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Land conservancies partnering in multi-state project

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A local land conservancy is participating in a partnership spanning watersheds across the Great Lakes basin - from the Western Lake Erie basin, to the Saginaw Bay watershed in Michigan, to the Lake Superior watershed that includes parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota - in an effort to restore natural areas and improve water quality

Black Swamp Conservancy is coordinating with six other organizations on the project: Little Forks Conservancy, Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy, Minnesota Land Trust, Wisconsin Landmark Conservancy, Freshwater Society, and the Conservation Fund, which will function as the fiscal agent for the partnership.

The goal for each member of the group is to identify, acquire, and protect land in its jurisdiction that is contributing excess nutrients and pollutants to rivers and lakes, Rob Krain, executive director of Black Swamp Conservancy, said.

But by sharing expertise and data, the organizations "are raising our game across the Great Lakes," he said. "Our local work holds lessons for conservationists across the Midwest and we, in turn, can learn from other great organizations. Together, we will each be more successful in retiring marginal land and restoring it to hold and treat water naturally. Restored wetlands create wildlife habitat and recreation areas as well as reduce erosion and algae growth in rivers and lakes."

Black Swamp Conservancy has already developed a Geographic Information System quantitative model that sifts through data, enabling the conservancy and its partners to locate land parcels with the most potential to contribute to water quality improvement.

"We're sharing how we built that with the other members of the team so

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Oregon approves payment to Lucas County 911

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Oregon City Council approved paying the Lucas County 911 regional Council of Governments to provide 911 support services for 2024.

Oregon received an invoice of \$860,246.93, of which the first quarter payment of \$215,061.73 is due on Dec. 1 of this year.

Finance Director Nick Roman said the cost increased by 2.7 percent. The bill is determined by call volume.

"Overall, the budget for the Council of Governments (COG) went up 2.9 percent, while ours only went up 2.7 percent due to the proportional share. It's strictly based on how many calls you have," said Roman at a committee of the whole meeting earlier this month.

The 911 consolidation occurred in 2021. Lucas County shut down six dispatch centers and merged them into one centralized call center or building in Toledo. Oregon was one of the six that was shut down and moved to Toledo. The purpose of the consolidation was to save money and spare county taxpayers millions. But Oregon never supported the move and there have been complaints about the new system, including delayed response times.

“If we’re paying this amount of money, we shouldn’t be having these issues. We shouldn’t be having any issues whatsoever.”

"We were vehemently opposed to this happening," said Councilman Tim Zale. "I think at the time, our dispatch center was costing us \$1.1 million per year, but that was three years ago. That would have gone up, too. The savings they told us we would get are kind of close to what it was. I think they told us we would save up to \$500,000 per year. We're kind of still in that realm. I still think the service we had was much better, and I would pay for it every day of the week."

Councilman Terry Reeves said he's heard of complaints about dispatchers not knowing the locations of some 911 calls in

Oregon.

"I've had people, even within our own fire department and police department, who have said how we are still getting screwed up on addresses when there's a 911 call. If we're paying this amount of money, we shouldn't be having these issues. We shouldn't be having any issues whatsoever. When a phone call comes from 911, and it's Oregon, it has to come to us, not go somewhere else. I don't know who we touch base with. I'd like to know if other jurisdictions are having the same issue as we are with calls that are not being sent to the proper address," said Reeves.

"From the conversations I've had with the police and fire chiefs, they have worked out an awful lot of the bugs along the way," said Zale. "It seems to be working pretty well."

"From what I've heard, they had a lot of issues with getting workers and retention," said Roman. "It sounds like they have reached a point where they are keeping their numbers up. They're still short, but people are getting more comfortable in their positions. I do think they are getting better, and will continue to get better."

Police Chief Brandon Begin said whenever there is an issue, "we reach out to the COG and they deal with it directly and

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Quote of The Week

God knows, but on earth only a parent can attempt an answer, and shudder.

Lawrence Gefre
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Lucas County 911

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quickly.”

“They’re very open to making any corrections. I am not aware of any major issues where they are being sent to the wrong address,” said Begin.

After the meeting, City Administrator Joel Mazur said he attends the regional 911 dispatch center council of governments’ monthly meetings to discuss the budget, alternative funding sources, and issues such as staffing levels and operations.

“Any specific incidents we are made aware of, we address it with the regional 911 COG,” he said. “There have been very few, if any, mistakes that I’ve personally heard of. I have to rely on the information that I get from our police department and what I get from the dispatch center. And all the calls are recorded. So if there is a specific incident, we can go back and review it. There was a complaint that I personally looked into along with our police chief. We felt the dispatcher at the dispatch center didn’t do anything wrong and that the complaint we had received was unfounded.”



Pictured with artist renderings of the new facilities are Vallie Robeson, Career Tech Teacher on Assignment; Hal Gregory, Superintendent; Ashley Garlick, Agriculture & Environmental Technologies Teacher; Becci Bihn, Director, Career & Technology and Hunter Wright, Executive Director of Ohio CCS. (Photo by Amy Hansen)

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of Nov. 20-24. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

Nov. 20: WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Nov. 21: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Put-in-Bay, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Genoa Immunizations – Allen-Clay Fire, 8 a.m.-noon.

Nov. 22: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4:30 p.m.

Nov. 23: Holiday – office closed.

Nov. 24: Holiday – office closed.

Clay High School Career Tech gets \$1.6 million grant

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Clay High School’s Career Technical Department was recently awarded a \$1.6 million grant as part of the State of Ohio Career Technical Construction Grant program.

The grant was submitted with the intention to replace and expand facilities for the Agricultural and Environmental program.

The funds will be used to build a new greenhouse and a new animal housing facility to support the education of more than

100 students annually.

“We have a current greenhouse and an old facility that housed quail and some other animals, but they just deteriorated to the point that they needed to be knocked down and rebuilt,” Superintendent Hal Gregory told The Press on Thursday. “This grant came along at just the right time, when we were talking about updating this part of the agriculture facility. The timing worked out.”

Gregory said officials had just met with an architect to put together “our dream greenhouse and animal housing facility” when the grant was announced.

“We were very fortunate to get it,” he said. “This is going to be a very nice facility.

We’re going to have a larger greenhouse than we have right now, and an animal housing facility that’s truly built for animals. What we have now is just an older, smaller greenhouse that was used with a chicken coop inside. So now we’re truly going to have a facility built to house rabbits, quail, chickens, and possibly some larger animals, like pigs.”

The two buildings will be separated by an outdoor pen, with doors from each facility entering into the core agricultural building, said Gregory.

“They are two separate, different programs. One is a greenhouse where we’re

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they can replicate and improve it in their own communities. We've also built significant expertise in wetland, floodplain, and stream restoration to aid our partners," Krain said.

Earlier this year, Freshwater announced it had been awarded \$1.5 million from the Great Lakes Protection Fund for the five-year effort to improve water quality in Great Lakes watersheds by working with local land trusts and watershed modeling experts. Teams will identify landowners in key locations and prioritize croplands that would provide the greatest water quality benefits. Areas with the highest potential for phosphorus loading and lowest predicted land value are being targeted, Freshwater said in a release announcing the grant.

That approach differs from other programs that rely on landowners to voluntarily implement best management practices by providing permanent solutions that benefit water quality. Even the Conservation Reserve Program contracts, which pay farmers to take acres out of production, aren't permanent and the number of enrolled acres can vary widely from year to year.

"That's really the key to our restoration work. It insures the permanence of the habitats and eco-system services they provide," Krain said. "We see the CRP land fluctuate with market conditions in the grain industry and with the funding of the CRP year after year, farm bill after farm bill. We are focusing on taking direct action to preserve land permanently. We feel that is the most successful route we've found."

To help fund land acquisitions and conservation easements, the project will include a "cause marketing" component. Krain said the marketing program is geared to developing a new stream of funding from people taking steps to protect drinking water through their choices as consumers.

"A person buying a water bottle or sunhat might be more likely to pay a little more if they know that some of their money is helping to protect our Great Lakes," he said.

Famous passenger train in East Toledo, 1939

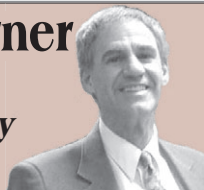


In the heyday of passenger trains, many of the popular locomotive engines were given famous names. In this photograph, the "Coronation Scot" is traveling southeast under the Fassett Street trestle along the New York Central mainline in 1939. The switching station can be seen at the right, as well as a few observers on the east end of the bridge behind the steam cloud. (Photo courtesy of Bob Lorenz)

History Corner

East Toledo Historical Society

by Larry Michaels



AG announces DG settlement

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost announced that the bulk of a \$1 million settlement with Dollar General will go to food banks or other hunger-relief organizations spanning every one of the state's 88 counties.

Under an agreement reached between Yost's office and Dollar General, \$750,000 of the settlement money will be distributed to food banks for the purchase and distribution of food and/or personal-care items.

Each county auditor will choose the beneficiary in his or her county – a decision that must be submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Office by Nov. 30.

Dollar General, a Tennessee-based discount retail chain with more than 980 stores throughout Ohio, displayed prices on its shelves for certain items but charged higher prices at its registers, and failed to correct prices at the point-of-sale to the lower shelf price.

Clay gets grant

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raising plants and flowers. The other is for caring and raising animals," he said.

"It's very exciting to know that our facilities for Ag will be upgraded for generations," he added.

Rebecca Bihn, Director of Career Technical Education, was thanked for her efforts to obtain the grant. Additional thanks went to Clay High School program teachers Meredith Wolfe and Ashley Garlick, Vallie Robeson, the Clay High School/District administration, and the Oregon school board for their support. Officials were also grateful to architect Mike Rowe from the Buehrer Group.

Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted were also praised for providing funding to support local Career Technical programs.

"This funding will help to modernize our facilities and support the education of students for many generations," said Gregory.

Sentencing set in murder case

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 12 in Wood County Common Pleas Court for a Bowling Green man who's pled guilty to murder and two counts of felonious assault in the stabbing death of Alicia Rosa, also of Bowling Green, and her unborn child.

Jimmy David Cole, 30, has been in custody since his arrest on March 31, 2022.

According to the Wood County prosecutor's office, Rosa's body was found in her apartment by her parents who said she'd been in a relationship with Cole. Authorities believe the child she was carrying was Cole's. According to the prosecutor's statement to the court, Cole and Rosa argued before he stabbed her in the kitchen and then stabbed her in the living room.

She died minutes later as did her child.

The prosecutor's office said the first two counts of murder allege Cole purposely caused the death of Rosa and her unborn child. The other charges will be merged into the first two at sentencing.

Attorneys for Cole have indicated they might argue the first two counts of murder should merge as well.

Each count of murder carries a penalty of life imprisonment with parole eligibility after 15 years. If he's sentenced to consecutive terms, Cole could first seek parole after 30 years.

Candidacy announced

Erika White, of Holland, hosted a press conference last week announcing she is entering the race for Ohio State Representative for District 41.

White is President of Communications Workers of America Local 4319 and Vice President of the Greater Northwest Ohio AFL-CIO.

"As a mother, I want kids to have a quality education and keep them safe at school. As the wife of a firefighter, I know that we can support those who protect and serve us. And as a union member, I want to fight for the middle class and ensure workers can build a strong economy with living-wage jobs," she said.

County budget hearings start

The Board of Ottawa County Commissioners will meet in special session at its offices in the courthouse no earlier than 8 a.m. on Nov. 20 to discuss 2024 department budget requests. For a list of all budget hearing dates go to the commissioners' web page at www.co.ottawa.oh.us and click on the government tab.

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Luckey Closing arguments in eminent domain case due this week

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The judge in an eminent domain case between the Village of Luckey and owners of property that includes a quarry has extended the deadline for the two parties to file closing arguments until Nov. 22.

Wood County Common Pleas Court Judge Molly Mack last week approved the extension at the request of both parties.

The village is seeking to acquire the quarry site to develop a public water system. Currently, the village is served by ground wells or by having water trucked in.

In March 2023, the village filed a petition to appropriate the 72.4-acre property from the owners, T&S Agriventures, and contends in a recent filing it has considered establishing a public system a few times in the past:

- In 2005, in conjunction with a municipal sewer project, the village obtained easements to run water lines throughout the village, including the T&S Agriventures property.

- In 2019, village council heard a presentation by the Northwestern Water & Sewer District about public water.

- A former mayor of the village who was in office from 2008 to 2017 testified the village considered establishing a public water system during her tenure and evaluated the quarry as a potential water source.

"The village renewed its interest and evaluation of a potential public water source in 2020 when defendants (T&S Agriventures) began making efforts to sell the property," a village court filing says.

“**Defendants had discussions with the village regarding their intent to sell and the village attempted to negotiate a voluntary purchase of the property.**”

“Defendants had discussions with the village regarding their intent to sell and the village attempted to negotiate a voluntary purchase of the property. However, the parties were unable to agree on a purchase price.”

T&S Agriventures in August 2021 entered into an agreement with an auction firm and an auction was scheduled for Sept. 18. The village notified the owners shortly before the auction it intended to “begin the process of exploring the acquisition” of the property, according to the filing.

The property didn't sell at the auction and the village alleges its representative was prohibited from bidding by T&S Agriventures. The village passed another resolution on Sept. 21, 2022 declaring a necessity to commence the appropriation process and it came up with a good faith offering price of \$525,000. The appraised

value was \$435,000, according to the village.

In March 2023, the village filed a petition to appropriate the property.

The property owners allege the village hasn't met the statutory requirements for initiating the eminent domain process.

“On cross examination, Mayor (Cory) Panning acknowledged that the good faith offer was presented to defendants 10 months after the effective date of the appraisal. Mayor Panning further testified that he could not articulate any basis for how the village arrived at a good faith offer of \$525,000, other than through the collective discussions of counsel. Panning could identify no document, other than the \$435,000 appraisal, in determining the good faith offer,” a filing by the owners says. “Instead, the statutorily required good faith offer was arrived at exclusively through the discussion of the mayor and village council, none of whom, it was testified, had any background or specialized knowledge in real estate appraisal.”

The owners' filing also says that Michael Franklin, president of village council, testified during a hearing that council was seeking the property because council members were speculating the Ohio Environmental Protection or some other entity may instruct the village to “do away” with the village private well system. But he acknowledged that the village, to date, has had “no communication from OEPA or any entity regarding a necessity or desire for the village...to provide public water service or to develop a public water source at the subject property.”

Talking to your kids about world conflicts

With so much going on overseas right now, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by all of the coverage – especially on social media where a lot of graphic videos and photos are being shared.

And it's not just adults seeing those troubling images – kids too are exposed to these images, too.

So, what can parents do to help limit their exposure?

“I know there can be recommendations to limit social media. The challenge can be that we want to keep the communication open and if parents are trying to limit social media, especially for adolescents, it can create sort of an area of conflict or just a problem with honesty,” said Amy Lee, PhD, pediatric psychologist for Cleveland Clinic Children's.

She suggests parents instead have a conversation with their adolescent about why it can be important to take breaks from social media and what kind of content they should be avoiding.

They can also ask them about whether they've seen anything on their feeds that could be upsetting.

Dr. Lee said for younger kids, there should be more parental control over social media.

However, if a child does see something they shouldn't, it's best to have open communication.

She recommends talking to them about it in an age-appropriate way.

“Younger kids are going to be more concerned with their own safety or changes that may happen in their own smaller world,” she said. “And so parents can offer reassurance, or they can offer simple explanations of how situations may be different in different places.”

Dr. Lee said parents also need to be mindful of what they're watching when their children are around.

They could accidentally see or hear something that way too.

Free Thanksgiving dinner

Ottawa and Sandusky county residents are invited to a free Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 23 at Woodmore High School, 633 Fremont St., Elmore.

Local churches, businesses and community organizations are sponsoring the dinner, which will be served from 11 a.m.-

1 p.m. The menu will include turkey or ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetable, dinner roll and dessert. Dinner is provided by Ole Zim's Wagon Shed and local churches are providing desserts.

Meals will be served for dine-in. This is the first year since the pandemic to have dine-in service for the dinner.

Carryout is available, with pick-up available inside.

Those interested in helping out at the

event may contact Bob Daniel at bdaniel808@yahoo.com.

This is the 15th year for the free Thanksgiving dinner. Last year, 600 meals were handed out, and organizers expect the same turnout this year.

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Workplace



The Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Grand Opening of the new Panera Bread To-Go with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 14th. General Manager, Zach Burnette did the honor of cutting the ribbon as chamber members and Panera corporate employees looked on. The Oregon Panera is the first Panera To-Go in the market and offers a mobile pick-up lane, pick-up, and delivery. (Photo by Omar Smaidy)

Rudolph Libbe Wins Build Ohio Award

For the second consecutive year a Rudolph Libbe Inc. project won the Ohio Association of General Contractors' Build Ohio Award for its work at First Solar's 2.1-million-square foot manufacturing facility in Lake Township.

The award in Ohio AGC's Industrial/Heavy category was announced at the organization's Build Ohio dinner on Nov. 10, in Columbus.

Rudolph Libbe was selected as design-builder for the facility on the strength of building a similar smaller facility for the solar panel manufacturer in 2019. On this project, Rudolph Libbe Inc., a Rudolph Libbe Group company, was asked to accelerate the schedule and turn over the facility for equipment setting in just 12 months.

The facility produces First Solar's advanced technology Series 6 thin film photovoltaic module, increasing its U.S. capacity by 100 percent and adding 500 jobs.

Rudolph Libbe Group trades personnel worked the majority of the nearly 750,000 man-hours on the project. RLI self-performed sitework, site concrete, site utilities, building foundations, concrete

slabs and masonry. GEM Inc., another RLG company, performed building plumbing, structural steel, HVAC, building electrical, central utility building electrical, process mechanical and substation electrical work, and equipment setting.

First Solar has contracted with RLI to build another facility across the street from this project, plus large solar panel manufacturing projects in Alabama and Louisiana.

Panera opens in Oregon

Approximately 35 jobs are expected to be created when a Panera To Go outlet is fully operating at 2963 Navarre Ave. in Oregon.

The company hosted a grand opening last week at the site, which is the company's first entry into the Oregon market and the 136th Panera Bread bakery-café in Ohio.

The Oregon cafe will be open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Patrons may place orders at a kiosk in the café for to-go service or online or mobile phone.

The first 100 customers at the café opening were given certificates for free bagels and free tumblers.

Obituaries

Obituary

Kevin Paul Middaugh

February 12, 1957 ~ October 29, 2023

Kevin Paul Middaugh, 66, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, passed away Sunday, October 29, 2023. Kevin is survived by his children Matthew Middaugh and Sarah Middaugh; mother Marlene Naumann; siblings, Bryan Middaugh and Tammy Simkus; along with many nieces, nephews and loving family members.

Preceded in death by his father, William Middaugh; brother, William Middaugh Jr.; step-father, Frank Naumann; and grandparents, Fred and Maxine Middaugh & Fred and Violet Feckley.

Private interment: Lake Township Cemetery. Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home

Obituary

Margaret A. Goeckerman

July 2, 1925 - November 14, 2023



Margaret A. Goeckerman, 98, of Genoa, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Genoa Retirement Village. She was born on July 2, 1925 in Toledo, Ohio to Ernest

and Ada (Drewyor) Allen Sr. Margaret was a graduate of Clay High School class of 1943 and in the following year married Clarence Goeckerman on January 20, 1944 in Latcha, Ohio with him preceding her in death on December 22, 1998. She was known to many as a bank teller at the Walbridge branch of the former Exchange Bank, retiring in 1987. Her memberships included: Zion Lutheran Church where she had taught Sunday school for over 20 years. She also was a member of Christ Dunberger Legion Post #153 Auxiliary, Oregon, Ohio, and she also enjoyed playing Euchre. Margaret truly enjoyed playing cards and had belonged to a Pinochle Club for 60 plus years. She was an excellent cook, treating her family and

friends to her pies, poppy seed bread and other goodies.

Margaret is survived by her daughters: Lois Steensen of Perrysburg, Ohio, Cheryl (Charlie) LaPointe of Petersburg, Michigan, Cynthia (Bob) Lunsford of Massillon, Ohio, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Clarence, son: Scott, grandson: Jonathon and infant brother: Ernest Allen Jr.

Family and friends will be received from 10am - 11 am with funeral services at 11a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church, 26535 Pemberville Road Perrysburg, Ohio. Officiating will be Rev. Dr. James Dumke. Interment will follow in Troy Township Cemetery, Luckey, Ohio. Memorials may take the form of contributions to: Zion Lutheran Church or Hospice of Northwest Ohio. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Linzy and Tami for the excellent care given to their mom.

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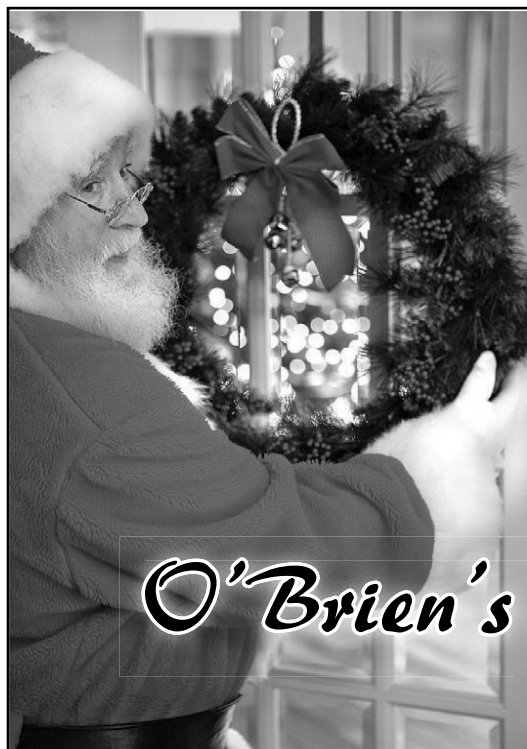
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Oregon briefly bans new car wash and storage facilities

By Kelly J. Kaczala
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Oregon City Council on Monday approved resolutions imposing 270 day moratoriums to accept new applications for the installation of personal storage facilities and the installation of new car wash facilities.

Recently, individuals and companies have inquired about the installation of new personal storage and car wash facilities in various areas of the city. Each was a usage that was not historically anticipated in Oregon's zoning code.

In order to properly consider appropriate zoning and other regulatory options for such usage, the resolutions provide for a nine month moratorium, which will allow for further review of the impact, if any, that personal storage facilities and car wash facilities would have on residential communities and other properties in the city.

City Administrator Joel Mazur said after the meeting that storage units currently are permissible in a C3 planned commercial development.

"There are very, very few small properties in the city that are zoned C3 planned commercial. Storage units are also a permitted use in our commercial/industrial area. Steve Shrake, our new building and zoning inspection commissioner, and I have received many inquiries from land owners, or people who represent land owners, about building storage units in a lot of different areas. Self-storage units have little value for the city. They don't use utilities, they don't create any jobs, and the

Clogged drains and holiday meals

The Northwestern Water and Sewer District is reminding residents to be mindful of what goes down the drain while preparing meals this holiday season.

Fats, oils, and grease can solidify and cause blockages in pipes, leading to backups, clogging of the plumbing, damaging wastewater treatment systems, and causing environmental issues.

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land values are not significant. So there's little value to allow them in certain zoning areas to be permissible," he said.

"In our industrial park off Corduroy Road and Wynnscape, we want companies that create jobs. We want to ensure that the zoning code is written in a way where we can protect that vision, so we don't get developments of storage units that creates zero jobs, no utility usage and low land values. So the vision of our industrial park is to create a business friendly environment where developers can come into Oregon and create jobs. This moratorium allows us the opportunity to take a look at our zoning code and re-write certain portions of it to preserve that vision. The moratorium puts a hold on any new development of storage units to allow us to look at the zoning code and modernize it in a way that will preserve the vision of the industrial park. In the economic development world, we look for the highest and best use of property.

The district advises that when it comes to fats, oils, and grease, you should, "Can it, cool it, and throw it away."

Fats, oil, and grease come from meats, butter and margarine, lard, food scraps, sauces, salad dressings, dairy products, and cooking oil. When they are warm, it's easy to pour down the drain, but as they cool, they harden and can cause sewer pipes to clog.

They can lead to a Sanitary Sewer Overflow where raw sewage can leak into your home, lawn, neighborhood, and

Among the options the city is looking at is the requirement of a usage fee.

"The storage units don't pay for the services we provide, such as police and fire protection," he said. "If someone breaks into a storage unit, they aren't paying anything into our income tax, which pays for police and fire protection. So they get the use of all our services without having to pay anything for it. We could cover the expenses of police and fire protection by requiring a usage fee. But we are doing research on it. Another option is to limit the size of the storage units. Some of them are on 20 acres of property. There's a lot of different ways to do this. We just have to come up with a way that is best for us.

"We want to take a look at examples in other cities, how they handle storage units, but also tailor it to fit our needs as well," he said.

The city is taking the same approach with the moratorium on new car wash facilities, he said.

"They provide few jobs and usually take up prime real estate, such as on Navarre Avenue," he said.

"What we see in our community and in other communities is a lot of car wash facilities popping up all over the place. It's almost like it's turning into 'car wash wars.' What we don't want to see in Oregon is a lot more car washes pop up, particularly along Navarre Avenue that would diminish the value and vision of what we'd like to see developed on Navarre Avenue. So the moratorium will give us the time to look at our zoning code and evaluate how we want to look at the development of new car washes in the future."

streets, and harm public infrastructure.

Allow fat, oils, and grease to cool and solidify in an aluminum can, then dispose of it in your garbage.

Use a paper towel to wipe off greasy pans and dishes to remove build-up before rinsing or placing them in the dishwasher.

Through December, the district is giving away free lids to cover canned grease at its main office, 12560 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green, during regular business hours, weekdays, 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Savoring the season: Tips for healthy holiday eating

By Nikki Flynn, RDN, MPH
ProMedica Physicians Weight Management

As calendars begin to fill up with holiday festivities/gatherings/celebrations and travel, it's easy to feel like your health goals are taking a back seat. The good news is that with some thoughtful planning and mindful choices, it is possible to celebrate while staying committed to your health goals.

Have a plan

If you know you have a gathering coming up later in the evening, try to get in a few small meals with high protein and plenty of fruit and vegetables earlier in the day. This practice can reduce hunger intensity, decreasing the likelihood of unintentionally overeating.

Portioning your servings

It is possible to have a taste of everything you want this holiday season without feeling deprived. That's where portion control comes in. Some people successfully avoid overeating by using a smaller desert plate as a dinner plate. This practice can help to reduce overfilling your plate. However, it is important to be mindful of how many times you are refilling your smaller plate.

If you are someone who dislikes having foods touch or are uninterested in using a smaller plate, there are still ways to portion your servings without overindulging. Ideally, a plate should be filled as follows:

- One-half of the plate should consist of vegetables. This can include salad, green bean casserole, roasted vegetables, sweet potatoes, brussels sprouts and more.
- One-quarter of the plate should consist of protein. Every holiday party will usually have a designated protein source during the meal. Focus on lean meats like turkey and chicken, if available. Other options include pork, fish, tofu, lamb or beef.
- One-quarter of the plate is reserved for starchy foods. Enjoy your holiday favorites like mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, rolls and more.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

November 19

1903 - Tiedtke's store has a beef sale and is offering Porter House steak for 11 cents a pound and rib roasts for 7 cents a pound.
 1906 - Toledo Police round up 30 "suspicious" persons after a recent burglary. They not only arrest those they believe committed the crime but also collar others who look like they might commit a crime. Most are sent to the "works" on Duck Island for being "suspicious".
 1924 - The barge "Toledo" sinks off Rattlesnake Island in Lake Erie in storm.
 1920 - The Rivoli Theater opens in downtown Toledo on St. Clair Street. Its marquee would stay alive with light until the 1970's.

November 20

1871 - It's reported from the small town of Genoa that a hen has given up trying to hatch an egg that she's been sitting on since July.
 1897 - Workers building the new railway line near the Perrysburg bridge unearth many Indian relics and skeletons. They find tomahawks, kettles, bones and five skeletons near the Ft. Meigs site.
 1926 - Cigar store dealer in Toledo says women no longer want to smoke just cigarettes but are also buying cigars and pipes.
 1932 - University of Toledo President Henry Doermann dies at the age 42 from an infected sore throat.
 1954 - White Hut drive-in restaurants advertising for curb waitresses. They offer free meals, top pay, hospitalization, uniforms and paid vacations.

November 21

1907 - Long-distance marathon walker Edward Weston passes through Toledo to cheering crowds on trip from Portland, Maine to Chicago.
 1925 - Reports of a "phantom attacker" in Toledo surface again after two women report they are clubbed by a large man with daubs of red paint on his cheeks and his eyes painted black. Police and vigilantes comb the City Park area neighborhoods.
 1936 - Fire sweeps Lucas County jail, all

Toledo Historical Museum
 by Lou Hebert



115 inmates escape injury.
 1949 - Crime wave continues with robberies of taverns and stores. Revival of the "hoodlum" squad is announced by the Toledo Police Department.

November 22

1928 - Maurice Francil, the so-called wizard of wireless amazes students at Libbey High School by using "wireless" technology to control cars and other machines via radio waves.
 1930 - Wealthy African-American Toledo businessman, saloon owner and reputed underworld figure, Pearl Barber is killed in head-on collision with a drunk driver in East Toledo.
 1932 - Toledo food stores are selling beef tenderloin at 19 cents a pound and smoked hams at 12 cents a pound.
 1956 - Elvis Presley performs for first time in Toledo at Sports Arena. Blade reporter writes that young fans "bordered on hysteria"
 1963 - President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Toledo reacts with shock and stunned disbelief. Shoppers in downtown stores listen to radio reports and many are seen crying. Traffic on the streets slows to a crawl under the dark veil of a light cold rain.
 1963 - The Michael DiSalle Bridge over Maumee River is to be opened and dedication ceremonies held, but the celebration is called off because of JFK assassination.

November 23

1904 - A Frank Marshall of Toledo is wounded by a turkey farmer in West Toledo when he tries to steal a bird for the Thanksgiving dinner table. He is taken to city jail where he is served turkey for Thanksgiving.

1923 - Excitement is building for the annual Scott-Waite high school football match up on Thanksgiving. The sales of school pennants are brisk at the moment and merchants are reaping a "harvest" of sales.
 1925 - Toledo turns into an "armed camp" as more than 500 heavily armed police patrol the streets in an all-out effort is made to capture the deadly "Toledo Clubber" that the paper reports has "thrown terror into the hearts of Toledo womanhood" with his numerous attacks.
 1955 - Toledo police say a two-year old boy riding in his father's car on Stickney Avenue tries to throw a wad of gum out the car window and hits his father, the driver, in the eye. It causes him to lose control and the car smashes into a light pole. Three people are injured.

November 24

1855 - First patient is admitted to the newly opened St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo.
 1932 - Toledo Mayor Addison Thacher hosts his annual Thanksgiving dinner at his expense for over 10,000 needy people in Toledo.
 1934 - In midst of the Great Depression, 17 federally funded sewing centers will be set up in Toledo to help struggling families meet clothing needs.
 1941 - Clem Gersman of Dearborn Street in East Toledo wins national acclaim in "Ripley's-Believe-It-Or-Not" as a blind cameraman! The former rug-maker says he is able to sense direction from the sound of the subject's voice.
 1962 - It's estimated that the average Toledo family makes about \$7,000 a year, is paid on Fridays, owns a home, and over 75 percent have lived in Toledo more than 20 years.

November 25

1911 - Saloon keepers and gambling hall owners in Toledo file legal action to stop Toledo Police and Mayor Whitlock from raiding their downtown businesses and destroying the equipment.
 1942 - Toledo's Paramount Theater plays

host to Bob Hope and Roy Rogers to celebrate a 17-day War Chest fund raising drive that netted over a million dollars.
 1948 - Toledo's first and only elected "Socialist" mayor, Solon Klotz, dies.

I-75 among most loathed highway

Whether it's the notorious Interstate 345 in Dallas or the infamous Route 29 in Trenton, NJ, many highways across the U.S. contend for the unenviable title of being the most detested by their daily commuters. Sometimes there is nothing worse than reaching the crest of a hill on a freeway, with the city's shimmering silhouette appearing in the distance, when a relentless tide of brake lights paints a different picture.
 Gunther Volvo Cars Daytona Beach ran a survey of 3,000 drivers to determine, once and for all, America's most loathed interstates/freeways/highways. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the top 3 positions all went to California freeways.
 But in 19th place overall is Ohio's I-75. This route, especially around Cincinnati and Toledo, frequently experiences congestion, highlighting its role as a major transportation corridor in Ohio. This critical interstate serves as a primary route for local commuters, interstate travelers, and the flow of goods. The substantial volume of vehicles, including daily commuters and commercial traffic, contributes to consistent congestion, especially during rush hours and peak travel times.
 And in 66th position was I-70. The interstate, especially around Columbus, frequently experiences congestion, underscoring its role as a major transportation artery in Ohio. The highway's intersections with other key routes, exits, and entrances often create bottlenecks, leading to slow-downs and occasional delays.

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Second thoughts on handling of inflation

By Bilal Baydoun

For the last two years, the debate on the economy has centered around inflation.

After reaching a 40-year high last summer, inflation as measured by economists is now approaching normal levels. But despite the rapid slowdown, millions still feel squeezed by a decades-long affordability crisis.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans struggled to afford sky-high prices for homes, child care, college, and health care, as wages lagged far behind the rising cost of living. Treating all this as “inflation” does more harm than good.

In conventional economic theory, inflation is a “demand side” problem, a polite way for economists to say people have too much money. Too much money chasing too few goods, the theory goes, leads to higher prices.

It’s hard to look around this country and conclude that our main economic challenge is people having too much money. Seventy percent of Americans report feeling “financially stressed,” and nearly a third report having paid a late bill in the last six months.

But there are other drivers of high prices that rarely make it into our conversation about inflation.

We know, for example, that homes are getting more expensive because there aren’t enough homes being built. We also know that decades of corporate consolidation in certain industries has led to less competition and higher prices. The solutions to these cost barriers are relatively obvious: build more homes and enforce antitrust laws.

But instead, for the last year and a half, we’ve largely looked to the Federal Reserve to lead our response to high prices. Unfortunately, the Fed wields one tool to deal with inflation: interest rate hikes. And they work more like a sledgehammer than a scalpel.

Since May 2022, the Fed has aggressively raised interest rates to slow the economy by making it more expensive to borrow money. When businesses can’t borrow, the story goes, they’re less likely to expand operations and hire people — and when families can’t borrow, they buy less. This leads to layoffs and lower wages, ensuring that workers have less money to spend “chasing goods.”

The Fed sees higher unemployment, which can be catastrophic for already struggling families, as a positive sign that these rate hikes are working.

There are at least two major issues with the Fed’s theory. First, inflation is coming down, our economy is growing, and unemployment is near record lows. As it turns out, you don’t have to grind the economy to a halt and sacrifice millions of jobs to slow down inflation.

More importantly, these rate hikes fail to address the core drivers of rising prices today — and in many cases make the problem worse. The Fed can’t build more homes, break up price-gouging corporate monopolies, or lower the cost of prescription drugs. But it can make life even more expensive.

We see this clearly in the housing market. Very few people are eager to buy a home at 7 percent interest, and still fewer want to sell homes that they’re financing at 3 or 4 percent. These high rates push more people to rent, which drives up the cost of rent, and discourages the construction of new homes.

To address the true drivers of higher prices, we must bring the concept of inflation back down to earth. Manipulating interest rates can’t make life more affordable for struggling families, but public investment and sound regulations that rein in corporate price-gouging can.

Bilal Baydoun is the director of policy and research at the Groundwork Collaborative. This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org.

Opportunity occurs more often than you think

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

-Thomas A. Edison

“Don’t wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great. Weak men wait for opportunities; strong men make them.”

-Orison Swett Marden

Opportunity is sought by virtually everyone. People flock to the United States from all over the world in search of abundant opportunity. In our great country, there is more opportunity than anywhere else. Yet many of those who are born here don’t fully appreciate all of the opportunities that surround them each and every day.

There are a couple of misconceptions about opportunity that are unfortunately embraced by too many. One fallacy is “opportunity only knocks once.” Another is that you have to wait for your ship to come in.

The reality is, opportunity exists everywhere. There are new opportunities daily. Waiting for your ship to come in is comparable to playing the lottery; a minuscule percentage of people have a ship that comes in, whereas the vast majority sits at an empty port.

The key to finding opportunity is swimming out and locating your ship. The two essential elements are searching while being proactive. You will never find opportunity if you don’t look for it. You will never benefit from opportunity unless you work at it.

The essence of opportunity exists within you. It begins with the control you have over your destiny. You decide what you think about. Your thoughts shape your reality. What you believe to be possible is



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You can have the greatest mindset, but without appropriate action, nothing will materialize. Thoughts without action are fruitless.

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doable. Whatever you think is impossible will never happen.

After your thoughts, what happens to you is influenced by your behavior. You can have the greatest mindset, but without appropriate action, nothing will materialize. Thoughts without action are fruitless.

Since you have the opportunity to control your thoughts and action, you have the opportunity to make changes to your life. At any time, you can decide to make a change, and then take the necessary steps to do so.

You have the opportunity to make decisions. You can say yes or no. If you make a bad decision, you have the opportunity to make another one. You always have the opportunity to improve your circumstances.

You have the opportunity to control your emotions. You don’t have to give others the power to push your buttons. It’s not necessary to get upset or angry. You are not obligated to fight or argue. You control how you react to your environment.

You have the opportunity to select the occupation that best suits you. If you don’t like a particular job, you can get another. If you need more money, you can secure a better paying job. If you don’t like being an employee, you can start your own business.

You have the opportunity to get an education. At any age, at any time, you can acquire whatever information you desire. From learning a new skill, to earning a degree, you just have to make the effort, and the knowledge is yours.

You have unlimited opportunity. You can accomplish anything you want to. Realizing opportunity takes effort. If you chose the path of least resistance, which is often the path of least work, opportunity will constantly elude you.

Don’t wait for opportunity. Time goes by all too rapidly. Search for, find, and seize opportunity. Do what it takes to turn opportunity into reality. You have the opportunity to fail and the opportunity to succeed. The choice is yours.

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Congress prepares to kick tech workers while down

By Paul Nachman

Tech companies are laying off workers at the fastest pace since the Dot-Com bubble burst over two decades ago. Amazon, Twitter, Netflix, Shopify, and Meta have all announced deep cuts. Cumulatively, tech firms have axed more than 240,000 jobs so far this year, 50 percent more than 2022’s full year total.

Now, Congress is poised to make those laid-off Americans’ job hunts harder.

A bipartisan duo of senators, Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Mike Rounds (R-SD), have been trying to sneak their “Keep STEM Talent Act” into the annual, must-pass defense spending bill as an amendment. If it remains in the final version, the provision could add hundreds of thousands of foreign workers to the U.S. tech labor market, thereby boxing out Americans and driving down wages for everyone.

The provision would exempt foreigners who graduate from American universities with master’s or doctorates in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields from employer-sponsored green-card quotas. In 2022, over 507,000 foreigners were pursuing master’s degrees in the United States, and more than 197,000 were pursuing doctorates. The majority of foreign master’s and doctorate students study STEM topics.

Not all of those students ultimately graduate, of course. And not all who graduate desire to stay here afterwards.

But it’s abundantly clear that “stapling a green card to every diploma,” as proponents often put it, would massively increase the number of foreigners competing in the U.S. labor market.

Right now, America allocates 140,000 green cards each year to foreign nationals who’ve been sponsored by their employers. Most of those foreign employees are already present in the United States on temporary work visas, and they petition to essentially upgrade those temporary visas to green cards, which offer lifetime work and residency privileges (as well as the ability to ultimately apply for citizenship).

In practice, the Durbin/Rounds amendment would abolish that 140,000 annual limit on employment-based green cards, even while it retains the numerical cap in theory. Hundreds of thousands of foreign students, the majority of whom hail from China and India, would understandably leap at the opportunity to work in America, where they can earn salaries many times higher than their home countries.

The massive influx of workers into the tech labor market would increase competition and drive down wages -- it’s simple supply and demand. Economists found that “wages for U.S. computer scientists would

have been 2.6 percent to 5.1 percent higher and employment in computer science for U.S. workers would have been 6.1 percent to 10.8 percent higher in 2001” if not for the H-1B visa program, which, beginning in the early 1990s, enabled tech companies to import tens of thousands of cheaper foreign workers with college degrees each year.

Big Tech executives have long claimed that America suffers from a shortage of STEM workers and that immigration is critical for plugging the gap.

But America actually graduates about 50 percent more STEM-degree holders than STEM industries hire each year. That explains why only about half of STEM graduates actually find work in a STEM job.

American tech workers are facing the worst industry slump in decades. There’s no reason for Congress to kick them while they’re down by importing more foreign competition.

Paul Nachman, a retired physicist, is a volunteer in a research group at Montana State University in Bozeman and a founding member of Montanans for Immigration Law Enforcement. This piece originally appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times.

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Thoughts on the Pieta and life

To the editor: Pieta, the incredible statue carved by Michelangelo, which today sits in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. It is a miracle of technical skill but also of faith. It is a marble sculpture of the lifeless body of Christ, lying across the lap of his mother.

This brings to mind some things about the Virgin Mary that the Catholic Church has been grappling with for centuries, yet it remains ineffable, and therefore a source of ridicule. How best to regard the mother of God?

Through the Gospels we know a good deal about the brutality of the passion of Christ. From the treason of a friend to a horrific death, an absolutely innocent person.

In the Pieta we are forced to ask ourselves things we don’t dare answer. Like this: Which is the greater pain, to endure public torture and bloody death without cause; or to hold the lifeless body of your own son who suffered these things?

Indeed, which is the greater sacrifice, yourself or your child? God knows, but on earth only a parent can attempt an answer, and shudder. It is too horrible even to contemplate. Yet the question is posed by a marble statue.

It is on sad days like today that I wonder if I can live as an atheist, where children are no more than a pesky side-effect from a fun night out. Or as a Protestant, where Mary is only breeding stock; a mere player, with her exits and her entrances, soon forgotten.

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Pemberville's Christmas in the Village set for Nov. 25-26

Enjoy the sights and sounds of an old-fashioned holiday celebration at Pemberville's Christmas in the Village Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 26 from noon-6 p.m. in the heart of the village's downtown.

Merchants and members of the Pemberville-Freedom Area Historical Society will welcome guests to the celebration. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be also be strolling the streets, listening to wishes and offering treats compliments of the Pemberville Independent Merchants Association.

The Historical Society will host an Old-Fashioned Christmas Open House at the Pember-Furry House and One-Room School. The Pember-Furry House is believed to be Pemberville's oldest frame house and will feature Christmas décor from days gone by. Local residents were invited to decorate each of the house's rooms, along with the one-room school. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

The Historical Society property also includes the Blacksmith Shop and Old Smokehouse. Guests will be able to ask questions of the working blacksmith and purchase the society's popular smoked sausages on a stick.

Pemberville's downtown merchants invite guests to shop and stroll along Front Street. Ten shops, boutiques and eateries in total will be offering hometown hospitality, along with selections of plants and florals, apparel, home décor, vintage Christmas, antiques, Amish edibles, yarns and such, children's gifts, jewelry and more.

Eats and sweets will be available for dine-in or carryout. Holiday photo ops and Christmas music sponsored by the merchants will add to the downtown festivities.

Other highlights include a coffee truck offering a variety of brews, lattes and more; Poppin' George's Kettle Corn and the Tangled Tinsel Christmas Resale Shop open three days only, Friday Nov. 24-Sunday, Nov. 26.

Pemberville's Town Hall will be the

setting once again for the annual Bake Shoppe. This fundraiser for the Historical Society is a perennial favorite and offers a variety of homemade cookies, pies, candies, breads and more. All proceeds benefit the society and the restoration and upkeep of Pemberville's historical properties.

Festival of Trees

The Pemberville Opera House will be the setting for the Festival of Trees. This year's tree fest will feature 14 decorated trees with the theme "Holiday Television Memories." Anything goes when it comes to this annual decorating competition. Admission is \$5 per adult and entitles ticketholders to voting rights for their favorite trees. Children 12 and younger get in free with paid adult. Complimentary holiday refreshments will be available.

Holiday musical selections will be offered by strolling musicians at the Opera House and at The Gathering Place.

Lighted Christmas Parade

The finale to the celebration will be Pemberville's Annual Lighted Christmas Parade beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. The parade is open to all; participants must register and check in before the parade between 4 and 6 p.m. at the Scout Cabin (Memorial Drive).

This year's parade will start at the corner of Memorial Drive and Front Street (SR 105) near the Pemberville Public Library, travel west through the downtown business district and end near the Pemberville Town Hall/Mason Park.

The theme for this year's parade is "Bigger & Brighter." Santa Claus will wrap up the parade and then lead guests to Mason Park (corner of Main and Pine streets) for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

The Eastwood Seventh-Grade Band will perform musical selections for the carol sing. Santa Claus and Pemberville Mayor Carol Bailey will welcome guests and light the tree.

For more information about Pemberville's Christmas in the Village and/or the Lighted Christmas Parade, call 419-287-3274.



Santa and Mrs. Claus will stroll the streets, greeting children, listening to wishes and offering treats during Pemberville's Christmas in the Village Nov. 25-26. As the celebration wraps up on Sunday, Santa will ride in the Lighted Christmas Parade and then lead everyone to Mason Park for the Christmas Tree Lighting. (Submitted photo)

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Holiday Light Show returning to Lucas County Fairgrounds

The Lucas County Holiday Light Show – which has become a holiday highlight for many area families since its debut three years ago – is returning to the Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St. in Maumee.

Organizers say new and returning guests will get to experience the largest show yet this year, with more scenes and characters than before.

A mile of dancing lights await guests as they drive through the display. By tuning the radio to the designated radio station, visitors will enjoy a synchronized marriage of sights and sounds as the characters animate in time with music. The show takes about 20-25 minutes see in its entirety.

The display runs on select dates from Nov. 17- Dec. 31. Tickets purchased online at holidaylightshow.com are \$20 per car for Monday-Thursday and \$25 for Friday-Sunday.

For anyone who cannot commit to a date, flex passes are available for \$30, al-

lowing admission any day the display is open. Season passes granting unlimited access to holders throughout the season are also available for \$60.

Tickets may be purchased at the gate, although pricing may vary and availability is not guaranteed.

“We are so proud to share our most ambitious Holiday Light Show ever,” said Matthew Glaser, CEO of Bold Media, the parent company and producer of The Holiday Light Show. “Our displays portray a diversity of holiday traditions, so there is truly something for everyone.”

“Visitors are encouraged to bring their own holiday treats, as they enjoy a safe and secure experience from the comfort of their vehicles. Whether it’s a date night, a family outing or a special trip with grandparents, the show is sure to be a highlight of the holidays for guests of all ages,” Glaser said.

For more information, visit holidaylightshow.com.



From the comfort of their vehicles, visitors can enjoy a mile of dancing lights synchronized to music at the Lucas County Holiday Light Show, which is returning to the Lucas County Fairgrounds in Maumee Nov. 17 through Dec. 31. (Submitted photo)

Santa Claus to herald in the holidays Dec. 1 in Oak Harbor

The holiday season will kick off in Oak Harbor on Friday, Dec. 1 at 5:15 p.m. when Santa’s friends from the Portage District Fire Department guide him through the streets of the village.

At 6 p.m., Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the Log Cabin to light the village Christmas tree and to visit with youngsters.

New this year, for the first three Fridays in December (Dec. 1, 8 and 15), children will have the opportunity to share their Christmas wish lists with Santa at the Log Cabin from 6-8 p.m. After their visit with Santa, kids will receive a punch card good for cookies, cocoa and crafts at downtown businesses. Those who participate in all activities will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Chamber gift certificate. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 18.

Personal shredding event

Wood County Children Services staff will hold the sixth annual personal shred-



ding event Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m.-noon (or until the truck is full) at the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services, 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Rd., Bowling Green. The event will be held in the employee parking lot on the west side of the building.

Wood County residents may bring up to five bags or boxes of paper items to be shredded on site and may observe the shredding. Residents are asked to provide a toy, gift card or cash donation, which will be given to brighten the holidays for children who are involved with Wood County Job and Family Services.

E. Toledo Holiday Parade

The East Toledo Holiday Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 2. The theme for this year’s parade is “Winter Wonderland.”

The parade will step off at 11 a.m. at S. Ravine Parkway, and will continue to East Broadway, to Starr Avenue and on to Main Street.

Interested groups, clubs, bands, churches, scout packs/troops and sports teams are invited to participate. Registration is required by Monday, Nov. 20. To register or for more information, call the East Toledo Family Center at 419-691-1429.

Breakfast with Santa

The Oregon-Northwood Rotary will present Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8-10 a.m. at Clay High School, 5665 Seaman Rd., Oregon.

Join Santa for breakfast featuring pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. There

will also be photo opportunities, crafts, a storytime, a bike raffle and more.

Tickets are \$5. For more information, visit facebook.com/OregonNorthwoodRotaryClub.




Call for bakers

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society is asking those who like to bake to donate cookies and baked goods for the upcoming “Community Christmas” celebration.

The event will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at the society’s newly acquired First St. Mark’s Education Center. “We are in need of individual cookies for the children who will be visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus,” said Michelle Quilter, OJHS president. “We also need items for our bake sale.”

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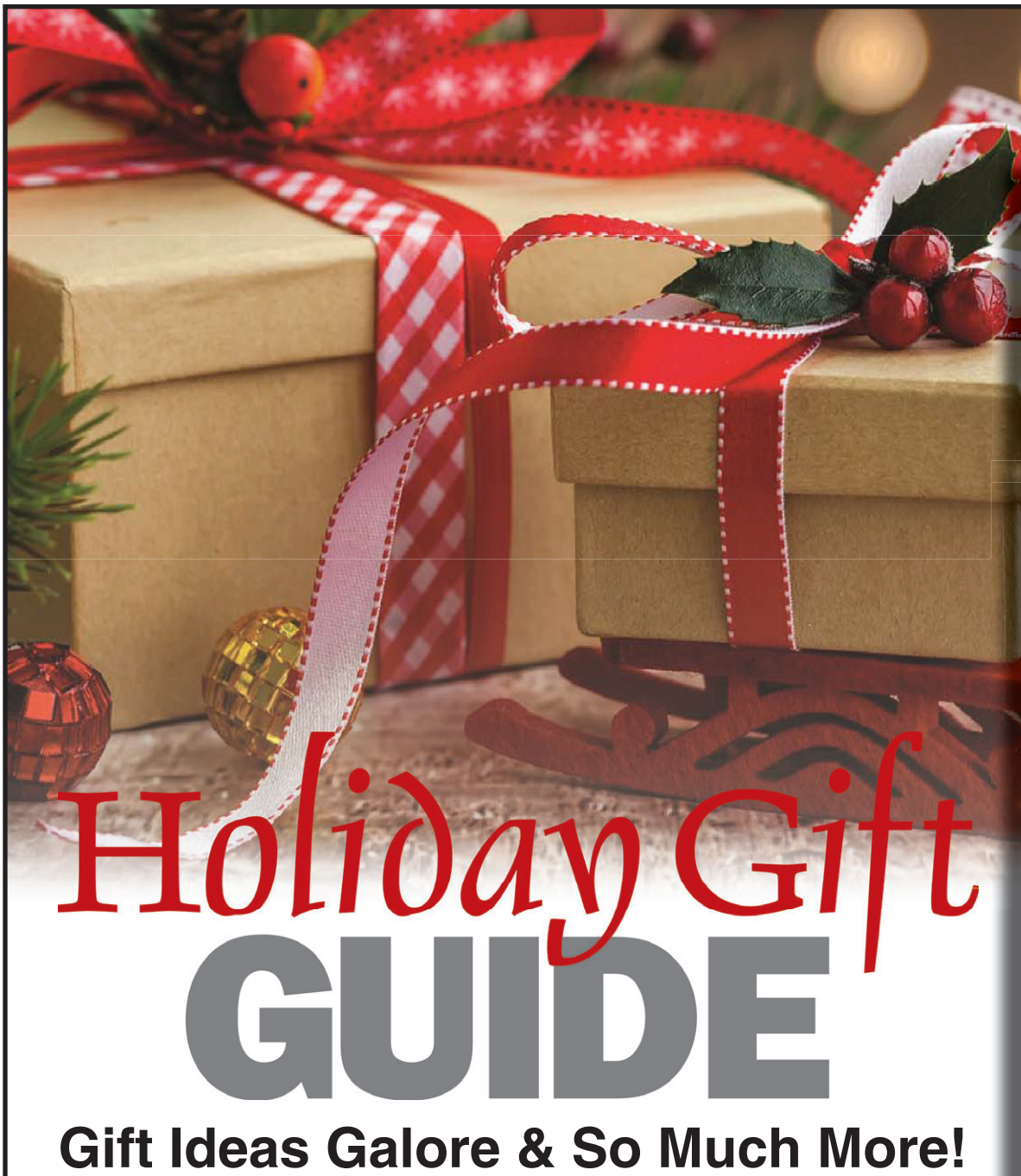
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Last-minute holiday shopping tips

Holiday shopping season typically begins the day after Thanksgiving and extends all the way to Christmas Eve. While that's a considerable amount of time for shoppers to find gifts for everyone on their shopping list, many people will still find themselves putting holiday shopping off until the last minute.

In certain ways, last-minute holiday shopping is easier than ever. Thanks to online retailers who can ship products overnight, men and women who delay their holiday shopping have more options at their disposal than they did before the arrival of the Internet. And unlike the days of yore when the best deals were largely exclusive to Black Friday, some shoppers find that competition between online retailers and traditional brick-and-mortar stores is so great that deals can be found regardless of when they begin shopping. But while waiting until the last minute to begin holiday shopping may not be as risky as it used to be, shoppers may still benefit by sticking to certain strategies so they can find the perfect gifts without breaking the bank.

Stay within your budget. Even last-minute shoppers have holiday shopping budgets. But it can be harder for last-minute shoppers to stick to their budgets because they have less time to comparison shop and hunt for deals. As the holiday shopping season winds down, resist

the temptation to go over budget. If a gift you had in mind is available but more than you can spend, look for something else.

Shop local. National chains and big box retailers are renowned for rolling out great deals during the holiday season, but such stores may have very limited or unimpressive inventory left by the time last-minute shoppers begin shopping. Local retailers are often incapable of slashing prices as significantly as their larger competitors, and that may mean they have more extensive inventories available throughout the holiday shopping season.

Shop during off-peak hours. Shopping during off-peak hours can help last-minute shoppers make efficient use of the limited time they have to buy gifts for their loved ones. Visit stores early in the morning or late at night, or schedule a midweek afternoon shopping trip.

Give something less traditional. Holiday gifts need not come from stores. Rather than spending their time shopping for gifts for loved ones who seemingly have it all, last-minute shoppers can give the gift of a donation in their loved one's name. Last-minute shoppers who want to give something more tangible can create a homemade gift that's both unique and heartfelt. If your DIY skills are lacking, give a loved one the gift of a night out on the town at your expense.

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Toledo Zoo

Redesigned Winter Village debuts at Lights Before Christmas

Three, two, one – the 2023 Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank kicks off with the lighting of the Big Christmas Tree on Nov. 17.

The six-week “electrical spectacle” features over one million lights, 200+ illuminated animal images, dancing lights sponsored by Fiber Frame, an ice slide, and photo ops with Santa in the newly redesigned Winter Village. Visitors can also enjoy seasonal treats and warm beverages available throughout the Zoo.

Lights Before Christmas has been a cherished holiday tradition for visitors from near and far for 38 years. In 2022, the Toledo Zoo was voted second for USA TODAY 10Best Zoo Lights and this year’s edition is nominated again. The Zoo urges the community to vote at 10best.com.

Visits with Santa will also be located in the Winter Village from 4-8 p.m. daily, Nov. 17- Dec. 23.

“We are excited to unveil the revitalized Winter Village as part of the Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas,” said Shayla Moriarty, chief operating officer and executive vice president of the Toledo Zoo. “Our team has worked tirelessly to create the enhanced Winter Village and we hope it will become a cherished holiday tradition for years to come.”

The 2023 Toledo Zoo Lights Before Christmas will be open through Dec. 31 during the following times:

- Monday-Thursday –3-8 p.m. Zoo closes at 9 p.m.
- Friday-Sunday –3-9 p.m. Zoo closes at 10 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Day –3-8 p.m. Zoo closes at 9 p.m.
- Christmas Eve –3-9 p.m. Zoo closes at 10 p.m.

- Christmas Day –3-8 p.m. Zoo closes at 9 p.m.
- New Year’s Eve –10 a.m.-9 p.m. Zoo closes at 10 p.m.

During this season the Zoo is not open during the daytime and is only open for Lights, starting at 3 p.m.

Reservations are required for Lights Before Christmas for members and non-members. Tickets may be purchased at toledozoo.org/events/lights.

Special activities and events

A number of special activities events are planned in conjunction with Lights Before Christmas. They include:

- Polar Paws & Santa Claws 5K Run/Walk – Dec. 10. toledozoo.org/events/polar-paws.

- Noon Year’s Eve – Dec. 31. toledozoo.org/events/noon-years-eve.

Rides and Activities

- Carousel – \$3 per ride, Indoor African Carousel.

- Ice Carving Demos – Thursdays in December at 6 p.m. in Main Plaza (included with Zoo admission).

- Reindeer Encounter – Visit reindeer in the Nancy L. & Martin Davidson Barnyard (included with Zoo admission).

- Holly Jolly Express – Holiday train ride through Africa!, Friday-Sundays, weather permitting. \$3 per ride.

- Swanton Model Train Railroad Club – Starting 5 p.m. daily in the Café. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (included with Zoo admission).

Special ride bundles are available for a discounted rate.

For a complete schedule and more information, visit toledozoo.org/events/lights.



Toledo Zoo’s Lights Before Christmas presented by KeyBank—a cherished holiday tradition for visitors from near and far for 38 years – kicks off Nov. 17 and runs through Dec. 31. (Toledo Zoo photo)

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BBB: Be aware of scams that can lead to a blue Christmas

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With 2023 quickly winding down, Better Business Bureau has once again compiled its naughty list of the top 12 Scams of Christmas.

Most of these scams have two goals – to steal your personal information to be used later or be sold to criminal organizations and/or to steal your money outright. Both can really put a damper on one's Christmas cheer, so always exercise caution with social media ads promoting discounted items, holiday events, job opportunities, and donation requests, as well as direct messages from strangers.

If you are asked to make a payment or donation by wire transfer, through a third party, or by prepaid debit or gift card, treat it as a red flag.

- **Misleading social media ads:** As you scroll through your social media feed, you often see products advertised. Always research before you buy. BBB Scam Tracker receives daily reports of people paying for items that they never receive, getting charged monthly for a free trial they never signed up for or receiving an item that is counterfeit or much different from the one advertised. The 2022 BBB Online Scams Report found that online purchase scams were the most common cons reported to Scam Tracker. Before ordering, check out the business profile on BBB.org and read the reviews.

Watch out for:

- **Social media gift exchanges:** Each holiday season, this scheme pops back up, and this year is no different. The older version was called "Secret Sister." A newer version of this scam revolves around exchanging bottles of wine; another suggests purchasing \$10 gifts online. Another twist asks you to submit your email to a list where participants get to pick a name and send money to strangers to "pay it forward."

There is even a twist about "Secret Santa Dog" where you buy a \$10 gift for your "secret dog." In all of these versions, participants unwittingly share their per-

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Scammers have been known to take advantage of this weakness...
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sonal information, along with those of their family members and friends, and are further tricked into buying and shipping gifts or money to unknown individuals. And – it's an illegal pyramid scheme. Stick to buying your friends gifts from trustworthy businesses, and check BBB.org before you buy.

- **Holiday apps:** Apple's App Store and Google Play list dozens of holiday-themed apps where children can video chat live with Santa, light a menorah, watch Santa feed live reindeer, track his sleigh on Christmas Eve, or relay their holiday wish lists. Review privacy policies to see what information will be collected.

Be wary of free apps, as they can sometimes contain more advertising than apps that require a nominal fee. Free apps can also contain malware. Be sure to read reviews as well.

- **Fake texts that say you've been hacked:** BBB receives tons of reports on Scam Tracker about fake texts and emails, many of them claiming your Amazon, PayPal, Netflix or bank account has been compromised. Victims are told there has been suspicious activity on one of their accounts, and it further urges them to take immediate action to prevent the account

from being compromised. Be extra cautious about unsolicited calls, emails, and texts; contact the business directly and don't click on any links.

- **Free gift cards:** Nothing brings good cheer like the word "free." Scammers have been known to take advantage of this weakness by sending bulk phishing emails requesting personal information to receive free gift cards. In some of these emails, scammers impersonate legitimate companies and promise gift cards to reward their loyal customers. They may also use pop-up ads or send text messages with links saying you were randomly selected as the winner of a prize.

If you have received an unsolicited email with gift card offers, do not open it. Instead, mark it as spam or junk. However, if you opened the email, do not click on any links.

- **Temporary holiday jobs:** Retailers typically hire seasonal workers to help meet the demands of holiday shoppers. Shippers and delivery services are top holiday employers this year because of the increase in online orders and the need to get most of these packages delivered before Christmas. These jobs are a great way to make extra money, sometimes with the possibility of turning into a long-term employment opportunity. However, job seekers need to be wary of employment scams aimed at stealing money and personal information from job applicants. Keep an eye out for opportunities that seem too good to be true.

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"We're super excited to highlight all of the great Christmas ales on the trail during the holidays and to get people thinking about supporting these locally-owned businesses," said Cathy Miller, administrator of the 419 Ale Trail. "Hopping on the trail is the perfect activity to do with friends and family to enjoy some seasonal brews and do some holiday shopping for brewery merchandise."

To participate in the Christmas Ale Adventure, visit 419AleTrail.com and sign up for the free mobile passport, then check in at participating breweries and check out any offers on the mobile pass for that particular brewery. Participants can collect a limited edition Christmas Ale Adventure sticker at any 419 Ale Trail location, while supplies last.

To see a complete list of Christmas ales, pint discounts, percentages off merchandise purchases and other deals, visit 419AleTrail.com and follow @419AleTrail on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

About the 419 Ale Trail

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HPLM offering model train display, miniature train rides

For the past 28 years, the Hayes Train Special has been a beloved holiday tradition at Hayes Presidential Library and Museum. This year's display will open Friday, Nov. 24.

Admission to the train display, which is located in the museum auditorium, is free. A donation box will be available for those who wish to make a gift to Hayes Presidential for the display.

The "Hayes Train Special" will remain on exhibit through Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024.

Miniature train rides

To celebrate the opening of the Hayes Train Special, on Nov. 24, Romick Railway of Findlay will bring its trackless train to HPLM and offer rides around the exterior of the museum.

Rides will be offered from 1-4 p.m. and will last about five minutes. Tickets are \$5 for ages 12 and older, \$4 for ages 3-11 and free for ages 2 and younger.

Tickets are available online at rbhayes.org/news/2023/11/01/general/ride-miniature-train-through-spiegel-grove-see-model-trains-in-museum/. Walk-ins also are welcome.

Tickets will be sold for an hour time-slot, allowing ticketholders to come any time during that hour and ride when there

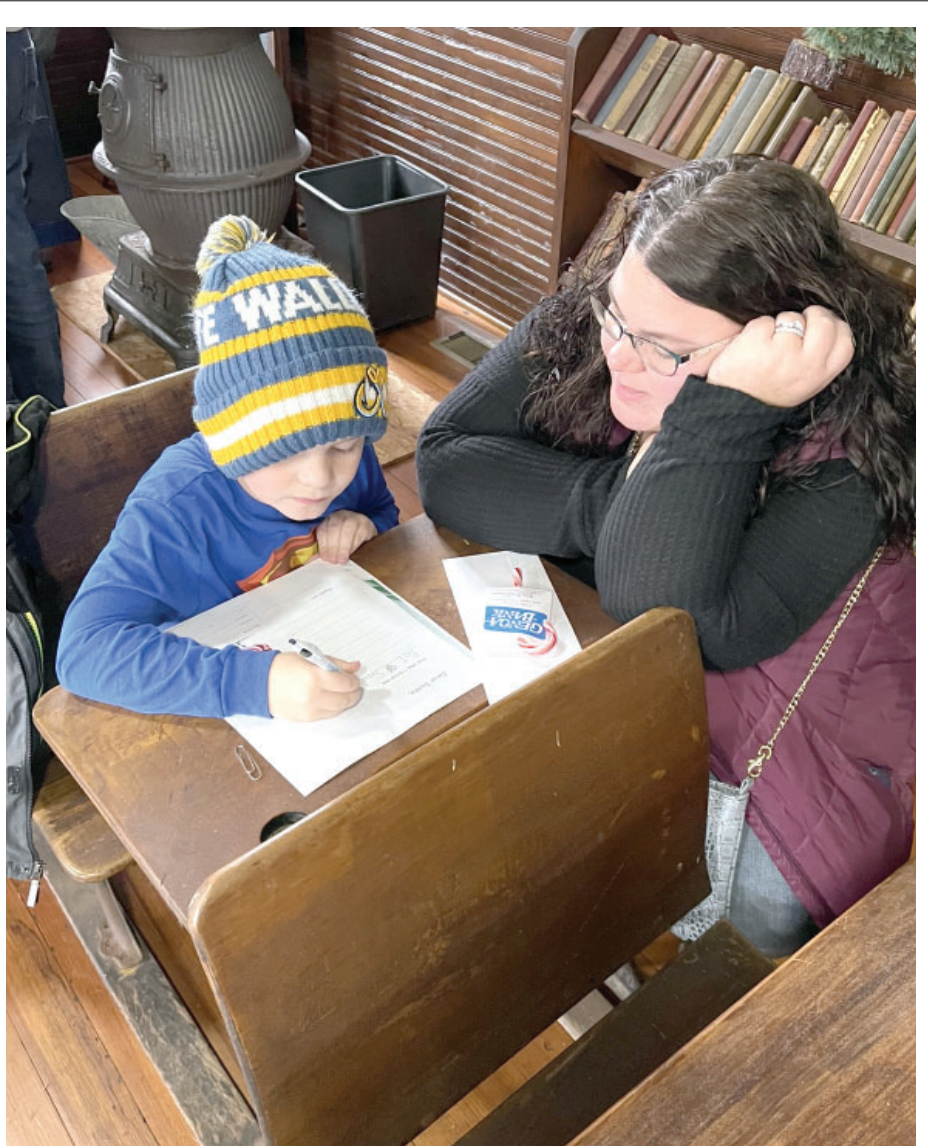


Visitors are invited to check out the "Hayes Train Special," which opens for the holiday season on Friday, Nov. 24. (Submitted photo)

is space available on the train.

The train rides and "Hayes Train Special" are part of Hayes Presidential's holiday series of events, called "A Presidential Christmas."

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Sports

LaLonde reflects on another fine season for OH football

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In the last six seasons, Oak Harbor football has had a tremendous run of success.

The Rockets have gone 54-14 (.794), won the program's third regional championship, claimed four league titles — three in the Sandusky Bay Conference Bay Division and one in the Northern Buckeye Conference, had two undefeated regular seasons and went 8-4 in five playoff appearances.

This team was one of the finest in the history of the program, going 12-1, winning the NBC title in Oak Harbor's first year in the league and advancing to the Division V regional semifinals before losing 45-14 to the second-ranked team in Ohio in perennial power Liberty Center.

It is the eighth team in the program's storied history to advance at least as far as the regional semifinals, and the third one to do it under Mike May's watch.

"Obviously, we wanted to go further (in the playoffs), but it was a solid season overall," said Michael LaLonde, the team's quarterback. "It was a great group of guys, and we all meshed together well. The senior class showed great leadership, and the junior class played a good part in the leadership role as well."

It all started with LaLonde and RB/WR Jaqui Hayward — one of the most explosive players in team history — making big plays throughout the season. LaLonde was magnificent — completing 162-of-220 passes for 2,215 yards and 25 touchdowns and four interceptions — proving himself to be one of the best quarterbacks in the area, if not the state, while breaking program records for passing yards in a season, passing touchdowns in a season and tying the record for passing touchdowns in a game with four. As for Hayward, he was one of Ohio's finest athletes, wreaking havoc both as a running back and as a wide receiver. Two years ago, Hayward was the quarterback of the team, and he did well there, but he really took off the last two seasons, especially this year, where he had 1,648 all-purpose yards and scored 24 touchdowns.

Dalton Witter and Carson Ridener, who missed some time due to an injury, were the workhorses at running back, and a number of receivers made their presence felt this year like Ethan Stokes, Jaxon Overmyer, Brayden Butzin and Wyatt Augsburg, while Garry Brooks, Jacob Sandwich and Jacob Ridener caught some passes as the tight ends.

"We had a ton of playmakers on this team in Jaqui, Ethan, Garry, Carson and Dalton," said LaLonde. "All those guys were huge playmakers for us. They all made plays when we needed them to. They're all hard-working guys."

The offensive line was a massive force, with Scottie Smith leading the way at center. Evan Hall and Garrett Lindsey were the



Top photo: the Rockets posted a 49-20 victory over Otsego in the opening round of the playoffs. Bottom photo: Quarterback Michael LaLonde, credited the physical style of play by the offensive line for much of the team's success. (Photos by Laura Bolander)

guards and Kellen Bickelhaupt and Isaac Schulte were the tackles.

"They prided themselves on playing physical," said LaLonde. "They were the most physical line I have played behind."

It was something of an unusual season as the Rockets weren't challenged very much until their matchup in the playoffs with the Tigers.

They beat Marengo Highland 41-7 in the second round of the playoffs following a 49-20 victory over Otsego in the opening round. The only other games that were competitive came against Genoa and Eastwood.

In the 21-0 win over the Comets in the Celestial Bowl, Oak Harbor only led 7-0 at halftime before LaLonde rolled to his right and found Ethan Stokes open for a 56-yard touchdown pass with 7:20 to play in the third quarter. The Rockets put the nail in Genoa's coffin when LaLonde connected with Hayward on a 32-yard touchdown with 10:52 remaining in the game.

Hayward was brilliant, rushing for 151 yards and a touchdown and catching six passes for 72 yards and a score while LaLonde completed 12-of-14 passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns.

Facing the Eagles one week later, Oak Harbor defeated the Eagles in convincing fashion, 35-21, in week nine. Witter scored on three touchdown (10, 1, 1) runs, Hayward caught a 46-yard touchdown pass and LaLonde connected with Brooks on a 67-yard touchdown. After a scoreless first quarter, the Rockets went ahead, 14-0, led by seven points at halftime and went ahead, 21-7, on Brooks' touchdown less than 20 seconds into the third quarter. From there, Oak Harbor led by at least 14 points for the rest of the game.

LaLonde was magnificent, completing 17-of-23 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns, Witter ran 28 times for 123 yards and three scores and Hayward caught 10 passes for 102 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Witter and Jacob Ridener were the defensive ends with Hall, Sandwisch, Dominic Wolf and Kaleb Wood rotating in at defensive tackle.

Brady Losie and Travis Bouyer were the outside linebackers and flanked Carson Ridener while Brooks (strong) and LaLonde (free) played safety and Caiden Lippus and Tyler Thompson were the cornerbacks.

The Rockets allowed more than 21 points just once during the season.

"We were successful because of how we ran to the ball. I think that was the most important thing," said LaLonde. "We preached that every practice."

"Both Rideners played a huge role defensively at middle linebacker and defensive end. And I'd also say that Gary Brooks hit people, he hit people very hard."

It was the final season for the group of 12 seniors, led by Hayward and Witter.

"These seniors were freshmen during the pandemic," said May. "And they won us an SBC title and an NBC title. I'll put this group high up there."

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Flyers girls volleyball win 4th straight NBC title, first district title

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The only thing missing from Lake's volleyball's resume — aside from a state title, the ultimate prize — was a district championship.

The Flyers had come close to winning a district title last season, but this year, the team steamrolled to within one match of the state final four, falling, 3-1, in a Division II regional final to perennial power Gates Mills Gilmour Academy.

Lake, which finished the season 21-7 and won its fourth consecutive Northern Buckeye Conference title, defeated Lima Shawnee, 3-0, in a regional semifinal, reaching the highest point in program history.

The Flyers' previous four victories — which came against Otsego, Rossford, Rogers and Scott — also came in straight sets, a sign of their dominance.

In the win over Shawnee, which went 24-2, Taryn DeWese led the way, finishing with 16 kills, 14 assists and nine digs.

She had three kills in the first set as Lake jumped out to an 11-4 lead, and Shawnee would get no closer than five points for the rest of the set. The second set saw the teams battle to an early 5-5 tie before the Flyers won 11 of the next 16 points and won comfortably. In the third set, Shawnee rallied to cut the lead to 22-19 and 24-21, only to see Lake put them away.

Maura Deutschman finished with 11 kills; Vayda Delventhal had four kills, 15 digs, and 15 assists; Sydney Stanley had 15 digs and Sydney Marchetto had 11 digs.

The 3-0 win over Otsego (25-19, 25-17, 25-13) in the district finals will be remembered fondly among Flyer faithful. After losing five-set defeats in the district championship in each of the past two seasons, DeWese, who has committed to continuing her career at Vanderbilt University, made sure Lake would clear the hurdle as she finished with 20 kills, 17 assists, 14 digs and two aces. Delventhal also played well, totaling 11 kills, 13 assists, eight digs and three

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aces.
The first set saw the two teams battle to a 19-19 tie before the Flyers won the final six points, led by DeWese, who had eight kills and seven assists in the opening frame. Then, Lake jumped out to a 10-5 lead in the second set and cruised to an 8-point victory before winning the third and final set, 25-13.

Amy Vorst, now in her eighth year coaching the Flyers, credited her four seniors — DeWese, Delventhal, Deutschman and Stanley — for their mental fortitude.

“The maturity of the seniors, having been in those situations in the past was vital,” said Vorst. “This group, I think they knew there was something special with this team, having been to the district finals in each of the two previous seasons and not getting over the hump.”

“We have a lot of buy-in from our kids, the kids playing now started in our biddy program. We have a lot of kids that play



Lake's Hollie Parsons dives for the ball. (Photo courtesy of Lake Athletics_)

club volleyball; some play year-round. I think that's a big part of our success — these kids train all year,” she said.

DeWese, who broke three school records, Delventhal and Stanley are the captains.

“They’ve done a phenomenal job of embracing the young kids on the team and leading by example. They work hard every single day, and I think that’s leadership. They would hold the kids to a high expectation,” said Vorst. “They’re easy to approach, which helped us avoid chemistry issues. Chemistry and leadership trump ability, but we had all three, so I think that’s a big part of why we were successful (this season).”

“I think we had a special group of kids. There was no drama; the kids worked hard

every day, and even the kids that didn’t get a lot of court time put in a great deal of effort in practice.”

It wasn’t just the four seniors who helped contribute — there was also Sydney Marchello, Mylah Vorst, Sydney Brown, Alayna Meadows, Calli Conley and Keira Magers.

Vorst said that the team’s performance in the Perrysburg Black & Gold Tournament made them believe.

“We beat Solon and Newark Catholic, and that gave us confidence. And we lost to Avon but were the only team that won a set against them,” she said. “Then we went to Ottawa-Glandorf and beat them. The girls knew that they could compete at a high level after that.”

Stay vigilant for the deer activity on the roads this fall

White-tailed deer activity is increasing because of the breeding season and it is important for drivers to be especially vigilant during the fall months, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife.

The frequency of deer-vehicle collisions in Ohio increases in October, November, and December.

White-tailed deer are more active from late October through December during the fall breeding season. The breeding season, known as the rut, may cause deer to unexpectedly dart into roadways with little caution. Additionally, deer may move around more frequently, across wider areas, and at all hours of the day at this time of year. All these factors increase the risk of deer-vehicle collisions.

The following tips may help reduce the risk of a collision:

- Keep your focus on the roadway to provide as much time as possible to spot a deer.

- Slow down without swerving out of your lane, which can cause further damage.

- If you do spot a deer, keep in mind they often travel in groups and seeing one deer on the roadway may indicate others are nearby.

- Use your high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic to make spotting deer alongside the road easier. Watch for reflections from a deer’s eyes.

- Be extra cautious at dawn and dusk.
- Watch for deer where the road intersects fencerows, riparian corridors, and forested habitats.

If you do hit a deer, activate your vehicle’s hazard lights and move the vehicle out of the roadway, if possible. Report the collision to the police and wait for help to arrive. Contact your insurance agent or company as soon as possible to report vehicle damage.

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Drivers should be especially vigilant for deer during the fall months, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. (Submitted photo)

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Nate James reflects on lessons learned as a rookie coach

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Nothing can truly prepare a coach when he makes the move from an assistant to being the head coach.

Northwood alum Nate James found that out this season as he coached the Start Spartans, his first season as a head coach after coaching under his father, Ken, for the better part of the last decade.

Start just finished up its season, going 5-6 and falling to Anthony Wayne in the first round of the playoffs, 41-6. It wasn't a close game, but it was much better than the 77-6 win the Generals had over the Spartans when the two teams played in week five.

For James, it's about having a 12-month per year mindset, both physically and mentally, to playing with great teams like Anthony Wayne.

"That's the level we're trying to get to. A lot of what we stress with the kids after the game are some of the things we need to correct to beat teams like that. You can't just do that on Wednesday before the game," said James. "Their size and development, the physicality up front – there's a reason that we stress the offense so much. You just have to when you don't feel great on a Tuesday in February, you have to get into the weight room and unlock your potential. At that stage, we're not ready yet physically."

Start nearly won the City League title, falling in the season finale to Lima Senior, 26-14. Start won all of its other league games, going 5-1 in the conference.

Start had plenty of opportunities to score more points and possibly win the game, but three red-zone turnovers and a goal-line interception did the Spartans in.

Trailing 14-0 early in the second quarter, Josiah Jacobs intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown, and the two-point conversion cut the deficit to six. Start recovered an onside kick on the next play and drove to the Lima Senior 9-yard-line but fumbled the ball away.

Lima Senior pushed the lead to 20-8 before Billy Wertz connected with Mavron Thompson on a 22-yard touchdown pass that again cut the deficit to six. Start gave up another touchdown to account for the final scoring when Zaveon Garner hooked up with Kaden Hampton on a 24-yard touchdown pass with 5:37 to play.

James knows his team will rise to the occasion in the future. Losses like that will make the team better in the long run.

"It's a difficult one to evaluate because on one hand, our guys played pretty well. Our demeanor, the ability to keep compet-



Coach Nate James encourages his players during a game. (Submitted photo)

“**We belong on this kind of stage. We can hang with a team like this.**”

ing when we didn't get off to a great start was there," he said. "But we just made too many mistakes to survive against a team of that quality. It's a great opportunity for us in the future. We belong on this kind of stage. We can hang with a team like this. It's a great opportunity to show that we're capable of getting there.

"We really like all of our kids; we're optimistic about our sophomore group. Mavron Thompson and those guys have gotten a lot of attention, and they're not just physical and talented and have the right demeanor, but they have a tendency to make plays when you need to. We feel like the potential is really strong, but potential is just that until you do something with it. Our kids want to carry themselves the right way and play the right way. We're optimistic about the future. Everything that we want to accomplish is on the other side of difficult."

The Spartans started out slowly, losing their first three games, including a 33-28 defeat at the hands of Springfield in week three. But Start righted the ship, defeating Scott, the reigning league champion, 30-26, in front of the home crowd.

The key play came when Thompson stripped Jaeden Sims near midfield, and Jonah Tall recovered the fumble at the Start 39 and returned it to the Scott 38. Two plays later, Tall rumbled for a 38-yard touchdown run to put the Spartans ahead, 30-26 with 2:50 to play.

The Spartan defense held firm as Tall and Byron Jackson knocked some key passes away, including on fourth down, and Alijah Bailey had a sack on third down.

Two other players that played a key role this season were Maurice Gary and Jeremie Jones.

"Scott was picked to win the league, they had beaten us last year. You tell the kids that your opponents are faceless and the process, but they're high school kids. There are going to be games they really want, and they were amped up. In the game before, we had a lead in the second half that we lost," said James. "Against Scott, we didn't play very well for big chunks of time, but give them credit, they were picked to win the league. Over the course of the game, we put ourselves in a position to make plays in the end. It was a big turning point for our kids — you can't fake confidence in that situation. We had a few sophomores make plays. We've had second-half deficits in games we've won since then. There's no substitute for finding ways to get things done. We have to continue to get better and not put ourselves in a position where we have to come back. We have some kids who have really bought into what we've tried to teach them technically and fundamentally and how we prepare.

"I think they realized that there is something building here (after the Scott win)," he said.

James talked about incorporating principles from the Rangers' wishbone/flexbone offense.

"We're doing a lot of similar concepts, running a lot of options; we're doing bubble screens, run-pass options (RPOs) – the philosophy of being an option team that looks formationally like anything else you'd see on Friday," said James. "There are similar concepts, but out of more typical formations. I'm a true believer in option football and being physical and finding a way to use reads. If I could compare it to anything, it's how we did modernize the offense in 2019 and 2020 when Jay Moten was the quarterback, Demond Marks was the leading wide receiver, we had Anthony Williams and Austin Cole was our slot guy.

We modernized the triple (option). That's what everything was built off of. We also had good players in Dalton Dempsey and Tyler Hughes."

James worked as an assistant at Northwood for the better part of a decade, even while he was living in Detroit. Most recently, he was the defensive coordinator.

"I got to work with some really smart coaches," James said. "My co-defensive coordinator with me was Shawn Aiello, who's still a good friend and someone I'll text," James said. "Matt Donegan was the offensive coordinator – he's one of the smartest guys I've ever been around. We had a really good coaching staff from top to bottom."

There's no greater way to learn something than to gain valuable experience, he said.

"There's definitely no perfect way to prepare yourself for becoming a head coach. I've prepared for a while; I've gotten really lucky because of having my dad as a resource. It's always something I've prepped and prepared for before getting the job at Start," said James, who is 32 and graduated from Northwood in '09. "I applied for two other jobs that I didn't get (before). It definitely comes with bumps, but the best way is to learn by doing and making mistakes. There have been a lot of opportunities to learn and grow, and I'm grateful to be in this position. These are great kids; they've really bought into what we're doing. The culture on the team right now is very good, and I'm lucky to come into a situation like this.

"What I would say about Start is overall, the athletic culture in the building is very good. The basketball programs are great, not just talent-wise, but operationally – deep, organized, and both coaches are great guys. A lot of kids when they come to us, it's not like they haven't been a part of winning. It can be difficult if you're at a different school. If you're good at football but no other sports, it's hard to maintain that winning culture, but we are good at a lot of sports."

James knows that a good head coach must trust his assistants.

"You have to rely on people and delegate. You have to build an operation, and then try and out-work people. I'm still working on being a better communicator and delegator, and things like that," he said. "I moved into a bigger job, but, also, at a bigger school. You just can't do everything; there just aren't enough hours in each day. I think I've got some really good assistants that are helping out. We are all kind of learning on the fly. It's been a sometimes chaotic experience, but sometimes a rewarding one."

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is offering a **Sensory Sensitive Service** the last Monday of each month at 7:00pm. This will be a full communion service with spoken liturgy. Hymns will be sung a capella. If you plan to attend, please do not wear any perfume or cologne. Anyone is welcome to attend this service. The next one will be **November 27th**. We want this to be as inclusive as possible. If you know of anyone that could benefit from a sensory sensitive service, please invite them. Please feel free to contact Pastor Lutz with any questions, 419-862-3461.

Bulletin Board policy

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

Toledo

VFW 4906 Auxiliary Craft Show, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 2161 Consaul St. Crafts, soup and hot dogs available.

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.

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

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

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

Oregon

Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society Euchre Party, Nov. 27, 2-5 p.m., at Brandville School, 1133 Grasser St. \$15 per person. Lunch provided. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. Call OJHS at 419-902-5149 to make reservations. Non-members welcome to play. This is the final euchre party of the year.

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 continues to be open to the public each Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 1133 Grasser St. Group and private tours can be arranged by calling 419-902-5149.

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. Due to parking space and the need to limit the waiting time, attendees are asked to stagger arrival times. Please bring a picture ID.

Mobile Meals of Toledo, a local community non-profit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health - St. Charles Hospital. Volunteers are also needed to make wellness calls to check in with clients. For more information or to sign up, please contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodders@mobilemeals.org.

Rita's Soups at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted from those wishing to contribute to this program and its future success.

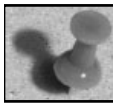
Great Eastern Toastmasters meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lake Erie Room at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital, (lower level, behind the cafeteria). Attendees can practice skills needed to communicate with confidence. Guests are always welcome. Call Matt 419-261-0579 or Julie 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 with like-minded people in the community. Email lynlin3215@gmail.com for info.

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

Oregon Senior Center is available for transportation needs, meals, essential services



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and is open for recreational activities such as bingo, card games, acrylic classes and dance and exercise classes. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.

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

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

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

Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.

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

Northwood

Northwood Food Distribution, Nov. 22 at the Josie Reinhart Community Room, 6000 Wales Rd. The start time has been changed to 9:30 a.m. Please refrain from arriving any earlier than 9:15 a.m. to avoid prolonged congestion in the parking lot and Oram Road. Those who arrive earlier than 9:15 a.m. are asked to wait in the Central Park parking lot until it is time to line up. Boxes will be distributed until supplies run out, please plan accordingly.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner, Northwood Church of God, Nov. 23, 1838 S. Coy Rd. Pickup between 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., pre-order at 419-691-1376, M-F, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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. through Mother's Day.

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.

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

Jerusalem Twp.

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

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

Elmore

Salvation Army Angel Tree is now available at the Harris-Elmore Library, 328 Toledo St.

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, first and third Thursdays of the month, Genoa American Legion Post 324, 302 West St. Doors open at 5 p.m. Early bird play at 5:30 p.m.; regular bingo at 6:15 p.m.

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, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m. - Discuss "the Book Woman's Daughter," by Kim Richardson. 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; food and hygiene items 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.

Millbury

Crafters Wanted for St. Peter's UCC Christmas Craft Bazaar, which will be held Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Millbury Fire Hall. Table rental is \$30. For info, call the church at 419-836-3243 and leave a message.

Oak Harbor

Veterans Breakfast, Nov. 18, 8-11 a.m., Oak Harbor American Legion, 221 W. Park St. Free to all veterans and their families and to all families of deceased veterans. Dine in or carry out. Donations accepted and appreciated.

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St. programs include Preschool Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.;

Afterschool Fun: Make a Christmas Ornament, Nov. 20 and 21 and all day Nov. 24; For adults: Christmas Card Craft, Nov. 20, 2 p.m. - limited spaces, registration required; 4th Tuesday Book

Club, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. - Discuss "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson; 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.

Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Oak Harbor American Legion, 221 W. Park St. Public welcome. Dine in or carry out. Donations accepted and appreciated.

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. No bingo Labor Day weekend. 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

Pemberville United Methodist Church Carryout Public Dinner, 205 Perry St., Nov. 18, 4-5:30 p.m. or until sold out. Featuring turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, vegetable, roll and homemade dessert. Donation is \$12. Curbside pickup only on Maple Street. The next carryout dinner will be in February.

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

Stony Ridge

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

Walbridge

Chicken Dinner, Nov. 18, 4 p.m. until sold out, Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St. Dinner includes chicken mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, roll and butter and dessert. \$12.

Crimson Lights Band will play at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St., from 2-5 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 26 and Dec. 10 and 30. The bar will be serving snacks, beer, wine coolers and soft drinks. Call Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) and MOMSnext (Moms with Kids of All Ages) group is being formed at Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd., Walbridge. A Wednesday group will meet from 6:15-8 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. A Thursday morning group will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Visit mainstreetlife.org/mops for more info.

Walbridge 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

Salvation Army Angel Tree is now available at the Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St.

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include: Fall Storytimes, Thursdays 10 a.m.; Crafty Kidz, Nov. 20-25 - Drop in and make the craft of the day; Handmade Holiday Cards, Nov. 27, 6:30 p.m. - Adults and teens invited to make holiday cards (registration required); 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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