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Walbridge Library celebrates 38th anniversary

By Nicholas Huenefeld
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The Walbridge branch library celebrated its 38th anniversary on April 14 with a birthday party, which included a day of events for the community from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Kelsey Nevius, the branch's communications and marketing specialist, said the community's support has been phenomenal.

"You can just see the level of support in the decorations that you see around the library," she said. "All those were donated by library patrons and library supporters, and that's just a true testament to how important this is for the community."

With the Wood County District Public Library celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, Nevius said the Walbridge branch decided it would be a great idea to join in on the fun.

"Everybody loves to come together for a nice big party, and we really love to give back and really love to celebrate, especially these big milestones, like the 150th," she said. "It's just a great way to get together, celebrate and bring in the togetherness that the library really tends to do."

In December 1874, a group of prominent local men in Bowling Green began discussing the possibility of a local library. On Jan. 21, 1875, they officially established the Bowling Green Library Association, and it was a subscription-based entity with shares costing \$5, which allowed citizens to borrow one book at a time.

Lucius Boughton was appointed the first librarian, and the library was located "in a building owned by him." After the location changed frequently, business struggled, and in 1914, the women of the Shakespeare Round Table opened the first official library location in the back of the Exchange Bank on the northwest corner of Main and Wooster.

Grace Haylor served as the first librarian of that version, and it was called the Bowling Green Library with

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Early birders

While the Biggest Week in American Birding doesn't start until May 9, that didn't stop Michael Sharon, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio from spending a day at Magee Marsh recently to see what he could see. Not only did Sharon see a bald eagle, but he and others spotted a fox with her 7 cubs frolicking in the brush. "I'll be back for the Biggest Week," said Sharon. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Roundabouts a potential solution in Northwood, Oregon

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Two intersections in Northwood have been under study by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), while three Wynn Road intersections in Oregon were the topic of lengthy discussions at the most recent committee of the whole and regular council sessions.

In Northwood, ODOT has completed a safety study at the intersection of Williston Road and Fostoria Road, and they are working on a study of the Bradner Road and Williston Road intersection.

"There's been a noticeable uptick in incidents at those intersections," Northwood city administrator Kevin Laughlin said. "As part of their safety study, ODOT goes through and looks at all of the alternatives, and at the end of the study, there's this matrix, and they looked at a roundabout, a traffic light, (and a) four-way stop (as potential solutions)."

"There might have been one or two other kind of iterations, but I think the roundabout scored a 10 and everything else was a five or lower."

Thus, Williston and Fostoria appears headed for a roundabout depending on ODOT's decision, although the cost would not come from city dollars.

"As it stands now, it is a 100 percent ODOT-funded project," Laughlin said.

“There’s been a noticeable uptick in incidents at those intersections.”

Whatever the result of the study is at Bradner and Williston, that project would also be ODOT-funded.

"From the administration's perspective, we need to do something about safety," Laughlin said. "The city has done the things that it can do. We've added rumble strips. We've added lights to the stop signs. We've added the stop ahead sign."

"We've pretty much taken care of all the low-hanging fruit. Basically, where we are now is there has to be a major change to (Williston and Fostoria) to increase safety. We're more than happy (with ODOT's studies). We've submitted a letter of support, and we're more than happy to support the project."

Oregon looking to improve Wynn Road

In Oregon, an ordinance authorizing the mayor, finance director and director of

public service to enter into an agreement with Tetra Tech to provide preliminary design services for a Wynn Road roundabout feasibility study in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 passed by a vote of 4-2, but failed to pass as an emergency.

The ordinance is for the potential installation of roundabouts at three Wynn Road intersections – Corduroy, Pickle and Brown.

The city of Oregon's public service director, Paul Roman, said at the committee of the whole meeting on April 7 that Tetra Tech was determined to be the most qualified out of five letters of interest they received, and he said they've designed approximately 45 roundabouts since 2009 with 25 in the Northwest Ohio area.

"The idea is to get what's feasible at these intersections," he said. "You want to get an idea of how much right of way you would need, a cost estimate and just basic alignment."

Roman said the problem he sees is the two-way stops.

"Nobody wants accidents," he said. "Unfortunately, in traffic design, you need accidents to warrant a change and when it comes to just adding stop signs, you can't just go from a two-way to a four-way stop unless there are five accidents or more per year. All three of these intersections average 3-4 accidents per year. In some cases,

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Carlene Trost
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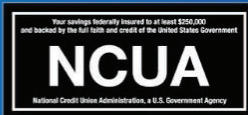
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Decorations celebrating the library's 38th anniversary are shown outside the main entrance. (Press photo by Nick Huenefeld)

Library celebrates

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a collection of 1,200 books. It has since evolved into its modern-day version. In Walbridge, an advocacy effort began in the 1960s for a library in the community, which evolved into a strong partnership between the village and the district library. The first library, which opened on April 13, 1987, was built by the Village of Walbridge with a lease-purchase agreement with WCDPL. The 4,000 square foot facility was larger than the former Great Eastern library location in Northwood. When opened, the new facility housed just over 10,000 books and other items. The library now houses over 22,000 items. WCDPL's legal service district includes all of Lake and Northwood school districts, and the Walbridge branch is their key location for providing service to all of north-eastern Wood County. "The amount that we've grown throughout the years in terms of cardholders or in terms of checkouts at the Walbridge Library is astronomical," Nevius said. "The amount of community support that takes place here ... people coming into the programs, people checking out ma-

terials, people using the public Wi-Fi. It doesn't matter which service they need or material they need, we're here to provide that. And it grows year after year after year after year." Nevius said there was a 10 percent growth in 2024 for checkouts in Walbridge. After being renovated and rededicated on Aug. 14, 2007, the Walbridge library expanded nearly 10 years later and held a grand opening reception on March 3, 2017. The project doubled the library's size from 4,000 to 8,000 square feet with a new children's space and a big emphasis on technology, which included a new 3D printer, better Wi-Fi, an expanded computer area and a monitor to show guests how to download e-books and apps. "We offer so many different services," Nevius said. "Not only do we offer books and magazines and free Wi-Fi and all those good things, but we offer a library of things including a lot of different programs for kids like our story time today and our partnership with the health department outside. It's all about bringing what the community needs, and that's a spectrum of programs, events, and materials." For more information on what the Walbridge library provides, visit wcdpl.org/walbridge-library.



Brooklyn Garcia, a sophomore at Oak Harbor High School is shown with her award-winning work from last year's event. (Submitted photo)

57th Annual Five-County Art Show on tap April 26-27 in Oak Harbor

By Press Staff Writer

The 57th annual Five-County Art Show will be hosted April 26-27 at Oak Harbor High School from noon to 4 p.m. each day. The event is free to attend, and the address for the school is 11661 W. State Route 163 in Oak Harbor. Art teachers from Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood Counties will fill

the cafeteria and auditorium lobby of the high school with artworks created by students and art educators. This year's participants include: Oak Harbor, New Riegel, Lake, Danbury, Lakota, Hopewell-Loudon, Otsego, Woodmore, Genoa, Margaretta and Eastwood. Art professors from the University of Toledo will judge the work. Various student artwork, both three-dimensional and two-dimensional, will be judged. Best-of-Show will be awarded at both junior high/middle school and high school levels. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Elly Gilbert at egilbert@bccsd.com.

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Oak Harbor’s Easter Egg Hunt

The Village of Oak Harbor held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12. The event began at Adolphus Kraemer Park followed by a candy hunt downtown, and then visits with the Easter Bunny. (Photo by Laura Bolander)

Lucas SWCD Fish Fingerling Sale

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (Lucas SWCD) has partnered with Fender’s Fish Hatchery, of Baltic, Ohio, to offer an affordable and convenient way for pond owners to stock their ponds.

Lucas SWCD’s Fish Fingerling Sale offers five types of fish fingerlings ranging from 1-6 inches, depending on species, for \$1.40 or less per fish. The species include largemouth bass, yellow perch, channel catfish, bluegill and fathead minnows.

Nature’s Pond Conditioner, an all-natural solution to reduce pond muck and improve overall water quality, is also available in 1-gallon and 5-gallon sizes.

The deadline to order is Tuesday, May 6. Fish will be delivered Tuesday, May 13, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St., Maumee.

Pre-orders are required and are available at LucasSWCD.org/fishsale. Call 419-893-1966 for more information.

P.E.R.I #93 to meet

P.E.R.I. Chapter #93, Lucas County will

meet Thursday, April 24, from 1-2:15 p.m. at The Hungarian Club of Toledo, 224 Paine Ave., Toledo. Extra parking is available across the street at the Birmingham Library (use the farthest parking spots from the library entrance).

Bring questions regarding benefits and Medicare denials.

All P.E.R.I. members, pre-O.P.E.R.S and O.P.E.R.S. retirees of Lucas County and communities close to Lucas County are welcome.

Bring non-perishable food items and toilet paper for donation to a food pantry. Refreshments will be available during the break.

SAME Café closing

SAME Café, a donation-based, fair exchange nonprofit restaurant located within Toledo Lucas County Main Library since 2022, will be closing.

The café’s last day of operation in Toledo is Wednesday, April 23.

The decision to close the Toledo location was made by the board of So All May Eat, Inc. due to the financial challenges that come with supporting two locations (the other location is in Denver, Colorado).

The café closure is unrelated to the ongoing deliberations happening at the state level about the Public Library Fund.

SAME Café has served hundreds of meals each week since it opened at Main Library in 2022, strengthening the community through healthy food access and creating a shared space for collaboration, openness and care.

Visit soallmayeat.org to learn more.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of April 21-25. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 21: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 22: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Danbury, 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

April 23: Family Planning Clinic, 7:30-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-5:30 p.m.

April 24: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 7:30-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

April 25: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cedar Point ‘Jobs Fun Fair’

Cedar Point will host its third annual Jobs Fun Fair hiring party at the park’s Main Gate on Wednesday, April 23, from 4-8 p.m., 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky.

Several activities and perks for hired candidates will be available at the casual event, including select rides, free food, raffles for Cedar Point swag, concert tickets and park admission tickets (in addition to complimentary tickets received as part of regular employment benefits).

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

Positions are available for a wide variety of candidates and interests, including food and beverage, housekeeping, merchandise, games, traffic and tolls, ride operations, office/clerical and more.

Hourly pay ranges from \$13-\$15 (for those who are 16 years of age or older) based on experience, prior service and position. The park offers flexible scheduling and benefits, discounts, reward and recognition programs, associate-only events, ride nights, free tickets for family and friends, on-site housing for those who qualify and free admission to any Six Flags park.

For more information on available seasonal, part-time and year-round positions, potential candidates can apply online at any time at cedarpoint.com/jobs.

Volunteers needed for litter cleanup

Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful is seeking volunteers for “Ramp It Up,” a one-day volunteer cleanup event focused on highway on- and off-ramps, which tend to be hot spots for litter and pollution.

The event will be held Saturday, May 3, from 9-11 a.m. at various on- and off-ramps throughout the city. All cleanup supplies will be provided. As a thank-you, after the cleanup, participants are invited to enjoy a free lunch provided by Bards Coffee at Glass City Metropark.

“Our ramps are not only litter magnets, they’re often connected to storm drains that flow directly into our waterways,” said Adam Cassi, KTLCB executive director. “We need to stop treating storm drains like trash cans. What ends up there ends up in Lake Erie.”

Registration is required at ktlcb.org/ramp-it-up-toledo.



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Roundabouts

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they may go no accidents for a year and all of a sudden, they get three accidents in a row.

“The problem is that you can’t just add the stop signs. It seems simple, but you can’t. If you do and there are more accidents, you’re liable. When it comes to traffic lights, you need almost 800 vehicles an hour. These intersections are not that busy so traffic lights can’t happen.”

Roman said roundabouts can be put in with fewer accidents per year, but they’re expensive. Because of that, he is very reserved at doing things like putting in a roundabout unless they can get grant dollars, which is what they would pursue should that be the recommended path.

“The idea is to get one grant from one agency and use that to score another grant from another agency,” he said. “The hope is to get 80 or 90 percent of these projects paid for. I don’t think I would do this without grant money.”

Roman added that you’re not going to eliminate accidents, but the roundabouts would reduce the severity of them. He said that Corduroy and Wynn is probably the strongest candidate for a roundabout out of the three, and there have been two fatalities there.

“From a safety grant perspective, it could be a very good candidate,” he said. “Brown and Wynn will definitely have a lot more accidents as well. Pickle isn’t as many. It has some difficulty (though). It has two big culverts we’d have to look at. They’d need to be moved or realigned. There’s a lot of details you’d have to look at.”

Anything that the city is proposing in conjunction with Tetra Tech would be for single-lane roundabouts.

“These are not multi-lane,” Roman said. “Certainly to start out, I would never suggest multi-lane roundabouts. It seems like a lot to start, but that is three intersections. These projects can easily hit \$1 million with the right of way and everything else involved. I can’t see doing it without getting grant dollars before deciding to do it. There’s a lot of public meetings you’d want to do to coordinate this.”

Councilman Steve Hornyak asked if

“When it comes to traffic lights, you need almost 800 vehicles an hour. These intersections are not that busy so traffic lights can’t happen.”

the three intersections referred to are the most dangerous in Oregon.

Roman said no, but they are the best candidates for roundabouts.

“Coy and Navarre was for a long time was,” he said. “We’ve done improvements, and I’d still say it can be dangerous. Even with traffic lights, an intersection can be dangerous. I think your most dangerous intersections are with traffic lights. I’m saying these three are probably the best candidates for roundabouts.”

City administrator Joel Mazur said the people he’s spoken with near the Wynn and Pickle intersection would love to have a roundabout.

“They know the dangers and what’s not counted in the traffic studies and the counts of accidents - near misses ... where cars are driving off the road because they’re trying to dodge someone not doing the right thing,” he said.

At the April 7 committee of the whole meeting, council agreed to move the issue forward to the regular council meeting on April 14, where a further discussion took place with community and council members, along with Lucas County engineer, Mike Pniewski.

“The biggest impact of a roundabout intersection is that it eliminates the two types of crashes that cause deaths and serious injuries, which are head-to-head and t-bone crashes to the side, perpendicular,” Pniewski said. “Those are eliminated at a roundabout intersection. Most types of crashes that you’ll get are sideswipes and fender benders.

“Also, most serious and fatal injuries occur because they occur at high speed as

people try to rush a stop sign, (or) people try to rush a traffic light. People try to make a left turn movement to try and beat a light or someone in upcoming traffic. You won’t have that at a roundabout intersection.

Pniewski also noted that the frustration of waiting for lights when nobody is around is eliminated with a roundabout.

“Lights are timed for the peak hour,” he said. “That happens one hour a day. I know a lot of people get frustrated. They sit at a light, and there’s nobody there. You don’t have to worry about that at a roundabout intersection. It also keeps cars moving through the roadways.”

Pniewski also used the McCord Road corridor as an example, which he said is almost all roundabout intersections now and only two of them still need a roundabout.

“You can go from Holland almost all the way to Central Avenue, and you don’t have to stop,” he said. “It cuts significant time off of people’s commutes.”

Perhaps the most impactful argument for the roundabouts came from Tony Smith, a Pickle Road resident who gave an emotional statement about three of his daughters who have been in a combined three accidents at the Pickle and Wynn intersection.

On June 9, 2017, his oldest and middle daughters were traveling west on Pickle, and a van traveling south on Wynn ran the stop sign going 40 miles per hour. That driver impacted the front passenger side of the vehicle his daughters were in, which spun the car around and forced it to land in the yard across the street.

His youngest daughter was traveling west on Pickle on June 19, 2020 and a large truck with a deer rack on the front ran a stop sign going north on Pickle and Wynn, hitting the driver’s side door and pinning her in the vehicle. The fire department had to pry her out of the car.

On Nov. 6, 2024, his youngest daughter was again traveling to work and a car ran a stop sign at Pickle and Wynn, totaling his daughter’s Jeep.

Another resident, Laura Davis, spoke against the roundabouts, concerned about the cost, but also pointing out that she has seen some of the improvements the city has tried to make.

“I’m glad you see those things that I believed at the time would work, but we still keep getting the accidents,” Roman said.

“I’m at a point where I don’t know what else to do.”

Kathy Wasserman, who has lived close to the Pickle and Wynn intersection starting approximately two years ago, said that when she moved in that there were near misses every time she came home.

However, she said she is now seeing people sitting at stop signs and not pulling out like they used to after flashing lights went up.

“I noticed people are paying more attention to the stop signs, so that’s why I was surprised when they started talking about roundabouts because it seems like a lot of money for the amount of traffic I see in my neighborhood ... it seems kind of unwarranted at this point if people are starting to slow down. The flashing lights are getting their attention.”

Also during the discussion on the topic during the regular council meeting, it was noted that traffic light additions are not grant eligible per the federal government.

Mazur pointed out that, between the April 7 committee of the whole meeting and the April 14 regular council meeting, another accident occurred at Pickle and Wynn.

Following that, another resident came up, and he said he didn’t understand why this was even a discussion after hearing everyone speak, in particular Tony Smith.

“I’ve sat here and I’ve listened to Mr. Roman,” he said. “I’ve listened to the Lucas County fella, and I’ve listened to the folks on the panel talk, and I’ve listened to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith makes the story that I don’t even know why we are discussing this.

“If we save one life with a roundabout, I don’t care about how much yard you have to give up. I don’t care how much you have to give up for that one life. And he’s had three daughters that he’s almost lost. To me, we’re talking apples and oranges here. We’re talking about an intersection that everyone admits (is) dangerous. Let’s do something about it. Let’s make the change.”

Councilwoman Kathleen Pollauf moved for passage of the ordinance, and it was seconded by Hornyak. Both of them voted for the ordinance along with council president Terry Reeves and Dennis Walendzak. Beth Ackerman and Steven R. Salander said no. Paul Drake was not present.



Lint! The Musical

Genoa Civic Theatre will present the musical comedy “Lint! The Musical.” Note that the play contains strong adult language and situations. Performances are April 25, 26, May 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. & April 27 and May 4 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at www.GenoaCivicTheatre.com or may be purchased at the door. Pictured are cast members: Becky Buffington, Leah Reno, Kimberly Boos, Kevin Harrison, Gregory Lowe, Brenda Clough, Charlie Hawkins, (sitting on floor) Jeremiah Tudor, and Jacki Rutledge. (Submitted photo)



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Eastwood Educational Foundation holds annual meeting

By Press Staff Writer

The Eastwood Educational Foundation (EEF) held its annual meeting on April 7 inside the middle school library, where they revealed to the foundation's founding members the intention to establish a permanent plaque in the main hallway of Eastwood High School by 2026.

The intention is to name the original founders – Robert Bruning, Nigel Davies, Mitchel Freeman, Joseph Hirzel, Rolland Huss, Marion Layman, Lester Poggemeyer, Karol Poth and John Schulte – in an effort to recognize their contributions to the students of Eastwood schools.

The design is pending and contingent upon approval and placement of appropriate facility planners. The 2026 calendar

year denotes the 40th anniversary of the EEF's inception.

The EEF's investment portfolio is nearing the \$1 million threshold.

The EEF, which was founded in 1986 with the stated corporate purpose of operating "exclusively for charitable, scientific, educational, and literary purposes for promoting excellence in the Eastwood School District," is currently responsible for 52 general scholarships, nine FFA scholarships and an assortment of mini-grant scholarships.

New scholarships or mini-grant funds may be established in honor or in memory of individuals by friends and/or family members. Funds may also be contributed and designated in the name of an organization or business.

For more information, contact the Eastwood Board of Education office at 419-833-6411 or the treasurer's office at 419-833-6421 to request a representative of the EEF contact you.

Karol Poth and Robert Bruning, two of the original founders of the Eastwood Educational Foundation, are pictured at the latest annual meeting. (Photo courtesy of the Eastwood Educational Foundation)

Project improves Northwood's sanitary sewers

By Press Staff Writer

The Northwestern Water and Sewer

District completed a project in Northwood to repair leaking sewers that serve residential developments near Woodville Road and I-280.

These sewers, which were over 50 years old, were susceptible to groundwater infiltration during wet weather, which can cause backups and contribute to pollution in the Lake Erie watershed.

A local contractor, Edward Kelley and Sons, Inc., made the repairs through the

lining and grouting of the sewers in lieu of replacement at a lesser cost and disruption. The repairs cost \$827,458 and should extend the sewer life for approximately 20 years. A full replacement would have cost at least twice as much, per Northwood officials.

Sewer maintenance reduces backups and helps to keep our waterways clean. The District is committed to keeping our system in good condition by using efficient

and cost-saving methods.

In total, 45 sectional liners were installed, two sections of sanitary sewer were lined including a 24" concrete sewer, six protruding taps were removed, 24,865 linear feet (4.71 miles) of sanitary sewer were cleaned, televised and air tested, and 3,334 gallons of grout were pumped into joints and air tested at 5 psi.

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The Sheetz gas station on Navarre near St. Charles is shown under construction.

More of the same

To the Editor: Why does the Oregon administration keep giving us duplicates of what we already have and nothing of what we need and want?

We already have four gas stations on Navarre. We don't need five. Sheetz is not a little corner station. They're huge with many, many pumps, and they serve fast food.

We had a long-time, loyal and dependable car wash, and we didn't need another to compete with them.

Our beloved Dairy Depot is locally owned, and they spend their profits here. How sad you put a Dairy Queen right across the street from them. Why would you hurt an existing business? DQ is a chain and

their profits go to their headquarters elsewhere.

If all that isn't bad enough, now you're going to put a Waffle House a stone's throw from American Table, just to hurt another local business.

We need a nice sit-down restaurant, a Hobby Lobby, a fabric store, a shoe store and a clothing store.

I will continue to support the older businesses. I will also remember this at the next election.

Carlene Trost
Oregon

Vote Yes on Issue 2 on May 6

To the Editor: Ohioans will be asked at the May 6 primary election, via Issue 2, to renew a popular state bond program which has been in place since the 1980s, that provides funds to local governments (counties, cities, villages, and townships) to pay for local infrastructure improvements including roads and bridges, wastewater and drinking water improvements, solid waste facilities and stormwater drains. It's a common-sense program that with past renewals deserves our enthusiastic support.

The package (known as House Joint Resolution 8) seeks to extend a program that Ohio voters first approved in 1987

(with a 71 percent "yes" vote). Voters have since renewed the program by wide margins in 1995, 2005 and 2014. The reason Ohio voters must approve most state bond issues including Issue 2 is the Ohio Constitution since 1851 has forbidden the state to rack up more than \$750,000 in debt without voters' approval. It provides critical funding to local governments for fixing and maintaining vital local infrastructure without raising taxes.

Issue 2 empowers a community's leaders to make local decisions about local needs, as opposed to those decisions being made in Columbus.

Communities in Lucas, Ottawa and Wood Counties have benefited from the SCIP, receiving approximately \$231.8 million in grant funds and zero-interest loans for projects which have significantly improved the quality of life.

As it has been for almost 40 years, State Issue 2 is smart policy for Ohio communities, for their taxpayers, and for local officials striving to address needs for facilities that boost communities' safety, health, traffic-flow and sanitation.

Issue 2, like its predecessors, renews a highly successful, widely popular, pro-community program – without raising taxes. I urge Ohioans to vote "yes" on Issue 2.

Mike Pniewski, P.E., P.S.
Lucas County Engineer

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In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and this holiday called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska. National Arbor Day is April 25, 2025, and this year marks the 153rd Anniversary of the tree planter’s holiday, which is observed throughout the nation and the world.

As part of the City of Oregon’s Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. the City invites all to recognize the native hardwood trees planted, which will contribute significantly to the environment by providing shelter and food for animals, birds and insects; absorbing carbon dioxide helping to mitigate climate change; and preventing soil erosion and maintaining soil fertility with their deep root systems. These trees will also provide much needed shade for years to come for the pets and owners who enjoy Jake and Cooper’s Bark Park located in front of the YMCA at 2960 Pickle Road and improve upon beautification efforts near the Oregon Town Center.

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Care Practices & Concerns

Don’t prune oak tree branches until late fall or winter. Oak Wilt is a fatal fungal disease. A species of beetle is attracted to the scent from fresh wounds to oak trees and they leave spores of the destructive fungus behind.

Don’t leave limb stubs when removing branches. Trim stubs back close to the trunk after cutting the limb a reasonable distance away from the trunk (or main limb) to prevent bark peeling. This allows for the wound to heal and avoid major decay spreading into the trunk.

Attention Oregon Residents:

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Contact the Oregon Street Division through the City’s website, www.oregonohio.org, or call 419-698-7016 for tree questions or concerns including unsafe/hazardous trees.



City of Oregon
Mayor Michael J. Seferian
Keith Henninger
Tree Commission Chairperson



This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

April 20
1881: The magnificent, five-masted schooner, the “David Dows,” is launched from Toledo. The launch drew massive crowds to the riverfront. The Dows was lost eight years later in a Lake Michigan storm.
1922: The Toledo Zoo’s “Tony the Ape” goes on a wild attack against popular animal keeper, Louis Scherer. It was a dramatic struggle as the large animal sunk his teeth into Scherer’s neck. To stop the attack, Tony was shot to death. Scherer eventually recovered from his wounds.
1979: Two explosions and a huge fire at Sun Oil refinery rock neighborhoods around the facility in Oregon. No one is injured.

April 21
1926: The CLA-ZEL Theater opens in Bowling Green, using a mash-up of the names of owners Clark and Hazel Young.
1937: A campaign by disgruntled East Toledo residents to secede from the city gets underway. Many Eastside residents complain they are not being treated fairly.
1951: Four young children are killed in a trailer fire on Woodville Road near Forest Park outside of Genoa. A defective heater is believed the cause of the fire.

April 22
1926: At Chase school in North Toledo, a young teen boy of 15 shows off a hand gun to classmates, then shoots himself in the leg while shoving the gun back in his waistband.
1935: Toledo mourns passing of Sylvanus P. Jermain, the man considered the “Father of American Public Golf.” Jermain’s legacy was to create Toledo’s public parks system.
1947: Toledo health authorities say there is no evidence of a rabies epidemic, although 14 rabid dogs were found in the past week.

April 23
1911: Detectives in California discover that stolen dynamite from a Bloomville quarry in Seneca County was used in the 1910

Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert



bombing of the Los Angeles Times building, a blast that killed 21 people.
1919: Tornado hits buildings and homes near North Baltimore in Southern Wood County. One person is killed.
1977: Elvis Presley performs at Centennial Hall at the University of Toledo, drawing a sell-out crowd of nearly 10,000 fans.

April 24
1837: The first taxes are levied on Toledoans to pay for city services and salaries. The first city marshal, Calvin Comstock, is hired.
1901: The East Toledo baseball team gets new uniforms to prepare for new season, which ends with 34 wins in 36 games and a surprise victory over the Toledo Mud Hens.
1903: Ten-year-old Josephine Foster and an elderly blind man are hit by a trolley on St. Clair St. She is pinned down by her long locks of hair under the steel wheel. A passerby with a pair of scissors cuts her hair loose and rescues the girl and the old man.
1947: Virgil Gladieux announces that a “new” sports arena will be built at east end of Cherry Street Bridge on Main Street in East Toledo.
1953: Toledo’s industrial scene changes dramatically as the Willys- Overland company sells the Jeep plant to the Kaiser-Frazier company.

April 25
1861: Thousands of Toledoans pour into the streets to send off the first Toledo Company of volunteers mustered for service in the Civil War.
1937: It’s Opening Day at Swayne Field, where box seats to watch Mud Hens play

are sold for \$1.
1959: The \$459 million link between the Atlantic Ocean and Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Seaway, officially opens to ship traffic.
April 26
1858: Land is given to the City of Toledo for its first public park, which was later named in honor of Fredrick Prentice, the first “white” baby born in Toledo area.
1918: Toledo City Parks says it will cost golfers at the Ottawa Park course \$5 a sea-

son, or 10 cents for a round. The course had been free since it opened.
1946: The Telegraph Drive-in Theater opens with Hedy Lamarr in “Experiment Perilous.” Neighbors soon file a lawsuit about the noise coming from the outdoor speakers.
1974: The derelict Earle Hotel on Jefferson Ave. is ravaged by flames. The blaze drew thousands of onlookers downtown to witness the hotel’s fiery demise.



Audience members will try to determine “whodunnit” at the Toledo Swiss Singers’ upcoming dinner theater mystery event, “Dying for Chocolate,” which will be presented May 3 and 4 at The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove in Oregon. (Submitted photo)

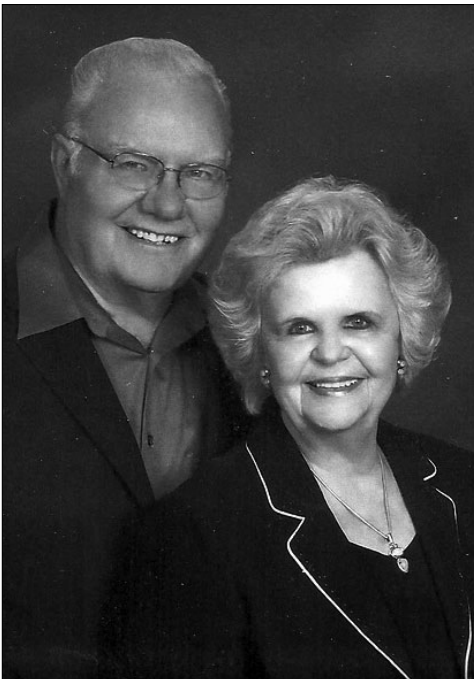
Swiss Singers to present dinner theater mystery May 3-4

The Toledo Swiss Singers, one of the area’s oldest singing groups, will be asking the question, “whodunnit?” at their ninth dinner theater mystery event, which will be presented May 3 and 4.
“Dying for Chocolate,” will feature a mysterious murder at The Chalet at Oak Shade Grove, 3624 Seaman Rd., Oregon.
During the event, a mysterious cold-blooded killer will be on the loose. Who will be the victim? When will it happen? Which character is responsible? Expect romance gone wrong, a carob cowboy and a secret ingredient – all wrapped in chocolate. Audience members will use evidence provided to make keen observations and carefully conduct their own investigations, gathering the clues to determine who the killer could be.
“Dying for Chocolate” will include a menu of cocoa-braised beef, pork tenderloin with chocolate sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, dessert, a cash bar and, of course, the murder mystery.
Dinner will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, with the theatre presentation following. On Sunday, May 4, the presentation will begin promptly at 3:30 p.m., with dinner served after the first act.
Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 13 and younger. All sales are final.

No refunds.
Limited tickets are available. No tickets will be sold at the door. The ticket deadline is Monday, April 28.
Buy tickets online at toledoswiss.simplenetix.com. For more information, call or text Elaine at 419-206-0975.
About the Singers
Under the direction of Micah Graber, the choir has been a cultural staple in the Toledo area since 1869. The chorus in its current form has been around since 1924. Its aim is to retain and preserve the culture and songs of Switzerland, to live up to the singers’ ancestors’ tenets of faith and behavior, help others, and to be good citizens.
The group is part of the North American Swiss Singing Alliance (NASSA), made up of 13 choirs from Canada and the U.S. Singers compete internationally every three years. The Singers were recently awarded a silver prize at Saengerfest, held in Pittsburgh in June 2024.
The nonprofit organization is also part of the larger German American Festival (GAF) Society, which most people associate with the festival held annually in August. The society consists of seven German-speaking societies. During the festival, the Singers set up and operate the Swiss Cheese Haus, along with the Stein Stossen contest. The GAF Festival draws more than 30,000 people on an average weekend and is the largest ethnic festival in this part of the country.
The Swiss Singers practice Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. September through May at Oak Shade Grove.

Millbury couple celebrating 80th anniversary on April 21

Cleo and Betty Rau, of Millbury, will celebrate 80 years of marriage on April 21.
Their journey began in 1945 when the pair were teenagers, and over eight decades, their love, commitment and faith has been a shining example to their family and those who know them.
The couple has been blessed with a legacy of love that continues to grow – together they have three children, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.
Their journey of faith took a profound turn in 1953 when they were baptized at Open Bible Church. Since then, they have dedicated their lives to service, most notably through their work in Elder Ministry and a life-changing mission trip to Haiti, where they shared God’s love and hope.
In celebration of this extraordinary milestone, the couple’s family has made a heartfelt donation to Sharing Hope Ministry in Cleo and Betty’s honor.



April 21 will mark 80 years of marriage for Cleo and Betty Rau, of Millbury. (Submitted photo)



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Mayo Clinic Minute: Spring pollen and allergy tips

By **Deb Balzer**
Mayo Clinic News Network

If you are one of the millions of people who suffer with allergies from pollen, you don't need a calendar to tell you that spring has started. Sometimes called hay fever, allergic rhinitis can be confused with a cold. So what's happening?

What can you do?
While hay fever alone may not be life threatening, it can be uncomfortable, says Dr. Arveen Bhasin, a Mayo Clinic allergy and immunology expert. She offers these tips for relief from spring pollen and allergies and tells you when it's time to see an allergist.

"If you're prone toward allergies, you develop an antibody called IGE to that particular allergen. When you're exposed to that allergen, it causes the release of histamine and these other mediators," says Dr. Bhasin.

And that is when spring's unfurling can feel downright bad. The first step is to control your exposures, says Dr. Bhasin.

Some of those environmental control measures include keeping windows at home, in the car and at work closed.

"If it's a dry and windy day, the pollen is blowing. You want to run the air conditioning because, that way, you're recirculating the clean air," she says.

For regular allergy sufferers, start your medication a couple weeks before the season starts.

"First-line treatment is what we call

“
If you're prone toward allergies, you develop an antibody called IGE...
”

oral antihistamines that help with some of the itching, running, sneezing. And the nasal spray is really helping to focus on some of the congestion and the runny nose," Dr. Bhasin says.

Saline solutions using distilled water are also helpful.

And if these tips don't help? Dr. Bhasin says that is the time to make an appointment.

"The best time to engage an allergist is really when you've tried all the environmental control measures that you can, and you've tried over-the-counter medications, but you're still symptomatic," says Dr. Bhasin.

Using saline solutions or a neti pot
Saline irrigation solutions can be pur-

chased ready-made or as kits to add to water. You can also use a homemade solution. Look for a squeeze bottle or a neti pot — a small container with a spout designed for nose rinsing — at your pharmacy or health food store.

To make up the saline irrigation solution, do not use tap water, as it can contain organisms that could cause infection.

Use water that's distilled or sterile. You can also use water that was boiled and cooled. Another option is using water that has been filtered using a filter with an absolute pore size of 1 micron or smaller.

To prevent infections, wash the bottle or pot with hot soapy water and rinse it after every use and leave it open to air-dry. Do not share a container with other people.



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Drink up! How hydration supports optimal health

By Christina Lucas-Vougiouklakis
DO, DipABLM, FACLM

Hydration is an important part of maintaining good health, but it is often one of the most overlooked parts of our daily routine. Research has shown that around 75% of Americans are dehydrated.

Hydration plays a crucial role in keeping our organs functioning properly, our body energized, and our mind focused. As the temperature rises, it's essential to ensure you're staying well-hydrated.

The importance of hydration

Proper hydration helps our cells function at optimal levels. Our molecular and cellular function is the root of our overall health and well-being. Our cells have a sodium/potassium/calcium/magnesium channel that requires inter-communication so that each cell understands its function. When there is not enough hydration, that communication is sluggish.

When we do not hydrate ourselves well or drink the wrong beverages – soda, sugary drinks, caffeine, alcohol, etc., it affects all aspects of our health, but especially our gut.

Our gut has a microbiome that consists of trillions of microorganisms that thrive on good bacteria. When we do not digest foods well due to poor nutrition, these microbes do not survive and are not able to function optimally. We need optimal hydration to go to the bathroom regularly and help our gut to produce short-chain fatty acids. These acids are produced by the gut bacteria through the fermentation of dietary fiber. Fiber is found in whole foods such as fruits, veggies and grains.

Hydration influences the balance of the gut microbiome by supporting gut motility, intestinal enzyme secretions, proper breakdown of foods, absorption of nutrients and elimination of waste.

The Bristol Stool Chart is a valuable resource for understanding the connection between our stooling and regularity and how well we are doing with proper hydration, nutrition and absorption of nutrients.



When it comes to hydration, all beverages aren't the same, ounce for ounce. Caffeine and other sugary beverages dehydrate the body as they interrupt electrolyte, water and sugar balance. Eating a lot of salty processed foods can also dehydrate you.

Choosing the right beverages

Many people believe caffeine and energy drinks replace good, old-fashioned water; this is untrue. A proper balance of caffeine intake and other drinks is essential for our kidneys and gut to function properly. Caffeine "speeds things up" and causes the gut, kidneys and bladder to work "overtime."

Sodas and other sugary beverages cause more dehydration because the kidneys need to filter out the sugar, salt and other chemicals to retrieve the water that is needed. Make it easier on your gut and kidneys and drink straight-up water or electrolyte water.

An important thing to remember is that caffeine and other sugary beverages dehydrate you as they interrupt your electrolyte, water and sugar balance. Eating a lot

of salty processed foods can also dehydrate you. A good rule of thumb is, "Where sodium goes, water follows."

Alcohol also depletes the body's water load. Alcoholic beverages get absorbed quickly in the gut and dehydrate your cells, hence why you start vomiting when you drink too much and too quickly.

Hydration suggestions

An individual's total water intake needs depend on factors including chronic illnesses like diabetes, renal impairment or heart failure. However, for an otherwise healthy individual, half of our weight in ounces is the optimal "goal" to aim for because our bodies are 50% water. So, if someone weighs 150 pounds, ideally, 75 ounces a day of water is needed. However, drinking too much plain water without electrolytes can be detrimental to one's

health. It can lower the overall sodium and potassium levels too much, causing an imbalance and other serious problems.

Hydration needs change with age. Our muscles tend to shrink with time, and weight-bearing exercise and activities can help with this. Being sedentary when we are older is a risk for changes in all aspects of our daily life functions and can negatively affect stooling, urination and overall transit time in the gut.

If you are unsure about your recommended water intake, it is best to consult your primary care provider.

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Hot flashes to hormonal shifts: Understanding perimenopause



Alice and daughter Caitlin Henry prepare dinner. Alice’s gynecologist at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is managing her menopause symptoms so Alice can get back to the things she loves. (Ohio State Wexner Medical Center photo)

Hot flashes, mood swings, weight gain and insomnia are all signs of hormonal changes and symptoms of menopause, when a woman no longer has menstrual cycles. They can also signal perimenopause, when the body is preparing for this next season of life.

“Perimenopause is when the menstrual cycle has started to change, and it is persistent,” explained Lauren Baker, DO, an obstetrics and gynecology physician at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and certified practitioner with the Menopause Society. “The formal definition is periods fluctuate by at least seven days for at least 10 months.”

A new survey by Ohio State Wexner

Medical Center of 1,068 women in the United States shows 61% believe they will hit menopause in their 40s. When, in fact, some will start to experience symptoms as early as their 30s, and most women won’t see menopause start until their early 50s.

Ohio State experts say it’s important not to ignore symptoms just because of your age. Baker said that perimenopause is not a universal experience, which is why it’s so important to bring any changes, concerns or symptoms to your doctor’s attention to find the best treatment for your body.

The Ohio State survey showed half of the women (52%) believe diet and exercise can help treat menopause symptoms, and experts agree.

“Having a diet that’s rich in calcium and vitamin D is really important for bone health,” said Baker. “Fiber and protein are also helpful from a weight management perspective. And then making sure you’re getting whole foods, lots of fruits and veggies also is really important.”

The survey also revealed one in three women are concerned about the long-term health effects of menopause. Other concerns related to reproductive aging among those surveyed include physical symptoms (25%) and mental health (18%). Younger women were more likely to say mental health is their top concern related to menopause than older women (25% among 18-29-year-olds versus 10% among those ages 65+).

“Problems in the workplace, adverse effects on one’s quality of life and adverse health events all have been associated with menopause, too,” said Baker. “There are effective treatments and ways to feel better to not only survive but thrive.”

Survey methodology:

This study was conducted by SSRS on its Opinion Panel Omnibus platform. The SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus is a national, twice-per-month, probability-based survey. Data collection was conducted across two back-to-back Omni waves from Feb. 7-10 and Feb. 21-24, among a combined total sample of 1,068 female respondents.



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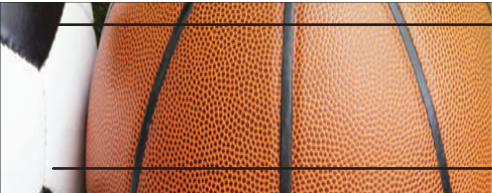
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Sports



Lake, Eastwood softball battle for early season control of NBC

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Lake and Eastwood’s softball programs are off to strong starts in NBC play.

The two teams met April 16 in Pemberville for what was a battle for first place in the conference standings, and the Flyers came out on top, 14-3, to stand as the lone remaining unbeaten team in NBC action.

“It was a tough loss,” Eastwood coach Joe Wyant said. “We couldn’t get Lake out. They’re for real. We couldn’t stop the bleeding. It was hit, hit, hit after hit. We didn’t get a couple of key hits, and they swung the bats really well.”

Lake, which improved to 9-1 overall and 3-0 in the NBC with that victory, is off to its best 10-game start since 2008, which was the first season under 18th-year head coach Dave Rymers.

The lone loss for the Flyers was a non-league contest to Clyde, and they’ve swept doubleheaders against Gibsonburg and Northwood, their Lemoyne Road rival. Lake has also beaten Oak Harbor and Maumee in NBC play, while also triumphing over Swanton and Delta.

Kali Bedford, one of seven seniors on the team along with LF Ellie Rymers, 2B Sarah Patrick, SS Diem Isbell, C Kylee Pietrzak, RF Addison Boehm and Madysen Buschmann, is the team’s No. 1 pitcher and No. 3 hitter in the lineup.

The righty is 7-1 in the circle with a 3.48 ERA and 44 strikeouts over 46.1 innings. Freshman Parker Dart is the team’s No. 2 pitcher, and she’s 2-0 with a 2.39 ERA over three appearances.

While his team has plenty of games left, Rymers said there are a couple reasons his team is off to a fast start.

“We have a group of seniors and a junior returning from last year that we felt had underperformed from a team standpoint last season, and they have competed



Sarah Patrick

each day this season with a sense of urgency,” he said. “We have also added a group of underclassmen that are hungry for varsity success. These girls have bought into the system, they trust each other, and they bring energy and focus every day, whether it’s for practice or a game.

“We’ve also put a lot of emphasis on fundamentals and situational play, and it’s showing in close games where we’ve been able to make the right plays when it counts.”

The Flyers have some impressive wins on their resume. In addition to the one over Eastwood, they’ve also knocked off Oak Harbor (8-7) and Maumee (10-9) – both close games in which Rymers referenced.

In the first, the Rockets trailed by six runs in the top of the seventh before scoring five runs and placing the potential



Mackenzie Hady

tying and go-ahead runs in scoring position. Bedford, however, retired Allie Giezle on a ground ball to second base to end the game.

Against Maumee, Dart’s two-run single in the sixth gave Lake a 10-8 lead. The Panthers got a run back in the home half of the frame, but Bedford struck out Julia Coutcher with the bases loaded to end the rally and pitched around a pair of seventh-inning singles to seal the one-run win.

“We’re definitely proud of those wins,” Rymers said. “Each of those teams brought a different challenge, and our girls rose to the occasion. It shows our growth, not just skill-wise, but mentally and emotionally. To be able to stay composed and execute against strong programs says a lot about where we are going. It also gives us confidence moving forward, especially as we

get deeper into league play and into the tournament.”

One of the big reasons for Lake’s early success is the play of the rookie, Dart, who is batting .636 with 18 RBIs, four home runs and two doubles over 38 plate appearances. She is hitting .750 with runners in scoring position.

Bedford is second on the team in RBIs with 16 while batting .424. A pair of transfers from Rossford – Caitly Extine and Norah Demory – are hitting .526 and .400, respectively. Each of them has five doubles with 19 combined RBIs. Demory leads the team in runs with 15.

Isbell, the team’s shortstop who is signed to play at Division I Detroit Mercy next year, is batting .375 with 14 runs, a team-high seven steals and a pair of home runs. Patrick (.321) and Sophia Gruetter (.318) are also hitting over .300 with 20-plus at bats.

“I said at the beginning of the year that if we can make the routine plays, throw strikes and have productive at-bats, we would give ourselves a chance to be successful,” Rymers said. “Kali has attacked hitters and our infield (Isbell, Demory, Patrick and Dart) has made the routine plays, limiting free passes with walks and errors.

“Our outfield is getting better every day, and Kylee Pietrzak has done an excellent job behind the plate. But our biggest strength has been our offense. Our lineup has some pop, and we get contributions one through nine, plus quality at-bats and base running from our bench.”

Eastwood ahead of schedule

On the other side, Eastwood is perhaps a year ahead of schedule.

The Eagles, under the direction of legendary Coach Wyant, find themselves off to a fast start at 8-1 and 2-1 in the Northern Buckeye Conference.

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Wyant was hoping Eastwood would be tested before conference play, and it was. They answered the call by beating Ayersville twice, Old Fort, Defiance Tinora, Evergreen and Fremont Ross before defeating Rossford and Otsego, ranked fifth in Division V, to begin league play.

“Our most impressive win was Otsego,” Wyant said. “Beating Ayersville twice was nice, and so was Tinora, but Otsego was the best (victory).”

The lone blemish for the Eagles is the loss to Lake.

“We’re 8-1, which is a whole lot better than I thought we’d be,” Wyant said. “Lake was really good — it was not us playing bad, we just couldn’t stop them.”

The victory over the Knights is the highlight of the season, a sign of just how good Eastwood can be when Kenzie Hady is pitching well and the lineup is producing.

“Otsego put it on Oak Harbor, and

some coaches, I was told, thought Otsego was unbeatable and might go 14-0 in the league,” Wyant said. “We played really well, and Kenzie got ahead in the count. She had nine strikeouts, and gave up three hits. She just played well, and we played well behind her. We didn’t make any errors. We struck out quite a bit, but we put the ball in play when we needed to. We left seven runners in scoring position and just played well.”

Ady Bowe, the team’s lone senior, combined with Stella Chlebowski and Grace Meter for the team’s three RBIs against Otsego, and the other two runs scored on an error that Wyant said was a borderline call and could’ve been ruled a hit.

Bowe is signed to play at Heidelberg University next year.

During Wyant’s 18 years coaching the Eagles, his teams have been known for their ability to generate power, but they’ve won many league and district titles because of good pitching and sound defense.

“Kenzie has had a very good season,”

he said. “She throws strikes, and in 43 innings, she’s only had six walks. She only walks about one batter per game. That’s the key, and the strikeouts, which are at about 10 per game.”

In six of Eastwood’s wins, Hady has limited the opponents to three runs or less. She’s done a marvelous job replacing Cassi Kieper, who pitched for four years and won 87 games before now competing at Siena Heights University in Michigan. The Eagles have also had to replace the production lost by Lilly Escobedo, who hit .536 and earned All-Ohio honors in Div. II last season.

Bowe, the shortstop and lead-off hitter, is followed by RF Kayla Hady, Kenzie Hady, 2B Karly Wasserman, 3B Sophia Rankin, CF Chlebowski, C Maddie Hartman, 1B Jenna Lubash and LF Meter. The lineup features three sophomores and two freshmen.

“We’ve been winning with five runs, but for the season, we’ve been putting the ball in play one through nine,” Wyant said. “We’ve been executing bunts really well.

We’re playing small ball and hitting — we have a couple of triples and five home runs. My two freshmen, Rankin and Chlebowski, are hitting really well right now, and a few of my older players, they might be a little under their averages, but they can get it back (to where they were). We’re playing together as a team.”

Wyant, who sits at 495-192 in his career including stops at Lakota and Oak Harbor, has built one of the finest programs in northwest Ohio. His teams have consistently competed for league and district titles, and the Eagles have won a regional championship during his tenure.

This year, though, Wyant has been pleased with his team’s strong start, especially for a team picked to finish fifth in the NBC.

“We’ve played really well,” he said. “I thought we might only win 15 games this year, and be a little over .500. We have eight wins, and we could (pass the) 20-win (mark). We’re playing well, and we’re still going to get better.”



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Hornyak

John Andrew Hornyak, 56, of Casa Grande, AZ went home to be with the Lord on April 4, 2025. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lori, 9 children, 3 grand children, mother, Carol Hornyak, brother, Steve (Denise) Hornyak, Father in law, Kenneth Boose, sister in law Kerry Guiher (Jordan) brother in law, Ken Boose (Anita), neices and nephews, extended family, friends and family dogs, Portabello and Cheyenna, who he loved to take walks with along side his daughter, Maddie and grand daughter, Eva.

John was proceeded in death by his children, Brooke, John Jr. and Sheyeanna, father, Stephen Hornyak, mother in law, Carolyn Boose, Grandparents, Steven and Rose Hornyak, Grandmother, June W. Kansorka, Grandparents in law Richard and Pauline Spafford, Great Grandmother in law, Wilma Spafford and beloved family dogs.

John graduated from Lake High school in 1986 and worked at UPS for 14 years, leaving to start a local business.

John’s knowledge and love of history and sports could keep him talking your ear off for hours and hours! He was a soccer and basketball coach for many years when his children were young. He shared his knowledge of car repair with his sons and they have since become amazing at working on cars! John loved to fish and passed that on to his children and grandchildren as well. On the daily, John could be found feeding the birds, something he loved to do for decades. This tradition of feeding the birds daily will be continued by his wife, children and grand children in his honor.

Private services will be held for the immediate family. Arrangements are being handled by Heritage Funeral Home in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Hudson

Marilyn J. Hudson, nee Cousino, age 85, passed away peacefully on March 31st after an extended illness. She was surrounded by the enduring love of her family. Her greatest joy in life was being a Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.

She earned her Associate Degree in Medical Assisting from the University of Toledo and spent many years providing compassionate care to elderly residents in the Toledo area. She also worked as a nanny for families with young children.

Marilyn had a passion for antiques and owned a small antique store in Stony Ridge, specializing in vintage clothing. She had a flair for interior and landscape design, renovating the century old home she and her husband purchased in the mid 60’s, and later her home in South Toledo. When in full bloom, her English style garden, flanked by sculpted boxwoods, bearded Irises, and winding path leading to the focal urn planted with draping vines and florals was nourishing for the soul. She shared her homes with her beloved dogs and cats.

She was a music lover, infusing all three of her children with a deep appreciation for music at an early age. An adventurous soul, she enjoyed many concerts, long bike rides and travel – frequently taking her family on cross-country camping trips across the US and Canada, exploring National Parks hiking and spending time in nature.

She cherished her friends, and was known for her summer garden parties!

Marilyn was preceded in death by her eldest son, Gary Todd Hudson; her former husband of 32 years, Gary L. Hudson; her parents, Marvin and Freida Cousino; brothers, Paul, Robert, and Daniel Cousino; and infant sister, Shirley.

Marilyn is survived by daughter, Ellen Pizza (Christopher); son, Derrick Hudson (Leslie Adams); grandchildren, Amanda Pizza, Stefan Pizza, Dylan Hudson; and beloved great-granddaughter, Lily Pizza. Her warmth, humor and spirit will be dearly missed.

The family would like to thank Lakes of Sylvania for their compassionate care.

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Ordinance 004-2025
An Ordinance to Amend the Employee Handbook to
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An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to
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Ordinance 009-2025
An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to
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Employee Payroll Deduction for Health Insurance and to
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Resolution 01-2025
A Resolution Affirming the Village of Elmore's Coopera-
tion with Federal Immigration Enforcement in Accordance
with Federal and State Law While Prioritizing Local Pub-
lic Safety and Individual Constitutional Rights.
Resolution 03-2025
Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road
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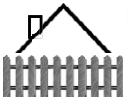

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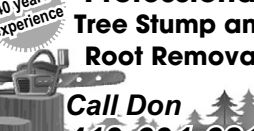
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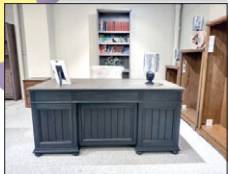


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