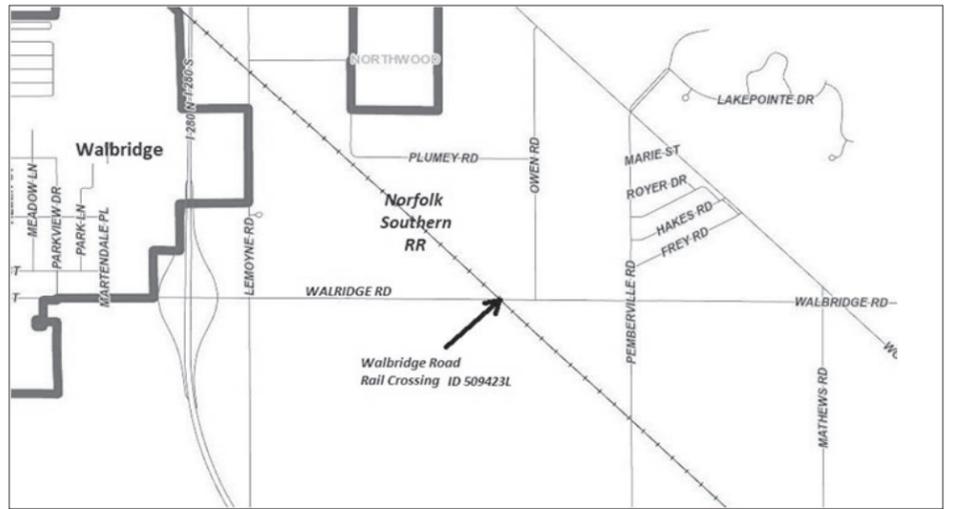
He's calculated that since Aug. 16 of last year the Walbridge crossing has been blocked 225 times for a total of more than 795 hours.

Some stopped Norfolk Southern trains have simultaneously blocked crossings at Walbridge, Lemoyne, Bradner, Pemberville, Millbury, Fostoria, Mathews and Ayers roads.

Police Chief Mark Hummer has been in contact with the office of Congressman Bob Latta and Norfolk Southern to discuss the situation.

"It's obviously not getting any better," he said last week. "If we could just get them to open the Walbridge Road crossing it would help."

A bill introduced in the state legislature that would require rail companies to report blocked crossings of more than five minutes to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and sets fines for failure to report the blockages might not be enforceable, according to an analysis by the state's Legislative Service Commission, which cited a case decided by a federal circuit court. The court struck down a Michigan



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statute similar to the Ohio bill, ruling the statute was pre-empted by the Federal

Railroad Safety Act.

Blocked crossings can be reported to the Federal Railroad Administration by law enforcement or the public at www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings. The site asks users to provide the date, time, duration and location of the blocked crossing.

Burns said last week he's been inputting information about the Walbridge crossing at the FRA site. Chief Hummer said he also plans to provide data to the site.

An email message left for comment with the Norfolk Southern media relations office wasn't returned.



The train blocks Walbridge Rd. as another train approaches. (Press file photo by Ken Grosjean)

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Lake Twp.

Police offer advice on malware threats

In recent days, there have been malware threats made by Russians in connection with the invasion of Ukraine. These threats have been aimed at the United States and other countries who have voiced their opposition to the invasion. Russian officials have said the spread of malware would be a payback for this opposition.

Lake Township Police Chief Mark Hummer said it is rare that his department would issue any advisories as a result of an international incident.

"These threats could affect anyone in our country, including citizens of Lake Township and the surrounding area," the chief noted. "If a computer becomes infected with malware, it might result in bank accounts being emptied and the loss of one's life savings."

Malware is used to infect a computer or cell phone with a virus that allows others to garner personal information, including names, addresses, Social Security numbers, bank account and credit card information, from those devices. That per-

Waste district to start collections

Registration began March 4 for the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste District's TV and electronics collection.

Household hazardous waste, residential tire, and appliance collections will be held this fall with more information on those to be released later, as the district is still finishing up the last agreements with locations and vendors for them.

The upcoming TV and electronics collection, like all collections provided by the district, requires that all participants register in order for their items to be collected. Collections are open to Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca County residents including all residents of Bellevue and Fostoria. Businesses and institutions will not be accepted at these collections.

Residents can register at RecycleOSS.org and following the link provided on the home screen. Registration can also be done by calling the OSS District office at 419-334-7222 extension 0 and following the prompt provided.

There will be a \$5 charge for glass tube televisions 24 inches or less, and \$10 for those 25 inches and larger. Console, DLP, and projection screen TVs will not be accepted in this collection. Televisions with broken screens or bare tubes are also not accepted for the safety of the collection volunteers.

A full list of items accepted and not accepted can be found at RecycleOSS.org/television-electronics-collection/.

Lake panel to meet

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission will

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sonal data is used to perform fraudulent activity and identity theft that usually leads to the loss of money.

"These people can use emails and texts to introduce malware into these electronic devices. Once a person who is a target of malware opens up the text or email which

contains the malware and virus, it may be too late to stop it," the chief advised.

Many people leave their computers on for convenience. Skipping the shutdown and restart process can save time, but it could expose computers to unwanted activity.

Shutting down a computer when you are about to walk away from it is only one step a person can take to avoid malware.

"When a person restarts the computer and looks at the emails that have come in, look them over closely before you open them up. We advise people not to open one up if they are not absolutely certain they trust the sender. Sometimes the sender will even copy the names of previous email senders to make it look legitimate," Chief Hummer pointed out.

He said it is better to be safe than sorry when dealing with emails and texts. He urges anyone with questions to contact Ron Craig, Lake Township Police Department's crime prevention officer and community policing officer, at 419-481-6354.

hold its quarterly meeting March 9 at 10 a.m. at the University of Toledo, Lake Erie Center, 6200 Bayshore Road, Oregon.

There will be a special presentation by the University of Toledo on Lake Erie research and the two-year COMPASS study to enhance modeling long-term weather trends in freshwater coastal systems.

Commission meetings are open to the public and include a public comment period.

The director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency serves as the commission's chairman. Additional members include the directors of the state departments of Transportation, Health, Development, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and seven additional members of the public appointed by the governor.

College & Career Preview Night set

High school students and their parents, along with prospective students of all ages, are invited to meet with representatives from approximately 100 colleges, universities, industries and the military at a College and Career Preview Night Wednesday, March 9 at Owens Community College. The previously annual event is returning following a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Held in partnership with 17 local high schools, the event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Health and Activities Center, 7316 Championship Dr., Perrysburg.

The College and Career Preview Night will also feature presentations on financial aid and in-demand careers plus information tables focused on helping students

succeed after high school.

More details and a list of representatives attending are available at owens.edu/colgenight.

Democratic Club plans Polish dinner

The Oregon Democratic Club will hold a Polish Dinner Sunday, March 20 from 3-7 p.m. at Christ Dunberger Post, 4925 Pickle Rd., Oregon.

Dinner will include a variety of Polish favorites plus homemade desserts by Basia Lynn. Beer and pop are included in the ticket price. Tickets are \$25.

The event will also include a raffle and door prizes.

RSVP by emailing sky.beckwith@gmail.com. For more info, call 419-787-5245.

Those who cannot attend may send contributions to Schuyler Beckwith, Treasurer, 1020 Grasser St., Oregon, OH 43616.

County awards bridge contracts

The Ottawa County commissioners have approved contracts for replacing one bridge and improvements to another.

A contract to repair a bridge at Reiman Road over Packer Creek has been awarded to B Hillz Excavating, which submitted the low bid of \$263,934.

A contract to replace a bridge at Nissen Road over Packer Creek was awarded to R&I Construction, Inc. with the low bid of \$486,000.

Virtual food drive

March is Virtual Food Drive Month at the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank.

"We have developed the technology to make it easier for individuals or companies to sponsor food drives right on the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank website," said James Caldwell, food bank president and CEO. "Hosting or participating in a food drive now is as simple as a few clicks."

By accessing the link, fooddriveonline.org/toledofoodbank, people can move badly needed products from the "shelf" to the "cart" where they are totaled. Once the "shopping" is completed, donors enter their credit card in the checkout portion for the final amount. In lieu of taking the time to shop, donors can simply enter an amount they wish to donate.

"This is a wonderful way for groups of caring people to make a huge difference in our region. Individuals can ask their friends to join with them, or employees at companies can work together to sponsor a company-branded drive," Caldwell said. "In any case, groups large or small or a person by themselves will be making a difference in the lives of their neighbors throughout Northwest Ohio."

The Virtual Food Drive Month will run through March 31.

2021 concealed carry report issued

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost last week issued Ohio's Law on Concealed Handguns annual report, which showed that 202,920 concealed carry licenses were issued in Ohio in 2021.

According to the report, county sheriffs issued 94,298 new licenses and 108,622 renewals. Permit holders who wish to renew their licenses must do so every five years.

Under Ohio law, county sheriffs are responsible for issuing concealed-carry licenses and renewing them, as well as suspending and revoking licenses.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office compiles this annual report, as required by law, about the number of licenses issued each year.

Each sheriff must report concealed handgun license statistics quarterly to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission within the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Ohio county sheriffs began issuing concealed carry licenses in 2004.

To learn more about Ohio's concealed carry laws or to view this year's report and other statistics, visit OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/ConcealedCarry.

Clay Township Cemetery Spring 2022 Clean-Up



The Clay Twp Cemetery, Genoa, Ohio will conduct its annual Spring Clean Up March 15-25.

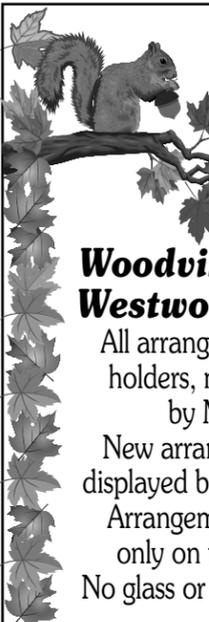
All grave decorations will be removed & disposed of by cemetery personnel with the exception of those attached to monuments, monument vases or a shepherd's hook.

If you have items which you wish to keep please remove them prior to March 15.

Decorations may be returned on or after March 26.

If you have any questions please call the Clay Township Trustees Office at 419-855-7878, 21774 W. Holts-East Road, Genoa, Ohio 43430

Woodville Township Spring Clean Up



Woodville Cemetery Westwood Cemetery

All arrangements, including holders, must be removed by March 30th.

New arrangements may be displayed beginning April 2nd.

Arrangements are allowed only on the monuments.

No glass or planting permitted.

By order of Woodville Twp. Trustees, Lori Kepus, Fiscal Officer
For cemetery info call 419-849-2492 or visit our website at woodvilletownship.org



Allen Twp. Williston Cemetery Clean-up

Please remove ALL Winter Wreaths & Decorations by Tuesday, March 15th

After this date, ALL wreaths, plastic flowers and any other displays deemed detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery and in violation of the rules for such decorations will be removed.

New displays may be placed after March 22nd.



Harris Township Cemetery Clean-Up

The deadline for spring clean-up at Harris-Elmore Union Cemetery starts March 20th.

All wreaths and floral arrangements or other materials remaining after that date will be removed and disposed of by order of the trustees.

New arrangements may be displayed at the cemetery beginning March 27th.

For more info call Andy at 419-704-4747.



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The annual FROST FEST, was held on Feb. 12th, in the same format as 2021, as a Virtual Livestreamed Event Fundraiser.

The Live Streamed Event included a Reverse Raffle drawing for 400 ticket holders and Mission Moment videos sharing the stories of Oregon students. Senior Cooper Gaertner and Junior Macy Strauss pulled each raffle ball out of the hopper. Macy is seen here with the final raffle ticket #075.

Although we were not able to gather in large numbers for our annual event (again), we thank the many businesses, families, alumni, teachers, staff and community members that bought reverse raffle tickets and provided sponsorships and silent auction items. With your help, OSF will be able to continue to provide the support to Oregon students in the areas of **Academics, Arts and Athletics**.
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Linda McNeal

200th ball drawn-
Mike & Alison Staudinger,
CHS '89 & '90

250th ball drawn-
Melissa Benedict

300th ball drawn-
Brandon & Bethany Williams

350th ball drawn-
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Lake rights bill introduced

By Press Staff Writer

With assistance from the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, New York State Assemblyman Patrick Burke has introduced a bill that will create a Great Lakes Bill of Rights with the goal of securing legal rights for the ecosystem and giving people and nature a role in the decision-making process regarding projects that impact the ecosystem.

The Great Lakes Bill of Rights recognizes, "that the people and the natural environment, including each ecosystem of the state of New York, shall possess the right to a clean and healthy environment, which shall include the right to clean and healthy Great Lakes and the Great Lakes ecosystem."

CELDF has partnered with communities across more than 10 states to try to enact rights of nature laws.

The Burke bill contends the Great Lakes have legal rights to exist and would

allow the state or affected localities to sue polluters on their behalf.

Burke said the health of the Great Lakes adjacent to New York State is inextricably tied to the entire Great Lakes ecosystem; the bill has been amended to encompass Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, within the jurisdiction of New York State.

The CELDF assisted Toledoans for Safe Water when the organization was attempting to have a ballot initiative, the Lake Erie Bill of Rights, approved.

In 2020, a federal judge struck down as unconstitutional the law granting basic rights to Lake Erie. Toledo voters in February 2019 had passed during a special election the Lake Erie Bill of Rights - designed to protect Lake Erie from pollution.

The LEBOR amended Toledo's municipal charter to recognize rights for Lake Erie, including legal standing, and empowered the city and its residents to sue on behalf of the lake.



Ag Notes

Fruit tree clinic offered

The Ohio State University Extension Wood County is offering a fruit tree clinic to educate participants on how to purchase trees based on rootstocks, pollinator trees, major diseases, and insect pests.

The clinic will also cover how to grow fruit trees utilizing both organic and conventional production techniques and include some general pruning tips.

The clinic is scheduled March 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at Haslinger Orchards, 7404 U.S. Route 6, Gibsonburg.

There is no charge for the class however reservations are required. Class is limited to the first 20 registrations. For information contact the Ohio State University Wood County Extension office at 419-819-3071.

Haslinger Orchards is a family-owned orchard and farm spanning five generations. It specializes in fruits such as peaches, nectarines, apples, pears, and plums as well as many vegetables and items like homemade jams, apple cider, dried fruits,

nuts, and candy

Ag community breakfast

To celebrate agriculture and honor local producers, local ag agencies and sponsors are celebrating National Agriculture Week by hosting an Agriculture Community Breakfast Friday, March 25 at 8 a.m. at St John Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor.

The cost for the all-you-can-eat scrambled egg, pancake and sausage breakfast is \$5. The event is open to all individuals that support the agricultural community.

The guest speaker will be Micah Mensing, with Farm Credit Mid-America. Mensing, a former intern with the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District, will share lessons learned since leaving the district.

Proceeds from the breakfast go back into the agricultural community through various scholarships. This year's scholarships will be awarded at the breakfast.

To RSVP, call 419-898-1598 or email becky.simpson@ottawaswcd.com.



From the Navy to Harbor View

As the United States Navy ceased operations in Toledo, Harbor View Historical Society received historical naval antiquities from the Navy. One of HVHS's new artifacts from the Navy is this ship's wheel from the USS Wilmington that was stationed at Bayview Armory in the 1930s. Pictured left to right, Marion Cooper, HVHS IT director, Navy Chief Edward Asche (retired) and P01 Phillip Ciprianni (ret.). (Photo courtesy Dr. Mike Joseph)

GENOA BANK

Salutes Woodmore High School's February Student of the Month



Macy Perry

Macy has a GPA of 3.937. She serves as president of FFA and the Country Crew 4-H Club. She is also a member of varsity girls golf, track and field and the National Honor Society.

The daughter of Timothy and Erin Perry, Macy plans to attend The Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute and major in Horticulture-Sustainable Plant Systems.



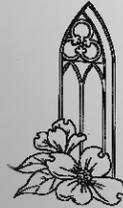
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Oregon approves electric energy agreement

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council entered into a customer supply agreement for the provision of electric energy to residential and small commercial customers within the city.

Oregon has been a Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) certified governmental aggregator since 2000 and has offered various programs to residential and small commercial users over the years.

The city is also a member of the Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition (NOAC) as are several other neighboring communities. The city's participation in NOAC has resulted in an estimated savings to all NOAC residential and small commercial participants of over \$86 million.

NOAC's current agreement with Energy Harbor expires in May. NOAC's energy consultant, Palmer Energy, recently issued an RFP for residential and small commercial customers to eight suppliers. NOAC received three proposals for the provision of lower-cost electricity to residential and small commercial customers within the city.

The NOAC member communities met and reviewed the proposals with Palmer Energy, which recommended moving forward in the contract review and evaluation process with Dynegy and Energy Harbor for a 36 month terms to further evaluate and determine which supplier will represent the best savings for the residential and small commercial consumers in the city.

Palmer estimates that participants will likely experience a small loss in the first year but based on current market indicators, Palmer projects savings in years two and three.

The responses for the Request for Proposals (RFP) provide for the term of the agreement to be 36 months with anticipated approximate net savings of \$4-\$5 million over the three year term.

Lawn care

Also at the meeting, council:
•Authorized the Parks and Recreation Commissioner to enter into price determining contracts with Ad Choice, Inc., BSN

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Sports Inc., Clear Images, Mr. Emblem, RCX Sports LLC., Riddell All American, and Team Sports for Uniforms on a per item basis through Dec. 31.

•Authorized the mayor, finance director, and commissioner of recreation and parks to issue a purchase order to Outdoor Home Services LLC dba TruGreen, Louisville, KY, for fertilization and weed control during the 2022 season, for \$27,000. “This is for our lawn care services for our baseball fields, soccer fields and the common areas around the Coontz complex,” said Tim Borton, commissioner of parks and recreation. “We went out for bid and received three bids. The quote from Outdoor Home Services had the best bid criteria.”

SUVs

•Approved a purchase order to Baumann Ford Oregon, Navarre Avenue, for three, 2022 Ford Interceptor SUV vehicles, to be used in the Oregon Police Division at a total cost of \$107,201.40, less trade-in credit for four vehicles of \$20,000 for a total net cost of \$87,201.40.

Baumann Ford Oregon provided the best overall quote for the purchase of the vehicles, which will replace current police vehicles, according to Police Chief Brandon Begin.

“The two cruisers we turned in had over \$100,000 miles,” said Begin. “Once they get to that point, the maintenance costs start to go up.”

•Approved a purchase order to D.R. Ebel Police & Fire Equipment, Northwood, for the 2022 Police Vehicle Equipment Purchase & Changeovers for the Oregon Police Division.

•Approved the Annual Equitable Sharing Agreements and Certifications with the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of the Treasury to continue participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program.

“When we work with federal agencies, if there's any type of seizures of money or property in major cases we participate in with federal entities, we get a small portion of that money for the purchase of different equipment for law enforcement use,” said Begin. “There are stipulations on what we can use that on.”

Fee increase

•Approved a fee increase for police ordered tows, related services and storage fees charged by Class A towing licenses when ordered by the Oregon Police Division.

The police division did a study on local tow fee ordinances, said Begin.

“We saw we were one of the lowest in the area,” said Begin.

The police division has three towing companies.

“We were approached by the tow companies, and they said the cost of business is going up, and their insurance has also gone up. So we thought it was fair to have a small increase in the tow rate, per day storage rate, and fluid/oil absorbent used for crashes,” said Begin.

The fees have not been adjusted since 2017, and an inflationary adjustment was requested by the license holders, according to Begin.

“Our previous tows were \$120 per tow. We are asking for that to go up to \$160 per tow. The charge for per day storage was \$15 per day, and we took that up to \$25 per day. There was no charge for the use of fluid/oil absorbent. We're now asking that to be a \$25 fee,” said Begin.

•Entered into a contract with Dmytryka Jacobs Engineers, Toledo, to provide professional engineering services and technical support for the Oregon Water and Wastewater Treatment plants supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems on an as needed basis.

•Entered into a contract with DGL Consulting Engineers, Maumee, to provide professional engineering services for various traffic analyses on an as needed basis.



Summer series

A student tests a boat built during the 2021 Frohman Summer Series. The Summer Series: Hands-on History program at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will be held this year on June 15, July 13 and Aug. 17. The series promotes learning about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through local history. To register, contact Julie Mayle 419-332-2081, ext. 239, or jmayle@rbhayes.org.

Obituaries

Obituary

Roger L. Peters

July 19, 1934 – February 28, 2022



Roger L. Peters, 87, of Oak Harbor, OH passed away Monday, February 28, 2022 at Magruder Hospital, Port Clinton, OH. He was born on July 19, 1934 in Oak Harbor, OH to George L. and Martha M. (Fick) Peters. Roger worked as a farmer for most of his life and fed beef cattle. He sold beef for home freezers and he also worked for Celotex for 10 years in the maintenance department. Farming though was near and dear to his heart. Roger was proud of his invention of a soybean seed counter and the worldwide distribution of his counter, which he had patented. He and his son, Dan, formed Accu-Bean-Chek, which eventually lead to establishing a bean and wheat cleaning facility on Toussaint East Road in Carroll

Township. Roger was also a member of the Ohio Seed Improvement Association. Roger was a very faithful member of LaPointe United Methodist Church and served as a trustee for several years and also sang in the church choir. He loved his church, which was like another family to him. He enjoyed making his famous cherry cheesecake, which people enjoyed. He also loved his dogs, Zoe, Missy, and Zina. Roger had a good sense of humor, which will be missed.

Roger is survived by his son; Dan Peters, four grandchildren; Jennifer Peters, Cynthia Peters, Christina Peters, and Joshua Peters, four great-grandchildren; Adam Kurtz, Frederick Peters, Richard Peters, and Christopher Kurtz, and his caregiver and ex-wife, Carol Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents, son; David Peters, sister; Nancy Blair, special companion; Hazel Britt, and his former prankster/best friend and partner-in-crime; John Cover.

Visitation for Roger will be Friday, March 4, 2022 from 4-8 p.m. at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, 165 E. Water St., Oak Harbor, OH. Funeral services will be conducted 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2022 at LaPointe United Methodist Church, 7285 W. Harbor Rd., Port Clinton, OH with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow in Rusha Cemetery, Carroll Township, OH. Memorial contributions in memory of Roger may be given to LaPointe United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Obituary

Delphine Overmyer Howe

September 24, 1937 – March 1, 2022

Delphine Howe was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She passed away surrounded by family on March 1st at the age of 84. Delphine was the daughter of Carlyle and Florence (Fulkert) Overmyer. She graduated from Harris-Elmore High School and married Preston Howe, of Sarasota, FL, in 1956. Delphine was the matriarch of the Howe family and was always planning the next family gathering with an abundance of food and lots of love. As an avid Buckeye fan, Ohio State games and marching band half-time shows were the highlight of her fall Saturday afternoons.

Delphine is survived by her husband, Preston, with whom she shared sixty-five years of marriage, residing in Ohio, Florida, Michigan and North Carolina. Their growing family includes daughters: Valorie (Garry) Juergens, of White Pigeon, MI; Sonia Howe, of Sanford, NC; Michelle (Johnny) Demers of Sanford, NC; Stephanie (Mark) Rosenbaum, of Calgary, Canada; brother, Sheldon (Marie) Overmyer, of Elmore, OH; grandchildren: Jessica (Joel) Melton, Jaclyn (Jon) Hanley, Jeremiah Juergens, James Juergens, Leslie (Lee) Etheridge, Elizabeth (Tom) Portwood; Roxanna and John Coleman Demers; and Lachlan, Lily and Hayden Rosenbaum; great-grandchildren: Leiselle and Cora Etheridge, Siena, Eliana and Milo Hanley; and Brooke and Owen Portwood.

A service will be held in her honor at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5th, at the Beneva Christian Church, (4835 Beneva Road) in Sarasota, Florida, 34231. She will be memorialized later at the Clay-Township Cemetery in Genoa Ohio.

Those wishing to make contributions are asked to consider First Church of Christ Scientist, Maumee, OH; or The Ohio State Marching Band. The Ohio State University Foundation, PO Box 710811, Columbus, OH 43271-0811.





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Swearingen, Gavarone bills signed by governor

By Larry Limpf
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Bills sponsored by two area state legislators have recently been signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine.

Senate Bill 181, sponsored by Sen. Theresa Gavarone, restricts school systems from adopting rules that prohibit wearing religious apparel when competing in interscholastic or extra-curricular events.

The bill passed unanimously in both chambers of the legislature: 91-0 in the House last month, and 33-0 in the Senate last June.

The bill permits officials of athletic or extra-curricular events to limit the wearing of religious apparel if there is a "legitimate danger" to participants but requires an official to offer "all reasonable" accommodations to a participant.

The bill authorizes a civil action for damages against someone who violates the prohibition but also provides qualified immunity for school officials and employees in a civil action against them for the injury or death or other loss allegedly stemming from fulfilling their duties under the bill.

A December 2019 sports uniform regulation of the Ohio High School Athletics Association regarding religious headwear states that if a head coach informs a referee before the start of an event that a player does not want to expose his or her uncovered head, the referee must approve wearing a covering or wrap, provided:
-It does not "fundamentally alter the sport."
-It is not abrasive, hard, or dangerous to another participant.
-It is not attached in such a way that is likely to come off during play.
-It is not deemed to be unsporting or offensive.

In 2019, a Sylvania athlete was disqualified for wearing a hijab during a race.

Campground immunity

House Bill 229, sponsored by Rep. D.J.

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Swearingen provides qualified immunity for campground operators against risks inherent in camping and to exempt sites that host historical re-enactments from the recreational and camping operation license requirements.

In his sponsor testimony before the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Swearingen said the bill provides campground operators protection against frivolous lawsuits.

"Which means that the uncontrollable environment surrounding camping like bugs, animals, terrain and other parts of nature, will not be held against the owner and operators. It also takes into account any negligent behavior on the part of the camper or visitor that results in any kind of injury or death," he said.

He said he worked with the Ohio Association of Justice to address concerns it had with an earlier version of the bill.

Jeff Hoffman, president of the Ohio Campground Owners Association, said an owner can't entirely eliminate risks.

"In my 45 years in the camping business, I have had many incidents which would qualify under this bill, such as dog bites, people tripping over fire rings or tree roots, wind damage, animal encounters and many other episodes," he told the committee. "I know this bill is not designed to eliminate our liability for things which are under our control and I agree with the limited scope of this bill."

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending Feb. 25

Allen Township

2/22/2022 Bonnie J Preston to Derek A Wood to Megan E Wood, 21750 State Route 579, \$130,000.

2/25/2022 Joseph G Hornyak and Carol A Hornyak (Trustees) to Kyle J Perry and Jenna N Perry, 0 West Reservation Line Road 5.983acres, \$66,000.

Benton Township

2/25/2022 Phillip Ryckman to Gayle Millinger and David Millinger, 14526 West Toussaint North, \$87,500.

Bay Township

2/25/2022 Hekron Investments Inc. to Gotham Holdings LLC, 0 Fremont Road 30.84acres, \$232,500.

Carroll Township

2/22/2022 Roger A Kosch to Michael J Isler and Heather A Isler, 9550 West Hollywood, \$291,000.

2/24/2022 John R Hageman Jr and Janet L Hageman to Wetlands America Trust Inc., 39.6057 acres Genzman Road, \$172,284.

2/25/2022 Gage B Forman and Nicole M Forman to Tabatha Derosia and Karin Meyer, 7850 West Toussaint East, \$160,000.

Clay Township

02/22/2022 Chad J Blausey to Nicole M Fournier, 1369 North Genoa Clay Center Road, \$185,000.

Genoa Corp

2/27/2022 Ryan P Welch to Christopher L Large, 910 Washington Street, \$146,000.

Danbury Township

2/23/2022 Dennis W Smecker to Kevin Kelly, 7426 East Bayshore Road, \$182,300.

2/24/2022 William J Jamison and Jacqueline R Jamison to Gregg A Ammons and Brenda S Ammons, 276 North Margaret Drive, \$270,000.

2/24/2022 John B Waters (Trustee) to Kevin M Showe and Patricia C Showe, Lots C-1, C-2, and A-1 Gravel Bar Sub A, \$325,000.

2/25/2022 Board of Trustees of Danbury

Township to MAWL Properties LLC, 0 East State Route 269 4.591acres & 4.233 acres, \$105,889.

Marblehead

02/23/2022 Catch Me If You Can LLC to Margaret M Brisendine and Margaret A Gibbons, 730 Prairie Street, \$295,000.

Port Clinton Corp

2/22/2022 Garry A Tucker (1/2 interest) to David C Cowgill, 315 Beach Street, \$9,490.

2/22/2022 Otis Manis Jr to David A Matheny and Wendy E Pollarine-Matheny, 1801 East Perry Street, \$117,500.

2/22/2022 Margaret A Hrynik (Trustee) to David A Matheny and Wendy E Pollarine-Matheny, 1801 East Perry Street Unit # 1, \$117,500.

2/25/2022 Tyler Brant and Layla Woods to Kyle J Bueter, 328 East Sixth Street, \$132,000.

2/25/2022 Terry A Wolfe and Kathryn E Wolfe to Charles E McLaurin, 913 East Second Street, \$122,500.

Portage Township

02/22/2022 Renae Mezger to Anna Aleksandrova Dohnenko, 38-62 West Wilcox Road, \$230,000.

02/23/2022 Zane Enterprises LLC to Nicholas R Sebastiano, 1051 South Lake Street, \$150,000.

2/24/2022 Samkel Properties LLC to Patricia Severt and Ronald Severt, 1239 East Garnet Avenue, \$150,000.

Put In Bay Village School

2/23/2022 Bernard M McCann to Amanda M McCann and Bryan Gilles, 300 State Route 357, \$40,000.

Put In Bay Township

2/25/2022 NCP Bayou 2 LLC to Put-In-Bay Township Park District, 4.211 acres lot 47 S of county Road, \$421,000.

Oak Harbor Corp

2/22/2022 R & B Enterprises to PSWS1 LLC, 750 North Locust Street, \$250,000.

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Oregon City Schools Kindergarten 2022-2023



Parent Information Meeting

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1, 2022 and attending kindergarten next year, please attend:

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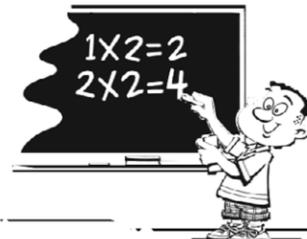
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Valuable information about academic expectations, along with tips and strategies for preparing your child for kindergarten will be presented as well as the link to register your child for kindergarten.

If you have any questions, please feel free to visit www.oregoncityschools.org click on Families & Students, then Registration & Enrollment for all available information.

Please share this information with neighbors, relatives or friends who might have a child five years old on or before August 1, 2022.

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Toledo

VFW 4906 Post – Lake Erie Perch Fry, March 18, April 1 and April 15, 5-7 p.m. or until sold out, 2161 Consaul. Shrimp, frog legs and combo dinners available. Dinners include fries, slaw and dessert for \$15. Perch sandwiches with chips, \$8. Dine in or carry out. No credit cards accepted.

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

God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month 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 2nd Monday of every month. For info, call Betty at 419-691-7944 or Fran at 419-693-6060.

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

Oregon

Oregon Democratic Club Voter Registration Drive, in preparation for the upcoming Ohio Primary March 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Starr Square, corner of Wheeling Street and Starr Avenue Extension. Any Ohio citizen can drive thru or walk up to check their current registration status, register to vote or update their voter registration.

Oregon Democratic Club Polish Dinner, March 20, 3-7 p.m., Christ Dunberger Post, 4825 Pickle Rd. Featuring Polish favorites and homemade desserts by Basia Lynn. Beer and pop included. Tickets are \$25. Raffle and door prizes. Call 419-787-5245 or email sky.beckwith@gmail.com for tickets or information or to make a donation.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets in person on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital in the meeting room located in the basement behind the cafeteria. The club offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Contact Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at 7150 Seaman Rd. Visit www.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.

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

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, dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

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

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

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.

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

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, March 30, 10:30 a.m. at the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd. Boxes will be distributed until supplies run out. Attendees should remain in their vehicles and a city representative will bring the food box out.

Northwood Post 2984 will feature band J.T. Hayde, March 5, 7-11 p.m., 102 W. Andrus Rd.

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station at 2100 Tracy Rd. Bring any questions or concerns to discuss. Check the group's Facebook page for updates.

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

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

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Jerusalem Twp.

The Wireless Emergency Network System is now live for Jerusalem Township Civic Alerts. To sign up, visit the Jerusalem Township website, twp.jerusalem.oh.us, or the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and click on the hyperlink to subscribe to text alerts.

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

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

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.

Genoa

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

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 3rd 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., 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; Magic in the Kitchen, March 10 – Kids can try science experiments in their own kitchens (pick up a kit while supplies last); Dragon Art for Teens, March 10, 4 p.m. (registration required); Foodies Night, March 14, 6:30 p.m. – Prepare a recipe from the "Taste of Home All-Time Best Recipes" cookbook and bring it to share; Fresh Find Adult Book Chat, March 28, 7 p.m. (in person) – Discuss "How to Walk Away," by Katherine Center. Register at birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details.

Graytown/Elliston

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Leap into Spring with Lisa Rock, project manager of Green Creek Wildlife Society, March 12, 11 a.m.; Craft Monday, March 21, 2 p.m. – Make-and-take button butterfly craft, supplies provided, registration required; Coffee & a Book Book Club, March 9, 11 a.m. – Discuss "The Nature of Fragile Things," by Susan Meissner; 4th Tuesday Book Club, March 22, 6 p.m. – Discuss "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue," by V.E. Schwab; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies; Knitters Group meets Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon – Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials still available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.

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

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

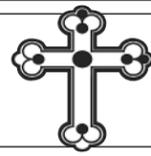
St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon.

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

Walbridge

Dance featuring Crimson Lights Band, Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., dates include March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22 and June 12 and 26 from 2-5 p.m. Dates subject to change. Bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-836-3308 or 419-260-0464.

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The Press Church Worship Guide

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1930 Bradner Rd./Corner
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419-836-8986
Fellowship Breakfast/Learning: 9:15am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
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& Catechism 9:20am
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10:00am

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Inspirational Message of the Week:

Most of us chafe at criticism, especially if it is delivered bluntly and concerning matters which hit close to home. We are also prone to bristle if the person is criticizing us on moral matters and isn't him- or herself a model of rectitude. But if we really want to improve then we should strive to find the kernel of truth in every criticism. We often take instruction and criticism to be inherently negative, but if it enables us to improve in some way then there is really something valuable in it. If we can somehow receive it with an open heart and genuinely thank the person giving it to us, then they are more likely to do us

the favor of correcting future errors as well. We live in an era where everyone expects to get an A in their classes and a trophy for their athletic efforts, and so honest criticism is often lacking, and the result is that a lot of mediocre performances get high marks and many have lost the ability to receive instruction and criticism graciously. There is some grain of truth in almost every criticism, so seek to learn from it. "Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it, but whoever respects a command is rewarded. The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death." —Proverbs 13:13-14 NIV

Living in day tight compartments has benefits

Do you get distracted by the past? Do you fret over what may happen in the future? Does today get the least of your attention? Are you frustrated by stress from the past and the future? One solution is to live in day tight compartments.

This concept is derived from the function of watertight compartments on a ship. On a ship, each room (compartment) has a watertight safety door that can be sealed to prevent water from entering. In the event of a leak in the ship's hull, the doors can be sealed to prevent water from filling the entire ship causing it to sink. With this system, the damage from any hole is limited to a small, contained area.

Without watertight compartments, even a small leak would eventually sink the largest ship. The watertight compartments allow a ship to remain afloat even if impaired. The influence of your past and uncertainty of the future are like leaks in your life.

The effects of bad experiences or fear of the future can sink your life, if you let it. If the impact of your past constantly affects each day, it is impossible to move forward. Left unchecked, this can sink you. In the most extreme cases, a person can wind up with a mental breakdown.

Worry and fear about the future also allows water to seep in. Apprehension about what will happen tomorrow impedes your progress just like a boat taking on water. Obsessive worry about the future causes mental paralysis where someone is afraid to take any proactive action.

When this happens, a person's life is affected by the decisions of others rather than by intention. Both the influence of the



Dare to Live

by Bryan Golden

past and anticipation of the future can have a debilitating impact on your life.

The ideal situation is one where you function exclusively in the present. You want to protect yourself from the encumbrance of the past and the uncertainty of the future.

This is treating each day as a day tight compartment. You focus exclusively on today and block out diversions from yesterday and tomorrow. Each new day begins when you wake up and ends when you go to sleep for the night.

Your conscious time is your day tight compartment. It is insulated from all else. Each day has two doors. One protects you from the past and the other prevents you from fretting about the future.

In a ship, water is always trying to find its way into the hull. Constant inspection and maintenance is required to ensure that a ship remains seaworthy. In your life, negative influences and thoughts are constantly trying to permeate your thinking.

Although you can't eliminate the force of negative influences, any more than a sailor can eliminate the strength of the sea, you can close your safety doors when they begin to seep in. When you find yourself being pulled into the past or diverted by

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the future, close your safety doors and create a day tight compartment.

Each day the challenge to stay focused begins anew. One day you can be perfectly on track and the next day you find leaks starting to spring up. Each day you must be aware of your thoughts and feelings and what factors are impacting you.

By living each day as a separate day tight compartment, influences that at first seem overwhelming, become manageable. Everyone has the ability to get through just one day without allowing seepage from the past or the future. Once you make it through one day, you know you can make it through another.

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Ukraine: What do they tell us about democracy?

By D.G. Mawn, Madhawa Palihathiya, and Prabha Sankaranyaran



Guest Editorial

Amidst pictures of the new war in Ukraine, the U.S. is anticipating photos of truck convoys arriving in the Washington D.C. area, protesting many issues including vaccine mandates. Ukraine's democracy is under assault just as in the U.S., we are seeing democracy in action: people organizing to use their voices.

But it's complicated. Things always are in a democracy. Convoy organizers announced participation of thousands, but trucker reality — a need to work and the in-progress lifting of mandates — is sapping those numbers. Some outside interests are supporting the convoys for their own political reasons, eroding protest credibility. But most importantly, the organizers have promised to remain peaceful.

This moment conjures thoughts of "Tractorcade." In 1978, after a catastrophic collapse of American agricultural prices, thousands of farmers from across the U.S. drove their tractors to the capitol. They were asking for pricing parity policy to enable farmers to earn a fair wage, and for country-of-origin labeling to promote American produce.

Like the current truck convoys, Tractorcade, too, was complicated. The tractors snarled traffic, caused disruptions, and angered Washingtonians.

But in time the seeds the farmers planted through voice and action sprouted, and those in power began to listen. Small economic and political changes began to take place. "Every day, we were given a folder and it contained a senator and congressman," notes Don Kimbrell, a farmer who drove his tractor from the Texas Panhandle to D.C., in an interview with AgWeb. "We'd go right to those offices and ask to be heard. Some gave us an ear and some didn't."

The civic story widened. A blizzard paralyzed the capitol, and the farmers used their tractors to dig Washington out. To express gratitude, Washingtonians invited farmers to their homes for dinner. The seed of change now expanded their field and people heard the message and offered their voice and help.

Recalling the impetus for Tractorcade, David Senter, an American Agricultural Movement founder, said "When you have desperate men losing family land or watching their children's future slip away, they can turn to violence really fast. Instead, AAM gave farmers an outlet and they knew they weren't alone—otherwise American agriculture was going to see bloodshed."

Looking now at the trucker convoys, we see the heightened political tensions and polarizing narratives accompanying them.

What was offered by American leadership in 1978 -- the will to listen, learn, request, and respond to those gravely impacted by the price collapse -- needs to be offered today. Therefore, on Feb. 17, the TRUST Network, a collaborative body of leading national, regional and local leaders focused on peace building, social justice, and democratic engagement, called for our current political and economic leaders to:

- 1) Acknowledge the legitimate grievances associated with the return of the economy since the pandemic.
- 2) Acknowledge truckers' contributions to society and the economy.
- 3) Acknowledge that these times of a continuing pandemic and ongoing need to balance public health concerns with commercial and individual livelihoods has brought about changes that, while intending to be helpful, have had unintended consequences.
- 4) Ensure that the true voice of the trucking industry is being heard and not drowned out by the destructive behavior of some using the situation for individual gain; destructive violence is an unacceptable violation of the law and will not be tolerated. As opposed to the crushing of democratic will now being attempted in Ukraine, we must and should seek ways to seed constructive social conversation. We should plant seeds of listening and learning, hearing and helping, recognizing and recalibrating. In doing so, we'll embrace this moment for democracy.

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Letters

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Simple solution

To the editor: With its three recent orders, the Ohio Supreme Court has given the Ohio Redistricting Commission yet another opportunity to bring our state's voting maps in line with the will of the people. It's time to put aside partisan games and draw districts that allow voters to choose their leaders, rather than forcing them to vote in elections where the outcome is preordained.

Ohioans are tired of politicians trying to entrench their power by manipulating our voting maps. The solution is simple: conduct a transparent process, consider community input, and draw districts that make sense to the people who live in them.

Let's take the opportunity to get this right and avoid another decade of national embarrassment and costly litigation.

Paul Szymanowski
Curtice

Ukraine: Don't look to politicians for peace

By Thomas L. Knapp

At this point in my life, I've been consistently opposed to war for about twice as long as I spent as a Marine infantryman (with precisely the attitude toward war you would expect). The change was incremental and took a few years, but I consider my decision to march in the streets against the 2003 US invasion of Iraq to have been moral, and my decision to march in formation toward participation in the 1991 Gulf War to have been immoral.

Every international conflict tests that conviction: Will this be the one war that makes me reconsider and conclude "hey, This war, unlike any other I've witnessed, is unavoidable, necessary, and just?"

The Russian invasion of Ukraine is not that war.

Like all other wars in my lifetime (I was born during the US misadventure in Vietnam), this one is a violation of every worthwhile human value, a brawl between overgrown street gangs with delusions of grandeur. It was avoidable, it is unnecessary, and it is unjust.

Where I find myself in disagreement with many who oppose this particular war but have supported others is the notion that there are any "good guys" to be found among the political decision-makers who brought this conflict upon us.

There's been quite a bit of harumphing and table-thumping in UN, EU, and NATO circles over the invasion as a "violation of Ukrainian sovereignty."

"National sovereignty" is a prettified way of saying "mutual respect between authoritarian gangs' for each others' turf claims." That respect goes right out the window any time one gang wants something and another gang won't hand it over.

Coming as it does from regimes which have spent the last 25 years militarily violating "Serbian sovereignty," "Afghan sovereignty," "Iraqi sovereignty," "Libyan sovereignty," "Syrian sovereignty," etc., the "sovereignty" outrage rings a bit hollow.

Putin's playing by the same rules they've set for themselves. Their problem with him isn't that he's breaking the rules. It's that his goals conflict with their goals. They're special and entitled, he's gauche and disreputable. They've got a classy country club, and he showed up in spandex shorts and a Slayer t-shirt.

My sympathy, in this conflict as for all others, is reserved for the non-combatants caught up in the gangs' turf disputes, not for the gangs themselves, or for the gangs' grandiose "sovereignty" claims.

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Entertainment

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African Safari Wildlife Park opening March 18

African Safari Wildlife Park will officially be opening for their 54th Season on Friday, March 18 for Drive-Thru Safaris only.

Visitors will find many projects completed at the end of 2021, including the addition of more than 100 trees planted across the park, including the Drive-Thru Safari; the largest area of African Safari where guests drive their own car through and interact with hundreds of exotic animals.

African Safari's Walk-Thru Safari, the park's traditional zoo setting, has also seen an addition of new animal exhibits. The new Giraffe Encounter allows guests to get up close and personal and to feed the giraffe. A new playground was installed at the beginning of 2022. The Walk-Thru Safari is scheduled to open around Mother's Day weekend, weather permitting.

"We are beyond excited to welcome new and familiar faces to the park for African Safari's 54th Season," said Kelsey Keller, park director. "Everyone can enjoy the new park amenities and continue to make memories here for seasons to come."

"We have so much more in store and we encourage everyone to stay tuned for more zoo news and updates...coming soon," she said.

When it opens March 18, the park will be open daily, rain or shine, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., with the last car admitted at 4 p.m. for the spring season. Summer Season, with extended hours, begins May 27.

The Midwest's Original Drive-Thru Safari Park, African Safari Wildlife Park is located at 267 S. Lightner Rd. in Port Clinton. Call 1-800-521-2660 or visit AfricanSafariWildlifePark.com for more details.



African Safari Wildlife Park, located at 267 S. Lightner Rd. in Port Clinton, will kick off its 54th season Friday, March 18 for Drive-Thru Safaris only. (Submitted photo)

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Audiences will hear classic songs that everyone knows and loves, performed with authenticity, perfection and full range four-part harmony.

These cats genuinely like each other and get a hoot out of performing together – which comes across on stage. Learn more about them at thegeezecats.com.

36th Fremont Toy Show

The 36th Annual Fremont Toy Show will be held March 19-20 at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave. Show hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

The show will feature more than 230 tables of collectible toys, including die-cast racing collectibles, dolls, farm toys, pedal tractors, books and more.

Admission is \$3. Food will be available.

For more information, call Sandy Overmyer at 419-307-5026 or Bob Siefke at 419-637-7067.

Sauder Village Bridal Show

Enjoy an afternoon of wedding information and inspiration at the Sauder Village Bridal Show on Sunday, March 6 in Founder's Hall.

Wedding professionals from throughout the region will be on-hand from noon-3:30 p.m. to share information about food, photography, gifts, invitations, decorations and much more.

The afternoon event will also include a variety of special offers, food samples,

entertainment and valuable giveaways.

Admission is \$7, but guests can pre-register online to receive a coupon for a \$2 discount. Registered guests will also be entered into a grand prize drawing. Bouquets will be tossed out throughout the afternoon – providing brides a chance to win a variety of prizes and gift certificates from participating vendors and Sauder Village.

For more information call 800-590-9755 or to register for the show visit sauder-village.org/classes-events/special-events/bridal-show.

Young Artists at Work

The Arts Commission is accepting applications for Young Artists at Work (YAAW) – a six-week paid summer employment opportunity for youth ages 14-18 in Toledo and the surrounding areas.

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For more information, visit theartscommission.org/programs/young-artists-at-work.

Volunteers needed at Magee Marsh Gift Shop

Do you enjoy helping people and learning about birds and Ohio wildlife? Then consider volunteering a few hours a month at the Friends of Magee Marsh Gift Shop, located inside the Bird Center at Magee Marsh.

Volunteers are needed March through May for this year as the Bird Center will be closed June 1 until March 2023 for a complete makeover.

A training session for all those interested in volunteering will be held Saturday, March 20 at 1 p.m. A pizza lunch will be served.

Magee Marsh is located at 13229 SR 2, Oak Harbor. To sign up or learn more, Mary at windbird@bex.net

Myrtle Beach trip

The East Toledo Senior Center, with the help of Diamond Tours, will host a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Sept. 18-24.

The cost is \$759 per person, based on double occupancy. The price includes transportation via luxury motorcoach, six nights lodging, six breakfasts and four dinners, five shows, a visit to Barefoot Landing, a popular shopping, dining and entertainment experience, and more.

A deposit of \$75 per person is due by Wednesday, May 11. For more information, call 419-691-2254.

Inflation, supply chain jeopardize fireworks

Anticipating a 30% increase in the cost of fireworks and aiming to avert a fizzle, Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking community support to overcome nearly \$5,000 in estimated additional expenses for its 2022 July 4th Independence Day Celebration.

“Oak Harbor has a history of providing quality, family-friendly community events,” said Valerie Winterfield, Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce executive director. “The Chamber is committed to continuing our annual tradition of having the area’s best fireworks. Amid inflation and supply chain issues, we really need everyone’s help.”

The Village’s “locally famous” fireworks show is produced by American Fireworks of Hudson, Ohio. Each year, thousands of spectators from all over Northwest Ohio attend the free, half-day community event, which includes food vendors, local entertainment, the Apple Festival Royalty Duck Race on the river, inflatables for the children and more.

According to Julie Heckman, American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) executive director, backyard consumer fireworks have “more than doubled in sales, since

2020” due, in part, to public shows being canceled. That trend has continued. Approximately 16,000 Independence Day fireworks displays typically occurred nationwide, pre-COVID. Despite lighter COVID protocols and restrictions, significantly fewer public shows are expected to return across the United States in 2022.

Fireworks compete for space on cargo ships. Staffing shortages in the shipping and trucking industries, as well as factory shutdowns, have contributed to product delays and cost increases.

Each year the Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce raises funds for its Independence Day event, asking for help from businesses and individuals alike. This year’s inflation and supply chain issues push Oak Harbor to require additional support to maintain the same quality of show, Winterfield said.

Bill Howey, owner of Howey’s House of Brews on Water Street, supports the Independence Day activities because they bring people to the community and provide a tangible boom to the Oak Harbor economy. “Whenever you can get foot traffic, it’s a positive,” Howey said. “July 4th is one of my two biggest days of the year.”

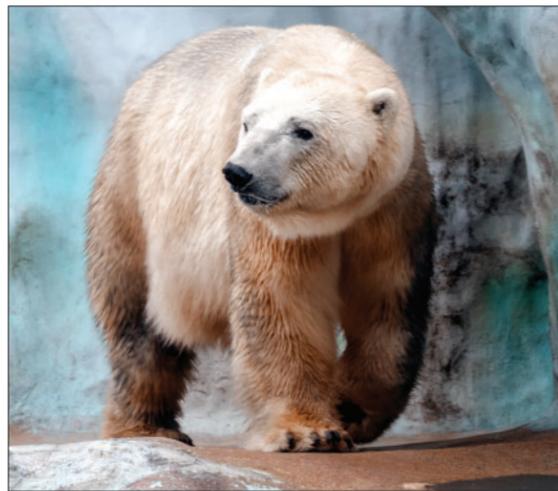
Oak Harbor’s Fireworks Fund Reverse Raffle will take place May 14 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$50 and include dinner and a chance to win more than \$5,000 in cash and prizes, with a grand prize of \$2,500. Tickets may be purchased from Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce or any board member.

“Supporter Stars” may be purchased at local businesses and the chamber office, Memorial Day through June. All proceeds go directly to the fireworks fund. The Chamber is also working with the Oak Harbor High School Student Council to organize a school fundraiser.

“A majority of the funding for the event has always come from businesses and annual sponsors, but with requests for donations coming in daily, it is not fair to rely on the businesses alone,” Winterfield said. “We need support from the community members to help keep this event great.”

Donations may be made directly to the fireworks fund by dropping off or mailing a donation to the Oak Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce at 161 W. Water St., Oak Harbor, OH 43449.

For more information, email Chamber@OakHarborOhio.net or call 419-898-0479.



Toledo Zoo welcomes polar bear, Nuka

The Toledo Zoo is proud to welcome a 17-year-old polar bear, named Nuka, to its pack.

Nuka, born at the Denver Zoo, moved to the Detroit Zoo in 2011. The moves are due to the Association of Zoos and Aquarium’s Species Survival Program.

The goal of the Species Survival Plan program is to introduce endangered species of animals in hopes of mating to sustain endangered species.

“Being an SSP program means this animal is part of a cooperatively managed population of animals within Association of Zoos and Aquarium member institutions where expert advisors work cooperatively together to maximize genetic diversity to boost the long-term sustainability of the species,” said Michael Frushour, curator of mammals for the Toledo Zoo.

The experts with the Species Survival Program issued a breeding recommendation for the Toledo Zoo’s 23-year-old female polar bear Crystal. In the past, Crystal has produced seven cubs with her long-time mate Marty, who passed away in November of last year.

For more information, visit toledozoo.org.

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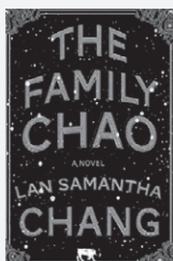
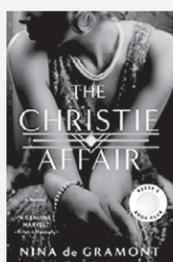
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Mohican lures visitors with fishing, natural beauty

Wading into Ohio streams is a pretty standard and much-anticipated endeavor for eager Ohio anglers in spring.

Walleye occupies most of the attention around here, drawing fishing enthusiasts from most of the 50 states in any given year. Yep, fishing the spring walleye spawn in the Maumee River is that good.

Then there's the steelhead that come up northeast Ohio streams this time of year. The Chagrin River and Conneaut Creek are among the favored destinations.

If you want to get away from the crowds – literally thousands of anglers can line up in the Maumee between Jerome Road at Side Cut Metropark in Maumee, and Perrysburg's Orleans Park – there's a beautiful trout stream, one of precious few in Ohio, that flows clear, cold, and clean through one of Ohio's most scenic areas.

Or maybe you're not an angler and just want to enjoy a streamside weekend in a beautiful spot. Picture a beautiful stream gurgling as it rushes over rocks while a morning mist hangs, as it often does, adding a wild, mysterious feel to the setting. It will surely bring out the photographer in you.

Angler or not, the entire region is a popular tourism destination throughout the year. Walkers, bikers, hikers, campers, skiers, canoeists, kayakers all love the region.

It's centered on the Clear Fork of the Mohican River, which flows through a magnificent gorge so beautiful it's a National Natural Landmark.

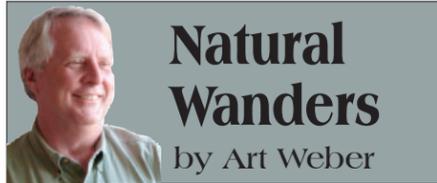
To take full advantage of a stay in the area, consider a stay in the resort lodge in Mohican State Park, or better yet, to get the full streamside experience, rent one of the 25 remodeled state park cabins nestled at the base of the gorge right on one of the best stretches of the river to fish.

You can rise at the break of day, put on your waders, and pick up your fly rod. You can hear the stream inside the cabin, but it's louder when you open the door, luring you irresistibly to walk the dozen or so yards into the shallow rushing waters.

You feel the cold water through the



Clear Fork of the Mohican flows cool and clear through the Clearfork Gorge, including this stretch that's one of the few places to fly fish for trout in Ohio. (Photo by Art Weber)



Natural Wanders
by Art Weber

waders, pause to breathe the clean, heavy air and drink in the moment. And then you start casting into the cold, transparent waters, the stream's bottom of well-worn stones dappled in the refracted light of the morning.

For a fly-fisherman it really doesn't get much better than that. Not too shabby for a photographer or birder either, or even just someone interested in a quiet streamside

walk.

Above the stream are the forested walls of the gorge. Three-hundred feet deep and a thousand feet wide, it's easy to understand its landmark status. Any doubt will be erased if you take the time – and you should -- to go up to the rim and look over and into the gorge. Wildlife loves the spot. Birds of prey – mostly red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures -- ride the thermals created by the gorge, giant ancient hemlocks crowd the stream's shores at the base of the gorge, relics of the much colder times that prevailed after the last glacier. In their cool shade at least five species of warblers thrive.

The focus for best fishing is a half-mile stretch of briskly flowing stream stocked by the Ohio Division of Wildlife with brown

trout that drops a full five feet over that short distance. Those who know the stream best will tell you the good fishing starts when water levels drop in March, with the best fishing in April through June, and then again in fall.

Just the Facts

Located near Loudonville, Ohio, Mohican State Park is 1,294 acres in the heart of Mohican Memorial State Forest, adjacent to the Muskingum Conservancy's Pleasant Hill Park, and near Malabar Farm State Park. For park information, camping and cabin information call 419-994-4290 or visit the website at parks.ohiodnr.gov/Mohican. For the Mohican Resort Lodge, call 800-ATAPARK. The region is about a two-and-one-half hour drive from Northwest Ohio.

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Greater Toledo Train & Toy Show returning for 2022

After being postponed last year due to COVID-19, the Greater Toledo Train & Toy Show is on track to be bigger and better than ever when it rolls into town on Sunday, March 13 at 11 a.m. at the Owens Community College Student Health and Activities Center, 30335 Oregon Rd., Perrysburg.

Originally launched on March 8, 1998, the Greater Toledo Train and Toy Show offers a day of family fun for grownups and kids alike. This year's show will feature more than 250 dealers bringing distinctive toy and model trains of all gauges and manufacturers as well as toys from all eras – plastic, tin, die-cast, pop culture and so much more.

Repair service and appraisals will also be available.

"Parents and grandparents will surely relive happy memories from long ago when they see many wonderful toys and operating displays from their own childhood," said Roger Ramsey, aka "Roundhouse Randy," of Toledo Toymasters, which organizes the show. "Bring along the kids and an extra special time awaits you showing the youngsters old-time toys in operation they would otherwise never see today."

Among the many famous layouts and exhibits that will be operating all day long during the show are:

- Two must-see operating LEGO layouts presented by the Michigan LEGO Users Group and the Swanton Model Railroad Club. Both feature an operating LEGO City, with trains made entirely of LEGO bricks. All sorts of LEGOS will be available from a variety of sellers.

- An entire wall of vintage, rare and operating A.C. Gilbert Erector Set displays featuring toys from the 1920s presented by members of the AC Gilbert Heritage Society.



The Greater Toledo Train & Toy Show offers something for all ages, including distinctive toy and model trains of all gauges, vintage toys and more. (Photo courtesy of Toledo Toymasters)

"This year we have two new operating displays you will not want to miss, including an incredible 'Celebrating Toys of the Past' exhibit," Ramsey said.

- The Toledo tradition lives on with

Toledo Toymasters' Tiedtke's Department Store American Flyer antique operating post-war "S" gauge train display. This layout, plus a 1950s Lionel O-Gauge store display will be operating on a real and life-

sized "train truck" presented by Toledo Toymasters.

- Train operating layouts in all gauges of toy trains from area groups, including the scenic HO layout by the Hobo Crew, layouts from the Swanton Model RR Club and the Eastwood Junior High School after-school club will be displayed.

- Toledo Public Schools' Toledo Technology Academy award-winning robotics team will be at the show with demonstrations.

- The Midwest R2D2 Builders Club will be on hand to share droid creations that are "out of this world."

- Romick Railways outdoor riding train will be offering rides (\$3 per ticket, weather-permitting).

General admission tickets are \$7. "Early bird" tickets, which offer admission at 9 a.m. – which offers a quieter and less-busy show experience – are \$10. The show runs until 3 p.m. for both ticket types. Children ages 12 and younger are admitted to the show free with one paid adult admission.

Advance tickets are available online at [eventbrite.com/e/175629110397](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/175629110397).

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Cedar Point announces new experiences for 2022 season

As Cedar Point continues to build upon its multi-day destination offerings and vision, the park is preparing for the upcoming season by introducing completely renovated and transformed hotel properties, new dining options and the implementation of new touchless transaction technology.

Some of the new experiences include:
The Farmhouse Kitchen & Grill
 As Cedar Point continues to elevate the dining experience throughout the park, the new Farmhouse Kitchen & Grill is the latest addition to the dining lineup. Located in the heart of Frontier Town, it will serve a variety of handmade options, including roasted corn ribs, house-made chili, char-roasted flank steak with chimichurri, roasted seasonal vegetables, hushpuppies, cast iron brownie a la mode and more. The Farmhouse Kitchen & Grill will also serve a rotating featured item prepared by the park's culinary team.

Derby Dogs & Coasters Drive-In
 With the thrill of racing on the historic Cedar Downs Racing Derby right next door, guests can celebrate victory with custom hot dog creations at the new Derby Dogs. The menu features a choice of jumbo or footlong all-beef hot dogs, a trio of mini hot dogs, or Italian sausage, with custom topping choices of bacon, onions, chili, sauerkraut, avocado halves, cole slaw, jalapenos, tomatoes, shredded cheeses and more.

Over at Coasters Drive-In, one of the park's most popular dining locations, an interior transformation will debut this season. Improved for enhanced speed of service, Coasters Drive-In will serve hand-made burgers and milkshakes, complete with a toppings bar for a variety of custom combinations. Coasters Drive-In will also feature rotating sandwich and salad specials.

Celebrate Cedar Point Parade & Spectacular

Cedar Point's legacy and history will be visually showcased in the Celebrate Cedar Point Parade & Spectacular. Featuring 12 massive floats that highlight landmarks or significant moments in the park's history, the multi-sensory parade will travel up and



Cedar Point is introducing completely renovated and transformed hotel properties, new dining options and the implementation of new touchless transaction technology for the 2022 season, which kicks off Saturday, May 7. (Cedar Point photo)

down the Main Midway, pausing occasionally as characters and performers interact and dance with guests. In addition to the parade, a Cedar Point-sized party will take place in Celebration Plaza with an immersive stage show complete with live performers, special effects, vibrant costumes and larger-than-life pyrotechnics.

The Celebrate Cedar Point Parade & Spectacular will run June 24-Aug. 14.

PEANUTS® @ The Point
 The former Snoopy® Boutique along the Main Midway will be reintroduced as PEANUTS @ The Point, a themed shopping spot featuring exclusive PEANUTS wearables, collectibles and park-exclusive PEANUTS merchandise. From sweatshirts to soft, plush iterations of the world's most famous beagle, Snoopy, PEANUTS @ The Point will have something for every fan of the revered comic strip characters.

Going cashless
 This season, Cedar Point will be exclusively cashless for all transactions within

the park and its surrounding properties. The cashless transactions are safe, quick and will significantly improve the guest experience at dining, retail and point-of-sale spots throughout the park. Guests who bring cash to the park can convert it into a prepaid debit card that can be used anywhere – not just inside the park – with no fees. For more information visit cedarpoint.com/cashless.

Summer events return
 Kicking off the unofficial start to summer, Frontier Festival returns May 26-June 19. This street festival in Frontier Town is a celebration of hope, health and harvest, with live bands, games for the family, character entertainment and more than 20 hand-crafted menu items to taste. Craft brews, spiked seltzers and signature cocktails will complement the wide variety of Frontier Festival foods.

Cedar Point Nights returns to the famous mile-long Cedar Point Beach July 29-Aug. 21. The nighttime glow beach party

features larger-than-life games, live entertainment and an immersive lakeside dining experience.

Daily tickets
 Right now, Cedar Point daily admission tickets are just \$45 (plus applicable taxes and fees) when purchased online. Guests are encouraged to visit the Cedar Point website throughout the season, where the best price on daily park tickets will be found. However, the best value for an entire season of fun is the 2022 Cedar Point Gold Pass, offering admission to Cedar Point and Cedar Point Shores Waterpark, free parking, discounts, Early Entry and additional perks for \$135 (plus applicable taxes and fees).

Castaway Bay by Cedar Point Resorts
 Located just off of the Cedar Point Peninsula, the all-new Castaway Bay indoor waterpark hotel is scheduled to open in May. From exterior colors and styling to the carpets up to the ceiling, the finishing touches are being put on the entire resort, with new surprises for families to explore.

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Throughout the resort, new dining options, new activities like mini bowling and the popular indoor waterpark, with its 10 attractions, will be perfect for young families.

For more information, visit castawaybay.com.

Sawmill Creek by Cedar Point Resorts
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Great Lakes epic journey becomes double feature for museum

This month, the National Museum of the Great Lakes is presenting a “double feature” around the topic of life on the Great Lakes, with bestselling author, Jerry Dennis.

On Tuesday, March 15 at noon, the museum will host its final Great Lakes Book Club featuring Dennis’ award-winning book, “The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas.”

Then, on Wednesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. the museum will host its second spring lecture of the 2022 series where Dennis will share more intimate details about his journey and life on the Great Lakes.

Dennis is the author of many books about natural history, outdoor recreation and the Great Lakes. Said to be the most complete book ever written about the history, nature and science of the Great Lakes, “The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas,” portrays all the complexities of the Great Lakes through stories told by biologists, fishermen, sailors and others whom Dennis grew to know while traveling aboard the schooner, Malabar.

“Through the book club and the lecture, we hope to embark on a conversation around Mr. Dennis’ experience,” says NMGL spokesperson Ellen Kennedy, who oversees the museum’s book club and supports their lecture series. “We believe Mr. Dennis has done an incredible job weaving his boyhood memories into a comprehensive story that also provides details into Great Lakes’ environmental history, and so much more.”

The Great Lakes Book Club takes place over the lunch hour and is virtual. Registration is free but is limited to provide an optimal setting to facilitate discussion.

The lecture will be offered as a hybrid event at the museum or online using Zoom with one noted difference – Dennis will be delivering the lecture virtually. Individuals wishing to participate in person may come to the museum for a watch party and be a part of the live-streamed question and answer session following the presentation.



Jerry Dennis



Event registration for the lecture is required but free. Donations are encouraged and can be given upon registration.

For more information or to register, visit nmgl.org.

Ongoing events

Through March 27: Chameleon Effects: Glass (Un)Defined, Toledo Museum of Art. The exhibit brings together historical and contemporary works from the museum’s collection to explore the spectrum of technical and formal possibilities of glass. toledomuseum.org.

Through May 1: “Living Legacies: Art of the American South,” Toledo Museum of Art. A landmark exhibition organized by TMA will present the museum’s recent acquisitions of major works by African American artists from the southern United States. toledomuseum.org.

Through May 15: Stan Douglas: Doppelgänger, Toledo Museum of Art, Canaday Gallery. The science fiction-inspired film centers around an astronaut named Alice who embarks on a solitary outer space mission. The work comprises two translucent screens, which can be viewed from either side and display parallel narratives that unfold simultaneously. toledomuseum.org.

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

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

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

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March 4-5: “Tchaikovsky’s Fifth,” Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, Toledo, 8 p.m. toledosymphony.com.

March 5: Glass City Wine Festival, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo Afternoon (1-4 p.m.), evening VIP (5-9 p.m.) and evening general admission sessions available. Ages 21 and older. glasscitywinefestival.com.

March 5: All Wheels Swap, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$5. Formerly the Fremont Racers’ Swap. Swap/trade anything with wheels including snowmobiles, boats, trailers and more. New and used racing parts and equipment also available. 419-332-5604, sanduskycountyfair.com.

March 5: Vanessa Williams with Seth Rudetsky, Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., 8 p.m. This annual concert benefits the theatre’s ongoing maintenance. Williams, accompanied by Rudetsky, will bring an evening of Broadway melodies and concert artistry. valentinetheatre.com

March 6: Maumee Bay Brewing Co. Craft Show, Maumee Bay Brewing, 201 Morris St., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sip craft beers while shopping local arts and crafts. Search MBBC Craft Show on Facebook for info.

March 6: Acoustics for Autism, The Village Idiot and the surrounding area, 309 Conant St., Maumee, noon-2 a.m. Free. Featuring eight stages and more than 80 bands. Presented by Project iAm. acoustic-sforautism.com.

March 6: Bridal Show, Sauder Village Founder’s Hall, 22611 SR 2, Archbold, noon-3:30 p.m. Wedding professionals from throughout the region will be on hand to share information about food, photography, gifts, invitations, decorations and more. saudervillage.org/classes-events/special-events/bridal-show.

March 6: Sandusky County Hawkeyes: Six Bullet Shoot, Izaak Walton League, 2240 CR 170, Fremont, 1 p.m. All shooting is off hand with open sights. Keeping alive the skills and traditions of the early American rifleman. 419-202-3101.

March 6: Toledo Walleye vs. Cincinnati Cyclones, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 5:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

March 8: Guitarist Joe Bonamassa, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, 8 p.m. etix.com.

March 9: Animal Origami, Creek Bend Farm: Wilson Nature Center 720 South Main St., Lindsey, 5-6:30 p.m. Join Sarah

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Chong at the Wilson Nature Center to learn how to create origami sculptures of some local wildlife, including butterflies, turtles and cranes. (Ages 10 and older.) Registration required. lovemyparks.com.

March 11: Wine Tasting, Toledo Zoo Malawi Event Center, 2 Hippo Way, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Delight in a delectable mix of wines from around the world, hors d'oeuvres, live music and more. \$45/members, \$50/non-members. toledozoo.org/wine.

March 11-13: Toledo Walleye vs. Idaho Steelheads, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. Game time is 7:15 Friday and Saturday and 5:15 p.m. Sunday. toledowalleye.com.

March 11-13, and 18-20: "Waiting for Godot," directed by Cyrus Foos, Fremont Community Theatre, 1551 Dickinson St., Fremont. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors/military and \$5 for children 12th grade and younger. 419-332-0695, fremontcommunitytheatre.org or find the theatre on Facebook.

March 12: Second Saturdays R 4 Kids, Around the World with Col. Webb Hayes, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. The event is drop-in, open-house style. Geared toward kids in K-3, but kids of any age are welcome. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

March 12: Sap to Syrup, Creek Bend Farm: Wilson Nature Center 720 South Main St., Lindsey, 1-4:30 p.m. Learn how to tap a tree and make your own backyard evaporator. Registration required at lovemyparks.com.

March 12-13: Toledo Fine Art Fair, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. A juried art fair featuring artists from throughout the Midwest. \$5/adults; kids 13 and younger admitted free. fineartfinewinefair.com.

March 12-13: Fremont Flea Market, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. 419-332-5604, sanduskycountyfair.com.

March 13: Greater Toledo Train & Toy Show, Owens Community College Student Health & Activities Center, 30335 Oregon Rd., Perrysburg, 11a.m.-3 p.m. Early bird admission available. toymasters.org.

March 13: Tree Huggers: Nature's Alphabet, Decoy Marsh, 2700 CR 259; Fremont, 2-3 p.m. Open to children ages 6-10 years old. Meet at Decoy Marsh to play the alphabet game outdoors. Be prepared for a longer walk. Registration required at lovemyparks.com.

March 15: Great Lakes Book Club, "The Living Great Lakes," National Museum of the Great Lakes, 1701 Front St., Toledo, noon-1 p.m., online. A discussion of "The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas," by Jerry Dennis. eventbrite.com/e/230527001467.

March 16: The Simon & Garfunkel Story, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, 7:30 p.m. The immersive concert-style theater show chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. etix.com.

March 17: John Waite in Concert, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns, Toledo, 8 p.m. etix.com.

March 17-20: Zenobia Shrine Circus, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. The Zenobia Shrine Circus celebrates its 70th year. Showtimes are 6:30 p.m. Thursday; 4 and 7:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 and 5 p.m. Sunday. 419-661-5060, 800-GO-CIRCUS or ticketmaster.com.

March 18-20: Monster Jam 2022, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. Five big shows over three days. An action-packed motorsport with world-class athletes locked in intense competitions of speed and skill. ticketmaster.com.

March 19: "A Date With Judy Garland," Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, Toledo, 8 p.m. Songstress Joan Ellison takes the audience on a nostalgic trip with songs made famous by Judy Garland. toledosymphony.com.

March 19-20: Tour Ottawa Wildlife Drive, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, 14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor, sunrise-sunset.

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March 19-20: 36th Annual Fremont Toy Show, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. \$3 admission; kids under 5 admitted free. Featuring more than 200 tables of collectible toys and die-cast racing collectibles. 419-307-5026.

March 20: Cupcake Showdown, Ohio Theatre, 3112 Lagrange St., Toledo, 2-4 p.m. A family-friendly fundraiser for theatre education opportunities at Children's Theatre Workshop. Sample mini cupcakes from local bakers and savory options from local restaurants. Crafts, interactive activities, and more. ctwtoledo.org/calendar/cupcake-showdown-2022.

March 24: Science After Dark: Night of the Living Dead, Imagination Station, 1 Discovery Way, Toledo, 6-10 p.m. Put your skills to the test with gross science, tests of survival and extraordinarily creepy fun. imaginationstationtoledo.org/programs-events.

March 25: Toledo Walleye vs. Allen Americans, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

March 25: Denny Schaffer Winter Dance Party to benefit Veterans Matter, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 8 p.m.-midnight. Music from the '80s and early '90s. glasscitycenter.com.

March 26: Teddy Bear Care Fair, Nature's Neighborhood, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring your favorite stuffed pal and Zoo volunteers will make sure it's fixed up and fit for another year. Visitors and their stuffies can also enjoy keeper talks, animal feeding demonstrations, characters and more beary-y fun activities. In case of bad weather, activities will be moved into the ProMedica Museum of Natural History. toledozoo.org/teddybear.

March 26: Girl Power, Imagination Station, Toledo, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Inspiring girls to explore science, technology, engineering and math. Activity tables, panel discussions and speakers. imaginationstationtoledo.org/programs-events/girl-power.

March 26: Bonnigson & Associates Consignment Sale, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9:37 a.m. 419-547-7777, sanduskycounty-fair.com.

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March 26: Spring Symposium and Workshop, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, Brown Welcome Center. Featuring speakers Jill Bench, of Bench's Greenhouse & Nursery; Kurt Bench, of Shared Legacy Farms; Karen Himelhan, of North Branch Nursery; Jo James, of Jo James Flower Bar in Whimsey and Blue; Cindy Bench, of Route 2 Bench Farms and Craig Everett of OSU Wood County Extension, discussing gardening and landscaping topics. Check-in and shopping from 8-8:30 a.m. \$49.95. 419-862-3182, schedel-gardens.org.

March 26: "The Little Mermaid," Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., Toledo, 2 p.m. Presented by the Ballet Theatre of Toledo. etix.com.

March 26-27: Toledo Walleye vs. Allen Americans, Huntington Center. 7:15 p.m. Saturday and 5:15 p.m. Sunday. toledowalleye.com.

March 27: "A Soldier's Tale," Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle, 7 p.m. toledosymphony.com.

March 30: Presidential History Book Club, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, noon-1 p.m., in person and online. Free. A discussion of "Destiny and Power: George Herbert Walker Bush," by Jon Meacham. To join online, visit <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/128601789>. The Access Code is 128-601-789. For info, contact Historian Dustin McLochlin at dmclochlin@rbhayes.org. Participants can bring their lunch. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

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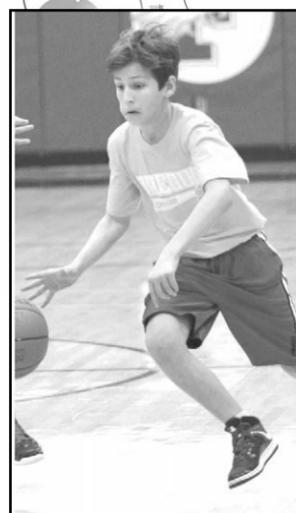
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PORTAGE FIRE DISTRICT – PUBLIC NOTICE

Resolution No. 1- 2022
A resolution to make permanent appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Portage Fire District Oak Harbor, Ohio, for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. To read in full please contact the Fiscal Officer

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PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 22-04 of The Board of Commissioners of Ottawa County Was Filed to Petition the Ottawa County Commissioners to Annex 1.135 Acres in Harris Township into The Village of Elmore. The properties to be annexed are:

- 19070 W. Portage River South
- 19058 W. Portage River South
- 19096 W. Portage River South

A Hearing Has Been Scheduled on The Annexation at The Harris Township Hall, 321 Rice St., Elmore, Ohio on March 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The petition can be viewed in person at the Village of Elmore Offices, 344 Rice St., Elmore Ohio during normal business hours. Contact the Fiscal Officer at 419-862-3362 to schedule an appointment. Information will also be available at the Public Hearing Dave Hower - Administrator, Village of Elmore

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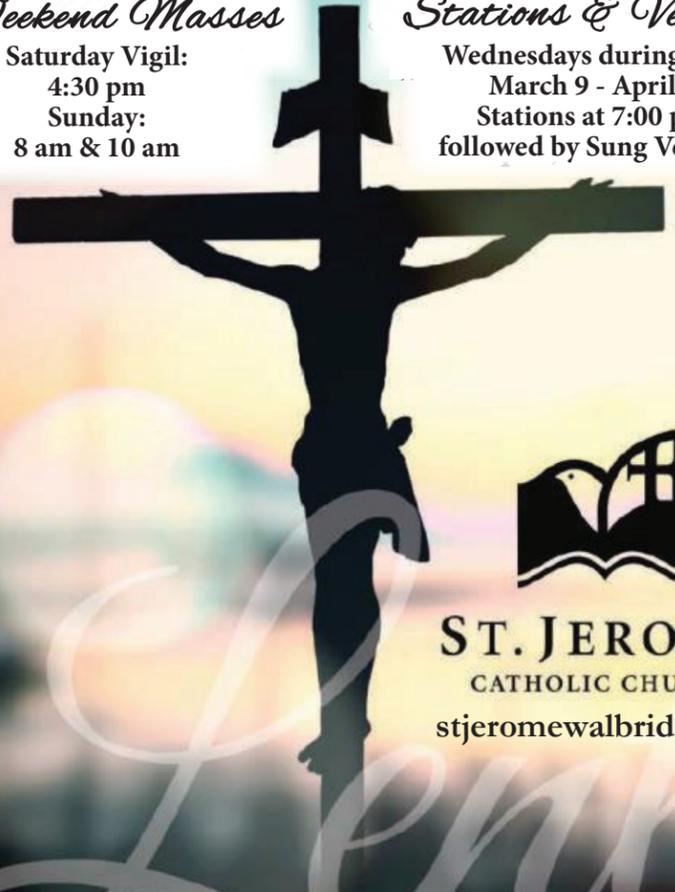
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