# Family

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# Historical society to present Tour of Distinctive Homes Dec. 3

The Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society will present its 2022 Holiday Tour of Distinctive Homes Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This year's tour will feature the following Oregon homes, new and old, decorated for the holiday season:

• 4812 North Teal Lane, home of Jaci and John Bleau.

• 4821 South Teal Lane, home of Stosha and David Brackett.

• 1116 Schmidlin Rd., home of Lynn and Michael Folk.

• 67 Drake Boulevard, home of Emee Kovesdi.

• 147 Lawai Rd., home of Chad Rutkowski and Kevin Lintjer.

Tours begin at the Brandville School Museum Complex, 1133 Grasser St. Oregon, where tickets, maps, and brochures will be distributed to participants.

Tickets for the Holiday Tour of Distinctive Homes are $15. A limit of 250 tickets will be available. To reserve tickets, call Connie at 419-367-5254 or Nancy at 419-270-1654. Tickets can also be purchased online at ojhs.org. If spots remain, tickets may be purchased the day of the event before 2:30 p.m.

Funds raised from the home tour will directly benefit OJHS.

**Parade of Trees**

While at the Brandville School, home tour participants can visit the Parade of Trees exhibit and purchase tickets for the Christmas Tree auction, beginning at 10 a.m. The display, open to the public, will feature nine uniquely decorated and themed Christmas trees, which will be raffled, along with other items. The raffle will be drawn at approximately 2:30 p.m. Raffle tickets are $5 for seven tickets. Additional "buy now" items will be available for purchase as well.

The home of Emee Kovesdi at 67 Drake Boulevard, Oregon, is among five homes on Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society's Holiday Tour of Distinctive Homes, set for Dec. 3. OJHS will also hold a Parade of Trees and Cookies & Selfies with Santa on Dec. 3. (Submitted photo)

In addition, the gift shop will be open for Christmas shopping at Brandville School that day. The shop now takes Visa, Mastercard, Discover, checks and cash.

"During COVID, many nonprofits were unsure how they'd keep the heat and lights on in their buildings," said Michelle Quilter, OJHS president. "OJHS never experienced that problem because we have a very dedicated membership community that values the history of Oregon-Jerusalem Township. In 2020 and 2021, nine businesses made significant corporate membership contributions which helped maintain our buildings. To thank those businesses, OJHS has made each business a sponsor for this Parade of Trees."

The 2020-2021 corporate members being recognized this year include

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**Cookies & Selfies with Santa**

Also on Dec. 3, children and their parents and grandparents are invited to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate and take selfies with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. in the One Room Schoolhouse, which will be decorated with Christmas trees featuring ornaments created by Coy Elementary students. The event is free and open to the public.

Parking is available at the Brandville School.

# Lights Before Christmas kicks off Nov. 18 at The Toledo Zoo

With the flip of a switch, the Toledo Zoo's Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank will open Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. with the lighting of the award-winning "Big Tree," an 85-foot Norway spruce and its state-of-the-art lighting package.

For 37 years, The Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank has been a staple holiday tradition in Northwest Ohio. In 2021, the Toledo Zoo was voted second for USA TODAY 10Best Zoo Lights and this year's celebration promises to be even more spectacular.

The Toledo Zoo is nominated yet again for the 10Best Lights and urges the community to vote at 10best.com.

The tree-lighting ceremony is the kick-off of the six-week-long event which features over one million lights, 200+ illuminated animal images, an ice slide, and photo ops with Santa in the Arctic Encounter.

There will also be various holiday concessions, including the return of the Yuletide Food & Spirits tent – located on the historic side of the Zoo – featuring freshly prepared seasonal sandwiches, soups, appetizers, and desserts as well as holiday cocktails and seasonal beers.

The Toledo Zoo's Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank – a holiday tradition for local families and visitors from throughout the region and beyond. (Toledo Zoo photo)

"Every year, our dedicated staff works to create an even more spectacular and award-winning holiday lights event for visitors of all ages to enjoy," said Shayla Moriarty, chief of staff and senior vice president of the Toledo Zoo. "We look forward to welcoming our guests to make memories and creating unique experiences they won't find anywhere else."

Lights Before Christmas will be open Nov. 18-Dec. 31, during the following times:

• Mondays-Thursdays, open 3-8 p.m.; park closes at 9 p.m.

• Fridays-Sundays, open 3-9 p.m., park closes at 10 p.m.

• Thanksgiving – Open 3-8 p.m., park closes at 9 p.m.

• Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – Open 3-9 p.m., park closes at 10 p.m.

• New Year's Eve – Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. park closes at 10 p.m.

Reservations are required for members and non-members and are released one week at a time. Tickets and more information are available at toledozoo.org/lights.

**Rides and activities**

Rides and activities planned in conjunction with Lights Before Christmas include:

• Ice Slide – $3.

• African Carousel – $3.

• Holly Jolly Express, sponsored by The Toledo Clinic – $3.

• Holiday train ride through Africa! – Friday, Saturday and Sunday only, weather permitting.

• Ice carving demos – free with admission, Thursdays in Dec. at 6 p.m. in the Main Plaza.

• Swanton Model Train Railroad Club – free with admission, starting 5 p.m. daily in the café. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Visit with Santa in the Arctic Encounter, 4-8 p.m. daily, Nov. 18 – Dec. 23

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In addition, on Dec. 11, the zoo will present the Polar Paws & Santa Claws 5K Run/Walk. Learn more at toledozoo.org/polarpaws.

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# Welcome "Christmas Tree Ship"

Santa will arrive at the National Museum of the Great Lakes with a boatload of Christmas trees on Saturday, Dec. 3. Area residents are invited to purchase a tree for themselves or for a local family in need. (Submitted photo)

The National Museum of the Great Lakes will welcome the arrival of the Christmas Tree Ship Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1-4 p.m.

Area residents are invited to purchase a Christmas tree for themselves or a family in need and then watch Santa arrive with the trees at the event, held in partnership with Geo. Gradel Co.

"On Nov. 23, 1912, the schooner Rouse Simmons sank while carrying Christmas trees," said Ellen Kennedy, the museum's Director of Education and Visitor Experience. "Known as the Christmas Tree Ship, her captain, lovingly referred to as 'Captain Santa,' was remembered for giving trees to families in need."

Inspired by the original Christmas Tree Ship tale, participants can pre-purchase a live Christmas tree for themselves and/or donate a tree or gift card to a family in need. The museum has partnered with United Way of Greater Toledo and 2-1-1 and are working with East Toledo Family Center, Family House, Lucas County Children's Services, and Sylvania Area Family Services to distribute trees and holiday support to families in need.

This year, in collaboration with the East Toledo community, the museum will host the event in the afternoon to encourage visitors to participate in the neighboring East Toledo Holiday Parade, which will being at 11 a.m. and travel along East Broadway and Starr Avenue.

The Christmas Tree Ship arrival is free outdoor event, open to the general public. In addition, admission to the museum exhibits will be free for all who purchase or donate tree or donate toward a gift card.

Trees are $60 each. Gift card donations start at $25. To learn more, to purchase a tree for yourself or a family in need, or donate holiday gift card, visit nmgl.org or call 419-214-5000.

Individuals interested in learning more about receiving a donated tree are encouraged to call 2-1-1, a United Way service which connects callers to community resource specialists who can put them in touch with local organizations that provide critical services.

# 50th Annual East Toledo Christmas Parade set for Dec. 3

In honor of the East Toledo Christmas Parade's 50th anniversary, organizers are inviting all groups and individuals who have participated in the past to join this year's event. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

The 50th Annual East Toledo Christmas Parade will step off at 11 a.m. Saturday Dec. 3. The theme of this year's parade is "Help Honor and Remember our 50 years of East Toledo Christmas Parades."

The individuals responsible for organizing the first Christmas Parade in East Toledo will serve as grand marshals. "We are also remembering and honoring the members of that group who have passed away, but will be with us in spirit," said Denny Fairchild, parade chairman. "We are asking anyone who has participated in the parade in the past to try to gather up their school group, Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop, Cub Scout pack, baton and drum corps, antique car group or dance team.

"Our research has also found articles and pictures of Miss East Toledo Contest winners who were part of the parades, and we welcome them to join us this year," Fairchild said.

"If you participated in the parades in any way in the past please call me," he said. "We will be happy to have you as part of this year's 50th parade."

Fairchild may be reached at 419-693-9517.

This year, River East Associates is working together with the National Museum of the Great Lakes to make it a fun day in East Toledo. The museum, located at 1701 Front St., will hold their annual Christmas Tree Ship arrival later on parade day, from 1-4 p.m. Learn more at nmgl.org.

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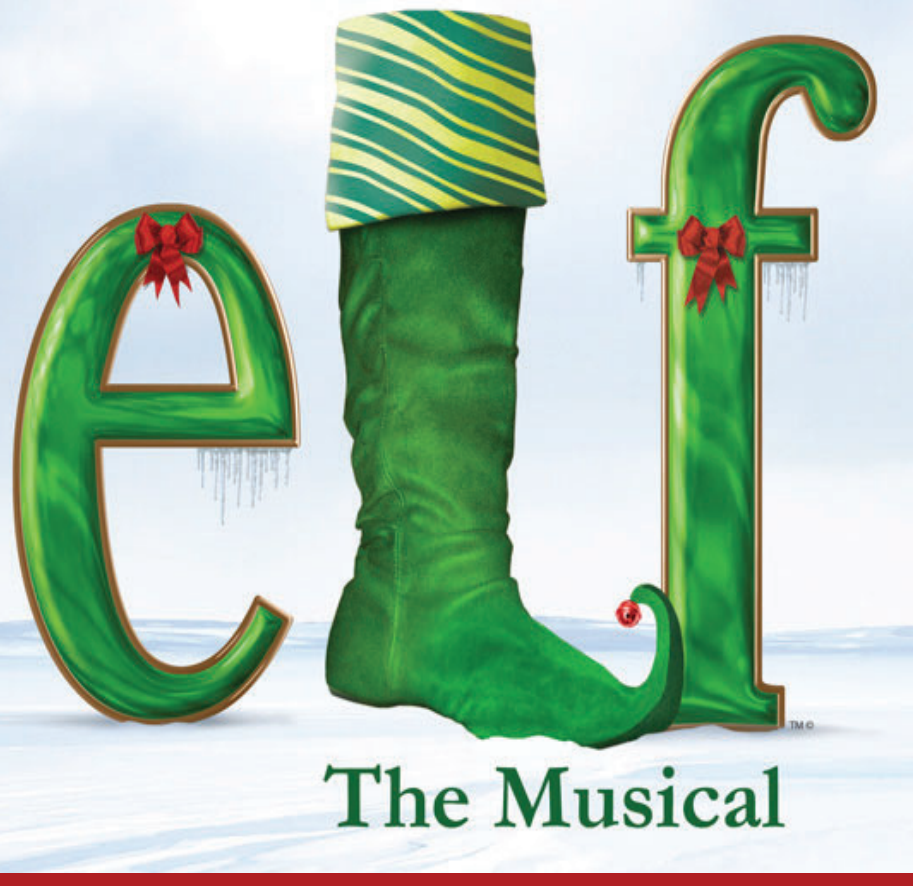


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The Lucas County Holiday Light Show opens Friday, Nov. 18 at the Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St., Maumee.

Visitors can enjoy the show, which features a mile of dancing light displays, from the comfort of their vehicles. For added enjoyment, music synchronized to the animated displays is available by tuning into the radio station provided.

Visitors can expect to take 20-25 minutes to drive through the show in its entirety.

The Lucas County Light Show runs on select dates through Dec. 31. Advance tickets are $25 per carload with a reservation, or $62.50 for unlimited visits, which require no reservation. Tickets may be purchased at the gate, although availability is not guaranteed.

A full show schedule and tickets are available online at HolidayLightShow.com.

"The Holiday Light Show delivers something new and unexpected every year," says Matthew Glaser, CEO of Bold Media, the parent company and producer of The Holiday Light Show. "Our displays portray a diversity of holiday traditions, so there is truly something for everyone."

Visitors are encouraged to bring their own holiday treats, as they enjoy a safe and secure experience.

"Whether it's a date night, a family outing or a special trip with grandparents, the show is sure to amaze both new and returning guests of all ages," Glaser said.

The drive-thru Lucas County Holiday Light Show returns to the Lucas County Fairgrounds Nov. 18-Dec. 31. (Submitted photo)

# Petals N' Plants open house

An open house will be held at Petals N` Plants, a flower and gift shop operated by high school students in Penta Career Center's Horticulture – Floral & Greenhouse Services program, Nov. 21 and 22. Petals N' Plants is located on the Penta campus at 9301 Buck Rd., Perrysburg. Visitors should park near the large greenhouse that can be accessed from the bus parking lot (to the left of the new traffic circle).

Open house hours are 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

Items available to purchase will include poinsettias, silk wreaths, decorated trees, holiday bows, ornaments, holiday decorations and more.

In addition, fresh holiday flower arrangements and holiday greens, including wreaths, grave blankets and pillows, may be pre-ordered for pickup in December.

Petals N' Plants holiday hours are Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nov. 28-Dec. 16.

## *Christmas in the Village*

Pemberville's Christmas in the Village will be held Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 27 from 12-6 p.m.

The celebration will feature horse and carriage rides, holiday musicians, Pember-Furry House tours, a Bake Shoppe, a Holiday Café, a Festival of Trees and more.

Shops and boutiques along Front Street will be open to welcome shoppers. A Lighted Parade will wrap up the festivities Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit beekersgeneralstore.com.

## *Olde Fashioned Christmas*

Celebrate and Olde Fashioned Christmas Saturday, Dec. 3 from 4-7 p.m. in downtown Oak Harbor.

Highlights of the event include:

- Fire truck parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus, 4 p.m.
- Santa will light the Village Christmas Tree – Log Cabin, 5 p.m.
- Secret Santa Shopping, downtown businesses, 5-7 p.m.
- Cookies & Cocoa, Portage Fire Station, 5-7 p.m.
- Visits with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Log Cabin, 5-7 p.m.

In addition, there will be a "Stuff Our Shuttle" event in conjunction with Swig Ohio Shuttles. Donations of new toys and non-perishable food items will be accepted from 5-7 p.m. Items collected will be donated to local families.

## *Pemberville Home Tour*

The Friends of the Pemberville Public Library's Christmas Home Tour will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 from 2-7 p.m.

The tour will include five homes, including:

- Kathy and Frank Barrow, 22011 Luckey Rd., Luckey.
- Stephanie and Zach Frobose, 6170 Alexander Rd., Pemberville.
- Kathy and Roger Burtchin, 18215 Wegman Rd., Pemberville.
- Charmagne and Terry Hoepf, 5606 N. River Rd., Pemberville.
- Margie Shaffer at Otterbein Senior Living, 1007 Tulip Court, Pemberville.

Tickets are $15 and are available at the Pemberville Public Library, 375 E. Front St., or at individual homes on the day of the tours.

Refreshments will be served at the library during the tour. Also, from Nov. 28-Dec. 16, raffle tickets will be sold for 12-inch decorated theme trees with a children's book included. Trees will be on display at the library. Tickets are $1 each or six for $5. The raffle drawing will be held Friday, Dec. 16.

## *"Elf the Musical!"*

Clay High School Limelighters will present the Broadway musical, "Elf," Dec. 2-4 in the Clay High School auditorium, 5665 Seaman Rd., Oregon.

Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Friday; 12 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Based on the beloved holiday film, "Elf" is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities force him to face the truth.

With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his true identity and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The production features a cast and crew of more than 70 students in grades 2-12. All seating is reserved and may be purchased at claylimelighters.org.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 seniors and students and are available at claylimelighters.org. Concessions will be available at all performances. Raffle baskets and novelty items are available online at claylimelighters.org.

## *Ugly Christmas Sweater Run*

The Ugly Christmas Sweater Walk and Run – a holiday tradition in Gibsonburg – will step off at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

The 5K (3.1 Mile) run and walk will start and finish at Gibsonburg Town Hall on N. Webster Street in Gibsonburg. As in years past, entry fee for the event will be a new, unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item(s).

Toys collected will be distributed to children in the community by the Gibsonburg Ministerial Association and Gibsonburg School District. Donated food items will go to the Gibsonburg Food Pantry.

Special awards will be presented to the adult male and female and youth boy and girl.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, call 419- 637-2634 or email m.glotzbecker@gibsonburgohio.org.

## *"Tootsie" on stage*

The Tony Award-winning musical, "Tootsie" will be staged Dec. 1-4 at the Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo.

Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

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## Toledo

**Taco Tuesdays,** Nov. 21 and 29, 5-8 p.m., VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul St. Tacos $3 each or two for $5. Chips and salsa.
**Vendors Sought** for East Toledo Senior Center's annual Jingle Bell Shoppe Dec. 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the center, 1001 White St. A $25 refundable deposit is required to reserve a space. Call 419-691-2254 for more information or to reserve space.
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly**) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 6-6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is $49. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.
**East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club** meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Everyone welcome.
**God's Instruments Food Pantry** is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-noon at 1705 Tracy St., between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.
**Waite High School Class of 1951** meets the second Monday of every month. For info, call Betty at 419-691-7944 or Fran at 419-693-6060.
**Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor Cancer Center Library at Mercy Health – St. Anne Hospital. For info, call Roger at 419-346-2753 or Ernie at 419-344-9830.

## Oregon

**Mobile Meals of Toledo,** local community non-profit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital. For more information or to sign up, contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodgers@mobilemeals.org.
**Food for Thought Food Pantry** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Coy Road and Navarre Avenue, is moving to Northwood Church of God, 3375 Curtice Rd., for December due to road construction on SR 2. The pantry will be open regular hours the second Tuesday of the month from 3-5 p.m.
**Rita's Soups** at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted from those wishing to contribute to this program and its future success.
**Great Eastern Toastmasters Club** meets in person on the first and third 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. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.
**Oregon Democratic Club** meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Social hour at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. Visit oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details.
**Oregon Republican Club** meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hampton Inn, 2931 Navarre Ave. Speakers, information and more. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.
**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 and dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.
**Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum,** located at 4350 Navarre Ave., is open for private tours. Call Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383 for info.
**Ashland Church Food Pantry,** 2350 Starr Ave., is open the last Saturday of the month for drive-thru from 12-1:30 p.m. ID required.
**Celebrate Recovery,** a 12-step, Christian-based recovery program to help anyone dealing with addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and codependency, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church (formerly Heritage Christian Church), 1640 S. Coy Rd. Free; everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.
**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 Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine, 655 S. Coy Rd. Call 419-697-7742 or 419-213-0214.

## Northwood

**Craft Show,** Nov. 20, 12-4 p.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Food and beverages available to purchase.
**Northwood Food Distribution,** Nov. 23 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in 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.
**Free Thanksgiving Dinner,** Nov. 24, Northwood Church of God, 1838 S. Coy Rd. Drive-thru pickup 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Limited delivery to Northwood, Oregon and Walbridge. Pre-order by calling 419-691-1376 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
**Weekly Sunday Breakfasts,** Except Nov. 20 and 27. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Featuring two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes or French toast, potatoes, toast and jelly. $8. Public welcome.
**Fish Fries,** Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., Northwood VFW 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Steak, shrimp, chicken, mac and cheese also available. Dine in or carry out. Public welcome.
**Northwood High School Ranger Roundup Reunion 2023:** Plans are being made for the next Ranger Roundup Reunion for years 1940-1980. Class representatives are needed for many years. If you or someone you know would be able to help find addresses for your year, email rangersrfun@yahoo.com or text 419 262-0693.
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**Men's Prayer Breakfast,** the third Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

## Jerusalem Twp.

**Jerusalem Township** has implemented a Wireless Emergency Network System. To sign up for civic text alerts, visit http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/jerusalem_township_oh/wens.cfm. The link is also available on the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and at twp.jerusalem.oh.us.
**Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees** meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in-person or join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.
**Jerusalem Township Food Pantry** is open the second Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

## Elmore

**American Legion Auxiliary** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elmore American Legion.
**Elmore Food Pantry** at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the second Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

## 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. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise at 419-855-0014. To join the Genoa American Legion, call 419-635-5810 for info.
**Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Gift Shop** open every Sunday after Mass at 11:30 a.m., 204 Main St. (behind Grotto).
**Al-Anon Family Group,** Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.
**Genoa Community Food Pantry** is open the third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m., at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. For info, call 419-341-0913.
**Trinity Thrift Shop,** 105 4th St., open Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes and small household items available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit mission projects.

## Gibsonburg

**Gibsonburg Branch Library** offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Teen #LIT Boxes – Teens sign up to discover and read a new books series and earn a treat; Adult Book Chat, Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m. – A discussion of "Verity," by Colleen Hoover; Register for programs at birchard.org. Call 419-637-2173 for details. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials. Call to inquire.
**Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry** is open the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

## Graytown

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

## Lake Twp.

**Lake Music Boosters Chicken Dinner,** Nov. 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Lake High School Dine in or carry out. $10 for adults, $9 for seniors and $7 for students. Butch and Susan Molar are sponsoring the event.

## 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.

## Millbury

**Crafters Wanted** for St. Peter's U.C.C. Christmas Craft Bazaar on Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Millbury Fire Hall. Tables/spaces available for $30. Call St. Peter's at 419-836-3243 and leave a message.

## Oak Harbor

**OHHS Class of 1970** will hold their monthly meet-up Dec. 8 from 12-2 p.m. at Happy Hour Inn, 124 West Water St.
**Free Community Thanksgiving dinner,** Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., American Legion Post 114, 221 Park St. Dine in or carry out. Public invited. Donations accepted and appreciated.
**Oak Harbor Public Library,** 147 W. Main St., programs for kids include: Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; STEM Crafts, Thursdays at 3 p.m.; This is Our Time Book Group for Kids, Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.; Family Craft Day, Nov. 25 – Drop-in fun for all ages. For adults: 4th Tuesday Book Club, Nov. 22, 6 p.m. – Discuss "The Night Watchman," by Louise Erdrich; Watercolor Group meets Wednesdays 12:30-4:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies. Knitter's Group meets Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.–noon – Bring your own supplies. Contactless pickup of library materials available. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 for info.
**Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry,** 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries and free clothes for all ages. The Pantry serves a community meal on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. 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

**Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk,** Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 14545 Rochester Rd. Grab a container and choose cookies at the cookie walk. In addition, there will be a Christmas Quilt raffle, soup and sandwiches and a silent auction. Proceeds support the Women's Ministry at St. Paul.
**Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the second and last Saturdays of the month from 8-11 a.m. Eastwood School District residents may visit the pantry once monthly. ID and proof of residency required. Info available at Pemberville churches.

## Stony Ridge

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

## Walbridge

**Euchre, Walbridge VFW,** 109 N. Main St. 1 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. 100% payout. Play nine games to score of 10 with carry over points. Free coffee and a full cash bar with snacks available. $10 entry fee. Blind draw for partners.
**MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) and MOMSnext (Moms with Kids of All Ages)** group is being formed at Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd., Walbridge. A Wednesday group will meet from 6:15-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. A Thursday morning group will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Visit mainstreetlife.org/mops for more info.
**Walbridge VFW 9963,** 109 N. Main St., monthly drive-thru dinners, the third Saturday of the month from 4-6 p.m. or until sold out. $11. No pre-orders. Follow signs to alley.
**Fall & Winter Storytimes,** Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the meeting room at Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St. Registration required – email wcdpl.org/events. The library also offers Wednesday Game Days weekly from 2-4 p.m. Stop in to play pinochle, euchre and hand & foot card game, or bring your own game. Registration required by calling 419-666-9900 or visit wcdpl.org/events.
**Dance featuring Crimson Lights Band,** Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., Nov. 27 from 2-5 p.m. Bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with soft drinks. Next dance will be held Dec. 11 (subject to change). Call Carolyn at 419-836-3308 or 419-260-0464.
**Walbridge Branch Library,** 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

## Woodville

**Woodville Library,** 101 E. Main St., programs include: Fall Storytimes for preschoolers and caregivers, Mondays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Anime & Manga Club, Nov. 21, 4-6 p.m. (grades 5-12); Crochet a Yeti, Nov. 21, 6 p.m. – Basic crochet skills needed, registration required; No-sew Scrunchies, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Design your own scrunchie, materials provided; Holiday Mason Jars, Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m. – Adults are invited to create a festive mason jar for the holidays, registration required. birchard.org.
**Woodville Food Pantry,** 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m. and the last Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications available at the pantry. Accepting help from the pantry will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

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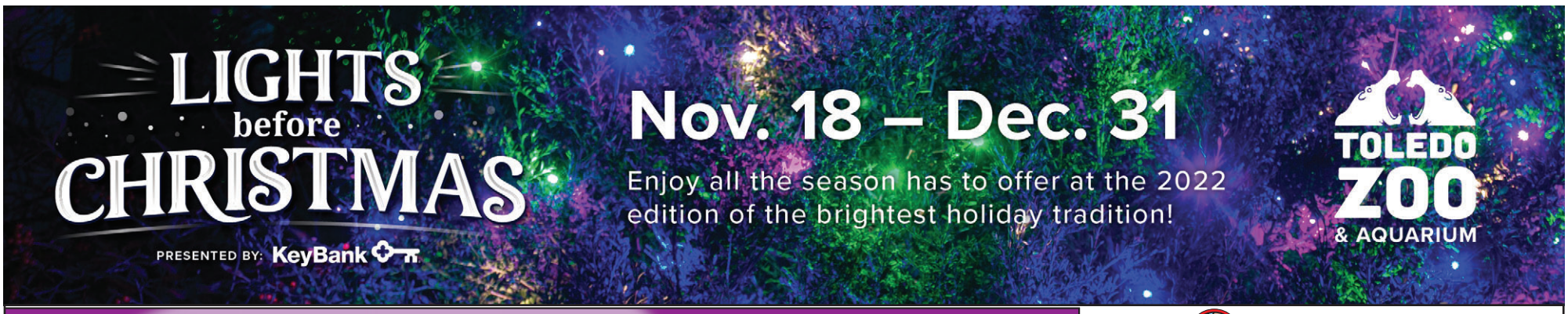


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# Thanksgiving Around the World

People around the world are grateful for a good harvest. A good harvest in the fall means there will be plenty of food for all.

## Ancient Greece

Thanksgiving celebrations go back thousands of years in some parts of the world.

In ancient Greek mythology, baby Zeus was fed by a goat foster-mother named Amalthea. One day, he broke off one of her horns. Food began to pour out of the horn. This is the story of the "**horn of plenty**," a familiar symbol of Thanksgiving in the U.S.A. today.

**Circle every other letter to discover another name for the "horn of plenty."**

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## China: Moon Festival

China's harvest celebration is called the **Mid-Autumn Festival**, the **Moon Festival** or the **Mooncake Festival**.

Families gather to eat different kinds of round foods that symbolize the moon. These include eggs and **mooncakes**. Tea is served in round cups.

Mooncakes are round pastries that are filled with a sweet filling.

**All but one of these mooncakes has an identical twin. Can you find the unique mooncake?**

**Hold this page up to a mirror to read this paragraph!**

**United Kingdom**

In the United Kingdom, people celebrate a Harvest Festival each autumn. They bring food to schools and sing together. Children learn about farming and how food is harvested.

## Which Country?

On the first full moon in autumn, people in this country celebrate a thanksgiving holiday. Families get together to share food and give thanks for the harvest. In the evening, they take walks to enjoy the beauty of the full harvest moon. They call the holiday **Chuseok.**

**Unscramble the letters to discover which country celebrates Chuseok.**

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## Canadian Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day in Canada is celebrated on the second Monday in October. It was originally celebrated by an English explorer, Sir Martin Frobisher. When his ship reached Canada, he gave thanks for a safe arrival.

What year did Sir Martin Frobisher reach Canada? Complete this math problem to reveal the year.

1039
+ 539



## Japan: Labor Thanksgiving Day

Long ago, people in Japan celebrated the harvest. As time went on, their day of giving thanks became a time to thank the workers who grew and harvested their food.

Today, Japan celebrates a Labor Thanksgiving Day. It's a day to show gratitude for the workers in the community. School children make colorful thank you cards and gifts for the police, firefighters and hospital workers.

**Use the code to discover what the Japanese call their special thanksgiving celebration.**

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## Extra! Extra! Thank the Helpers

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper thanking the community helpers such as police, firefighters, teachers, hospital workers and more.

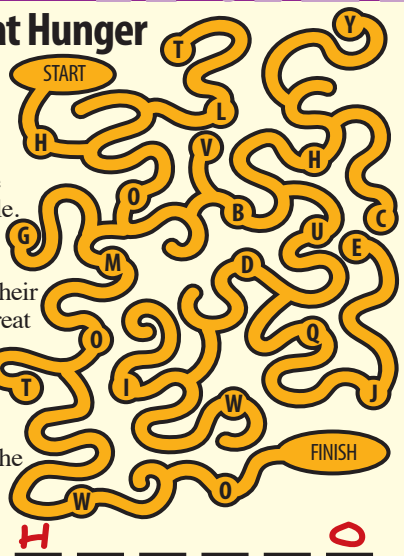
**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Communicate ideas in letter format.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Ghana: Hooting at Hunger

In parts of Ghana, people celebrate a festival called **Hooting at Hunger**.

Years ago, a severe famine broke out among the people. The people put all of their energy into growing yams and soon had a big crop. Their hunger ended, and, with great joy, they "hooted at hunger." This is the meaning of their name for their day of thanksgiving. Write down the letters on the correct path of the maze to the celebration's name.

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## Double Double Word Search

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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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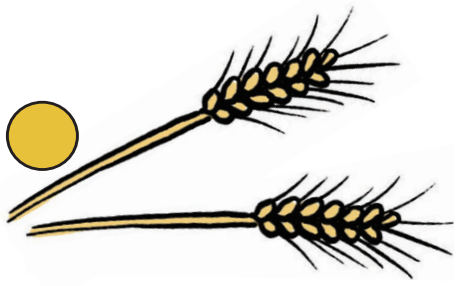
**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

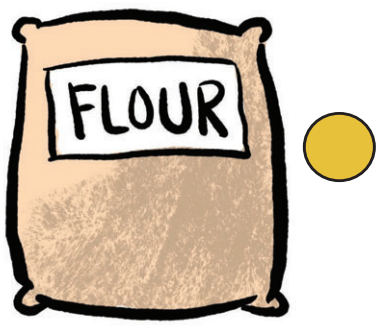
## Kid Scoop Together

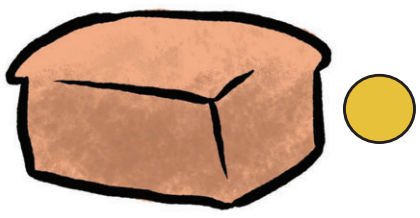
### How Wheat Becomes Bread

Work with a family member to number the pictures in order to show how wheat grows from a seed to become bread. It takes workers at every step to get the bread to people.

1. Seeds are planted.
2. Wheat grows from seed.
3. Grain is removed from the plant.
4. Wheat grains are ground into flour.
5. Flour is made into bread.







## Erntedankfest

Germany calls its Thanksgiving Erntedankfest. People take to the streets in parades. Some carry harvest crowns made of grains, fruit and flowers.

## Write On!

### I'm Thankful!

Think back on things that have happened since last Thanksgiving. What are you thankful for that happened this past year?