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Genoa voters to again decide on renewal property tax levy

By Nicholas Huenefeld
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The Genoa Area Local School District will see voters decide on a renewal substitute emergency property tax levy on May 6.

The purpose of the renewal levy, which replaces an emergency property tax levy originally approved in 2015 and renewed in 2020, allows the district to collect additional revenue on new real property construction without increasing tax obligations for existing property owners.

This levy is a renewal of the renewal, and it is the second time the district has approached the voters after it failed in November. The funds covered account for nine percent of Genoa's budget and would generate \$1.2 million for the district while costing homeowners \$18.50 per month for every \$100,000 home.

There is a mechanism in place that limits the increase in property taxes as valuations rise, which was established by a 1976 state legislature law, House Bill 920.

Thus, the recent increase in residential property values did not provide additional funding to the school district, due to HB 920 and the Tax Reduction Factor (TRF).

Genoa officials reiterated that the levy on the ballot on May 6 will not increase the total taxes charged to current taxpayers, and that it will only capture new revenue growth on new construction from residential homes and businesses.

"As property values increase, you would typically expect property taxes to go up as well," district treasurer Bill Nye said in October. "However, to prevent large tax increases when property values rise, HB 920 reduces the tax rate so that the total amount of money collected by the taxing entity – like the school district – on existing levies remains relatively stable."

"In other words, the effective tax

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Quote of The Week

I am to the point of asking my doctor how to get my medication from Canada.

Jill Stinebaugh
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Chamber event

The Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce held a meeting at Firehouse 41 on April 28. The guest speaker was Dr. Christie Jenkins from the Family and Child Abuse and Prevention Center who talked about the services they offer to the community for families who suffer from abuse and domestic violence. (Photo by Omar Smaidy Photography)



Pemberville village council looks for half-percent tax increase May 6

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The village of Pemberville will again ask voters for a half-percent increase in income taxes on May 6. It would take the current rate of one percent to 1.5 percent.

It is the same levy that failed to pass in November.

Pemberville mayor Carol Bailey said that village's general fund is not in a deficit, but that it is dwindling, or dipping into the reserves to the tune of approximately \$35,000 to \$50,000 each year.

"Each year it gets worse because things haven't gone down in price, they've only gone up," Bailey said. "And when the general fund suffers, things like road repairs just can't get done."

Matching grants

With the village's increased ability to get grants over the past few years, the levy increase is also a way to guarantee matching funds for those opportunities.

When a grant is written and awarded, it often requires matching funds from the local entity, which comes from the general fund. That typically requires 25 percent of the project's total cost, and being able to match allows for more grant applications and opportunities.

With the use of grants, Bailey said that Pemberville is building a new \$2.3 million

“We’re just trying to keep the village a viable, wonderful place to live and raise your kids.”

water tower for only \$600,000 out of the town's monies.

She said they are going to be replacing the Bridge Street bridge, which is a \$2.7 million project for \$384,000 at most. Another grant, which they are waiting to hear back on, could even drive that cost down to \$110,000 out of pocket.

"To do the kind of capital projects like a water tower or a bridge replacement without having to go to the residents for any additional money, bonds or anything is pretty, pretty incredible," Bailey said.

Bailey also said Pemberville has received many park grants, such as new doors with timers on the restrooms at a \$6,000 cost savings, as well as body worn cameras for the police department.

The village also got a grant for the basketball court, which was 49 percent grant money with the rest donated through a benefactor.

There's also other grant projects, such as a couple waterline loops and a new sewer line that was installed all the way out to the sanitary plant last year.

Without the ability to match, Bailey said there's no sense in writing a grant that they'll just have to turn down.

What if it fails?

Bailey said they are hoping to generate \$300,000 with the levy increase, which will go into the income tax fund and be split into the general fund and permanent improvements from there.

Should the levy fail, Bailey said they will go back to the voters again.

"Voting it down isn't going to change the trajectory of the general fund at all," she said. "If anything, it's just going to get worse. Voting it down is not going to take care of the issue. It's just going to delay it."

Police, pool cuts are possible

In addition to the decrease in grants, there would also be cuts if the levy fails.

The police budget currently uses approximately one half of the total tax collected, and Pemberville officials said that it is underfunded in comparison to similar

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An Ohio Historical Marker is shown outside the Pemberville Town Hall building.

Pemberville council

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communities around the state.

The 2025 budget for the police department is \$287,000, and the amount collected annually would cover the cost of the department.

“Police would probably be our biggest cut,” Bailey said. “I would assume one of our officers would probably be cut down to part-time, if not entirely.”

Bailey said it’s too early to tell, but the police cuts could come by early fall.

The other issue is the pool typically needs an infusion of cash around the end of July. They may have to shut down the pool without the additional money.

“We all know pools really aren’t a moneymaker for the village, they’re an amenity,” Bailey said. “They’re something that is wonderful for a village, but most small towns have lost their pools because they can’t afford to keep them running.”

“It’s a possibility, a very real possibi-

ty that when that time came, we’d just have to shut the pool down.”

Town hall on levy

The village council hosted a town hall meeting on April 22 for citizens to raise questions and concerns. Bailey said it was attended by approximately 25-30 people.

“It wasn’t attended as I think we’d all like to see, but it went fine.”

The bottom line

If you make \$60,000 per year, the 0.5 percent increase will cost an additional \$300 per year, or \$25 per month. In other words, your property tax bill would go from \$50 to \$75 per month in that scenario.

“We’re just trying to keep the village a viable, wonderful place to live and raise your kids,” Bailey said. “To keep the services, keep Pemberville what Pemberville has always been, which is a really lovely town with lovely amenities.”

“We’re just trying to preserve what we’ve got here in Pemberville, which we think is a pretty good thing.”



Find those eggs!

A field of daffodils made the perfect place to hide eggs as Schedel Gardens, Elmore, hosted their Easter Egg Hunt on April 19. Top photo, Chrissy LaCourse, of Genoa, and her son Reid enjoy the flowers as much as the eggs. Bottom photo, Liberty Bern, Toledo, sets her basket down to enjoy the view. The event included face painting, cookie making and tours of the grounds. (Photos by Nina Steffen)

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Winter Crisis Program helps 1,300+ households

The Winter Crisis Program through Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) helped 1,349 households in Northwest Ohio with heating needs this winter.

The program, which ran Nov. 1, 2024-March 31, 2025, assisted Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood county residents with emergency utility payments to prevent shut-offs or restore utilities, or helped by replenishing propane, kerosene or other heating supplies.

While Winter Crisis Program assistance has ended, GLCAP still provides year-round support through the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Plus program. PIPP Plus provides fixed monthly payments based on household income for customers on regulated utilities.

PIPP Plus provides support to families with fixed incomes by establishing consistent monthly utility payments. “Moreover, the program offers a remarkable benefit: it can eliminate utility debt for participants who consistently make their payments on time,” said GLCAP Energy Assistance Specialist Cortney Sturgill.

PIPP Plus through GLCAP is available to Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood county households at or below 175% of federal poverty guidelines (e.g., \$26,355/household of one, \$54,600/household of four) and for household sizes of eight or more that are 60% of state median income.

Details are available at glcap.org/pipp or by calling 419-273-4212 to set up an appointment.

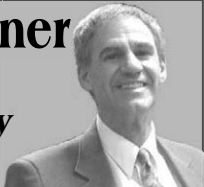
Olds & Son Grocery, Fassett Street, 1895



An early East Toledo grocer, C.R. Olds, went into business on the northwest corner of Fassett and Utah streets in the mid-1880s, and with his son, continued to serve the Fassett Street neighborhood for nearly 40 years. The family lived in the old house on the corner of Utah and Wilmot Street a block away from their business, and they had a horse-drawn wagon that made home deliveries. Their store building pictured here in 1895 survived until the 1990s.

History Corner

East Toledo
Historical Society
by Larry Michaels



Reverse Raffle to fund fireworks display

Tickets are on sale for the Oak Harbor Fireworks Fund Reverse Raffle, which will be held Saturday, May 10 at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds.

Doors will open at 5 p.m.; dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the raffle drawing will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Raffle prizes include \$2,500 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$250 for third place. The event will also include games, sideboards and a Chinese auction.

Tickets are \$50 each. Additional meal tickets are \$20 each. Only 250 tickets will be available.

All proceeds raised benefit the Oak Harbor Independence Day Fireworks Show.

Board of elections to be in session May 6

The Ottawa County Board of Elections will be in special session Tuesday, May 6, to conduct the Primary Election and address any other business that comes before the board.

The meeting will be held at the Board of Elections office, 8444 W. SR 163, Oak Harbor, in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Voting on Election Day will begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. at polling locations in Ottawa County.

Call 419-898-3071 for more information.

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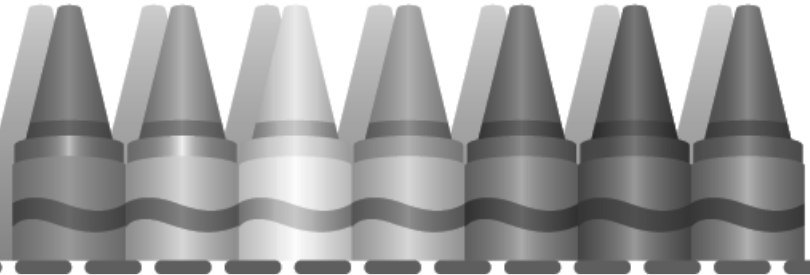
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Our classes are filling up quickly, and any delay in registration may result in your child being assigned to a different elementary school other than your neighborhood school.



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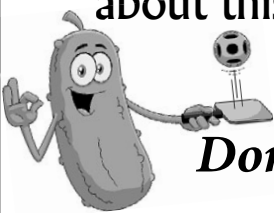
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Hughes tabbed as new Eastwood superintendent

By Press Staff Writer

Members of the Eastwood Local Schools board of education, along with district staff and community members, will welcome Brian Hughes as the district’s new superintendent on Aug. 1.

Hughes, who currently serves as a principal for Oak Harbor High School in the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District, was identified from a quality group of candidates from across the state after a search facilitated by the Ohio School Boards Association.

“I am honored and humbled to be named the next superintendent of Eastwood Local Schools,” Hughes said. “Eastwood has a strong reputation for academic excellence, a dedicated staff and a supportive community that places high value on student success and well-being.

“As I step into this role, my immediate priority is to listen, learn, and build relationships with students, families, staff and community members,” he said. “I believe deeply in the power of collaboration and transparency, and I am committed to working together to build on Eastwood’s strengths while facing future challenges with unity and purpose.

“Our schools are more than buildings—they are the heart of the community. I look forward to creating opportunities for meaningful engagement, ensuring every student has the tools and support they need to thrive, and continuing the district’s legacy of excellence,” he said.

Residents can meet Hughes during a gathering on May 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

Eastwood’s school board president, Randy Rothenbuhler, said a thorough process was followed.

“(The process) included planning with our facilitator, staff and community focus groups, reference checks, leadership assessments for our finalists and two rounds of interviews with the board of education,” he said. “The board is excited for this new chapter in our district’s history and looks forward to Brian’s strong leadership.”

Hughes started his professional career as a social studies teacher, which included time at Eastwood High School. He is currently working on a doctorate at the University of Findlay, and he completed his superintendent’s license coursework through Ashland University.

The Oak Harbor resident, who eventually plans to move to the Eastwood school district with his family, signed a three-year contract at \$125,000 annually.



Brian Hughes

“I believe deeply in the power of collaboration and transparency...”

Rothenbuhler said he’s confident in the selection.

“The board appreciated the process and the opportunity to look at a diverse group of qualified candidates,” he said. “The search allowed us to reassure ourselves that Brian’s the right person for this position at this time. He has an open, collaborative leadership approach and will be highly visible in our schools.”

Brad Contat, a human resources director for Anthony Wayne Local Schools, finished as the runner-up in the search.

The search, which began on Feb. 12, saw the board also consider the following candidates: Brian Cannon, McPherson Middle School Principal in the Clyde-Green Springs School District; Justin Johnson, grades 6-12 principal at Gibsonburg Exempted Village Schools; Dr. Lori Pierce, the principal at Fremont City Schools; Mark Pugh, the principal at Sylvania Northview High School; Brian Rau, the superintendent for the Wellston City School District; and Dolores Swineford, the assistant superintendent/curriculum director for Evergreen Local Schools.

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 28-May 2. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

April 28: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 29: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

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

May 1: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 7:30-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

Library program to focus on genealogy

The Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., will present a program focusing on genealogy on Thursday, May 1, at 2 p.m.

Program attendees will get a basic overview on genealogy as well as some tips and tricks to get the most out of the library’s family history research tools.

No registration is required. For more information, call 419-352-5050 or email woodref@wcdpl.org.

Genoa tax levy

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rate is lowered as property values rise and leaves the amount of tax revenue received by school districts from a renewal levy relatively unchanged.”

Genoa’s assistant superintendent Cody McPherson, who will be elevated to superintendent in August, emphasized that the district is fiscally responsible, and that the money is for necessary items including bus fuel and maintenance, utilities, building supplies and maintenance, purchase services and personnel. There is no additional money being collected.

“We don’t have a frivolous district,” he said. “We’re not adding new and additional things. We look at everything on a one by one basis and say, ‘If something new comes up, is this a need or a want? Can we do this in a way that is fiscally responsible?’ And then if the answer is we have to do this because here’s why, we move forward with it.

“We do that with every single thing. And the voters in our district and our communities have told us in various ways that they appreciate it, and they know that we do that.”

One example of Genoa’s fiscally responsible behavior, McPherson said, is how the district used the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER funds post-Covid.

Each school got a percentage of funds, and McPherson said Genoa did not get a whole lot of funds. The state created an algorithm to determine what each school should and shouldn’t receive.

“There are some schools that are building beautiful large buildings with leftover extra funds,” he said. “We were not building buildings. We were sustaining our buildings. We were paying for infrastructure of our buildings in order for those buildings to continue to last.”

And that has an impact in terms of retention, including a school resource officer (SRO), which McPherson said the district felt was important.

“When we lost the ESSER monies, there wasn’t a huge (push) to cut a ton of things in order to make up (for the lost money),” McPherson said. “We did not go and buy a lot of things. In fact, all the things we did were for upkeep and maintenance. We did repairs to our building. It wasn’t that we

Neighborhood pantry receives donation from 100 Caring Hearts

By Press Staff Writer

The Light Neighborhood Pantry, an outreach program hosted by Elliston Zion United Methodist Church, recently received an Impact Gift totaling \$9,225 from 100 Caring Hearts of Ottawa County.

The contribution will help expand the pantry’s ability to provide nutritious food, hygiene items and essential supplies to families and individuals across Ottawa County.

Founded on the belief that compassion drives community change, 100 Caring Hearts is a giving circle of women who meet quarterly to pool their donations and award a single impactful gift to a local nonprofit. Since its founding, the grassroots philanthropy group has contributed thousands of dollars to causes that strengthen and uplift

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went in to purchase additional personnel, which then (would have) needed to cut.

“That’s a great example of how we are fiscally responsible. Even when we do get additional funds, we’re utilizing it in a long-term approach (and asking) how can we take that money and sustain it for a long period of time. That is what the renewal money is for us.

“The things that we’re saying what we’re using it for are truly are what we’re utilizing these funds for, and that’s why it’s important to us.”

In addition to the outcome of the levy, another thing McPherson and the district is keeping an eye on is what shakes out with the state’s biannual budget, and the outcomes of both items will play a significant role in the financial future of the district.

“Both those things are going to have a large impact on Genoa, and the budget is going to have a large impact on all schools,” McPherson said. “I hate to say that we’re waiting to see what the renewal does and also waiting to see what the budget does because I want to say if we pass the renewal, everything is going to be great (but) the budget (could) come down and really restrict what we’re able to do.”

Ultimately, voters have a decision to make on May 6.

“We’re not renewing it, and then we go get this,” McPherson said. “That’s not it. It is to continue to maintain our fiscal responsibility as a district. I think that’s important to our community. I think that’s important to our voters. And that’s what it means to us. We are going to continue to be fiscally responsible with our funds.”

the Ottawa County community.

This quarter’s selection, The Light Neighborhood Pantry, has become a beacon of hope for residents facing food insecurity.

“We are incredibly honored to be chosen by 100 Caring Hearts,” said Pastor Lisa Anne Gregg, director of The Light Neighborhood Pantry. “This gift empowers us to continue serving with love and dignity, ensuring our shelves stay stocked and our neighbors never go without.”

The pantry, housed at Elliston Zion UMC, operates with the help of volunteers and community donations. Open on the second Wednesday of every month from 5-7 p.m., the free choice pantry welcomes all residents of Ottawa County. They also serve a free dinner to dozens of families during pantry hours.

Diana Schwan, a founding member of 100 Caring Hearts, said, “Our goal is simple—lift up organizations doing meaningful work. The Light Neighborhood Pantry stood out for their deep commitment to our community and their ongoing impact.”

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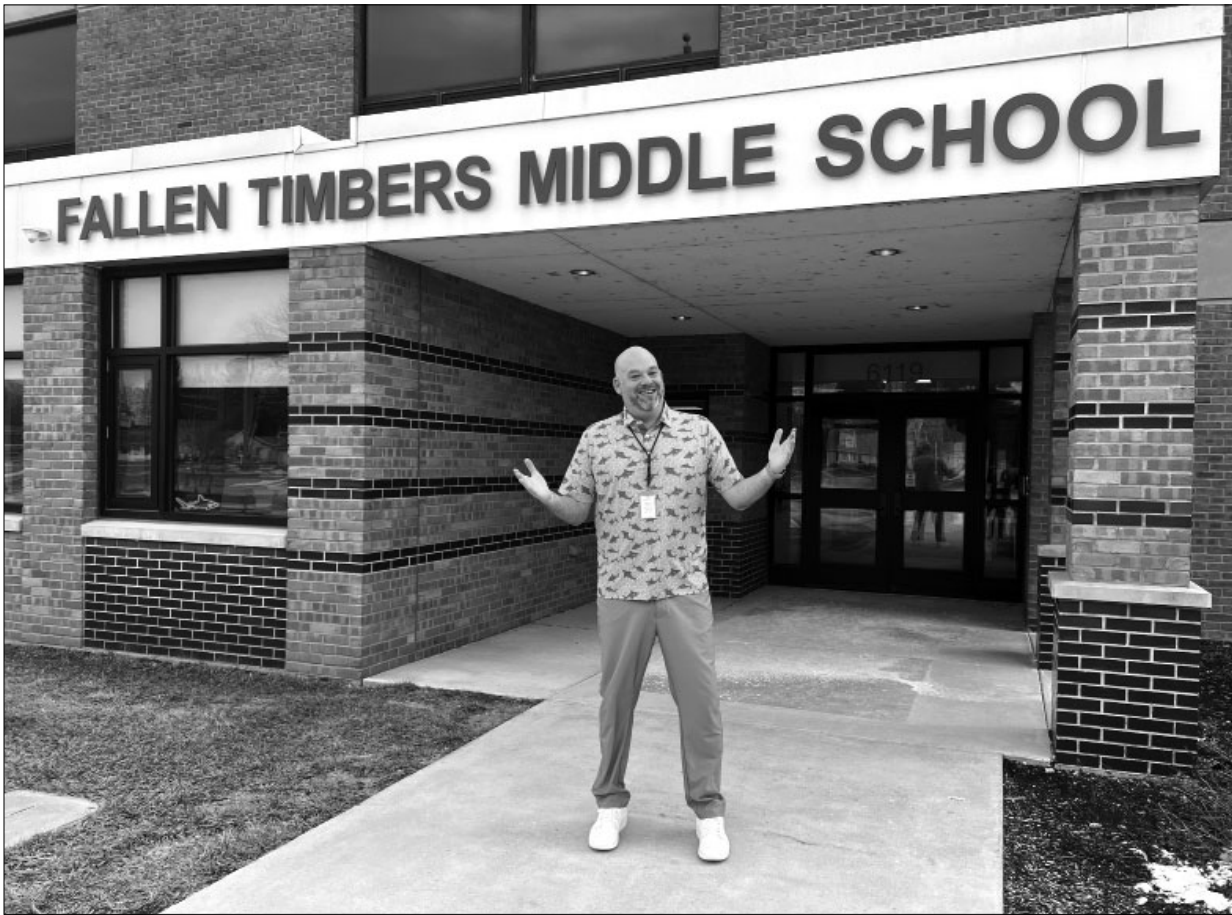
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Tansel named Lake Elementary principal

Press Staff Writer

Lake Local Schools superintendent Marjoe Cooper announced on Tuesday that Terry Tansel has been hired as the new principal at Lake Elementary, effective Aug. 1.

He replaces Mandy Wilburn, who resigned in December.

“During the month of March, we conducted an exhaustive search for our new principal, and (I) feel very confident in the abilities and experience that Mr. Tansel will bring to the team,” Cooper said. “We look forward to his leadership in making Lake Elementary School a fantastic learning environment for our students and staff alike.”

Tansel spent his first 12 years as an educator at Lake Schools as a junior high and high school teacher. He has since spent the past 12 years as an assistant principal at Fallen Timbers Middle School in the Anthony Wayne School District.

“Throughout the interview process, Mr. Tansel was very impressive in regards to his vision and plan to bring some consistency, true educational leadership, and a positive climate and culture to the build-

“Terry carries a presence that will tremendously benefit the overall climate and culture of the building...”

ing,” Cooper said. “Terry’s experience as an assistant principal for the last 12 years allows him to bring a wide range of skills and tactics that align with our vision of school and district improvement while giving our students the best education possible.

“Terry carries a presence that will tremendously benefit the overall climate and culture of the building, and he has proved that he has the vision for improvement in several areas. We discussed several items

including visibility, transparency, and ensuring that we are following the “4 C”s” (collaboration, consistency, communication, and commitment) with what our district is working on toward continuous improvement.”

Tansel, who served a short stint as Lake’s varsity head boys basketball coach in the 2000-01 season before taking over the role full-time from 2004-07, also recently competed in a game show called “The Floor” on FOX, where he finished in 10th place.

Tansel, who filmed the show in Dublin, Ireland last August, was eliminated by a 19-time Jeopardy champion.

Cooper specifically thanked Michelle Savickas, who has served as the interim principal since January. He said that she has been instrumental in continuing to move the building forward, and he wishes her well as she returns to Maumee Valley Country Day School to resume her leadership role there. Her last day at Lake will be June 13.

Cooper also thanks the members of the interview committee, as well as the parents, community members and staff who assisted throughout the process.



Pastor Lisa Anne Gregg, director of The Light Neighborhood Pantry, (center) with food pantry and 100 Caring Hearts of Ottawa County members at the recent presentation of an Impact Gift donation. In relation to story on page 4. (Submitted photo)

Real Estate Transfers

Week ending April 18

Allen Township
4/15: Joann C. Achter to Thomas Hodgson and Danielle Hodgson, 20933 W. Johnson St., \$233,000.

4/15: Jeffrey J. Navarre to Edward L. & Carolyn A. Schimmel, 22166 W SR 579, \$616,584.15

4/18: Joseph Dominique & Lauren Micha Elder to Ashley R. Kreager, 22171 W Tall Oaks Circle, \$290,000.

Carroll Township
4/14: Steven L. Neff to Clark Russell Rutledge, 6310 N Harris Harbor, \$128,000.

Catawba Township
4/17: Julie Pavluk Campitelli Trustee of The Julie Pavluk Campitelli Revocable Living Trust dated Nov. 9, 2023 to Roxana I. Stiles and Jeffrey T. Helton, 1743 North Windward Drive Unit F12, \$369,000.

4/18: Merle S. Barber and Monica A. Barber to Julie Pavluk Campitelli Trustee of The Julie Pavluk Campitelli Revocable Living Trust dated Nov. 9, 2023, 1661 N. Compass Ave, \$599,000.

Clay Township
4/14: Angela & Brandon Pieper to Arielle & Christian Ortolani, 0 West Holt Harrigan Rd., \$35,000.

4/18: Carl Markley and Brianne Markley to Brett A. Klimkowsky and Todd M. Klimkowsky, 0 Hellwig Rd. (17.6490 acres), \$160,000.

Clay Center Corporation
4/14: Narissa A. Konoff to Hannah Cromer and Austin Arnett, 355 5th St., \$144,000.

Danbury Township
4/14: Legacy Homes of Medina, Inc. to Michael J. & Tina Lynn Rosso, 276 Lighthouse Oval Lot 117, \$579,000.

4/15: Robert M. Kiley and Betty A. Kiley to Glen Richard Smeal Jr. and Jennifer Lynne Smeal, 514 Laurel Ave., \$541,000.

4/15: Kevin Lee Strause - Successor Trustee of the Strause Family Revocable Trust dated 12/23/09 to Kristin Eichler and Jeremy Eichler, 5683 E. Constitution Blvd, \$175,000.

4/16: Robert Paul James to Richard A. Sizer and Karen A. Sizer Trustees of Sizer Family Trust dated Sept. 19, 2023, 1820 S. Anna Dr., \$273,000.

4/18: Legacy Homes of Medina Inc. to Robert J. Green and Stacie D. Miller, 259 Lighthouse Oval, \$630,080.

Erie Township
4/15: Matthew Whitcomb & Janice Snyder to Phillip & Maria Alexander, 4091 Baldof Rd., \$180,000.

Genoa Corporation
4/17: Gail & Justin McWatters to Genoa Financial Inc, 624 Main Street, \$50,000.

Portage Township
4/14: K&W Property Holding LLC to Toby Ernsthansen, 0 E. State Rd., \$235,000.

4/18: Krik P. Gangl and Roberta M. Gangl to James Marbry, 680 Plasterbed Unit 2-12, \$97,436.

Salem Township
4/16: The Estate of Anna M. Weichman to Cody Palmer, 431 N Behlman Rd., \$157,500.

4/17: U.S Bank Trust as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust to Cheryl A. Neill, 8694 West State Route 163, \$189,900.

Lake Township investigation yields arrest

By Press Staff Writer

Duane G. Baugh, 27, of Adrian, Mich. was arrested on April 23 and charged with multiple offenses related to improper conduct involving a minor.

Mr. Baugh’s arrest was the result of a six-month undercover investigation conducted by the Lake Township Police Department,

during which a Lake Township officer posed as a juvenile female and engaged in numerous conversations with Mr. Baugh.

Mr. Baugh was taken into custody when he came to a location in Lake Township for an arranged meeting with the “juvenile” female.

Mr. Baugh was charged with 17 counts of importuning (F5), three counts of disseminating harmful matter to juveniles (F5), one count of attempted unlawful sexual conduct with a minor (F3) and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (M1). He was transported to the Wood County Justice Center,

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years



Toledo psychic Miss Ada Besinnet.

April 27
1923: Famed British writer, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – the author of Sherlock Holmes fame – attends a séance with Toledo psychic Miss Ada Besinnet. He calls her one of the best in the world.
1932: Tiffin sportsman, Frank Callahan, spends \$1,000 to stage a funeral for his beloved Pomeranian pet dog, “Baby Ginter.” Hundreds of curious mourners show up at his home to see the dog lie in repose in a \$400 casket.
1966: A Chicago woman, Mary Matz, takes a taxicab from Toledo to Richmond, Calif. to see a doctor there because “she isn’t feeling good.” The 2,640 mile trip cost her \$1,200.

April 28
1813: British, Canadian and Indian forces begin converging on the Maumee River to begin an assault on the American forces at Ft. Meigs in the War of 1812. The siege would last over a week with more than 160 Americans killed, until the British troops departed.
1911: The state pharmacy board claims that Toledo is the “cocaine capital of Ohio.” Rampant abuse of the drug is reported and numerous “coke” parties being held by teens.
1939: Professional golfer, Byron Nelson, becomes the head pro at Toledo’s Inverness



Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert
Country Club. During his time in Toledo, Nelson would win a number of major tournaments.
1949: Unusual weather conditions create perfect “skip” conditions and some Toledoans see a baseball game broadcast “live” on their TV screens from KLEE-TV in Houston, Texas.

April 29
1913: A sad reunion is held in Toledo for the survivors of the Sultana, the riverboat that sank on the Mississippi River after the Civil War. More than 1,100 Union soldiers died in the disaster, many from the Midwest.
1947: Toledo Public Schools acquires \$750,000 worth of war surplus used in schools, from machinery to a boxcar of toilet paper.
1949: Toledo city officials are given a demonstration of the soon-to-be-used traffic



Byron Nelson

radar devices for catching speeders. Toledo is among the first cities in the nation to use radar speed guns.
1962: The “King of the Twist” Chubby Checker and Dee Sharp appear in Toledo at the Sports Arena.

April 30
1879: An actress at the Adelphi Theater is shot through the neck by a jealous husband at Hooper House hotel. He then shot and killed himself. Actress Lillie Ellis may survive her wound.
1908: The Horseshoer’s Union is threatening to strike in Toledo over increasing use of machine-made vs. man-made horse-shoes.
1914: An army of women armed with brooms and shovels take to the streets of East Toledo as part of a larger campaign to clean the city.
1930: Esther Antin, a Toledo attorney, is getting besieged with marriage proposals now that her photo has appeared in national papers as the prosecutor in a scandalous murder trial of a Toledo woman.

May 1
1884: Baseball history is made in Toledo. Moses Fleetwood Walker plays his first game with Toledo Blue Stockings, as they host Louisville, becoming the first African American to play in a major league baseball game.
1918: Toledo’s notorious “Tenderloin” neighborhood closes down for good. Thousands of its disreputable residents, workers and soiled doves are sent packing.
1959: The first ocean-going ship, the “Prinz Willem George Frederik,” docks in Toledo after using the new St. Lawrence Seaway.
1966: Rising lake levels flood much of the Jerusalem Township lakeshore area. Over 500 people get typhoid inoculations as a precaution.
1967: Lucas County Sheriff’s Deputy Herbert Wexler is killed in a two-car accident

on Route 2 in Jerusalem Township.
May 2
1925: A Kelleys Island Lime Company sandsucker capsizes in Lake Erie and nine crew members drown. Two of the victims were from Oak Harbor.
1927: A festive grand opening is held for the opening of the new Wall’s Parking Garage on Ontario Street, promoted as the “The Most Beautiful Parking Garage in America.”
1962: The Dutch Elm disease is reported to be “out of control” in Toledo. More than 6,200 elms have been cut down so far, and thousands more may come down in the future.
1976: Toledo’s public radio station, WGTE-FM begins broadcasting.
1978: The long and bitter Toledo school teachers strike comes to an end after board members threaten to fire 3,800 striking teachers if they don’t return to school.

May 3
1838: The first church building opens in Toledo at corner of Superior and Cherry.
1903: Tragedy strikes a group of Polish tourists waiting for a train to Toledo when they are run over by a locomotive in Detroit. Nine people are killed, and scores are injured.
1919: Three rum runners are thought to have drowned as they tried to cross Lake Erie during a heavy thunderstorm. Their launch washed up on Toledo Beach with 60 cases of whiskey aboard, but no sign of the trio.
1931: Some 65,000 Toledo school kids are engaged in a weeklong city clean-up campaign, picking up rubbish, cleaning backyards, tearing down old buildings, painting fire escapes and eradicating fire hazards.
1966: WDHO-TV Channel 24 begins broadcasting in Toledo as city’s third commercial TV station. It would later become WNWO-TV.

Letters
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Hard right is wrong

To the editor: A recent editorial author expounded on being perplexed by opposition to Elon Musk. Let me help.
For brevity’s sake, go to Public Citizen (www.citizen.org) or to Corporate Accountability (corporateaccountability.org) to see what damage the current administration is causing for Americans and throughout the world.
For years, they have been planning to hold a U.S. Constitutional Convention to change it to benefit billionaires and corporations.
Decades ago, there was this warning from Billy Graham, the chaplain for presidents: “It would disturb me if there was a wedding between religious fundamental-

ists and the political right. The hard right has no interest in religion except to manipulate it.”
In other words, right wing religious are being used to get votes using the morality game that these politicians don’t even believe in. This was proven by Trump who backtracked on his abortion stance because it was too politically risky.
Google it.

Paul Szymanowski
Curtice

Stop the ads

To the editor: As a retired nurse and senior citizen, I have continually come across the negative attributes of Big Pharma. The commercials!
Every time I turn on the TV they want me to go ask my doctor about a new medication. But these medications are expensive. It seems to me that they are pushing us to the more expensive medications regardless of outcome.
Like most senior citizens, I am on a medication that I frequently see commercials for. This medication costs me hun-

dreds of dollars a month because it is not properly covered by Medicare. I am to the point of asking my doctor how to get my medication from Canada. They have the generic version in Canada, but not in the U.S.
The sad fact is, Big Pharma is charging more in the U.S. than they are in Canada. Seventy percent of Big Pharma profits come from the U.S., but we only have 4.2 percent of the world’s population.
It’s time our government leaders stepped in and stood up to Big Pharma and the wealthy lobbyist carrying their tune.

Jill Stinebaugh
Elmore, Ohio

Opinion
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Oak Harbor

Framework considered for encouraging animal ownership

By Press Staff Writer

The Oak Harbor village council is considering two ordinances that support responsible animal ownership while preserving quality of life for all residents.

“When I talk to community members, the most common sentiment I hear is that they think everyone should have the option to keep animals like chickens but to do so responsibly,” Oak Harbor mayor Quinton Babcock said. “Oak Harbor is an agricultural community and providing a clear framework encourages good practices and supports residents who want to responsibly raise animals.”

The first ordinance is an update to existing legislation that prohibits animals from interfering with the use of neighboring or public property. The original ordinance prohibited animals who created excessive smells or other issues when they were used for business related purposes.

“In some communities, animals like chickens are simply banned,” Babcock said. “But for more than 15 years, Oak Harbor has allowed them as long as they aren’t causing problems. We recently reviewed that ordinance and realized that it needed to be updated to reflect what residents expect today.”

Council has discussed the ordinance over the past two months and is expected to vote on the proposed legislation during its May 5 council meeting.

The second proposed ordinance would establish a new permitting system for out-

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door animals such as chickens, ducks, or goats. While still continuing to encourage ownership, the ordinance introduces a system that promotes cooperation between neighbors and sets basic considerations for outdoor animals.

“We want to start with the assumption that you can own animals like chickens,” Babcock said. “But the biggest challenge in Oak Harbor isn’t regulations—it’s making sure neighbors can live alongside each other peacefully when the animals come home. This framework is about giving both animal owners and neighbors clear expectations.”

The proposed legislation would create a permit for outdoor animals and give neighbors the opportunity to provide feedback so that any concerns can be addressed. Council is expected to begin formal consideration on the new ordinance at the May 5 council meeting. Typically, legislation is

considered at three consecutive meetings before a final vote, unless there is an urgent need for earlier action.

Residents with questions, comments, or input are encouraged to contact Mayor Quinton Babcock at qbabcock@oakharbor.oh.us.

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Toledo

Card Party, May 13, 12 p.m., First St. John Lutheran Church, 2471 Seaman St. Donation \$15. Lunch, door prizes, raffles. All are welcome. For reservations, call 419-276-1264 or 419-691-5506.

Oregon

St. Charles Hospital Auxiliary will meet May 21 from 12- 2 p.m. in the Oregon Room at Mercy Health– St. Charles Hospital. Meeting includes lunch and social opportunities. There is a membership fee in addition to a \$10 luncheon fee. Contact Vicky at 419-279-9023 for reservations. The next Auxiliary meeting will be Sept. 10.

Parkinson’s Exercise Group meets Mondays and Wednesdays at noon at the East YMCA, 2960 Pickle Rd. This 60-minute class is for those with Parkinson’s that do not use a cane or walker. Class aims to improve motor skills with gait, strength and dexterity exercises. There is a \$25 fee for each three-month session. Spring session runs through May. Folks can join mid-session. Call 419-725-7844 to get started.

Community Bereavement Support Group meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Pavilion at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine. The Bereavement Department of Southern Care Hospice facilitates the free, ongoing group.

Mobile Meals of Toledo, a local community nonprofit, 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. Contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodders@mobilemeals.org for info.

Great Eastern Toastmasters meet the 1st and 3rd 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 more confidence. Guests welcome. Call Matt at 419-261-0579 or Julie at 419-343-5569 or visit [D28toastmasters.org](#).

Northwood

Northwood VFW Weekly Fish Fries, Fridays from 5-7:30 or until sold out. All-you-can-eat fish for \$14. Weekly Sunday Breakfasts, from 8-11:30 a.m. Cost \$8. The VFW also has karaoke every Friday from 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner, second Friday of every month, 4-7 p.m., Northwood Church of God, Coy and

Bulletin Board

Curtice roads. Adults, \$9; children \$5.

Northwood Food Distribution has changed its distribution procedure. To schedule a pickup, contact Emilia Bires at 419-351-5835 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pickups will be arranged at your convenience and will take place at 700 Lemoyne Rd. Please note: There will no longer be a set Monthly Food distribution at the City building. Those interested must contact Emilia to schedule a pickup.

Northwood Church of God Food For Thought Food Pantry is open every 3rd Tuesday of the month from noon-2 p.m., 1838 S. Coy Rd. Easy access; help is available to get groceries to vehicles. Photo ID required.

God’s Instruments Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 817 East Broadway. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast, the 3rd Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Curtice roads. For info, call 419-691-1376 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.

Jerusalem Township Zoning Commission meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Jerusalem Township Food Pantry is open the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

Elmore Farmers Market will be open the 2nd Tuesday of the month, May-October, 5-8 p.m., at the Elmore Historical Society, 353 Ottawa St. Vendors may set up as early as 3 p.m. and tear down by 9 p.m., if possible. Cost is \$35 per month for a 10x10 space or \$150 for the season if prepaid by May 1. Market is completely outdoors, rain or shine. No refunds, rain dates or rain checks. Contact John Stolar at 419-341-4683 for more details or email ccrhorses@gmail.com

Genoa

Spring Craft Show, May 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in the Community Room at Elderlife, 1211 Washington St.

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. The Legion meets the second Wednesday of month at 7 p.m. For membership and hall rental information, call 419-205-1942. 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 is open every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and browse the newly renovated shop with new items. Something for everyone.

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

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

Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg Branch Library offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime Thursdays at 11 a.m.; Adult Book Chat, April 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Discuss “The Humans,” by Matt Haig. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials.

Graytown

LIGHT Neighborhood Pantry at Elliston Zion UMC, 18045 W. William St., off Elliston Trowbridge Road, is open the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. to residents of Ottawa County who struggle with food insecurity. Staples include meat, bread and eggs; hygiene items also available. Donations of non-perishables welcome.

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St. programs include: Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Bingosize for Seniors presented by the Ottawa Co. Health Department, Mondays at 10:30 and Fridays at 1:30 p.m. (registration required);

Ottawa County Genealogy Society meets every 3rd Tuesday from 5:30-7 p.m.; Computer Lessons, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies; Needle Crafts Group, Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. – Bring your own supplies; Tai Chi Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; Pinochle Fridays 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.

Pemberville

Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the 2nd 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 1st Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon, 5520 Fremont Pike.

Walbridge

Red Cross Blood Drive, April 30, 12:30-6:30 p.m., Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd.

Sunday Euchre Tournaments, first and third Sundays of the month, Walbridge Tap Room, 413 N. Main St. Doors open at noon. Play starts at 4 p.m. \$10 entry 100% payout. Call 567-315-8451.

Crimson Lights Band will perform at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St, 2-5 p.m. on April 27 and May 11 and 25 (dates are subject to change). The bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with water and soft drinks Contact Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info.

Walbridge Branch Library, 108 N. Main St., programs include: Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; LEGO Block Party, Saturdays, May 3, June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2 from 2-4 p.m. (no registration required); Game Days, Wednesdays, 1 p.m. – Play games or bring your own game. For info, visit wcdpl.org/events.

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include Spring Storytimes, Thursdays in April, 10 a.m.; Button Bouquets (registration required), April 28, 6:30 p.m.; Kidz Art (registration required), May 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Grades K-6 invited to try a new technique. Learn more 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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Olivia Lang

Olivia has a GPA of 3.9 and is ranked 8th in her class. She is co-president and co-founder of the Plant Club, dancer and student teacher at the Fremont Ballet School and is vice president of the NAHS. Olivia is captain of the Varsity Football Cheer team and a member of FTA.



Olivia, the daughter of Shannen and Scott Lang, plans on attending the University of Akron and the Williams Honors College with a double major in English and Dance.

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Alayna Molter

Alayna has a GPA of 4.509 and is ranked 1st in her class. She is a member of Spanish Club, Drama Club, Tri-M Music Society and Yearbook. Alayna participates in Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field and the Spotlight Singers.


Alayna, the daughter of Char Stout and David Molter, plans on attending Bowling Green State University to pursue a career in Business.





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Adyson Bowe

Adyson has a GPA of 3.98 and is ranked 24th in her class. She is a 4 year member of the Eastwood Varsity Softball team and a 2 year captain. Adyson is a part of People Inc. which hosts blood drives with the Red Cross at the high school. She is studying multiple college courses through Findlay College and Bowling Green State University including Anatomy and WRIT.

Adyson, the daughter of Jake and Kendra Bowe, plans on attending Heidelberg University to study to become a Veterinarian and play softball. She plans to double major in Biology and Exercise Science and be a part of the Pre-Vet program.

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**Kara
Schneider**



Kara is a senior from Woodmore High School and is enrolled in the Dental Assistant program at Penta Career Center where she holds a GPA of 3.913. At Woodmore, Kara is active in varsity sports including volleyball, soccer, basketball, and softball. She has been a team captain for the volleyball team. As a Dental Assistant student, Kara is a member of HOSA, a career-technical student organization. Through HOSA she actively participates in providing dental health education programs in the community and at area schools. She has received her certification as an Ohio State Dental Radiographer. Kara also takes classes through Owens Community College where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. She has been an honor roll student both her junior and senior years at Penta.

After completing her training at Penta and graduating from Woodmore, Kara plans to attend Bowling Green State University (Firelands Campus) to study radiologic technology. She is the daughter of : Michelle & Michael Perkins and Mark Schneider.



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**Abby
Widmer**

Abby has a GPA of 4.129 and is ranked 8th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl and Drama Club. Abby participates in Marching Band and Choir.

Abby, the daughter of Ben and Val Widmer, will be attending Owens Community College to continue her studies in American Sign Language, Interpreting and Paralegal Studies. She hopes to become a Paralegal and eventually a Law student.

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**Derek
Roggelin**

Derek has a GPA of 4.209 and is ranked 14th in his class. He is a member of Marching Band, Concert Band and Boy Scouts. Derek participates in Soccer.

Derek, the son of Hilary and Aaron Roggelin, plans to start his Pre-Med at the University of Toledo by majoring in Biology.

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Stritch students to present Dinner Theater Cabaret

The Cardinal Stritch Music Department will present a Dinner Theater Cabaret May 3 and 4 on the school campus, 3225 Pickle Rd., Oregon.

The theme for this year's Cabaret, selected by the music department, is "The Cardinal Family Road Trip." The events will feature singing, instrumental performances and other entertainment.

On May 3, doors will open at 6 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:40 followed by the performance at 7 p.m.

Sunday's performance will begin at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1 p.m., with lunch served at 1:40 p.m.

Purchase tickets at www.bit.ly/Stritchcabaret25.

Wood SWCD poster contest

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and Wood Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are accepting entries for a poster contest to be held in conjunction with the 2025 Stewardship Week.

The Stewardship Week and contest theme, "Home is Where the Habitat Is," highlights the essential role of both natural and managed habitats in the NACD's conservation efforts.

The Wood SWCD is offering an opportunity for Wood County K-12 students to create a hand-drawn, digital or Braille poster focusing on a stewardship message. The deadline to submit posters to Wood SWCD for 2025 NACD Poster Contest is Friday, May, 2.

Find more details at woodswcd.com, email wcswcd@woodswcd.com or call 419-354-5517, ext. 4.

Hershiser at BGSU commencements

As part of its Spring 2025 Commencement exercises, Bowling Green State University will welcome former Falcons baseball player Orel Hershiser as commencement speaker, where he will share with graduating students his story of per-



severance and journey to becoming a Major League Baseball standout.

The BGSU Athletics Hall of Famer will speak at all three Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 3.

In recent years, Hershiser has re-engaged with BGSU, becoming a champion of the University, its baseball program and the many opportunities it offers to students.

Williams receives Golden Apple Award

Ohio Parents For Education Freedom (OHPFEF) presented State Rep. Josh Williams with the Golden Apple Award for his support of online learning and education freedom in Ohio.

Williams accepted the award at Online Learning Day, held at the Ohio Statehouse in March.

"School choice has always been important to me and my family," Williams said. "I'm honored to accept the Golden Apple Award. Every family in Ohio deserves the ability to choose the best education for their kids."

Learn more about education freedom in Ohio at OHPFEF.org.

April 27 Color Run

The 2025 Color Run sponsored by Lake High School Yearbook will be held Sunday, April 27, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Main Street Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd., Walbridge.

The event is open to all ages and ability levels. Participants can choose a 1- or 2-mile course. The cost is \$10 per participant.

Participants may sign up at the event.

Penta students inducted into National Technical Honor Society

Twenty-four Penta Career Center students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) during a special ceremony held April 3 at the school.

The NTHS, which is similar to the National Honor Society at comprehensive high schools, recognizes students for scholarship, leadership, service and character. Membership in the NTHS at Penta requires students to maintain excellent attendance, good behavior and a 3.5 overall grade point average. In addition, inductees must meet the four core objectives of NTHS (career development, leadership, service, and recognition opportunities).

Local students selected for induction into the 2025 NTHS at Penta include:

- Riley Byington (Lake), Exercise Science & Sports Medicine.
- Abigail Coutcher (Oak Harbor), Welding.
- Leland Mowery (Eastwood), Sophomore Exploratory.
- Steven Nelson (Eastwood), Construction Carpentry.
- Toby Niederkorn (Northwood), Exercise Science & Sports Medicine.
- Harleigh Ramey (Genoa), Sophomore Exploratory.
- Aubrey Wightman (Eastwood), Medical Technologies Academy.
- Arrianna Zunk (Genoa), Construction Remodeling.

Each NTHS inductee received a membership certificate, pin, window decal, NTHS spirit wear, and a white tassel to be worn at graduation. Senior inductees will also receive purple and silver cords and a seal for their diploma.

Shipman-Stolar inducted

Michelle Shipman-Stolar, of Luckey, was elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, at The University of Toledo.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.



Ian Sander earns grant

Ian Sander of Pemberville, has been awarded a spring 2025 Theory-to-Practice Grant from Ohio Wesleyan University. Part of the OWU Connection, the competitive, university-funded grants support research, internship, service, and cultural-immersion opportunities.

Sander, a sophomore, will complete a project titled "Secrets of the Sailfin: Impact of Social Environment on Gut Microbiome of Sailfin Mollies (*Poecilia latipinna*)," in collaboration with sophomore Doyi Kim of Namyangju-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea, and faculty members Andrea Suria, Ph.D., assistant professor of Biological Sciences, and Shala Hankison, Ph.D., associate professor of Biological Sciences.

"This research will provide critical insights into the ecological and health implications of gut microbiome diversity in fish, benefiting aquaculture, conservation, and environmental health," Sander said. "Furthermore, this research will contribute to broader ecological studies by exploring microbiome-mediated interactions between host organisms and their environment, with potential implications for biodiversity monitoring and ecosystem health assessments."

For the spring grant cycle, Ohio Wesleyan awarded grants totaling nearly \$88,000.

After the students complete their OWU Connection experiences, they will prepare reports and presentations based on their objectives and experiences, with many presenting at the university's annual Spring Student Symposium.

Learn more about the OWU Connection at owu.edu/connection.

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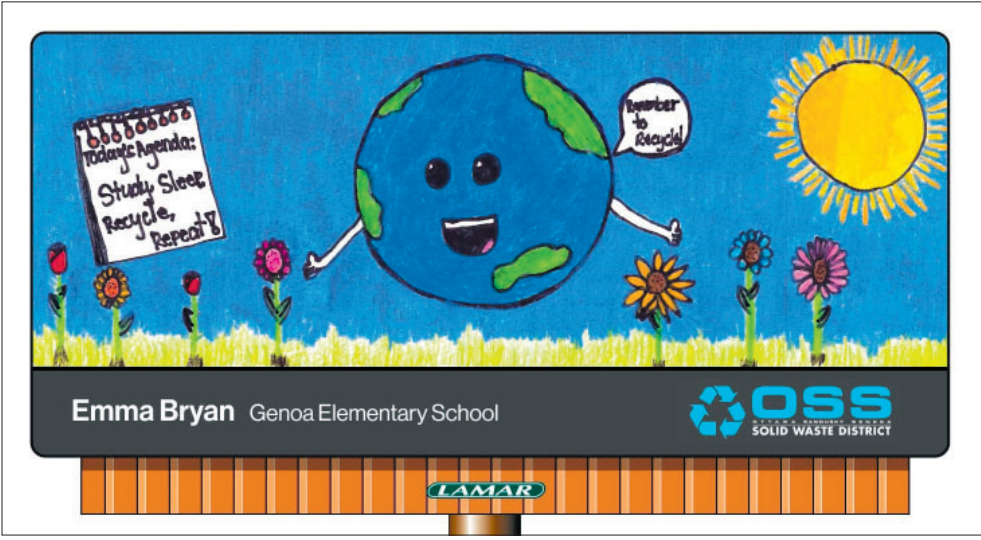
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Genoa, Oak Harbor students earn honors in Billboard Contest



By Press Staff Writer

Two local students submitted winning designs in the OSS Solid Waste District's Billboard Contest and earned the honor of having their artwork displayed for all to see in their communities.

The annual contest encourages fifth graders to create a design with a recycling or litter prevention theme. Winners' billboards are being posted throughout April in celebration of Earth Day.

District staff voted for nine winning designs (three each from Ottawa, Sandusky and Seneca counties) from among 891 entries.

Locally, winning designs were created by Genoa Elementary School student Emma Bryan and Oak Harbor Intermediate School student Mia Siegler.

Bryan's billboard design was installed on SR 51 west of Main Street in Genoa. Siegler's design was installed on SR 163 west of Benton Street in Oak Harbor.

The winners, along with their respective schools, received replica mini billboards featuring their artwork as a tangible reminder of their achievement and the impact they've made.

Additionally, the winners received "no

waste" lunch supplies to emphasize the importance of sustainable practices in their daily lives.

The District commended all the students and schools that participated in the contest. "Together, they've demonstrated the power of creativity, education, and collective action in shaping a greener, more sustainable future for our communities," said Tim Hassinger, district communications and outreach specialist. "With each billboard that goes up, their messages will continue to inspire and remind us all of the importance of caring for our planet."

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Sports



Talented athletes lead area girls track teams

By Yaneek Smith
Press Sports Editor
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Eastwood is once again looking to compete for a league title and beyond this year.

At the Napoleon Invitational, Eastwood’s Josie Appelhans won the 100 and 200 with times of 12.90 and 27.26, respectively, while Leah Emch was fourth in 5:34.09 in the 1600 and third in 11:55.98 in the 3200. Mallory Sandberg was third in the 100 hurdles (16.50).

“Josie has worked really hard, especially coming back from a major injury,” Eastwood coach Nathan Howard said. “What makes her so special is how coachable she is — she really wants to get better and is able to take what her coaches tell her and put it into practice. She’s also a great competitor.

“Leah has been consistent over the last four years. There aren’t a ton of female distance runners that are able to improve every year, but Leah has gotten better every year in both cross country and track. Mallory has been a really strong leader for our team. She sets the example for the younger girls, and she’s not afraid to speak up.”



Kennedy Slates



Stella Rethman

There were a number of Eagles who did well in the field events, too, like Camille Foos (4-8 in the high jump), Bella Provo (15-4.5 in the long jump), Kyrie Henline (9-0 in the pole vault), Piper Sutton (8-0 in the pole vault), Kennedy Ameling (99-10 in the discus and 31-0.5 in the shot put) and Harper Rollins-Morlock (31-1.5 in the shot put).

Oak Harbor sophomore sprinter Olivia Cherry is back to lead the Rockets, just one season after she placed in two events at the Division II state track and field tournament.

Last season, Cherry was eighth in the 400 meters and was part of a 4x400 relay team that included Effie Schulte, Kennedy Slates and Olivia May that came in sixth.

At the A.W. Hendricks Invite, Cherry took first in the 400 in 58.42, and teammate Hayley Fallgren was fourth in 1:03.15. Kendall Gaines was second in the 800 (2:28.75), followed by Slates, who was third in 2:28.88. Schulte placed third in the 100 (13.17) and Miyanna Gardner was fourth in 13.29 while May finished fifth in the 200 (27.38).

Camdyn Fauver was third in the 100 hurdles (16.53) and teammate Abigail

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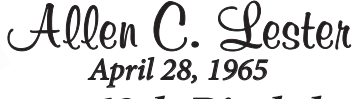


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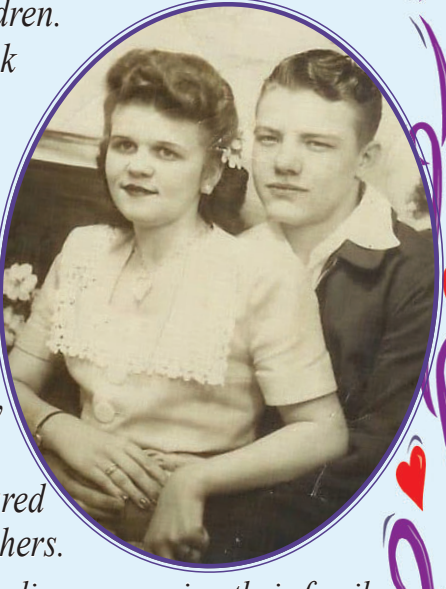
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Cleo and Betty have been blessed with a growing legacy of love: 3 Children, 6 Grandchildren, 12 Great-Grandchildren & 9 Great-Great-Grandchildren.

Their journey of faith took a profound turn in 1953 when they were baptized at Church of the Open Bible. Since then, they have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord, most notably through their work in Elder Ministry and a life-changing mission trip to Haiti, where they shared God's love and hope with others.

In celebration of this extraordinary occasion, their family has made a heartfelt donation to the "Building Fund" at Calvary Church in Maumee, Ohio in Cleo and Betty's honor, continuing their legacy of generosity and service to others.

Please join us in Congratulating Cleo and Betty Rau on their 80th Wedding Anniversary -a true testament to a life lived in love, faith, and unwavering devotion to each other and to God.



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At the Napoleon Invite, Oliver ran the 100 in 11.25, the 200 in 22.88 and had a leap of 21-6 in the long jump while Lewis ran the 110 hurdles in 15.35, the 300 hurdles in 41.51 and had a leap of 6-2 in the high jump.

Poiry, who will continue his career at the University of Findlay, is a standout in the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles – similar to Lewis.

“Dayquan was a regional qualifier in the long jump and the 4x400 relay and was seventh in the 400 at regionals,” Eastwood coach Brian Sabo said. “He was an indoor state placer in the long jump and the 4x200 relay.

“Andre Lewis was a state qualifier in the high jump last year, a regional qualifier in the 300 hurdles and the 4x400 relay, and he was an indoor state placer in the 4x200 relay. Jesse Poiry qualified for regionals in the 110 hurdles last year and the 300 hurdles in ‘23. He was a state placer in the 60 hurdles in indoor track, as well as the

4x200 relay, and qualified for state in the 4x400 relay, also for indoor track.”

At the Lakota Invite, **Woodmore** had a respectable showing. Wildcat senior Derek Blausey ran the 800 in 2:07.69, Landon Rich finished the 100 in 11.55, Brady Thatcher ran the 400 in 54.75 and was followed closely by teammate Colton Shaner, who finished in 55.98.

The 4x400 relay team of Blausey, Thatcher, Shaner and Adyn Smith finished second at the Lakota Invite in 3:39.33.

Smith had a leap of 10-6 in the pole vault, Ryan Maynard (39-8.5 in the shot put) and Jesse Lopez (18-2 in the long jump) also had good showing.

“We have a pretty young team, but we are excited about their potential, especially in the relays,” Woodmore coach Lacy Seamans said. “On the field side, we are seeing points from Adyn in the pole vault, Ryan Maynard in the shot put and Jesse Lopez in the long jump.”

Cardinal Stritch coach Jeff Kesselring has a team that is learning the ropes, and junior King Wilson is one of his top ath-

letes.

At the Jim Hauser Pirate Relays, Wilson was third in the long jump with a leap of 19-0.25 and finished fourth in the 100 in 12.29.

Two other Cardinals that are expected to contribute this season are Breyon Jones in the 400, 800 and long jump, and Connor Rowland in the 100, 200 and long jump.

Genoa coach Luke Hodulik knows his team has potential, especially Nathan Kessler and R.J. Adkins.

At the most recent invite, the A.W. Hendricks Invitational, Adkins was fourth in the 100 in 11.19 and fourth in the 300 hurdles in 42.42. Kessler took second in the 400 in 50.08 and placed fourth in the 200 in 22.70.

Teammate Braden Leshner was third in the 1600 in 4:51.60, Zayden Dunn was third in the pole vault with a jump of 11-6, Chase Cooper placed fourth in the 3200 in 10:54.75, Adam Knight took fifth in the long jump with a leap of 18-6.5

Lake coach Jason Schober is particularly happy with three of his athletes, two sprinters and a thrower in Luke Steep, Brady Hayward and Matt Nietz.

Steep competed in indoor track during the winter and won the 800 and 1600 at the Van Buren Invite, setting a record in the 1600 in the process. His best times are pretty good at this point in the season — the 400 (55.52); the 800 (2:04.58); and the 1600 (4:37.21).

“He ran a lot of indoor meets,” Schober said. “We’ve only had three meets so far (in outdoor track). Against Eastwood, he won the 800 and the 1600 and anchored the 4x400 and the 4x800.”

Hayward, a senior like Steep, qualified for the indoor state track meet in the 60 hurdles and the high jump. As of now, his best times are in the 110 hurdles (15.37), the 300 hurdles (40.52), the 400 (55.52) and the 100 (11.49). He has a leap of six feet in the high jump and covered 20-09 in the long jump.

“Against Eastwood, he won the 110 hurdles and long jump and came in second in the 300 hurdles,” Schober said. “At the Van Buren Invite, he won the 110 hurdles, was second in the 300 hurdles and came in third in both the high jump and the long jump. In our first meet against Genoa and Northwood, he won all four events, both hurdles and both jumps.”

Sophomore Matt Nietz is doing very, very well as his best throw in the shot put is 52-09.5, and his best throw in the discus is 150-04.75. He finished sixth in the indoor state meet in the shot put.

Big things could be on the horizon for Nietz, who broke school records in the shot put (54-1) and the disc (156-2) April 22.

“He has not lost yet this season in shot put or discus,” Schober said.

Frank Swails III was third at the Van Buren Invite in the 3200 (11:02.32), Andrew Solomon finished fourth in the pole vault (10-0) and Isaac Romero was third in the shot put (45-9).

At the TPS City Meet No. 2, which was held at Bowsher High School, **Waite** senior Tyquawn Goetz finished second in the 200 with a time of 24.22, and teammate Dezmund Jackson was fourth in 25.04.

In the 800, the Indians took the top three spots. Elias Valdez was first in 2:12.45, followed by Gavin Harmon (2:25.70) and Adam Aranda (2:27.58). Valdez also won the 1600 in 4:57.36, Oscar Valdez was fourth in 5:22.99 and Angel Rodriguez finished in sixth in 5:30.32.

Rodriguez came in third in the 300 hurdles (52.45), followed by Bryan Ceja-Bahena, who ran a 57.03.

In the field events, Keshawn Houston was fifth in the high jump with a leap of 5-6 and Terron Belle won the long jump (19-1.25).

At the Napoleon Invite, **Clay** senior Ben Roberts led the way, finishing first in the 800 (2:02.63) and the 1600 (4:33.53). Tanner Reindel was third in the 800 (2:08.27). In the 400, Joey Yarrito was third (53.54) and Brody Cszimar was fourth (54.19), and in the 110 hurdles, Barack James finished second in 14.81.

The highest finisher in the field events was Derek Harmer, who had a leap of six feet in the high jump.

Northwood junior TaeVe’ion Greene had the best showing of any Ranger at the Lakota Invite, placing second in the 110 hurdles in 16.42 and second in the 300 hurdles in 43.43, respectively.

“Aside from a good work ethic, Tae’s personality is infectious,” Northwood coach Jeremy Lewin said. “He always seems like he’s having a good time, and that rubs off on a lot of his teammates. During practice, he is always willing to help out with the other hurdlers. When it comes to his hurdle preparation and races, he is always determined to do better.

“In his 300 hurdle race on Tuesday, where he was essentially running by himself, he still dropped time from the previous week, accomplishing a new PR in the process.”

Nick Reinhart was fifth in the pole vault with a leap of 10-6

Obituaries

James



On a glorious Easter Day, Lila K. (Miranda) James was called home to be with her Lord and Savior. Lila was born on October 30, 1931 to Henry and Della Miranda.

She attended Waite High School.

She married Arvin Lee James in 1948 and went on to have 6 children. Lila enjoyed traveling all over the world making friends wherever she went. Her many hobbies included reading Amish themed stories, romance and amateur detective books along with her Bible. She enjoyed puzzles and collecting (bears, puzzles, books, Christmas Villages and more!).

In 1982, when she was 50 years old, she graduated with an Associate Degree in Applied Business/Hospitality Management from Owens Community College. Her family was extremely proud of her. Lila went on to be President of the Luckey American Legion – Unit #240 Woman’s Auxiliary. She was an active member of the former United Brethren Church of Walbridge and recently the Main-street Church, Moline, Ohio.

Lila is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 60 years Arvin, daughter Della (Larry) Nelson, son-in-law Mark Berman, great granddaughter Lila Rose Brown, sisters Vivian and Joyce and brothers Henry and Wayne.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Wendell (Deborah) James, Kathy Berman, Lynn (Linda) James, Edward (Christine) James, and Vickie James. 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren will carry on her legacy.

Memorial visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025 with Services on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sunrise Cremations and Funerals home located at 701 N. Main St., Walbridge, OH 43465. Burial will take place at Lake Township Cemetery following the Service.

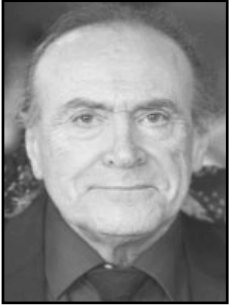
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Starkey



Joseph “Joe” Starkey III, 76, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly from a motorcycle accident, Friday, April 18, 2025. Joe was born November 10, 1948, in Toledo, Ohio, to Joseph Jr and Dorothy (Hatch) Starkey.

A lifelong resident of East Toledo, Joe attended Raymer Elementary School and graduated from Waite High School in 1966. Following graduation, Joe enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving for three years. He served aboard the USS America as a top clearance radioman during Vietnam. Following service in the Navy, Joe worked for Foodtown Supermarket until the store closed and retired from Riker Products. One of his greatest moments was going on Honor Flight with his good friend, Mike. The welcome home celebration meant the world to him. Joe’s niece, Heather and nephew Justin, captured his heart forever. He loved being “Uncle Joe”.

Joe is survived by his sister, Debbie (Paul) Lenkey; niece, Heather (Jeffrey) Beam; nephew, Justin (Stephanie) Lenkey; great nephews, Parker, Spencer, and Avery Lenkey; and Elliott Beam; beloved dog, Pal; along with many loving family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends at the Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Oregon Chapel, 440 S. Coy Road, Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Private interment: Lake Township Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers may be directed to Toledo Animal Rescue or any animal rescue or veterans’ organization.

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Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2025 to the Municipal Bldg. M-F, 8am-3:30pm, Mailed: PO Box 156, Woodville, OH 43469, Faxed: 419-849-3045, or Email: administrator@woodville.net E-O-E

Clay Township Police Department Seeks Voter Support For 2025 Replacement Levy

The Clay Township Trustees have voted to place a replacement levy for the Clay Township Police Department on the May 2025 ballot. The two levies, a 1.5 mill levy passed in 1986, 37 years ago, and a 2.8 mill levy, passed in 1998, 26 years ago. Given the fact that these millage rates are not tied to inflation and that costs continue to rise, we take great pride in having made it almost three decades without asking for additional funding.

It is important to note that this is a replacement, **not a new tax**. The levy will continue to provide for salaries, insurance, cruisers, equipment, and day-to-day operating costs for the department, all of which have increased greatly over the last 30 years. This will in turn ensure the continued safety and security of the residents of our township 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The renewal will cost the average Clay Township homeowner, of a \$100,000 home, \$7.11 per month or \$85.32 annually.

About the Clay Township Police Department

The Clay Township Police Department is a full-time and full-service department serving the residents of Clay Township. The department responded to 2,295 calls for service during 2024. These calls included injury and non-injury accidents, medical and domestic calls, wellness checks, assistance to other emergency services, and lock-out calls, just to name a few.

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CITY OF NORTHWOOD
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Wales Road.
Items to be discussed:
•B.P., property owner, 210 Chantilly Rue, request for a 2’ (two-foot) variance from N.C.O. 1250.06(b)(2) to allow for a 6’ high privacy fence in the side yard.
•R.R., property owner, 236 Bradner Rd., requesting a variance from N.C.O. 1282.08, Parking and Storage of Boats and Recreational Vehicles, to allow for a combination of up to 4 trailers to be parked outside of a structure on his property.

Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Tuesday of each month as needed.

Attest:
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CITY OF NORTHWOOD
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The Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Wales Road. Items to be discussed:
•Conditional Use Application under N.C.O. 1275.02 (b)(16) for 2551 Woodville Road, Swaminarayan Properties, LLC, requesting approval to operate a restaurant with a drive-thru.
•Final Site Plan Approval under N.C.O. 1275.10(a)(b), 2551 Woodville Road, Swaminarayan Properties, LLC, requesting approval to renovate and add a drive-thru lane to the existing building.

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The Project includes the following Work: Construction of a new 150,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and a new 12” waterline, cathodic protection, tank mixer, demolition of the existing 100,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, and other appurtenances.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
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