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Woodville Twp. Zoning for solar arrays under consideration

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A public meeting to hear comments on a proposed amendment to the Woodville Township zoning resolution that will adopt criteria for installing solar arrays is scheduled for April 26 in the township fire station, 321 E. Main St.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Following the hearing, the zoning commission will consider the issues raised by residents and then make a recommendation to the township board of trustees. The board will then hold a second meeting to hear further public comment before making a final determination.

Under the proposed changes to the zoning resolution, medium and large solar energy facilities will require a special use permit. A medium solar system is defined as one covering less than five acres while large systems are defined as at least five acres or more.

A small solar system is defined as one that is attached to a building and doesn't require a permit unless it changes the footprint of the supporting structure.

The resolution amendment covers solar facilities under 50 megawatts and those that don't fall under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Structures affiliated with a solar operation, including solar panels, will be subject to setback requirements. A setback of at least 150 feet from neighboring parcel boundaries is required as well as 300 feet from neighboring residences. Solar modules will also be subject to a 150-foot setback from the edge of any township, county, or state road.

A minimum lot size of five acres is included in the proposed amendment as is a maximum height of 20 feet for all structures affiliated with a solar operation, including the solar panels.

Applications for a special use permit must include a noxious weed con-

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Lake advocates target factory farms

The Lake Erie Advocates stood with signs outside Maumee Bay State Park in response to the Western Basin of Lake Erie Roundtable held at the lodge on April 11. Top photo, Cecilia Johnson and Mary Igoe Meyers with Lake Erie Advocate organizer Mike Ferner. Bottom photo, Libby Marsh, Linda Hartman, John Wathey and David Hartman. The roundtable, hosted by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, was an opportunity to learn from local experts about the current state of Lake Erie and barriers that contribute to the persistence of harmful algal blooms. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon Low interest loan to fund waterline project

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Oregon will apply for a low interest loan application to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to help fund the Oregon Waterline Replacement Program that will improve the water distribution system on Seaman, Norden, and Wynn roads.

City council on Monday approved plans for the city administrator to submit an application for Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) funds available through the OEPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance.

The Waterline Replacement Program consists of replacing 16,000 feet of eight-inch waterline on Seaman Road between Wynn and North Curtice roads; replacing 3,500 feet of eight-inch waterline on Norden Road, between Corduroy Road and Wolfe Creek; and installing an additional 3,500 feet of eight-inch waterline on Norden Road to loop Norden to Navarre Avenue, according to Public Service Director Paul Roman at a council meeting on Monday.

The project also consists of replacing 1,600 feet of eight-inch waterline on Wynn Road, between Seaman and Giverny roads,

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and replacing 2,600 feet of eight-inch waterline on Wynn Road between Starr Avenue and Navarre Avenue. "The total project cost is \$3.5 million," said Roman. The project will be funded with a \$450,000 grant and \$450,000 0% loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), and a low interest loan through the OEPA.

"We are planning to start the project in September of this year and will be completed in December, 2024," said Roman. "By far, this is probably one of the largest projects we ever designed in-house," he added.

"I'm very confident when I say that, but it is

a big project."

Also at the meeting, council:

- Approved an agreement with the Oregon Economic Development Foundation to transfer city land to the Foundation to market for future development. Oregon owned 1,451 acres of property at 5002 Seaman Road that was transferred to the Foundation. The Foundation is the economic development arm of the city.

- Agreed to amend an ordinance on "prohibited parking areas," to prohibit parking on both sides of Spartan Drive from Lallendorf Road to the West terminus.

"The police department has received complaints from property owners in there," said Roman. "They felt it would be best if the city could make it no parking on Spartan Drive."

"The biggest complaint that we have," said Assistant Police Chief Ryan Spangler, "is for the semi-truck traffic trying to get into and out of a business that is in there. With vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway, it's very hard for them to enter into the business and get back onto Spartan Drive as well as traveling down Lallendorf to make that turn onto Spartan Drive. We've

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Solar arrays

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trol plan, a drainage management plan, and pollinator impact study.

Applicants will also be required to submit site plans that show:

- Solar panel and structure locations
- Power lines below and above ground
- Roadways within the property and access points
- Adjacent property owners
- A stormwater plan
- Security fence location

A study of potential glint and glare issues is also required with the application.

When a solar array operator decides the facility has reached the end of its useful life or it has been abandoned, the operator must remove it within 150 days.

Brad Rife, chairman of the zoning commission, said the proposed additions to the zoning resolution were drafted after the commission received recommendations from state agencies.

“Some of it too follows Ballville Township, which has done a lot of work on solar and what we have is very similar to what they have,” he said. “We’re just trying to get something on the books before we get a huge solar field somewhere and everybody is mad about it. We’re trying to get some regulations that will work and be fair to everybody.”

The proposals also require federal permits be included with the application to the township.

“The biggest thing I think with a solar field is getting your hook-up to the energy grid. And that’s where you have to get many of the permits,” Rife said.

Information about the proposed zoning resolution is available at the Woodville Public Library, 101 E. Main St. and at the office of the township fiscal officer in the fire station. To make an appointment call Lori Kepus, 419-849-2492.



Genoa Civic Theatre presents...

Pictured, Amanda Fox and Jackie Rutledge rehearse a scene from Genoa Civic Theatre's upcoming production of "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," directed by Joel Mann. Show dates are April 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 7:30 and April 23 and 30 at 2:00. Tickets and more information are available at www.genoacivictheatre.com. (Photo courtesy of Joel Mann)

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Waterline

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been out there taking some photographs and actually looking at the parking. We considered at one point restricting parking on one side but it still didn't correct the problem of the semi-truck traffic going in and out of the business to get out on Spartan Drive.

The ordinance is effective immediately. A traffic marquee will also be placed on the side of the road notifying the public that there is no parking there.

• Accepted the grant application by the Oregon Police Division to the Marathon Community Investment program for \$2,000 to implement a “Go Bucket” program that provides medical supplies and survival equipment necessary for emergency incidents. The “Go Buckets” will be placed in classrooms and offices in the Oregon City Schools District.

• Accepted the bid of Midwest Contracting, Inc., Holland, for the recreation buildings project. The project consists of the construction of approximately 4,074 square feet of concession stand restroom building with shelter area. The work includes general trades, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, and miscellaneous work required to complete the project.

“We put out to bid the building of our new bathroom/concession stand and shelter area on the baseball side of our recreation complex,” said Tim Borton, commissioner of parks and recreation. Midwest bid \$999,890. A.A. Boos & Sons, Oregon, bid \$1,087; and The Spieker Company, Northwood, bid \$1,040,000.

“Midwest Contracting was the lowest and best bid. They’re the company that built the fire station on Wynn Road,” said Borton.

• Entered into an agreement with Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc., Maumee, to provide professional construction administration and inspection services for the recreation buildings project for \$13,200.

• Approved the mayor’s appointment of Tina Evans, former city council clerk, to the Civil Service Commission. Her term is a six year commitment.

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Park district hires coordinator

The Wood County Park District has announced that Zeb Albert has been named Stewardship Coordinator.

Park District Director Chris Smalley made the announcement last week following completion of the hiring process. Smalley stated, "Based on the work of the interview committee, it was clear that Zeb is a great choice to lead this important department."

Albert has been a member of the Park District's Stewardship staff since 2014, serving as the Restoration Specialist. He graduated cum laude from Bowling Green State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science – Environmental Science degree.

The Stewardship Department leads the park district's land management efforts. Much of its work involves removal of invasive plant species, and collection, cleaning, and cultivation of seeds from more than 100 species of plants native to Wood County.

Stewardship staff also works to restore native plant habitats in the parks. Based out of the J. C. Reuthinger Memorial Preserve, on Oregon Road, the staff engages the assistance of many volunteers to help with their work each year.

Ditch Q&A session in Wood County

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a landowner ditch maintenance question and answer session April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Middleton Township Building 21745 N. Dixie Hwy. Bowling Green.

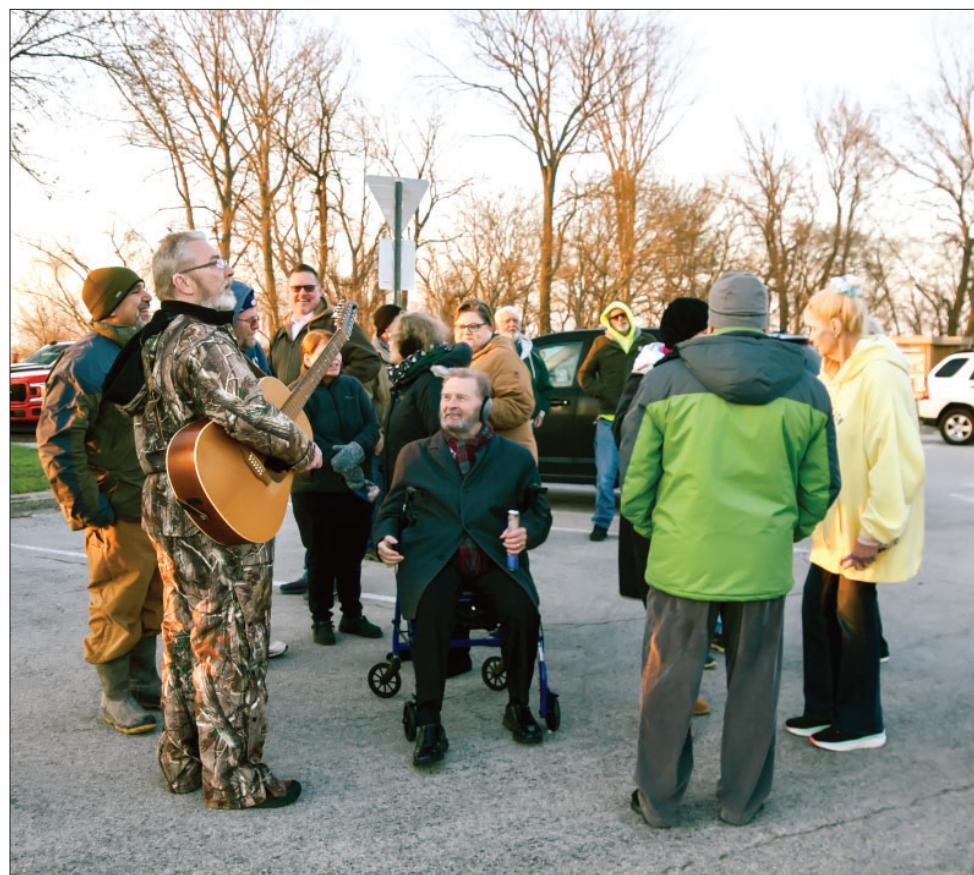
Jim Carter, Wood SWCD Ditch Technician, and Duane Abke, Wood County Engineer Drainage Construction Coordinator, will present information on the necessity of maintaining ditches and waterways. They will discuss who owns the ditches, who is to maintain the ditches, and who is responsible for the cost. The event is free and open to the community.

Please register online at www.woodswcd.com, email julielause@woodswcd.com, or call the district office at 419-354-5517 #4. Light refreshments will be provided.

Genealogy meeting

The Ottawa County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Ida Rupp Public Library, 310 Madison St., Port Clinton.

Librarians from Oak Harbor, Port Clinton and Elmore will discuss genealogical research documents. The public is welcome to attend.



Easter sunrise

Bono Baptist Church celebrated Easter with a sunrise service held at Metzger Marsh. Pictured, deacon and guitarist Gerald Howard chats with Pastor George Goodrich. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

Precision ag bill progressing

A bill sponsored by congressional representatives Bob Latta (R-OH5) and Robin Kelly (D-IL2), the Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act, has been approved by the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latta's bill would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to review its current satellite rules to determine if rule changes can be made to promote precision agriculture. This latest effort builds upon Latta's Precision Agriculture Connectivity Act, included in the Farm Bill and signed into law in 2018, which established the Precision Agriculture Task Force.

"Farmers in Ohio's Fifth District increasingly rely on advanced technologies to improve efficiency in their operations," Latta said. "Despite billions of dollars being made available for rural broadband deployment in recent years, too many communities continue to lack Internet access. And while many farms have made progress in accessing fixed and wireless networks, we know that satellite technology can play a key role in connecting equipment or sensors in the field. I am pleased my Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act is moving forward which will help farmers access wireless technologies to increase productivity and produce higher yields, while minimizing operating

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costs."

Rep. Kelly said the bill taps into U.S. ingenuity.

"Complex problems require bold, innovative solutions," Kelly said. "With over 2000 farms in my district, I am constantly working to ensure that they can sustain their operations and increase profitability. I am proud to partner with Rep. Latta in introducing the bipartisan Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act to promote precision agriculture which will maximize yield, efficiency, and profitability. This bill puts America's innovation and ingenuity to work to ensure that farmers have the resources they need to continue to provide the backbone of our food supply."

Cedar Point to host 'Jobs Fun Fair'

Cedar Point is set to host its first-ever Jobs Fun Fair hiring party and cookout Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Cedar Point Main Gate, 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky.

Several activities will be available at the casual, backyard barbecue-style event, including complimentary food and beverages, games and more.

As an added perk, all candidates who are hired at the event will receive a voucher for two complimentary Cedar Point admission tickets they can redeem at their onboarding (in addition to complimentary tickets received as part of regular employment benefits) and will be entered into a raffle to win a free VIP Tour package for up to four people.

Interviews, hiring and initial orientation will be held on the spot with park managers and leaders on hand to answer questions, interview candidates and welcome new associates to the Cedar Point team.

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For more information or to apply online, visit cedarpoint.com/jobs.

Coffee with Stritch President planned

Cardinal Stritch invites the community to a "Coffee with the President/Head of School" Tuesday, April 18 at 9 a.m. on the school campus, 3255 Pickle Rd., Oregon.

President/Head of School, Bill Berry, will share Cardinal Stritch's achievements, improvements and vision for the future.

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Elmore**Housing development survey underway**

By Larry Limpf

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The Village of Elmore wants residents to provide input on future residential housing development on a parcel of village-owned property along Dischinger Road.

Currently, the village is leasing the 55-acre tract as farmland but it is zoned for residential use with an R-2 classification, which accommodates single-family housing and, with a conditional-use permit, condominiums.

Dave Hower, village administrator, said the village has retained The Montrose Group, a development consulting firm, to assist with an analysis of the local housing market to determine what potential there may be for future residential investment.

A survey that began April 12 and is set to end on April 28 will give residents of the village and surrounding areas the chance to voice their opinions on the parcel's development.

A link to the survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

r/69WD8GH.

"We're getting the community involved so we make sure we get a good consensus," Hower said. "We want the poll to reflect what the community wants."

Village officials are trying to develop targeted strategies to determine what type of development will best benefit the community and the needs of current and future residents, he said.

In 2021, the village planning commission voted 3-2 in favor of a proposal to rezone the parcel from its R-2 classification to R-3 – a high density zone that would allow for the construction of multi-family units.

The plan commission recommendation was forwarded to village council but it was unanimously rejected and the R-2 zoning was left in place.

Then mayor Rick Claar said after the council vote that rezoning the property would make it more attractive to residential development and bolster the village's income tax base.

According to records in the Ottawa County auditor's office, the property has an appraised value of \$132,290.

B-C-S superintendent stepping down

The Benton-Carroll-Salem school board has scheduled a special meeting for April 17 to accept the resignation of Guy Parmigian, district superintendent, who is leaving for a teaching position at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

The school board will meet at 4:30 p.m. and is expected to go into executive session.

Parmigian said last week he is leaving his superintendent's post in July and he plans to work closely with the board and staff to have a smooth transition for his successor.

He has been superintendent at B-C-S for 11 years.

"A few points of pride for me are the adding of resources for student mental health and social-emotional learning, con-

structing a new Oak Harbor Intermediate School without asking voters for additional tax dollars, and helping to establish the Ottawa County Skilled Trades Academy, which continues to grow and provides great opportunities to Oak Harbor students," he wrote in an April 12 post. "I believe we have built a student-centered and dedicated leadership team and staff that is second to none in our area – because of their commitment to continuous improvement and innovation."

Parmigian is a graduate of Miami University and is returning to become a professor in its Department of Educational Leadership and coordinate the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program.

He said it has been his dream to return to Miami as a professor.

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It Happened on Woodville Road (First in a series)

The greatness of the Great Eastern Shopping Center

By Lou Hebert

Driving past the Great Eastern Shopping Center in recent years, it's become apparent that this once "Great" shopping hub for Toledo's Eastern suburbia is a ghost of its former self. The once bustling and robust collection of stores and retail commerce on Woodville Road appears to be just a breath away from turning out the lights.

Even the City of Northwood tried to get it condemned recently as a nuisance; a far cry from the big hearty welcome it got when the lights were first turned on for its spectacular grand opening in November of 1956. Nov 7th at noon, the Olney High School band sounded a trumpet fanfare and a giant padlock was opened on a giant wooden lock to officially open the celebration. That night, the crowd was thrilled with fireworks and a high wire act by the Great Gretna Family as they cavorted on the floodlit cable work above the crowded parking lot.

This event marked a new era in shopping for those of us who lived east of the Maumee River. Consumer convenience was the new seduction. No more having to go downtown or find a place to park, or walk from street to street to locate a store. This "cash and carry" Mecca boasted more than 60 stores, all on an 87-acre site that also held a parking lot that could accommodate 5,000 cars. And parking was free with overhead lighting at night. At the front of the center, a cruising lane allowed shoppers to carry their bags and packages out to a waiting car. The shiny future had arrived and it was right there on Woodville Road.

The Great Eastern, like its newly opened twin in West Toledo, the Miracle Mile, would have plenty of shopping options. The Great Eastern was anchored by J.C. Penny, W.T. Grant, a Sears and Roebuck, and Joseph's and Kroger supermarkets. There were also scores of smaller shops including banks, baked goods, a can-



dy store, barber and beauty shops, a hardware, a burger joint, and even a laundry.

Many of the stores were locally owned at the time, such as B.R. Baker Clothing, Grinnell's Music, Balin Shoe Store, Kirby's Shoes, Crosby Shoes, Kennedy Shoe Repair, Wamer's Paints, Keidan Jewelers, and Shinner's Meat Market which offered free orchids to the first 2,000 ladies who came to the store. Not to be outdone, Kroger's, offered free pony rides for kids that first week of the opening. There was also a Hobby Center Toy Store, which, as an eight-year-old boy had my attention.

The center also offered a new modern retail look as the design of most store fronts incorporated porcelain tile, bricks and enamel, coupled with glass. Lots of

glass. There were more than 100,000 square feet of glass used for the large windows and store fronts, and in the center was the mall or plaza area where smaller shops could display their wares in the big glass windows. At the Sears and Roebuck store, you could even get your car fixed as it had an auto service department.

The Great Eastern also spawned other retail stores along that stretch of roadway in Northwood. A Putt-Putt golf course, a few new restaurants, a "Bargain Barn", a shoe store, gas stations and of course, the golden arches of McDonalds. One of the first in the Toledo area. One of my favorite haunts was the Big Boy on Woodville Road, where teens gathered like seagulls on Friday nights. It was the place to be.

Woodville Road was no stranger to retail and commerce over the years. From Toledo to Genoa, this stretch of roadway was dotted with a variety of businesses and enterprises. But this endeavor was something new. Until the Great Eastern was placed on the plat of Wood County real estate, it had been mostly farmland.

Its transformation into a retail center, however, also transformed not just the rural acres but changed the retail futures of many nearby communities. Why go to the mom and pop stores in your hometown, when so many more retail choices loomed just a few miles away?

And little doubt that these big changes in shopping habits led to the downfall of downtown Toledo's popular shopping corridor by the mid 1970's. Especially the "malls". And Woodville Road had the first one in the area, with the opening of Woodville Mall in 1970. Others soon followed, and shopping habits changed again. But retail fortunes shift quickly. Here we are in 2023, and most of the malls are history.

Knocked down and plowed under, they exist today in memory only. But strangely, the old sprawling shopping centers of the 1950's, like the Great Eastern, still stubbornly stand, and hang on as echoes of another time and place.

Next in the series...The Forest Park Amusement Center



Lake Twp. —A resident of the 5600 block of Bluegrass Drive reported April 8 that two tires of his vehicle parked in front of the residence were punctured. Police are asking neighbors with security cameras to check footage from 5 a.m. to noon to see if the cameras caught any suspicious activity.

Obituaries

Obituary

David Hokanson

Northwood, Ohio resident 1981-1984 David Hokanson passed February 23, 2023. David was in Sears management in Northwood, Des Moines and Dubuque IA, Detroit MI, and Sears Headquarters in Chicago. He was disabled in 1993, and became a full time volunteer. He was an active member of Calvary Lutheran, Northwood, where he participated in the adult Sunday School Bible studies and various social activities, including family camp outs at Pleasant Hill Lutheran Camp, Gowen MI.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughter Kyrsta and husband Ross and grand dog Ozzie of Petaluma CA, stepfather John Huddleston, sister Lenora Wold and husband Craig, nephew Gabriel Wold and wife Heidi, niece Katrina Martini and husband Nick and their families, and various cousins, all of Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents Vaughn Hokanson and Grace Hokanson Huddleston, infant brother Paul, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services will be held in Petaluma, CA and several Midwest locations, with inurnment at Prairie Ridge Cemetery, Polo, MO. Please make donations directly to your church's men's ministry or the family and/or youth summer camp of your choice.

Obituary

Lesa Marie (Kamelesky) Reynolds

April 13, 1960 - April 8, 2023

Lesa Marie (Kamelesky) Reynolds age 62 of Toledo passed away on April 8, 2023, at Ayden of Oregon. Lesa was born to Bill and Beverly (Spetz) Kamelesky on April 13, 1960, in Toledo, Ohio. A lifelong Holy Rosary Catholic Church member, she was a 1979 Cardinal Stritch High School graduate. Lesa loved babies and animals. She was very artistic and crafty and especially enjoyed crocheting and puzzles. Above all, family meant the most to Lesa; she had a place in her heart for each of them.

Lesa is survived by her husband Darrel; brothers Pat (Judy) Kamelesky, Terry (Kris) Kamelesky, and Tim (Tammy) Kamelesky; sisters-in-law Sharon Kamelesky and Lori Kamelesky; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter Leanna Pollick; her parents; and brothers Bill and Mike Kamelesky.

Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155 S. Wynn Rd in Oregon assisted the family with the arrangements. Burial will take place at North Oregon Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the family.

Whether flowers, a momento, a card, your presence or a prayer, Lesa's family appreciate and cherish your kindness and thoughtfulness, God bless.



Obituary

Donald G. Claus

December 22, 1939 - March 30, 2023



Donald G. Claus, 83, passed away March 30, 2023 in the loving care of Southern Care Hospice. He was born December 22, 1939 to Gordon and Marian Claus. He graduated from Genoa High School in 1957 and Tri State College (Trine) in 1959.

On October 7, 1962 he married Joy Ohm. Don and Joy raised three children; Barb (Tim), Steve (Kami) and Deborah. He had five grandchildren; Nicole, Jon, Mitchell, Connor and Carlie, also three great-grandchildren.

Don loved hunting, fishing and most of all, traveling with his 5th wheel RV. He visited every state except Hawaii and drove to Alaska three times. Don was employed by Sun Refinery for 33 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother; Dwight.
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Obituary

Rusty Risner-Leck

February 14, 1957 - April 5, 2023

Rusty Risner-Leck, 66, of Walbridge, Ohio died April 5, 2023, at her home. She was born in Hazard, KY on February 14, 1957, to Edwin "Ray" and Jackie (Tackett) Risner. Rusty married her sweetheart, Steven Leck on June 13, 1999, and they spent 24 years together.

Rusty was a staple of Walbridge, and everyone knew her. She greeted everyone with a huge smile. Rusty was known for her cooking. Whether at home or at the Susie's Skillet, people would line up to eat. She loved animals, gardening, playing pool, and being the life of the party. Living life halfway was not an option for Rusty. She lived every single day to the fullest.

Rusty is survived by her husband, Steven Leck; children, Jason Risner, Angela Benson, Steve Leck, Ryan Leck, and Shane (Erica) Leck; grandchildren, Cameron O'Riley, Caleb Finley, Collin Dederich, Shiloh Rhoades, Jaxon Leck, Bentley Leck and Winter Rose Leck; and dear cousin, Carla. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Donna; and best friend, Tammy Morrison.

Witzler-Shank-Walker Funeral Home, 701 N. Main St, Walbridge, Ohio assisted the family with arrangements. Memorial donations in Rusty's name may be made to Ohio SPCA or to an animal charity of your choice. Online condolences may be left at



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Jerusalem Twp. gets grant to assess levee system

By Kelly J. Kaczala

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Jerusalem Township, in partnership with the Reno Beach Howard Farms Conservancy District, received a Ohio Lake Erie Commission grant for \$83,200 to establish a framework for risk assessment of the comprehensive water control system along Lake Erie.

The goal of the project is to develop a strategic implementation plan for shoreline protection through infrastructure reinforcement and improvements. Ultimately, this project will help build resiliency in the face of potential large-scale flooding and intense storm events related to climate change and rising lake levels in Lake Erie.

"We are grateful for this award so that we can better serve our community," said Township Trustee Mark Sattler. "This grant affords us the opportunity to assess our levee system and plan for the future with absolutely no cost to township residents."

The project will include engineering inspections of the entire levee system to document and catalog levee conditions. Once the inspections are complete, a risk assessment will be conducted to identify and prioritize segments in need of maintenance or improvement activities. The risk assessment will lead to a strategic plan for the township to pursue additional infrastructure funding for levee improvements. The project kicked off in late March, with inspections slated to occur late April through mid-June. The risk assessment and strategic plan will be finished by the end of 2023.

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structed a dike system facing Lake Erie and going a little ways up the Wards Canal and Cooley Canal," said Sattler. "Mostly, it was to protect against the waves and weather coming off Lake Erie. It's a wonderful protective dike. But there's a legacy dike system that proceeds up the Wards and Cooley canals and it turns and runs along the north side of St. Rt. 2. It protects the low lying areas in that portion."

The dike was constructed by farmers years ago to drain farmland. The farmers worked together to build that dike system. Since then, some of that farmland has become residential. People living in the area no longer have the equipment to protect the low lying areas. We've had the Army Corps look it over. We have erosion and some deterioration. It needs to be addressed, according to Sattler.

"We worked with the metroparks system to help address portions. But this grant helps us get an engineering survey of the entire dike system. It will be very precise, and give us all kinds of excellent data of

where our risk areas are and we can design and remediate this. Once we have the engineering info in hand, we will have a professional survey with data, and we can go after specific improvements and get more funding. Without any improvements - following strong winds and a rise in water levels in the lake for days - we could eventually have a failure in the dike system."

Corps projects

Last month, Rep. Marcy Kaptur, ranking member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, announced an additional \$64,714,800 in federal funding secured for projects as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' annual work plan.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released its fiscal year 2023 work plan outlining projects the Corps will soon undertake. Kaptur secured the additional funds above appropriated amounts to further support projects critical to the economic development and environmental health of Ohio's 9th Congressional District, Lake Erie shoreline communities, and the Great Lakes region as a whole. The amount supplements over \$89,000 in federal funding specifically appropriated by congress for projects in the district and region, for a total of over \$153,714,800 in Corps funding going to projects overall.

The project includes \$5,000 for maintenance of the Cooley Canal Harbor, \$6,588 for maintenance of the Toledo Harbor, and \$2,000 for maintenance of the Port Clinton Harbor,

Cooperative ag opportunity at wildlife refuge

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge has a cooperative agriculture opportunity for farming on 85.39 acres. Farming will be authorized for one year (2023).

The acreage is located on the Two Rivers West Unit located in Salem Township off Portage River South Road,

Cooperative agriculture is used at the refuge as a management tool to prepare the site for wildlife habitat restoration. Habitat restoration on the property will be implemented in 2024.

Applications must be received by 3 p.m. April 28. Any applications not physically received by 3 p.m. will not be considered. Applications may be submitted by email to Jason_Lewis@fws.gov, or by mail or in person to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, 14000 West State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449. To be considered, applicants must complete and submit the appropriate forms; forms are available on the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Website. Printed copies of the application packages can be picked up at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center.

Call or email to schedule a packet pickup.

Applications will be scored and ranked using objective criteria described in the application form. The successful applicant will be notified May 1. All unsuccessful applicants will be notified by May 2 by phone or email.

For more information, please contact Refuge Manager, Jason Lewis, 419-898-0014 ext. 30, Jason_Lewis@fws.gov.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

April 16

1900 - Rev. H.F. MacClane of a Norwood Avenue church warns his congregants that Toledo is an immoral city and is known everywhere in America as a city that is "wide open" to every kind of vice.

1908 - Toledo Police crackdown on robberies in the so-called "tenderloin" district, which is notorious for houses of ill-repute and gambling parlors.

1928 - An ambush by a band of robbers kills Toledo police officer George Zientara and wounds his partner. Among the suspected gunmen are Fred "The Killer" Burke and Raymond "Craneneck" Nugent.

1931 - A deadly day in Bowling Green. "Billy the Killer" Miller, and his partner "two gun" Frank Mitchell, aka "Pretty Boy Floyd", get into a gun battle with Patrolman Ralph "Zeke" Castner who is shot dead, while Billy the Killer also dies in the hail of bullets. "Pretty Boy Floyd" manages to escape.

April 17

1848 - The first issue of the Toledo Blade is published.

1900 - The famous Perry Willow Tree at Put-in-Bay collapses. The tree is where six American and British officers were buried together after the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

1916 - Ground is broken for the new six-story Mercy Hospital at Madison and 23rd Streets. It was opened in 1918 just as the Spanish Influenza pandemic was starting to spread through the Toledo area.

1965 - Baseball returns to Toledo as the Mud Hens restart their legacy in Toledo as a farm club for the New York Yankees. The new home park will be the Lucas County Stadium at the fairgrounds in Maumee.

April 18

1901 - The very first Toledo "Museum of Art" opens in an empty storeroom in downtown Toledo.

1912 - Toledo and the nation are stunned by mounting death toll of the Titanic disaster



at sea. The News Bee runs a photo of 1,500 people at Swayne Field in Toledo to visually show how many people died on the giant ocean liner.

1932 - Married teachers in Toledo launch a battle with TPS over plan to fire the married women in favor of single female teachers who can be paid less.

1941 - The U.S. Navy says the Bay View Park Armory in Toledo will start a school for 2,400 sailors to train on non-combat duties.

1943 - A divorce to a couple in Toledo who didn't make it through their honeymoon. Dean and Mary Purcell of Toledo said they wanted a divorce because Mary was asthmatic and Dean couldn't stand her sneezing during their honeymoon.

1949 - The Ottawa County Co-op Elevator is destroyed by flames at Oak Harbor.

April 19

1909 - Wood County officials decry public drunkenness on electric railcars passing through their county. No more "passing of the bottle" to be allowed by passengers.

1915 - Toledo mothers protest to City Hall that vacant lots are becoming dangerous public dumps after two children die from eating spoiled foods that had been thrown into those lots.

1933 - Toledo mother and daughter Julia Fields and Evelyn Long make national news in "Ripley's Believe it or Not" as they both observed 50th wedding anniversaries on the same day.

1971 - Toledoans begin the new policy of having to carry their own garbage cans out to the street for pick up. The refuse men will no longer retrieve them for homeowners.

April 20

1864 - Toledo City Council approves budget for building of the Cherry Street Bridge.

1881 - The magnificent five masted schooner, the "David Dows" is launched from Toledo. The launch drew massive crowds to the riverfront as the Dows was considered the largest sailing vessel ever to ply the waters of the Great Lakes. The Dows would be lost in a shipwreck in Lake Michigan in 1889.

1920 - Blade publisher Robinson Locke, son of publisher David Robinson Locke, dies of heart attack at the age of 66. He was one of the early benefactors of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

1922 - "Tony the Ape", the largest ape at the Toledo Zoo, goes on a wild attack against popular animal keeper, Louis Scherer. To stop the attack, Tony was shot to death by Toledo policeman. Zookeeper Scherer, bitten numerous times, was seriously injured and took weeks to recover.

1949 - Eight-hundred commercial fishermen from Northwest Ohio converge on the State House in Columbus to protest a bill that would ban commercial fishing in Sandusky Bay.

1979 - Two explosions and huge fire at Sun Oil refinery rock neighborhoods around the facility in Oregon. No one is injured.

April 21

1906 - News of the great San Francisco earthquake shocks the nation, News Bee reports they have located six people from Toledo among the survivors.

1910 - One of the last wooden grain elevators in Toledo burns to the ground along Miami Street and waterfront.

1930 - A deadly fire erupts at the Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus. Inmates are trapped in their cells and 322 perish. Twenty-four of the victims were inmates from Lucas County.

1937 - Campaign gets underway by some disgruntled East Toledo residents to secede from the city. Many Eastside residents complain they are not being treated fairly by the

city.

April 22

1908 Eleven people in Maumee begin series of painful shots at base of the spine for "hydrophobia" after being bitten by a rabid dog.

1926 - CLA-ZEL Theater opens in Bowling Green using mash-up of the names of owners Clark and Hazel Young.

1936 - The grand gala opening of the newly renovated Mayfair nightclub at Adams and Franklin is held with seven new floor acts, nightly dancing with Mat Reams and The Melody Boys, a new menu and a full bar, plus souvenir roses for the ladies.

1947 - Toledo health authorities say there is no evidence of a rabies epidemic, although 14 rabid dogs were found in the past week.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of April 17-21. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 17: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 18: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Put-in-Bay, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Genoa Immunizations at Allen Clay-Fire Station, 8 a.m.-noon; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

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

April 20: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 8-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

April 21: Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; 60+ Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; 60+ Clinic (Genoa), 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Real Estate Transfers



Week ending April 7

Allen Township

04/05/2023 Steven D Claus and Kami L Claus to Thomas D Dillon Jr. and Joann R Dillon, 22391 West Red Clover Lane, \$410,000.

Benton Township

04/06/2023 Kayla D Diefenthaler to Nicholas R Easterwood, 7177 North Elliston Trowbridge Road, \$150,000.

Carroll Township

04/06/2023 Herschel K Haines to Franks F Aglioti – Trustee of the Frank F Aglioti Living Trust dated April 20, 2011 and Lisa A Aglioti- Trustee of the Lisa A Aglioti Living Trust dated April 20, 2011, 6416 North Harris Harbor, \$85,000.

Genoa Corp

04/06/2023 Daniel Mausser and Maggie Mausser to Kasandra Lee Lewis, 507 Cherry Street, \$180,000.

Elmore Corporation

04/06/2023 Humbe9959 LLC to Carter Homan, 526 Rice Street, \$155,000.

Danbury Township

04/03/2023 Albert Ramicone and Sandra K Ramicone to Sally M Bubb –Trustee of the Sally

M Bubb Third Restatement of Declaration of Trust Dated May 11, 2016, 706 East 3rd Avenue, \$745,000.

04/05/2023 Rollin J Grosjean to Sherrie R Patten, 7185 East Harbor Road, \$260,000.

04/07/2023 David W Park to Stephen W Hilbert and Nicole T Hilbert, 2055 South Bristol Drive, \$688,000.

Portage Township

04/07/2023 Sim Fund I Reo LLC to Flohstx, 1009 Eats Third Street, \$61,000.

Middle Bass

04/05/2023 Jack Meck and Alicia Meck to Joshua A Hupp and Jennifer L Hupp, 0 Burgundy Cove, \$21,000.

Put In Bay Township

04/07/2023 Equity Trust Company fbo Paul Jeris to Equity Trust Company fbo Yana Bundrant, 1230 Tri Motor Drive Unit#2, \$20,000.

Oak Harbor Corp

04/04/2023 Gregory B Hathaway to Dakota Lawrence, 365 East Water Street, \$42,000.

04/05/2023 Jeffrey K Behm –Trustee of The Geraldine A Behm Trust to Donald R Meek and Kathie Meek, 121 East Ottawa Street, \$180,000.



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What you say to your children has lasting impact

By Bryan Golden

Children are sponges for knowledge and information. They are born a virtual blank slate. They pay attention to everything you say to them. You are the purveyor of all knowledge. Children can't distinguish between when you are serious and when you say something impulsively, without thinking. A single comment can stay with a child for the rest of his or her life. If you doubt this, I'm sure you can remember a number of statements made to you when you were younger.

Children believe what you tell them, especially with regard to their self-image. They consider you all knowing. How a child feels about himself will influence him for his entire life. Furthermore, it can affect his relationships with others as well as determining how he treats his own children.

You have a significant responsibility to your children. Your objective is to encourage and make them believe in themselves. Avoid belittling comments which will cause feelings of deficiency.

Unfortunately, many parents are not fully aware of the permanent impact they have on their children. Parents will impulsively say things out of anger or frustration they really don't mean. But a damaging statement, once uttered, can be burned into a child's mind forever. Your child can't discern the motives behind your comments. Even if you apologize, your child still remembers what was said.

Perhaps you are carrying emotional baggage from your childhood. Your parents may have said things to you that had a big negative impact. If this is the case, you need to be all the more careful not to treat your children the same way. Something that had a deleterious impact on you will have the same effect on your children.

Until the cycle is broken, negative behavior will be passed on for generations. Raising a child is an immense responsibility; you influence the type of person they become. It's imperative to tell your children things to build their self-esteem, enhance their self-image, and enable them to recognize their unlimited potential.

I cringe when I hear an angry parent telling a child they are no good or will never amount to anything. Children will find a way to live up to your expectations. A child who is repeatedly told that she is stupid will rarely do well in school. A child who is told he is inferior to his siblings or other children will be an underachiever.

Children want your attention. A child who is ignored will do anything to be noticed. If being good doesn't get them the attention they crave, they will resort to more aberrant behavior until they are noticed.

Children don't understand or comprehend adult world stresses. The concept of money, income, expenses, jobs, and responsibilities are learned only as children get older. Children are very perceptive. They know when you are angry or frustrated. Children will automatically assume that they must have done something wrong to cause your distress.

For this reason, you must never take out your frustrations on your children. Don't snap at them or put them down. Don't tell them they don't understand what you are going through. They will feel there is something wrong with them.

Tell your children you love them. Praise them often. When they do something wrong, explain what they should have done and why. Make your children feel important and part of the family. Teach by example. Think before you speak. Never act out of anger. Insulate your children from the realities of the adult world. They will be dealing with them soon enough.

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When the feds want to know all your business

By John and Nisha Whitehead

There was a time when the census was just a head count. That is no longer the case.

The American Community Survey (ACS), sent to about 3.5 million homes every year, is the byproduct of a government that believes it has the right to know all of your personal business.

If you haven't already received an ACS, it's just a matter of time.

A far cry from the traditional census, which is limited to ascertaining the number of persons living in each dwelling, their ages and ethnicities, the ownership of the dwelling and telephone numbers, the ACS contains some of the most detailed and intrusive questions ever put forth in a census questionnaire.

At 28 pages (with an additional 16-page instruction packet), these questions concern matters that the government simply has no business knowing, including questions relating to respondents' bathing habits, home utility costs, fertility, marital history, work commute, mortgage, and health insurance, among other highly personal and private matters.

For instance, the ACS asks how many persons live in your home, along with their names and detailed information about them such as their relationship to you, marital status, race and their physical, mental and emotional problems, etc. The survey also asks how many bedrooms and bathrooms you have in your house, along with the fuel used to heat your home, the cost of electricity, what type of mortgage you have and monthly mortgage payments, property taxes and so on.

And then the survey drills down even deeper and demands to know how many days you were sick last year, how many automobiles you own and the number of miles driven, whether you have trouble getting up the stairs, and what time you leave for work every morning, along with highly

detailed inquiries about your financial affairs. And the survey demands that you violate the privacy of others by supplying the names and addresses of your friends, relatives and employer.

The questionnaire also demands that you give other information on the people in your home, such as their educational levels, how many years of school were completed, what languages they speak and when they last worked at a job, among other things.

Individuals who receive the ACS must complete it or be subject to monetary penalties.

Although no reports have surfaced of individuals actually being penalized for refusing to answer the survey, the potential fines that can be levied for refusing to participate in the ACS are staggering. For every question not answered, there is a \$100 fine. And for every intentionally false response to a question, the fine is \$500. Therefore, if a person representing a two-person household refused to fill out any questions or simply answered nonsensically, the total fines could range from upwards of \$10,000 and \$50,000 for noncompliance.

While some of the ACS' questions may seem fairly routine, the real danger is in not knowing why the information is needed, how it will be used by the government or with whom it will be shared.

In an age when the government has significant technological resources at its disposal, the potential for abuse is grave.

The Rutherford Institute has received hundreds of inquiries from individuals who have received the ACS and are not comfortable sharing such private, intimate details with the government or are unsettled by the aggressive tactics utilized by Census Bureau agents seeking to compel responses to ACS questions.

Those who want to better understand their rights in respect to the ACS may want to take a look at Rutherford's Q&A resource on the topic.

Bottom line: there are significant and

legitimate questions concerning the authority of the government to require, under threat of prosecution and penalty, that persons answer questions posed by the ACS.

While the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that citizens have no obligation to answer questions posed by the government and are free to refuse to do so—a principle that could be applied to questions posed by ACS agents—the question of a person's right to refuse has not yet been decided by a court.

Until the courts take up the challenge, if you receive notice that you have been targeted to respond to the ACS and you desire to assert your right of privacy, you can voice those objections and your intent not to respond to the ACS by writing a letter to the Census Bureau. The Rutherford Institute has developed a form letter that you may use in standing up against the government's attempt to force you to disclose personal information.

If you are contacted by Census Bureau employees, either by telephone or in person, demanding your response, you can assert your rights by politely, but firmly, informing the employee that you believe the ACS is an improper invasion of your privacy, that you do not intend to respond and that they should not attempt to contact you again.

If you believe you are being unduly harassed by a Census Bureau employee, either by telephone or in person, it is in your best interest to carefully document the time, place and manner of the incidents and file a complaint with the U.S. Census Bureau.

While government agents can approach, speak to and even question citizens without violating the Fourth Amendment, Americans should jealously guard what Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis referred to as the constitutional "right to be let alone."

Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute.

It's past time to 'free the weed'

By Thomas Knapp

"Now That Weed is Mostly Legal," reads the headline to a piece by Aryn Baker at Time, "Hemp Should Be Booming. But It's Not."

Why?

Contra Baker's claim that hemp is "a close cousin of marijuana," and not as useful as advertised, it is marijuana — the same plant — and it's incredibly useful for making everything from paper to rope to diesel fuel to beauty and nutrition products.

In point of fact, major reasons for making it illegal as a "drug" included lobbying by Big Oil (Henry Ford designed an engine that ran on hemp-based fuel rather than gasoline) and newspaperman William Randolph Hearst, who just happened to own multiple wood-pulp paper mills (and who used his papers to inveigh in racially charged terms against "devil weed").

Now that both "marijuana" and "industrial hemp" are legal in many places, why isn't the latter taking off?

If you have to ask why, the answer is usually "money."

According to Leaf Nation, hemp fiber sells for \$250-300 per ton, while the seeds sell for 60 to 65 cents per pound.

According to Green Growth, the wholesale price of "cannabis flower", aka "marijuana", runs in the range of \$1,200 per pound.

Both plants are heavily regulated/licensed.

If you're growing "hemp," its level of THC (the main "getting high" cannabinoid) content can't exceed 0.3 percent.

If you're growing "marijuana," you're probably optimizing for higher levels of THC, as much as 25 percent or more.

Since they're the same plant, growing the two within cross-pollination proximity will bring your hemp THC levels up, your "marijuana" THC levels down, and expose you to double the level of intrusive government permitting and inspection inconvenience.

Would you rather knock down \$250-\$300 per ton, or \$1,200 per pound, for the

same product?

Pick one.

The only way to unlock the commercial potential of "industrial hemp" is to completely "free the weed." Government needs to stop regulating the THC content of, and do away with licensing requirements for the sale of, cannabis.

Does that mean some people will use plain old Mary Jane, instead of expensive boutique strains, as medicine or to get high?

Yes.

Just like they already are, only at somewhat higher cost/risk.

The war on "marijuana" was always dumb and evil, and it's still picking your pocket in the form of higher prices for lower-quality products of all kinds.

Thomas L. Knapp (Twitter: @thomaslknapp) is director and senior news analyst at the William Lloyd Garrison Center for Libertarian Advocacy Journalism (thegarrisoncenter.org).

Child labor still remains a big problem

By Jim Hightower

With new outrages erupting every day, I find some comfort in knowing that we the people have at least eliminated certain particularly ugly plutocratic abuses. Child labor, for example — outlawed in 1938, right?

Well, outlawed, yes; stopped, no. Recent reports reveal that thousands of children, ages 12 to 17, are toiling illegally at dangerous jobs, in manufacturing, construction, food processing, etc.

To be clear, there's nothing wrong with teenagers working to help their families, gain experience, or just earn a few bucks. Indeed, I worked part-time throughout my high school and college years, and while I did gripe some, overall it was positive.

So, the problem isn't about children working — it's about corporate child abuse, plain and simple.

For example, last year Packers Sanitation Services was caught "employing oppressive child labor" in meatpacking plants to clean saws, head splitters, and other butchering machines. In a typical incident, one 13-year-old was badly burned

by the caustic cleaning chemicals they used during long night shifts — which ran from 11 p.m. to at least 5 a.m.!

Once caught, top executives of Packers Sanitation tried to sanitize their reputation by proclaiming they have "zero tolerance for any violation" of child labor laws. Oh? Ask that 13-year-old.

These executives would be comical, except they're completely disgusting and morally repugnant. Yet our worker protection laws are so weak that Packers' multiple violations, involving 102 children in this one case, resulted in a fine of just \$1.5 million.

That's not even peanuts for this nationwide giant owned by Blackstone, a trillion-dollar Wall Street huckster run by well-manicured executives who pretend they know nothing about the children they endanger for profit.

How about we make a few of the teenage children and grandchildren of Blackstone profiteers work some midnight shifts cleaning meat cutting machinery? I'm guessing they would stop the abuse overnight.

OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower

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ProMedica announces summer concerts, family movie nights

The ProMedica Live Summer Concert Series presented by Cutwater Spirits will kick off on Friday, July 7 at Promenade Park with the return of Queen tribute band, Killer Queen featuring Patrick Myers.

The concerts will feature a variety of musicians, local and national, and musical genres, including country, pop, rock, R&B, soul and hip hop.

Tickets go on sale Monday, April 17 at 10 a.m. at ProMedicaLive.com.

The concert series schedule also includes:

- Friday, July 14 – Back to the 90's Show featuring Treach of Naughty by Nature, DJ Kool, Young MC and C & C Music Factory.

- Friday, July 21 – Chris Janson.

- Friday, Aug. 4 – Scotty McCreery (Jeep Fest).

This year's major sponsors include Lucas County, City of Toledo, Cutwater Spirits, Great Lakes Sound, Hylant, Laibe Electric/Technology, Owens Corning, Greater Toledo Community Foundation, Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Paramount, Stevens Disposal and more.

In 2022, ProMedica hosted nine concerts representing eight music genres. Over 60,000 guests attended from 45 different states. Eight hundred community members volunteered, and 25 companies sponsored the series.

Like last year, the events will be entirely cashless. The tickets will be digital and only credit/debit cards will be accepted at the food trucks and retail locations. A "cash-to-card kiosk" will be available for attendees to exchange cash for physical cards.

New this year, a clear bag policy will be implemented for all concerts to expedite entry times into the park. As part of the clear bag policy, folding chairs inside of carry bags will no longer be permitted in the park, though folding chairs without a bag will be allowed.

Family Movie Nights

In addition to the concert series, ProMedica Live Family Movie Nights presented by ProMedica Federal Credit Union will kick off on Saturday, June 24 at Promenade Park with "Raya and the Last Dragon" Pre-event features will include movie concessions, activities from Imagination Station, music in the park and special attractions.

The schedule also includes:



Family Briefs

Saturday, July 22 – "DC League of Super-Pets."

- Aug. 12 – "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish."

Concessions will be available for purchase. Activities and movies are free of charge. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. The new clear bag policy does not apply to movie nights.

For more information, visit ProMedicaLive.com.

Book Birthday: Junie B. Jones

The Wood County District Public Library will celebrate a book birthday for Barbara Park, author of the beloved Junie B. Jones books and characters.

The celebration will be held Friday, April 21 from 4-5 p.m. at the Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., and will include books, games, crafts and a special treat.

No registration required. For more information, call 419-352-8253 or visit wcdl.org/events.

Plant sale

Ottawa and Sandusky County Master Gardeners will present their 18th Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont.

The sale will feature annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets and garden treasures. The master gardeners will also be offering free gardening advice.

No early sales or pets in the building.

Skin cancer screening

American Academy of Dermatology SPOT Skin Cancer and Mercy Health Dermatology and Oncology have partnered to host a skin cancer screening event on Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mercy Health – St Anne Hospital in Toledo.

Appointments are required, and spaces are limited for this free event.

According to the American Cancer Society, about 97,610 new cases of melanoma will be diagnosed this year. Additionally,

about 7,990 people are expected to die of the disease in 2023. Prompt treatment is essential and regular skin exams can help lead to early detection.

Participants can ask about a specific spot that is causing them concern or they can choose to undergo a full skin exam. Because of the time necessary for the physicians to complete a full skin exam, appointments are mandatory. Registration closes on May 1.

Schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling Mercy HealthLink at 419-251-6372 or emailing mercy_healthlink@mercy.com.

Free plant exchanges

Two free plant exchanges, both rain or shine, will be held Saturday, April 29 at the Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Rd., Bowling Green, and Saturday, May 6 at the Lucas County Fairgrounds, 2901 Key St., Maumee.

Gardeners are encouraged to drop off weed-free and labeled plants, as well as gently used gardening paraphernalia after 8:30 a.m. Master gardener volunteers will organize items into groups before swaps open at 10 a.m.

Each adult may select a few plants simply for coming; those who bring items may take more.

Master gardeners will be available to help select plants, and to answer other gardening questions.

For more information on the Wood County event, check Facebook or call 419-354-9050. Information about the Toledo exchange is also on Facebook or call 419-578-6783.

'Alice Looking for Wonderland'

Class A Performing Arts (CAPA) – a locally owned and operated dance studio in Oak Harbor, – will present a theatrical dance performance of "Alice Looking for Wonderland" Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m. in the Oak Harbor High School Performing Arts Center.

Influenced by the Royal Canadian Ballet's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," the production is a 20-year dream/vision come true for CAPA director Paula Fox-Ferguson. Co-director is Ferguson's daughter, Sylvia.

The cast and crew are comprised of youths and adults from Oak Harbor, Port Clinton, Genoa, Woodville and Elmore.

Reserved-seating tickets are available by calling Don Bolyard at 419-341-9007.

Tickets are also available at select times at the CAPA dance/tumble studios – follow the "Class A Dance Performing Arts" Facebook Page for times and dates. The cost for tickets ranges from \$18-24, depending on seating location.

Petunia sale

The Genoa Garden Club will present its 2023 Mexican Petunia Sale Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with pickup at The Flourish Flat, 1519 Main St.

Plants in 6-inch pots are \$6.50 each. Orders are due by Wednesday, May 3. Place and pay for orders at The Flourish Flat or send order and check payable to Genoa Garden Club to Kim Harsanje, 602 Cherry St., Genoa 43430.

Nominations sought for Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is seeking nominations of outstanding older adults to induct into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for the Class of 2023.

The Hall of Fame honors current or long-time Ohio residents age 60 and older who have made and continue to make a lasting impact on their communities, their professions, or their vocations.

Nominations must be received by Sunday, April 30, to be considered for induction during a ceremony to be held in September.

"Our state is fortunate to have many older Ohioans who have made tremendous contributions to their communities, their region, and the state throughout their lives and careers," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "If you know of an outstanding older Ohioan in your family, your community, or your field of work, I encourage you to nominate them for this prestigious honor."

Inductees are selected from public nominations. Nominees are evaluated on the scope and impact of their contributions begun or continued after age 60. Nominees must be native-born Ohioans or have been residents of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations are accepted, provided the date of death is within the last five years and the nominee was age 60 or older at the time of death.

Learn more, access the nomination form, and view past inductees at www.ag-ing.ohio.gov/halloffame.

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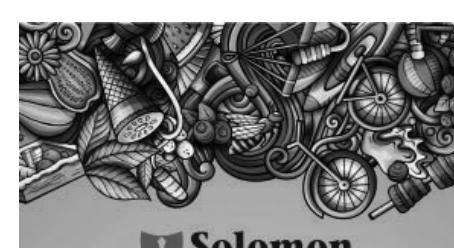


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Child Abuse Prevention Month – what constitutes abuse?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, child abuse affects millions of children under 18 and costs Americans \$592 billion each year.

There are several types of child abuse; most people think immediately of physical abuse. Physical abuse in children is the intentional inflicting of physical force that can result in physical harm to the child. Examples of physical abuse include hitting, kicking, burning and shaking a child.

Sexual abuse involves pressuring or forcing a child to engage in sexual acts. It includes fondling, and exposing a child to sexual behavior and activities.

There is also emotional abuse, which harms a child's self-worth or emotional wellbeing. Examples of this abuse can be



Crime Prevention Corner by Ron Craig

name calling and belittling, among other things.

Neglect is also a form of child abuse. Examples of neglect are withholding of material needs such as food, clothing, education, and access to medical care.

These are just some of the examples of child abuse and many times the lines between the various types of abuse are blurred as some cases involve more than

one type of abuse.

The CDC estimates that one in seven children face abuse.

Child abuse may not be easy to spot. Unexplained injuries such as bruising may or may not be a sign of abuse. If abuse is suspected, an investigation by law enforcement or another professional is necessary.

School officials, including teachers, are in a good position to spot abuse. Others who may be able to observe the signs of child abuse include family members, including grandparents, and caregivers.

Many times, a change in the child's behavior may be a sign of abuse. Sudden withdrawal from friends and usual activities can be a sign. Not wanting to attend school is often a sign of abuse, especially among kids who used to like school.

Some people are bound by law to report possible child abuse, such as medical personnel, law enforcement personnel, and school officials.

If you suspect a child is a victim of abuse, you should report it to school, law enforcement or an agency such as Children's Services. Keeping silent about a possible case of abuse could result in more harm to the child.

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.

Christy's Corner seeking 'special person' to manage café

Since opening in 2019, Christy's Corner Café – located at 368 Rice St. in Elmore – has been offering coffee and beverages, pastries, breakfast items, salads, sandwiches, soups and other menu items to the community.

The café, named after owner Kathy Barbee's sister, Christy Bosch, who was born with Down syndrome, also works to provide opportunities for teens and adults with special needs – just like others provided for Christy.

Despite her disability, Christy was able to live life to the fullest thanks to the support and encouragement of others.

While Christy passed away in 2011, the café and its non-profit arm – Engaging Opportunities Foundation – works to carry out the legacy she left.

"Christy was full of life and never let any obstacle keep her from doing what she loved, and that's what the café aims to do each and every day," Barbee said. "All of our employees are family. We celebrate our differences because that's what makes each of us uniquely us."

Individuals with special needs who are employed by Christy's are referred to as "clients." And it takes a special person to serve as the café manager – which Barbee has been struggling to find since the pandemic.

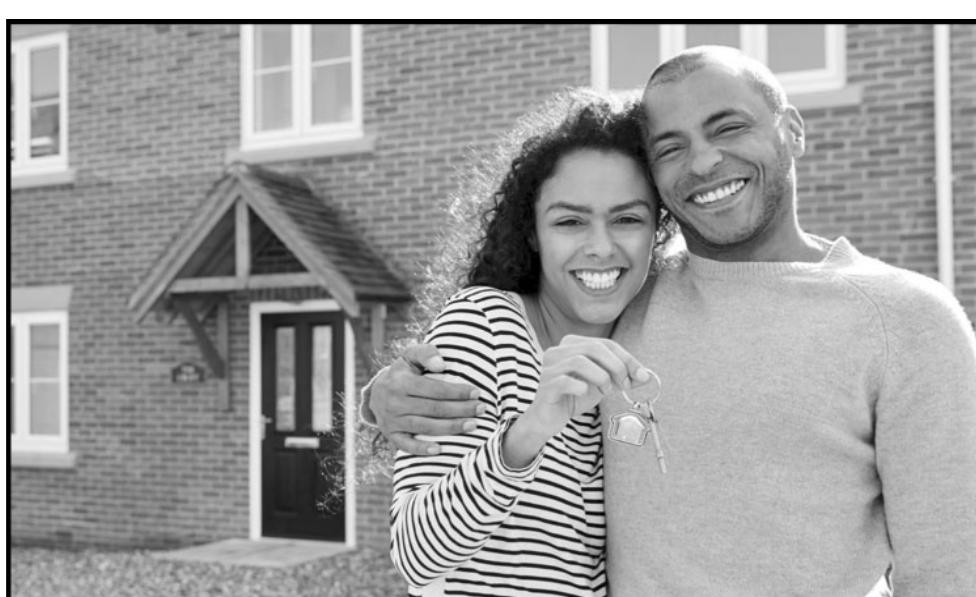
The manager not only oversees the day-to-day operations of the café but also has to have the ability to recognize and understand the diverse employee base and that the learning needs of clients can be different, she said. The manager – in partnership with the job coach – works to tailor training and job responsibilities to meet the needs of the clients goals.

"We know it will take a special person to join us in managing the café," Barbee said. "Christy's truly is a wonderful place and our employees really are the heart of it. We are also so fortunate to have amazing support by our local communities, which gives us hope that the right person will be called to join our team."

For more information on the Café manager position, visit christycornercafe.com and click on the "applications" tab.



Job coach Emily Goldsby (right) works with Bethany Gladieux, who was recently promoted to managing Christy's Café retail corner. (Submitted photo)



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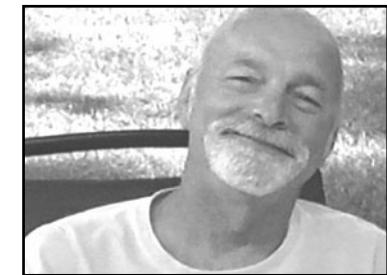
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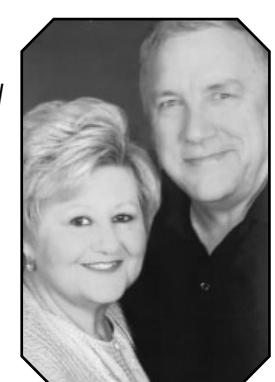
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Karen and David were married at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on April 13, 1973. They have two sons, David N. and Michael K. Kozina, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They will have a summer party to celebrate with family and friends.



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Most Americans age 50-plus prioritizing traveling with family

Sky-high flight costs won't stop older Americans from making family travel plans, according to a new report from AARP. The annual AARP Travel Trends survey examines the travel behaviors, expectations, and planning among adults.

Three out five people 50-plus surveyed said they anticipate traveling in 2023 – similar to the results of the 2022 survey. AARP research found that road trips in particular are a great way to discover new adventures and connect with loved ones while still being affordable.

Road trips fulfill older travelers' top motivation for travel in 2023, according to the research: to spend more time with family and friends. They offer a set of unique benefits over other forms of travel, such as the ability to visit local attractions on the way, experience local food and culture and enjoy scenic routes on the drive.

"Though costs are higher than normal this year, older adults are once again eager to travel. Our research shows that travel is at the top of their priority lists," says Patty David, AARP Vice President of Consumer Insights. "And, with the ability to bring family members along, many find road trips to be a budget-friendly choice as well as a fun one. Multi-generational road trips can improve emotional well-being, increase connections with loved ones, and benefit overall energy."

More major findings from the survey:

- Most older travelers (85%) rank travel in their top three priorities for discretionary spending, significantly higher than other kinds of expenses.
- Family trips are older adults' number-one motivator for domestic travel this year, ranking well above solo vacations.

- For 2023, 61% of travelers anticipate domestic-only travel. Fifty percent of their domestic trips will be by car this year, compared to 43% in 2022.

- Concerns about COVID decreased this past year among 50-plus participants, meaning most travelers (81%) feel that travel is now safe.

- Domestic travelers plan to take more trips to the U.S. South (38%) and West (31%) than other parts of the country.

To view the full 2023 survey results, visit www.aarp.org/2023TravelTrends.

AARP Travel offers resources for Americans 50-plus, who spend over \$149 billion annually on leisure travel. AARP provides interested travelers with vacation resources, tips and inspiration for their next getaway, including budget travel, outdoor destinations, road trips, and more.

For more information, visit aarp.org/travel.

Targeting seniors

State agencies warn of cryptocurrency scams

The Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center (ONIC) and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) are warning Ohioans of a growing trend of cryptocurrency scams targeting older adults.

During the course of drug-related investigations, the ONIC became aware of these types of financial exploitations against older adults and worked in conjunction with ODA to bring awareness by issuing a public bulletin to encourage older Ohioans, family members, and caregivers to be on alert.

Cryptocurrency is a form of digital or virtual currency that operates like coin and paper money and can be used for payment methods or sending and receiving funds. Two of the most popular forms of cryptocurrency are Bitcoin and Ethereum. These scams ask individuals to pay in cryptocurrency or through cryptocurrency automated teller machines (ATMs).

Scammers are often in constant communication with their targets, guiding them through the process until the payment is made. Some common types of scams targeting older adults include:

- Romance scams: scammer "meets" the target either online or by telephone, develops a relationship and then requests a loan or financial help.
- Government impersonation scams: scammer pretends to be from a government agency, calls the target and threatens arrest

if payment is not immediately made.

- Grandparent scams: scammer pretends to be a grandchild of the target, states he or she is in trouble, and needs money immediately.

"Recently, ONIC has assisted several local law enforcement agencies with their cryptocurrency scam investigations," said Andy Wilson, director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. "Our agencies issued this bulletin to raise awareness about the dangers of these new scams targeting older Ohioans. We are working closely together to make resources available for consumers who believe they have been a target."

ONIC's analysts and digital forensic personnel have highly specialized training and expertise that enables them to assist law enforcement with connecting the dots on these complex cases.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has provided the following information to best avoid cryptocurrency scams:

- No legitimate business is going to demand you send cryptocurrency in advance of a purchase or to protect your money. If the individual does, this could be an indicator of a scam.
- If you meet someone on a dating site or app and they want to show you how to invest in cryptocurrency or ask you to send them cryptocurrency, this could be an indicator of a scam.

Prevention tips

Before you invest in cryptocurrency, search online for the name of the company or person and cryptocurrency name and also include words like "review," "scam" or "complaint" to see what others are saying.

No legitimate business or government will ever email, text, or message you on social media to ask for money, and they will never demand that you buy or pay with cryptocurrency.

Never click on a link from an unexpected text, email or social media message, even if it seems to come from a company you know.

"Despite the fact that older adults are more likely to report suspected fraud than younger adults, scammers are finding new and sophisticated ways to deceive people, like these emerging cryptocurrency scams," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "I encourage older Ohioans and their loved ones to make it a point to stay up to date as these threats evolve; learn about the latest types of scams, share that knowledge with friends and family, and always check financial statements to make sure there are no unauthorized charges."

If you feel you've been the target of a scam, report it to the Ohio Attorney General's Office at ohioattorneygeneral.gov or 800-282-0515. If you have lost money or feel unsafe, contact local law enforcement.

Mercy Health

Offering support during Stress Awareness Month



Failing to cope and effectively manage stress can lead to an increased risk of illness.

Feeling stressed? You're not alone. Your body is hardwired to react to stress in ways meant to protect you against potential threats. However, failing to cope and manage your stress can land you in the doctor's office if you're not careful.

"Finding yourself a little sweaty and extra alert before a big presentation or solving a problem at work can be a good thing. However, long-term activation of your body's stress response can lead to overexposure to stress hormones which can disrupt almost all your body's processes and increase your risk of illness," said Dr. Rajiv Parinja, Mercy Health psychiatrist.

During times of stress, adrenaline increases your heart rate and elevates your blood pressure. The primary stress hormone, cortisol, increases sugars in the bloodstream. Too much cortisol can also suppress your immune system, cause digestive problems and lead to weight gain. When you're stressed, it's also normal for your muscles to tighten up, which can lead to headaches. If your body is constantly on guard and responding to stress, it can also lead to feelings of fatigue.

Stressful events are a fact of life, but you can take steps to manage the impact they have on you. Learn to identify what

causes your stress and how to take care of yourself in the face of stressful situations.

Stress management starts with the basics you commonly hear – eat a healthy diet, exercise regularly and get plenty of sleep. You can also practice relaxation techniques such as yoga or meditation, keep a journal and foster healthy relationships with friends and family who can help support you in times of stress. You also want to avoid unhealthy coping mechanisms such

as excessive drinking or stress eating.

"You should seek out professional help if you're engaging in unhealthy behaviors or find that stress is causing a major decline in your quality of life," Dr. Parinja said. "We can provide a number of solutions, ranging from counseling and therapy to even some medications that can help calm your worries."

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Too few doctors and patients talking about memory concerns

Today, there are more than 6 million people 65 and older who are living with Alzheimer's dementia, including 220,000 in Ohio, according to the recent Alzheimer's Association 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report.

An accompanying special report, "The Patient Journey in an Era of New Treatments," offers new insights from patients and primary care physicians (PCPs) on current barriers that impede earlier discussion of cognitive concerns.

The report showed too often individuals with memory concerns and their doctors are not discussing the issue, missing a critical first step toward diagnosis and potential treatment.

According to the report, individuals hesitate because they believe their experiences are related to normal aging rather than a potential diagnosable medical condition. For PCPs, the report shows they are not proactively asking their patients about cognitive issues and will wait until the individual or their family members bring it to their attention.

"For the first time in nearly two decades, there are treatments for individuals with early stages of the disease that can slow down the progression and give them more time with their families and loved ones," said Julia Pechlivanos, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter. "More than ever before, these conversations about memory or other cognitive issues an individual is facing are critical and need to take place



Those who are concerned about themselves or a loved one can contact the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter at 419-537-1999 to schedule a care consultation and be connected with local resources that can help.

promptly when a concern is raised."

To help individuals become more confident and prepared to discuss their cognitive issues, the Alzheimer's Association offers these three tips for talking to health care professionals about memory and cognitive concerns:

- Find the right doctor. In most cases, the first point of contact for concerns about memory and thinking is with your primary

care physician. Ask how comfortable your physician is in identifying and diagnosing cognitive problems and whether there are circumstances in which he or she would refer to a specialist. Most often, your physician will perform an initial assessment, and if cognitive decline is detected, order more advanced testing or refer you to a specialist for a more definitive diagnosis. If your doctor doesn't take your concerns

seriously, seek a second opinion.

- Be prepared. Come to your visit with a list of any changes in your health, including your mood, memory and behavior. Include a list of past and current medical problems, current prescriptions, over-the-counter medications including vitamins or supplements. Most importantly, be sure to have your list of questions and be prepared to answer the doctor's questions honestly and to the best of your ability.

- Get educated. When speaking to the doctor, be sure to ask what tests will be performed, what the tests involve, how long each test takes and when the results will be available.

"While discussing cognitive concerns with your health care provider can be challenging, it's really important," said Pam Myers, program director of the Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio and Central Ohio Chapters. "Having these conversations with a doctor can help facilitate early detection and diagnosis, offering individuals and families important benefits, not only treatments, but emotional and social benefits, access to clinical trials and more time to plan the future. It is also important to note that some forms of cognitive decline are treatable."

There are 493,000 caregivers caring for 220,000 Ohioans age 65 and older living with Alzheimer's disease, according to the Alzheimer's Association "2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures." The number of Ohioans living with Alzheimer's is expected to increase to 225,000 by 2025.

How weak grip strength plays an important role as we age

Having a strong grip isn't just important for getting the lid off a stubborn jar. Grip strength can also provide crucial insight into your health.

"People with better grip strength age more slowly. Having a good grip strength can slow the process of immunosenescence, or the decline in your immune defense associated with aging," said Ardesir Hashmi, MD, a geriatric medicine specialist with Cleveland Clinic. "It can also improve your ability to bounce back from diseases, or homeostasis. Finally, it can prevent frailty."

According to Dr. Hashmi, a weak grip strength can indicate faster aging.

It can also be a warning sign for having a higher risk of chronic diseases – even a shorter life expectancy.

He explained grip strength can tell you so much because it's a good marker of a person's overall body strength and ability

to fight off infection.

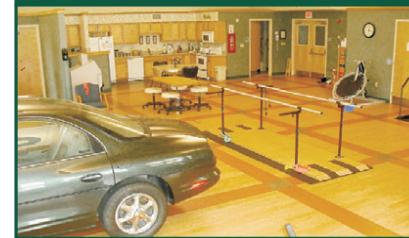
Dr. Hashmi said grip strength can start declining around age 50, and people should start exercises before then to maintain it.

He recommends squeezing a racquetball or squash ball for at least 10 minutes twice a day.

Dr. Hashmi stresses people must remember to exercise their entire body as well but don't overdo it.

"With any weight-bearing exercise, you have to be careful not to tax your spine or knees. You don't have to exercise for two hours every day," Dr. Hashmi said. "The research tells us 10 minutes of exercise per day can make a difference. Doing something every day is the most important thing."

Dr. Hashmi adds following a healthy diet and getting enough sleep are also needed to maintain good health as you age.



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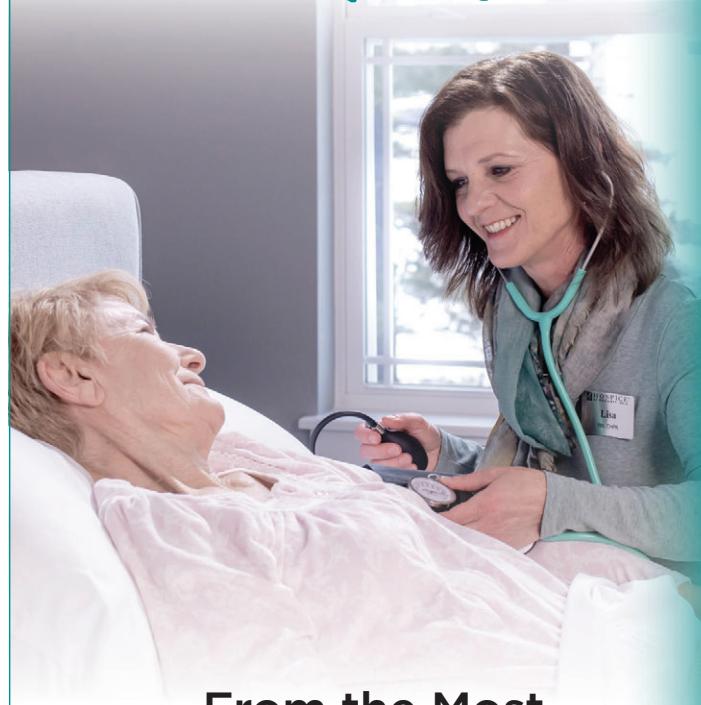
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The Oregon Senior Center will present a Cinco de Mayo Luncheon Friday, May 5 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Center is located at 4350 Navarre Ave., Oregon.

The menu will include three hard or soft tacos, a side of sour cream, salsa and chips. Dine-in only. Pre-order (required by Thursday, May 4), by calling 419-698-7078 or sign up at the center's front desk.

The cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for nonmembers or those under age 60.

Annual Tea Party

The center will celebrate mothers with a fashion show and tea party Wednesday, May 10 at 11 a.m. Light refreshments will follow the fashion show. RSVP by Wednesday, April 26 by calling 419-698-7078.

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Chronic Disease Workshop

The Wood County Committee on Aging will present a Chronic Disease Self-Management (CDSM) Workshop, Tuesdays, May 23 to June 27 from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Wood County Senior Center,

The cost is \$20, which includes a text-

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book and relaxation CD. Participants will learn how to find practical ways to deal with symptoms and challenges, set their own weekly goals, make a step-by-step plan to improve their health, make better eating and exercise choices, understand new treatment options, and discover better ways to talk to their doctor and family.

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CDSM is developed at Stanford University and licensed by the Self-Management Resource Center

Contest to benefit local food pantries

Continue United, an affinity group designed for retired or near-retired individuals who want to network with purpose of United Way of Greater Toledo, launched a food challenge to benefit local food pantries.

The contest is running through May 24, with all proceeds directly supporting local food pantries and United Way's ongoing work to raise awareness for and drive long-term solutions to food insecurity in NW Ohio.

Anyone can participate in the contest. Participants may enter by emailing a picture of a dish they made to ContinueUnited@unitedwaytoledo.org along with the recipe, the name of the local food pantry they would like to support and/or represent and

paying a \$35 donation fee. Public voting via Facebook will determine the top three entries.

Finalists will move on to recreate their dish for a panel of judges and audience members. The overall winner will win a \$200 gift certificate to a local restaurant and a donation to the food pantry they represented.

"We are excited to launch this contest and give back to our community," said Scott Steele, chair of Continue United. "With the ongoing pandemic, food insecurity has become a growing concern, and we hope this contest will raise awareness and support for local food pantries."

To learn more about the contest and how to enter, visit unitedwaytoledo.org/cufoodchallenge.

Mackinac Island trip

The East Toledo Senior Center, with the help of Diamond Tours, will host a trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan Oct. 9-13.

The cost is \$639 per person, based on double occupancy. The price includes transportation via luxury motorcoach, four nights of lodging, four breakfasts and dinners, guided tours of Mackinac City, a visit to Mackinac Island, including a carriage ride and more. A deposit of \$75 is due by June 2, with the balance due by Aug. 2.

For more information, call 419-691-2254.

Nominations sought for Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) is seeking nominations of outstanding older adults to induct into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for the Class of 2023.

The Hall of Fame honors current or long-time Ohio residents age 60 and older who have made and continue to make a lasting impact on their communities, their professions, or their vocations.

Nominations must be received by

Sunday, April 30, to be considered for induction during a ceremony to be held in September.

"Our state is fortunate to have many older Ohioans who have made tremendous contributions to their communities, their region, and the state throughout their lives and careers," said ODA Director Ursel J. McElroy. "If you know of an outstanding older Ohioan in your family, your community, or your field of work, I encourage you to nominate them for this prestigious honor."

Since 1977, 501 outstanding older Ohioans have been inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Past inductees have included business and industry leaders, advocates, community planners, educators, scientists, health-care professionals, volunteers, artists, entertainers, athletes, and more.

Inductees are selected from public nominations. Nominees are evaluated on the scope and impact of their contributions begun or continued after age 60. Nominees must be native-born Ohioans or have been residents of the state for at least 10 years. Posthumous nominations are accepted, provided the date of death is within the last five years and the nominee was age 60 or older at the time of death.

Learn more, access the nomination form, and view past inductees at www.ag.ohio.gov/halloffame.

Meatloaf Dinner, Bake Sale set

The East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St., will have a Meatloaf Dinner and Bake Sale Wednesday, May 17 from 4-6 p.m. Dine in or carry-out service is available.

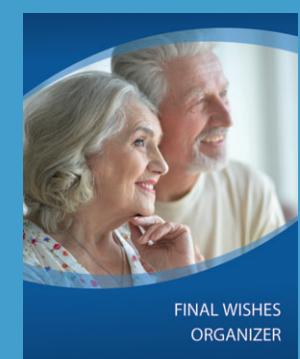
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Guardians look to make a run in the playoffs

By Yaneek Smith
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The Cleveland Guardians have made it to the playoffs in five of the last seven seasons, winning the pennant in 2016.

Last season, Cleveland fell one victory short of the American League Championship Series, losing to the Yankees in five games in the ALDS.

The only thing missing is a world championship, which the Guardians haven't had since 1948.

Make no mistake, the goal is to win it all this season.

Back to lead the way is the third baseman, superstar Jose Ramirez, who signed a seven-year contract last season to keep him with the team for what could be the rest of his career. Last season, Ramirez hit .280 (.869 OPS) with 29 home runs and 126 RBIs. He'll be joined in the infield by SS Amed Rosario, 2B Andres Gimenez and Josh Naylor and Josh Bell, who will rotate in at first base and as the designated hitter. Mike Zunino and Cam Gallagher will split time at catcher.

The center fielder is Myles Straw and he's flanked by LF Steven Kwan and RF Oscar Gonzalez, who could see some competition from Will Brennan.

The Guardians have consistently had one of the lowest payrolls in baseball for the better part of a decade, yet they've competed at a high level. Cleveland is ranked 25th in payroll with \$89.37 million. It's a testament to the job done by the President of Baseball Operations Chris Antonetti and general manager Mike Chernoff.

That's because the team develops pitchers as well as anyone in baseball. In recent years, the team has traded Corey Kluber, Mike Clevinger, Carlos Carrasco and Trevor Bauer and not missed a beat.

One of the game's finest rotations features one of the game's best pitchers in Shane Bieber. He'll be joined by Cal Quantrill (15-5, 3.38 ERA), Zach Plesac (3-12, 4.31 ERA), Aaron Civale (5-6, 4.92 ERA) and Triston McKenzie (11-11, 2.96 ERA). Both McKenzie and Civale are on the IL.

Closer Emmanuel Clase, acquired in a trade from Texas in the Kluber deal, is one of the best in baseball. Clase was an All-Star last season, going 3-4 with a 1.36 ERA and 42 saves in 46 opportunities. He signed a five-year, \$20 million deal at the beginning of last season. James Karinchak is the setup man, and the rest of the bull-



The Guardians, who haven't won a world championship since 1948 is "in it to win it" all this season. Cleveland Guardian Josh Bell will rotate in at first base and as the designated hitter. (Photo courtesy of Cleveland Guardians)

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pen consists of Trevor Stephan, Tim Herrin, Xzavion Curry, Nick Sandlin, Eli Morgan, Enyel De Los Santos and Sam Hentges.

Terry Francona, now in his 11th season at the helm, is easily one of the best

managers in baseball. His ability to mix and match, push the right buttons and earn the respect of his players has been the norm for the last decade. Francona, who also managed in Philadelphia and Boston, winning the World Series twice with the Red Sox, has a career record of 1,881-1,590 (.542).

and will likely be in the Hall of Fame. With the Guardians, he is 852-675 (.558).

Many expect the Guardians to win the AL Central Division, but Minnesota could challenge, while Detroit, Chicago and Kansas City rebuild.

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The Mud Hens named Anthony Iapoco the manager during the offseason. He previously worked for Boston for one season and was the hitting coach for the Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers for three seasons apiece before that. (File photo courtesy of Scott Grau)

New manager leading the Mud Hens

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As with any minor league team, turnover with the Toledo Mud Hens is very high.

Whether it's players retiring, getting called up to the Major League club or catching on with another team, change is the one constant in the minors.

The Mud Hens, who have changed managers quite frequently in recent years, named Anthony Iapoco the manager during the offseason. He previously worked for Boston for one season and was the hitting coach for the Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers for three seasons apiece before that.

Pitcher Alex Faedo, who was selected in the first round by the Tigers six years ago, went 1-5 with a 5.53 ERA in 12 starts last season. If he pitches well, he'll most certainly be called up by Detroit. He tried to earn a spot on the Tigers as a long reliever but gave up seven runs in 5.1 innings in Grapefruit League games. It's now or never for him.

Pitcher Will Vest, who was drafted by the Tigers in 2017, went 3-3 with a 4.00 ERA, including two starts, last season in Detroit.

Shortstop Zach Short struggled mightily with Detroit two years ago, hitting just .141 in 156 at-bats. Last year, he had just nine at-bats with the Tigers.

Outfielder Parker Meadows, whose brother, Austin, plays for the Tigers, should make an appearance or two in Detroit. He was drafted by the Tigers in the second round five years ago. He hit .317 with five homers and 11 RBIs in just 41 at-bats for Detroit in Grapefruit League games.

Fellow outfielder Akil Baddoo has seen time in Toledo and Detroit for the past few seasons. In 2021, he hit .259 (.766 OPS)

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with 13 home runs and 55 RBIs with the Tigers, but regressed the next year, hitting just .204 (.558 OPS).

Infielder Tyler Nevin, who played for two years with Baltimore, was traded to Detroit in December. He is the son of former Tiger Phil Nevin, who also managed the Mud Hens for three seasons from 2011-13. (He is now the manager of the L.A. Angels.)

Another interesting player is Trevor Rosenthal, who hasn't pitched in the majors since 2020. Currently on leave from the team, Rosenthal had a nice career as a closer, going 12-25 with a 3.36 ERA and 132 saves, primarily with St. Louis, and can hit triple digits on the radar gun.

Catcher Dillon Dingler, a second-round pick in 2020, tore his meniscus and underwent surgery, so he'll be out for a while. He hit .238 with 14 home runs and 58 RBIs last season in Double-A Erie.

The other players on the Tigers' 40-man roster are (P) Tyler Hilton, (P) Reese Olson, (P) Brendan White, (C) Donny Sands, (INF) Andre Lipcius and (INF) Wenceel Perez.

Tarik Skubal, arguably the Tigers' best pitcher, will see some time in Toledo when he is on a rehab assignment — possibly in June — and former No. 1 pick Casey Mize, if he's able to return from Tommy John surgery, will see action in the Glass City.

At some point during the season, the Mud Hens could receive reinforcements from Double-A Erie in the form of Wilmer Flores, Colt Keith, Ty Madden, Adam Wolf, Dillon Dingler and others.

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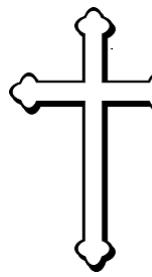
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Tigers expect growing pains under new leadership

By Yaneek Smith
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Al Avila is gone. That's about the only good news for the Detroit Tigers.

The former general manager, who oversaw baseball operations for eight seasons, was fired in August but his mismanagement of the team will likely be felt for years to come.

His cumulative 478-650 record translates to a .424 percentage and includes three consecutive seasons when the team averaged 103 losses. In five of Avila's eight seasons, he oversaw a team that lost more than 60 percent of its games, finishing last in the AL Central five times.

Replacing Avila is Scott Harris, who served as the GM of the San Francisco Giants for the past three seasons. Prior to that, Harris worked for the Chicago Cubs from 2012-19.

Two high draft picks — CF Riley Greene

and 1B Spencer Torkelson — are entering their sophomore seasons. Shortstop Javier Baez, who was inexplicably signed to a six-year, \$140 million before last season, swung at a higher percentage of pitches outside the strike zone (48.7%) than any other major league batter last season, and had the highest called strike plus whiff rate in the majors (32.2%).

Eric Haase, who is coming off a season that saw him hit .254 with an OPS of .748 and 14 home runs in just 110 games, will split time with Jake Rogers at catcher when he's not playing left field. Rogers did not play last season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

The other two outfield spots are occupied by LF Austin Meadows, who recently went on the IL, and RF Matt Vierling, who was acquired in a trade during the offseason.

The final two infield positions have four players vying for playing time — Nick Maton, Zach McKinstry, Jonathan Schoop

and Ryan Kreidler.

Legendary hitter Miguel Cabrera is well past his prime and is one of the worst designated hitters in all of baseball.

Kerry Carpenter has seen some time at DH and in the outfield.

One of the problems with Avila was the fact that he consistently used the top draft picks on pitchers and ignored position players. But there are some young pitchers on the team with promise — Spencer Turnbull, Matt Manning, Casey Mize and Tarik Skubal, the latter two of which are currently on the IL. Skubal likely won't be back until the summer and Mize will return during the latter part of the season or in 2024.

Turnbull and Manning are currently in the rotation, as is Eduardo Rodriguez, who went 5-5 with a 4.05 ERA last season in 17 starts; Joey Wentz, who went 2-2 with a 3.03 ERA last season in seven starts, and Matthew Boyd, a veteran with a career record of 39-63 and an ERA of 4.89.

Michael Lorenzen, who has spent virtually his entire eight-year career as a reliever, went 8-6 with a 4.24 ERA in 18 starts for the L.A. Angels last season. When he returns from injury, Wentz will likely be sent to the minors or moved to the bullpen.

The bullpen leaves a lot to be desired. Some combination of Alex Lange, Jason Foley and Jose Cisnero will be the closer, and the other arms will consist of Trey Wingenter, Garrett Hill, Tyler Alexander, Chasen Shreve, Mason Englert and Freddy Pacheco.

Harris traded away the Tigers' best bullpen arms, Gregory Soto and Joe Jimenez, during the offseason and let Andrew Chafin leave.

It's not unreasonable to think the losing has taken its toll on manager A.J. Hinch, who won a world championship leading the Houston Astros in 2017. This is his third year in Detroit, so we'll see if he can stomach another lackluster season.

Guide becomes certified guide and instructor

Jay Keuster, is a certified EMT, first responder, welder by trade, Boy Scout troop leader and last year started working as a guide in training at Ghoul Runnings Kayak Adventures in Fremont.

He had his own kayak and enjoyed it as a hobby but got a bug last year and wanted to learn more about kayaking from a safety standpoint and to pursue full certification with the American Canoe Association.

Over Easter weekend — the only time he could get away to go — Keuster loaded up his kayak and gear and made the 10-hour solo drive to the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) Paddling School in Bryson City, North Carolina, to take an intense three-day course. He stayed at the Nantahala Basecamp.

Keuster took and passed the NOC's ACA Instructor Development Workshop and Certification Course that teaches, evaluates and prepares instructor candidates to facilitate and manage a paddling course for River Level 1 and 2 experiences. Prior to registering for the course, all candidates

must have the paddling skills, technical knowledge, rescuing ability, group management and interpersonal skills to correlate with the level of desired certification. Upon completion and evaluation, NOC's ACA certified instructor trainer certifies participants to the level of their skills.

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Keuster said he was very excited to have been chosen to participate and learn from the best at this state-of-the art water and safety facility. He had a series of pre-selected homework assignments he had to research and complete prior to going. Part of his grade was to show how well he could present his assignments to others to get his



Jay Keuster recently earned certification from the American Canoe Association and will bring his skills as a guide and instructor back to Ghoul Runnings Kayak Adventures. (Submitted photo)

point across.

Ghoul Runnings Kayak Adventures now has two fixed locations at 1773 S. River Rd. on the Sandusky River and the Fremont Reservoir. Owner Beth Turner said she was proud that Keuster would be bringing these skills back to continue his growth as a fully certified guide and instructor with them this season and beyond.

Ghoul Runnings currently has three other certified ACA guides on their crew, including Bob Turner, Jason Kidney and Marlin White — all of whom took the level 1 course in Akron with Play Harder Adventures in 2021.

Ghoul Runnings is currently accepting apprentice guide applications for this season. To learn more, email GhoulRunnings2021@gmail.com or call or text 419-307-6985.

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- Brush for unincorporated areas of Lake Township shall be in place by 7:30A.M. The first day of the week of the areas scheduled pick-up. Workers will not return for brush put out after pick up.
- Brush pick-up is for chippable brush only.
- Brush shall be stacked as neatly and untangled as possible.
- Brush shall be placed at the road edge with butt ends of all branches facing in the same direction towards the road
- Garbage, yard waste and objects other than brush and limbs will not be picked up.
- Any brush piles that are deemed unchippable shall be documented by a picture by the Lake Township Road Department and a final determination shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours by a Lake Township Trustee on the disposal of the brush pile.

FREE woodchips are available at the Road Department on Ayers Road.
Call 419-836-1143 for available pick-up times

8th Annual James R. McAllister "MAC" Memorial Fishing Tournament & Fundraiser

Saturday, April 22, 2023
Schroeder Farm Campground

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(Along the Maumee River, 2 miles west of Ft. Meigs)



Proceeds to benefit scholarships for Clay High School Seniors
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- 3rd Prize - \$400
- 4th Prize - \$100
- Largest Fish - \$100

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macmemoriantournament.com

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or call: Marianne Pirolli (419) 460-2684

ALTERNATE DATE (depending on river conditions): Saturday, April 29

James R. McAllister Memorial Fund - 571 Hollis Ave. Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Bulletin Board policy

As a service to our community, The Press publishes Bulletin Board items at no cost, as space permits. There is no guarantee that items submitted will be published. To ensure publication of events/news items, please speak to one of our advertising representatives at 419-836-2221. A complete listing of events is available at www.presspublications.com.

Toledo

Spring Bazaar, April 22, 1 p.m. Calvin United Church, 1946 Bakewell St. Bingo, **Card Party**, May 9, 12 p.m., First St. John Lutheran, 2471 Seaman St. Donation \$13. Men and women welcome. For reservations, call 419-691-5506 or 419-691-7222.

Crafters Wanted for Spring Craft Show, May 13 at Majestic Care Toledo, 131 N. Wheeling St. Call 419-724-1414 or email Diane at actdir.toledo@majesticcare.com for more information.

419 Cares, a ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, serves food and beverages and provides toiletries to the less fortunate every Sunday from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uptown Green Park on Madison Avenue in Toledo. A monthly giveaway of clothes, blankets and shoes is also offered. Donations of toiletries and clothing items, particularly bigger men's sizes, are welcome. Contact Christ UMC or visit 419 Cares on Facebook for info.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Yearly membership is \$49. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Everyone welcome.

God's Instruments Food Pantry is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-noon at 1705 Tracy St., between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. Masks required.

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

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

Oregon

Oregon Firemen's Memorial Service will be held May 21 at 1 p.m. at the Oregon Municipal Building on Seaman Road. The community is invited.

Herb & Gardening Workshop, presented by Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society, April 20, 6-8 p.m., Jerusalem Township Fire Hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd. "Get Your Garden Growing," will be presented by Cindy Bench, of Bench Farms Route 2. \$10 per person includes a take home project. Call or text 419-902-5149 to make a reservation.

Food for Thought Food Pantry, open the 2nd Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., corner of Coy and Navarre. The pantry has moved inside. Due to parking space and the need to limit the number of families inside at a time, attendees are asked to stagger arrival times.

Mobile Meals of Toledo, local community non-profit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital. For more information or to sign up, contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodriguez@mobilemeals.org.

Rita's Soups at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted from those wishing to contribute to this program and its future success.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lake Erie Room at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital (lower level, behind the cafeteria). The club offers a supportive environment for those looking to enhance self-confidence by improving speaking, listening and/or leadership skills. Guests welcome. Call Fred at 815-919-8280 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org for info.

Oregon Democratic Club meets the first Thursday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Social hour at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 8 p.m. Visit oregondemocraticclub.com for meeting info and details.

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

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at noon at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Everyone welcome.

Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation needs, grab-and-go meals, essential services and is open for recreational activities such as bingo, card games, acrylic classes and dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum, located at 4350 Navarre Ave., is open for private tours. Call Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383 for info.

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

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

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The

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hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.

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

Northwood

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch Monthly Meeting, April 19 at 6:30 p.m., 2100 Tracy Rd. A representative from Sen. Sherrod Brown's office will present details on the newly passed PACT act that will be invaluable help to veterans. Veterans, their families and friends are invited to attend to get this important information. Open to the public. Find updates on the Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch Facebook page.

Mother's Day Craft Show/Vendor Event, May 12 and 13, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., The Red Willow Event Center, 5805 Woodville Rd. Unique gifts, home decor, music and more. Free admission and parking. All ages welcome. Crafters/vendors wanted. Contact Daniela at 419-297-0981 or email RedWillowEventInfo@gmail.com.

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 rangersfun@yahoo.com or text 419-262-0693.

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Men's Prayer Breakfast, the third Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Zoning Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Jerusalem Township has implemented a Wireless Emergency Network System. To sign up for civic text alerts, visit http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/jerusalem_township_oh/wens.cfm. The link is also available on the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and at twp.jerusalem.oh.us.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the meeting in-person or join in the meeting by call-in or video conference. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

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

Elmore

Elmore American Legion Riders Spaghetti Dinner, April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until sold out. Drive-thru only. \$12. Proceeds raised support the Sandusky Veterans Home.

Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers have combined. The seniors will meet at the Ed Griswold Senior Center, 514 Main St., Genoa. The center will be open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Seniors are invited to stop in to pick up a newsletter, which lists menus and activities. Call 419-855-4491 for reservations or info.

American Legion Auxiliary meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Elmore American Legion.

Elmore Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of SR 51 and Witty Road, is open the second Friday of every month from 9 a.m.-noon.

Genoa

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Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise at 419-855-0014. To join the Genoa American Legion, call 419-635-5810 for info.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Gift Shop open every Sunday after Mass at 11:30 a.m., 204 Main St. (behind Grotto).

Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Hear & Share Book Club, April 26, 10:30 a.m., Gibsonburg Senior Center – Discuss "Something in the Water," by Catherine Steadman. Register for programs at birchard.lib.oh.us. Call 419-637-2173 for details. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.

Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Monday of every month from 4-5 p.m. at 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency is required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St., programs for kids include: Spring Break Book Bags available in April (pick up and go); Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. For adults: Book Sale, week of April 17-21 during library hours; 4th Tuesday Book Club, April 25, 6 p.m. – Discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry," by Gabrielle Zevin; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies; Needle Crafts Group, Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. – Bring your own supplies; Cricut Craft, April 24, 2 p.m. – Registration required, all materials provided; Pinochle every Friday at 2 p.m. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 or visit oakharborpubliclibrary.org to register or for info.

Oak Harbor Masonic Lodge Public Open House, April 22, 9-11 a.m., 210 Jefferson St., Eagles Nest Hall. Anyone who is curious about the lodge or Freemasonry is invited. Members and their families also invited. For more info, call Chuck Shier at 419-852-8757 or visit freemason.com.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m. Offering groceries and free clothes for all ages. The Pantry serves a community meal on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more info.

BCS Food Pantry Inc. at St. Paul UCC, 165 Toussaint St., is open Monday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Open to residents of Benton, Carroll and Salem townships. Providing groceries, as well as personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, when available.

Pemberville

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

Bingo, April 16, May 7 and May 21, Walbridge VFW 9963, 109 N. Main St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with lightning play starting at 1 p.m. and regular bingo beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Crimson Lights Band will play at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., from 2-5 p.m. on the following dates: April 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9, 23; Aug. 13-27; Sept. 10-24; Oct. 8-22; Nov. 12-26 and Dec. 10 and 30. The bar will be serving snacks, beer, wine coolers and soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info.

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.

Storytimes, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the meeting room at Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St. Registration required by calling 419-666-9900 or visit wdpl.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 wdpl.org.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Storytimes for preschoolers and caregivers, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; I Spy Spring Contest, through April 30 – All ages invited to stop in and pick up a game board; Sewing Machine

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Seasonal Help Applications are available at the Police Dept. 219 West Main Street, Municipal Bldg. 530 Lime Street or online at our website www.villageofwoodville.com/employment.htm

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- PUBLIC NOTICE -**

The City of Oregon, **TREE COMMISSION
MEETING** for April, 2023 has been
scheduled for **TUESDAY, April 18, at
4:00p.m.** at The City of Oregon, Community
Room, at 5330 Seaman Road.

The Public is invited.

**VILLAGE OF ELMORE
PUBLIC NOTICE****Ordinance 011-2023**

An Ordinance Creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area for the Village of Elmore and Enacting Regulations.

Ordinance 013-2023

An Ordinance to Renew the Current Contract with the Village Solicitor for Two Years.

Ordinance 014-2023

An Ordinance to Eliminate Fund 4903 – WWTP/CSO Improvement Design 5880.

Ordinance 015-2023

An Ordinance to Eliminate Fund 4906 – OPWC/WTP1/ Loan Proceeds CE070.

Ordinance 016-2023

An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Anthem BCBS for Health Insurance, Vision Insurance, Dental Insurance and The Hartford for Life Insurance for Village Employees. This Includes an Employee Payroll Deduction for Health Insurance and to Set Village HSA Contributions and to Declare an Emergency.

Resolution R1-2023

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2023.

Resolution R2-2023

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Elmore for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Wastewater/Sewage Collection Facilities; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan.

Resolution R3-2023

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA). Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Elmore, Ohio for Planning, Design and/or Construction of Potable Water Supply Facilities; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan.

Resolution R4-2023

A Resolution of the Village of Elmore to Authorize the Village Administrator to Enter into Contract with Boardsafe Docks for Purchase of a Kayak Launch and to Declare an Emergency.

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HEARING NOTICE

Oregon City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on applications for placement of farmland into an Agricultural District for the following:

32.18 acres of land located at 1225 Bury Road and 150.82 acres of land located at 6757 Brown Road, owned by Janice R Sheahan Trustee
39.012 acres of land located at 7050 Navarre Avenue, 57.146 acres of land located at 6701 Navarre Avenue, 39.012 acres of land located at 7150 Navarre Avenue, and 13.8 acres of land located at 381 S Norden Road, owned by Perry Buchanan III Etal

Nicholas Roman, Finance Director

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE
Village of Helena**

A majority affirmative vote is
necessary for passage

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a petition accepted by the Village of Helena, Sandusky County, Ohio, on July 14, 2022, there will be submitted to a vote of the electors of said district at the regular places of voting, therein, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, the question 'shall the proposed Sensible Marijuana Ordinance which lowers the penalty for misdemeanor marijuana offenses to the lowest penalty allowed by state law be adopted?'

The polls for said election will be open at 6:30 a.m. and will remain open until 7:30 p.m. of said day.

**MADISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
TRUSTEES- SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO****Public Notice to Bid**

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Madison Township Board of Trustees, 118 N. Main ST Gibsonburg, OH 43431 until Monday May 15th, 2023 at 7:00pm for the following piece of equipment:

**1998 - John Deere 6310 utility tractor with cab & power quad transmission, 7376 hours
MINIMUM BID: \$20,000**

This tractor is being sold "as is" and may be inspected by contacting our Road Employee: **Kevin Fork**. He may be reached at **(419)-355-7496** or via email at **kevin.fork@hotmail.com**. Kevin will be able to answer any additional questions.

Bids must be submitted to the Township Office in a sealed envelope marked "Bid for 1998 6310 John Deere Tractor" by Monday May 15th, 2023 no later than 7:00pm. Madison Township Board of Trustees to award the winning bid during their regularly scheduled meeting on May 15th, 2023 at 7:30pm. Madison Township Board of Trustees reserved the right to reject or deny any bid.

**FARM MACHINERY
AUCTION**

WHEN: Saturday, April 22, 2023 10:00 A.M

WHERE: 1484 N. Toussaint S. Rd. Oak Harbor, OH 43449

For: Tom Lenz

DIRECTIONS: From Oak Harbor take SR#19 north to east on Bier Rd (corner of Bier & N Toussaint S)

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Tractors: JD 6430 Tractor FWD 1735 hrs., 16-speed, cab (H&AC), 3 hydraulics, 3 PT, 460/85R38 tires in rear, 673 JD self leveling loader; White 2-155 Tractor, front weights, duals, 3207 hrs., cab (H&AC), 3 PT, 2 hydraulic, quick hitch, 580/70R38 tires in rear-good rubber, S/N 278724-414; Ford 8000 Tractor w/6392 hrs., diesel, no cab, front weights, dual power, S/N 264872; MF 65, diesel tractor, WF, S/N 676880, hrs. doesn't work, 3 PT, 1 hydraulic outlet; Farmall A tractor w/5' Woods belly mower, PTO, good rear tires

Trucks: 1991 International 6 speed, 6 cylinder diesel engine, 297,035 mi.; 18' w/18' Scott bed w/roll tarp

Combine: 1995 JD 9500 Combine w/duals, S/N HO9500X665436, chaff spreader, 2-wheel drive chopper, 2831 separator hrs, 4053 engine hrs.; 920 JD grain header; Smyth header wagon, 20'; JD 643 6-row corn header, low profile; 25' Univerth header wagon

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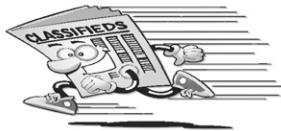
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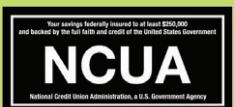
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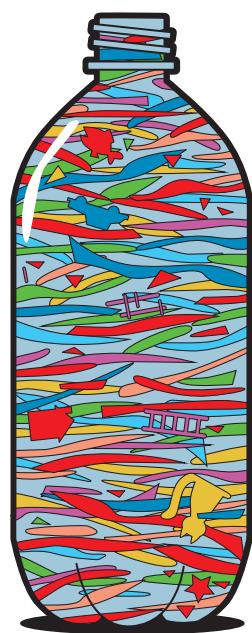


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Ecobricks

Some soft plastics are not recyclable and end up in landfills.

People around the world are using these soft plastics to make ecobricks. Ecobricks are plastic bottles tightly packed with wrappers and other soft plastics. They can be used for building walls, furniture, play structures, houses and more.

All it takes is imagination and some plastic bottles and plastic waste.

Can you find these things hidden in the ecobrick?



How to Make an Ecobrick

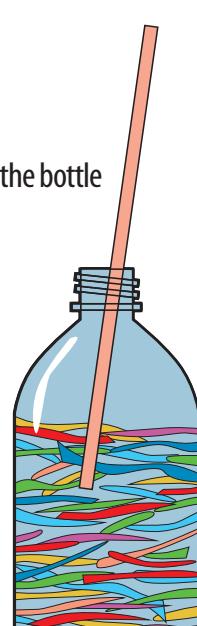
Stuff you need:

- Plastic bottles (including lids)
- Clean and dry plastic garbage
- Scissors
- A stick that is at least the length of the bottle
- Scales
- Permanent markers (for writing on the bottle)

What to do:



STEP 1: Make sure your plastic materials are clean and dry



STEP 2: Add small pieces of plastic, plastic bags and other kinds of clean plastic to the bottle. Use the stick to push more plastic in as you fill the bottle.



STEP 3: Pack it tight. Tip: mix up soft and hard plastic. Don't overfill it. There should be 1-2 cm between the cap and the plastic inside.

STEP 4: Choose a project to support. Find out if there are any local community projects that are looking for ecobrick donations. If you can't find one, there are hundreds online to get involved in.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How much should an ecobrick weigh?

A 2-liter bottle should weigh about 1 1/2 pounds when full of clean plastic.

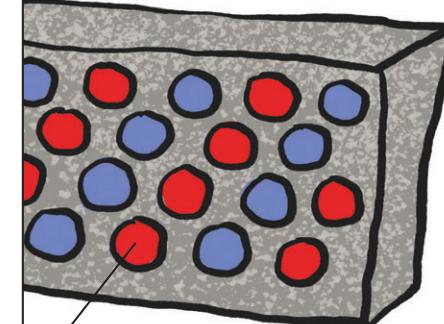


Look very carefully. Can you find the ecobrick that's different than all the others?

Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

The Plastic Problem

Over 380 million tons of plastic is produced every year. The world uses 500 billion single-use plastic bags every year. A plastic bag is used for only 15 minutes on average, but the plastic itself can last more than 1,000 years!



Ecobricks can be set in concrete to build walls for homes, planter boxes and much more.

Standards Link: Solutions for human impact on ecosystems.

What can go in an ecobrick?

Do the math under each item. Even-numbered answers can go in ecobricks. Odd-numbered answers can not. Circle the things that can go into an ecobrick bottle in green and cross out the things that can't in red.

PLASTIC BAGS

$$4+4+4= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

FOOD WASTE

$$3+7+5= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

STRAW

$$3+7+4= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

CELLOPHANE

$$8+4+6= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

STYROFOAM

$$6+4+2= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

PAPER

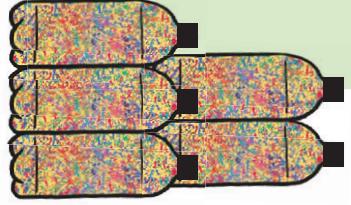
$$2+8+9= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Glass

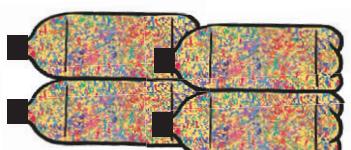
$$7+7+7= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

METAL

$$1+1+3= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



Ecobricks are sometimes called **bottle bricks**. Why do you think that name fits?



Extra! Extra!

Plastic Scavenger Hunt

Look through a newspaper to find examples of products that come in plastic or have plastic in them. Choose five and come up with a way to get that product without plastic.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Double Double Word Search

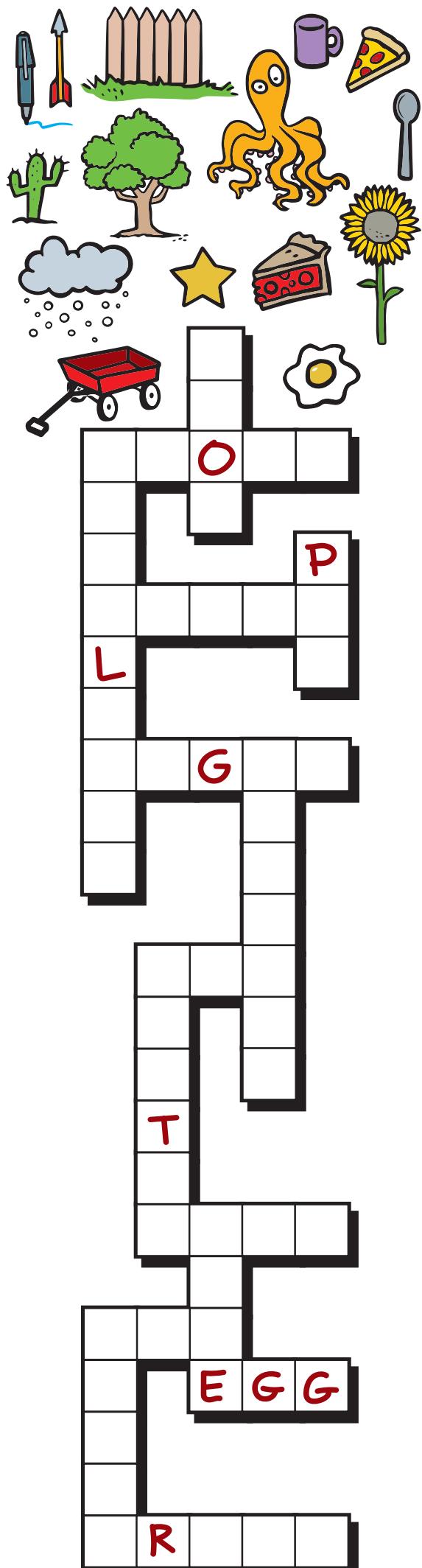
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S X E B C F F P K C
W D E O I M Y F Q I
A R N T T E I R D T
R K T T S L W T D S
T C O L A B O P A C
S A N E L O R C Q R
G P S S P R L G A Z
S G A B E P D H J L

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

Kid Scoop Together Picture Crossword

Using the pictures as clues, work with a family member to fill in the missing letters.



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Planet Protector Tip

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