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World War II veteran celebrates 100th birthday

World War II veteran Thomas D. Siefke, who turned 100-years-old on February 1, is honored by Marine Corps color guard members during a birthday party hosted by the Lou Diamond Detachment, Marine Corps League, on Consaul Street. Sergeant Siefke, who fought in the South Pacific, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1938 and his service included being with engineer support units in occupation of Iceland before entry into World War II. When WWII started, he joined the paramarines and then the 27th Marine Regiment, which landed on Iwo Jima in February 1945. He was wounded twice, and has two Purple Hearts and one Bronze Star. Siefke went to Navarre Elementary and to Waite High School before enlisting, serving 8½ years in the Marine Corps. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Oregon Hearing on housing complex extended to Feb. 18

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The Oregon Planning Commission extended a public hearing to Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. for a Special Use request to build a 217 unit multi-family housing complex at 4050 Navarre Avenue and 900 S. Lallendorf Road.

The planning commission heard the matter at a meeting on Jan. 21. Due to concerns from the public, the hearing was extended.

At the Jan. 21 meeting, there was considerable discussion on the proposal.

The property would require a Special Use permit because it is currently zoned C-4, which allows commercial development, according to James Gilmore, commissioner of building and zoning.

The restrictions on height in a C-4 zoning district are limited to four stories or 60 feet, said Gilmore.

"The proposal is to build multiple family dwellings in this spot, which is not allowed in a C-4. It would be allowed in an R-3. We felt as a city there would be more protection to the residential side of it if we

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used Special Use, which is more project specific – meaning only for this project, not just a straight R-3 zoning," said Gilmore.

The applicant is Harry Glitz for owner Val V LLC.

The Project Review Committee suggested there should be a 50-foot rear building line setback. Within that 50 foot building setback, there should be a 25-foot landscaping buffer, according to Gilmore.

If the Planning Commission recommends to city council that it approve the Special Use, the matter would go before

council for final approval, said Gilmore.

If the applicant receives three affirmative votes from the Planning Commission, only a mere majority of council is needed for approval, said Planning Commission Chairman Scott Winckowski.

If the applicant does not get three affirmative votes, added Winckowski, then a super majority of council is needed for passage. A super majority would take six of seven council members to vote in favor of the Special Use for it to pass.

Done in phases

Dallas Paul, of the NAI Harmon Group, Talmadge Road, Toledo, represented the applicant at the meeting.

"The project that we're proposing is a multi-family premier development, which is something the city had not seen recently. The site is 27 acres in total. We are asking for a special use for the back 18.5 acres. That leaves the frontage for commercial development, which is currently zoned C-4," said Paul.

The project will be done in phases. The site plan shows 13 buildings, each of

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Lake Twp. Trustees voice opposition to EdChoice

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A resolution opposing the controversial EdChoice school voucher program has been approved by the Lake Township trustees.

The trustees Tuesday unanimously approved the resolution that requests the state repeal the "ill conceived" program that will provide up to 60,000 state-funded scholarships to students who attend EdChoice designated public school buildings. The scholarships are to be used to attend private schools that meet requirements for program participation.

"This board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars..." the resolution says.

It also notes the Ohio legislature has recently approved amendments that "...greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public expense."

Currently, parents or guardians can apply for vouchers based on their income or if they reside within the boundaries of a school district that is considered a low-performing school as determined by the state's report card system.

In the Lake school district, students attending the high school and middle school would be eligible to apply for vouchers, according to a list compiled by the Ohio Department of Education.

The voucher amount is currently \$4,650 for student in grades K-8 and \$6,000 for grades 9-12. EdChoice would pay either the scholarship amount or the private school's actual tuition

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Quote of The Week

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Jim Hightower
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Trustees voice opposition to EdChoice

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amount, whichever is less.

Jim Witt, Lake school superintendent, addressed the trustees, saying the state's method for determining "failing" school systems is flawed.

Tim Krugh, Lake school board president, said the board and administration are not opposed to school choice "but the system has been corrupted by special interests."

Richard Welling, a township trustee, said the township would feel the effects of the program if tax dollars are drained from Lake schools, forcing the school district to seek more local property tax millage.

"It affects all of us," he said. "It's not a very fair system."

Witt and Krugh said they've talked with State Sen. Teresa Gavarone and Representative Haraz Ghanbari about the program and the legislators were receptive to their concerns.

The list of schools that would be eligible for the program came out in November and has been criticized by many in the legislature from both parties. Lawmakers last month voted to delay the program enrollment start date for 60 days until April 1 and use the time to come up with an agreement on a list of eligible schools.

Following the vote to delay, a com-

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plaint was filed in the Ohio Supreme Court by Citizens for Community Values asking for a writ of mandamus to force the state to proceed with enrollment and prevent any students previously eligible from being dropped.

"...these EdChoice Scholarships for tens of thousands of Ohio's children became a vested right in November 2019 when a population of eligible students was identified and they and their families began making decisions to receive EdChoice Scholarships," the complaint says.

In other business Tuesday, the trustees agreed to rehire Steve Poiry as a part-time patrol officer. Poiry last year retired from the police department as its School Resource Officer. Chief Mark Hummer presented a plaque to Poiry for his years of service to the school system and the township.



Morning silhouette

A sunrise view from Promenade Park gives the Veterans' Glass City Skyway a unique silhouette. (Photo by Maggi Dandar)

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Oregon Community Theatre will present the classic comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace." Performances will be at the Fassett Auditorium on February 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 16 at 3:00 p.m. For ticket information call 419-691-1398 or visit oregoncommunitytheatre.org. Pictured are principle players, front row, seated, Carol Ann Erford, Kevin Harrington and Renee Harrington. Back row, Catherine Lowe, Dominic Esposito, Tony Esposito and William J Priest. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

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Toledo Public Utilities hours extended

Toledo Public Utilities has extended hours of the Toledo Customer Service Walk-In Center, 420 Madison Ave. The new hours, which will remain in effect until further notice, will be 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The customer service number, 419-245-1800, is also available during those hours.

The hours were extended because of higher-than-usual customer visits and call volumes following the start of monthly billing, and the announcement last month of the process for low-income water consumers experiencing financial hardship to access the city's new utility bill-paying assistance program.

The city of Toledo will allocate \$500,000 annually to fund past-due water, sanitary, and storm sewer utility bills for low-income consumers qualified for the program by ProMedica Ebeid Institute's Financial Opportunity Center (ProMedica Ebeid FOC).

Professionals at ProMedica Ebeid FOC, 1806 Madison Ave., will interview applicants to determine program eligibility based on established criteria. ProMedica Ebeid FOC is part of the Local Initiative Support Corporation's (LISC) Financial Opportunity Center Network.

Eligibility criteria

- Assistance provided to consumers at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty

Level, based on income and size of household; hardship is also considered.

- Toledo Public Utilities bill-paying assistance is for the primary residence of qualifying consumers.

- The account must be past due or in disconnection status. (Actual disconnection is not required; consumers disconnected within the past month may be eligible.)

- Low-income renters who pay the utility bills can be considered by completing and submitting the Landlord Tenant Agent Authorization Form available online at toledo.oh.gov/water or from the Toledo Customer Service Walk-In Center, 420 Madison Ave.

- Toledo Public Utilities bill-paying assistance may be used to pay water, sanitary and storm sewer charges (refuse fees excluded).

- Assistance provided among community agencies must be adequate to maintain service.

- Clients may be required to make some portion of the payment to maintain water service.

- Balances must be for the same account holder at the same address. No funds can be used for balances transferred to the property.

How to apply

- Check to see if your total household income is at or below 200 percent of the

Federal Poverty Guidelines. If so, contact Toledo Public Utilities Customer Service by email at dpucustomerservice@toledo.oh.gov, by phone at 419-245-1800, or in person at the Customer Service Walk-In Center to state an interest in the bill-paying assistance program.

If not, and to request help to better manage your finances, contact ProMedica Ebeid FOC at 567-585-0059 to schedule a confidential appointment with a coach.

Contact numbers for consumers who generally meet the guidelines will be provided to ProMedica Ebeid FOC, which will follow up by making calls to schedule appointments with applicants. ProMedica will advise residents of documentation needed for the interview.

The Landlord Tenant Agent Authority Form must be in effect for Toledo Public Utilities bill-paying assistance to be considered for low-income renters. The form is available on the city website and at the Customer Service Walk-In Center.

Engage Toledo, a citizen-focused, 24-hour a day, seven-day-a-week operation to improve the collection, management, completion and follow-up on citizens' service requests, is available by calling 419-936-2020. The Engage Toledo mobile app may be downloaded at <https://toledo.oh.gov/engage-toledo/>.

Fraternity alumnae to donate books

The Toledo Area Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity will host a Fraternity Day of Service Saturday, Feb. 29, in conjunction with First Book and the University of Toledo.

The signature event is one of only five being held throughout the country to promote reading and literacy.

From 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., members of the Alumnae Club will be distributing 20,000 new, age-appropriate books to local schools and programs that work with children in need. The distribution will take place in the Lancelot Thompson Student Union's Ingman Room at the University of Toledo, 2801 W. Bancroft St.

Volunteers from the University of Toledo community as well as individuals, businesses, and service organizations are pooling their resources to ensure the success of the endeavor.

Members of the community who would benefit by being gifted these books, which are suitable for children ages birth through 18, are encouraged to register with First Book, a non-profit with the mission to give books to children from low-income families, and to register with Pi Beta Phi for the event.

To register a class, school, organization or program, visit www.fb-marketplace.org/register/ and www.cvent.com/d/bhqwt5 before midnight Wednesday, Feb. 19.

For more info, contact Beth at 419-340-6643 or BethSheets22@gmail.com.

Genacross to merge with Minn.-based provider

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Genacross Lutheran Services, which serves nearly 4,000 people annually in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, and Benedictine, a senior care ministry based in Minnesota, have announced the signing of a letter of intent for Genacross to join Benedictine.

Genacross was founded 160 years ago. Today, it carries out its faith-based mission across several ministries, including post-acute care, senior living, and family and youth services.

“While Genacross is in a stable financial position, the organization had a duty to proactively look to the future to make sure it remains strong and is able to meet the needs of individuals as we move forward,” said Rick Marshall, Genacross president and chief executive officer. “We realized that we do not have the resources to address our needs and opportunities and initiated a search for an organization that does.”

Genacross conducted a national search, including representatives of Lutheran and non-Lutheran, for-profit and non-profit entities. After extensive analysis, Genacross chose Benedictine as the organization that best supported its mission, Marshall said.

Benedictine is a non-profit that has provided a wide array of health and housing services to aging adults for 35 years. Benedictine owns and manages skilled

nursing, assisted living and independent living communities across the upper Midwest and offers services in such areas as therapy, rehabilitation, memory care, home health care, adult day and transitional care.

Benedictine provided nearly everything that Genacross was seeking,” Marshall said. “We share Christian missions, and our values are in complete alignment. They will facilitate needed capital investments and operational support at our facilities. Their size and scope will help us grow in a competitive health care environment.”

Genacross Lutheran Services will maintain its name for a period of time and will continue to engage with the Lutheran community.

With the signing of the letter of intent, a period of due diligence begins. Both org-

anizations will conduct visits and exchange information. Final approval will be needed from both organizations' boards and the Genacross member congregations. The organizations expect that process to be completed this year. Following closing, Genacross will be a member organization (or subsidiary) of Benedictine, reporting up through its organizational chart.

Genacross Lutheran Services is headquartered in Toledo. It employs more than 700 persons and is supported by nearly 170 Lutheran congregations across the region.

Genealogical meeting

The Lucas County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 Michigan St. in downtown Toledo.

The meeting will be held in the Community Board Room, located to the right on the lower level, adjacent to the parking lot. Everyone is welcome.

William J. Priest, professional genealogist and LCOGS president will present, “Lucas County’s Historical Markers, Museums, and Societies.”

For more details, visit www.lucasogs.org.

Ten free trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering 10 free Norway spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to those who join in February.

The trees, part of the Foundation’s “Trees for America” campaign, will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation’s bimonthly publication, “Arbor Day,” and “The Tree Book,” which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, visit arborday.org/February or send a \$10 contribution by Feb. 29 to Ten Free Norway Spruce Trees, or Ten Free Eastern Redbud Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410.

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which show nine units. The units will be comprised of six two-bedroom units, and three one-bedroom units. They will range between 800 to 1,200 square feet.

"The apartments will be market rate rent," he said. "It will be the highest that the City of Oregon currently has," said Paul, adding the highest rent would be \$1,300 per month.

A buffer is on the south side of the property next to a current residential community. There is a 50 foot setback and a 25 foot landscaping buffer, said Paul.

"We don't have the buffer or landscape design. We know we're going to be required to put in a landscape buffer. We want to be sensitive to the community," he said.

The multi-family development is "a nice buffer from residential to residential multi-family, then to commercial," said Paul. "We think that softens the uses in that particular area."

Not all apartments will have garages, but in the first phase, there will be 117 units and 88 garages, according to Paul.

There would be an entrance and exit off Lallendorf Road and an entrance and exit on Navarre Avenue. A retention area would also be on the property.

"This will be a nice, mixed use premier development," he said. "It will be managed professionally," said Paul of the \$11 million investment.

The time frame to break ground if the Special Use is approved, is either June or July.

Public concerns

Some in the audience expressed concerns about the project, including traffic congestion.

Mayor Mike Seferian, who holds a seat on the Planning Commission, said the property has attracted commercial interests that would likely add much more traffic than the multi-family development being proposed.

"Each of those commercial projects would be generating anywhere from 4,000 to 6,000 cars per day. From the way it is zoned now, the potential traffic is probably

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4-5 times more than if it would go to their proposed deal," said Seferian.

Arlene Stobinski, of Townhouse Drive, said she would like to write down her questions and bring them back in a month after she's had time to think about it. Her main concern was traffic and traffic patterns.

George Mathews, S. Lallendorf Road, also expressed concerns about traffic flow and the number of people that would be living in the area.

Gary Row, of Warner Way, was concerned about proper buffering at the site. He thought it needed to be looked at both horizontally and vertically for the privacy of residents in the area. He said everyone in the room who had a vested interest like himself should be given the opportunity to raise questions.

He said more time should be taken to design the buffer and the site plan layout. It could include privacy hills and drainage. The plan could be altered to provide a rising buffer to the units themselves and maybe look at relocating the garages.

Public Service Director Paul Roman was asked if there were any city services that would not be provided with the addition or if there would be any burden put upon the city for water and sewage service.

Roman said he didn't see anything that would stop any type of development at the site, whether commercial or residential.

Lallendorf has a very large storm sewer in it, he said. Regarding traffic concerns, he did not think a traffic light was warranted. The building on the site plan closest to Lallendorf would likely have to be further away from the road as there is a 100 foot setback, which is there for future widening. In terms of water and sanitary, they have all the utilities they need from Navarre and

Lallendorf.

Debbie Melecosky, Warner Way, expressed concerns with the high density apartments and the parking spaces shown on the site plan.

Harry Martin, Warner Way, was concerned about property taxes and property values with rental property going in as opposed to a developer building condos for people to own.

Seferian said the city is faced with the question often.

"If you have well developed high end apartments, which we have been told we are in dire need of in the city, property values will go up," said Seferian.

Norm Henney, of Warner Way, asked if

the public could be provided with an overall final copy of the site plan so they could argue and fight for their sunshine and their privacy. He also asked if there was a limit on how high the buildings could go.

Gilmore said, as the property is currently zoned at C-4, someone could come in without any special zoning approval from the planning commission or city council and put in a 60 foot tall building or four story hotel.

Paul said he would recommend that the hearing be tabled on behalf of the developer so that the comments could be considered. They will cooperate within reason to accommodate residents' concerns expressed at the meeting.



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Oregon Planning**Commission votes for special use change for residential**

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The Oregon Planning Commission recently voted 5-0 to allow a Special Use for single family residential use in a commercially zoned district at 4135 Navarre Ave.

The applicant and owner is Robert Taylor.

James Gilmore, commissioner of building and zoning, said there presently is a building on the property that looks like a house but operates as a business in a C-1 zoned district. The current owners want to sell the building and use it as residential for new buyers.

"In order to do that, they would have to have a Special Use permit or a zoning change. A Special Use permit would be best because eventually the property would become used as commercial in the future," said Gilmore.

Gilmore said there was a house next door still being used as residential, which is a legal non-conforming use.

"This particular property lost its legal non-conforming status when it was changed over to commercial back in the early part of 2000," said Gilmore.

The location at 4135 Navarre Ave. is located in the second lot in from the bank on the corner across from Pearson Park, according to Planning Commission Chairman Scott Winckowski.

Property on market

Jim Loss of Loss Realty Group, who represents Taylor, stated the property had been on the market for a year and a half. When Taylor purchased the property 10 years ago, it was a single family use.

"The problem we have run into is the size of the structure and the lot has made it difficult for Taylor to get the money back out of his investment," said Loss.

Loss said it was felt Taylor would have a much better opportunity to get a reason-

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able price with the Special Use permit and then later down the road, if it needs to go back to commercial, it would be easy to do.

"He (Taylor) is in a situation where he needs to sell it. He has a much better chance with a single-family sale," said Loss.

"Just for the record," said Mayor Mike Seferian, who has a seat on the commission, "it's easier than you think because you never lose the commercial status. So, you will always have that. You just gain the ability to reside in it as a residential use."

There is presently nobody occupying the residence, said Taylor.

No issues

Winckowski said the Project Review Committee, consisting of the city administrator, the public service director, the deputy engineer, the deputy finance director and the commissioner of building and zoning, met. Their opinion was the committee does not anticipate any negative effects to the neighbors by allowing residential use in the existing structure.

Also at the meeting, commission members nominated Winckowski to remain commission chairman. Members also nominated Assistant Chairman Yussef Olive to remain as assistant chairman.

**New space**

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Feb. 4 for Joyful Connections. The agency, which provides supervised visitations and exchanges of children, moved to new offices in the same building at 8200 W. State Rt. 163, just east of Oak Harbor. Shown left to right front: Gary Macko, Debbie Gibson, Shanna Strouse, Tami Matthews, Christina Harrah, Shelly Johnson. Back row: Kim Harsanje, Kathy Anthony, Jim Sass, John Gibson and Melinda Slusser. For information contact Strouse at 567-262-3181. Joyful Connections offers services seven days a week by appointment.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Chili for Conservation

Show off your favorite chili recipe and feel the heat at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge's Chili Cookoff, set for Feb. 22. The competition is sponsored by Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

The free, family-friendly competition is open to the public. To enter the competition, bring a slow cooker full of chili at 11:30 a.m. to the Refuge's Visitor Center, 14000 SR 2, Oak Harbor.

The judges' tasting will be at noon, with public tasting to follow. Three awards will be presented, including the Judges' Choice Golden Ladle Award, the 4-Alarm (hottest chili) Award, and the People's Choice Award.

Judges will be selected by the Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

Wildlife Tours of the refuge will be held in the Blue Goose Bus, weather permitting, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

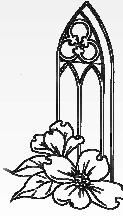
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Bill changes eligibility for workers' comp PTSD benefits

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Supporters and opponents have been weighing in on a bill in the state legislature that would remove a physical injury requirement for first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to receive workers' compensation benefits.

House Bill 308, sponsored by Representative Tom Patton, R-Strongsville, would make police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service workers diagnosed with PTSD arising from their employment eligible for benefits under Ohio's workers' compensation law regardless of whether they suffer a related injury.

"An ongoing challenge is that first responders do not often take advantage of help through their employee assistance programs for PTSD-related problems," Patton testified before the Insurance Committee. "Sometimes people are able to recover from acute stress disorder using their own coping methods and support from friends and family. However, recovery may be more difficult for some first responders, as they are exposed to major traumatic events and to chronically stressful situations. Unfortunately, there exists a real stigma around seeking help for emotional problems."

The bill prohibits claimants from receiving compensation or benefits for PTSD at the same time they are receiving a disability benefit from a state retirement system for an injury.

The Legislative Service Commission estimates costs to the workers' compensation system would increase by \$44 million in the initial year if the bill is enacted. Future compensation premiums for public employers with first responder employees would also increase.

Mike Weinman, director of government affairs for the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police, said the consequences of not treating PTSD have been tragic. Citing data from the organization Blue HELP (Honor Educate Lead Prevent), he said seven Ohio police officers committed suicide last year.

"Early retirements are not the goal of the FOP," he told the committee. "Getting

treatment for PTSD is the goal. As the VA has shown....PTSD is treatable, and those who suffer from it can continue to have productive careers."

Representatives of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and Ohio Township Association offered opponent testimony, telling the committee their members have concerns about the unknown cost implications of the policy change and the potential for a significant increase in claims.

"Our members are also concerned about singling out PTSD. Selecting one mental condition to the exclusion of others – much like selecting only a few occupations – will undoubtedly provoke fairness arguments and equal protection challenges in future legislative or judicial actions," they said.

Matt Askea, a lieutenant with the Akron Fire Department and a Peer Support Program manager for the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters, told the committee that academic studies have recently recognized a higher risk for first responders to develop PTSD because of their repeated exposure to traumatic events.

"I have experienced many calls throughout my career that I can vividly remember years later. I remember the location, images, sounds, smells and specific details about these calls, of which I will spare you the details today," he said.

Lake Township fire chief Bruce Moritz told The Press he supports the bill but has concerns about its cost and how it would be administered.

He said it is not uncommon for many part-time firefighters and EMS personnel to work at several different departments, making it more difficult to trace the source of a work-related illness or mental issue.

Rep. Patton told the committee a 2013 Ohio Supreme Court decision ruled that someone seeking workers' compensation for a PTSD claim was ineligible to receive benefits if he or she didn't have a compensable physical injury that caused the PTSD.

He said the decision could have "unintended consequences for police officers, firefighters and emergency medical workers in our communities who have witnessed horrible traumatic events that can potentially leave them mentally scarred."

Oregon Theatre presents Arsenic and Old Lace

The Oregon Community Theatre will present the comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace," Feb. 14-16 and Feb. 22 at Fassett Middle School, 3025 Starr Ave., Oregon.

Curtain time is 2:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students and are available online at oregoncommunitytheatre.org or by calling 419-691-1398.

Homework Zone

Sylvan Learning Centers are offering free homework tutors for children of all ages during a Homework Zone event Feb. 10-13.

Participating locations include Oregon, Toledo, Bowling Green, Perrysburg and Fremont.

Homework tutors will help children boost comprehension and learn how to apply new skills. Call 1-800-EDUCATE to schedule a free homework tutoring session.

Health Dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department has released the clinic schedule for Feb. 10-14. Unless otherwise stated, all clinics are held at the health department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton.

Feb. 10: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 11: 60-Plus Clinic – Port Clinton

Senior Center, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 7:45-11:45 a.m.

Feb. 12: 60-Plus Clinic – Riverview Healthcare Campus, 9 a.m.-noon; Genoa Immunization Satellite Clinic (including flu shots), 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic (including flu shots), 12-4:30 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.

Feb. 13: 60-Plus Clinic – Port Clinton Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon; Family Planning, Well Child and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Feb. 14: Tuberculosis Clinic (no appointment necessary), 3-4 p.m.



Crime log

Lake Twp. – After being stopped for a traffic violation on Woodville Road, three men were charged Feb. 2 with various offenses. The driver, Cody Burns, 27, Temperance, Mich., was charged with driving under a suspension and not having the correct license plates. There was also an arrest warrant for him from a Michigan jurisdiction. Joseph Salinas, 26, Toledo, and Antonio Ramirez, Toledo, also had warrants out of Toledo.

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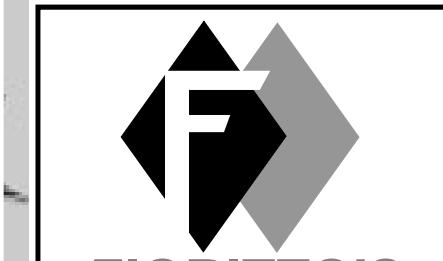
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**Will Burtless
Ann Arbor, MI**

"I've got to admit I didn't actually see it. I heard there was a lot of controversy about it being too sexy but that's just what you see on TV nowadays. It doesn't surprise me. I don't specifically endorse that type of thing but I'm also not that worried by it."



**Antonette Tijerina
Oak Harbor**

"I loved it. I thought it was great. I thought the women were sexy. Girl power!"



**Lesley Brooks
Genoa**

"I thought it was cool. I think people are too sensitive. The country expects everyone to open up and be more accepting of diversity and sexual preference but many are still uptight about sexuality in general."



**Nicole Devers
Northwood**

"I thought it was wonderful. I thought it was empowering for women. It's teaching girls that it's OK to be strong, confident and powerful. I mean nobody batted an eye when Adam Levine had his shirt off or when Cher wore one single strap in her 'Turn Back Time' video."

Some thoughts on the constitutional value of slaves

By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

"Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bond to Service for a Term of Years [i.e., indentured servants], and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons [i.e., slaves]." U.S. Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 2.

In the spirit of questionable news, Black History Month provides a forum for news pundits to lament that the Founding Fathers thought the relative worth of black persons was three fifths of a person. They should (and likely) know better. The Three-fifths Clause is not about black or white but was a formula for counting slaves for purposes of congressional representation and taxation. Clearly slavery dehumanizes the enslaved, but the Three-fifths Clause was a compromise that was a partial win for abolitionists.

Free black persons existed long before the Constitution was written. The first Africans brought into captivity to colonial Virginia in 1619 became indentured servants who were freed typically after 7 years just as their white counterparts. Other slaves were freed when they converted to Christianity.

The proposed Constitution allowed one representative to Congress for each 30,000 inhabitants in a state, in contrast to the existing Continental Congress, where each state had an equal vote. The initial suggestion at the sometimes contentious 1787 Constitutional Convention was that representation be based on all free persons. But slaves were half the population in some southern states. Despite slaveholders counting slaves as their property, they also wanted

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to count slaves as if they were free inhabitants (i.e., "whole persons"), thus increasing the South's representation in Congress—and essentially be rewarded for having more slaves. Cleverly, Northern abolitionists argued that if the South could count slaves, then the North should be able to count livestock for purposes of representation.

To resolve the issue, liberal Pennsylvania delegate and future Supreme Court justice James Wilson proposed the Three-fifths clause as a necessary compromise to gain the South's support for the new Constitution. The three-fifths of a vote provision applied only to slaves, not to free blacks in either the North or South. Thus, the much-maligned clause actually benefitted the abolitionists and the slaves by limiting the pro-slavery States' representation in Congress.

The first U.S. census in 1790 showed a population of about 4 million Americans. Nineteen percent were black and about 13 percent of those black Americans were free.

By 1860, as more states abolished slavery and slaves were voluntarily freed or purchased their freedom (manumission) in the South, about a half million free blacks lived in the U.S. with more in the southern states than in the North.

Electorally, slave status mattered. Free blacks could hold office in some states and could vote. As Justice Benjamin Curtis noted in his dissent in the infamous 1856 Dred Scott decision, "Several of the States have admitted persons of color to the right of suffrage, and, in this view, have recognized them as citizens, and this has been done in the slave as well as the Free States." Black votes were not trivial: black votes helped to ratify the new Constitution and in Baltimore, Maryland in the 1700s, more blacks than whites voted in elections.

Today's "woke" social justice warriors rail that the racist founding fathers should have abolished slavery altogether right then and there. Our founders would have preferred to do so. Great Britain was making boatloads of money from the slave trade and prevented the abolition of slavery in the colonies. In 1774, at the First Continental Congress, delegates Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin called to end the importation of slaves by Dec. 1, 1776. This provision was put in the Articles of Association of the Continental Congress. At the Jan. 9, 1776 Second Continental Congress, a resolution to end of the importation of slaves to America was passed. Of course,

the 13th through 15th Amendments freed the slaves, gave them full citizenship, and males the right to vote.

Witnessing our current vitriolic political divides over less weighty issues, it is hard to imagine the determination and negotiating skills our Founders' needed to bring differing philosophies together to form a new country with new values based on liberty for all.

Rectifying our social ills begins with telling the whole truth. Truth #1: The Three-fifths clause was not about the relative worth of a black person. Truth #2: Black people owned slaves (as workers, not family). Truth #3: All white men are not bad—now or 400 years ago.

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The flip side of philanthropy

By Jim Hightower

Our society has coined expressions like "philanthropist" to encourage and hail people's charitable spirit.

Look on the flip side of that shiny coin of generosity, however, and you'll find that its base substance is societal selfishness. After all, the need for charity only exists because we're tolerating intentional injustices and widespread inequality created by power elites.

A society as supremely wealthy as ours ought not to relegate the needs of families and essential components of the common good to the whims of a few rich philanthropists.

Yes, corporate and individual donations can help at the margins, but they don't fix anything. Thus, food banks, health clinics, etc. must constantly scrounge for more charity, while big donors have their "charitable spirit" subsidized with tax breaks that siphon money from our public treasury.

Especially offensive to me is the common grandiose assertion by fat cat donors that charity is their way of "giving back" to society. Hello — if they can give so much it's probably because they've been taking too much!

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Sorkin points out, "All too often, charitable gifts are used... to make up for the failure of companies to pay people a living wage and treat their workers with dignity."

It's not just the unemployed who rely on food banks, but janitors, nannies, Uber drivers, checkout clerks, and others who work full time, but are so poorly paid they can't make ends meet. That's not a sad charity case, but a matter of criminal exploitation by wealthy elites — and the charitable thing to do is to outlaw it and require a living wage for all.

As Sorkin puts it, "The aim should be to create a society where we don't need places like food banks... We should be trying to put the food banks out of business."

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The Press will have the following policy covering letters to the editor about the March 17 primary election:

The last issue for letters regarding the primary election will be the second issue (March 9) before the election. No letters will be published in the issue immediately prior (March 16) to the election except for letters limited to direct rebuttal of election-related matters appearing in the March 9 paper.

No new political information can be introduced in the issue immediately before the election. This is to prevent inaccuracies without a fair chance for correction.

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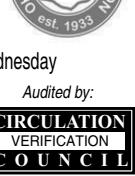
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Mercy Health hosting weight loss information sessions

One-third of Americans are overweight, and tens of thousands of people every year turn to surgical weight loss to avoid obesity and to live healthier and happier lives.

For those who are curious about or considering having weight loss surgery, Mercy Health hosts regular "Talk with a Doc" surgical weight loss informational sessions on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Mercy Health - Weight Management Solutions located at 3930 Sunforest Court, Suite 100, Toledo.

The next session will take place Feb. 19.

Mercy Health bariatric surgeons, Dr. Matthew Fourman and Dr. Gregory Johnston alternate hosting the sessions. Dr. Fourman hosts the first Wednesday, while Dr. Johnston hosts the third Wednesday. Both are fellowship trained in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery. They are both board-certified in general surgery and are certified by the American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

The no-cost, no-obligation session offers the opportunity for attendees to learn more about surgical and non-surgical weight loss options.

For those interested in non-surgical weight loss methods, Mercy Health also hosts weekly informational sessions on Mondays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Pre-registration is requested for all seminars. Call 419-251-8760 to register, or go to Eventbrite.com.

Magruder Alzheimer's group monthly screening

Magruder Hospital, 615 Fulton St., Port Clinton, will host its monthly Alzheimer's Support Group Monday, Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Conference Center.

Meeting on the second Monday of each month, the group provides helpful tips, education, encouragement and resources to family, friends and caregivers of anyone dealing with dementia and memory loss.

Magruder's monthly screening will be held Feb. 13 starting at 9 a.m. in the lab.

The test is a venipuncture/blood draw rather than a finger stick, and will include a basic metabolic panel (glucose, BUN/creatinine, calcium, potassium, sodium, chloride, CO₂, etc.) and a lipid profile (total cholesterol/LDL/HDL/triglycerides), as well as a



blood pressure check.

The cost is \$16. The screenings are offered on the second Thursday of every month. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-3131, ext. 3420.

For more information on events and screenings, visit magruderhospital.com.

Riverview open house to showcase renovations

An Open House to showcase renovations at Ottawa County Riverview Healthcare Campus will be held Sunday, Feb. 23 from noon-3 p.m. The campus is located at 8180 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor.

Members of the community are invited to see the renovations and learn about services available at Ottawa County Riverview, including long-term care, short-term rehab, the Rehab Clinic, Veterans' Services, Memory Care, Adult Day Care and the newest service – Assisted Living.

A staff therapist will be offering free balance testing in the Rehab Clinic. Ottawa County Senior Resources – located on the Riverview campus – will offer tours of their offices, meal-packaging rooms and the Oak Harbor "Harbor Lights" Senior Center.

Appetizers will be served at the Open House.

Caregiver support group

A Caregiver Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the Northeast Area Senior Center, 705 N. Main St., Walbridge.

The group is led by Jenna Ricker, licensed social worker.

For more details, call the Wood County Committee on Aging at 419-353-4661.

Vacation raffle fundraiser

A Vacation Raffle Fundraiser is being held to support Kaylene Kramer and her family as she continues her battle with

breast cancer. Kramer is a second-grade teacher in the Eastwood District.

The raffle is for a weeklong stay in a two-bedroom, two-bath condo in Navarre Beach, Florida. The winner will also get a \$1,000 cash prize. The vacation week will be based upon availability. Learn more about the condo at www.beachrentalsatnavarre.com/property/169.

Tickets are \$100 each, with one winner to be drawn as soon as all 200 tickets are sold. The drawing will be held live via Facebook Live.

To purchase a ticket or for more info, contact Josh Marten at 419-704-3418 or Randy Rothenbuhler at 419-341-9506.

Net proceeds raised from the raffle will benefit KK Strong, which was established by friends of Kramer in support of her and her family. Organizers thanked raffle sponsor North Branch Nursery, Inc.

Ombudsman program seeks local volunteers

Do you enjoy making a difference in the lives of others? Do you believe that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect? Do you want to help others make informed choices about where they live and the care they receive?

Those who answer yes are encouraged to volunteer with the Ohio Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Apply online at www.stepup.ohio.gov.

The program is made up of volunteers and staff who make regular visits to long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"Visitors help reduce residents' feelings of isolation," said Beverley Laubert, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman. "Our volunteers give residents a voice and honor their lives and experiences. They also help ensure facility staff do the same."

Volunteer Ombudsman representatives observe conditions in facilities, talk to residents and family members about issues with care and services, and help them understand their rights as consumers. They can work with facility staff to resolve simple problems, and support Ombudsman staff as they investigate more complicated complaints.

Volunteer Ombudsman representatives receive extensive training to serve as advo-

cates for long-term care consumers. Topics include problem-solving, interviewing, the rules and laws of long-term care, and how to work with providers to honor consumers' choices.

Ohio's SFY 2020-2021 operating budget included additional funds to expand the Ombudsman's statewide volunteer corps and increase the number and frequency of visits to residents. These funds have supported regional Ombudsman volunteer coordinators to recruit, train, and retain volunteers.

For assistance with your or a loved one's care, or to learn more about volunteering, contact the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman at 1-800-282-1206 or visit www.ombudsman.ohio.gov to find contact information for the Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program serving your community.

Overdose & Suicide Death Report released

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot counties has released the Calendar Year 2018 Overdose & Suicide Death Report.

The 2018 report is the most recent data provided by the Ohio Department of Health. In the board's district, a total of 36 individuals died by unintentional overdose, while 27 individuals died by suicide. However, overall, unintentional drug overdose deaths are declining compared with the previous year, while suicide deaths are increasing.

The full report is posted on the board's website at www.mhrsbssw.org.

"Overdose and suicide deaths are preventable, and behind every single death is a grieving family. There are many people and agencies in our communities fighting daily to stop these numbers from claiming even more," said Director Mircea Handru.

The Board's Suicide Prevention Coalition has been working to educate the community on suicide prevention and awareness in hopes to reduce the number of suicide deaths in the Board District. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with the coalition, call Nicole Williams, prevention and education coordinator at 419-448-0640 or email coordinator@mhrsbssw.org.

ProMedica opens clinics for employees of Wood Co. schools

ProMedica has opened two new health clinics for employees of Wood County Schools. The clinics are located at 2751 Bay Park Dr., Suite 209, Oregon, and 1180 N. Main St., Suite 5, Bowling Green.

The ProMedica Physicians Wood County School Consortium Health Clinics are open six days a week, Monday through Saturday, with extended hours three days a week. About 4,000 plan members, which includes employees and their families, will be able to access the services at the health

clinics.

Kent Bishop, MD, chief medical officer for ProMedica physicians and acute care said, "As healthcare adapts and changes, we need to think differently about how to manage the health and well-being of specific populations."

The clinics provide a wide array of additional services beyond a traditional primary care office, including services such as wellness programs, routine testing and labs, nutrition counseling and medically

integrated fitness programs.

"We first heard of such a program at a conference about four years ago. We've been working on bringing it to Wood County. It's a great asset to employees, especially in rural regions. As superintendents, we desire to provide great services and have a healthy workforce," said Adam Koch, superintendent of Otsego Local Schools.

The health clinics also have some potential cost-saving benefits compared to urgent care and emergency room visits.

"We are always mindful of cost-savings initiatives. This is a win-win situation," said Brent Welker, superintendent of Eastwood Local Schools.

Both superintendents have received positive feedback about the clinics from employees and their families. "My daughter used one of the clinics before she went back to college after winter break. The scheduling was easy and convenient and she was pleased with the experience," Welker said.

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Long work hours at the office linked to high blood pressure

Office workers who spend long hours on the job are more likely to have high blood pressure, including a type that can go undetected during a routine medical appointment, according to a study published in the American Heart Association's journal "Hypertension" in December.

High blood pressure affects nearly half of Americans ages 18 and older and is a primary factor in more than 82,000 deaths per year. Approximately 15-30% of U.S. adults have a type of the condition called masked hypertension, meaning their high blood pressure readings are normal during health care visits but elevated when measured elsewhere.

The study, conducted by a Canadian research team, enlisted more than 3,500 white-collar employees at three public institutions in Quebec. These institutions generally provide insurance services to the general population. Compared with colleagues who worked fewer than 35 hours a week:

- Working 49 or more hours each week was linked to a 70% greater likelihood of having masked hypertension and 66% greater likelihood of having sustained hypertension – elevated blood pressure readings in and out of a clinical setting.

- Working between 41 and 48 hours each week was linked to a 54% greater likelihood of having masked hypertension and 42% greater likelihood of having sustained hypertension.

The findings accounted for variables such as job strain, age, sex, education level, occupation, smoking status, body mass index and other health factors.

"Both masked and sustained high blood pressure are linked to higher cardiovascular disease risk," said lead study author Xavier Trudel, Ph.D., assistant professor in the social and preventive medicine department at Laval University in Quebec, Canada.

"The observed associations accounted for job strain, a work stressor defined as a combination of high work demands and low decision-making authority. However, other related stressors might have an impact," Trudel said. "Future research could examine whether family responsibilities – such as a worker's number of children, household duties and childcare role – might interact with work circumstances to explain high blood pressure."

The five-year study involved three waves of testing – in years one, three and five. To simulate in-clinic blood pressure readings, a trained assistant provided participants with a wearable monitor to check each participant's resting blood pressure three times in one morning. For the rest

of the workday, the participant wore the blood pressure monitoring device, which took readings every 15 minutes – collecting a minimum of 20 additional measures for one day. Average resting readings at or above 140/90 mmHg, and average working readings at or above 135/85, were considered high.

In all, almost 19% of the workers had sustained hypertension, which included employees who were already taking high blood pressure medications. More than 13% of the workers had masked hypertension and were not receiving treatment for high blood pressure.

"The link between long working hours and high blood pressure in the study was about the same for men as for women," Trudel said.

The study "did not include blue-collar workers (employees who are paid by the hour and perform manual labor work in positions such agriculture, manufacturing, construction, mining, maintenance or hospitality service), therefore, these findings may not reflect the impact on blood pressure of shift-work or positions with higher physical demands," the authors said. Other limitations include the study's measurement of blood pressure only during daytime hours, and the omission of hours worked outside participants' primary job.

The authors noted several strengths of the study, including its many volunteers, accounting for multiple factors that can impact blood pressure, repeated testing over several years, the use of wearable monitors instead of relying on workers' reports of their blood pressure readings; and the use of the same monitors for all blood pressure measurements.

"People should be aware that long work hours might affect their heart health, and if they're working long hours, they should ask their doctors about checking their blood pressure over time with a wearable monitor," Trudel said. "Masked hypertension can affect someone for a long period of time and is associated, in the long term, with an increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease. We have previously shown that over five years, about 1 out of 5 people with masked hypertension never showed high blood pressure in a clinical setting, potentially delaying diagnosis and treatment."

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For our children, sensible risk is beneficial – danger is not

From the American Counseling Association

As parents, a common goal is to protect our children as much as possible. We don't want to see our kids hurt physically, emotionally or psychologically. And yet, most of us realize that such a goal is virtually impossible to achieve.

While it's relatively easy to try to keep our children from some physical harm through actions like making them buckle up every time they're in the car, making sure they have the necessary vaccinations, and keeping a regular schedule of doctor and dentist visits, kids are sometimes still going to get hurt just because they're kids. Climbing that tree probably seemed like a good idea, just like sledding down that steep hill looked perfectly safe and riding that mountain bike off that jump looked like it would be nothing but a fun experience.

The reality is that kids often aren't able to see the danger in certain activities with the same clarity that parents can. Yet, despite our parental fears, it actually is a good thing for our kids to learn to take some risks, even if they fail at them sometimes. The intention for parents should be to help educate their child on the differences between danger and risk.

While climbing a tree will often look dangerous to a parent, a child will only see the challenge. But if the child has not been taught on safe ways to climb that tree, what height limits are okay and similar information

The Counseling Corner

tion, it can indeed be a perilous activity.

Offering instruction on how to minimize danger and enjoy the benefits and thrills that overcoming risk can offer, can help children develop in a healthy way. Children are very sensitive to things that are bothering or worrying their parents, and if a parent is communicating constantly the need to be careful or to avoid most situations or activities, it only heightens a child's fears and feelings of insecurity.

But when parents encourage sensible risk and helps teach kids how to approach and conquer such risk, they are helping their children grow and feel more secure, confident and successful.

We all want our children's world to contain as little danger as possible, but encouraging children to take on some risk and teaching them to do it in safe ways is essential to helping them develop into strong, secure adults.

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Gov. DeWine awards more than \$2 million to local drug task forces

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announced he is awarding more than \$2 million in grant funding to support local law enforcement in their work to disrupt the drug trade in Ohio and enhance their role in substance use awareness, prevention, and recovery.

Grants from Gov. DeWine's RecoveryOhio Law Enforcement Fund will be provided to 27 existing drug task forces – including the Ottawa County Regional Task Force – to intensify their efforts to identify high-level drug traffickers; dismantle large drug trafficking organizations; interrupt the flow of money and drugs from Mexican cartels; and prevent the sale of illegal narcotics to those suffering from substance use disorder.

Funding will also be used to support the mission of Gov. DeWine's RecoveryOhio initiative which aims to increase substance use and mental health awareness, implement age-appropriate prevention education in schools, connect those who need help with treatment, and promote recovery.

"Ohio's task force officers work day and night to identify and arrest the drug traffickers who are fueling addiction. These grants will help local authorities continue this important work, as well as expand law enforcement's role in preventing substance abuse through prevention, education, and proactive outreach," said Gov. DeWine.

The Ottawa County Regional Task Force will receive \$65,057.96, which will be used to hire a prevention officer to implement drug awareness and prevention programs in schools and youth organizations, implement a re-entry program to promote recovery and reduce recidivism among jail inmates approaching release; and implement training for first responders related to secondary trauma and mental health.

A full list of award recipients can be found at www.governor.ohio.gov. The program is being administered by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

Additionally, separate funding secured in the 2019-2021 biennium budget is being used in partnership with Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's Organized Crime Investigations Commission (OCIC) to create new cartel interdiction task forces and expand some existing major drug interdiction task forces.

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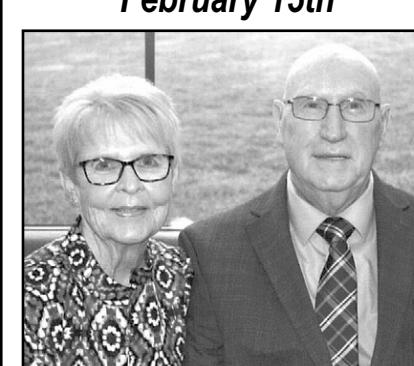
They were married on February 14, 1970, at Solomon Lutheran Church in Woodville, Ohio.

They are the proud parents of Timothy (Mary Jo) Wyse and Melissa (Scott) Hodson. Leslie and Linda each retired from Benton-Carroll-Salem Schools.

The Wyse family, including children, spouses and four grandchildren, celebrated the occasion on the Outer Banks in North Carolina last August.

Happy 60th Anniversary

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Health

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Ability Center kicks off centennial year, announces partnerships

At a Jan. 16 media event to kick off their centennial year, The Ability Center unveiled local community partnerships aimed at making the Toledo region the most disability-friendly community in the country.

In January 2019, The Ability Center, through its Disability Dialogue campaign, posed the question, "What would it take for our area to become the most disability-friendly community in the country?" The campaign brought together the broader community to offer insight and perspective on what the center can do by working together and increasing inclusive programming.

Disability-friendly describes a community that values and welcomes the potential and participation of each of its citizens and visitors – including those who live differently.

The Ability Center is working to create a disability-friendly community by working with partners to implement transformational solutions across six sectors including housing, transportation, education, employment, health care, and accessible spaces.

2020 partnerships include:

- City of Toledo:** The City of Toledo will collaborate with regional partners to stress the importance of an accessible city and the impact it has on its citizens.



- Toledo Lucas County Library:** Serving as a gateway to all citizens, all library staff will participate in disability awareness training teaching best practices on serving people of all abilities. A podcast will be developed highlighting local people, places,

and spaces that are disability friendly.

- Toledo Mud Hens:** The Minor League Baseball organization will continue to take an affirmative approach to hiring people with disabilities. The Mud Hens will also team up with The Ability Center to host

a summer celebration in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Employers' Association:** A business designed to connect people to jobs, the Employers' Association will focus on employment projects that result in real career opportunities for people with disabilities.

- The University of Toledo:** The University of Toledo launched a first-of-its-kind bachelor's degree in disability studies that expands the understanding of disability in practical application.

- Metroparks:** Toledo Metroparks has ingrained accessibility in their organizational culture and will continue to incorporate design features that work for everyone.

To engage further with The Ability Center's vision of creating the most disability-friendly community in the country, visit www.abilitycenter.org/disabilityfriendly.

The Ability Center, a non-profit Center for Independent Living (CIL) serving Northwest Ohio, serves the seven counties of Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, Fulton, Henry, Defiance and Williams.

A visual timeline of the history of the agency can be found at www.abilitycenter.org/centennial.

Health Dept: take steps to prevent the spread of cold & flu germs

While many people are talking about the Novel Coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan City, China, local health officials are reminding everyone to protect themselves from the flu and to prevent the spread of cold and flu germs.

Flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone.

In general, colds are usually milder than flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalizations.

The symptoms of flu can include fe-

ver or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue.

In either case, it's important to take preventative actions to stop the spread of germs. The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department offers these tips:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough into your sleeve. After using a tissue, throw it away immediately and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs on your hands can transfer into your body.
- Stay home or keep your distance

when you are ill or not feeling well. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.

Coronavirus update

The Health Department continues to work with the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC regarding the Coronavirus.

People who have traveled to the affected areas outside the U.S. where 2019-nCoV outbreaks have been identified and feel sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing, should seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and inform them of your symptoms and travel history.

If you have not traveled to China or have not been in contact with a person known or suspected to have the illness, there is no reason to be concerned at this time, Health Department officials say.

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department collaborates closely with The University of Toledo and will provide assistance if the ongoing outbreak affects the local area.

For additional information on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, visit the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department at www.lucascountyhealth.com and the Ohio Department of Health at <https://odh.ohio.gov>. Information will be updated on the rapidly evolving situation on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html.

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Cut back on sweets by rethinking meals, raising “sugar IQ”

By Deborah Karl, LD, RD, CDE
ProMedica Health Connect

You know that eating extra sugar can lead to weight gain, Type 2 Diabetes, heart disease, and a whole host of health problems. Yet here you are reaching for the candy jar on your desk or accepting yet another homemade dessert from a co-worker.

Before you go beating yourself up about lack of willpower, know that we are born with an innate preference for sweets. Although our preference for nutrient dense foods led to our survival as a species, nowadays our easy access to tasty, energy dense foods have led to an obesity epidemic.

So, what can you do to change your behavior? Begin by taking some time to analyze why you are eating sweets and strategize a change.

Rethink your meals

Skipping meals, like breakfast, leaves you vulnerable to getting overly hungry and increases the likelihood of grabbing a sweet pick-me-up. Start planning ahead. Factor in enough time in your day to eat meals. After all, food is fuel and to function optimally you need to fuel-up. If time is a factor, plan some easy meals like Greek yogurt, fruit and a handful of nuts or a slice of whole grain avocado toast, a hardboiled egg, and a fruit.

Your meal choice can also affect your desire for sweets. When you eat a bowl of cereal, which is highly refined, it spikes your blood sugar and drops it an hour or two later. Then, you're hungry and reaching for another sugar fix.

It's time to rethink your breakfast selection. Plan a more balanced breakfast, including three different food groups, one of them being a good protein source and another a good source of fiber. The protein and fiber will provide more staying power, so you'll be less likely to search for a snack midmorning.

You should plan your snacks, too. If there's a long time between meals and you have nothing to snack on but the candy jar on your desk or the vending machine



Keep in mind that four grams of sugar equals one teaspoon of sugar. The American Heart Association advises women and children to limit added sugar to 6 teaspoons or 25 grams of sugar a day, whereas men should limit their sugar intake to 9 teaspoons or 36 grams of sugar per day. (Submitted photo)

down the hall, that's what you'll be eating. Get rid of the candy jar – out of sight out of mind. Start bringing in healthier snacks. Plan snacks that have staying power such

as a handful of nuts, fresh fruit, a sandwich bag of fresh vegetables, Greek yogurt or a hardboiled egg.

Brush up on your sugar knowledge

If you have a hard time cutting back on the sweets, another thing to sharpen up is your nutrition IQ and the sugar content in foods. Over the years, food manufacturers have added more and more sugar to our food supply. Just to be clear, I am not talking about the sugar that occurs naturally in fruit, milk, sweet potatoes and carrots. The sugar in these foods are paired with vitamins, minerals and often fiber – healthy nutrients that we need. These unprocessed foods take longer to digest, have a more blunted rise to our blood sugars, and are more likely to make us feel full.

Obviously, there is a lot of added sugar in pop, candy and cookies, but when you look at food labels, you'll notice the added sugar in other items, such as spaghetti sauce, granola bars, salad dressings, yogurt and prepared meals. The newly revised food labels not only tell us how much sugar is in that food, but how much of that sugar is added as opposed to occurring naturally.

It may be helpful to visualize that four grams of sugar equals one teaspoon of sugar. Seeing that a bottle of sweet tea has 48 grams of sugar or 12 teaspoons of sugar may inspire you to quit sugar sweetened drinks cold turkey. The American Heart Association advises women and children to limit added sugar to 6 teaspoons or 25 grams of sugar a day, whereas men should limit their sugar intake to 9 teaspoons or 36 grams of sugar per day.

Give yourself some time as you start to reduce sugar in your diet; change doesn't happen overnight. You will find that you are more successful working on one aspect of your eating pattern at a time, like eating healthier snacks rather than trying to change everything overnight. As you grow accustomed to eating less processed foods, you will probably find those sugary foods lose their appeal.

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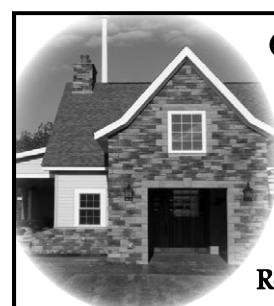


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Health

Ohio State experts:

Partner with your pet to succeed with diet and exercise

Fewer than 25% of people who start a diet and exercise plan stick with their resolutions for more than a month. Experts at The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center say that partnering with your pet when implementing healthy habits can be a great way to find motivation and make you both happier and healthier.

"A balanced diet and regular exercise are extremely important for pets, just like they are for humans, and many of the health benefits of a healthy lifestyle are the same" said Dr. Arielle Markley, a veterinarian in the Canine Physical Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine Center at Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center.

Markley acknowledges that there are many creative ways to get active with your pet such as dog yoga, dog Pilates, and couch to 5K programs, but she urges people to start slowly. Just as someone shouldn't run a full marathon without training, the same holds true for pets. It's important to work them up slowly, especially if they haven't been active.

When starting a plan with your pet, Markley says to remember PAWS:

Plan – Schedule your workouts, make grocery lists and plan out the daily practices that are going to help you reach your goals. Making small, manageable changes will lead to big results over time.

Active – Find ways to get active with your pet that you both enjoy.

Wellness – Checkups are important for both you and your pet to ensure you are both healthy enough for exercise and to determine your specific dietary needs. When you call your vet to schedule your pet's annual checkup, give your primary care physician a call as well.

Success – Celebrate and reward your success, but try swapping out treats and junk food for some extra love and attention for your pet.



Veterinarian Dr. Laurie Millward adopted Mitch when he was severely overweight. After embarking on a health journey with him, Mitch has lost more than 60 pounds, and Millward is working toward running her first 5K. (Photo courtesy of The Ohio State University Wexford Medical Center)

Liz Weinandy, a registered dietitian at Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, acknowledges that change can be hard but says forming a partnership with your pet could be the motivation you need.

"Making a commitment to your pet to go for a walk every single day means that

you're not only making those changes for yourself, but now also for your pet. We know that the numerous health benefits from embracing a healthier lifestyle like weight loss, better sleep, and overall enhanced mental health, can translate to your pet as well," Weinandy said.

Both experts stress the importance of getting clearance from your doctor and veterinarian before starting any program. It's important to make sure that there aren't any other health conditions that might keep either of you from your goals and to have a tailored individual plan.

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By Erin Thompson
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist, in Toledo

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10:45am Gentle Yoga +
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5pm Beginners Yoga
6pm Warm Restorative
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8:15pm Yoga for Deep
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10am Restorative Yoga
11am Stress Relief Stretch

12pm Beginners Yoga

6pm Yin Yoga

7:15pm Meditation, Music +
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Thursday

8:15am Yin Yoga

9:30am Yoga for Beginners

10:45am Yin Yoga

3:45pm Chair Yoga

Friday

11am Beginners Yoga
12pm Restorative Yoga
1pm Stress Relief Stretch

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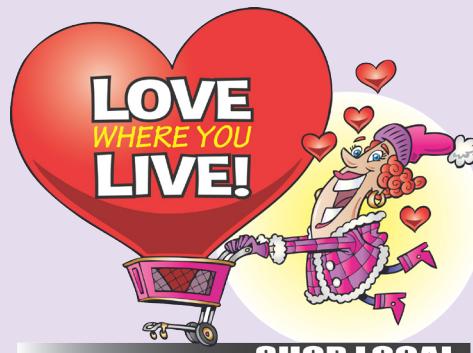
Sweethearts who want to keep their relationships running strong know that Valentine's Day is celebrated each year on February 14. But even the most ardent Valentine's Day enthusiast might not know just why this day designed for lovers to express their affections for one another is celebrated in mid-February. According to the Library of Congress, it's hard to pinpoint exactly why Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14, though the date might have ties to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a spring festival celebrated each year on February

15. The holiday was moved to February 14 after the spread of Christianity. The Christian faith had several early martyrs named Valentine, and each of them were celebrated with a saint day on February 14. But the unique history of Valentine's Day and its association with February 14 as well as its romantic sentiments does not end there. The Library of Congress also notes that, in the Middle Ages, people believed birds selected their mates on February 14. As a result, it was not uncommon for lovers to recite prose to one another on this date.

Did you know?

Though certain elements of modern-day Valentine's Day celebrations can be traced back to the 14th century, chocolate is not one of them. In his 1382 poem, "Parlement of Foules," English poet Geoffrey Chaucer became the first to connect romance with St. Valentine's Day. Over the next several centuries, the day's connection to romance only grew stronger, and by the Victorian era in England, it was not uncommon for lovers to profess their affections through songs, poetry and even the giving of roses as gifts. It was during the Victorian era that British chocolate

manufacturer Richard Cadbury began searching for ways to use the cocoa butter that his company was extracting during the production of their drinking chocolate. In 1861, Cadbury decided to produce edible chocolates, which he even sold and marketed in heart-shaped boxes decorated with images of Cupid and rosebuds. It would be a few more decades before edible chocolates caught on in the United States, where they remain a must-have item for many Valentine's Day celebrants more than 150 years after Cadbury first began selling them.



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In 28 years, wrestling club produced 48 state champs

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From 2000-05, Waite was the dominant team in Toledo City League wrestling, and that was when St. John's, St. Francis, Whitmer and Central Catholic were in the mix.

There might not have even been a Waite wrestling team had it not been for Gary Burgess.

In 1992, Burgess, Hector Ramirez and his brother Earl Ramirez started the East Toledo Wrestling Club.

The club continued through 2018, and during those 26 years it produced 48 Ohio high school state champions, says Burgess. There have been dozens more state placers and even a national champion — Waite high school state placer Antonio Guerra went on to win two NCAA Division II championships for the University of Findlay in 2005 and 2006 and is now the head coach at Defiance College.

In addition, there were 27 grade school state champions, five two-time grade school state champions, 18 junior high state champs, one three-time junior high state champ and 27 tournaments of champions and placers.

"It's amazing how committed Gary has always been with all his wrestlers and all the challenges he has had to endure. He's been a committed person. I quit this program about five years ago and my brother about seven, but Gary has been committed all these years," Hector Ramirez said.

Burgess, who is now under treatment for cancer but was still helping at Clay, remembers how it got started.

"Waite High School wrestling team was going down in numbers to a point they were thinking about canceling wrestling out there. Being an ex-wrestler from Waite myself, as soon as I got out of the Army I started coaching again," Burgess said.

"I went over and talked to the athletic director and I asked him to give us a chance and I'll start a youth club and get you a feeder system into the high school. That's how we got started. I got a hold of Hector and his brother Earl and Herman (Obitua) — all actually ex-Waite wrestlers and I told them what I'd like to do and see if we can get something going."

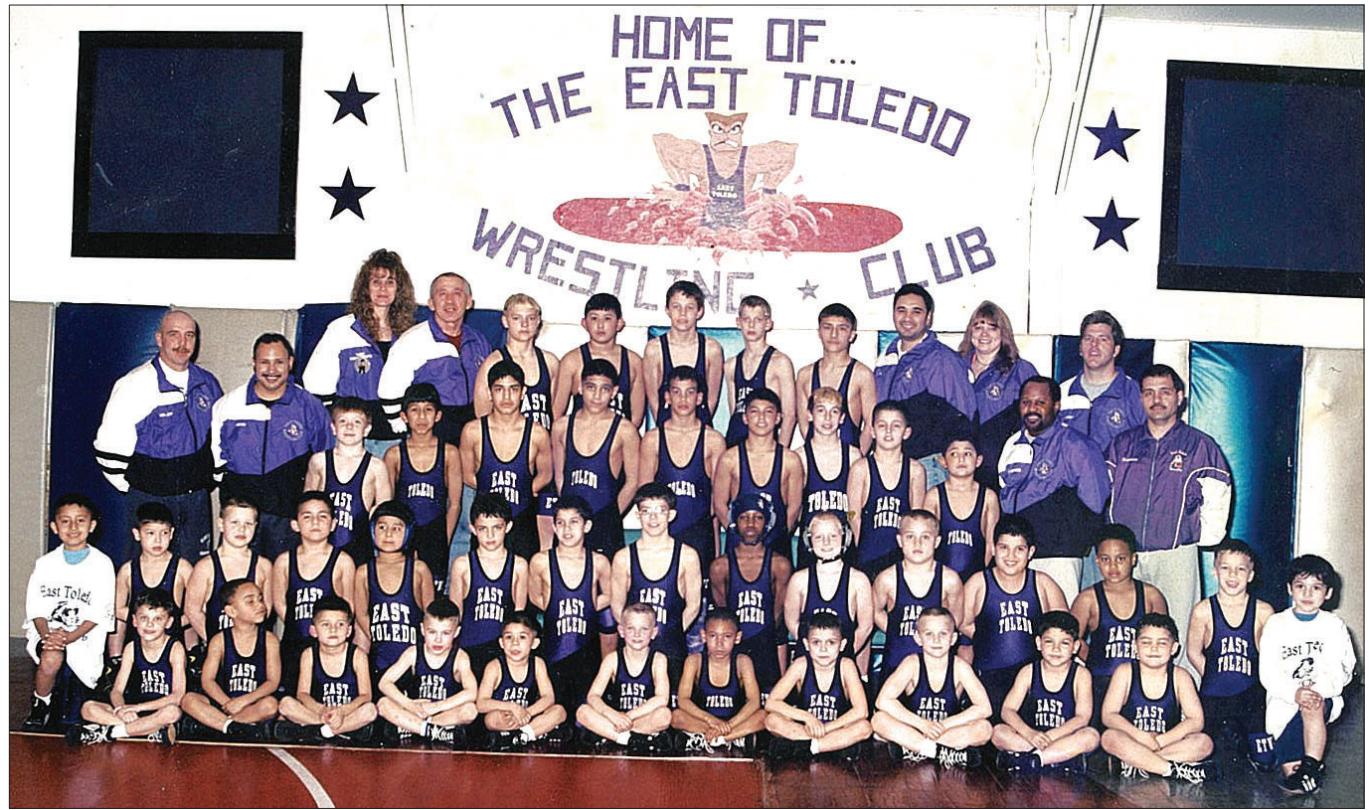
Once the first group of freshman wrestlers reached Waite, City League championships started to happen. Meanwhile, in the offseason, the ETWC was taking wrestlers all over the country.

"We went to Oklahoma nationals, we went down to Columbus and helped run tournaments, and I also have a picture of my coaching staff winning nationals down in Tennessee," Burgess said.

"It was to be 78 wrestlers in five divisions, and we had 10 of the best wrestlers in the nation, and Tennessee called and they wanted Ohio to come for sure. In fact, some of the other states didn't want to come unless Ohio came. So, they threw that at me, and I put it together and we won it."

Waite coach Carmen Amenta was the first benefactor of the program at the varsity level.

"He got a whole group of kids that were coming there because of the East Toledo program and because of them starting when they were little," Tracy Garufos said. "He did great things with them, too, and the kids there loved him just like they loved Gary. The only thing Gary had been



East Toledo Club Wrestlers in 2001 — coaches and organizers in the photo include Hector Ramirez, Tammy Lorton, Gary Burgess, Earl Ramirez, Tracy Garufos, Ed Langlois, Jerry Robinson and Herman Obitua)

East Toledo Club Wrestlers High School Accomplishments

Josh Potillo	3-Time State Champion	Nick Quinonis	State Champion
Logan Griffith	3-Time State Champion	Josh Lennox	State Champion
Pete Redina	3-Time State Champion	Billy Osborn	State Champion
Felipe Martinez	3-Time State Champion	Travis Mann	State Champion
Matt Stencil	2-Time State Champion	Richard Jackson	State Runner-Up
	State Runner-Up		3rd in State
Joe Redine	2-Time State Champion	Ryan Nellese	State Runner-Up
Jerome Robinson	2-Time State Champion	Evan Ulinski	3rd in State
Jay Nino	2-Time State Champion	Chance Sonnenberg	State Runner-Up
Nate Hagan	2-Time State Champion	Chad Sonnenberg	2-time 5th in State
Chris Rau	2-Time State Champion	Jake Henderson	5th & 7th in State
Justin Potillo	2-Time State Champion	Leif Gilsdorf	State Runner-Up
Oscar Sanchez	2-Time State Champion	Dalton Ishmel	State Runner-Up
Julian Sanchez	State Champion	Kyle Holiday	State Runner-Up
	2-time State Runner-Up	Nick Stencil	3rd & 5th in State
Wade Vansickle	State Champion	Rick Canning	3rd in State
	2-Time State Runner-Up	Josh Johnson	3rd in State
Moises Guillen	State Champion	Jimmy Mann	3rd in State
	State Runner-Up	Nick Henneman	2-time 4th in State, 6th
Teddy Warren	4th & 7th in State	Justin Schutte	4th & 6th in State
	State Champion	Antonio Guerra	4th in State
Dakota Ball	State Runner-Up	Rasondo Beltran	4th in State
	State Champion	Antonio Lecki	6th in State
Mario Guillen	Runner-Up & 7th in State	Justin Wharton	7th in State
	State Champion	Nate Brubaker	8th in State
Alex Martinez	2-time 3rd in State		
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	3rd Place		

doing this whole thing on his own, started it, and kept it going strong."

The ETWC started with 13 kids training in an East Toledo Family Center classroom. Three years later, it was up to 60 kids so it moved into Waite High School and then later into a building on Chelsea Avenue. It was also funded through a reverse raffle every year with parents required to sell tickets. There would even be a banquet with a disc jockey and dancing.

Because of grant funding and private contributions from banks and sponsors, some gotten through former city council member Bob McCloskey, they had to allow athletes from all over the city to come in.

"It got to a point where we had kids coming from all over. We had kids coming from Monroe, Michigan and we took them all in," Burgess said.

Dealing with the elements

Waite is still winning championships with former ETWC wrestlers, and it was always Burgess who kept the program strong.

"Gary was always still going strong with this club. Many of us had come and gone — I was the program coordinator but he probably had 10 program coordinators, he probably had 15 different coaches, but we came and went. This man, on his own, has been the success in keeping this darn

thing going," said Garufos. "There were so many kids that stuck out. So many clubs have started and finished, and this guy just pecked away at it to keep it going."

"You don't get a better coach than that — you can't find one. And, it's just his dedication to the kids and to the wrestling. He's just a super, great man to be around. The team was such a great thing to be a part of because I met so many lifelong friends and kids, and to this day I still have kids running to me and they remember me, but they are full grown men now and they just don't look the same."

Plus, for many wrestlers, there were issues at home, or the family did not have the money to send their wrestler traveling across the country.

"Some of those kids wouldn't have had the opportunity to go onto college or to be successful in everyday life because of where they were coming from," Hector Ramirez said. "We loved the sport and we knew that the east side had a lot of talent."

"We had national champions, state champs — we had a lot of tough kids come through that program," Ramirez continued. "It was tough to see because we knew that we had a hand in this, but we knew that we had to give some of these kids positive direction that they didn't get at home, and mentoring. We were people who actually cared about the kids and we even helped them out that way. We even paid their entry fees and hotel rooms and stuff."

The program got so much attention that in 2005, ESPN did a 50-minute segment about it which can still be viewed on YouTube. They focused on East Toledo youth wrestlers Mario and Moises Guillen, whose father was serving time in prison. Both won state championships wrestling for Perrysburg.

"The Guillens are tough. They came through some stuff," Hector said. "They highlighted Mario and Moises because their father was doing time and the mother and the uncle were very instrumental in keeping them in wrestling, traveling with them, and that's the reason why they got really good."

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Henneman named the national Wrestler of the Week

Lourdes University's Nick Henneman (Clay) has been named the NAIA National Wrestler of the Week for the second time in his career.

The Gray Wolf sophomore earned the honor nearly one year ago to the day, Feb. 6, 2019, as well. He has also been named the Sooner Athletic Conference Wrestler of the Week for Jan. 27-Feb. 2.

Henneman posted a pair of victories last Saturday to increase his season record to 14-1, sharing the team lead for wins.

Henneman, ranked third in NAIA at 141 pounds, avenged his lone loss of the season with an 11-6 win against top-ranked Brandon James of Marian. He followed that effort up with an 18-0 technical fall against Travis Starr from Cleary, needing just 1:03 to secure the victory after tallying four four-point near falls.

Lourdes fell to 12th-ranked Marian and defeated Cleary as a team in the dual matches.

Hensville concert series

Michael Franti & Spearhead return to Toledo with their Work Hard & Be Nice tour as part of the 2020 Hensville Park Concert Series. They will bring their high-energy show to the Owens Corning stage on Friday, August 14.

Michael Franti is a musician, humanitarian, filmmaker, who believes there is battle taking place in the world today between cynicism and optimism and it comes through in his lyrics — fusing themes of love, community and social consciousness. His most recent album, Stay Human Vol II, is a reminder to himself and everyone that listens that the world is still good, and it is worth fighting for. Franti, with his distinct mixture of R&B, hip-hop, soul, folk, rock and reggae, saw early critical acclaim with Stay Human soaring to the top of the charts including, No. 1 Billboard Independent Album Sales and No. 1 iTunes Top Albums Singer/Songwriter (US, CAN & AUS).

The Flock and FINatics Exclusive Member presale began February 6. General public tickets went on sale February 7. For tickets and more information on the 2020 Hensville Concert Series, go to www.hensvilletoledo.com or call 419-725-4367.

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Lourdes University wrestler Nick Henneman working toward a pin. (Photo courtesy LU Athletics)



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Inspired by night markets from around the world, Toledo Night Market creates a spectacular atmosphere with food, live music and entertainment for you to enjoy strolling outdoors at twilight. An eclectic mix of vendors will make for a fun shopping experience for all. To enhance the evening further, the outdoor rink will be open on Friday night for public skating.

Winterfest Toledo Night Market hours will be:

- Friday, December 18 from 5-10 p.m.
- Saturday, December 19 from 5-10 p.m.
- Sunday, December 20 from 3-8 p.m.

Nearly 11,000 people experienced Toledo Night Market in 2019 and will return this year with events at the Botanical Gardens on May 8 and the Toledo Farmer's Market on June 13, July 11, August 8 and September 12.

Winterfest runs through January 3, featuring an outdoor ice rink at the Mud Hens ballpark with two Toledo Walleye games on December 26 and December 31, and a wide variety of ice sports activities.

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From island to mainland, Booker can play

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Oak Harbor junior guard Blake Booker grew up on South Bass Island, playing basketball for Put-In-Bay his freshman year.

He moved to the mainland and joined the Oak Harbor squad his sophomore year, having to sit out half the season. Put-In-Bay is an Ohio High School Athletic Association member, but does not often compete with member schools, but still the rule qualifies.

Doesn't matter now, Booker is playing a major role with the Rockets, who are 10-3 overall and 4-2 in the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division heading into last weekend's play.

Booker is averaging 11.5 points per game and leads the Bay Division in shooting from the field, but he's also improved his play defensively and became a top rebounder for the Rockets, even though he stands just 5-foot-10.

"We knew he was a great shooter coming into the season and that was something we were looking forward to having all season long. Currently this year, he's shooting 48 percent (31 for 64) for us, which is a knock-down season for us," Oak Harbor coach Eric Sweet said.

"But the best thing the last two years is his defense has really turned up for us. He's a shooter for us, and he's our deep threat, but defensively he's really turned his game up for us and he's helped us out a ton on the defensive end."

"But his major role is to catch the ball and fire it for threes, and he does a great job with it. Every time he shoots the ball for us, I feel like he's going to make the shot. That's his major role for us, but the biggest thing I've loved is his growth on the defensive end."

Booker said he grew up on the island "firing away" at the hoop.

"You ask him where his shot comes from, and I watch these kids in the gym fire up 500 shots from the gun, and it's just whoosh, going through the net over and over again. He's worked his tail off to have that stroke and it's something we use and it's an asset to the program and to the team," Sweet said. "He was shooting the same way last year. He was up in the 50s (percent) for us last year, and he ended up at 47 percent."

Booker credits the Rockets' leading scorer, 5-10 senior guard Jac Alexander with dishing the basketball. Meanwhile, he's been working at the other aspects of his game.

"Jac is great at taking care of the ball and looking for shooters and looking for me when I'm open, and he takes his share of it. I got to like drift away from where he's going and sometimes he's facing a double team," Booker said. "But yeah, I've been working on defense and I've been working



Oak Harbor 5-foot-10 junior guard Blake Booker works his way into the paint during the Rockets' 59-57 overtime loss to Huron. (Photo by Laura Bolander)

hard on that since last year."

Booker says he's noticed that defenses have figured out that he's a "shooter," so it's no secret anymore. Sweet doesn't mind.

"We've definitely seen teams start to face-guard him more and be up into him. We actually saw for the first time this year a box-and-one wasn't on Jac, they played it on Blake instead," Sweet said.

"That was a different situation, but we have a lot of things we run through him based on his shooting ability and we're constantly looking for screens for him because not only is he a great set shooter but he can catch it off the run and get turned and get his hands and feet ready and makes his shots when we need him to."

Also, if an opponent goes into a zone, Booker becomes the man to go to.

"The majority of our zone stuff goes through Blake because he's our shooter. Being against zones, we definitely want him as our set shooter and ready to go. We

run him off some screens and we have a lot of plays that go for him," Sweet said.

Booker hasn't got the game-winning buzzer-beater yet because the opportunity hasn't arisen, but if you ask Booker or his coach, they consider all of his shots game-winners.

"I don't think Blake has felt that he's made some big shots because there have been no game-winners, but there has been many times where we have been in a drought and we've looked for that shot or that bucket to get going. Jac would attack and Blake has his hands and feet ready, and he hits it," Sweet said. "There have been many times that I have taken a deep breath as a coach and then off of a sudden I'm watching the play develop, and I'm going, 'OK, there it is,' and he makes it and gets back and plays defense like he normally does. But as a coach on the sideline, there is a great sense of trust there that he is able to make that shot anytime when we need him to."

24 events on tap for 33rd season

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In less than two months the roar of racing will return to Attica Raceway Park as "Ohio's Finest Racing" venue kicks off its 33rd year of racing on Friday, March 20. The 2020 racing season will see 24 events take place at ARP with over \$650,000 in feature money scheduled to be paid.

"John Bores (ARP promoter) and our entire staff are excited for the special events in 2020 including six Ollie's Bargain Outlet All Star Circuit of Champion races, the 32nd Annual Ohio Logistics Brad Doty Classic Presented by Racing Optics, the second season of the Attica Fremont Championship Series (AFCS), the challenge series between the Attica late models and Wayne County Speedway and Oakshade Raceway and several special events for the 305 sprints," said Rex LeJeune, Director of Operations at ARP.

Tony Stewart's All Stars will make their first appearance of the year at Attica for the traditional Core & Main Spring Nationals, Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11. Attica Raceway Park will once again kick off the All Star's Ohio Sprint Speedweek on Friday, June 12 with the traveling series heading back to Attica on Friday, July 3. The All Stars will help Attica wrap up the season with the traditional Attica Ambush on Friday, and Saturday, Sept. 4 and 5 with the Saturday event paying \$10,000 to win.

The AFCS Presented by the Baumann Auto Group will have 10 events for the 410 Sprints with three paying \$4,000 to win (May 15, June 5 and July 24). The 32nd Annual Brad Doty Classic featuring the World of Outlaws Sprint Car series will take place Tuesday, July 14.

Attica Raceway Park welcomes the UMP Late Models in 2020. The late models have 20 events on the 2020 schedule including the Attica/Wayne County challenge series (April 17, May 29 and July 31) and the Attica/Oakshade challenge series (May 1, June 26 and July 24).

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Sitting out doesn't deter Ross Thompson

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Cardinal Stritch boys basketball coach Jamie Kachmarik has seen it before — as a college coach.

Players transfer from another program, or they redshirt, and cannot play in games for a year. But, they still continue working out with the team and going to games, and one would think that is hard on a player not to be on the court game-time.

Stritch 6-foot-7 junior forward Ross Thompson is on that boat right now. He transferred from Whitmer, so after the Cardinals finished half their season, he has to sit out the rest of the season per-Ohio High School Athletic Association rules. But Kachmarik says this guy is still getting after it.

"The big thing with him is he just keeps developing more and more from game one to game 11 when he goes to play. He is very coachable and he works hard and now he's lifting three days a week with coach Katafiasz in the weight room, practicing with us every day and then he's gone on the scout team gone with the JV and competed, and has really become a leader with the team," Kachmarik said.

"Every day, it's the same grind. He gets up in the morning and before he goes to school he does a cross-fit thing and the other thing about him is he's a National Honor Society student, so he's doing it everywhere and that's his work ethic. That's what is going to get him to play at that next level."

"He's talking during the games and kind of becoming a branch of the coaching staff. For a young man to transfer in high school and have to sit out, not a lot of them can do a lot of different things, but he has taken this role a lot like some of the guys that I was with who had to sit out because they transferred when I was coaching college basketball."

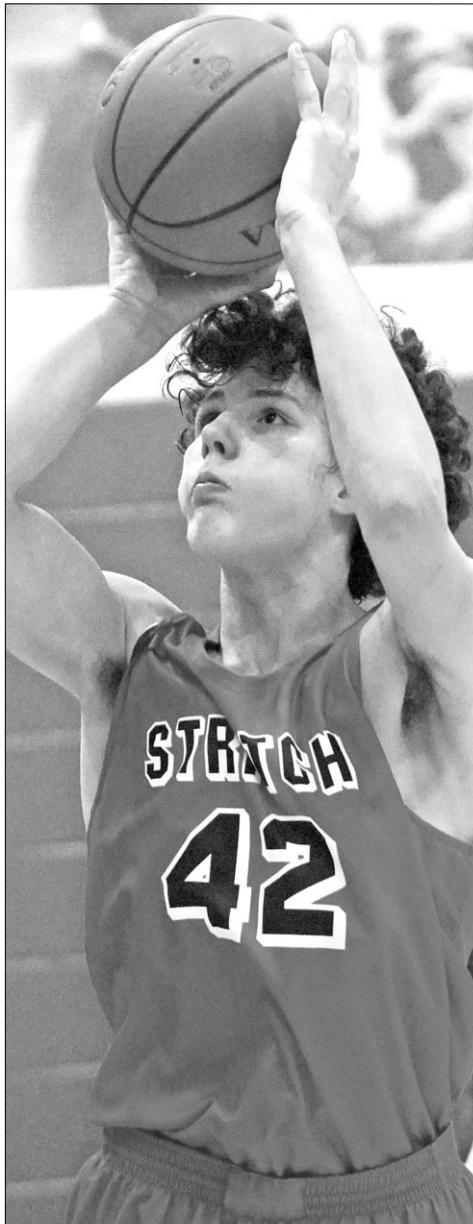
"It shows the maturity level on him to want to work this hard. He has aspirations of playing college basketball and I think he's well on his way, and starting here at Stritch, it's been a good way for him to go," Kachmarik continued.

Thompson says there is a reason he just keeps on going, and doesn't mind not being on the court during games.

"I plan on playing basketball in the future," Thompson said. "Basketball is what makes me happy, so I'll do anything to get better and just keep playing basketball and being a part of my team."

Kachmarik believes the transfer has worked out for Thompson in other ways, too.

"I think it was a fit with our school being a little bit smaller. It's helped him a lit-



Cardinal Stritch 6-foot-7 forward Ross Thompson. (Press photo by Doug Karns/www.DougKarns.smugmug.com)

tle bit socially and with his self-confidence and stuff," Kachmarik said. "I think that's mostly it — I think his family has all been Whitmer people, so it was a big step for him to leave that family because they live over that way, but he thought this would be better for him academically and with the classroom being smaller, I think it's much better for him."

After 11 games, Cardinal Stritch was 9-2, but since Thompson has stopped playing in games, the Cardinals have gone 4-2, falling to 13-4.

Thompson was excellent during his time, making 61.3 percent of his two-point

field goals (19 for 31), and he scored 43 points, averaging 3.9 per game. Plus, he was second on the team in rebounding (5.2), blocked 11 shots, and had five steals.

"There are only a couple points and rebounds, but he blocked some shots, but he was just really getting into a groove," Kachmarik said. "I think if he had stayed with us, he would have started averaging close to double figures and more rebounds, and just like anything, he was just starting to grow into that. And, he's growing into his body — he's getting bigger, stronger, and faster, so I really look forward to a great year for him, not only this summer but next year as well."

Kachmarik has said repeatedly that not having him on the court is like having an injury, which the Cardinals have dealt with also.

"Our team has been a little bit different because we had (6-6 forward) Devyn Jones, who is a senior for us, break his arm in game two against Waite, and then we lost Ross after the 11th game. Then Devyn gets his cast off (last week) so we'll get him again," Kachmarik said.

"So we've had a lot of adjustments and we've had to do a lot of different things, but he just keeps working. He caught the attention when we played against a team in Indiana down in Kentucky — he caught the eye of some people down there to play AAU basketball for Spiece Indy Heat out of Fort Wayne — they just called and asked about him playing for them. It's a great program AAU-wise."

"So, everything is just so positive for him and his attitude is great. I just keep looking forward to working him and seeing him getting stronger. He'll have a great year next year but I'm more excited to see what he does once he graduates from Cardinal Stritch."

Thompson says he is looking forward to joining the Indy Heat this summer. That will be the next time he steps onto the court for a game in organized basketball.

"I'm really excited for it. It's going to be a really good learning lesson for me. It's going to help me a lot and it'll help me become a better player," Thompson said.

For now, Thompson says he will still challenge his teammates to get their Toledo Area Athletic Conference championship and maybe even a return to the state tournament after reaching the Division III final four last year.

"We're going to be a good team at the end of the year," Thompson said. "We all work really hard and work well together. We're like one big family and we are all there for each other. We've got to keep each other working and stuff, but it's been a good environment. I think we get as far as we can and just play as a family and just work hard together to get better."

Woodmore hosting 3-on-3 cage tourney

On March 8, Woodmore will host its second annual basketball tournament in efforts to bring the community together and raise money for Engaging Opportunities Foundation. This tournament is hosted by Woodmore's National Honor Society and the high school student council.

The tournament is a three vs. three competition and will consist of teams with a roster of up to five players that is open to all ages and genders as long as there is at least one member 14 years old. There can be boy teams, girl teams and co-ed teams.

All teams will have to fill out waivers and pay a \$50 entry fee. Each member of the NHS or student council is encouraged to find a team or join a team. During the tournament there will be concessions and a silent auction. To find registration information, go to the Woodmore website, Twitter, or Facebook page.

NHS adviser Whitney Flick shared that knowing they planned on making this an annual event there was a lot of time spent developing the workings of the tournament last year.

"We were looking for a big event to take the place of having a blood drive. Last year's senior NHS officers suggested the three vs. three. They played in a tournament like this years ago at Solomon (Lutheran School) but Solomon no longer does it," said Flick.

The overall goal is to raise money and awareness for the foundation that was chosen. Jacob Huss will oversee the tournament the day of the fundraiser.

Last year's tournament made just over \$1,000 and this year's goal is to surpass \$1,000. All the money raised will be donated to Engaging Opportunities Foundation — a local foundation seeking to provide opportunities to teenagers and adults with special needs. This foundation had an overwhelming vote last year and once again this year.

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Dickey says offseason work paying off for his squad

By J. Patrick Eaken
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Northwood girls basketball coach Andrew Dickey says his team worked hard in the offseason and he was hoping it would pay off.

"My entire team put in a lot of work this summer. I challenged them all to a 50-day shooting challenge to which my girls shot of 42,000 shots," Dickey said. "It was one of the best summers I have ever had as a coach at Northwood."

"(Sophomore guard Meiah) Smith, (sophomore forward Randi) Wilson and (junior forward Ashlyn) Rable, between their work life and social lives, managed to spend a ton of time in the gym and the weight room. Two sophomores on the team, Bethany Gillespie and Alayna Avalos, are two girls that also utilized the summer to improve themselves and this coach noticed."

Wilson is averaging a double-double at 11.3 points and 10.5 rebounds. The team is 7-12 overall and 3-4 in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference, good enough for third place.

"We've been doing as best we can these last few weeks. Winning in the games we should win and being competitive in all the others," Dickey said. "We lost a big piece of our offense and defense right before we played Maumee Valley when Ashlyn Rable suffered a small fracture in her foot. And we suffered a heartbreaker that game. It was weird. It's like we have to redefine our identity. But crazy enough our team has grown up a lot."

"My JV players are really starting to play harder and have been giving me more of a reason to plug them into varsity minutes. This helps my varsity squad a lot allowing them to rest and stay on top."

Dickey has other up-and-coming players who filling roles

Zoe Turner, our freshman, has moved from a guard to playing our small forward. Gina Nagel who was our sixth man has been a consistent starter for us and Mikayla Hanley, another freshman, in the last five games has been a great addition filling in for Ashlyn Rable. When we play her it allows Zoe to move out or it gives us three decent 'bigs' to play.

"Though her stat lines don't show it, Emily Bowen has been a first team defender. She holds anyone she's defending to half their total points per game. She's averaging three steals and two deflections a game."

He was hoping that his team could be in the hunt for a league title.

"It's a tough league but I expected my girls to play for a league title this year. Because nothing less will satisfy them," Dickey said.

"I love being able to coach in a league like the TAAC. If you look at the quality of basketball we play in our league, you expect every game to be a battle. Toledo Christian has so many weapons and talent in addition to a very tough-minded coach who expects nothing but the best out of his

Woodmore cage players take time to honor teachers

By Andrew Barringer
Staff Writer
Window To Woodmore

It is always a good idea for students to show appreciation for teachers and school staff who have made a positive impact on their lives.

This is exactly what the Woodmore boys and girls varsity basketball teams did at their games on Staff Appreciation Nights, which occurred for the first time this year.

Each Woodmore varsity player was asked to choose a Woodmore staff member and write a small paragraph explaining why he or she chose their staff member. Every staff member chosen was escorted down the court by the player that chose him or her before the varsity game began. The player's reasons were read aloud to the crowd, so every player could show his or her appreciation towards the staff member they chose.

Principal Nolan Wickard was inspired by another school and decided he wanted to implement this at Woodmore.

"I thought it was a great idea for both students and teachers. I wanted teachers to understand the impact they can have on a student's life," said Wickard. "People



Northwood junior guard Emily Bowen goes to the basket, defended by Cardinal Stritch junior guard Samantha Borragina. (Press photo by Don Thompson/[Facebook.com/DNRSports](https://www.facebook.com/DNRSports))



Northwood 5-foot-11 sophomore Randi Wilson goes to the basket defended by Lake sophomore Ava Ayers (Press photo by Don Thompson/[Facebook.com/DNRSports](https://www.facebook.com/DNRSports))

team. Ottawa Hills is always a top tier team because they are so fundamentally sound and coached by one of the best in the state.

"Maumee Valley (7-10, 3-5) and us are no longer the 'newbies' in the league and I know they will be hungry to win like us. And I'm excited to see how the new coaches at Cardinal Stritch (3-16, 0-8) did this season. We want to win. I've got a team that wants to just go out and scrap and battle with teams. We've got two of the top forwards in the league and a lot to prove to ourselves and in the TAAC."

However, as the season starts to wind down the Rangers are four games behind Toledo Christian (17-1, 7-0) and Ottawa Hills (8-8, 6-1).

"I wish we had more wins under our belts but I've never been disappointed in my girls. This is a young team that has overcome tremendous obstacles this year and has stuck together throughout it all," Dickey said. "It makes me incredibly proud and excited for our future. We've got three more games left before we kick off tournament play against my old high school, Otsego, on February 18th at Bowling Green High School."

Plus, he feels like his team can be even better next year.

"Juniors Elycia Barber and Angelina Nagel are very important to us coming off the bench," Dickey said. "Sophomores Alayna Avalos, Bethany Gillespie and Gabby Smith all will be needed to step up for the team. Freshmen girls Mikayla Hanley, Regan Grant, and Zoe Turner all will be intricate players for us."

"My reserve players are also starting to show good promise, which we need at this time when we have a few injuries and players and what not. Regan Grant, Bethany Gillespie, and Mikayla Hanley all are starting to see time coming off the bench and I'm hoping they continue to show progress."

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sometimes hear of negativity in schools and not all of the positivity."

Junior player Aaron Sandrock chose Donna Katafias, his middle school history and enrichment teacher. Katafias had a positive impact on Sandrock's life.

"She always brought a great attitude to class and made it fun," he said.

Senior player Sydni Buhrow chose Chad Miller, the shop teacher.

"I chose him because he has taught me how to be a hardworking and respectful person. He always has a positive attitude, which is contagious, and he makes class enjoyable," she said.

Glenn Black, the junior varsity boys' basketball coach, was also an appreciated teacher.

"I loved seeing all the smiling faces of the players and faculty," said Black. "It was an honor to be chosen."

The basketball players say they enjoyed being able to show appreciation to a staff member that influenced their life positively. Wickard wants to continue this in the future, but alternate between boys and girls every year.

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Toledo

Locke Branch Library, 703 Miami St., programs include: Painting Flowers with Watercolor & Ink for Kids, Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m.; Toledo Grows Presents: Gardening In Small Spaces, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. – Learn about many vegetables, herbs or fruits you can easily grow in a pot or a small space in your yard; Rainbow Braid Clip For Black History Month, Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. – Join the library for a fun time with braiding with rainbow hair.

Birmingham Branch Library, 203 Paine Ave. will present: Read with the Toledo Reign (ages 5-10), Feb. 12, 4 p.m. – Meet a member of the Toledo Reign, Toledo's pro women's tackle football team, get autographs, and ask questions; Cupcake Decorating Workshop (ages 13-18), Feb. 13, 4 p.m. – Learn to decorate cupcakes like the pros. **Wild Game Dinner** presented by VFW Auxiliary Post 4906, 2161 Consaul St., Feb. 9, 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. Public welcome. Call 419-698-4411 for info or tickets.

Birmingham Block Watch meets the 1st Tues. of the month at 7 p.m. at the Birmingham Branch Library, 203 Paine Ave. and the 4th Wed. of the month at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 4906, 2161 Consaul St.

Hungarian Embroidery Classes, Mondays, 2-4 or 6-8 p.m., Calvin United Church of Christ, 1946 Bakewell. Come to any session or call 419-349-5539.

East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. at 11:45 a.m. at the American Family Table restaurant on Wheeling Street in Oregon. Walk-ins welcome. For info, call David at 567-312-4014.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mon. 7-8 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 6-6:45 p.m. Yearly membership is \$32. Weekly dues 50 cents. Call Judy at 419-691-8033 or come to a free meeting. Everyone welcome.

Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 4th Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd 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 Branch Library, 3340 Dustin Rd., children's programs include: Family Storytime, Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m.; Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.; Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:45-11:15 a.m.; Baby Storytime, Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m. For

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tweens: Anti-Valentine, Feb. 10, 4-5 p.m. For teens: Third Annual Chocolate Fest and Teen Book Tasting, Feb. 11, 4-5 p.m.; Oregon Teen Leadership Council, Feb. 13, 6-7 p.m. For adults: Device Advice, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-noon; Oregon Book Discussion, Feb. 13, 2-3 p.m. – "No One is Coming to Save Us," by Stephanie Powell Watts; Gamer's Guild for Adults, Feb. 15, 10-11:30 p.m. **Taco Tuesday**, Feb. 11, 4:30-7:30 p.m., VFW Post 9816, 1802 Ashcroft. \$5 includes two tacos and trimmings. Karaoke to follow. On Feb. 22, the post will hold a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner from 4-7 p.m., with karaoke to follow. All events are open to the public. Call 419-725-9916 for details.

Lake Erie Center Lecture, "Making the Connections Between the Land and Lake Erie: Old Woman Creek Studies the Pieces and Parts in Between," presented by Dr. Kristi Arend, research coordinator, Old Woman Creek NERR & Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Room 155, 6200 Bayshore Rd. Free and open to the public.

P.E.R.I. CHAPTER # 93, will meet Feb. 27, 1-2:15 p.m., Oregon Fire Station #1 Fire Hall, 5002 Seaman and Wynn roads. Get answers to questions regarding HRA, Medical, Pharmacy Insurance and Medicare denials. All O.P.E.R.S., Lucas County and Northwood retirees, P.E.R.I. members, guests and soon-to-be retirees welcome. Refreshments will be available. Limited seating available.

Clay Band Parents' Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Feb. 27, 4:30-7 p.m. in the Clay High School cafeteria. Meal includes spaghetti (meat or plain sauce), salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets available online at <http://clay-high-band-parents-assoc.square.site/> and at the door. Discounts for kids and seniors. Dine in or carry out. The event will also include raffle baskets, 50/50 drawings and entertainment from Clay's jazz band.

Euchre Tournaments at VFW 9816, 1802 Ashcroft Dr., Sundays at 2 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Queen of Hearts played every other Saturday at 7 p.m.

Clay High School Class of 2000 is planning a 20-year reunion May 2. For more details and RSVP info, visit Clay2000reunion.wixsite.com.

Oregon Retired Firefighters Assn. meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon at the Oregon Inn.

Food for Thought Food Pantry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church (corner of Coy and Navarre), open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. Please bring ID. Supplemental groceries provided to those in need.

Harbor View Historical Society Inc. and Museum, 2083 Autokee St., is open Thursdays 5-8 p.m. Admission is free. For info call 419-691-1517 or visit the museum's Facebook page.

Great Eastern Toastmasters Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:15 p.m. in the community meeting room near the

cafeteria at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital. Guests welcome or join for a small fee. Contact Allan Hoar at 419-698-3733 or visit GreatereasternTMC.ToastmastersClubs.org for info.

Oregon Republican Club meets the 1st Thursday of the month at the Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Visit [www.OregonRepublicanClub.com](http://OregonRepublicanClub.com) or contact Lynn Gibbs at lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

Ashland Church Food Pantry, 2350 Starr Ave., open the last Saturday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. ID required.

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step Christian-based recovery program to help anyone overcome hurt, habit or hang-up (addictions, anxiety, depression, grief, co-dependency), meets Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Intersection Church, formerly Heritage Christian Church, 1640 S. Coy Rd. Everyone welcome; free. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

James Wes Hancock Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. open weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Daily activities include bingo, cardio drumming, line dancing, fitness classes, exercise, Euchre, Bunco, Mahjong and health screenings. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. daily. \$2.50 donation suggested for seniors 60 and older; all others \$5.32. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. 419-698-7078.

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Quilts of Compassion seeks quilters to help make quilts for local charities, hospitals and disaster victims. No experience required. The group meets the last Wed. of the month 1-3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church, 3415 Starr Ave. Call Flo at 419-693-3766.

Northwood

Spaghetti Dinner, Feb. 14, 4:30-7 p.m., Northwood Church of God, 1838 S. Coy Rd. Sponsored by the Northwood Church of God and Elmore Church of God Youth Group. Dinner includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti with meat sauce (meatless available), salad, garlic bread and dessert. Kids' meals available. Dine in or carry out.

Northwood Block Watch Monthly Meeting, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m. at the fire station, 2100 Tracy Rd. Guest speaker Code Zoning Enforcement Officer Sabo will discuss the New Online Reporting and Permit Portal. She will also answer questions on possible code infractions in neighborhoods.

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the fire station at 2100 Tracy Rd. See Facebook page for info and updates.

Northwood VFW 2984 Fish Fries every Friday, 5-7:30 p.m. Chicken, steaks and shrimp also available. The post serves breakfast every Sunday, 9-11:30 a.m.

Adult Recreation for Northwood residents 18 and older at Arts, Athletics, Admin. Building at Northwood Schools (old high school), Mon. and Wed., 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon. Access to weight room, gym, marked walking track and indoor pickleball court. \$30 for unlimited visits; \$3 drop-in fee. Fitness classes \$3 per class Monday and Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-10 a.m. New this year: Northwood residents can have access to computers or the internet during these times. Seniors can walk the halls Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (no charge).

Men's Prayer Breakfast, every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-693-0260.

Free Home Safety Assessments and Smoke Detector Installation Program offered by Northwood Fire Department. To schedule an appointment, city residents may contact the fire chief at 419-690-1647 or email firechief@ci.northwood.oh.us.

Jerusalem Twp.

Board of Trustees meet the 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month at 7 p.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Jerusalem Twp. Food Pantry, open 2nd Wed. of every month, 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Walbridge

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St. programs include storytime Tuesdays at 11 a.m. – Stories, songs, rhymes and movement for kids and caretakers; Kinderskills for ages 3-6 Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Call 419-666-9900 for info.

Northeast Area Senior Center: 705 N. Main St., provides programs and activities for adults 60 and over. Open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Lunch served at noon. Call 567-249-4921 for info.

Walbridge VFW Bingo, 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 109 S. Main St. Lightning bingo at 1 p.m.; regular bingo at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Food and drinks available. New games; higher prizes. Sponsored by the Auxiliary. Call 419-666-0367 for info.

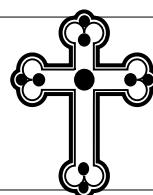
Support Group for Families and Friends who are Dealing with a Loved One's Heroin/Opiate Addiction meets Monday 6:30-8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 705 N. Main St. Sponsored by Mainstreet Church. For info, call 419-838-7600.

Genoa

Four Chaplains Presentation, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. service, St. John's Church, 1213 Washington St. Learn more at www.stjohnsgenoa.org.

Al-Anon Family Group, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Monday at 8 p.m. at Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St.

Genoa Senior Center, 514 Main St., open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Open for bingo at 9:30 a.m. on Monday; open at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. (reservations required 10 a.m. the day before).



The Press Church Worship Guide

Deadline: Thursday 11:00 am

Inspirational Message of the Week: Putting Gratitude in Our Lives

We all know how nice it is to be thanked for some small kindness or good deed which we have done for another. But perhaps more important than the warm feeling that we get when someone expresses their gratitude to us, is the positive outlook that gratitude usually engenders in the person who is grateful. That is, the feeling of being grateful helps to keep us focused on the positive. Instead of harping on how bad things are, or regretting the past, gratitude looks for the positive aspect and the silver lining. And although we all may occasionally feel sorry for ourselves, we can

alleviate some of these feelings by getting into the habit of reminding ourselves of how much we have to be thankful for. Our good health, having friends and family who care about us, and even something as mundane as going to work, are truly things for which we ought to be grateful. We should spend some time each day counting our blessings. We might be pleasantly surprised to find that this exercise itself will make our lives better. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. N.I.V. 1 Chronicles 16:34

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Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Pastor Robert Noble

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Saturday Worship: 11:00am

Thursday Bible Study: 7:00pm

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Northwood Church of God

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Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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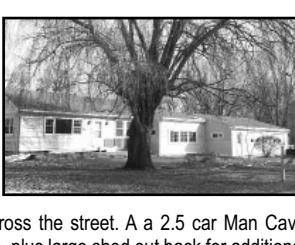
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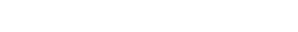
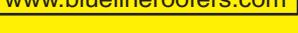
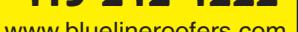
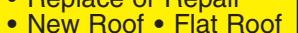
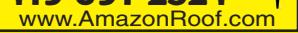
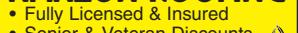
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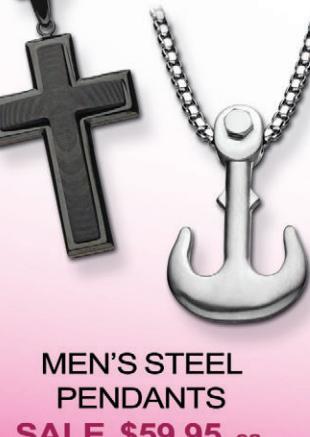
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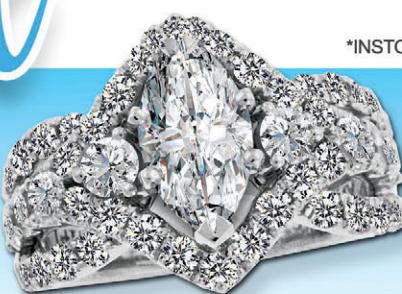
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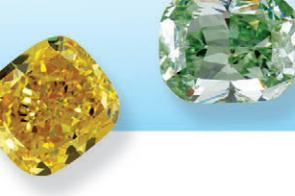
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