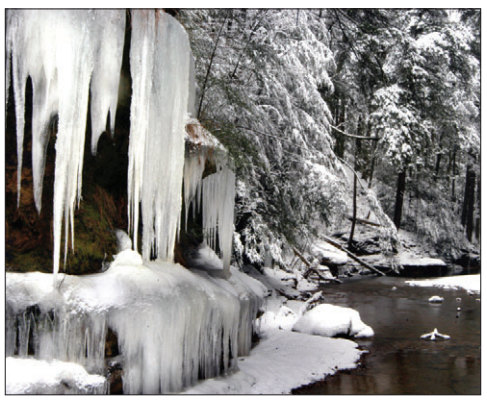

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Church group helping the less fortunate

The volunteer group, 419 Cares, from Christ United Methodist Church in Oregon provides assistance to the less fortunate at Uptown Green Park, Madison Ave., Toledo. The group serves meals, coffee and distributes toiletries on Sundays and provides clothes, blankets, and shoes on a monthly basis. Shown left to right are members of the church group: Nicole Riffle, Lidia Guerrero, and Natasha Grant. Information about donating money or items to the group can be found on its Facebook page or on its Amazon wish list under gifting on Amazon 419 Cares. (Submitted photo)

Toledoan indicted for alleged crimes in Ottawa County

By Larry Limpf
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A trial is scheduled for Jan, 31 in Ottawa County Common Pleas Court in the case of a Toledo man charged with engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, money laundering, and possessing criminal tools.

Richard McCune, 63, was taken into custody by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office after a search warrant was executed Dec. 1 at an apartment complex on Talmadge Road in Toledo.

Sheriff Stephen Levorchick said the arrest stems from an investigation of several months into reports of numerous thefts of catalytic converters in Ottawa and neighboring counties.

Local businesses, auto dealerships and residences appear to have been targeted, according to a press release by the sheriff's office.

"The search warrant led to the seizure of multiple items, including catalytic converters," the press release says.

McCune was indicted Dec. 8. He faces one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a first degree felony; three counts of money laundering, a third degree felony, and one count of possessing criminal tools, a fifth degree felony.

He entered a plea of not guilty to all charges.

According to the indictment, McCune was in possession of approximately $3,672 in cash, which was "contraband and/or property derived from or through the commission of the offense."

He was also in possession of a 2012 Ford van that the indictment argues was used to transport drugs or drug proceeds.

In addition to the sheriff's office, the Perrysburg Township Police Department, Oregon Police Department, Oregon SWAT team and Ottawa County Drug Task Force participated in the investigation.

Conditions of McCune's bond require him to reside at his Talmadge Road apartment and be at the apartment between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. He must also wear a GPS monitor and forfeit a passport as well as submit to drug/alcohol testing.

On Dec. 27, his attorney filed a motion with the court to modify his bond conditions to allow him to travel to California for four days to attend his daughter's wedding.

Audit clears teachers pension system of illegal acts

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A special audit of the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio has found no evidence of fraud or illegalities related to the $90 billion held in trust by the STRS for its members.

The audit was conducted by the Ohio Auditor of State's office, which also said the STRS, Ohio Retirement Study Council, and the state legislature should review pension system policies and related laws and consider changes to improve the overall management of pension funds.

Ohio Auditor Keith Faber described the special audit as a "limited review" of the teacher pension system but it determined the STRS organizational structure, control environment and operations are "suitably designed and well monitored, both internally and by independent experts."

Faber said improvements could include implementing more effective safeguards to ensure required actuarial reviews

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and fiduciary audits are conducted in a timely manner, rethinking how or whether bonus payments are offered to investment staff, and removing trade secret provisions that shield investment decisions from further scrutiny.

"STRS should be striving to be as transparent as possible on the funds held in their trust," Faber said. "That means fully disclosing how these funds are being invested and the returns or losses on those investments."

The recommendations are included in the audit conducted by the auditor's office Special Investigations Unit and a senior administrator in response to a June 2021 report titled, "The High Cost of Secrecy: Preliminary Findings of Forensic Investigation of State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio," commissioned by the Ohio Retired Teachers Association.

The audit reviewed more than 24 allegations in the report and other complaints submitted to the auditor's office.

State auditors noted, "Despite the trade secrets law relied on to classify these items as trade secrets, STRS could elect to negotiate with their investment firms to allow more transparency." The California Public Employees Retirement System, for example, posts many documents online, including details of their bonus incentives and prospectuses, the auditors said.

Another recommendation is to revise the

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Quote of The Week

The King Herods of the world have to squelch this very idea.

Jane M. Orient
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Genoa Civic presents Harmony Holidays

Genoa Civic Theatre will present "Harmony Holidays" January 6,7,13,14 at 7:30 pm and 8 & 15 at 2 pm at Genoa Civic Theatre 509 Main St., Genoa. Tickets may be bought in advance online at genoacivictheatre.com, $10 students/seniors, $12 adults or may be purchased at the door. Box office opens 30 minutes prior to showtime. Pictured in rehearsal: Brenda Clough, as Marilyn, asks Maud, played by Becky Buffington, about her date as Leah, played by Jackie Rutledge, makes decorations for the tree. (Submitted photo)

Audit

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Investment Committee Charter of the STRS board to require regular meetings and detailed responsibilities to increase members' understanding of the board's investment strategy and results.

State law requires an independent actuarial and a separate fiduciary audit at least once every 10 years. The audit says the Ohio Retirement Study Council didn't meet those requirements. The general purpose of the ORSC is to provide legislative oversight as well as advise and inform the state legislature on matters relating to the benefits, funding, investment, and administration of the five state retirement systems in Ohio.

Bill Neville, executive director of STRS Ohio, said the auditor's findings refute much of the "inaccurate information" that has circulated about the STRS over the past two years.

"I want our members to know that STRS Ohio remains steadfast in our dedication to ensuring the sustainability of the pension fund and providing financial security to current and future generations of Ohio educators," he said.

In August, the Ohio Retired Teachers Association issued a statement criticizing a vote by the STRS to approve $9.6 million in employee bonuses.

Robin Rayfield, executive director of the ORTA, said at the time the bonuses were coming when retired teachers were dealing with record inflation and struggling to make ends meet.

VA event planned

Genoa Retirement Village will host an informational meeting on the Veterans Aid and Attendance Program Wednesday, Jan. 11 from 2-3 p.m.

Sara Toris, from the Ottawa County Veteran Service Office, will discuss the program and answer questions. The meeting will be held in the Genoa Retirement Village's Assisted Living, 300 Cherry St.

RSVP by Jan. 9 by calling 419-346-9976.

Board vacancy

The Board of Lucas County Commissioners is seeking to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term on the board of directors of the Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The commissioners desire applicants who are interested and knowledgeable in the field of intellectual disabilities and other allied fields, and to the maximum extent possible, have professional training and experience in business management, finance, law, health care practice, personnel administration, or government service.

Appointed trustees must be available to meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. More information regarding the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities can be found at http://lucasdd.org.

Questions about this appointment should be directed to Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities Director Michele Myerholtz at mmyerholtz@lucasdd.org.

The appointment will be to complete an unexpired term through Dec. 31, 2025.

Any person interested in being considered for a board vacancy must fill out the "Application for a Public Volunteer" form, which can be found at https://www.co.lucas.oh.us/Faq.aspx?QID=54.

Tree recycling

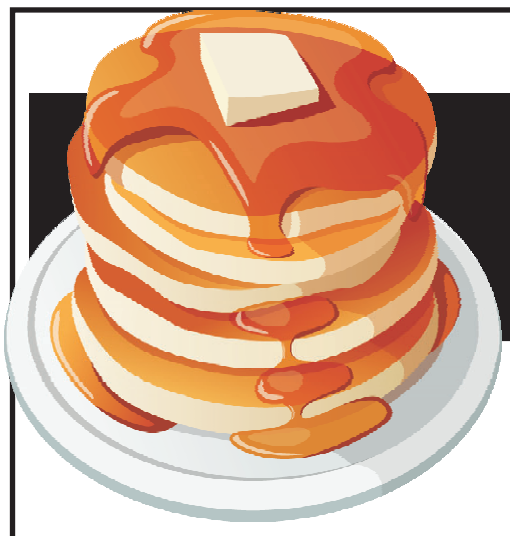
Toledo residents may recycle their Christmas trees for free by bringing them to one of five drop off locations in Toledo through Jan. 31.

The drop off sites are:

Byrne Park: 2201 Byrne Rd.
Jermain Park: 1720 South Cove Blvd.
Ravine II Park: 1600 Mott Ave.
Detwiler Park: 4001 North Summit St.
Bowman Park: 4793 Jackman Rd.

Due to ongoing construction, Schneider Park will not be open for Christmas tree recycling this year.

Trees should be cleared of all decorations, lights, bags, or other materials. All trees collected will be ground into mulch by forestry crews.



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Woodville

Administrator taking job with county

By Deb Wallace

After a little more than 12 years as the administrator of the Village of Woodville, Keith Kruse will be starting a new chapter in his life as a Geographic Information Specialist with the Sandusky County tax map office.

As a GIS, he will be maintain current tax maps for the county with data from property splits and transfers, surveys and other inputs. He will be working with the county auditor and recorder's offices.

Kruse completed his time in Woodville in mid-December. He was appointed village administrator in 2010, following the retirement of Bob Rickard.

Prior to the appointment, Kruse had been an operator of the village wastewater treatment plant for six months and he worked in the wastewater industry for 15 years before being hired by the village.

Village councilmember Pat Dunn stated "Working with him on the Public Works and Maintenance Committee has been a pleasure. His knowledge and expertise helped me gain the knowledge of our infrastructure of the village."

As village administrator, Kruse was the manager of facilities and oversaw a wide variety of projects. When he first started in the position, the village was going through a major sewer separation project, which covered his first 2 1/2 years on the job.

Another major project he oversaw was the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. That project started during the early months of the pandemic and because of the safety protocols required and the slowdowns in the supply chain, there were some tough times getting the project completed.

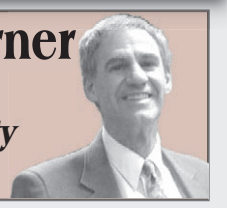
Kruse describes the construction of the plant as one of the highlights of his tenure; he was in a position to improve the efficiency and safety of not only the treatment plant, but also in the sewer collection system as well.

"Keith has been a great asset to the Village of Woodville for the past 13 years. He has taken on many projects during his time, and has guided them to completion. He will be missed," mayor Ty Tracy said.

The Eastmoreland Christmas Tree, about 1970

Viewing the lights on this giant evergreen tree was a longtime Christmas tradition in Oregon. This grainy photograph, courtesy of Fred Folger, shows the famous tree on the corner of Robindale Avenue and Eastmoreland Boulevard in about 1970. A lift-truck had to be used to reach the top of the tree. For years, people would come from miles around to Eastmoreland to view this Christmas landmark.

History Corner
East Toledo Historical Society
by Larry Michaels



Model train clinic at Hayes library

Does your model train need repair?

Veteran model train hobbyists can help at the annual Model Train Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. The hobbyists can give expert advice about train repair and help estimate the value of some trains.

The clinic is from 1 to 4 p.m. in the museum auditorium. Tickets are $5 per person ages 6 and older. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free.

Tickets are available in advance online at https://www.rbhayes.org/news/2022/08/25/general/get-help-with-your-model-trains-at-annual-train-clinic/ and in-person the day of the event.

Those who bring trains to the clinic can also run their trains on the "Hayes Train Special" track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains.

"The Hayes Train Special" is Hayes Presidential's annual model train display, where model trains run through a Victorian holiday scene and delight visitors of all ages.

Visitors and train clinic participants can watch them wind through tunnels and villages in the multi-tiered 12-foot-by-24-foot exhibit.

Light recycling offered at bank

AIMECycling of Toledo has partnered with Genoa Bank to offer a way to keep old Christmas lights out of the landfills for an eco-friendly option to discard them. Through Jan. 14, residents can drop off broken Christmas lights at any GenoaBank branch location during lobby business hours.

"Christmas lights are just one of those things that people often overlook as being recyclable but it's really important to utilize this option" said Jeff Norden from AIMEcycling. "Christmas lights are made from several non-biodegradable components, mostly plastic, glass, and copper. They take decades, if not hundreds of years to break down if sent to a landfill."

Christmas light bulbs can also contain toxic metals such as mercury that can be released into the environment when the bulbs are broken.

For a list of GenoaBank branch locations and hours, visit www.GenoaBank.com.

Radio grants awarded by fire marshal

Fire departments in Sandusky and Wood counties were among the recipients of grants for purchasing Multi-Agency Radio Communications Systems (MARCS) in 2023.

In all, $3.5 million was awarded to 325 fire departments in 76 counties throughout Ohio, according to the Ohio Fire Marshal's office.

In Sandusky County, the Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department received $6,720 and the Fremont Fire Department received $5,930.

Five Wood County departments received grants. Hoytville Fire Department, Central Joint Fire District, Wayne Volunteer Fire Department and Weston Township Fire Department each received $1,440 and Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department received $2,880.

The MARCS radio system allows first responders to communicate with each other and with other agencies responding to an incident.

Priority grant funding goes to departments applying as part of a regional or county-wide effort.

The grants are available annually to departments with service areas of 25,000 people or fewer.

This cycle, the fire marshal received more than $7.7 million in requests for the $3.5 million in total available funding.

"This is a highly competitive selection process, so our emphasis has been on growing the MARCS program with the goal that one day every department in Ohio is on this communication system," Kevin Reardon, fire marshal, said.

Humane Society annual meeting

The Humane Society of Ottawa County will hold its annual meeting Jan. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison St., Port Clinton. A general election will be held for one open seat on the board of directors.

Members of the Humane Society of Ottawa County are eligible to vote. Members include anyone who adopted a pet from the shelter in 2022; anyone who volunteers at the shelter on a regular basis; employees of the Humane Society; and anyone who donated to the Humane Society in 2022.

Anyone interested in serving as a board member can attend the meeting. Nominations for board members will be accepted from the floor during the annual meeting.

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Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of Jan. 2-6. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

Jan. 2: Holiday – office closed.

Jan. 3: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 4: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic (COVID-19 and flu vaccines available), 12-4:30 p.m.

Jan. 5: Reproductive Health/ Health Chek, 8-10 a.m.; WIC Clinic 1-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

Jan. 6: Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; WIC Clinic, 1-4 p.m.

Diabetes management get-together Jan 5

Magruder Hospital will hold the next in its series of Diabetes Get-Togethers on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. in the hospital conference center, 615 Fulton St., Port Clinton.

The free get-together is for anyone dealing with diabetes or pre-diabetes, including family and friends. The topic for January will be "Strategies for Managing Stress." Certified diabetes care and education specialists lead the discussions. RSVP is not necessary. Call 419-732-4047 or email tstadler@magruderhospital.com for more information.

Spreading holiday cheer

Jack's Superette, located at 56 N. Howard Rd., Curtice, recently held its annual silent auction, which brought in $1,242. Customers placed bids on various items in a silent auction. The store matched the total raised from winning bids. Funds were used to purchase toys, which were donated to Oregon Health and Welfare Christmas Basket Program, to be given to local residents in need during the holiday season. Pictured are former Jack's Superette employees Derek Bailey and Maggie Emlinger, who shopped for the toys on behalf of the store. (Submitted photo)

Helping needy students

Volunteers with the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center prepared more than 700 bags to be distributed to school children for their Christmas break. The bags were distributed to help children who rely on free and reduced lunches at their schools. For information call 419-301-0225. (Submitted photo)

Obituaries

Obituary

Mark Denver Wolfe

June 15. 1961 - December 25, 2022

Mark Denver Wolfe, 61, of South Vienna, OH passed away on December 25, 2022, at his residence. He was born on June 15, 1961, to the late James Hockenberry Sr. and Mae Ruth (Thomas).

Mark loved the outdoors including football, fishing, golfing, and riding his Harley.

Survivors include his wife Karon Wolfe of South Vienna, OH, children; Amanda (Phillip) Rhinehart of Wilmington, NC, Anthony Anderson of South Vienna, OH, siblings; Beth (Robert) Szczublewski of Toledo, OH, Jim (Elsie) Hockenberry of Westerville, OH, Becky (Jerry) Tayler of Walbridge, OH, Tom (Doreen) Hockenberry of Northwood, OH, his dog Blue and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his sister Roberta Stout.

Visitation will take place on Monday January 2, 2023, at Reichard Funeral Home 400 W. Deerfield Road, Union City, IN 47390 from Noon to 1:00pm with a time of sharing from at 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

Memorials may be made to the Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute 460 W. 10th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210.

Online condolences may be expressed online at ***www.reichardfh.com***

Obituary

Wayne Patrick "Pat" Coutcher

July 19. 1941 - December 24, 2022

Wayne Patrick "Pat" Coutcher of Wagram passed away at his home on December 24, 2022.

Born July 19, 1941 in Toledo, Ohio, son of the late Fredrick "Fred" Augustus Coutcher and the late Geneva Victoria Hartford Coutcher. Pat retired after a long career as a Merchant Marine with Oglebay Norton Great Lakes Shipping. He loved sharing time with family and friends, boating, fishing and computer gaming. He was an avid sports fan of Ohio State Football. Pat was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend who will truly be missed.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his loving wife, Nancy Ann Hutchinson Coutcher in 2017; his son, Robert Earl Krupp; brothers, Gerald Robert "Bob" Coutcher and James Alfred Coutcher.

Pat is survived by his daughter, Susan Krupp Cooper (Jeffrey); sons, John Wayne Couther of Toledo, OH, and David Lane Krupp, Sr., of Wagram, NC; brothers, Victor A. Coutcher (Linda) of Millbury, OH, Clarence Albert Coutcher of Chicago, IL and best friend, Sharon Recker of Genoa, OH.

The family will have a time of visitation from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 29th at the Richard Boles Funeral Service Chapel. A private family graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Springhill Cemetery.

Obituary

Daniel Frank Brossia

November 16, 1945 - December 24, 2022

Daniel Frank Brossia, 77, of Millbury, OH, passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg. Dan was born November 16, 1945 to Frank H. and Charlotte (Irons) Brossia, in Toledo, OH. He went on to serve his country in the United States Navy. On October 15, 1965 he married Norma Layman in Millbury, OH. Dan and Norma raised 3 children and celebrated nearly 48 years of marriage together before Norma's death in 2013.

Dan retired from the Sun Oil Refinery as a T & S Procedure Operator. Following retirement, he worked in the maintenance department for the Village of Millbury for several years. Dan enjoyed the outdoors; golfing, boating and fishing. He was a proud volunteer for the Millbury Fire Department from 1968 to 1980. However, it was his family that was his greatest joy.

Dan is survived by his children: Michael (Christie) Brossia of Fostoria and Holly (Robert Wesley Jr.) Berry of Elmore, Grandchildren: Megan (Jared) Auer, Zachary (Jaime) Brossia, Rebecca Berry, Robert Berry III, Mya Polsdorfer and Ella McCarthy, Great-grandchildren: Emma, Everett and Austin. Brothers: Richard (Barb), David (Phyllis), and Dale (Anne) Brossia. Sisters: Joyce (Norm) Smith, Jean (Richard) Schneider, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife Norma, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Robin Polsdorfer, infant grandchildren: Allen and Corey Berry, his parents and brother, Donald Brossia.

Friends and family will be received from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at the Marsh & Marsteller Funeral Home, 201 W. Main Street, Woodville, OH. Dan will be laid to rest next to Norma at 2 p.m., at a graveside service in Lake Township Cemetery, 3550 Walbridge Road in Millbury. Memorials may take the form of contributions to: Ovarian Cancer Connection. Those wishing to express a word of encouragement or share a memory or photo may do so at ***www.marshfuneralhomes.com***

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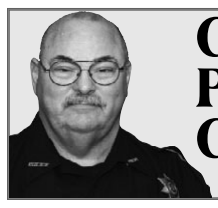

Crime Prevention Corner
by Ron Craig

Don't be one of the statistics this weekend as you drive while impaired, trying to get home from that New Year's celebration.

There will be those people who are known to law enforcement as amateur drunks—those who only drink to excess one or two times a year, and one of those times being New Year's.

I know you have heard this many, many times but it needs repeating. Make sure you have a designated driver if you are going to drink. Many bars will provide these designated drivers with soft drinks for the night, and some have been known to offer snacks or meals for them.

If you don't have a designated driver, please call for a taxi or Uber ride rather than to take a chance by drinking and driving over the holiday weekend. It's not worth the chance of getting into an accident and hurting someone or worse, let alone getting injured yourself.

Then there are the financial ramifications of drinking and driving. Even if you don't get into an accident, you still take a chance of getting pulled over by law enforcement and getting arrested.

There will be attorney's fees that may be hundreds or thousands of dollars, not to mention the embarrassment you will probably feel for not knowing any better than to drink and drive.

Even if it's your first offense, the best you are likely to get is a reduced charge that will result in a big increase in your car insurance rates. And then there is the worst case scenario of having a drunk driving conviction that comes with a lengthy license suspension, the possibility of jail time, and higher car insurance rates. You could even lose your job due to having a DUI conviction.

> **"Then there are the financial ramifications of drinking and driving."**

There will likely be hundreds of dollars of court costs too.

If you get pulled over, chances are your vehicle will be towed. Just the towing bill may be upwards of a couple hundred dollars. On top of that, you will likely be charged with storage fees.

At that point, you'll probably look back on the whole situation and wish you had just spent a few dollars and called for that taxi or Uber ride.

This article is a public service from the Community Policing/Crime Prevention Division of the Lake Township Police Department. Township residents may obtain further information on crime prevention and public safety topics by contacting Ron Craig, crime prevention specialist/community policing officer, at 419-481-6354.

Grant to support Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife has contributed $25,000 in a grant to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to support local food banks with donated venison. The organization will use the funding to pay for white-tailed deer harvested by hunters to be processed and distributed to charitable organizations in Ohio. Additional funding will be secured by the organization with a goal to match or exceed the amount provided by the grant.

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, assisted by the Division of Wildlife's grant, covers the processing cost for deer donated by hunters for the program. FHFH expects to pay the processing cost for 350 deer with this grant alone, each of which yields approximately 50 pounds of venison and 200 meals.

"I'm proud that the Division of Wildlife and Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry can combine their resources to put even more venison on the table for the people who need it most," said Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker.

The Division of Wildlife collaborates with FHFH to assist with the processing costs associated with donating venison to a food bank. Hunters who harvest a deer and would like to donate the venison can bring it to one of approximately 30 certified deer processing shops in Ohio, which will process the deer and donate it to a verified charitable organization that offers food assistance for underprivileged individuals and families.

This program encourages the harvest of deer for the purpose of wildlife management in Ohio, as well as provide for the wise and charitable use of the wildlife resource for direct public benefit. Hunters can find a list of processors participating in the FHFH program at feedingthehungry.org. Hunters wishing to donate their deer are not required to pay for the processing of the venison, provided the program has available funds.

The Division of Wildlife is providing a grant to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry to support local food banks with donated venison.

Ohio's deer archery hunting season is open until Sunday, Feb. 5. The muzzleloader season is from Saturday, Jan. 7 to Tuesday, Jan. 10. Hunting licenses and either-sex deer permits are available on the HuntFish OH app, at wildohio.gov, or at any license vendor.

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Elsie ROSE (Yarger) Booth-Motter

July 27, 1928 - December 25, 2022

Rose Booth-Motter of Genoa, passed away Sunday, December 25, 2022 peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in 1928 in Ashland, Ohio to Walter D. and Nellie A. (Andrews) Yarger. She married Wilbur L. Booth in August 1948 and they shared 26 years together.

Rose earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and her Master's degree in Education from the University of Toledo in 1978. In 1984, she married Russ Motter and together they shared 26 years.

Rose taught 5th and 6th grades in Oregon City Schools from 1965-1991. While at Coy Elementary (1965-1988) she produced many medieval fairs and directed Tom Sawyer and other plays. When the 6th grade moved out of the elementary schools, she taught at Eisenhower Middle School (1988-1991). She was proud of the many kids and grandkids she taught in Oregon. Her teaching career came full-circle this Summer when she found out she made a difference in the life of a child when one of her students met her favorite teacher, "Mrs. Booth". When entering Bob Evans, she was greeted by her former student with a bouquet of yellow roses and a pre-paid lunch. Her student wanted her teacher to know that she showed her love when no other adults did. She mentioned she is a successful business woman today because of her favorite teacher.

Education was very important to Rose. She lost her father when she was five. At the time, her dad owned a successful car dealership but had no insurance. Insurance wasn't offered in those days. At that time, she and her mom had to live off of her mom's teaching salary. This was a lesson that Rose never forgot. She instilled the importance of a good education to her kids and grandkids so they could live off of their salary in case it was needed. Rose was a three-time Jennings Scholar and, along with two of her friends—Janet Mancinotti-Webb and Claire Thompson-Herman, taught in a European school during the summer of 1978. She never stopped learning and enjoyed attending Terra State's ElderCollege.

Rose was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Genoa, past-president of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority (Gamma-Chi chapter), lifetime member of Bowling Green State University Alumni Association and the University of Toledo Alumni Association. She belonged to the Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association (past treasurer), the Toledo Art Museum Third Tuesday Gallery Group, American Legion Auxiliary-Genoa Post 324 and Maumee Bay Investment Club. Rose also traced her family back to the Mayflower and was a member of Daughters of American Revolution and First Families of Ohio.

Rose lost her mom shortly after Rebecca was born and being an only child, her friends became her family. She loved living in Genoa and all the friends she had. She was part of three card clubs: Tresetta Club of Genoa since 1952, Genoa Bridge club since 1963 and Gen/Elm Card club since 1963. She also golfed in Elmore and Fostoria for many years.

Rose was blessed to have traveled all over the world with her daughter, Rebecca. She was the quintessential mom and nana. She was always baking cookies, hosting parties, inviting friends with no families to family dinners, and sewing clothes for her great-granddaughter. She loved her two daughters and son-in-law with all her heart and was especially fond of her twin grandchildren.

Rose is survived by her two daughters: Rebecca Booth and Julie (Brian) Humbarger; two grandchildren: Bryce Humbarger (Cesily Insana), Bonita Springs, FL and Breanna Humbarger DVM, Louisville area; and two great-grandchildren: Emme Kathryn Humbarger and Giana Rose Humbarger.

Visitation is scheduled for 10:30 on Thursday, January 5 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1213 Washington Street, Genoa, OH 43430. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM followed by a luncheon in the church gymnasium. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Rose's name to St. John's United Church of Christ, 1213 Washington Street, Genoa OH 43430 or the Genoa Branch Library, 602 West St. Genoa, OH 43430.

Rebecca and Julie would like to thank their friends and church family for all the love, prayers and kindness given to them over the years. They would also like to thank Ohio Living Hospice RN, Jennifer Frey-Schmidt and Licensed Social Worker, Nicole Corl.

Condolences may be made online to the family at: ***americancreationevents.com***

This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

Jan 1
1860 - Temperatures in Toledo fall to 15 degrees below zero.
1900 - Toledo ice yacht racers hold their annual racing event on Maumee Bay on a frozen course from Point Place to Turtle Island, competing for the "Torpedo" cup.
1923 - Six thousand fans of Scott High School fill the Terminal Auditorium to listen to the special radio broadcast from Corvallis, Oregon as the Scott High School football team plays a championship game against a high school there.
1930 - Toledo police arrest a well know crime character in the city they think may be responsible for a series of bank robberies in Wayne, Rising Sun, and Bradner.
1935 - Economy is so bad, the Toledo News Bee refuses to wish Toledoans a Happy New Year.
1937 - Point Place is officially annexed to City of Toledo.

Jan. 2
1910 - Toledo Policeman George Casey becomes first officer ever to arrest an entire police department when he takes the Perrysburg Marshal and a deputy into custody for fighting on an Interurban station platform. They were fined $5 each in police court.
1925 - Larry Weiss born in Toledo. He later changed his name to Larry Harmon and portrayed "Bozo the Clown", helping the character become an American icon.
1930 - Current Toledo Hospital building opens for patient admissions.
1932 - Five top officers of Toledo's Security Home Bank are indicted by Lucas County for swindling millions from bank depositors.
1938 - Toledo's Phyllis Welch joins movie legend and producer Harold Lloyd to co-star in "Professor Beware". Welch enjoyed a short but popular Hollywood career.
1940 - Toledo public schools reopen after six-week financial shutdown.
1953 - Nine inmates escape from the Lucas County jail after sawing their way through a barred window and dropping to the ground. Sheriff Timiney says he suspects an "inside" job.

Jan. 3
1894 - Quayle Grain elevator burns to the ground in Toledo at present site of Promenade Park at Madison and Water Streets. Fire Captain James Fraser is killed. His body is never recovered.
1907 - Christian Feilbach, a top Toledo public school official, asserts that too much money is being spent on girls' physical education classes. He says "girls do not need

Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert

to be jumping over chairs", if they want exercise, "let them wash dishes, cook and other household work and the family washing."
1911 - A detained man hauled before Judge Austin's police court explains that he hurled a can of pickles at the Toledo streetcar because it wouldn't stop for him as he stood in a downpour of rain on the street. The judge said he would have been incensed too, the prosecutor agreed and the charges of malicious destruction were dismissed.
1920 - As part of nationwide crackdown on communist radicals, Toledo police raid the local Communist Labor Party headquarters at Front and Consaul streets. They arrest 13 immigrants from Hungary they alleged to be "Reds".
1931 - Fire destroys interior of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church on Cherry Street.

Jan. 4
1887 - Major train wreck near Republic in Seneca County. Twenty people killed, three coach cars are burned in the pileup. The tragedy remains as the worst rail accident in Northwest Ohio history.
1895- Reform movement gathering momentum in Toledo with formation of Committee to Oppose Corruption.
1904 -The Toledo parks department begins its annual tradition of giving all young school children horse drawn sleigh rides.
1922 - John Jones of South Toledo arrested while sleeping in another man's home. Jones admitted that he was drunk and entered the wrong house, went to bed and fell fast asleep.
1924 - Bob Stranahan, Champion Spark Plug president, tells a Rotary group he remembers that his first factory in Toledo was built over a laundry in downtown Toledo and he still recalls the smell of boiling laundry wafting up from below while he and his brother Frank were making spark plugs.
1950 - City of Toledo council members consider an end to garbage incineration in favor of burying garbage in landfills.

Jan. 5
1894 - Toledo Hospital reports that it had 239 patients in the past year; 71 operations were performed and there were 25 deaths.
1920 - Deadly explosion and blaze at the National Refrigeration Company factory in 100 block of Nebraska Avenue in Toledo kills two workers.

1936 - Toledo area experiences two major fires in one day. Fire does heavy damage to the mansion of Toledo industrialist George Mather on River Road between Parkersburg and Rossford. The second major fire was the landmark Toledo Coliseum at Bancroft and Ashland streets.
1946 - Wood County Sheriff Clarence Marsh says owners of the El Rancho Ballroom, an illegal casino on Woodville Road, offered him tens of thousands of dollars in bribes to reopen the club.
1955 - Toledo Express Airport's official opening day is marked by cancellation of all flights because of bad weather.

Jan. 6
1905 - A formal protest is lodged against the Toledo Zoo by the Ancient Order of Hibernians objecting to the name of a monkey at the zoo. They say its name "Mrs. Murphy" is an insult to the Irish. The zoo says it will change the name.
1912 - Amos Jacobs, later to become Toledo's Danny Thomas, is born to immigrant parents in Deerfield Michigan. They later moved to North Toledo where Danny spent much of his early life, before moving on to stardom in the entertainment world.
1923- Newspaper reports indicate that Lake Erie's ice will be so rough and bumpy this year that it will prevent the rum runners from using their autos to drive across the lake to smuggle booze from Canada.
1937 - The Ohio Highway Department announces it will begin the long awaited paving of "Canal Boulevard" or what would later become the Anthony Wayne Trail from Toledo to Waterville.
1972 - Gangster Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli is paroled from prison after serving 38 years for notorious mob slayings in Toledo.

Jan 7
1837 - Toledo incorporates and becomes an official Ohio community. (This becomes Toledo's Birthday)
1904 - Popular long time Toledo civic leader Elijah Woodruff dies at 101 years of age.
1923 - Police Chief Lanker of Lima says he will start taking photos of people who are arrested for intoxication and then show them their antics when they are sober. He thinks if people know how foolish they look when they are drunk, it may stop them from drinking.
1947 -Police officer Lt. John McCarthy shot and killed near Safety Building by a suspect that he was taking into the building for questioning.
1951 - WSPD TV (channel 13) debuts its first news program with well known radio announcer, Jim Uebelhart as the main anchor, on Sunday nights from 10:30-11 p.m.

Patrol urging drivers to remain sober

This year, the New Year holiday is also mixed with a college football playoff game featuring the Ohio State Buckeyes.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol is urging drivers who intend to watch football and/or celebrate the holiday to plan ahead and designate a sober driver. The patrol's zero-tolerance policy is part of the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign.

The New Year's holiday reporting period begins Dec. 30 at midnight and ends on Jan. 2 at 11:59 p.m.

During the four-day 2021-2022 New Year's reporting period, there were 12 fatal crashes that killed 12 people. Of those, alcohol and/or drugs were a factor in six fatal crashes, while speed played a role in two of the crashes. Of the eight fatalities in which seat belts were available, five were unbelted. There were also four pedestrians killed during the holiday period.

During last year's reporting period, the Highway Patrol made 232 arrests for OVI. Last year's reporting period ran from Dec. 30 through Jan. 2.

"Driving impaired can have tragic and senseless consequences," said Colonel Chuck A. Jones, Patrol superintendent. "We need you to help us ring in the year safely and responsibly."

Additional crash information is available on the Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety (OSTATS) crash dashboard at: https://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/ostats.aspx.

The Patrol reminds drivers to plan ahead, designate a sober driver or make other arrangements.

Motorists are encouraged to report impaired drivers and drug activity to the Patrol by calling #677.

Budget commission plans meeting

The Ottawa County Budget Commission will meet Jan. 10 at 10 a.m.

The meeting will be held in the county prosecutor's office on the second floor of the Ottawa County Courthouse in Port Clinton.

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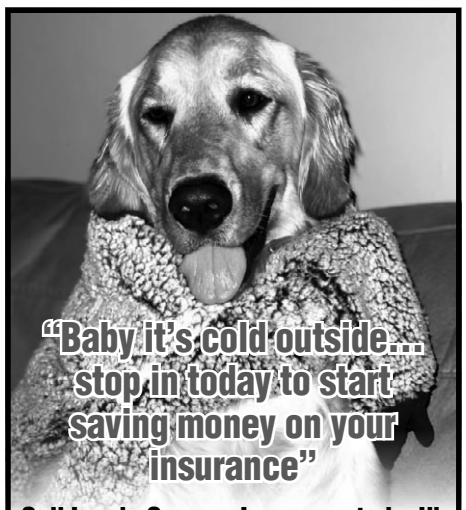

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Did the Grinch steal Christmas in your town?

By Jane M. Orient, M.D.

The killjoys who cancelled a lot of Dr. Seuss's delightful books didn't get around to How the Grinch Stole Christmas—yet.

But comparing what I have seen this season with the magical celebrations of my childhood, I think there's a real Grinch out there. And he is not going to be converted, will not bring the goodies back, and definitely will not carve the roast beast.

Many homes might have had to forgo roast beast. British commentator Alexander Mercouris reported that a Christmas goose was not obtainable, even in an affluent part of London. In America, if you had a turkey with all the trimmings, you paid much more for it than you did last year.

This situation is not expected to be temporary. The world eats too much meat, say the oracles, and needs to cut the amount from an average 70 kg per person per year to 24. In the Netherlands, the world's second largest exporter of food, the government is expropriating 3,000 farms to meet "sustainable development" nitrogen emission goals. Livestock emits methane and nitrogen-containing waste, a.k.a. fertilizer. So, it must be sacrificed.

Instead, we are to supposed to adopt entomophagy—eating bugs. Raising insects is supposed to be much better for the Planet than raising livestock. Insects are said to require about 4 percent of the water and 10 percent of the amount of grain that a cow would require to produce the same amount of food biomass. Also, livestock require a lot of space, which will be needed for all those wind turbines and solar panels.

Among the benefits touted by the New Yorker, insects are natural recyclers, capable of eating old cardboard, manure, and by-products from food manufacturing. And insect husbandry is humane: bugs like teeming, and thrive in filthy, crowded conditions."

If you managed to have a Christmas feast this year despite inflation, an insect-based diet could help you lose weight.

Did you enjoy a Yule log or chestnuts roasting on an open fire? In San Francisco, that could cost you a $500 fine.

The Grinch pushed the Christmas tree up the chimney. In many places, most of the decorations are gone. Long ago, there were bells and tinsel on Tucson downtown streets. We drove around to see them. Hospital halls were decked with boughs of holly or the equivalent.

Grocery stores played carols, as did Rush Limbaugh and some radio stations—and not just the ditties about Rudolph and Frosty. Getting rid of songs like The Little Drummer Boy did not stop the Grinch's "noise, noise, noise, noise." That we still have aplenty, as in lewd rap songs.

The Grinch took the presents. We still have shopping mania, but who knows for how long. Extravagances that don't meet ESG (environmental, social, and governance) goals might be blocked by your digital bank account even if you are willing to work extra or economize elsewhere

The Grinch was impressed by the Whos' demonstrating that Christmas doesn't "come from a store," but "means a little bit more."

There's the real problem, though Dr. Seuss avoids naming it. Nativity scenes are under attack by secular, atheist extremists. How offensive! A baby, a loving mother, a responsible husband, livestock! Who can bear to look at it! And of course, we must not allow public expression of faith in God, the universal ultimate Lawgiver, who will eventually topple all the oppressors from their thrones. The King Herods of the world have to squelch this very idea.

Christmas is about joy, hope, love, merriment, life, and light. Resentment or envy of these blessings explains why the real Grinches stand there on Christmas Eve hating the Whos. Their Grinch feet are not ice-cold in the snow. But they don't care if you and your baby and your grandmother are freezing in the dark and eating bugs to meet the demands they impose with pretensions of godlike authority.

For ordinary people, Grinches want it to be "always winter and never Christmas." But the Light has come, and the Grinches are ultimately powerless before it.

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Reflecting on the COVID uprising in China

By Mel Gurtov

Significant dissent in China reared its head for the first time since the Tiananmen uprising in 1989. In many of China's major cities, protesters joined hands to denounce the COVID restrictions and, though not in all cases, also denounce the Chinese Communist Party and its leader, Xi Jinping.

Western media tended to emphasize the latter agenda, pushing the possibility of regime change to the top of the news when in fact that theme was not the dominant one among the demonstrators.

It seems that young people, especially students, were mainly the ones calling for Xi to step down, whereas most everyone else focused on easing quarantines and returning to something resembling normal life. Neither in size, breadth of support, geography, or political impact were these protests anything like Tiananmen.

Predictably, China's security apparatus is responding by cracking down on anyone who seemed to be leading the protests. But there really are no leaders, just fed-up people.

The real question is how lasting the protests might be, and whether or not they will evolve into mass resistance. That seems increasingly unlikely: Beijing is now easing COVID restrictions, as I'll discuss in a moment, putting pressure on protesters either to keep going or claim a small victory and disperse.

"It's like some national subconsciousness that resurfaces," said Geremie Barmé, a New Zealand scholar. "Now it's resurfaced again, this projection of self and of rights and ideas."

She was referring to comments on China's internet about civil liberties, democratic values, and freedom of movement. For some time, amidst a repression that has become the hallmark of the Xi era, these ideas have rarely surfaced, confined to small discussion groups of intellectuals and students.

But it's questionable how much the general public shares such sentiments; their concern is more likely about the arbitrary rules governing zero-COVID that have forced them into isolation and considerable disruption to their daily lives. They have actually been fighting those restrictions for a long time in their neighborhoods.

The Xi Jinping leadership may appear finally to be listening to the complaints, though that would be very much out of character. "Frustrated students," Xi says of the protesters, perhaps recognition that he needs to respond to their anger.

Most likely to dictate Xi's response is the severe impact on China's economy of the zero-Covid policy and the protests. Suddenly, public health officials are saying the threat from the Omicron variant is fading and China's zero-Covid policy is working, allowing for an easing of the rules.

New regulations have been issued that promise quarantining at home rather than in some horrendous camp. Lockdowns of businesses are ending in some cities. Mass testing will be reduced. The Foxconn plant that produces Apple products seems to be resuming production after protests over wages and work conditions.

I can only speculate about the long-term consequences of the protests, which may wither or resurface depending in part on whether the party really is ready to abandon zero-COVID. At the least, the protests have considerably dented Xi Jinping's reputation and the durability of his leadership at the very moment of triumph in extending his rule at the 20th Party Congress. It is now clear that many Chinese do not approve of his rule, and a safe prediction is that such disapproval is shared by some among the political elite. Given his stubborn character and unrelenting search for enemies since he took command in 2012, he might authorize another wave of repression such as he has previously carried out against corrupt Party officials, dissident human rights lawyers, ethnic groups, and pro-democracy advocates.

Moreover, Xi's ability to deliver on a serious dialogue with the US on climate change and other global issues may be undermined. As always, we shall have to wait and see.

From Mao to now, what China's leaders have most feared is organized resistance that would challenge the party-state's monopolization of power. That is not what we are witnessing today, though the protesters' display of a blank sheet of paper recalls Mao's dictum that "on a blank sheet of paper, many beautiful characters can be written."

He meant, a revolution. As Nicholas Kristof writes in the New York Times (November 30), "Historically in China, mass protests have arisen not when conditions were most intolerable (like the famine from 1959 to 1962) but when people thought they could get away with them, such as the Hundred Flowers Campaign of 1956, the April 5 incident of 1976, the Democracy Wall easing of 1978-79, the student protests of 1986 and Tiananmen in 1989."

Students and intellectuals were pivotal to all those protests. Even when unsuccessful at transforming China's political system, they signaled that democratic thought was alive under very harsh authoritarian rule.

Xi's zero-COVID policy has been a strategic mistake from which he may never recover—especially if the high number of cases we're seeing continue to rise as he resists foreign-made vaccines and fails to attend to the poorly protected elderly population.

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Wreath ceremony a success due to many volunteers

To the editor: As the Clay Township event leader, my thanks to SSG Stephen Simkus, U.S. Army, Army veterans Larry Degraw, Isabelle Artiaga-Kuepfer and Stephen Simkus, Navy veterans Moe McCallum and Deana Toney and Marine veterans Gary Truman and Juan Artiaga, Pastor Widdowson, members of the Genoa High School choir, and the American Legion Post 324 Color Guard for their participation in the Dec. 17 Wreaths across America ceremony at the Clay Township cemetery.

Additional thanks to Mike and Ann Mann for coordinating the wreath laying at Allen Twp. cemetery, the many volunteers who braved the cold to lay the wreaths and remember our veterans and the trustees of Clay and Allen townships and staffs for their support.

John F. Heminger
Ottawa County
Wreath Committee

Editor's note: Donations made to Wreaths Across America Ottawa County through Jan. 15 will be matched dollar for dollar. Checks need to be made payable to Wreaths Across America" and mailed to 8444 W. State Rt. 163, Oak Harbor, OH. 43449. Local wreath committees can't cash the checks and their names should not be in the "pay to" line of a check.

Integrity is a compass, keeping you on the right path

By Bryan Golden

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you do not have integrity, nothing else matters.

People with integrity can be trusted and relied on. They will not try to take advantage of or defraud someone. Their word is their bond and their handshake is better than a contract. Integrity is an invaluable trait that enables one to stand out from the crowd.

Conversely, people with a lack of integrity risk succumbing to temptation with no frame of reference to guide them. They are susceptible to becoming embroiled in schemes that will inevitably lead to less than desirable results.

"Everyone has their price," is a too frequently heard adage. People with integrity don't have a price. They cannot be bought off. Those who will compromise their principles for the right price don't have any principles to compromise.

People lacking of integrity take bribes, steal, cheat, lie, and take advantage of others. They will sell themselves to the highest bidder. They have a poor self-image and little respect for themselves or others.

Integrity is priceless. Although it can be sold for pennies, no amount of money can buy it back. Once a person gives up their integrity, it's virtually impossible to regain it. Someone who has compromised their integrity will never be fully trusted again and their motives will always be suspect.

Living with integrity is less anxiety provoking than living without it. You'll never be embarrassed, or worse, by any of your actions. You don't have to always look over your shoulder wondering if you will be caught or if someone will tell on you.

Maintaining your integrity isn't necessarily the path of least resistance. You will encounter those who question the wisdom of your integrity and will argue that it's no big deal for you to overlook it just this one time. There will be peer pressure to conform to the aberrant behavior of others.

You may be ostracized, called impractical, unrealistic, or a host of uncomplimentary names. You may be threatened with alienation and shunned. It's important to realize that anyone who asks you to act in a manner contradictory to your integrity is self-serving and has no qualms about sacrificing you to accomplish their own objectives.

Don't put a price tag on your integrity. It's not for sale. Your integrity serves as a compass to keep you pointed in the right direction. When faced with choices, pick the one that is consistent with your integrity. If taking action violates your sense of what is right, don't do it.

Don't justify behavior you know is wrong. When someone sells out, they will excuse their actions with statements such as, "I only did it once," "Everyone else does it," "No one will notice," "It wasn't for that much," "No one will care." or "It doesn't matter."

Once you destroy your integrity, the reasoning doesn't matter. No one cares why you have no integrity. You must hold your ground and resist any and all pressure to tarnish your integrity. It's one of your most precious commodities.

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Recycle Christmas trees at African Safari Wildlife Park

Eco-conscious Ohioans looking to sustainably dispose of their Christmas trees can bring them to African Safari Wildlife Park, 267 S. Lightner Rd., Port Clinton, as a post-holiday treat for bison, cattle, alpacas and deer.

The trees will be used as enrichment, which is defined as a stimulant that encourages natural behavior to improve animal wellness.

"Christmas trees are some of the best enrichment items out there," said park director Kelsey Keller. "The animals love to toss them around, rub their horns and antlers on them, and smell the fragrant pine needles. When the animals are done playing, the remnants of the trees are composted and used as mulch around the park in the spring."

Trees can be dropped off at the designated area of the park's main parking lot. Donations will be accepted daily from 10 a.m-4 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 7.

For animal safety, lights, ornaments, hooks and other potentially hazardous items should be removed from trees prior to donation. Artificial trees will not be accepted.

Eco-conscious Ohioans looking to sustainably dispose of their Christmas trees can bring them to African Safari Wildlife Park as a post-holiday treat for bison, cattle, alpacas and deer. (Photo courtesy of African Safari Wildlife Park)

• **Through Jan. 8: Hayes Train Special,** Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont. This operating model train display runs through an intricate Victorian holiday scene. Interactive buttons allow visitors to control aspects of the trains' movements along the winding, multi-tiered, 12x24-foot layout. Included with regular admission. rbhayes.org.

• **Through Jan. 16: "The Science of Guinness World Records,"** Imagination Station, 1 Discovery Way, Toledo. Discover the world's great record holders, what it took to cement their names in the history books and potentially become a part of history yourself. Free with science center admission. imaginationstationtoledo.org.

• **Through Feb. 5: "State of The Art: Revealing Works From the Conservation Vault,"** Toledo Museum of Art Canaday Gallery, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo. This exhibition opens the "conservation vault" to give visitors a glimpse of works of art that largely have been out of sight in storage for, in some cases, decades. The works include paintings, sculptures, metalwork, textiles, and paper and range in date from the 1500s to the 1990s. All of them are in need of conservation — specialized treatment that will allow them to return to view in the galleries in improved condition. toledomuseum.org.

• **Through April 2: "Phenomenal Debris,"** Toledo Museum of Art, Levis Gallery 29A. Monumental, colorful, and expressive, Matt Wedel's ceramics are a full celebration of what's possible with clay. toledomuseum.com

Jan. 5-8: "On Your Feet," Stranahan Theater. The inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent—and each other—to become an international sensation: Gloria and Emilio Estefan. Stranahan Theater. etix.com.

Jan. 5: Colin & Brad: Scared Scriptless Tour, Valentine Theater, 410 Adams St., 7:30 p.m. "Whose Line is it Anyway?" stars Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood are taking to the live stage and they're...Scared Scriptless. etix.com.

Jan. 6-8, 13-15: "Harmony Holidays," presented by Genoa Civic Theatre, 509-1/2 Main Street, Second Floor. Let's take a trip back to Harmony as the ladies begin the job of putting together the Christmas Program. This was usually Maude's job, but it seems that Addie is in charge. Along with that, the ladies take a trip down memory lane of past holidays, aluminum trees, and the electrocuted cat. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 419-855-3103 for reservations. Visit genoacivictheatre.com for info.

Jan. 6: Toledo Walleye vs. Kalamazoo Wings, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com

Jan. 7: Silent Movie Night, featuring "The Kid Brother," starring Harold Lloyd, presented by the Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society at the Historic Pemberville Opera House, 115 Main St. Tickets are $12 and are available at Beeker's General Store, at the door or by calling Carol at 419-287-4648.

Jan. 7: Model Train Clinic, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 1-4 p.m. Bring your model train for some attention from train hobbyists to the Model Train Clinic. They'll assist you with advice related to model train maintenance and repair, as well as estimate the value of older model trains. Admission is $5 per person ages 6 and older. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free. rbhayes.org/events.

Jan. 8: Toledo Walleye vs. Cincinnati Cyclones, Huntington Center, downtown Toledo, 5:15 p.m.

Jan.11-12: Blue Man Group, Stranahan Theater, Toledo, 7:30 p.m. americantheatreguild.com/toledo/shows/blueman-group.

Jan. 14: Toledo Walleye vs. Fort Wayne Komets, Huntington Center, Toledo, 7:15 p.m.

Jan. 15: Toledo Walleye vs. Cincinnati Cyclones, Huntington Center, Toledo, 5:15 p.m.

Jan. 21: Big Bird Year, North Coast Inland

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Trail: downtown Elmore, Walter Ory Park; SR 51, 2-3 p.m. This program will be offered each month throughout 2023. The term "big year" in birding is a reference for challenging oneself to see as many bird species in one year as possible. The species you see or hear also needs to be documented by at least one other person for it to count. If you are new to birding or want to take on this challenge with others, join naturalist Debbie Haubert each month for a bird hike. The hikes will rotate through various habitats. Please bring your binoculars. Registration required at lovemyparks.com

Jan. 21: Winter Brewfest, Fifth Third Field, downtown Toledo, 5-9 p.m. The coolest outdoor event of the season is coming back for the seventh time at Fifth Third Field and the first time since 2019. The festival will feature pours from breweries from across the country, including several local favorites, as well as music, food and a souvenir sample cup. milb.com/toledo/tickets/winter-brewfest.

Jan. 25: Presidential History Book Club, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont, noon- 1 p.m. Free. All are invited to read and discuss books about the American presidency. This month, the club is reading "The Quartet Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789," by Joseph Ellis. (This is a continuation of the December discussion.) This event will take place in person and online. For online login information, email dmclochlin@rbhayes.org. Participants can bring their lunch. 419-332-2081, rbhayes.org.

Jan. 27-29: NW Ohio RV Dealers Spring RV Show, Glass City Center, 501 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. This year's show will feature over 30 exhibitors including RV dealers and manufacturers, as well as suppliers and campgrounds from neighboring states. glasscitycenter.com/events.

Jan. 28: Toledo Walleye vs. Kalamazoo Wings, Huntington Center, 7:15 p.m. toledowalleye.com.

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For more events, be sure to visit presspublications.com, visittoledo.org, shoresandislands.com or sanduskycounty.org. Submit event information to twalro@presspublications.com.

Abundant winter birding opportunities

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife reminds birdwatching enthusiasts and those looking for something fun to do that winter weather brings an influx of interesting bird species and birding prospects to the Buckeye State. (Ohio Department of Natural Resources photo)

Winter weather brings an influx of interesting bird species and birding prospects to the Buckeye State, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. State wildlife areas feature diverse habitats and are open to the public year-round. These areas offer excellent places to view winter birds.

Some of Ohio's breeding birds migrate out of the state during the winter, but cold weather drives other species here. Snow buntings, Lapland longspurs, dark-eyed juncos, short-eared owls, and pine siskins are among the species that are found in winter. Resident birds such as cardinals, screech-owls, woodpeckers, and many hawks remain in Ohio year-round.

Birding can be enjoyed solo or with friends. Please keep in mind that many public areas also welcome hunters, and hunting seasons for white-tailed deer and other species are underway. Wearing hunter orange clothing as a safety precaution is recommended. Hunting season dates and other regulations are listed at wildohio.gov.

• **Bald eagles –** Winter is one of the best times to view bald eagles. Adult and immature bald eagles often group up in the winter near available food sources. The white head and tail of adult bald eagles are unmistakable, but the mottled brown and white plumage of immatures is more difficult to distinguish. Look for eagles congregating or building nests in areas like Metzger Marsh Wildlife Area (Ottawa County), Delaware Wildlife Area (Delaware County), and Caesar Creek Lake Wildlife Area (Clinton, Greene and Warren counties).

Ohio's bald eagle population has been on the rise in recent years. The spring 2022 nest survey estimated 824 breeding pairs in Ohio, with the highest concentrations near Lake Erie and large river systems. Eagle pairs build nests throughout the winter and lay eggs in February or March.

• **Owls –** Barred owls and eastern screech-owls are year-round Ohio residents, but others are only found during the winter. Look in large grasslands for short-eared owls, which can be seen at dawn and dusk flying with deep, slow, moth-like wingbeats. Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (Wyandot County), Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area (Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, and Noble counties), and Crown City Wildlife Area (Gallia and Lawrence counties) are likely spots.

Snowy owls are one of the most sought-after winter visitors, using open fields and rocky shorelines as substitutes for their usual tundra haunts. One of the few diurnal owls (active during the day), look for the snowy owl's mostly white feathers and bright yellow eyes in places such as Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area (Trumbull County), Headlands Beach State Park (Lake County), and Maumee Bay State Park (Lucas County).

• **Waterfowl –** Cold weather and freezing water force many waterfowl south each winter. Look for residents of the far north like tundra swans in open marshes, lakes, and flooded fields, often mixed with flocks of slightly larger trumpeter swans. Deer Creek Wildlife Area (Madison County), Funk Bottoms Wildlife Area (Wayne and Ashland counties), Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area (Wyandot and Marion counties) and Magee Marsh Wildlife Area (Lucas and Ottawa counties) are likely locations for winter swans.

Diving ducks such as redheads, canvasbacks, common goldeneyes, buffleheads, mergansers, and more seek open water. Look for them at Alum Creek State Park (Delaware County), Buckeye Lake State Park (Fairfield, Licking, and Perry counties), and Mosquito Creek Wildlife Area (Trumbull County), especially as other lakes freeze.

Snow, Ross's, cackling, and greater white-fronted geese often join flocks of Canada geese throughout the winter. Wetlands, open lakes, and agricultural areas attract these uncommon geese, which appear smaller than Canada geese. Scour locations like Killbuck Marsh Wildlife Area (Holmes and Wayne counties), Pickerel Creek Wildlife Area (Sandusky County), and East Fork State Park (Clermont County) for a glimpse of out-of-the-ordinary geese.

Many winter birds spend time in open fields and large bodies of water where they can be difficult to view. A good pair of binoculars or even a spotting scope is recommended to spot birds at long distances. Winter can be a tough time of year for birds, so it is best to observe birds from a distance to avoid disturbing them or scaring them away from scarce food resources.

Consider these additional resources to help enhance your bird watching experience: Common Birds of Ohio field guidebook, available at wildohio.gov, and Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird online database and mobile app. The platform offered by eBird provides users an opportunity to serve as citizen scientists by contributing valuable information regarding bird populations. Learn more about the longest-running citizen science project in the world, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, at audubon.org.

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Read books about the American Presidency at Hayes book club

Join presidential history enthusiasts in reading and discussing books about the American Presidency and related topics at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums' Presidential History Book Club.

The club will meet monthly January 2023 through February 2024, except November. During some months, the club will feature an author or speaker related to the book topic.

All are welcome to participate in this free club. Meetings are at noon and will take place in-person and virtually on Zoom.

Participants can bring their lunch. To obtain the monthly Zoom meeting information, contact historian Dustin McLochlin, Ph.D. at 419-332-2081, ext. 230, or dmclochlin@rbhayes.org.

The 2023 and early 2024 meeting dates and book titles are:

• Jan. 25 – "'The Quartet' – Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789," by Joseph Ellis. (This is a continuation of the December discussion.)

• Feb. 22 – "The Monroe Doctrine: Empire and Nation in Nineteenth Century America," by Jay Sexton.

• March 29 – Continuation of "The Monroe Doctrine: Empire and Nation in Nineteenth Century America" by Jay Sexton. (This is a continuation of the February discussion.)

• April 26 – "Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams," by Louisa Thomas.

• May 31 – Continuation of "Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams" by Louisa Thomas.

• June 28 – "The Man Who Ran Washington," by Peter Baker and Susan Glasser.

• July 26 – Continuation of "The Man Who Ran Washington," by Peter Baker and Susan Glasser.

• Aug. 30 – "The Revolutionary Samuel Adams," by Stacy Schiff.

• Sept. 27 – Continuation of "The Revolutionary Samuel Adams," by Stacy Schiff.

• Oct. 25 – "And There was Light," by Jon Meacham.

The club does not meet in November due to Thanksgiving.

• Dec. 6 – Continuation of "And There was Light," by Jon Meacham.

• Jan. 31, 2024 – "A Man of Iron," by Troy Senik.

• Feb. 28, 2024 –Continuation of "A Man of Iron," by Troy Senik.

McLochlin leads club discussions. Hayes Presidential is closed on Wednesdays in January, February and March, but McLochlin will give book club participants access to the building for this event.

The Presidential History Book Club is sponsored by Richard and Kathy Smith.

Hayes Presidential is America's first presidential library and the forerunner of the federal presidential library system. It is partially funded by the state of Ohio and affiliated with the Ohio History Connection. Hayes Presidential is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues.

For information, call 419-332-2081, or visit rbhayes.org. Like Hayes Presidential on Facebook and follow on Twitter and Instagram at @rbhayespres for updates.

Blue Man Group returning to Stranahan with all new show

Tickets are on sale for the return of Blue Man Group, which will take the stage at the Stranahan Theater in Toledo Jan. 11-12. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. both days.

The all-new tour is being presented by The American Theatre Guild as part of the Broadway in Toledo Series.

Tickets are available for purchase at BroadwayInToledo.com, Stranahan Theater.com, by calling 419-381-8851 or in person at the Stranahan Theater box office. Group ticket savings for 10+ are available by contacting Groups@ATGuild.org.

Blue Man Group is the global entertainment phenomenon known for its award winning theatrical productions, iconic characters and multiple creative explorations. Performances are described as euphoric celebrations of human connection through art, music, comedy and non-verbal communication.

The performances will feature everything audiences know and love about Blue Man Group—signature drumming, colorful moments of creativity and quirky comedy—the men are still blue, but the rest is all new.

Since debuting at New York's Astor Place Theatre in 1991, the live show has expanded to additional domestic residencies in Boston, Chicago and Las Vegas, an international residency in Berlin, and multiple North American and World tours, reaching more than 35 million people worldwide.

In addition to their own tours, Blue Man Group has appeared on hit shows including "Dancing with the Stars," "The Tonight Show," "Arrested Development," "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," and other shows across the world.

For more information, visit BlueMan.com/tour or follow @bluemangroup on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

Please note: BroadwayInToledo.com, eTix.com and the Stranahan Theater Box Office are the only official sources for tickets to shows in the 22–23 Broadway in Toledo Series.

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The Arts Garage to host plein air painters group exhibit

Members of the plein air painters group called "The Group" will make their second appearance at The Arts Garage (TAG) this winter. The Arts Garage is located in the city of Port Clinton's old maintenance garage at 317 W. Perry St.

About a dozen plein air painters will be on display at TAG from Jan. 6-29, 2023, kicking off a busy year ahead. Each artist will showcase a handful of pieces. An opening reception will be held Friday, Jan. 6 from 6-8 p.m.

Featured artists include Nike Mendenhall, Dave Peltier, Rose Lucas Hanninger, Sharon Helle, Tricia Kaman, Barbara Everett, Rick Dziak, Steve Kelley, Peg Vasil and Kay Young.

Hours are Wednesday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

En plein air, or plein air painting, is the act of painting outdoors. Before the 19th century, artists had mixed their own paints from raw pigments that they often ground themselves from a variety of media. This had made for inconvenient portability and kept most painting activities confined to the studio. This changed in the 1800s when tubes of oil paint became available, and thus en plein air was born.

A small group of plein air painters called "The Group" meets on Mondays in various locations around Northwest Ohio to paint. They focus on natural elements and the changing landscapes in all seasons.

For more information, visit gpcaac.org.

Model train enthusiast Ken Fullenlove examines a model train brought for inspection during the annual Model Train Clinic at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums. (Submitted photo)

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Model Train Clinic

Do you have questions about model trains? Does your model train need repair?

Veteran model train hobbyists can help at the annual Model Train Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Fremont.

The clinic will run from 1-4 p.m. in the museum auditorium. Tickets are $5 per person ages 6 and older. Kids 5 and younger are admitted for free.

Local train hobbyists will be on hand to give expert advice about train repair and help estimate the value of some trains.

Tickets are available in advance online at rbhayes.org/events/2022/01/08/events/model-train-clinic/ and in-person the day of the event.

Those who bring their model trains to the clinic can also run their trains on the "Hayes Train Special" track. The track fits standard, O-gauge and G-gauge trains.

"The Hayes Train Special" is Hayes Presidential's annual model train display, where model trains run through a Victorian holiday scene and delight visitors of all ages.

Visitors and train clinic participants can watch them wind through tunnels and villages in this multi-tiered, 12-foot by 24-foot exhibit. They can also participate by pushing buttons that run one of the trains, turn the Ferris wheel, send the ice skaters gliding across the pond and more.

The "Hayes Train Special" is sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank and the Gordon W. Knight Family.

Hayes winter hours

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums will be closed on Sunday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday and will then begin its winter hours starting Monday, Jan. 2.

All facilities will be closed on Mondays and Wednesdays in January, February, March and April.

The exception to this is Monday, Feb. 20, which is Presidents' Day, when the Hayes Home and museum will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The research library will be closed.

During January, February, March and April, the Hayes Home, museum and research library will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On those days, the first tour of the home is at 10 a.m., and the last tour is at 4 p.m.

The Hayes Home and museum will be open from noon-5 p.m. on Sundays. The first tour of the home is at 1 p.m., and the last tour is at 4 p.m. The research library is closed on Sundays.

For admission fees and advance tickets, visit rbhayes.org/visit-us/visitor-information.

The Hayes Presidential Library & Museums is located at Spiegel Grove at the corner of Hayes and Buckland avenues.

For information, call 419-332-2081, visit rbhayes.org, like HPLM on Facebook at @rbhayespres and follow on Twitter and Instagram at @rbhayespres.

Library storytimes

The Wood County District Public Library presents storytimes every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room at the Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St.

Families will enjoy picture book readings, songs, games, and activities during every storytime.

Registration is required. To sign up, call 419-352-8253, email woodkids@wcdpl.org, or register online at wcdpl.org/events.

Spend a Winter Day at the Treehouse Village

Plan a day away with a little adventure this winter. Three open air platforms at the Metroparks Toledo's Cannaley Treehouse Village are available for daytime rentals for just $30 per platform.

The Cannaley Treehouse Village is located at the Beach Ridge area of Oak Openings Preserve, 3520 Waterville Swanton Rd., Swanton.

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For information, see the Treehouse Village page metroparkstoledo.com/explore-your-parks/cannaley-treehouse-village or call 419-407-9701.

Belgium trip planned

Magruder Hospital's VIP-on-the-Go group is planning a trip to France, Belgium and the Netherlands Sept. 23 to Oct. 4.

An informational meeting about the trip will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 in the Magruder Conference Center, 615 Fulton St.

RSVP for the meeting by contacting Mary Ann at 419-656-3947 or Michele at mmueller@magruderhospital.com. This, and all Magruder VIP trips, are not limited to just VIP members – family, friends and the general public may participate.

Museum closed for cleaning

The National Museum of the Great Lakes, located at 1701 Front St., will be closed through Jan. 13 for annual deep cleaning and maintenance.

Register for the Run for the Happy Little Trees

Inspired by artist Bob Ross's love of the outdoors, Ohio is now part of the "Run for the Trees/Happy Little (Virtual) 5K" to support tree planting and forest protection efforts at Ohio State Parks.

"Bob Ross inspired people with every brush stroke painting those happy little trees, and we think Ohioans can do the same with every stride of this 5K," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "We want people to get out, stretch their legs, and help us keep those trees growing at our state parks!"

Registration is now open for the race, which was started by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Ohio is among the first states outside the Michigan border to benefit from the race proceeds.

Runners, walkers, and hikers can complete their virtual 5K anywhere outdoors anytime April 22-April 28. Registration is $34 which includes a Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number, and a finisher's medal. Interested runners can register at runsignup.com/happylittletrees. Registration is open through March 1. Ohio State Parks will receive $10 from each runner who selects the Buckeye State during registration.

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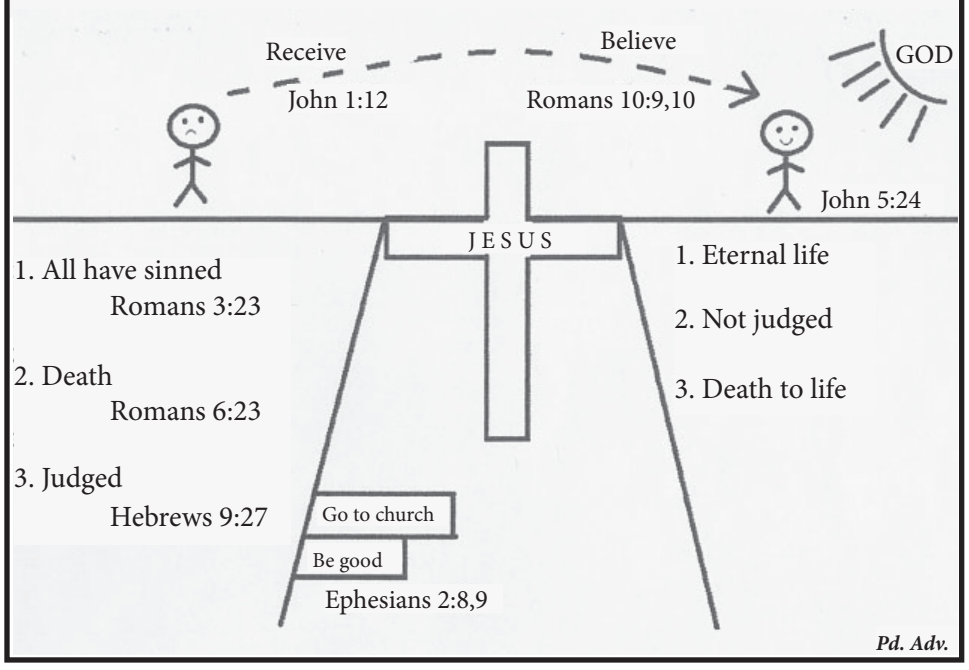

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Winter destinations turn ice and snow into fun experiences

Even though it's southeast Ohio, some of the coldest places in the state are at the bottom of the hollows in Hocking Hills – cold enough to create some amazing icicles. This scene is deep in a hollow below Cedar Falls in Hocking Hills State Park. (Photo by Art Weber)

Natural Wanders
by Art Weber

The dust from all the holiday action is settling and the reality of winter is confronting us.

It's no surprise that many of us dread the wintry weather of January and February, but they can be much more than just a part of the year to endure. It's a matter of point-of-view and a willingness to take winter on headfirst.

If you do, you'll likely enjoy some of the best and most memorable adventures of your life.

In our house, we still talk about a couple of Canadian wilderness dog sled adventures with my oldest son when he was still in grade school – incredibly beautiful, memorable and rewarding. And then there was a January week spent in Yellowstone with out-of-this-world scenery and wildlife.

Ohio's Hocking Hills is a winter wonderland, with gorges and cliffs festooned with huge icicles. Mohican State Park is always beautiful. Geauga County during maple sugaring is really special. Like Hocking, Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula, complete with Sleeping Bear Dunes, is extraordinary in winter.

Ditto for nearby Traverse City. Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a more remote beauty. Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains and its rock-strewn mountain streams are incomparable. These and so many other great places sport a special beauty in winter.

Many winter destinations turn the ice and snow into fun and interesting experiences. Wilderness dog sledding was one of my best-ever experiences. On my wish list is a stay at the Ice Hotel in Quebec, which, as you might guess, is an all-ice edifice open this year into early March. Vermont would be spectacular, too.

Minnesota is a haven for places to enjoy evening drinks outside at bars made of ice. It's not alone in offering such unusual winter pleasures – look for those types of outdoor entertainment venues at destinations that cater to snowmobilers and other winter enthusiasts.

Keys to winter travel success aren't complicated. Diligent advance planning is essential to make sure you know what to expect and how to equip yourself accordingly. That means special attention to clothing. Clothing can make the difference between comfort and misery – put the emphasis on wool, not cotton. You may need items to protect any exposed skin, choose insulated boots over wool socks and, well, you get the idea.

There are choices to fit any interest and any desired level of immersion in winter weather. Try your hand at winter tent camping or choose a luxurious ski lodge. Spend all your time outdoors, or indoors, or spend your days adventuring and evenings in comfort with great food and accommodations.

The other side of winter here can be equally enjoyable – finding contentment in the winter weather that keeps you home, inside with a good book next to a roaring fire.

Better yet, use the quiet and slower pace as a time for planning ahead for a year filled with travel and adventure. I've got my list started – maybe it's a good idea for you, too.

Maybe even look ahead to next winter. That's how you end up at Yellowstone's Old Faithful and have it virtually to yourself.

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Flyers, Comets square off in Game of the Week

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Separated by just six miles via SR 51, it's safe to say that Genoa and Lake are familiar with one another.

They're rivals who have had success in recent years, and playing one another means the records can be thrown out the window.

The Comets, who are now 7-1 and 4-0 in the Northern Buckeye Conference, are riding high following a 57-46 road win over Old Fort, which was previously undefeated and is one of the best teams in the area. Genoa rebounded from its loss to Wauseon, its only blemish of the season, to get the win over the Stockaders.

Jon Huston scored 25 points while hitting six 3-pointers to help the Comets defeat Old Fort. Genoa trailed 26-20 at halftime but held the Stockaders to just 20 points in the second half.

Genoa coach Jon Sandwisch was pleased with his team's performance.

"It really stems back from playing Wauseon," Sandwisch said. "We had that lead going into the fourth quarter and lost it. They have a great program. We said that we can really learn from this, or it's something that we look back on as a loss. The guys took it on themselves to get better and correct our mistakes. We responded really, really well. The guys were locked in and that definitely showed against a really, really good Old Fort team."

As with any team coached by Sandwisch, it came down to the defensive effort.

"Playing Old Fort, which is really talented offensively, they were averaging in the 70s, and to hold them 25-26 points below their averaged was a huge win for us. We couldn't play at their tempo and we had to slow the game down, that takes a lot of discipline of not speeding up (the pace)," said Sandwisch. "Really slowing the game down and playing at our pace is how we were successful at both ends."

As a team, the Comets made 10 3-pointers.

"Old Fort had a plan where they were not going to allow (6-7 forward) Walter Plantz to beat them inside, so they were double or triple-teaming him," said Sandwisch. "We would get spaced out and hit some 3s. Jon has been a good shooter since he walked in, so for him to hit six 3s is no surprise to me, this coaching staff or his teammates."

Sandwisch sees three seniors — 5-9 point guard Griffin Meyer, 5-10 guard Robert Messenger and 5-11 guard Mason Drummond as two of the club's unsung heroes.

"It starts with Griffin Meyer – he's the quintessential straw that stirs the drink. He gets us in our offense, never turns the ball over, does the right things – he's everything a coach could ask for in a point guard," said Sandwisch. "He's averaging six points and six assists, compared to about 1.5 turnovers per game.

"Robert Messenger is referred to as the garbage man, which is a huge compliment. He does all the dirty work, gets rebounds and takes charges. It's the same with Mason Drummond; against Oak Harbor, he comes in off the bench and gets 10 rebounds as a guard."

Meanwhile, the Flyers have had a tough start to the season and are 0-7 and 0-4 in the NBC.

But there could be a silver lining for Lake, which has suffered close losses to Oak Harbor (48-39) and Ottawa Hills (53-46) in the last two weeks.

For Luke Hickey, it's all about his players trusting the process through challenging times as he works to rebuild the program.

"The schedule wasn't too kind to us. We played some pretty tough teams early, and for an inexperienced team, that's tough. We had some games that we felt we could've won. Now, it seems that people have become enamored with wins and losses," he said. "For us, it's about the process and sticking to the script, and good things will happen. Both Ottawa Hills and Oak Harbor are pretty solid; both of those games came down to the end where those teams made a couple more plays than we did. Once we start to see more balls go into the basket, we're going to have some more wins.

"I think our kids have done a good job of being ready to go. We led Ottawa Hills after the first quarter. We're starting well, we just have to stay the course for 32 minutes. If we can get ahead early, we can definitely compete with Genoa."

Hickey is in the midst of a rebuild. Since Ryan Bowen stepped down in 2015, Lake has gone 38-125 and 21-77 in the NBC under three different head coaches. The Flyers were 17-53 and 9-33 in the league under their most recent coach, Jeff Hoffman.

Caleb Tobias, who stands 6-5, has led the Flyers in scoring in recent games.

"Caleb Tobias has come into his own. He' a good post player and is able to draw fouls, and he's making more shots at a more consistent level," said Hickey. "(Point guard) Preston Snyder is leading the charge for us and doing a lot for us — we've put a lot on his plate, and he leads our team in steals and assists, and he has risen to the occasion. I'm so glad that he's on my team. He's a special point guard even though he's just a freshman. He's leading the charge. He knows when to find our open guys — he's got 27 assists, but he could probably have 45 because we just have to start putting the ball in the basket better."

Hickey, who nearly won a state championship as a player for Whitmer 10 years ago, talked about the enthusiasm behind a great rivalry.

"I think it's something the kids find really, really important. In rivalries, anybody can beat anybody," he said. "I'm glad that this first matchup is on our home turf.

"I'm just more excited for the kids to have that experience to play Genoa. I think they get up a little extra for this game, no hatred, but definitely a game you want to win against a rival," he said,

Sandwisch, who played basketball, baseball and football at Woodmore, has a great appreciation for the rivalry.

"With Lake, you're always going to have good athletes and good competitors," he said. "It's about five to six miles down the road, and they're one of our rivals. No matter the sport, you don't have to get the guys riled up for a rivalry game. It's great for our team, for our school and the community. We don't take anyone lightly and the next game is the biggest game of the year."

Last season, the Comets won both games between the two teams by a combined seven points. Overall, Genoa is 9-3 against Lake in the last 12 games.

Clay High School powerlifting team gains popularity

Clay High School's powerlifting club was established in 2016 by then-coach, Adam Buckner, and team leader Anna Rew.

The club has grown from a handful of lifters to 38 active members. Club membership is capped due to limited space in the weight room.

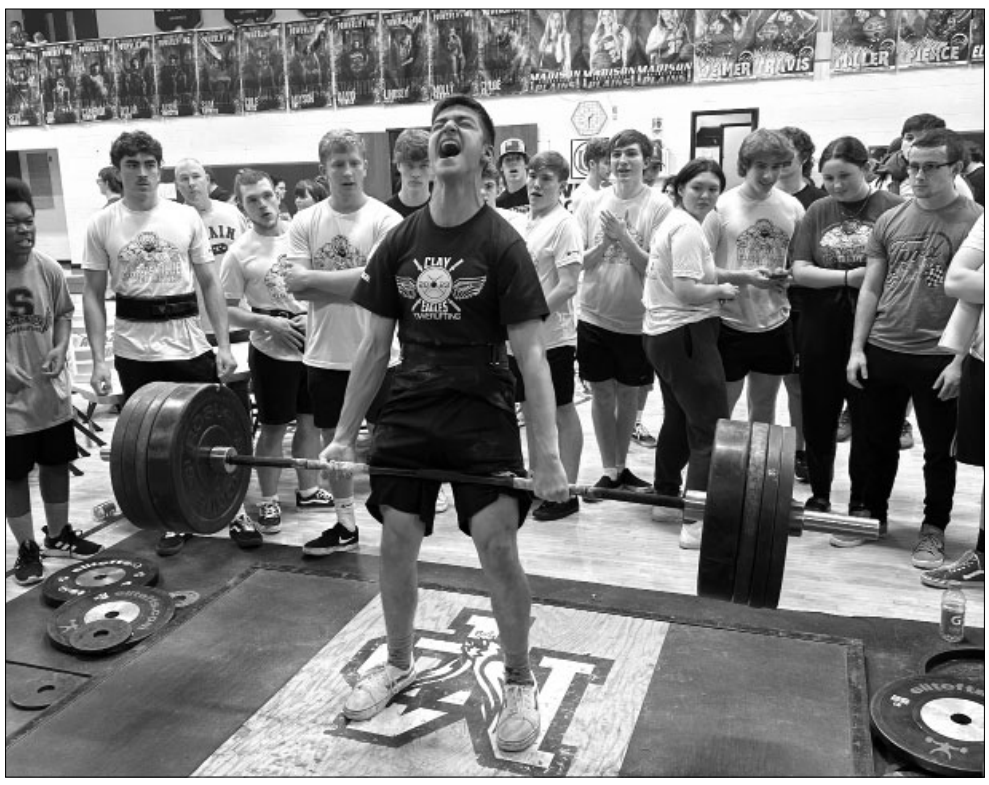
Any CHS student in grades 9-12 can join the club. New members tryout annually in November to fill spaces vacated by graduating seniors.

The team competes in approximately five meets per year. It will host the fifth annual co-ed Raising the Bar meet on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Coach Nathan Quigg says he's determined to grow the popularity of the sport in Northwest Ohio. "We currently have 11 schools and nearly 200 lifters committed to lift at our meet but have space to welcome additional teams or individuals interested in participating," he said.

Each lifter gets three attempts at each lift, which includes bench press, squat and deadlift. Medals are awarded to the top five boys and top three girls in each weight class. Team trophies are also awarded to first and second place. Interested coaches or individual athletes should contact Coach Quigg at nquigg@oregoncs.org.

The team recently opened their season with a third-place team finish at the Iron Eagle Invitational in Madison Plains, Ohio. The boys finished third and the girls team finished fifth out of more than 20 schools and 400 individual lifters.



Powerlifting club member James Cavaliere is one of 38 members of the growing powerlifting club at Clay High School. (Submitted photo)

"We focus on lifters setting personal records (PRs), not on what place kids finish individually," said Quigg. "We were pleasantly surprised when 23 of 29 lifters set PRs in the first meet. If kids put in the work and focus on getting stronger, the individual accolades will come naturally."

Four Clay athletes won their weight class and another three finished as a runner-up.

They include (listed by name, class, place, bench press (lbs.) and deadlift (lbs):

Luke Purtee, 250, Champion, 360, 520.

Gabrielle Rivera, 135, Champion, 145, 235.

Grace Fortier, 165, Champion, 110, 265.

Olivia Yenrick, 175, Champion, 130, 245.

Cameron Madison, 185, Runner-up, 205, 330.

Jake Saunders, 225, Runner-up, 305, 405.

Noah Ybarra, 135, Runner-up, 180, 285.

Coach Quigg says he's extremely excited about this group of lifters. "The best-led program is a player-led program. It is exciting to see our veteran lifters setting the tone by pushing themselves for 90 minutes at least three days a week, while still taking time to provide guidance to new lifters."

Coach Quigg and Assistant Coach, TJ Saunders, focus on teaching proper technique to new members in order to keep them safe while developing their skills.

For more information on Clay powerlifting, visit the team website at https://sites.google.com/oregoncs.org/claypowerlifting or follow chs.powerlifting on Instagram.

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Stritch to collaborate with local semi-pro team

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Kids can always use a good mentor, and the Glass City Wranglers and Cardinal Stritch High School are working to make that happen.

The Wranglers, a local semi-pro basketball team that competes in The Basketball League, is collaborating with Stritch to connect its students with mentors.

"The Wranglers are excited to start this partnership with Cardinal Stritch," said Joshua Radtkin, GCW owner. "Our athletes are very talented on the court for the game of basketball, and we also focus on player development off the court. We have a great group of players. The mentorship program that GCW offers to Stritch provides skills, training and guidance with life, career and family, as well as basketball. Cardinal Stritch is a perfect fit for GCW, and it's a wonderful school that treats their staff, students, and alumni as family. We are honored to be part of this family and are looking forward to this amazing opportunity for growth and development together.

"There's also a scholarship program for any young man that goes through the program and is enrolled in classes in the fall. One of the young men will get a scholarship from GCW to go towards their education," Radtkin said.

Stritch coach Sedron Harris, now in his second season leading the Cardinals, talked about the union between the two teams.

"It's a partnership to give our guys another opportunity to have mentorship," said Harris. "It's about character, commitment, communication. It's something that's important to their organization.

"When we began talking with the Glass City Wranglers, we realized that we had a lot of similarities with personal growth and development."

Both parties stated that the goal was to partner with an organization where they could mutually benefit. On a side note, the Wranglers will also allow the entire Stritch high school basketball program (boys and girls) free admission to all of GCW home games at Owens Community College, starting at the end of February.

On the court, Stritch is 6-1 and 2-1 in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference.

The lone loss was to Emmanuel Christian, one of the area's best teams, but the Cardinals were not at full strength.

"We're in a good place, I think any coach would take that," said Harris. "Our biggest thing is working on character, ball movement and execution. If we can do those things and not turn the ball over, we should be all right."

The most impressive wins were a 59-39 victory over Tiffin Calvert and 62-51 triumph over Maumee Valley Country Day.

In the win over the Senecas, Breon Hicks had a game-high 19 points and Christian Burton scored 17 points. Stritch led 36-29 after three quarters but outscored Calvert, 23-10, in the fourth quarter.

Harris has some very talented basketball players, and he knows that if they play within the framework of the offense, great things could result.

"One of our biggest things has been sharing the ball, making the right read, and knowing whoever is hot is hot. That was part of our success last year, ball movement and being unselfish," Harris said. "It's a team effort for us."

Harris knows playing good, hard-nosed defense will be just as important, if not more important to the success of the club.

"Defense gets you on the court. As coaches, you want guys that can compete on both sides of the court — fight over ball screens, take charges, dive for loose balls," he said. "Defense will get you far when you can't score the basketball."

Harris has gotten his players to buy into playing hard on that side of the court.

"Our defense is key," said Burton. "One of our goals was to hold teams to under 45 points, and for us to do that, we have to communicate, rotate, things like that. Defense is one of the main focuses this year."

The Cardinals, who won 20 games last season and advanced to the district finals, have a very difficult schedule. Stritch beat Paulding, 47-34, behind 21 points from Kam Hughes and 10 points from Owen Carter. The Cardinals will also play St. Marys, Rogers and Toledo Christian.

"We have one of the toughest schedules in Northwest Ohio," Harris said. "St. Marys made it to regionals last year. It'll be challenging. Our conference is a gauntlet, and the City League always competes well with the parochial schools."

Burton talked about some of the goals that the team set for itself before the season.

"We set 10 goals. A few were to win the TAAC, go undefeated, win districts, make it to state, and keep our turnovers low," he said. "Simple goals to make us a better team."

Local semi-pro basketball team, The Wrangers are working to provide mentorships to members of the Cardinal Stritch boys basketball team. Pictured is Stritch's Christian Burton. (Press photo by Doug Karns/www.DougKarns.smugmug.com)

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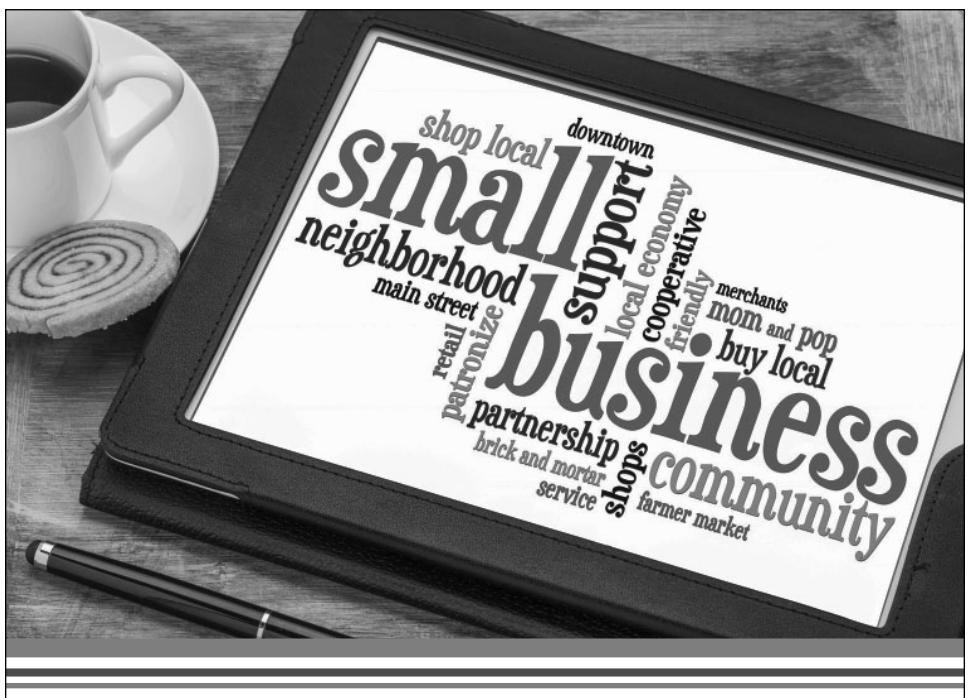

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Former Air Force pistol member revisits Camp Perry

By Ashley Dugan
CMP Staff Writer

Inspired by the many adventures he experienced as a member of the Air Force Pistol Marksmanship Team back in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Dr. Robert "Doc" Engelmeier from Pittsburgh, created his own exposé.

Documenting his excursions, including to Camp Perry, he goes into detail about being a competitor during that time period, the awards he accumulated and the friends he made along the way. The CMP will be posting the piece through a series on CMP's online publication, The First Shot, featuring commentary and vintage photos for readers to enjoy.

An account of his 2022 Camp Perry trip – a return after a three-decade absence – recounts where he made even more memories on the historic grounds.

Doc made a sentimental trip in 2022 – back to the Camp Perry National Matches in Ohio for the first time in nearly 30 years.

"We had the time and determination this year," he said of the trip, having been too busy to return since 1994. "It worked out really well for us."

Doc served a 24-year active-duty career in the Air Force, retiring with the rank of colonel in December 1995. He also spent time in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. During his time in the military, he spent nine years as a member of the Air Force Pistol Shooting Team where he reached several notable successes, like earning Distinguished Pistol Badge #278.

"That was a big deal," Doc said. "I value my Distinguished Badge more than my Legion of Merit (an exceptional military award) – because I had to perform."

He keeps the badge in a display box in his home, along with his many honorable awards.

Such high achievements from his career include imprinting his legacy forever on two trophies from the annual Camp Perry National Matches back in 1992. One was the General Carl Spaatz Trophy, awarded to highest scoring Air Force competitor in the National Trophy Team Pistol Match, while the other was the General Curtis Lemay Trophy, presented to the highest scoring Air Force competitor in the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match. Though he didn't know it until 25 years later, Doc was the first active-duty member to achieve the Lemay Trophy.

Dr. Robert "Doc" Engelmeier, a Distinguished Badge recipient recently visited Camp Perry after a three decade absence. (Submitted photo)

"I wanted to see my name engraved on there," he said, explaining how he had never seen the trophies before the 2022 trip.

Outside of the trophy room, the spirits of his old teammates were as present as ever on the legendary grounds. Some have passed away, while others have been able to stay connected with Doc over the years. One such teammate is Gary Foster, who made the trek to Camp Perry with Doc this year. Gary now lives in Tennessee and met up with Doc in Pittsburgh, where both men made the three-hour, rain-drenched ride together – swapping stories of their time at Camp Perry.

"Some might even be true," Gary joked.

Gary has marksmanship talent of his own – earning Distinguished Badge #300 and making the President's Hundred, which is a prestigious National Matches accomplishment. He has since spent time training others and even competes on his own, where people see him as a "Big Fish" on the range.

"But I've been to Nationals – I've seen the Big Fish!" Gary said with a smile.

At the time of their visit, a National Junior Three-Position Air Rifle match was taking place. The men spent two hours at the facility, amazed at what they saw.

"I was very, very impressed by all that, the building and everything," Doc said. "That's going to save shooting, believe me. All those young kids doing it."

"The sophistication of the guns," he went on. "We're .45 hard ball shooters – a throwback to World War II for crying out loud. I wouldn't even know how to shoot those guns."

Back outside, they marveled at the accommodations now available on base and took a stroll down the base's Commercial Row, where they ran into some old friends.

Commercial Row also sparked a memory for Doc. It was there that he met Bill Jordan, a famed member of U.S. Border Patrol around the time of World War II and the Korean War – a meeting Doc discusses further in his memoir. At 6'6" tall, Jordan was larger than life as a competitor on the range and within his career.

"He was in cowboy-like gunfights at the border," Doc said of Jordan. "He was quite a guy – but only at Camp Perry would you meet people like that."

Doc had initially become involved with the Air Force team on a whim, when his wife brought home a magazine she had discovered in a doctor's office waiting room. It mentioned team tryouts at nearby Randolph Air Force Base. Doc had just finished his residency on his way to becoming a maxillofacial prosthodontist and thought, 'why not?'"

"My wife was pushing me, 'You've carried these guns around all these years – why don't you start shooting again?'" he explained. "And I just had this feeling that it was the right thing to do.

"I'm sure I got the invitation because I was a colonel," he joked. "They were trying to be nice to me."

Local flag football team seeking donations

The local U-12 Rossford Lions flag-football team is asking for donations to help pay for a trip to the Pro Bowl in Las Vegas the weekend of Feb. 3-5 where the team will compete in a national tournament.

"It's going to be a neat experience for the kids; there's a skill competition during the week, and the College Senior bowl is during the week," said Scott Salsbury, coach of the team. "The Pro Bowl is on Sunday night, and we're competing on Friday for nationals. They're the only U-12 team in the tri-state (OH/MI/IN) area.

"The kids are so excited," Salsbury said. "They have opportunities because of these skills competitions to meet their heroes."

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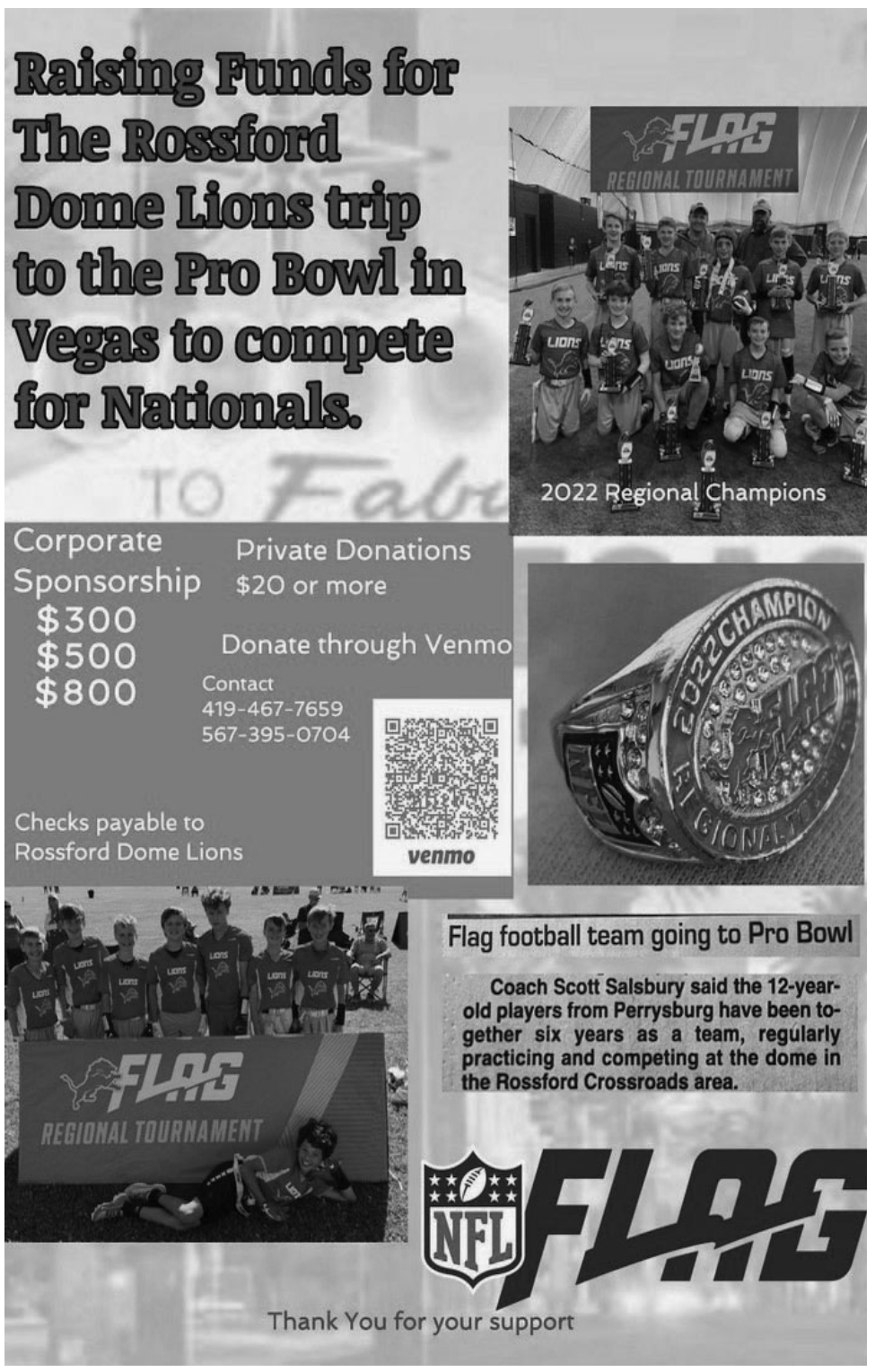

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Toledo

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.

Oregon

Food for Thought Food Pantry, open the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Beginning with the Jan. 10 pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., corner of Coy and Navarre. In 2023, the pantry will be moved inside. Due to parking space and the need to limit the number of families inside at a time, attendees are asked to stagger arrival times. Those who received a blue admission ticket in December, should bring it with them on Jan. 10 and arrive at the time listed on the card.
419 Cares, a ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, serves food and beverages and provides toiletries to the less fortunate every Sunday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uptown Green Park on Madison Avenue in Toledo. A monthly giveaway of clothes, blankets and shoes is also offered. Donations of toiletries and clothing items, particularly bigger men's sizes, are welcome. Contact Christ UMC or visit 419 Cares on Facebook for info.
Mobile Meals of Toledo, local community non-profit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital. For more information or to sign up, contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodgers@mobilemeals.org.
Rita's Soups at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted from those wishing to contribute to this program and its future success.
Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets 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.
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.
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.
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

Weekly Sunday Breakfasts, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Featuring two eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes or French toast, potatoes, toast and jelly. $8. Public welcome.
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.
God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the first and third Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 1705 Tracy St. between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.
Men's Prayer Breakfast, the third Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

Jerusalem Twp.

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

Elmore

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; Snow Much Fun Winter Reading Challenge, Jan. 1-31 – All ages will have fun with this Bingo-format reading challenge (register any time in January); SPARKS – Curious Kids Learn: Create Like Leonardo, Jan. 5, 5 p.m. – Kids in grades K-5 invited to make a self-supporting bridge and learn about inventor Leonardo da Vinci (registration required); Foodies Night: Amish Friends, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m. – Make a recipe from "Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends Farmhouse Favorites Cookbook" and bring it to share; Snow Much Fun Engineering Challenges for Kids – A new self-directed challenge each week with an accompanying book (Jan 12-18: Paper or marshmallow tower; Jan. 19-25: Build a toothpick truss and learn about stability; Jan. 26-31: Build a suspension bridge from LEGO bricks); Adult Book Chat, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. – Discuss "We Begin at the End," by Chris Walker; Hear & Share Book Chat, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m., Gibsonburg Senior Center – Discuss "This Present Darkness," by Frank Peretti; Snow Much Fun with Pinecones, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – All ages invited to make a pinecone bird feeder. Call 419-637-2173 for details. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.
Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

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. For adults: 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.
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Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

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

Walbridge

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.
Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., is open to the public Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To register, visit wcdpl.org.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Winter storytimes for preschoolers and caregivers, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Snow Much Fun Winter Reading Challenge, Jan. 1-31 – All ages will have fun with this Bingo-format reading challenge (register any time in January); Cook Craftz Make & Take, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. – Kids in pgrades pre-K invited to drop in and get crafty; Create a Canvas, Jan. 4, 6-8 p.m. (adults) – Drop in and get crafty; Yeti Craftz, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (K-6); Nature Night Storytime, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. (K-4) – Stories, crafts and facts about penguins; Woodville Book Club, Jan. 11, 7 p.m. – Discuss "Daisy Darker," by Alice Feeney; LEGO Thursdays (K-6), Jan. 12 and 26, 4-5:30 p.m.; Poetry Creation Station, Jan. 14, 12-2 p.m. (all ages); 3-D Snowman Scene, Jan. 18, 6-8 p.m. (teens and adults, registration required); Super Science: Blubber, Jan 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or Jan. 25, 4-6 p.m. (K-6) – Drop in for science fun and activities; Anime Club, Jan. 23, 4-6 p.m. (grades 5-12); Crochet & More, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m.; Snowman Craftz, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (pre-K-6); True Crime Book Club, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. – Discuss "Unmasked: My life Solving America's Cold Cases," by Paul Holes. birchard.org.

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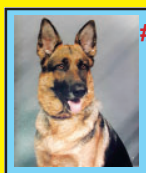

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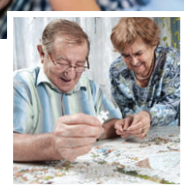

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