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Lake Twp. Zoning dispute closer to being resolved

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A zoning dispute between Hillabrand Holdings, LLC, and the Lake Township trustees appears to be getting closer to resolution following a Feb. 5 conference before a federal magistrate.

Hillabrand contends the trustees violated the company's property rights by rejecting its application to have a 33-acre parcel along Woodville Road rezoned from R-2 residential district to a B-3 highway business district classification.

Following the conference, Magistrate Judge Darrell Clay posted on the case docket that there is progress in the case: "Counsel (for the two parties) reviewed with me the underlying facts of their dispute and the controlling law. They presented the contours of a proposed agreement to resolve the parties' dispute.

"I assisted counsel in making modifications to the agreement to resolve open issues. As currently drafted, the parties' proposed agreement appears to be fair and reasonable, although it remains subject to required notice, hearing, and approval of the parties. If so approved, counsel anticipate filing a joint motion to approve the consent judgment entry and orders within 60 days," he wrote.

Hillabrand owns the parcel and planned to relocate its headquarters on the property and construct warehouse space for an affiliated company, Hillabrand & Sons Construction.

Last July, the trustees voted 2-1 to deny the zoning application, with Richard Welling and Lorie Davis voting to deny the application and former trustee, Ken Gilsdorf voting in favor.

Hillabrand's court complaint states that, "The enforcement... denies Hillabrand the economically viable use of the land without substantially advancing a legitimate government

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Ohio Supreme Court Taxing stay-at-home workers during pandemic was constitutional

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A state law that allowing municipalities to temporarily collect income tax from persons working from home but who lived outside of municipal limits during the COVID-19 pandemic was constitutional, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled last week.

The court, by a 5-2 decision, ruled the state had a legitimate interest in ensuring municipal revenues were stable during the pandemic while employees were directed to work from home.

The case decided last week involved a man, Josh Schaad, who lived and was working from his home in Blue Ash, Ohio but was still being taxed by the City of Cincinnati. Schaad argued allowing Cincinnati to tax his income while he worked at home violated the U.S. Constitution.

The supreme court ruled that the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution has been understood to limit the power of states and cities to tax out-of-state persons.

The court also ruled the state law did not violate the home rule provision of the Ohio Constitution, which allows cities to

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enact their own tax laws.

In 2020, Ohio declared a state of emergency due to COVID and the Ohio Department of Health directed workers to stay home during the pandemic. The health department order allowed only those working in "essential" jobs to go to their places of employment.

Shortly after the order was issued, the state legislature enacted House Bill 197, which included a provision requiring that

each day an employee spent working from home or an off-site location would "be deemed to be a day performing personal services at the employees' principal place of work."

In the Schaad case, Chief Justice Sharon Kennedy dissented and wrote that even if the tax law purported to require municipalities to impose an extra-territorial tax on non-residents, the home rule amendment denies municipalities the power to tax those who do not live or work inside the city limits and prohibits the state legislature from compelling municipalities to impose such taxes.

Justice Patrick Fischer also dissented, noting the U.S. Supreme Court has never ruled on a case regarding whether the federal constitution's due process protections apply when a municipal tax is extended outside the municipality's boundaries.

A similar case to Schaad originated in Lucas County involving residents of the Village of Walbridge and City of Maumee.

Joel Curcio and Summer Curcio, of Maumee, and Chris Ackerman, Walbridge, worked from their homes starting in March

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Quote of The Week

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Zoning dispute

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interest. It contravenes the right to property guaranteed to Hillabrand by the constitutions of the United States and State of Ohio.”

The company is asking for a judgment ordering the board of trustees to grant the application as well as attorneys’ fees and costs.

The company’s complaint was originally filed in Wood County Common Pleas Court but in September an attorney for the township filed to have the case heard in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, citing the constitutional issues raised by the company.

Prior to the vote by the trustees, the Wood County Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend denial of the zoning request. The trustees weren’t obligated to follow the recommendation.

Meeting scheduled

The trustees have scheduled a meeting for March 7 to consider a proposed consent judgment entry in the Hillabrand case. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in the township hall, 27975 Cummings Rd.

Copies of the proposed judgment entry will be available at the office of the fiscal officer during normal business hours.

Taxing

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2020 due to the stay-at-home order but the cities of Oregon and Toledo continued to tax them under HB 197.

They challenged being taxed but their case was dismissed in Lucas County Common Pleas Court in December 2021. The Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal in December 2022.

In both cases and a few others, the plaintiffs were represented by the Buckeye Institute.

Robert Alt, president and CEO of the institute, said he was disappointed by the ruling in the Schaad case.

“Local taxing authorities should be able to tax only within their own jurisdictions – where people live and actually perform the work. There will be other opportunities for the Ohio Supreme Court to recognize those limitations,” he said.



Lent begins

Terry Hager, top photo, Mary Sheets, bottom left, and Bill Walters, bottom right, receive ashes on their foreheads at The Gardens of St. Francis, Oregon, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)





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Conservative voter town hall planned

The Northwest Ohio Conservative Coalition (NWOCC) will sponsor a Conservative Voter Town Hall Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Schaller Memorial Hall, 130 W. Indiana Ave., Perrysburg.

This event will give voters the opportunity to tell candidates for office what they think are the most important local, national and international issues.

Candidates for office are welcome to attend, but for the first hour, they will sit and listen to voters. Attendees (voters and candidates) will be asked to rank the following issues:

- The economy – inflation, taxes, federal debt and size of government.
- Social issues – abortion, diversity/equity/inclusion, education and gender issues.
- Security – border/illegal immigration, foreign aid, military funding and involvement overseas.

Voters and candidates are asked not to speak negatively about candidates but speak to the issues. There will be time for voters and candidates to meet and talk after the event.

Candidates scheduled to attend include Sally Culling (Ohio House), Steve Lankenau (U.S. Congress), JR Majewski (US Congress) and Craig Riedel (U.S. Congress).

The event is free and open to the public. NWOCC is renting the hall; any attendees causing a disruption will be asked to leave.

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'On Your Block' meeting Feb. 20

The City of Toledo and Toledo's Department of Transportation (TDOT) will continue a series of community meetings in February called "On Your Block" for Districts 2, 3, 5 and 6.

These public meetings aim to bring residents together in each city council district to discuss vital projects in the area and address questions related to construction decisions and road projects.

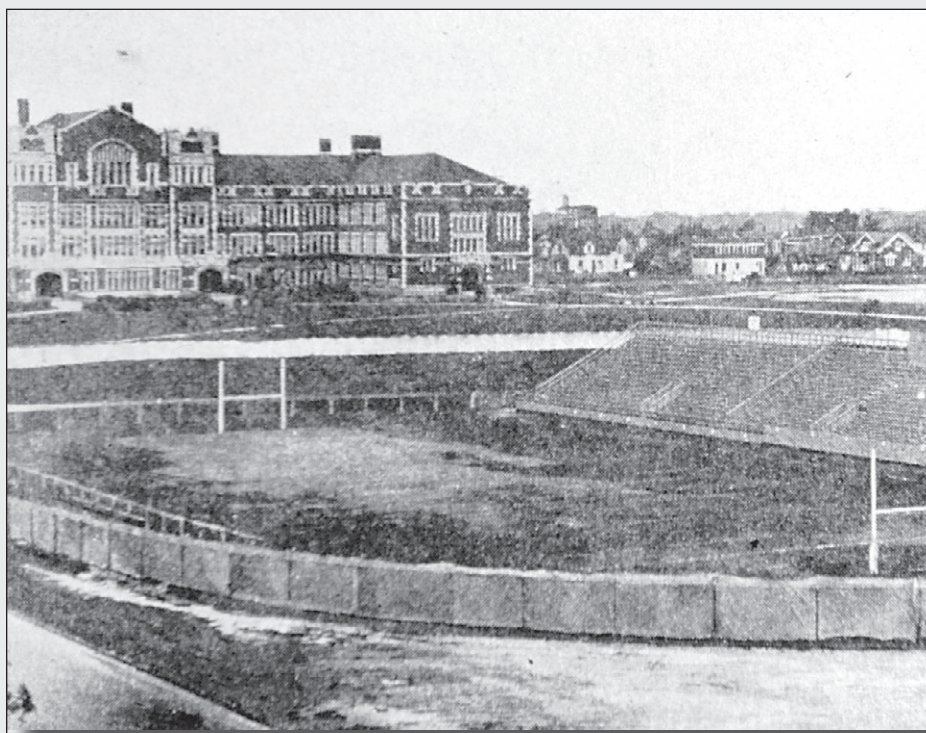
Residents are invited to meet with their district council member and other city representatives. Issues to be addressed are road repairs, what residents can expect during construction season and what the city takes into consideration when designing and construction of roads.

Locally, a meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Locke Branch Library, 703 Miami St. District 3 Councilmember Theresa Gadus will be on hand.

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Cedar Point hiring

Waite Bowl, about 1930

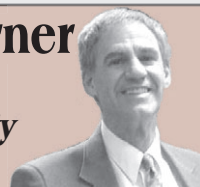


Waite played its football games in the bowl in front of the school, seen here looking northwest about 1930. The first game in the bowl was on Sept 29, 1917, and Waite defeated Monroe, Michigan, by a score of 38-0. In those early years, several thousand people would pack the bleachers and the hillsides around the field on Thanksgiving Day to watch the annual Waite-Scott game which would determine the city championship. In 1934, the beautiful, enclosed stadium was built across East Broadway (to the right) where Waite still plays its games today. The bleacher seats pictured here were moved into the new stadium to become the visitors' stands. The old bowl has been Waite's baseball field since 1968.

History Corner

East Toledo Historical Society

by Larry Michaels



event

Cedar Point is set to hire 7,000 seasonal associates as it prepares to open for the 2024 season in May.

The park anticipates filling the majority of those roles during a week-long hiring blitz to be held Feb. 17-24 online and at the Cedar Point Recruiting Center in Sandusky.

The park has a wide variety of positions available, including ride operators, food and beverage, lifeguards and aquatics, security, hotels, maintenance, behind-the-scenes roles and others.

Hourly pay ranges from \$13-\$17 (for those who are 16 years of age or older) based on experience, prior service and position. The park also offers many perks for associates, including discounts, reward and recognition programs, exclusive associate-only events, ride nights, on-site housing for those who qualify and free admission to any Cedar Fair park.

The in-person job fairs will be open throughout the week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at

the Cedar Point Recruiting Center, 2210 1st St. in Sandusky. Interested candidates will have the ability to apply, interview and get hired the same day. For more details, candidates can visit cedarpoint.com/jobs.

Meeting change

The regular monthly Woodmore school board meeting scheduled for Feb. 15 has been changed to Thursday, Feb. 22.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Woodmore High School.

Holiday closure

The Ottawa County Board of Elections office will be closed Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents Day.

Office hours will resume Tuesday, Feb. 20. Call 419-898-3071 for more details.

Highway patrol hosting testing for applicants

On February 20, the Ohio State Highway Patrol will host regional testing for prospective applicants at the Cedar Point Sports Center, 2701 Cleveland Road in Sandusky.

Those interested in employment with the patrol can come to the Cedar Point Sports Center at 9 a.m., where they will have the ability to talk with troopers about a career in our communities and on Ohio roadways.

Those who meet the basic requirements to be a trooper – age 20 to 39, U.S. citizen, high school diploma or GED, and a valid driver license – will have the opportunity to complete an application and a written test during the event.

If the written test is passed, applicants can proceed and take the physical fitness assessment on the spot. Prospective applicants should arrive in appropriate business attire with identification and bring physical fitness clothing with them.

The regional testing opportunity gives prospective applicants a chance to quickly complete the first few steps of the application process, bringing them closer to their goal of being a trooper.

The Patrol is accepting applications for the next Academy Class. Those who can't make it on Feb. 20, or want more details on the requirements or application process should call 1-866-TROOPER.

Fireworks fund reverse raffle

A reverse raffle to benefit the Oak Harbor Fireworks Fund will be held Saturday, May 11 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds, 7870 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor.

Tickets are \$50 each. Only 250 tickets are available. Tickets include one meal; additional meal tickets are \$20 each. The first-place prize is \$2,500, second place will win \$750 and the third-place prize is \$250. Other prizes include \$100 for the first ticket drawn and \$50 for every 25th ticket drawn. If all tickets are not sold, prize amounts may be decreased.

The event will also include games, sideboards, a Chinese auction and more.

Must be 21 to enter. Raffle ticket-holders need not be present to win. Tickets are available at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, 161 W. Water St., or from any board member.

All proceeds raised will benefit the Oak Harbor fireworks show.

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Three plead not guilty to HB 6 charges

By Press Staff Writer

The former chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and two former FirstEnergy executives who were recently indicted for their alleged roles in the House Bill 6 scandal have entered not guilty pleas.

Charged with a combined 27 felony counts are Samuel Randazzo, former PUCO chairman; Charles Jones, former CEO of FirstEnergy, and Michael Dowling, former FirstEnergy senior vice president of external affairs. They entered not guilty pleas last week in Summit County Common Pleas Court.

Two entities controlled by Randazzo – the Sustainability Funding Alliance of Ohio and IEU – Ohio Administration Co. – are also named in the filing. Both are alleged to be shell companies.

“Jones and Dowling actively worked to spend FirstEnergy money to improperly influence Randazzo to exercise the authority of PUCO chairman to advance FirstEnergy’s regulatory and policy agendas,” the indictment says. The indictment accuses the enterprise of engaging in a scheme to corrupt the PUCO chairman and ratemaking policies, stealing millions of dollars from FirstEnergy and a non-profit trade group, and tampering with government records.

Jones was indicted on 10 felony counts:
 -One count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity
 -Two counts of aggravated theft of \$1.5 million or more
 -One count of bribery

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-Two counts of telecommunication fraud
 -Four counts of money laundering

Dowling was indicted on 12 felony counts:
 -One count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity
 -Two counts of aggravated theft of \$1.5 million or more
 -One count of bribery
 -Two counts of telecommunications fraud
 -Four counts of money laundering
 -Two counts of tampering with records

Randazzo was indicted on 22 felony counts:
 -One count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity
 -One count of grand theft
 -Two counts of aggravated theft
 -One count of bribery

-Three counts of telecommunications fraud
 -Eight counts of money laundering
 -Six counts of tampering with records

Sustainability Funding Alliance of Ohio is included in 11 criminal charges
 -One count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity
 -Two counts of telecommunication fraud
 -Six counts of money laundering
 -Two counts of aggravated theft

IEU Ohio Administration is included in five criminal charges:
 -One count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity
 -One count of grand theft
 -One count of telecommunication fraud
 -Two counts of money laundering

The crimes alleged in the indictment took place between 2010 and 2021 in Summit and Franklin counties and in Florida. FirstEnergy is headquartered in Summit County and Randazzo owned properties in Florida.

The state charges mark the first criminal charges against Jones and Dowling, according to Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General.

Yost estimates that HB 6 – also called by critics a bailout bill for nuclear and coal plants operated by FirstEnergy subsidiaries – would have cost rate payers about \$2 billion over the life of the bill.

Former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives Larry Householder is already serving a prison sentence for his role in the scandal.

Vets group wants end to supplying Israel

By Press Staff Writer

In a letter to the Inspector General of the U.S. State Department, a national veterans’ organization last week demanded the state department terminate weapons shipments to Israel and called on the inspector general to investigate alleged criminal acts by senior Biden administration officials in violation of U.S. law, including ratified treaties.

Josh Paul, a former State Department official, said, “The secretary and all relevant officials under his purview should take this letter from Veterans For Peace with the utmost seriousness.”

Toledoan Mike Ferner, VFP National Director, said, “Just as any good soldier can recognize when they are given an unlawful order, we believe some state department staff are horrified at the orders they’re given and will decide to uphold the law, find the courage to speak out and demand an end to the carnage. VFP enthusiastically supports Josh Paul for what he did and we believe the public does too.” The letter from Veterans For Peace alleges violations by the U.S. government of:

- The Conventional Arms Transfer Policy, which prohibits U.S. weapons transfers when it’s likely they will be used to commit genocide, crimes against humanity; and breaches of the Geneva Conventions.
- The Foreign Assistance Act, which forbids the providing assistance to a government which “engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.”
- Arms Export Control Act, which says countries that receive US military aid can only use weapons for legitimate self-defense and internal security.
- The U.S. War Crimes Act, which forbids grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, including willful killing, torture or inhuman treatment, willfully causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health, and unlawful deportation or transfer.
- The Leahy Law, which prohibits the U.S. Government from using funds to assist units of foreign forces where there is credible information implicating that unit in the commission of gross violations of human rights.

Human rights attorney, Terry Lodge, who drafted the VFP letter, said “The state department has a double standard to determine war criminality,” citing a Dec. 6, 2023 determination by Secretary Antony Blinken that Rapid Support Forces of Sudan committed crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing. “As horrible as the crimes of the RSF may be, they pale compared to what Israel is doing in Gaza.”



For the love of art

Brad Yaniga, of Pemberville, takes a look at the works of Eastwood High School art students at “For the Love of Art,” held at the Pemberville Town Hall. The artwork will be on display February 17 and 19 from 10am to 4pm, and February 18 from 12 noon to 4pm. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

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Remains of Toledo native killed in World War II identified

By Press Staff Writer

Toledo native Jack W. Coy, a U.S. Army Air Force staff sergeant during World War II, was just 20 years old when the B-24J Liberator bomber he was aboard was shot down by anti-aircraft fire in 1944 over Gotha in central Germany.

Two crew members parachuted and survived, but Coy – a tailer gunner assigned to the 703rd Bombardment Squadron, 445th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force in the European Theater – and seven others were killed in the plane's fiery crash on Feb. 24, 1944.

Now, nearly 80 years after this death, Coy's remains have been positively identified and accounted for, the U.S. Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced.

Coy's remains will be returned for burial in Oregon on a date yet to be determined.

The recovery and identification of Coy's remains was a difficult and lengthy process involving the American Graves Registration Command (AGRC) that searched for and recovered fallen American military members in the European Theater and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA).

But it all began with German forces stationed near the crash site, who documented its location near Bad Salzungen, north of Leimbach Bahnhof. Those German soldiers also recovered the remains of the ball turret gunner and buried them in a local cemetery, but Coy and the other crew members were unaccounted for.

Eight years later, in March 1952, the AGRC took custody of comingled, unidentified remains recovered from the Griesheim Mausoleum in the Bad Salzungen Cemetery



Jack W. Coy

that were believed to be those of members of the downed bomber. Positive identification of the remains at that time was

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” not possible, and they were buried with those of other U.S. military members at the Ardennes America Cemetery in Belgium. The remains stayed interred there until June 2021, when DPAA historians

and personnel from the American Battle Monuments Commission, which maintains American cemeteries for military personnel in Europe, exhumed them and sent them to the DPAA laboratory for analysis and identification.

DPAA scientists using anthropological analysis and Armed Forces Medical Examiner scientists used mitochondrial DNA analysis to officially identify Coy's remains on Sept. 20, 2023.

A rosette will be placed next to Coy's name on the Tablets of the Missing at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Hombourg, Belgium, to indicate he has been accounted for.

To learn more about the Defense Department's "No Man Left Behind" mission to account for all Americans killed or missing while serving our country, go online and visit the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency website or its Facebook page at facebook.com/dodpaa.



Obituary

Leslie M. "Les" Zervos

December 31, 1952 ~ February 13, 2024



Leslie M. Zervos peacefully passed away Tuesday, February 13th after a hard fought battle with cancer at the age of 71. Les, aka "Big L", "Greek" will be missed by many, including his grade school sweetheart Jana, married for 22 years, his sisters, Christine, Catherine, Georgianne and Dorothy, his son Michael Collins and daughter, Ashley Fleming and

11 grandkids: Myles, Magdalena, Joshua, Jonas, Erin, Briana, Jewell, Grace, Khloe, Logan and Kaylee. Les will also be greatly missed by his BFFs Ron and Kathy.

Les was employed at Walgreens Distribution Center, Perrysburg OH, for over 20 yrs where he had many friends. He loved his family, especially his grandkids and enjoyed getting together for family gatherings, golfing, playing poker and euchre. Les was preceded in death by his parents and 3 brothers. A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

Obituary

Jerry W. Gambrell

September 18, 1943 ~ February 14, 2024

Jerry W. Gambrell, age 80, of Walbridge, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. He was born on September 18, 1943, to Buford and Thelma (Hollis) Gambrell in Waynesboro, Tennessee.

Jerry was an army veteran serving 1966-1968 during the Vietnam War. He retired from General Dynamics Land Systems Division in Lima, Ohio after 36 years of service. He was honored in the work he completed on the M1A1 Abrams defense tank.

After retiring, Jerry divided his time between fishing, watching classic westerns and any films with Clint Eastwood. He spent many years volunteering during the Stony Ridge Festival.

He cherished quality moments with his three grandchildren, son-in-law, and family. Jerry was known for his simplicity and quiet demeanor.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol; daughter, Robinne (John) Antonacci,

Suzanne (Calvin Jarvis) Henry, Shelby (Matt) Almeter, Shane Antonacci and Aaron Henry. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Gambrell.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00 pm on Monday-February 19, 2024, at the Witzler-Shank-Walker Funeral Home, 701 N. Main Street, Walbridge, Ohio. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the funeral home. Interment will be in Restlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to be given to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

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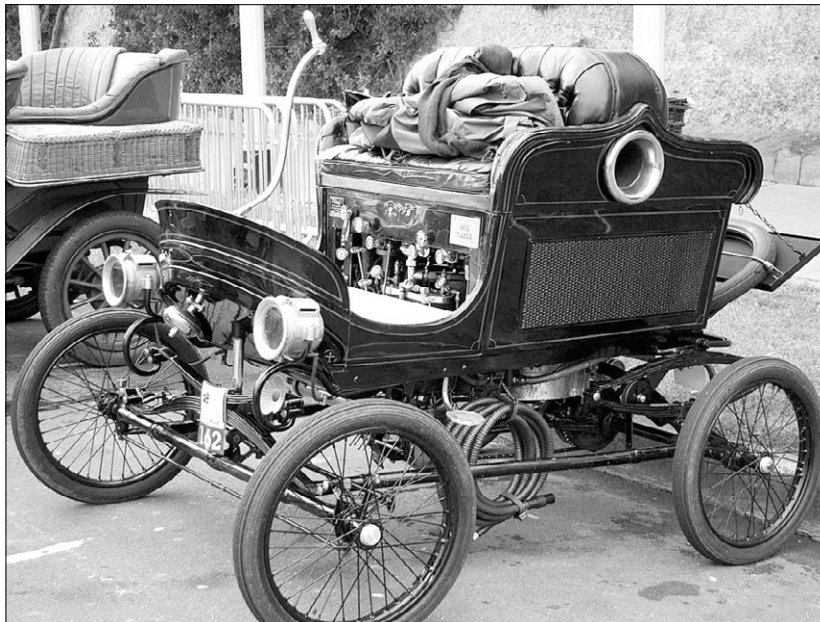
1883 - Floodwaters damage numerous buildings along the riverfront in downtown Toledo.
 1918 - Record low temperature reported in Bowling Green at -22 degrees.
 1927 - Harvard Elementary School in South Toledo is dedicated. The castle-like structure is one of Toledo's most expensive schools and because of its unique design is mocked as the "Castle on the Maumee."
 1959 - Fire blazes through several buildings in Curtice, triggering evacuations and the labor of 100 volunteer firemen to fight the flames. Losses totaled more than \$300,000.
 1971 - Federal Court Judge Don Young rules that conditions at Lucas County Jail are sub-human, and that prisoners' constitutional rights to humane treatment are being violated.
 1989 - Coast Guard rescues 175 fishermen from ice floes on Lake Erie.

February 19

1897 - Lakeshore grain elevator on the Maumee riverfront burns in a spectacular wind-swept inferno.
 1923 - A doctor and nurse die when their car plunges through the lake ice near Put-in-Bay as they are on a medical run to another island.
 1943 - Eighty-six dogs from Toledo leave for duty in World War II as part of the Dogs for Defense project. Almost all the dogs return after war is over.
 1953 - A fire in a house on Mayo Street in Toledo takes the lives of two children and Toledo fireman Don Timiney.
 1954 - University of Toledo basketball team defeats Ohio University, 71- 66, to win its first Mid-American Conference title.

February 20

1919 - Auditorium Bowling Center smolders after fire that destroys this popular sports center in Toledo.
 1919 - The great booze rush descends on Toledo liquor and beer stores as Michigan



The "Toledo Steam" an early automobile built by the American Bicycle Company of Toledo.



Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert

residents cross state line by the thousands to buy beer before supplies run out in "dry" Michigan. Dixie Highway between Toledo and Monroe is reported to be littered with broken down cars.
 1921 - Escaped Toledo Post Office robber Joe Urbaytis and several gang members are captured near Chicago on a westbound train.
 1946 - Safety Director Maurice Meyer outlaws charitable bingo games in Toledo.
 1948 - Large ammonia tank explodes at Page Dairy in Toledo on Knapp Street. More than 25 people are injured.
February 21
 1901 - The "Toledo Steam" an early automobile built by the American Bicycle

Company of Toledo being advertised in national publications for the price of \$1,000.
 1912 - Major blizzard hits Toledo area, stopping street cars and shutting down businesses.
 1941 - It is reported that a Scott High School senior has lost his lawsuit in Common Pleas Court against a teacher who slapped him across the face for "impudence."
 2007 - Toledo Police Detective Keith Dressel shot and killed by young teenage suspect in North Toledo. The first Toledo officer killed in the line of duty in over 35 years.
February 22
 1867 - Bowling Green Sentinel begins publication.
 1886 - Dedication of the Soldiers Memorial Hall (now demolished) in downtown Toledo, built to honor all Civil War veterans.
 1907 - Plans are announced that Home Furniture will open a store in 400 block of Summit Street. The store operated in that location until the 1970s.

1953 - Perrysburg Schools reopen after flu epidemic sickens hundreds of students and teachers for a week.
 1973 - U.S. Supreme Court decides the final boundary line between Ohio and Michigan in a dispute over Turtle Island in Maumee Bay. This finally settles the Ohio-Michigan War of 1835.

February 23

1896 - The Toledo Pastor's Union demands that the police department enforce the closing of theaters on Sundays.
 1905 - Six jail inmates in Toledo, five women and one man, are judged to be insane and sent to the asylum on Detroit Avenue.
 1916 - Walbridge Park greenhouse gardeners are reporting their crop of bananas is starting to ripen. With temperatures in the greenhouse between 70 and 100 degrees, the gardeners expect to have about three bunches that will soon be ready to eat.
 1925 - Albert Turner, a workman on the new Ft. Meigs Hotel on St. Clair Street falls 150 feet down an elevator shaft - and survives. Turner says he thought when he fell "he was a dead man" but then woke up. His worst injury was a bruise on his right hip.
 1927 - Eight inmates escape from the Toledo Workhouse after using saws to cut their way out. The workhouse farm had been under heavy criticism for overcrowding and poor conditions.

February 24

1900 - Tragedy claims life of Toledo hotel owner, Dennis McGee, who falls to his death down the elevator shaft of his Burnett House hotel.
 1926 - The Women's Bureau of the Toledo Police Department begins operations to handle cases of missing women and other policing issues involving women.
 1938 - Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" opens at the Pantheon Theater in downtown Toledo to much fanfare.
 1947 - Five children are killed in car acci-

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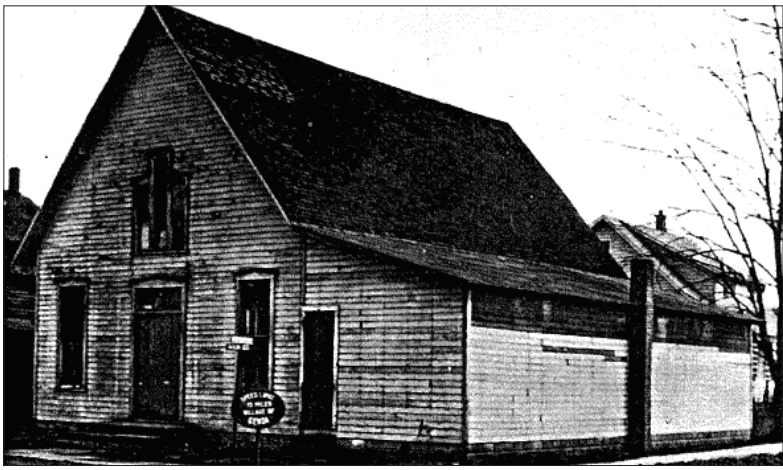
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Genoa's first gymnasium, located at 5th and Main.

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dent on Woodville Road near Genoa while they were being driven to a school in Toledo by their teacher.

1962 - Jeep reports that it is now exporting Toledo-made vehicles to 21 overseas countries.

Lou's Notes: Thanks to my former government teacher and basketball coach at Genoa, Dave Hitchen, who sent me a great photo of Genoa's first gymnasium. It was located at 5th and Main Street, on the Northeast corner, where the Vine's gas station would later occupy the spot. Would love to have been a witness to some of those games. And thanks to all who have commented on the Forest Park story.



Grand opening

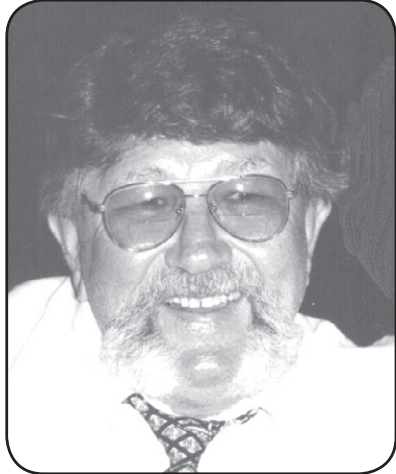
Pico's Sports Bar, 2523 Oregon Rd., Northwood celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting Feb. 10 with the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce. The restaurant offers a mixed menu, featuring chunks, burgers, salads, tacos and its famous churros for dessert. Owner Rene Machado (with scissors) and his wife, Lourdes, to his right, were joined by family and friends for the event. (Photo courtesy of the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce)



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Birth Announcement

Wynn Marie Szozda
December 2, 2023



Kaitlin and Jordan Szozda are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter and fourth child, Wynn Marie Szozda. Wynn was born at ProMedica Toledo Hospital on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 8:49 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

There to welcome Wynn were her big brothers, Callen and Alden, and her big sister, Ellison. Wynn's siblings simply adore her.

Wynn is the granddaughter of Linda and Jerry McKibben, Kevin MacRitchie, and Becky and John Szozda. They, along with Wynn's great-grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins, were so excited about her arrival.

Wynn, lovingly called Wynnies, was given her first name in honor of her late paternal great-grandmother, Winifred Roppe. Wynn was given her middle name after her mama, Kaitlin Marie.

The family of six has already shared two amazing months together. They look forward to years of fun, excitement and new experiences.

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Resistance to Change

By Bryan Golden

We feel comfortable with what is familiar. Routines offer safety. Change takes us into the unknown. Change forces us onto new paths. Change is resisted because it is easier not to change.

Resistance to change isn't based on logic, it's based on fear of the unfamiliar. Resistance to change limits your benefiting from new opportunities. It provides a false sense of security. You become more of a spectator rather than a participant in your future.

As resistance to change becomes ingrained over time, your aversion to change becomes involuntary. It's human nature to prefer the path of least resistance and it takes more effort to change than not to.

When Thomas Edison first invented the light bulb, it was not universally welcomed as the great breakthrough it was. Actually, many people did not want it at all. They were afraid widespread use of electric lights would enable businesses to work their employees 24 hours a day. There was resistance to change from oil lamps and candles.

Jill worked as a receptionist for a busy doctor's office. She had been there five years and was very happy with her job. Barbara, the office manager, was retiring and Jill was offered the job. Although the office manager's position was a promotion with more responsibility and pay, Jill wasn't sure she wanted to change jobs.

Jill was a competent receptionist. She was well liked by everyone at the office. As office manager, Jill would be supervising the other staff. Jill was worried about what would happen if she didn't like the new job or couldn't do well in it. If things didn't work out, what would she do? Jill didn't think she would have the option of returning to the receptionist position because someone else would have been hired to replace her.

Jill decided not to take the promotion. She was too uncomfortable with changing her daily routine. Jill's resistance to change caused her to pass up an opportunity that most likely would have worked out to her benefit.

Jerry was a salesman for a computer manufacturer. He made a good living and didn't mind the job. Jerry enjoyed speaking with people so he was comfortable with selling. But there was something he enjoyed more than anything; Jerry loved to cook and made delicious meals. His concept of an ideal life was operating his own catering business.

Jerry became laid off when the company he worked for was acquired by a larger firm. Jerry had some savings so he could take his time finding the right job. Jerry wasn't worried about getting another job since there were lots of high tech firms in the his city.

Jerry contemplated starting a catering business rather than getting another sales position. His friends encouraged him to go for it. But Jerry was hesitant. He was comfortable making a living in sales. Starting and running his own business would be a major change. It would be a lot of work and would take time to build up his income.

After much deliberation, Jerry decided to get another sales job and put off his dream for another time. Jerry wasn't comfortable with all of the unknowns associated with going into business for himself. So Jerry choose not to change but to stay with the familiar.

As the previous examples illustrate, resistance to change tends to be limiting. There is usually more to lose by refusing to change compared to changing. You will be glad you did. In order to get the most from life you must be willing to change.

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From dissonance to empathy to action

By David J. Smith

At the moment, I'm in Colorado enjoying vacation with my family. We have a large warm house stocked with plenty of food. All of us are healthy and what counts for ailments are colds, aching muscles from skiing, and altitude sickness. As they say, life is good.

My home base is Washington, DC, where I've dedicated my career to the fields of conflict resolution and peace building, primarily by teaching graduate students. Some of my students I meet with in person, but most are virtual, logging in from around the globe including Ukraine.

This past semester I had a student who was in the U.S. for most of the semester but went back to Ukraine to support her family. In a recent exchange she sent me a video in which explosions could be heard in the background. She and her family remain safe for now.

The crisis in Gaza and Israel has been foremost on my mind. The distressing images of Gazans injured and killed and the accounts of brutality against Israelis are deeply upsetting. Yet, while the Middle East is front page news now, people are starving, oppressed, and being killed in many places around the world.

I'm enjoying my morning coffee. There is no existential threat to me or my family. Like a light switch I'm able to turn off my attention to global problems that don't have a direct personal impact.

We worry about mundane matters like getting out of our driveway because of the snowfall, not the fear of bombings, torture, starvation, or disease. It's a reminder of the

privilege we hold, as my friend and colleague peace activist Colman McCarthy reminds us, in the U.S. we've "won the birth lottery."

Caring can be a fickle thing. I talk about the role of empathy with my students. They often share with me how they have experienced it. But the feeling of empathy – the desire to share the space of someone else who is suffering – can be demanding.

In certain occupations, such as domestic violence, workers empathy can lead to sleepless nights and disassociation with those they are supposed to be helping. However, empathy can also be a powerful motivator.

For those of us privileged enough to have choices, empathy transforms how we engage with the world. When faced with someone in distress, we weigh our inclination to help against potential personal costs.

Many times, we opt to look the other way, rationalizing our inaction with excuses like lack of time or skills, or physical sacrifice. Similarly, we might watch news coverage of crises like Gaza, only to switch channels.

This cognitive dissonance is something privileged people seem to operate in daily. There is a contradiction in our spending excessively on vacation rather than taking what we might spend and donating it to a humanitarian aid group.

We justify it by saying "our government is giving aid" or "I'll give when the One percent give" or "my small donation will not make much of a difference." In any case, we don't lose sleep about it.

For others, the dissonance creates psy-

chological stress. Highly empathetic individuals experience vicariously the trauma that is inflicted on others. They see the suffering and it can lead to frustration, despair, and even depression.

To protect themselves, they might avoid the news to avoid becoming overwhelmed with what is taking place. I was talking to a good friend who is highly empathetic and has all but given up following world events because it causes her anxiety. Though this might lead to lack of awareness of what is going on, it might also be necessary for our well-being.

Acting, even in small ways, can direct one's empathy. Personal engagement, whether through volunteering or activism, instills a sense of accomplishment and agency.

These actions counteract the stress and guilt associated with empathetic experiences, empowering individuals to effect change. For those experiencing anxiety, even small forms of action like writing an email or calling a political official can be helpful.

Merely offering good thoughts is insufficient. By consciously directing our time and resources towards meaningful causes, we elevate empathy to meaningful action.

Birth lottery winners should do no less.

David J. Smith is adjunct faculty at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University in Arlington, VA and president of the Forage Center for Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Education based in Rockville, MD.

Accessible, attainable housing for Ohio is essential

By Steve Stivers

President & CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce

In the wake of last week's 2024 Ohio Chamber Housing Summit, we continue to focus on the issue of housing for all Ohioans. Every Ohioan should have access to safe, affordable housing, and this goal can only be accomplished if we work together.

In the Ohio Chamber's Blueprint for Ohio's Economic Future, a report that analyzes Ohio's economic outlook and compares it to other states', we identified six key areas for improvement, including "Sense of Place." This area refers to the components and resources that make a community a desirable place in which to live, work and visit. To achieve this desirability, housing access and affordability remain top factors.

Generally, housing that is considered "affordable" translates to people or families that do not spend over 30 percent of their income on rent or a mortgage plus utilities. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, to afford a two-bedroom home in Ohio without spending

more than 30% of your income on rent, you would need an annual household income of \$39,702. That puts nearly 52,000 Franklin County households, and 80,000 Central Ohio households, in a housing-cost-burdened status.

Additionally, housing production remains a challenge due to land availability, zoning, density restrictions, regulations, construction costs and a lack of skilled workers—the last of which has only worsened since the pandemic. The National Association of Home Builders found that in 2019, the median price to build a single-family home in the U.S. was over \$296,000. With the growing lack of resources and funding for residential development, the working Ohioan's ability to own affordable housing remains nearly unattainable.

This lack of affordability continues to concern lowest-income and moderate-income renters across the state. In 2020, only 3 out of the 10 most common jobs in Ohio paid an hourly rate necessary for a worker to afford a modest, two-bedroom apartment. This shortage of affordable rental housing leaves nearly 400,000 Ohio households "rent-burdened," meaning they spend over

half of their income on rent. Severely cost-burdened households are more likely than other renters to sacrifice necessities like food and healthcare to pay the rent, which can lead to unstable housing situations like evictions.

While there may be no simple solutions to the housing shortage and increased demand, the Blueprint recommends dedicating efforts to increase home ownership and provide affordable rent. Policymakers must focus on innovative housing solutions that not only expand housing supply but also expand home ownership to build generational wealth. Public policy solutions should also include incentives to encourage zoning reform, expand the use of historical tax credits and other financing tools to increase housing supply, and tax policy solutions to assist older Ohioans who want to age in place.

We look forward to working with policymakers and housing experts to discuss these issues. We must continue these conversations and continue to prioritize housing and fulfill the Sense of Place priorities in the Ohio Chamber's Blueprint.

Letters

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White wash in the works?

To the editor: As a long time Lake township resident, I would like to express my lack of support for the newly formed Lake Township citizen advisory committee for the fire department. Several weeks ago I called and left a message for Fire Chief Dorner. I have heard nothing back. This leads me to the conclusion that this panel will most likely be a white-washing report. It is sad when people we pay for have no respect for us, the tax payers.

Brad Schwamberger
Millbury

Would you hire Donald Trump?

To the editor: Would you hire Donald Trump if he applied for a job with your company?

Think about the generic qualities any random Human Resources person would want a new employee to embody.

Would honesty be high on the list? Or how about past history with the law? Would a conviction of a crime make the

list? (We already know that convicted felons have a difficult time finding employment after their confinement).

HR people look closely at past employment of the applicant. Does the fact that DJT was the leader of an insurrection during his last job as the highest officer of the U.S. affect his qualifications for the job this time around? Well, he would have some experience in that field I guess.

And then there is respect for others that is so necessary to every person who crosses your path during an average work day. Oh wait DJT would not be big on diversity or equality in the workplace. He prefers certain countries above others, based, I am sorry to say, on the skin color of their citizens. What is your credit score and do you pay your debts in a timely manner? How you handle your finances says a lot about the trustworthiness of an individual and affects your chances of landing that job you want.

HR people like to hire individuals who are kind to coworkers and the public. Why? Kindness is the oil that keeps even difficult relationships on track. Without kindness people are less comfortable and thus less productive in their work environment.

Despite all of his inequities DJT wants you to vote for him so that he stays out of jail. Please do not be his get out of jail card. Our Democracy hangs in the balance.

Carol Martin
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African Safari Wildlife Park nominated as one of nation's best

African Safari Wildlife Park has been nominated as one of the top safari parks in the United States by USA Today 10Best, an editorial travel and lifestyle website.

Voting is open through Monday, March 4 at <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-safari-park-2024>. Readers may vote once per day.

"We're simply thrilled that 10Best recognizes the incredible experiences our park has to offer, from the Drive-Thru Safari to our unforgettable animal feeding experiences, educational programs and more," said park director Kelsey Keller.

The African Safari Wildlife Park, is located at 267 S. Lightner Rd. in Port Clinton. For more information, or visit AfricanSafariWildlifePark.com.

Work on the wild side

African Safari Wildlife Park is now hiring for more than 50 seasonal full-time and part-time positions for its upcoming 56th season.

Opportunities are available in every department of the park, including admissions, retail, foodservice, groundskeeping, landscaping, animal care and education.

Applicants must be 14 years of age or older, and certain positions, such as animal care, are open to ages 18 and up only and require a valid driver's license. No previous experience is required for most positions.

"If you're an animal lover looking to gain hands-on work experience, develop your skills and make new friends, African Safari Wildlife Park is the place for you," said park director Kelsey Keller. "Join our team and work on the wild side."

The park offers flexible scheduling that is ideal for high school students, college students and teachers; recognition and



Family Briefs

rewards for standout employees; and free park admission for friends and family of employees.

Those interested in employment at the Park should visit africansafariwildlifepark.com/employment to view and apply for open positions.

Plant-A-Seed event

The Oregon Tractor Supply store is inviting young gardeners to its Plant-A-Seed event for a free opportunity to learn the basics of gardening with a hands-on activity. The store is located at 3924 Navarre Ave.

On Saturday, Feb 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., young customers can visit the store to plant a perennial butterfly garden, while supplies last. A team member will be available to guide children in the activity and explain the best ways to nurture and care for their future gardens.

Once complete, participants can take their seeds home to monitor their growth and watch them attract butterflies as they flourish.

"At Tractor Supply, our mission is to educate and inspire our younger customers through interactive learning experiences," said Oregon store manager, Jeremy Givens. "We recognize the time and energy that goes into cultivating plant life, and we want to share our knowledge with this younger generation as they begin to discover their own interests and hobbies."



Hoofstock greet cars at African Safari Wildlife Park. (Submitted photo)

For more details, call 419-691-2715.

"Waving Through Time"

The National Museum of the Great Lakes launched the third installment in part two of its acclaimed virtual exhibit, "Waving Through Time: Flags of the Sweetwater Seas."

This latest addition continues to dive deep into the rich history of yacht clubs, race pennants and signal flags, which have all played a pivotal role in the recreational sailing legacy of the Great Lakes region.

Part two of the museum's flag exhibit is exclusively showcased online, offering visitors from around the world the opportunity to explore centuries of maritime culture against the backdrop of over 95,000 square miles of navigable water.

The unique exhibit invites enthusiasts, historians and curious minds alike to immerse themselves in Great Lakes maritime history. To explore the latest installment and discover more about the commercial flags showcased in part one, visit nmgl.org/wavingthroughtime, through March 26.

Ask the Expert series

Mercy Health will continue its monthly Ask the Expert program with a discussion on kidney health on Thursday, March 21.

Sessions are offered on the third Thursday of every month from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. via zoom. To join, participants can call 646-931-3860 or zoom meeting ID: 975 5220 8436. There is no need to preregister.

Author highlights women's workplace obstacles with humor

By Yaneek Smith

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Author Anastasia Ryan wants to have a discussion about a serious issue, but she'd also like to engage readers and make them laugh along the way.

The local writer has come out with her second book, titled "Not Bad for a Girl," which details the obstacles women may face in the workplace.

Ryan, a native of Washington, D.C. got her bachelor's degree from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, and earned a master's degree from Bowling Green State University.

She discussed the message she is trying to get across to her readers.

"The workforce is changing, with more



Anastasia Ryan

people working from home, creating a new type of office environment. Traditionally, compared to her male counterparts, a woman who is assertive, young and feminine, may be considered bossy and therefore not leadership material," said Ryan. "But what if she is mistaken for a he? My main character's name is Indiana, and with her Zoom camera turned off, her boss thinks she's a man, and he treats her differently. She rolls with it, and it snowballs out of her control. It's a satirical comedy.

"Being funny and engaging is a big part of this book. I have something I want to say in a non-confrontational, non-aggressive way. I want to start a conversation that is enlightening rather than angry. We still have women who aren't making as much money and who don't have the same advancement opportunities as their male counterparts. It's a systemic issue. People aren't deliberately setting out to hold women down, but our system frequently does. There are men in these stories who are very supportive of women. I want to emphasize that the book is not meant to be seen as men versus wom-

en. The patriarchy is bad – not men."

It can be challenging for a woman to work in a male-dominated profession and earn equal pay, Ryan says.

"The female in my book is a coder, a field that is 90% male, and women tend to make less money and may get passed over for a promotion," she said. "That's something that, unfortunately, a lot of us can relate to, regardless of our professions."

Again, many of the problems are systematic.

"Women can hold each other back — that's something I try to address," said Ryan. "It's not the individual, it's the system. We're taught to be prettier, smarter, better than the next woman. I've done my best to focus on strong, supportive female relationships.

"Despite the hurdles that have yet to be overcome, we're living in a time when it's easier to talk about some of the issues regarding people's rights that weren't discussed very much in the past.

"That holds power in and of itself," said Ryan.

Ryan has been living in Northwest Ohio for 15 years. She decided to stay after earning her degree from BGSU.

"BGSU has the popular culture program, the only one in the United States," Ryan said. "I came here for that program, and the class had people from all over the world. I stayed and started teaching at the university. I taught for three years at BGSU."

Ryan's first book was "You Should Smile More."

"It didn't take very long to write — about four months. It took one year to edit it, pull the themes together, make it into a good story and then send it out to agents," Ryan said. "It's about a woman fired for having a resting 'b' face. I sent it to an agent who had been fired for her resting 'b' face. She asked if she could represent me, and we got a book deal pretty quickly."

As for now, Ryan is focused on changing things up.

"I am working on a fantasy, switching genres a bit and exploring something new," she said. "I'd still like to continue writing."

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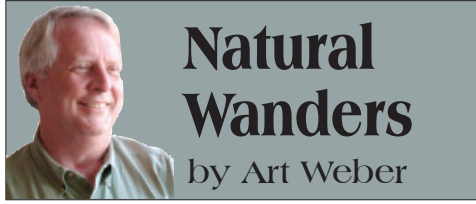
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Ohio State survey:

Most don't know the numbers that help predict heart disease

Keeping track of blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels can help identify risk factors for heart disease. However, a national survey by The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center found that while many adults know their childhood address or best friend's birthday, less than half know their blood pressure or ideal weight, and fewer than one in five know their cholesterol or blood sugar levels.

"Recognizing heart disease risk factors early and adequately treating them can potentially prevent heart attacks, strokes and heart failure. As a society, we need to shift from sick care to preventative care so people can live their best and fullest lives possible," said Laxmi Mehta, MD, director of Preventative Cardiology and Women's Cardiovascular Health at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and Sarah Ross Soter Endowed Chair in Women's Cardiovascular Health Research.

The survey asked more than 1,000 adults nationwide if they knew their blood pressure, ideal weight, cholesterol or blood sugar levels. When it came to these key heart health tests, the highest number (44%) knew their ideal weight (body mass index or BMI) and the fewest (15%) knew their blood sugar level. In comparison, 68% knew their childhood address and 58% knew their best friend's birthday.

"Most people associate diabetes with either their family history or being overweight, and they don't make the connection that it's associated with heart disease. People with diabetes are twice as likely to have heart disease or stroke than people without diabetes. And women with diabetes are at a higher risk for heart disease than men," Mehta said.

While the survey found many Americans don't know these health numbers off the top of their heads, they are having them regularly checked. The majority said they had their blood pressure and



A new national survey by The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center finds Americans are more likely to know numbers like their childhood address or best friend's birthday than important predictors of heart disease like blood pressure and cholesterol levels. (Ohio State Wexner Medical Center photo)

heart rate checked within the last year and blood sugar and cholesterol tests within five years.

"Most people can get screened at their physician's office or, if they don't have one, there are free health screening fairs as well as blood pressure machines at pharmacies," Mehta said. "It's important to not only know your numbers but be proactive with medication and lifestyle changes like diet and exercise. When you visit your doctor, ask what your numbers are for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar and what a normal range is for you. Discuss

your sleep habits along with diet, exercise, smoking and alcohol use. Also, none of us like to talk about our own weight but it's an important conversation because being overweight is a risk factor for heart disease."

What are your healthy heart numbers?

Blood pressure. The systolic or top number should be under 120 mm Hg and the diastolic or bottom number should be under 80 mm Hg.

Blood sugar. After fasting for eight hours, blood sugar should be less than 100 mg/dL or a hemoglobin A1C of less than 5.7.

Cholesterol. Talk to your health care professional about what the recommended range of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol and triglycerides is for you and how this impacts your heart risk.

Body mass index (BMI). A normal range is between 18.5 and 24.9.

Sleep: Aim for an average of seven to nine hours of sleep a day.

"It's also important to know your family's health history and discuss it with your doctor. There could be risk factors that require medication or lifestyle changes and the earlier they're known, the better. Sometimes people have heart attacks or strokes because their blood pressure or cholesterol levels are really high and they never had them checked," Mehta said.

A family history of high cholesterol

Erica Hutson, 37, of Plain City, Ohio, was in her 20s when she found out she had high cholesterol through a health check required by insurance. Because she was young and fit, she didn't do anything about it for 10 years. She changed her mind about it when her father died of coronary artery disease when he was in his 60s and she discovered it ran in the family.

"His death really made me think about things and put my life into a whole different perspective," she said. Hutson's doctor put her on cholesterol medicine but her numbers were still high so she started seeing Wesley Milks, MD, who specializes in lipid disorders at the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center. He added a shot to her statin therapy that is self-injected at home every couple of weeks. Her cholesterol levels are back in the healthy range.

"It's really important to know what your numbers are, what they mean and consult with your doctor. You need to know what your family history is on both sides so you can give that information to your children and all family members can be prepared to do what it takes to stay healthy," said Hutson, who has two young children.

Do a digital audit to clear out unwanted cell phone clutter

If your phone is filled with apps, photos, texts and emails, it might be time to do some digital decluttering.

Susan Albers, PsyD, psychologist with Cleveland Clinic explains the benefits.

"Studies show that digital clutter is just as toxic to your mental health as physical clutter. It triggers high levels of stress and anxiety," Dr. Albers said.

She said our brains tend to favor order over chaos, so when you're bombarded by clutter, it can make you feel overwhelmed.

It can also make it harder to focus and be productive.

Dr. Albers suggests doing a "digital au-

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dit" of your devices and deleting stuff you don't need – like old emails or text messages.

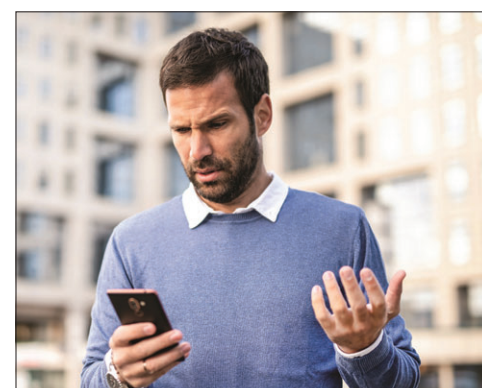
You could also create folders and rename files so they're easier to find.

And be sure to do this on a regular basis. That way you'll start to develop the habit of staying organized.

Plus, it'll make you feel better too.

"Clearing out your digital clutter can make you feel more in control and empowered. It helps to give you clarity and organization that you need to get things done," said Dr. Albers.

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Teaching mindfulness to children

If your child tends to experience feelings of stress or anxiety, you may want to consider teaching him or her about mindfulness.

It's an easy skill to adopt and offers many benefits.

"Mindfulness is a simple concept of just being in the here and now and thinking about what's happening in the present moment and not worrying about the past or the future," said Emily Mudd, Ph.D., child psychologist for Cleveland Clinic Children's. "And for talking to children, I often say it's as simple as thinking about one thing at a time that's in front of you."

Dr. Mudd said studies have shown how practicing mindfulness can help improve a child's well-being, like reducing symptoms of anxiety and depression.

Mindfulness has also been found to improve kids' attention in school, emotional regulation and reduce conflict with peers.

Dr. Mudd said mindfulness methods can differ based on age. For little kids, you can teach them how to focus on their breathing.

And for older kids, they can try a method that uses all five of their senses.

"I really like the five senses rule, where you focus on five things you can see, four things you can feel, three things you can hear, two things you can smell and one thing you can taste," said Dr. Mudd. "So, as you can imagine, this really just gets kids immersed in the environment around them."

Dr. Mudd said it's best to talk to children about mindfulness when they're not upset, that way they can process what you're saying.

She encourages parents to practice mindfulness too.

Five foods that promote long-term eye health

A nutritious diet is often touted in relation to its link to maintaining a healthy weight and reducing risk for chronic disease. Though healthy foods certainly provide each of those benefits, a nutritious diet also can protect vision.

The World Health Organization estimates that at least 2.2 billion people have a near or distance vision impairment, and roughly half of those instances could have been prevented or have yet to be addressed.

Vision loss is often characterized as a natural byproduct of aging, and the National Institute on Aging notes that it's normal for individuals to notice changes in their vision as they age. But it's a mistake to think there's little people can do to protect their long-term vision. In fact, a nutritious diet can be a great ally as individuals aspire to protect their long-term eye health. According to the Optometrists Network, a collective that includes clinical optometrists and respected researchers, the following are five foods that can help people protect their eyes.

- **Fish high in omega-3 fatty acids:** Omega-3 fatty acids help with vision development and can reduce a person's risk of developing dry eye, a condition marked by chronically dry eyes that either don't produce enough tears or produce tears that cannot adequately lubricate the eyes. Various types of fish, including salmon, anchovies, herring, and trout, among others, are high in omega-3 fatty acids.

- **Individuals who don't like eating fish** can consider various nuts and legumes, such as walnuts, lentils and peanuts, which all contain omega-3 fatty acids as well.

- **Seeds:** Flax seeds, chia seeds, hemp seeds, and sunflower seeds contain either omega-3 fatty acids or vitamin E, which the Optometrists Network notes can help to prevent age-related macular degeneration and cataracts.

- **Leafy green vegetables:** WebMD reports that lutein and zeaxanthin are potent antioxidants that can help to prevent age-related eye disease and protect the eyes from the harmful effects of exposure to ul-

traviolet rays in sunlight. Leafy green vegetables such as collards, kale and spinach are high in lutein and zeaxanthin.

- **Sweet potatoes:** Though their popularity spikes in fall, sweet potatoes are available year-round. That's good news for sweet potato aficionados hoping to use diet to protect their eyes, as the Optometrists Network reports that sweet potatoes are high in beta carotene, which helps the eyes adjust to darkness. Sweet potatoes also are high in vitamin C, which may help individuals reduce their risk for cataracts.

- **Eggs:** Like leafy green vegetables, eggs are high in lutein and zeaxanthin. The Optometrists Network also reports that eggs are rich in vitamins C and E and a good source of zinc. The presence of zinc is notable in relation to eye health, as it's been shown to help the body utilize lutein and zeaxanthin found in the yolk. Zinc also has been found to protect the retina from potentially harmful blue light and helps to increase the amount of protective pigment in the macula.

How much water should you be drinking?

If you're watching your calories for weight loss and wellness, remember, it's important to make sure you're drinking enough water too.

Not only can it help with weight loss, but it's vital for overall health.

But how much do you actually need? "Our requirements for fluid and for hydration and water, it's based on gender, it's based on activity level, our age, and even the environment in which we live," said Kristin Kirkpatrick, RD, registered dietitian for Cleveland Clinic. Kirkpatrick said signs you're not drinking enough water can include feeling tired, lightheaded, dizzy or getting a headache.

You may also notice you aren't urinating as often, have dark-colored urine, a dry mouth, sugar cravings or hunger pangs. To help stay hydrated, she suggests carrying a water bottle with you wherever you go -- that way you're always reminded.

And you don't just have to drink water -- there are other ways to get fluids, like with soup, decaffeinated coffee, herbal tea and water rich foods.

"Lettuces, spinach, melons, those are all great examples of foods that give us that hydration as well. So it's not just about having the water and downing it, it's also about how our diet can contribute to better hydration," Kirkpatrick said.

If you're not a big fan of drinking just plain water, you can always flavor it with fruit, vegetables, or even herbs, she said.

How much water you need is based on a number of factors including age, activity level and even environment. Those who aren't big fans of plain drinking water can add flavor with fruit, vegetables or even herbs, suggested Kristin Kirkpatrick, RD, registered dietitian for Cleveland Clinic.





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Sports

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Seedings announced for boys basketball tourney

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There are a number of area basketball teams that could make some noise in the postseason, however, in order to do that, some might have to face some familiar opponents along the way.

Oak Harbor, which is 10-8 and seeded sixth in the Division III Norwalk District, faces old Sandusky Bay Conference foe Edison, seeded 12th at 4-15, at home. If the Rockets win, they'll face rival Genoa, which is No. 3 with a 14-5 record, on the road. Oak Harbor won both matchups with the Comets this season by a combined 10 points.

"Whenever you play in the tournament, it's a whole different ballgame, you'll get everyone's best shot," said Genoa coach Jon Sandwisch. "It's going to be a battle."

In the lower portion of the bracket, Lake is seeded No. 5. The Flyers (13-6) will host No. 8 Huron (7-12) in a sectional semifinal. The winner will travel to Bucyrus to face No. 4 Wynford (13-7).

Because the Rockets, Comets and Flyers are all in the bottom part of the bracket with three other teams, there's a reasonable chance that one will advance to the district finals.

Last season, Genoa was seeded fourth in the same district but lost 58-53 to No. 2 Ashland Crestview, which is seeded first in the district this season.

The Comets are currently tied with Fostoria for first place in the Northern Buckeye Conference with a 9-3 mark.

"It's always special to play games when there are implications on the line," said Sandwisch. "Heading into the year, you want to be playing meaningful games at the end of the season."

Lake coach Luke Hickey knows a thing or two about great tournament runs. Twelve years ago, when he played for Whitmer and legendary coach Bruce Smith and was a teammate alongside Nigel Hayes, who would go on to a successful career at the University of Wisconsin, the Panthers advanced to the Div. I state finals, falling 45-40 to Pickerington Central.

"I think the tournament kind of exemplifies the game as a whole. The margin of error becomes a little bit smaller," said Hickey. "The most dangerous thing is you

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The most dangerous thing is you have to play well all the time.

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have to play well all the time. There is no second chance if you lose. You have to execute at a high level. It's a separate season, you can reset and anybody can beat anybody."

It's been quite the turnaround for Lake. The Flyers won two games last season and have improved their win total by 11 games thus far.

"I think we've had an excellent season. The kids have bought into our system — we're playing a really high level now. I think our kids are still hungry each and every single day with where they are," said Hickey. "They look to keep pushing each other, and that's contributed to our success quite a bit. They're a fun group to coach, too."

"We still have a lot of goals in front of us. We're in the middle of a league race, and we get to host a sectional game, and that will be really exciting as well for us," he said.

In the upper portion of the bracket is No. 9 Cardinal Stritch (7-12), which will take on No. 7 Western Reserve (10-6) in a sectional semifinal. The winner plays No. 2 Margaretta (16-2), which is coached by Oak Harbor legend Steve Keller, Jr., or No. 13 Lakota, which is 2-17.

No. 10 Northwood (5-12) hosts No. 11 Bucyrus (5-14) and the winner plays Crestview, which is 19-1.

In the Napoleon District, No. 6 Eastwood (11-8) hosts No. 11 Defiance Tinora (7-10), and the winner plays the

winner of (4) Liberty Center (12-7) and (12) Swanton (6-13).

In the Div. IV Liberty-Benton District, No. 7 Gibsonburg, which has won four consecutive games to get to 12-8, hosts No. 11 North Baltimore (8-11), and then, if it wins, takes on No. 2 Tiffin Calvert (16-4). Earlier in the season, the Senecas beat the Golden Bears, 59-52.

"If we take care of business, once you get into sectional finals, every team you're going to play is good. Calvert is used to making deep tournament runs," said Gibsonburg coach Tony Egbert. "They've got a lot of size and experience, they've played in a lot of these one-and-done type of situations. Add in the fact that sectional games are on the higher seeds' home court. They've only lost at home three times in the last three to four years. It's definitely not going to be an easy task."

Egbert, who played on some good teams for the Bears when he was in high school, talked about the beauty of the tournament.

"All the tournament games at the high school level are awesome. It's one game where anything can happen. Every year, there are stories about a team getting on a run that might not have been expected," said Egbert. "I know it's cliché, but you want to be playing your best basketball in February and March. I remember the Gibsonburg baseball story from 2005 when they won state the championship. It's about getting hot at the right time. That's what makes this time of the year so fun. You might be a kid who averages three or four points a game and scores 14 or 16 points in a game."

On the other side of the bracket is No. 10 Woodmore (5-14), which faces No. 4 Mohawk (14-6) in a sectional semifinal, and the winner plays the winner of No. 6 Arlington (6-14) and No. 14 Vanlue (0-19).

In Div. I, Clay and cross-town rival Waite will face stiff challenges immediately.

The Eagles, who are 12-7 and have a chance to win the Northern Lakes League's Cardinal Division, have improved their win total by 10 games. Seeded seventh in the Lake District, Clay will travel to No. 4 Perrysburg, which is 14-5.

The Indians, meanwhile, are seeded 20th in the Central Catholic District and travel to No. 1 Findlay (17-2) to face the Trojans, one of Ohio's best teams.

ND head football coach to address NFF scholar-athletes

University of Notre Dame head football coach Marcus Freeman will be the featured speaker at the 62nd National Football Foundation's Scholar-Athlete banquet, which will be held Tuesday, March 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the Glass City Center, main floor Exhibition Hall in downtown Toledo.

At the banquet, the Toledo Wistert Chapter of the NFF will honor some 54 high school senior football players from throughout the region who have excelled on the field, in the classroom and in their communities this past season. Along with the athletes, 17 coaches will be honored as well as an assistant coach, a member of the media, an Unsung Player of the Year, the Tim Berta Courage Award winner and a number of scholarship winners.

Among the 2023 class of scholar-athletes to be honored are Andrew Badenhop, Austin Maize, Caiden Maize and Ian Sibbersen, from Eastwood; Aiden Brunkhorst, Caleb Gittus and Denver Stewart, from Genoa and Scott Smith, from Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor Coach Mike May is among coaches who will be honored.

In addition, the chapter will award some \$20,000 in scholarships at the event.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50 each and tables of 10 are \$500. Prior to the banquet, at 4:45 p.m., there will be a VIP reception with Coach Freeman, which requires a special ticket. Ticket information for the VIP reception and banquet is available on the NFF Toledo/Wistert Chapter's website at nfftoledo.com.

The registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 23. Proceeds raised from the banquet will go toward scholarships.

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Kayla Buehler achieves goal, reaches 1,000 points

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"Kayla is one of those kids that just flat-out works hard at everything she does. She has the mindset of, if she's going to do something, she wants to do it to her full ability and do it well. Kayla has put in a lot of extra work well outside of the season. She has gone to shooting and offensive camps for years and spent hours in the gym in the off-season. She understands that the best players are made in the off-season. She is a natural leader by example (and) her teammates look up to her both on and off the court. They celebrate her big and small victories and I think that is really special, because you don't always see that within teams."

That's what Eastwood girls basketball coach Brittany Butler had to say about her senior star, Kayla Buehler, one who recently reached 1,000 career points, the 12th player in the history of the program, when she scored a career-high 34 points in a 61-13 win over Rossford.

On top of that, Buehler is a great teammate, too.

"Kayla is hands down one of the most humble kids I have ever met. She is never flashy and plays the game with poise. Kayla is a player who does not just score, but finds her open teammates. She does a great job of seeing the floor and getting the ball to the open man," said Butler. "I love the way she uplifts her teammates and is constantly speaking positively to them — whether they just made a great play or if they had a turnover and need to be picked up."

Buehler, who is 5-7 and averages 18 points and 3.3 rebounds per game, starts as part of a three-guard lineup with the 5-7 Amelia Ward (7.9 pts., 4.2 rebs) and the 5-4 Saylor King, who is the point guard. Jordan Jensen (3.8 pts), who is 5-8, is the forward



Eastwood 5ft. 7in. senior, Kayla Buehler, who averages 18 points and 3.3 rebounds per game, looks to shoot or pass. (Photo by Danielle DeFalco)

and Paige Hoodlebrink, who is 5-10, plays center.

Reilly Might, Piper Sutton and Kennedy Ameling have also seen action off the bench.

Following a 56-44 victory over Elmwood, Butler's alma mater, the Eagles were 8-1 with a 6-0 record in the Northern Buckeye Conference. Since then, however, Eastwood lost four straight games and is 4-4 in its last eight games. "We have unfortunately endured some unwanted injuries this season. We need to regain some strength and stay healthy. We have a solid group of kids who know what postseason success feels like and what it takes to survive and advance," said Butler. "Our soccer

and volleyball teams were incredibly successful this fall, (and) carrying that mentality over to the winter tournament is crucial. There are some things we need to fine tune. We have an extremely athletic bunch — we just need to capitalize on more things, like finishing, and getting on the boards. I am excited for tournament time. It's a clean slate and I know what our girls are capable of.

Eastwood has a chance to finish out the season on a high note. The Eagles, seeded eighth in the Div. III Anthony Wayne District, travel to No. 7 Delta to face the Panthers, and the winner travels to Defiance to face No. 4 Tinora, which beat Eastwood, 44-28, earlier in the season.

Buehler, who was named first team All-NBC, first-team all-district and honorable mention All-Ohio last year, had one of her biggest games this season in a 49-45 win over Van Buren on January 27. In the victory, Buehler scored 28 points, 16 coming in the first half when Eastwood built its lead.

There was also the 44-42 win over Genoa where she scored 23 points, and Buehler scored 18 points in the Eagles' last victory, a 45-35 win over Otsego.

"Kayla has definitely flourished into a more rounded player from her junior to senior year. Kayla's defensive game has really progressed. She has done a great job of trusting herself to get in the passing lanes this year. She is gutsy and takes chances. It leads to transition points and pushes her teammates to be gutsy as well. I think this year, she has become even more explosive and creative around the rim. She has become more confident in her scoring abilities both in transition and half-court offense," said Butler. "She understands that if she is not hitting from the perimeter she has to find other ways to score and that's what the best offensive players do. They figure out how to put the ball through the net on any given night. I am so proud of Kayla's hard work and determination to score 1,000 points. This was something she shared with me that she has wanted to accomplish for a long time. It was exciting the night she scored not only a career high 34 points, but her 1,000th point. The feats she has accomplished and accolades received are more than well-deserved."

"I can't say enough positive things about Kayla Buehler. She is a coach's dream both on and off the court. I have very much enjoyed having her on my team the last two years, as she has been an incredible leader and teammate in so many ways. There is no doubt that whatever path she chooses, she will do it extremely well and inspire those around her," Butler said.

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Toledo

Perch Dinners, March 1, 8, 15 and 29, VFW 4906, 2161 Consaul. Featuring coleslaw, fries and dessert. Perch or combo dinners (shrimp-frog legs) \$18; Perch sandwich and chips \$10;

Wild Game Dinner, Feb. 25, 2 p.m., VFW Auxiliary Post 4906, 2161 Consaul St. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Featuring fish, venison, rabbit, beaver, goose, rat and seafood gumbo. \$30, includes beverages and door prizes. Cash raffle and other raffles. Limited seating. Public welcome. For info and tickets, call 419-698-4411.

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

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

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

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

Oregon

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society is accepting gently used or new household items for its annual Rummage Sale. Drop off on Mondays from 10 a.m.-noon through the month of February at the OJHS Learning & Community Center, 1121 Grasser St. (behind the church building).

MOMSurviving Our Ultimate Loss, a group for moms who have lost a child to the opioid epidemic, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Intersection Church, 1640 S. Coy Rd. The group's mission is to help remove the stigma of addiction while supporting those with the journey of grief and healing. For info, contact Laurie Clemons at momssoul@yahoo.com. Call 419-346-6082 or visit momssoul.com.

Gamblers Anonymous meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, Starr Avenue Ext. To reach the local hotline, call 419-327-9514.

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society is open for personal and group tours by appointment only or for special programming during the winter months, through March 6. Call 419-902-5149 to schedule a tour or to donate items to the museum.

St Paul's Episcopal Food for Thought Food Pantry is open the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3-5 p.m. at 798 S. Coy Rd., at the corner of Navarre and Coy. Easy access; help is available to get groceries to your cars. Please bring a picture ID.

Great Eastern Toastmasters meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lake Erie Room at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital, (lower level, behind the cafeteria). Attendees can practice skills needed to communicate with confidence. Guests are always welcome. Call Matt 419-261-0579 or Julie 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.

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

Oregon Conservative Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Speakers, education and an opportunity to make a change

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

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

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

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

Northwood

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch will meet Feb 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the fire station at 2100 Tracy Rd. Come meet your neighbors and our police officer liaison who will be there to answer your questions and concerns. Open to the public.

Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays, 5-7:30 p.m., Northwood VFW Post 2984, 102 W. Andrus Rd. Dine in or carry out. Steak, shrimp, chicken and mac and cheese available until sold out. Weekly Sunday breakfasts held 8-11:30 a.m.

Northwood Church of God Food For Thought Food Pantry is open every third Tuesday of the month from noon-2 p.m., 1838 S. Coy Rd. Easy access; help is available to get groceries to vehicles. Photo ID required.

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

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

Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

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

Elmore

Elmore Post 279 of the American Legion is available for rental for events and parties with a capacity of 200. Kitchen area available. Contact Bill at 419-279-0928. The post meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend monthly meetings.

Elmore American Legion Auxiliary meets the second Wednesday of the month. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; meetings start at 7 p.m. Anyone with an immediate relationship to a veteran is invited to join and help to support local veterans.

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

Genoa

Bingo, March 7 and 21 (first and third Thursday), Genoa American Legion, 302 West St. Doors open

at 5 p.m. Game packages start at \$25. Early games at 5:30 p.m.; regular bingo at 6:15 p.m. Open to ages 18 and older. Refreshments available; no outside food or drink.

Genoa American Legion Hall, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. For hall rental inquiries, call Denise at 419-855-0014. To join the Genoa American Legion, call 419-635-5810 for info. The Legion Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of each month (except holidays, then meetings are held the following day) at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime at 11 a.m. Thursdays; Adult Book Chat, Feb. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - discuss "The Secret Book of Flora Lea," by Patti Callahan Henry; Through Feb. 29: Winter Reading Challenge: The Myth, The Legend, The Library - All ages can track their reading and attend fun programs. Call 419-637-2173 for details and to register. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.

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

Graytown

LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., off Elliston Trowbridge Road, is open the second Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food insecurity. Staples include meat, bread and eggs; hygiene items also available. Donations of non-perishables welcome.

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St. programs include Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.; LEGO Week, Feb. 26-March 1. For adults Living Will Program, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. - presented by Magruder Hospital (registration required); Coffee and a Book Club, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. - discuss "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie," by Marie Benedict; 4th Tuesday Book Club, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. - discuss "Our Missing Hearts," by Celeste Ng; Tai Chi for Beginners - Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. (lower level, video led); Computer Lessons, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. - Bring your own supplies; Needle Crafts Group, Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. - Bring your own supplies; Pinochle every

Friday at 2 p.m. The Local History & Museum Center is open Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 419-898-7001 or visit oakharborpubliclibrary.org to register or for info.

Sunday Bingo, St. Boniface. Doors open at 4 p.m. Early bird games start at 5:30 p.m. Main Game at 6 p.m. All proceeds benefit St. Boniface School. Call the school at 419-898-1340 with any questions.

Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, located at 11805 SR 105, is open every Wednesday from 2-6 p.m., offering groceries for anyone in need. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more information.

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

Pemberville

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

Stony Ridge

Stony Ridge Civic Association meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Stony Ridge Library. The association is planning an Easter Egg Hunt on March 23 at 10 a.m. at Stony Ridge Park. The event is open to children through age 12.

St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the first Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon, 5520 Fremont Pike.

Walbridge

VFW Post 9963/T.J. Reynolds Annual Chili Cook-off, Feb. 24, at the post, 109 N. Main St. Doors open at 5 p.m. Enter your chili for a chance to win a prize by calling 419-666-0367. All proceeds to benefit the T.J Reynolds/VFW Scholarship Fund.

Bingo, first and third Sunday of the month, starting at 1 p.m., Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Concessions available; no outside food or beverages permitted.

Crimson Lights Band will perform at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., from 2-5 p.m. on Feb. 25, March 10 and 24, April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26, June 9 and 23 and July 14 and 28. Open to the public. Dates are subject to change. Beer, wine coolers and soft drinks available at the bar. Call Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info.

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., programs include: Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Snacks, weekdays, 3-3:30 p.m. - Families can grab a snack, supported by Connecting Kids to Meals and Friends of the WCDPL; Game Days, Wednesdays, 1 p.m. - Visit the library to play games or bring your own game and start something new. For info, visit wcdpl.org/events.

Woodville

Spaghetti Dinner, Feb. 18, 12 p.m. until gone, Woodville United Methodist Church, 201 W. First St. Featuring spaghetti, salad, roll and butter and dessert. Donations welcome. Open to the community.

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Winter Storytimes, Thursdays, 10 a.m.; Take & Make Tuesdays - stop by and pick up the Winter Reading craft of the week; Teen Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m. (registration required); Fungi Fanatics, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. - talk mushrooms with the Woodville and Elmore libraries; Water Science, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. - Kids in grades K-6 invited for water projects (registration required); Paper Crafting, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m. (registration required); Through Feb. 29: Winter Reading Challenge: The Myth, The Legend, The Library - All ages can track their reading and attend fun programs; Register at birchard.org or call 419-849-2744.

Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m. and the last Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications are available at the pantry. Accepting help from the pantry will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
VILLAGE OF OAK HARBOR

The Village of Oak Harbor, Ohio is accepting applications for the position of Village Administrator. This is a full-time, exempt position that serves a statutory, Council/Manager form of government. This position works closely with the leadership in the Office of the Mayor and fiscal office as well as several civic organizations. This position is governed by Ohio Revised Code Chapters 731, 735 and 743 as well as Ordinances of the Village of Oak Harbor.

The Village of Oak Harbor is located in the center of Ottawa County, just 7 miles south of Lake Erie's western basin. Oak Harbor is a community of approximately 2,800 residents with nearly 4,500 utility customers. Oak Harbor's location, with three state routes (19, 105 and 163) along with the scenic Portage River, makes the community an ideal place to run a business or raise a family. With strong schools, ranked among the best in the State, and tremendous growth opportunities, the community is ready for its next leader.

The Village has made substantial investments in its utility infrastructure over the past several years. In cooperation with the Oak Harbor Development Group, several capital improvements have also been made in the Parks and Recreation.

The Administrator oversees day to day operations of water, sewer and electric enterprise departments as well as transportation, parks and recreation, forestry and buildings and grounds. The Administrator also currently serves as the chief zoning official and Flood Plain Coordinator.

Skills required include the ability to guide, direct and motivate employees; organize and supervise activities of various crews; ability to listen and communicate effectively, verbally and in writing; ability to grasp zoning/subdivision regulations with little difficulty and the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, general public and governmental entities at local, state and federal levels.

Knowledge in utility operation and infrastructure, Drug Free Workplace programs, safety training requirements, forecasting short and long term utility and financial needs, grant administration, utility billing practices, customer relations as well of USEPA and Ohio EPA requirements, guidance and permitting.

Attendance is required at bi-monthly Council meetings as well as various monthly meetings of committees, boards and/or commissions.

Pay is commensurate to experience. Range is set per Ordinance 04-2023 at \$60,000 - \$95,000 per year.

Applications are available at the Villages' website www.oakharbor.oh.us, in the Municipal Building, and at the Office of the Administrator.

Applications/resume should be forwarded to Clerk of Council at P.O. Box 232, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449-0232 or emailed to dmcclanahan@oakharbor.oh.us. Applications will be received until Friday, March 1, 2024.

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March 9th from 9-5pm & March 10th from 10-3pm

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The 2023 Annual Financial Report is complete and available at the Village of Genoa Offices, 102 E. Sixth Street, Genoa, OH, 43430, by contacting the Fiscal Officer.
*Tracy Overmyer
Fiscal Officer*

VILLAGE OF ELMORE PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024
An Ordinance to Facilitate the Transition to New Utility Meters and to Provide for the Payment of Costs Associated with Utility Customers that Prevent or Hinder the Installation of the New Meters.
ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024
An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the 2023 NPP Power Pool Participant Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. ("AMP").
ORDINANCE NO. 03-2024
An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the Master Services Agreement Between American Municipal Power (AMP) and the Village of Elmore, for Participation in the Community Energy Savings Smart Thermostat Program and Declaring an Emergency.
To read in full please contact the Fiscal Officer Gretchen Densic, Fiscal Office, Village of Elmore

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2.62 acres of land located at 1301 Bury Road, 3.045 acres of land located at 1333 Bury Road, 5.112 acres of land located at 0 Bury Road, and 0.28 acres of land located at 1343 Bury Road, owned by David A Dreier. 18.95 acres of land located at 0 Seaman Street, owned by Douglas M & Mary Kay Nelson. 17.306 acres of land located at 4638 Pickle Road R and 7.827 acres of land located at 4664 Pickle Road, owned by Thomas N & Luann S Schuffenecker.
Nicholas Roman, Finance Director

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Thursday, February 29, 2024
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The scope of work for this project consists of installation of 1740' of 12" PVC C909 and 5672' of 8" PVC C909 waterlines replacing 6" CI pipe. 84 services will be replaced to the right of way.
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The Engineer for the Project is Kleinfelder, Inc., 1168 North Main Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.
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This procurement is subject to the EPA policy of encouraging the participation of small businesses in rural areas (SBRAs).
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The Village of Woodville, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity in any bid and to determine the lowest and best bidder.
No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. This project is being partially funded with Ohio EPA Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) funding with Buy American requirements.
The estimated cost of construction is \$1,600,000.
By Order of:
Tom Brickley, Village Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF LINDSEY
The 2023 Annual Financial Report is complete and available at the Village of Lindsey Council Room, 240 S. Main St., Lindsey, OH 43442, by contacting the Fiscal Officer.
Tracy Overmyer, Fiscal Officer

LEGAL NOTICE Lake Township Board of Trustees Dated February 16, 2024
In accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §505.07, the Board of Trustees of Lake Township in Wood County, Ohio hereby give notice of its intention to meet, consider, and take action, on a Court-approved proposed Consent Judgment Entry in the case of *Hillbrand Holdings, LLC v. Lake Township Board of Trustees*, pending as Case No. 3:23-cv-0131 in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Western Division.
The meeting shall be held on **March 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm Lake Township Hall located at 27975 Cummings Road, Millbury, Oh 43447.** The public is invited to attend. Copies of the proposed Consent Judgment Entry are available to the public at the office of the Lake Township Fiscal Officer, also located at 27975 Cummings Road, Millbury, Oh 43447, during normal business hours.
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When: Wednesday's During Lent - February 21, 28, March 6, and 20
Where: Alternating between parishes
All Saints Rossford - February 21st & March 6th
Saint Jerome in Walbridge - February 28th & March 20th
Time: 5:30pm

In this 4-part series
we will dive into the
Church's Social
Teaching and how
we might live it out.

February 21 - All Saints: Life and the Dignity of the Human Person-Fr. Scott Woods

February 28 - Saint Jerome: Solidarity-Sister Tina Petrick

March 6 - All Saints: Subsidiarity-Sister Patricia Dorobek

March 20 - Saint Jerome: The Common Good-Fr. Michael Bialorucki

Prayer

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When: Sunday February 25th - **Concert Where:** All Saints in Rossford **Time:** 7:00pm

When: Monday February 26th - **Mission Where:** All Saints in Rossford **Time:** 7:00pm

When: Tuesday February 27th - **Mission Where:** All Saints in Rossford **Time:** 7:00pm



The Light is On

Confessions will be available at All Saints and St. Jerome on Wednesday March 20, 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 3:30pm at both Parishes

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday 3/23 4:30pm (AS & SJ) & 3/24- Mass: 8:30 am & 11 am (AS) or 8am & 10am (SJ)
Holy Thursday 3/28: 7pm (SJ), Good Friday 3/29: 1:30pm (AS), Holy Saturday 3/30: 8:30pm (SJ)
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