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Oregon council discusses land acquisition, retirements

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Oregon held its latest council meeting on April 28, leading off with the passage of several ordinances for the acquisition of land for industrial development among other items.

Four ordinances for the acquisition of properties on Wynn Road and Corduroy Road were approved via emergency measure.

The property at 445 N. Wynn is slated to be purchased for \$378,000, 505 N. Wynn will be acquired for \$686,100 and 535 N. Wynn will be purchased for \$697,750. Meanwhile, 4961 Corduroy Road was priced at \$349,000.

The ordinances, which “authorize the mayor and finance director to enter into an agreement with the Oregon on the Bay Regional Economic Development Foundation to acquire land for industrial development, includes prices that are based on the appraised value of the home, plus 25 percent and moving expenses.

City administrator Joel Mazur made note of the properties at 505 and 535 N. Wynn Road, where the original price went up due to quotes for moving prices going up. He said 505 N. Wynn was originally \$660,500, while 535 N. Wynn was originally \$680,250.

Bark park grant

The next order of business was to pass an ordinance to authorize the acceptance of a grant from America 250 Ohio, which will help with Jake and Cooper’s Bark Park Heritage Tree Project.

The city was awarded the sum of \$5,000, and those funds will be used to help plant trees at the bark park and make it more hospitable, as well as to create a memorial sign to commemorate the namesake of the park that will include a QR code for visitors to share their stories anonymously for the benefit of others.

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Students compete

Gracie Reebel, a freshman at Oak Harbor High School, is shown at the 5-County Art Show on April 26 with her drawing, which took second place in the chalk and dry pastels (figurative) category. Woodmore’s Lily Trevino won first place. See story on page 3. (Press photo by Nicholas Huenefeld)

Jake and Cooper’s Bark Park set to host annual 5K-9 walk/run

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The third-annual Jake & Cooper’s Bark Park 5K-9 Walk & Run, which also features a one-mile mutt strut and a best-dressed dog competition, is slated for May 18.

The event helps raise money for the bark park in its effort to help those struggling with mental health, and it honors Jacob Schaffer, who struggled with social anxiety, depression and addiction before accidentally overdosing in 2021.

When he passed, Jacob had an eight-month-old Australian shepherd, Cooper, which eventually led to the formation of Jake & Cooper’s Bark Park.

“The park itself gives us purpose,” Jacob’s father, Larry Schaffer, said. “The park itself gives Jacob’s death meaning. You know, losing a child, you can falter really quick. We needed something to keep Jacob’s name alive. We wanted something to make purpose of his death. And this is the best way we found to do that.”

And through two years, Schaffer is thrilled with how the event has grown, and especially the community’s support.

“The first two years have been phenomenal,” he said. “We’re hoping that the third year is even better. The community has really just stepped up and really accepted the dog park and our mission as well. The community support is just unbelievable. It has blown my wife (Jane) and I away.

“We wanted something to make purpose of his death. And this is the best way we found to do that.”

“We’re getting runners from Sylvania, we’re getting runners from all over the area. And each year we hope to increase that. As you build on something each year, you want it to grow. So that’s our goal is to keep it growing.”

The event begins at 9 a.m. and will be held at the 2.3-acre bark park, which is located at the Eastern Community YMCA at 2960 Pickle Rd. The entry fee for either the 5K-9 or the one-mile mutt strut is \$35. Runners can sign up by visiting JakeAndCoopersBarkPark.com.

Participants can either run or walk in the 5K and mutt strut, which is the park’s premier annual event, and they can bring their dog, too. The park is normally membership only, but everyone is welcome for this event. The dogs just need to be on a leash.

The event was created as a way to fundraise money for the park.

“We needed some type of fundraiser to help promote the dog park and to further our mission as far as mental health,” Schaffer said. “We want it to be the best dog park in the area which I think we’ve accomplished, but inside the dog park, it all deals with mental health because of Jacob.”

Schaffer said they host tough topics events once a month, which deal with mental health. That includes psychiatrists, nurse practitioners and people currently in sobriety, among others, speaking to the community. They recently hosted an event for mothers who have lost children due to addiction.

“Just so people know that they’re not alone,” Schaffer said. “There’s no stigma to this. Realistically, we probably all have mental health issues somewhat, and some are much greater than others. But if we could just be a place where people can connect or we can connect people to the right people (is our mission).”

Schaffer said they are still building to where they want to be.

“Right now, we’re pretty grassroots as far as with the mental health,” Schaffer said. “We’ve had some rehab places come talk to us, and we’re trying to figure out how we can work with them and how they can work with us.

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Quote of The Week

How about we save the taxpayers some money and pick a little more of the “low hanging fruit”?

Robert Shaw
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The city partnered with Jake and Cooper’s Bark Park to create a place where people struggling with mental health issues can safely gather, share stories and attend free educational sessions.
The America 250 Ohio program, which is tasked with preparing the state for the 250th anniversary of the United States, provides community-focused grants aimed at helping local communities plant, organize and move forward a program or event that aligns with America 250 Ohio initiatives in two broad categories: storytelling and education.
These grants are further dedicated to funding programs and initiatives commemorating Ohio’s important contribution to American history.

Other ordinances passed

- An ordinance authorizing the purchase of a Direct-Link Bridge Series Crisis Response System, which will be used by the Oregon police division for the crisis negotiating and special response teams.
- An ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with Kleinfelder to provide professional surveying services for annual waterline replacement at the Starr Avenue addition in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 plus easement description preparation in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 per easement.
- An ordinance authorizing the city to enter into an agreement with Hickory Shores Condominium for the acquisition of a perpetual easement to construct, operate

and maintain a multi-use trail and access drive for the Oregon Trail Bikeway, Phase 2 project.

Retirements and more

Jim Reindel, who has served as a volunteer firefighter for the past 28 years, will retire effective May 28.
Jeff Nissen, who has been a firefighter and paramedic in the city of 37 years, is retiring July 11.
Firefighter Tim Whited resigned effective April 21.
Firefighter Robert Tolles retired effective April 18.
The city’s executive assistant, Sandy Garverick, will also retire July 31 after 31 years of service. Her last day will be May



Running with color

Students from Lake Schools participated in a Color Run on April 27. At left, senior Adeana Cowell spearheaded the idea as a fundraiser project to help lower the cost of the school yearbook. She has been doing the fundraiser using t-shirt sales since her sophomore year. Bottom photo, Brycon Haines got an extra douse of color. The event was held on the grounds of the Mainstreet Church, Walbridge. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

14. “All of you have probably watched Sandy in action, and Sandy truly does live up to the deal of living her job here, and she does it so sincerely as well as naturally,” Oregon mayor Mike Seferian said. “I will certainly miss Sandy, and I’m sure the rest of you will, too.”
Mazur echoed those comments on Garverick, who has worked with four administrators and three mayors.
“It is a tough loss for us because as everybody knows as soon as you walk into the city building and walk into the administration side, it can sometimes turn into what we call Grand Central Station,” he said. “It gets really busy sometimes with all the meetings in the conference room and

the general public coming in and out asking questions.
“(Sandy) handles things very well. She’s a rock. She’s been amazing the two and a half years I’ve been here. She will be sorely missed. But I’m more than happy for her. She deserves it.”
The city also re-appointed Kayley Wolfe as an office assistant at the rate of \$13.75 per hour. She has previously worked as a seasonal employee in the law department and assisted in various departments in clerical work filling in for vacations and sickness.

Accident update, discussion

Assistant police chief Mark Mullins
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Students compete in 57th annual Five-County Art Show

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Oak Harbor High School was the site for the 57th annual Five-County Art Show on April 27, where a slew of local students showcased their skills.

“It’s not only good for the school, but it’s also good for our community because when we have different people from other communities coming in here, they see what Oak Harbor’s all about,” Oak Harbor art teacher Elly Gilbert said. “They go to restaurants in town and help support downtown Oak Harbor as well.

“It’s important for the students because it’s a confidence booster. If someone’s kind of timid or it helps them get out of their shell a little bit and feel more comfortable with who they are and what they can create, (it can) give them that confidence booster to push themselves further in life.”

Art teachers from Erie, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca and Wood County had students in the competition, which included participants from Oak Harbor, New Riegel, Lake, Danbury, Lakota, Hopewell-Loudon, Otsego, Woodmore, Genoa, Margaretta and Eastwood.

Gilbert, who helped put together and manage the event, said all the schools and the students compete on an even playing ground.

“It’s a great show for students to feel very proud of the work that they have accomplished,” she said. “Everyone who participates is (from) a smaller school. It’s an invitational art show so all of these schools only have one art teacher. It’s not like the larger schools, who may have a specific ceramics teacher or a specific drawing teacher. We are jacks of all trades.”

The competition included students from middle school (sixth-eighth grades) and high school.

“Many times the same schools participate,” Gilbert said. “Sometimes new teachers are hired in different districts. They may take a year off, they might come back. We have had a little of that this year, but most of them are recurring ones.

“It’s neat to see the differences with the teachers and their styles change, and man there are some good art teachers. They really, they truly are.”

Art professors from places like the University of Toledo were on hand, as well as David Wolff, who is a retired teacher from Edison High School. He helped create some of the categories 20-plus years ago.

“It’s neat to have him back as a judge and see the other side of things because he would just drop artwork off, but now he’s actually seeing the judging process,” Gilbert said. “Then I have my student helpers here. It’s nice for them to see the judging process. They don’t say anything, but they can hear all of the constructive criticism that’s being done - the positive, the negative, the areas of improvement. So it’s beneficial for them to hear that as well.”



Avery Maluchnik, a senior from Genoa High School pictured above, is shown with one of her pieces of art, where she earned multiple honorable mention ribbons in ceramics and painting acrylics (objective and figurative) categories. Bottom left, Hannah Stahl, a senior at Lakota High School, is shown with her design, which earned her first place in the 2D mixed media category. She totaled six top-two finishes in separate categories, including four first-place honors. Bottom right, Celeste Ball-ester, a seventh grader at Genoa Middle School, is shown with her ribbon.

For students like Kian Hammer, an eighth-grader at Hopewell-Loudon who had his work displayed for the first time in the competition, the experience is “pretty cool.”

Hammer took first place in the oil pastels (figurative) category with a piece of art he created a couple of months ago.

“It’s fun making it,” he said. “I took a picture of myself and drew myself first, then erased half of it and drew something that represented me, so I put football and the cheeseburger.”

Best of show awards at the high school level included: New Riegel sophomore Libby Bumb (2D first place and 2D runner-up); Otsego senior Josie Zeller (3D first place); and Otsego senior Lillian Griggs (3D runner-up).

The Port Clinton Artist Club also awarded Genoa junior Millie Wilcox (1st Place), Oak Harbor freshman Jeven Buehler (2nd Place) and Oak Harbor senior Lusine Torikyan (3rd Place) with recognition.

Wilcox also won the People’s Choice award.

Best of show awards at the middle school level included: Otsego eighth-grader Maya Burris (2D first place); Otsego eighth-grader Callie Hartman (2D runner-up); Woodmore eighth-grader Olivia Sentle (3D first place); and Genoa eighth-grader Isabella Sondergold (3D runner-up).

Genoa’s Rebecca Sheldon won the People’s Choice award.

“It’s great,” Gilbert said of the competition. “The students are very proud of their work. They love to have it shown off.”

TARTA launches new user-friendly website

Getting information about and communicating with the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) became much easier with the launch of a new website in late April.

Created in a collaborative process with Station Four of Jacksonville, Florida, the new tarta.com is designed with the customer in mind and provides easier navigation and a faster path to providing the information users want.

The site features several upgrades including:

- A trip navigator on the front page of the site.
- Real time arrival information of TARTA buses.
- Streamlined navigation, making it easier for visitors to find what they want.

Enhanced options and better visibility for those viewing the site on a mobile device.

“From the look of this site to its capabilities for customers and everything in between, this will be an incredibly useful tool to easily access the information that people who depend on our mobility system need,” said TARTA CEO Laura Koprowski.

TARTA is making use of Station Four’s eTransit product, developed specifically for public transit agencies, to create a seamless experience for the user and make it simple to plan a trip. In the coming weeks, TARTA’s services beyond fixed route – such as TARTA Move paratransit and TARTA Flex on-demand – will be incorporated into the trip planner.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of May 5-9. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

May 5: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 6: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Elmore and Genoa locations, 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

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

May 8: Reproductive Health/Health Check, 7:30-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

May 9: Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Penta student wins turnpike poster contest

Josalyn Zeller (from Northwood High School) was one of five Penta students from the Digital Arts & Design program whose poster design was selected by the Ohio Turnpike in recognition of its 70th Anniversary. She is the only student from Northwood whose poster was selected. Josalyn’s poster, along with her fellow classmates’ posters, will be displayed at all of the Ohio Turnpike Service Plaza’s beginning Memorial Day Weekend. Her poster is one of 15 posters that will be displayed in the Ohio Turnpike Service Plazas since two other schools across Ohio also participated in the poster contest. (Submitted photo)

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provided details of an accident at Corduroy and Wynn on April 27.

A motorhome was stopped at the intersection, and the driver – believing traffic was clear – proceeded through the intersection only to be T-boned by a passenger vehicle that “was going a little bit faster than the normal speed.”

The motorhome careened off and nearly went into a home. Several of those involved were taken to the hospital for treatments, including one who was considered to be an intermediate trauma patient.

“That is a high impact area,” Mullins said. “We’ve seen quite a few accidents there. In the 30 years that I’ve been here, there’s been three deaths that I know of from that intersection alone. One was a very personal friend of mine.

“In your consideration for roundabouts, I talk about this a lot. I don’t believe that accident would have been stopped from happening, but it certainly wouldn’t have been as severe as it was.”

In response, councilman Steven Salander asked about past efforts at that intersection, and Oregon’s public service director, Paul Roman, provided some insight.

The city put up lights and signs that say cross traffic does not stop, and accidents went down, but they still get speeders. There was even a fatality within the past few years.

“There used to be a flashing red for Wynn and a flashing yellow for Corduroy, but ODOT put out a statement that they started taking those down because they confuse drivers,” he said. “If you’re not from the area, you may think it’s a red, and they’re going to stop, but they’re not.”

Getting vehicles to stop initially isn’t so much an issue as people believing it’s safe to go, Roman said. He also said they came up with bigger signs.

“Like this accident, it’s the classic two-way crash (situation),” he said. “They do stop. A rumble strip wouldn’t have mattered here. They do stop, they just think they can go. It may be a judgment of speed, or they think they’re going to stop and that it’s a four-way.

“I don’t know how to get it in their head that the cross traffic does not stop other than a blinking sign. That’s the concern. Corduroy, just like Brown, is wide open, so when you’re driving Corduroy, people go at higher speeds because you’re comfortable.”

Once the city is able to sign the agreement for the Wynn Road safety studies, Roman said there will be committee meetings to gather everyone’s thoughts

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and let a professional traffic engineer be involved and weigh in on it.

“It doesn’t mean a four-way can’t work,” he said. “I want to legitimately look at everything. We need to bring in a professional traffic engineer and look at these intersections. It isn’t just assumed to be a roundabout. It’s a question of why not a four-way stop, why not a traffic light.

“We know the volume isn’t there for a traffic light. The four-way stops could be used, but it’s the question of will you create more accidents. That’s my concern. Everyone loves giving their opinion on Facebook, but no one is going to take the liability by making the change and having more crashes.

“They’re not going to speak up at that point. That’s what I worry about. I legitimately worry about things like that, and I don’t want to make a bad decision. We weigh all this. Over the last so many years, we’ve looked at different things, and that was my plea two weeks ago. I don’t know what else we can do at these intersections. That’s the problem.”

Upcoming safety meeting

A safety committee meeting is slated for Monday, May 5 at 5:30 p.m. to go over the City of Oregon hunting zone, the peddler’s and solicitors permits, the police K-9 update, Everbridge notification systems and the traffic safety coordinator.

Biggest Week in Birding

Councilwoman Beth Ackerman noted that the Biggest Week in Birding is soon approaching and encouraged everyone to not only participate but be aware of campers, birders and boaters, and to have your heads and eyes on a swivel and be looking for people stopping suddenly to see a crane in the field, for example.

“Please be patient,” she said. “They bring in a lot of revenue to our city.”

P.E.R.I meeting May 5

The members of Public Employees Retirement Inc. (P.E.R.I.) Chapter #82, Ottawa County District 1 will meet Monday, May 5 at 1 p.m. in the Ottawa County Community Resource Center located at 8043 W. State Route 163 in Oak Harbor. There will be an update from the recent District 1 meeting. The meeting is open to all P.E.R.I members, P.E.R.I. guests, pre-O.P.E.R.S. and O.P.E.R.S. retirees of Ottawa County and the surrounding counties. If you have any questions, contact Peggy at 419-350-9854 and leave a message, or stop by the meeting.

Library to present Kinderskills program

Young children can build their skills for kindergarten at a Kinderskills program Thursday, May 8, at 2 p.m. at the Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St.

Kinderskills, geared toward ages 3-6, are activities designed to develop gross and fine motor skills. Every session starts with a reading of a picture book, then moves on to activities like throwing practice, balance, stretching, recognition activities and more.

Call 419-666-9900 for more information.

Donations sought

The Oak Harbor Post Office is seeking monetary donations for bags to give out to customers to fill on the day of their food drive on Saturday, May 10. It has set a goal to raise \$500 for the bags to put the food in for the food drive.

Contact Christina Shinevarre a Christina.L.Mulkey@usps.gov to arrange a monetary donation.

All the food donations will be sent to a local church/food bank in Oak Harbor.

Board to meet in special session

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

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

Voting on Election Day, May 6, will run from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Ottawa County polling locations.

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Jane and Larry Schaffer with Cooper. (Press file photo)

Bark Park

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“There’s stuff on the drawing table right now in terms of creating that. We are working diligently to create it. We’re working, too, that people can come to us and then that way we can direct them to where they need to be.

The park held an official “unleashing” ceremony on May 23, 2023, which was Jacob’s birthday. The park itself officially opened on Father’s Day that year, which coincided nicely with the first 5K event.

Jake and Cooper

Jake struggled with social anxiety, depression, and addiction. He had “a fighter’s spirit that never quit, attempting rehab and sober living several times, as many addicts do” according to Jake & Cooper’s official website.

In Jake’s sobriety, he decided that he needed a companion. After searching the internet high and low, he found one puppy left out of a litter in Cygnet, Ohio. Jake, his dad, and his sister drove to Cygnet on a cold February night to meet the puppy. On the drive, the three tossed out different names for the puppy, but it wasn’t until Jake met the little guy that he knew his name should be Cooper.

Cooper wasn’t ready to leave the litter, so Jake had to wait another week. On Feb. 23, 2021, Jake and his sister picked up Cooper. Cooper became Jake’s constant companion on that car ride home.

Jacob began to struggle with his addiction again. On Aug. 20, 2021, his addiction took him too soon, with Cooper never leaving Jake’s side until the very end.

Jennifer Kurtovic, the executive director of the Eastern Maumee Bay Chamber of Commerce and board member for the bark park, said Jake & Cooper’s is the story of an unfortunate tragedy that has led to something wonderful for the community.

“It’s a place for people with dogs to let them have some fun in a park, but it’s also a place that provides tremendous resources for those struggling with mental health and addition. It allows people to do both things.”

Looking ahead

Jake & Cooper’s Bark Park is getting

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ready to break ground on a pavilion. The park is providing the materials for it through community support and donations, and A.A. Boos & Sons, Inc. has agreed to build it at no cost.

The pavilion will have the Schaffer Circle, which unbeknownst to Larry and his wife, was created by the board as a way for people to recognize or honor people they may have lost or somebody who is in recovery. Once the pavilion is built, it will have those names and Jacob’s story, among other items.

“We’re hopefully breaking ground within the next few weeks,” Schaffer said. “A lot of the community is stepping up to provide the product that is needed to build the pavilion. Once that pavilion is built, it will have a donor’s wall in it. And I hate to say a timeline, but it will just relate Jacob’s story, what he went through, what the family went through, and basically how the community had stepped up.”

Eventually Schaffer hopes to add more stuff for the dogs, as well.

“The funds that are raised are used to keep the park up and to keep it the best dog park and to help provide our mission with the mental health aspect,” Schaffer said. “Eventually, we want to get agility equipment and splash pads for the dogs, but that takes time. I believe in two years we have accomplished a lot.

“It wasn’t just my wife and I and my daughters. It was the board and the community that has really wrapped their arms around us and supported us and created this. You know it’s not our dog park. It’s the community’s dog park. It’s just in memory of our son and his dog, Cooper.”

Oak Harbor High School Science Olympiad team shines at state competition

By Press Staff Writer

Oak Harbor High School’s Science Olympiad team had an exciting and historic day on April 26, competing for the third year in a row at the Ohio Science Olympiad State Tournament on the campus of The Ohio State University.

Led by team advisor, Laurretta Swint, Oak Harbor finished 22nd overall, which was the best in school history.

Only 40 schools qualify for the state tournament from eight regions across Ohio. Other schools from Northwest Ohio competing were Northview, Southview, Springfield and St. Francis.

Oak Harbor’s Derek Lochotzki (co-captain) and Kale John, medaled in two events: Tower (fourth place) and Air Trajectory (sixth place).

Oak Harbor’s other top 12 finishers included: Libby Snodgrass and Lily Wilson, who were seventh in Write-it-Do-it; Kalyssa Dehring and Austin Cherry, who were 10th in Material Science; Adan Greer and Emma Bradbury, who were 11th in Robot Tour; and Derek Lochotzki and Kale John, who were 12th in Helicopter.

The team also had five additional top 20 finishes: Derek Lochotzki and Austin Cherry, who were 13th in Electric Vehicle; Kale John and Derek Lochotzki, who were 14th in Wind Power; Hannah Hartigan (co-captain) and Gray Warren, who were 16th in Forensics; Madison Torres and Kalyssa Dehring, who were 17th in Chemistry Lab; and Madison Torres and Hannah Hartigan, who were 20th in Disease Detectives.



Fingerling fish sale

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a fingerling fish sale, to provide a convenient and affordable way for pond owners to stock their ponds.

Available fish species include bluegill, hybrid bluegill, redear shellcracker, channel catfish, largemouth bass, perch, fathead minnows and triploid white amur.

Order forms are available online at woodswcd.com or at the district office 1616 E Wooster St. (Greenwood Centre – The Courtyard), Bowling Green.

Fish orders and payments are due to the district office no later than 4 p.m., Monday, May 5. Fish pick-up will be Tuesday, May 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 W. Poe Rd., Bowling Green.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 150 years

May 4
1917: Future Toledo mayor Addison Thacher is shot and wounded in an attempt to stop a suspect holding the police chief at gunpoint. The bullet carved a three-inch furrow in Thacher's scalp. He would survive and become mayor in 1932.
1934: Machine gun toting bandits, including outlaw John Dillinger, shoot four people in daylight bank robbery in Fostoria.
1970: Toledoans are shocked by the shooting deaths of four students and protesters at Kent State University by Ohio National Guardsmen.

May 5
1813: Hundreds of Kentucky militiamen, under the command of Colonel William Dudley, are killed during War of 1812 near the Maumee River by Indians who had lured them into an ambush.
1883: The first professional game of baseball is played in Toledo as the Toledo Blue Stockings defeated Bay City 5-4. The game was played at League Park at Monroe Street and 15th St.
1904: More than 8,000 people attend the launching of the passenger ship, Indianapolis, at the Craig Shipyards in Toledo. The launch was a "first ever" all women's ceremony as women wielded the axes to sever the ropes sending the big ship into the Maumee.
1908: Toledo police officer James Boyle, an 11-year veteran, is shot and killed while questioning burglary suspects near the Toledo "tenderloin" district.
1919: Toledo's first major auto workers' strike begins at the Willys Overland and Auto-Lite factories, as 7,000 workers fight for better wages. Deadly violence and riots erupted days later.
1924: Toledo post office robbery suspects, Joe and Frank Urbaytis, who escaped from the Lucas County Jail in 1921, are recaptured near Columbus. Joe Urbaytis is wounded in a shootout with police, but recovers and is returned to Toledo for trial.

May 6
1932: Toledo residents are shocked by the brutal murder of a young woman in Old

Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert



West End. Winifred Rafferty, a dietician at Robinwood Hospital, was on her way to work when she was attacked.
1945: The USS Toledo, a heavy cruiser, is launched by the U.S. Navy as CA-133 from the Camden New Jersey Shipyards. Many dignitaries from Toledo attended the ceremony and presented a silver tea set for the officers' galley as a gift from the citizens of Toledo.
1975: The Toledo Goaldiggers make Toledoans cheer as they win the International Hockey League championship and Turner Cup.
1983: Future television and film actress Adrienne Palicki is born in Toledo. She is, perhaps, best known for her role in the TV series, Friday Night Lights.

May 7
1902: Tragedy strikes on the Maumee River when seven young church members, on a Sunday school outing, drown when a tugboat hits their launch near the Ironville docks. The inquiry lasted for months and the funeral for the victims was the largest such event in Toledo history.
1915: The great British passenger ship, the Lusitania is torpedoed and sunk by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland. Two



Willys-Overland shows off it's first "Jeep"

Wegert, Lewis recognized by Great Eastern Toastmaster's Club

By Press Staff Writer

The Great Eastern Toastmasters Club announced that Elmore's Matt Wegert placed second in the District 28 International Speech Contest on April 26 at the annual conference in Dearborn, Mich. The only contestant representing Ohio, Wegert is the vice president of membership for the club, which also announced that Oregon's Fred Lewis was elected to serve as the Division O director. He was sworn in at the same conference.
If you're looking to gain more self-confidence and grow in communication skills while learning in a relaxed, supportive environment, Great Eastern Toastmasters welcomes guests to join. They meet on the first



Tiedtke's department store fire.

Toledo passengers, William Homewood and Larry Linley, were among the 1,100 who died.
1931: Singing legend Teresa Brewer is born in Toledo as Teresa Breuer. She rose to national stardom in 1950 with pop hit, "Music, Music, Music."
1941: Willys-Overland shows off its first vehicle called the "Jeep". It is one of 1,300 prototypes being built for the Army prior to World War II.
1975: The historic Tiedtke's department store on Summit Street erupts into a massive inferno of flame, destroying the building and several others. The blaze marks the fiery end of a long time Toledo retail tradition.
May 8
1843: The Wabash and Erie Canal opens from Toledo to Fort Wayne, Ind. The first canal boat arrives in Toledo, and the first canal boat leaves Toledo for Lafayette, Ind.
1930: Toledo police engage in a fierce gun battle with three members of the "Dorr Street Gang" at a farmhouse on Dorr Street. Over 30 shots were fired, and gangster Claude Allen is shot dead.
1945: V-E Day arrives. Germany surrenders. Noisy demonstrations and celebrations spill out into the streets of the city with honking cars and jubilant pedestrians.

May 9
1912: A dental curiosity is being studied in Toledo, as 400 dentists meet to see the

and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in ProMedica Bay Park Hospital's Lake Erie Room in Oregon, which is located in the lower level behind the cafeteria. For more information, call Julie at 419-343-5569 or Matt at 419-261-0579.

Family Center to host 'Dress for Success'

The East Toledo Family Center will host "Dress for Success," a Job Connections and Resource Fair, Saturday, May 3, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the center, 1020 Varland Ave., Toledo.
Attendees will find opportunities for employment connections and get help with interview skills and resume building. New and gently used business appropriate attire will also be available, while supplies last.
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silver filling in the tooth of six-year-old John Schnitker. A filling that Schnitker was reportedly born with, his dentist Dr. Lyman Zarbaugh says it is true and calls it a "pre-natal filling of psychic influence."
1916: There is an announcement that the new Bay View Golf Course will be ready for play soon. The nine-hole course will be the city's second municipal golf course.
1969: Toledo Municipal Court Judge Clyde Deeds refuses to marry a 21-year-old couple in his courtroom because he says there was "too much levity" going on. He left the stunned bride in tears. Later Judge Reno Riley saves the day and marries the couple.

May 10
1933: Thomas "Yonnie" Licavoli and several gang members are found guilty in murder of Louise Bell, the girlfriend of rival mobster Jackie Kennedy. She had been shot dead in an attempted hit on Kennedy.
1937: A 22-year-old Evelyn Herzig of Toledo falls five floors from the new Secor Hotel and only sprains her ankle. Doctors are still pondering her miraculous survival.
1962: Ten people are killed and more than 45 people injured in a massive chemical plant explosion and fire at Maumee Chemical factory. The plant was located at Oak and Front Streets in East Toledo. It is still listed as city's deadliest fire.
1968: A major blaze at Westgate shopping center destroys nine stores in the popular shopping district in West Toledo.



The Louise Bell "death car."



Fred Lewis, Matt Wegert and Julie Selvey, the Great Eastern Toastmasters Club president, are pictured left to right at the annual conference on April 26.

Ottawa County SWAT makes arrest

By Press Staff Writer

On April 30, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, along with the Genoa Police Department, were attempting to serve a felony warrant on Dean Rahe at his residence of 23170 State Route 51 in Ottawa County. During this time, Mr. Rahe hid from law enforcement and barricaded himself in the basement area.
Additional units including Clay Township Police Department and the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team were dispatched to the scene.
The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office SWAT team made entry into the residence, apprehending Rahe and transporting him to the Ottawa County jail, where he is facing multiple charges in addition to his felony warrant.





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Opinion



Golden Advice

by Bryan Golden

Breaking Free

By Bryan Golden

Are there goals you have never attempted to achieve? Perhaps there are circumstances you would like to change. Life is fluid. What was important to you in the past may be of no interest today. Conversely, the things you find appealing today might never have meant much to you before.

Life can be like a tree, the more time you spend in the same situation, the deeper the roots grow. Although roots provide stability, they come with a tradeoff. Roots make it nearly impossible to change direction. If you are exactly where you want to be, roots are great. But in order to effectuate change, you must first break free from them.

Roots grow so slowly that you are not fully aware of their presence. Yet, the effect is the same regardless of whether or not you recognize their existence. However, frustrations usually become exacerbated when you sense something's holding you back but can not identify what it is.

You have the ability to break free. Doing so takes time, effort, and patience. Roots that have formed over many years are not typically broken overnight. Breaking free is a progression of several steps. The prospect of breaking free can be simultaneously exciting and intimidating. It may even seem overwhelming.

It doesn't matter what kind of roots have formed or why. Roots provide a sense of comfort in that they are known and familiar. Breaking free from your roots entails going into an unknown area which is often nerve-racking. It's not unusual for a person to prefer staying with the known even when doing so means remaining miserable.

Here are the steps which will enable you to break free of whatever is holding you back. Before you go any further, take some time to identify exactly what it is that is holding you back. You can not take the next step forward until you understand why you are where you are now.

Next, decide if you really want to break free. If you don't have a burning desire to do so, you won't. A casual feeling of "that would be nice" is not enough to provide the motivation required to succeed.

If you are not sure what you want to do, enumerate all the reasons to break free and compare them to the reasons not to. Additionally, you can list all of the benefits of breaking free compared to all of the advantages to remaining where you are now.

Once you have affirmed your determination to break free, you can put together a plan to get it done. This will be comprised of the individual steps that will take you to your desired goal. Then divide each step into a number of smaller steps that are easily manageable. If your steps are too big, they will seem overwhelming, and you will be hesitant to tackle them.

After your plan is in place, you must take action. If you do nothing, nothing will happen. You must begin with the first step listed in your plan and then continue with the second and each succeeding step until your goal is achieved.

At times, you may experience one or more setbacks. Don't worry about it. Get back on track and keep going. It doesn't matter if you stumble and fall. What's important is that you get back up.

Regardless of whatever is holding you back, you can break free. The more you work on it, the better you will get. There are untold opportunities awaiting you as you move forward in your life.

East Palestine schools sue Norfolk Southern for \$30M

By Anthony Hennen
The Center Square
Regional Editor

Citing broken promises and unpaid response costs, the East Palestine City District Board of Education sued Norfolk Southern on April 30.

The board's lawsuit wants \$30 million to recover losses it says it incurred as a result of the Feb. 3, 2023, train derailment that led to a toxic chemical burn and economic and environmental concerns across two states.

"This disaster upended our students' lives," East Palestine Superintendent James Rook said in a statement. "Norfolk Southern promised it would not 'walk away' and would help our community 'recover and thrive.' But Norfolk Southern did walk away from our students."

"East Palestine has not recovered from the perception of contamination and long-term health consequences. Student enrollment fell significantly in 2024 and will continue to fall because Norfolk Southern has broken its promises to 'make it right.' The impact on our students is heartbreaking."

"Our district will hold Norfolk Southern to its promises so we can continue to give our students the education they deserve."

Norfolk Southern told The Center Square the company has been clear about its commitment to do right by the East Palestine community and has committed more than \$1.1 million directly to the school district.

The company said that money has helped support the district's academics, athletics, extra-curricular and community programs.

Also, Norfolk said it has reimbursed the district for every invoice received and remains committed to taking other actions that line up with community priorities.

The suit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, says Norfolk Southern did not live up to its commitment to reimburse emergency response costs, including using school facilities as a command center.

The school system also helped house and transport residents during mandatory evacuation orders.

The district says Norfolk Southern backed out of building a \$30 million community wellness center at the school. The lawsuit says Norfolk Southern's contractor established the cost.

Finally, the district says the derailment lowered property values and residents' incomes in the area, which directly impacts school finances.

The school lawsuit follows another federal lawsuit filed in early February by 744 current and former East Palestine residents against Norfolk Southern, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other state agencies.

Those plaintiffs say the defendants have downplayed the impact of the chemical contamination.



A mural in East Palestine, Ohio. (photo via The Center Square)

As previously reported by The Center Square, the village and Norfolk Southern announced in January a settlement to resolve all claims from the derailment. Norfolk Southern agreed to pay \$22 million for priorities identified by the village in connection with the derailment.

In September, also as previously reported by The Center Square, a federal judge approved a \$600 million settlement that covered residents, property owners and businesses within 20 miles of the derailment site and chemical release.

That settlement called for personal injury payments of \$25,000 for those within two miles of the derailment and about \$1,000 for those 5-10 miles away.

Also, those within two miles of the site were scheduled to receive \$70,000 per household in direct payments, lowering by distance to about \$250 per household for those from 15-20 miles away from the derailment site.

That settlement was separate from the U.S. Department of Justice's \$310 million

settlement with Norfolk Southern. That deal came in the National Transportation and Safety Board's final report.

At about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, 2023, 53 Norfolk Southern train cars derailed in East Palestine, leading to a vent and burn of toxic chemicals.

At a public hearing in June 2024 in East Palestine, National Transportation and Safety Board Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy called Norfolk Southern's attempts to sway the investigation unprecedented and reprehensible.

She reiterated the board's finding that the eventual vent and burn following the crash was unnecessary, and the report said the crash could have been avoided.

It blamed the crash that forced the evacuation of more than 2,000 residents on the wheel bearing of rail car 23, which caught fire, causing the axle to fall off and derail the train.

The final report confirmed initial findings released a year ago and previously reported by The Center Square.

Letters

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Let's look at other options

To the editor: It seems as if it's weekly that an article is published in this paper touting the idea of putting a roundabout at the intersection of Williston and Fostoria roads, almost as though there is a need to convince the public that it's the only solution.

First one must question when the ODOT study was conducted. Anyone that regularly travels Williston Road knows that there is considerably more traffic during the summer months.

Yes, the rumble strips still work, but as for the flashing stop signs, if they flash, it must only be in the dark. Though state reg-

ulation does not require or prohibit them, it may help to have NO PASSING lines for this intersection and some advance NO PASSING signs.


When stopped on Fostoria Road on the north side of Williston, one must contend with three utility poles within a few yards of the other and two large signs to look for eastbound traffic on Williston.

Two of these poles could be eliminated with little work and the signs could be moved.

Better yet, all the utilities could be relocated. Utility re-location would be necessary to install the roundabout.

How about we save the taxpayers some money and pick a little more of the "low hanging fruit"?

Bob Shaw
Martin



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Entertainment

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Murder mystery comedy, ‘CLUE,’ coming to Stranahan May 6-11

Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they’ll never forget. Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or was it Colonel Mustard in the library with the wrench?

The American Theatre Guild will present “CLUE,” the hilarious murder mystery comedy inspired by the Hasbro board game and adapted from the fan-favorite film, for eight performances May 6-11 at the Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo.

The production is part of the 2024–25 Broadway in Toledo Series.

Tickets are available at BroadwayInToledo.com and StranahanTheater.com. Group ticket savings for 10+ are available by contacting Groups@ATGuild.org.

Museum Ships Open

The National Museum of the Great Lake’s museum ships, the Col. James M. Schoonmaker and Tug Ohio opened for the season May 1 after a winter hiatus.

Through Oct. 31, visitors will have the opportunity to step back in time and explore the 617-foot Schoonmaker cargo ship and the Tug Ohio, gaining insight into life on the lakes during the 20th century.

In addition to the ship tours, guests can also explore our museum galleries, which showcase captivating stories of the Great Lakes through artifacts, photography and interactive exhibits.

NMGL is located at 1701 Front St., Toledo. Visit nmgl.org for hours, tickets and updates.

Sourdough Made Simple

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will present “Sourdough Made Simple,” Tuesday, May 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the OJHS Educational Wing, 1133 Grasser St., Oregon. Parking is available off the Ansonia Street entrance.

The cost is \$35 per person, which includes starter, the class and recipes.

Call 419-902-5149 to register.

Live! In the House

The Matt Tolentino Band will bring the sounds of hot jazz and swing to the Pemberville Opera House Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. The concert wraps up the Live! In the House Concert Series presented by the Pemberville Freedom Area Historical Society.

The Pemberville Opera House is located at 115 Main St.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the door. Visit pembervilleoperahouse.org for more details.

Children’s Festival set

The inaugural KidsLinked Toledo-Rossford Children’s Festival presented by Once Upon a Child will be held Saturday, May 3, from 1-3 p.m. at TOCA Sports Center, 10020 S. Compass Dr. in Rossford. Early VIP entry will be offered from 12-1 p.m.

As a special offer, families may get a \$1 Unlimited Bounce Park Wristband, which includes Tunnel/Fort Zon. Register at

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Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife?

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ToledoRossfordChildrensFest2025.eventbrite.com.

Other event highlights include

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“Wicked” Sing-Along

Whether you’re “Popular” or like to “Defy Gravity,” follow the yellow brick to Imagination Station for a “Wicked” Sing-Along Saturday, May 17.

The first show will begin with the movie in the KeyBank Discovery Theater at 2:30 p.m., followed by a meet-and-greet with Elphaba and Glinda at 6:30 p.m.

The second show will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a meet-and-greet with Elphaba and Glinda, followed by the screening of the movie at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20. Visit imaginationstationtoledo.org for tickets and more

info. Imagination Station is located at 1 Discovery Way, Toledo.

Movies at the Library

Visit the Walbridge Library, 108 N. Main St., for a series of spring/summer movies.

Movies will be shown Saturdays May 10, June 14, July 12 and Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.

The lineup includes:

- May 10 – “Trolls: Band Together”
- June 14 – “Inside Out 2”
- July 12 – “Cars”
- Aug. 9 – “Moana 2”

Call 419-666-9900 for more details.

Sweetest Day Ever

Indulge your sweet tooth and explore downtown Bowling Green at the Wood County Chocolate Crawl, hosted by United Way of Greater Toledo, Saturday, May 10, from 2-5 p.m.

The event will start at Wooster Green, 100 S. Church St., Bowling Green.

Tickets are \$25 per person, granting access to one sweet item at over 20 local stops. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit Wood County community organizations, supporting initiatives that expand education, improve financial stability, enhance health, and provide housing for families in need.

Visit unitedwaytoledo.org/events/ for more details.

Herb & Plant Sale

The Lake Erie Herb Society will present a Herb & Plant Sale Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lakeview Park, Perry Street, Port Clinton.

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Salutes Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School’s April Student of the Month



Mackenzie Kinnie

Mackenzie has a GPA of 4.38 and is ranked 2nd in her class. She is president of the National Honor Society, Student Council treasurer, Yearbook co-assistant editor and a member of the Prom committee, Chess team, Quiz Bowl Team, Cardinal Core, ASL Club, Games Club, Peace and Quiet Club, KAIROS Leader and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Mackenzie was Soccer captain for three years, Basketball captain for one year, Softball captain for one year and was involved in Football.

Mackenzie, the daughter of Kimberly Kinnie and Robert Kinnie, plans on attending Denison University to major in Biology following a Pre-Med track.



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Naturalists to speak at Camp Sabroske

Camp Sabroske Lodge & Trails, 4405 N. Toussaint N, Rd., Oak Harbor, will welcome professional naturalists Bill Beaty and Jan Runyon May 13-20 and will present a special event Saturday, May 17.

The event schedule includes:

- 10 a.m.: Learning Bird Songs – Some birders do 95% of their birding by listening to the songs. Explore approaches to know birds by their songs (Indoor presentation with an option to step outside to listen).
- 1 p.m.: Birding Essentials for Everyone – Whether you are an experienced birder or beginner, this class will help you expand and improve your birding abilities. Attendees will explore appearance, behavior, location, sound, equipment and other topics. The brief indoor presentation will be followed by observations in the diverse habitat all within sight of the lodge.

Visit Beatty's and Runyon's Nature blog Nature Blog at wvbirdner.wordpress.com and Bill's photo website at www.agpix.com/photographer/prime/A0089650.html.

For more information about Camp Sabroske, call 419-898-6742.

Spark Creativity

Imagination Station is offering a series of "Spark Your Curiosity" Summer Camps for campers ages 6-8 and 9-13.

Fees for the weeklong camps are \$275 for science center members and \$300 for non-members.

See a listing of camp offerings and sign up at imaginationstationtoledo.org/programs-events/programs/summer-camp/

Summer at The Ribbon

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Try the 32-foot Mercy Health FitPark Climb rock wall every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from May 23-Aug. 30.

Refuel and recharge with food and drinks from The Garden by Poco Piatti, located next to The Ribbon inside Market Hall. Open daily for lunch, dinner and treats.

Visit metroparkstoledo.com for more details.

Free digital public art guide

The Arts Commission's "Art in Public Places" program has launched a new free digital public art guide on the Bloomberg Connects platform.

Access the guide at theartscommission.org/public-art/digital-public-art-guide.

Users can discover public artworks around the city, take self-guided tours with a live map, and listen to audio descriptions—from the mobile app or a web browser.

The guide also offers accessibility tools such as translation, screen reader support, transcripts, subtitles and alt-text to help visitors explore Toledo's Public Art collection.

"Hockey: exhibit heading into overtime

Imagination Station's "Hockey: Faster Than Ever" has been extended through Aug. 31 at Imagination Station.

Now all summer long, visitors can beat the heat and go on an exciting journey, seeing the remarkable technical advancements and scientific breakthroughs that have shaped the sport. Visitors can test their skills and knowledge like true hockey pros with a variety of exciting interactives.



The hilarious murder mystery comedy, 'CLUE,' adapted from the board game and 1985 fan-favorite film, will take the Stranahan Theater stage for eight performances May 6-11. (Photo by Evan Zimmerman for MurphyMade)

Cruisin' for Hospice Car Show to be held May 17 in Millbury

Car Cruisers for Hospice will present the 5th Annual Cruisin' for Hospice Classic Car Show Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Millbury Classic Car and Truck Museum, 26929 Cummings Rd. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held Saturday, May 31.

Registration is \$10 and will be held on show day only; no advance signups and includes free coffee and donuts in the morning, while supplies last.

Food will be available for purchase



from the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts will hold a bake sale.

Cruisin Zeake will provide music, and the event will also include a silent auction

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and door prizes and a 50/50 raffle for registered vehicles. In addition, 93.5 WRQN will be broadcasting live from 10 a.m.-noon.

One hundred percent of proceeds from the show will benefit Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

The museum will be open for tours, with 20% of the admission price going to Hospice.

The Car Cruisers for Hospice donated \$21,900 to Hospice of Northwest Ohio in 2024, raised through car show events and donations. Over 14 years, the Cruisers for Hospice have raised a total of \$111,900 for Hospice.

For more information about the event and all upcoming car shows and cruise-ins, visit cruisinzeake.com.

Ongoing:

Coffee Quest 419: Embark on a caffeinated adventure celebrating the vibrant local coffee culture across the Toledo region. Win prizes, access exclusive offers, support local businesses, and uncover new coffee spots along the way. For a full list of participating coffee shops, prizes, and other information visit visittoledo.org/eat-drink/coffee-quest.

Toledo Farmers' Market: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., through November, 525 Market St., Toledo. toledofarmersmarket.com.

"Inside President Hayes' Library," special exhibit at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont. The exhibit, on display through June 30, 2026, explores the authors and titles that shaped and inspired Hayes. rbhayes.org.

Monday Night Car Cruises, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Applebee's, 3007 N. Curtice Rd., Northwood. Music by Cruisin Zeake, 50/50 raffles, drivers' pool, door prizes. cruisinzeake.com.

"Rache Ruysch: Nature into Art," Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St.

The first monographic exhibition dedicated to this pioneering Dutch painter; an artist whose work seamlessly blends beauty, detail, and scientific curiosity. toledomuseum.org.

Elmore Farmers Market, second Tuesday of the month, May-October, 5-8 p.m., at the Elmore Historical Society, 353 Ottawa St.

May

May 3: Opening Day for Cedar Point 2025 Season, 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky. cedar-point.com.

May 3: Toledo Plant Exchange, Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St, Maumee, 8:30-11 a.m.

May 3: Fremont Speedway Plaza Lanes Night - Kid Take Over Night, 901 Rawson Ave. Gates open at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. (subject to change). fremontohspeedway.com.

May 4: Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way. The annual celebration featuring local entertainers, cultural crafts and activities in the historic Amphitheater. toledozoo.org/events/cinco-de-mayo-celebration.

May 4: Glass City Record Show, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Explore 65 tables showcasing new and pre-loved LPs, 45s, CDs, cassettes, memorabilia, posters and more. Concessions will be available. Preferred payment is cash. ftvvinyl.com/glass-city-record-show/

May 6-11: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Iowa Cubs, Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo. milb.com/toledo.

May 6-11: "CLUE Live on Stage," Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo. A hilarious stage play based on the 1985 Paramount Pictures movie and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. BroadwayInToledo.com, StranahanTheater.com.

May 8: Jam Session/Open Mic, Fremont Community Amphitheater, 209 South Arch St., 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome to the free, rain or shine event. Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy.

May 8: Beer & Wine Tasting, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore, 5:30 p.m. \$38 per person. Chef Jennifer Schuerman will talk about sparkling wines and provide some

tasty foods, too. Pre-register by the Monday prior. Attendees may arrive early and enjoy the gardens and the Blair Museum of Lithophanes at no additional fee. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

May 9: AK Affair Debut, The Strand Concert Theater, 220 S. Front St., Fremont, 7-9 p.m. Tickets \$10, kids 7 and under \$5. Opening act AC Darcy. For info, follow The AK Affair on Facebook.

May 9: School Bus Figure 8 at Toledo Speedway, 5639 Benore Rd., Toledo, 7 p.m. toledospeedway.com.

May 9-18: The Biggest Week in American Birding – a celebration of the peak of spring bird migration in the Lake Erie Marsh region. Hosted by Black Swamp Bird Observatory, stops for birdwatching include several natural areas around the region. The event features an a-May-zing lineup of field trips, workshops, keynotes and programs. biggestweekinamericanbirding.com.

May 9 and 23: Free Family Fun For Members - Bounce & Swim, YMCA of Sandusky County, 1000 North St, Fremont. An evening dedicated to free family fun for Y members. Family open swim, open gym, a bounce house and other family activities. Held the second and fourth Friday of the month from 4-7 p.m. ymcacfremont.org.

May 9-11, 16-18: Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Fremont Community Theatre, 1551 Dickinson St., Fremont. Curtain time 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. fremontcommunitytheatre.org.

May 10-11: Toledo Air Show, Toledo Express Airport, 11013 Airport Highway, Swanton, Gates open at 9 a.m. Arrive early to check out displays, exhibits, family activities and concessions. Main performances begin at noon and wrap up around 4:30 p.m. Lineup includes USAF Thunderbirds, Team Toledo (180th), Smoke-n-Thunder and more. toledoairshow.com.

May 10: Walk MS: Fremont 2025. Meet at the YMCA, 1000 North St., Fremont at 8:30 a.m. for registration; Walk starts at 9 a.m. For more information, call Dana at 804-467-9881.

May 10: Fremont Speedway Ohio Truck Sales - Drivers VS Fans Sim Racing Night, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open at 4 p.m. and races start at 7 p.m. (sub-

ject to change). fremontohspeedway.com.

May 10: Fremont Flea Market, Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. sanduskycountyfair.com.

May 11: Mother's Day Cruise-in, Millbury Classics Cars & Trucks Museum, 26929 Cummings Rd., Millbury, 9-11 a.m. Drive in your classic, hot rod, custom, or bike for Mother's Day fun. Mothers get in free all day and enjoy free coffee and donuts while supplies last. 419-340-2355.

May 11: Mother's Day at Schedel Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission for moms. Enjoy the beauty of Schedel as well as food from Holly's Homemade Street Eats and Mac & Loaf Grill. Mimosas will be available for \$5. First 100 moms will get a gift from Bench's. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

May 11: Mother's Day Cruise on the Glass City Pearl, J&M Boat Launch, 1 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. jmcruiselines.com.

May 13: Om in the Outfield - Yoga at Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo, 7-8 a.m. Admission to each hourlong yoga class is one game ticket to Mental Health Awareness Night on Thursday, May 29. Get tickets at bit.ly/mh_OMintheOutfield.

May 14: Oregon Rollin' Food and Farm Market 2025 Kickoff: Dustin Road, Oregon, 5-8 p.m. Future dates include June 11, July 9, Aug. 13 and Sept. 10. facebook.com/rollinfoodandfarm.

May 14: Sandusky County Historic Jail & Dungeon, Historical Tours, 622 Croghan St., Fremont, 5:30 p.m. One-hour guided tour includes the historic 1892 Sandusky County jail, the 1840's dungeon underneath the Sandusky County Courthouse and the Gallows Exhibition Hall featuring the gallows used for the last hanging in Sandusky County. Cost: \$5. One-hour flashlight tours available starting at 6:30 p.m. (not recommended for children); tickets \$10. Tickets available at the door or online at sandusky-county.org.

May 14: Fremont Speedway Kistler Racing Products - High Limit Series, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open

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at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. (subject to change). fremontohspeedway.com.

May 16: Ulysses Grant Living History Program, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums, Spiegel Grove, Fremont, 6-7:30 p.m. Living history presenter Curt Fields, Ph.D., give a program on Grant's two terms. rbhayes.org.

May 16: Comedian Kevin James: Owls Don't Walk, Stranahan Theater, 4645 Heatherdowns Boulevard, Toledo, 7-10 p.m. stranahantheater.com.

May 16-18; Toledo Tattoo Festival, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. 12-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Get a tattoo, see live tattooing, enter contests and more. tattootoledo.com.

May 17: Dart Frog Dash at the Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way, 8:30-11:30 a.m. A competitive 5K race with prizes or a relaxed 5K Walk, a Kids' Fun Run and non-competitive Zoo for All Walk. Zoo admission and parking included in registration. Race spectators who are not Zoo members will receive reduced admission (free for members). toledozoo.org/events/dart-frog-dash

May 17-18: Ohio Vintage Fest, Glass City Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo., 12-5 p.m. Over 50 vendors selling primarily vintage clothing as well as other vintage items such as vintage home goods, vinyl records, toys and collectibles, and other vintage items. \$5 general admission, \$12 for early bird, and kids under 12 are free. glasscitycenter.com.

May 17: Fremont Speedway Murphy Tractor Night - Double Down Throwdown, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. (subject to change). fremontohspeedway.com.

May 20-27: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Indianapolis Indians, Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington, Toledo. milb.com/toledo.

May 22: Authors! with Sarah Penner,

Main Library, 325 N. Michigan St., Toledo, 7-8 p.m. Featuring the New York Times and bestselling author of "The Lost Apothecary" and "The London Séance Society." toledolibrary.org. **May 22: Mixology with Affinity Event Rentals,** Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore, 6:30 p.m. \$30. Attendees will have the opportunity to experiment with different flavor combinations, garnishes, and presentation techniques. By the end of the session, everyone will leave with a collection of their own lemon-inspired creations, along with the skills and confidence to impress friends and family. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

May 22: Painting with Grady, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, 19255 W. Portage River S. Rd., Elmore, 5-8 p.m. \$50. Create a simple watercolor landscape. Enjoy the gardens prior to the workshop. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

May 24: Chicken Keeping 101 with River Bend Homestead, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, Elmore, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

May 24: Lady Bug Door Hanger, Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, Elmore, 10:30 a.m. \$35, includes all materials. Enjoy the gardens at no additional fee. schedel-gardens.org/calendar.html.

May 24: Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo at Centennial Terrace, 5773 Centennial Rd., Sylvania, 8 p.m. ticketmaster.com.

May 24-25: 125 Zoo Birthday Bash & Summer Kick-Off, Toledo Zoo, 2 Hippo Way. Enjoy live music, strolling performers, meet-and-greets and a special tribute show in the Amphitheatre. Make memories with animal feeds, hands-on activities, keeper talks, demonstrations, giveaways and more. As part of the Conda Family Zoo For All program, a Sensory Area will be available in the ProMedica Museum of Natural History's Mazza Room to support guests' sensory needs. toledozoo.org/events/summer.

May 24-25: First Siege 1813 at Fort Meigs, Fort Meigs Battlefield, 29100 W. River Rd., Perrysburg, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Re-enactors from across the United States and Canada will commemorate the First Siege of Fort Meigs. Experience authentic War of 1812 military camps, musket and can-



The 5th Annual Cruisin' for Hospice Classic Car Show will be held Saturday, May 17, at the Millbury Classic Car and Truck Museum, 26929 Cummings Rd. Sponsored by Crusin Zeake and supported by Car Cruisers For Hospice, the event raises funds for Hospice of Northwest Ohio. (Submitted photo)

non demonstrations, battle re-enactments, hands-on activities, and more. fortmeigs.org.

May 24-26: 36th Annual Flower Day Weekend, 325 Market St., Toledo. Featuring local flowers, produce, artisans and much more. Hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday. toledofarmersmarket.com.

May 25: Jeff Pettit Memorial Car Show to Benefit Wreaths Across America, Friendship Park, 27975 Cummings Rd., Millbury, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rain date will be June 1. Registration \$10. Walbridge VFW Post 9963 will have breakfast for sale indoors from 7-10:30 a.m. Drawings, bake sale, food trucks, music by Cruisin Zeake, special tribute to fallen veterans and heroes and more. Proceeds raise funds to provide wreaths on the graves of veterans buried in Lake Township cemetery at Christmas. Cruisinzeake.com.

May 27-June 1: Toledo Mud Hens vs. Louisville Bats, Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo. milb.com/toledo.

May 29: Jon Pardi: Honkytonk Hollywood Tour, Huntington Center, 500 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, 7 p.m. huntington-centertoledo.com/events/jon-pardi/

May 29-31: Genoa Homecoming 2025, downtown Genoa. Grand Parade themed "World's Fair," car show, rides, entertainment, 5K run/walk, contests, bingo, food vendors, amusement rides and more. genoahomecoming.org.

May 31: Gibsonburg Fishing Derby, Williams Park Shelter House, Gibsonburg, 9:30 a.m. Free event open to youths and adults. Prizes awarded for largest fish, smallest fish and most fish caught. For more info, call 419-637-2634 or email m. glotzbecker@gibsonburgohio.org.

May 31: Season Kickoff, Dave Banks Horn Tribute Show, Fremont Community Amphitheater, 209 Arch St., 7 p.m., rain or shine. Free. Bring chairs or blankets. downtownfremontohio.org/events/.

May 31: Fremont Speedway Autokinton Construction Equipment - Tailgate Competition, 901 Rawson Ave., Fremont. Gates open at 4 p.m.; races start at 7 p.m. (subject to change). fremontohspeedway.com.

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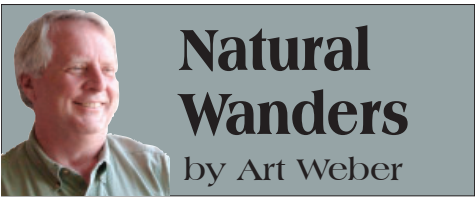
“The epicenter is Magee Marsh and Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge,” says Kimberly Kaufman, executive director of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, located at 13551 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor.

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Don’t let what you don’t know keep you from enjoying the bigger picture. Enjoy the experience on any level you wish. You can just marvel at the sheer beauty of the birds and the simple fascination in witnessing such a wonderful natural phenomenon. If you want to know more, just listen to those around you.



Yellow-rumped warblers have been the most common warbler to enjoy on the Magee Marsh Bird Trail this spring. It’s common but it’s also beautifully marked and a joy to observe along the trail. (Photo by Art Weber/Metroparks Toledo)

“There’s a great sense of community among birders,” Kimberly said. “You’ll be welcomed warmly and enthusiastically.”

If you’re interested and just plain curious what birding is all about, BSBO will be at Pearson Metropark leading free two-hour Beginning Birder Field Trips. There are four dates to choose from – May 10, 11, 17, or 18 beginning at 10 a.m. from parking lot #4 at the Packer-Hammersmith Center. No preregistration is necessary.

“It’s a fun and easy workshop,” she

said. “We’ll take you through everything you need to know to get started birding. We’ll point you in the right direction to find a pair of binoculars and a field guide, basic bird identification tips, and where and how to find birds.”

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Schedel’s Blair Museum of Lithophanes unveils new exhibit

The Blair Museum of Lithophanes, located at Schedel Arboretum & Gardens in Elmore, debuted a new exhibit – “Flora & Fauna of Europe in the Early 1800s” when the gardens opened for the season.

The collection explores the intimate relationship among the landscape, the natural world and the everyday lives of people during this fascinating period of history.

The exhibit features a selection of lithophanes that depict quiet, often overlooked moments from early 19th-century European life. From farmers tending to their fields to travelers crossing rivers, the scenes captured in the porcelain plaques offer a glimpse into the mundane activities that shaped the daily routines of people long ago. Through these intricate images, the exhibit also highlights the integral role that nature and the surrounding environment played in these individuals’ lives—emphasizing the symbiotic connection between humans and the land they inhabited.



The intricate images highlight the integral role that nature and the surrounding environment played in the lives of people from long ago. (Submitted photo)

What is a lithophane?

A lithophane is a unique art form that is cast into porcelain, which, when illuminated from behind, brings the image to life. The term “lithophane” comes from the Greek words “litho,” meaning stone, and “phane,” meaning to appear—so, in essence, a lithophane is an image that “appears in stone.”

To create a lithophane, artisans first carve an image into wax, then make a plaster mold from the wax carving. This mold allows the artisan to replicate the design in porcelain. Once the porcelain is shaped, it is fired in a kiln, resulting in a delicate, translucent image.

The allure of the lithophane occurs when light is shone through the porcelain, causing the image to reveal its fine details and tell its story in a way that is both haunting and beautiful.

About the museum

The Blair Museum of Lithophanes, is home to the largest collection of litho-

phanes in the world. With nearly 3,000 pieces in its collection, the museum is the only institution dedicated entirely to this art form. This vast collection allows for dynamic, ever-evolving exhibits, and this year’s showcase of “Flora & Fauna of Europe in the Early 1800s” provides a fresh perspective on lithophane art.

The museum’s rotating exhibits offer an opportunity to explore a wide range of historical, natural and artistic themes—each illuminated by light. Visitors are invited to discover the intricacies of this ancient art form while experiencing the rich stories and moments captured within the porcelain.

Schedel Arboretum & Gardens is located at 19255 W. Portage River South Rd. The museum is open April through October.

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Rangers continue their dominance in the TAAC

By Yaneek Smith
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It's another year and another league title for the Northwood softball program. The Rangers, led by senior pitcher Lea Wauford, have clinched the program's fifth-consecutive Toledo Area Athletic Conference (TAAC) championship. They sit at 10-4 overall and 7-0 in their final year in the league.

Wauford, who will continue her softball and soccer careers at Terra State Community College in the fall, is 9-3 in the circle with a 2.52 ERA. She has struck out 135 batters and walked just eight.

She's been even better at the plate, hitting an astronomical .653 to go with 17 doubles and 33 RBIs, all team-best numbers.

The TAAC's reigning player of the year recently shattered Northwood's career strikeouts record, and head coach Jennifer Noonan said her senior righty is on pace to break the season record if the weather holds up.

Despite the individual accolades, Wauford is focused on the team.

"The season is going very well," she said. "I feel like some people have doubted us because of the seniors we lost, but I think we've proven how good we are with how we're playing. I feel like we've come together as a team."

"Our main goal was to win the league. We just want to have another winning record."

Noonan said the team has marquee victories in a sweep over Emmanuel Christian, and they are coming off a win over Delta.

"Toledo Christian was a concern," she said. "That's somebody we worked hard to beat."

Senior shortstop Shealyn Nestor (.481,



Northwood senior, Lea Wauford, is shown delivering a pitch in the first inning of her team's game against Delta on April 29. (Photo by Nicholas Huenefeld)

eight doubles, one triple, one home run, 21 RBIs) will be playing next year at Terra State with Wauford.

Catcher Kadience Karmol is hitting .462 with three doubles and 13 RBIs, while third baseman/outfielder Eden Schoch is batting .342 with one double, two triples, one home run and seven RBIs. Pitcher/outfielder Shelby Mercer has two doubles and 16 RBIs while hitting .341.

Northwood has had to overcome injuries to senior first baseman Lizzie Caspar, who tore her ACL in the fourth game of the season, and Schoch, who has sustained an injury to her hand.

"We're down to three seniors that can play," Noonan said.

The rest of the team consists of 2B/P

Camryn Haas, C/3B Avery Perlacky, 2B/LF Emma Kirkpatrick, Util./P Madison Huene-feld, Alex Sauseda, RF Annabelle LaGrange and Celina Gomez.

"Kadience is playing extremely well behind the plate," Wauford said. "She does much better than she thinks she does (offensively). Shealyn hits very, very well. I wouldn't want anyone else playing short-stop behind me. I know she can make any play."

Camryn Haas, our freshman, is staying very calm in a very stressful situation. She does a very good job at second base. Shelby Mercer, who moved from the outfield to third base, which can be stressful, but she's pulling her weight, and she's also doing very well hitting."

Northwood is fortunate to still have the services of Wauford, who saw her family move into the Gibsonburg school district recently, where her sister Alyvia is a freshman for the Golden Bears softball team. Lea, though, decided to stay at Northwood as she nears the end of her prep career.

"I enjoyed the atmosphere, I grew up here," she said. "I'm comfortable playing with my teammates. I'm playing well, and it helps keep my game going. "I'm very happy with my decision to stay at Northwood."

Wauford is also excited for the challenge that college will present.

"I was going for softball, but because I had a good last two seasons of soccer, I decided to play it (also) in college," Wauford said. "I'm extremely excited to play softball because we're supposed to have a really good class coming in."

Next season, the Rangers sans Wauford will join the Sandusky Bay Conference River Division. The new league will provide some stability that the TAAC doesn't with the likes of Gibsonburg, Woodmore and Margaretta.

"Moving to the SBC will give us more league games to play and more competition, which will strengthen our program," Noonan said. "We will be reuniting with former TAAC teams in Tiffin Calvert, Danbury and Gibsonburg, and we have had great experiences competing with them in the past."

With the state tournament now having seven divisions, Noonan is also excited to see how that plays out as the Rangers compete in Division VI.

"I'm pretty excited," she said. "It seems like we're more competitive with how they've (changed) everything. That's our focus, trying to do well in the tournament after achieving our first goal."

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Eastwood Eagle’s Wyant reaches 500 career wins

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Legendary basketball coach Larry Brown was once asked what the key to being a good coach was.

He chuckled and said, “Get good players.”

No one would argue that Eastwood softball coach Joe Wyant hasn’t had his share of talented players come through his program in the last 18 years, but he’s been the lone constant for the last two decades, winning eight league titles, five district championships and one regional title while establishing the Eagles as one of the top teams in northwest Ohio.

Now in his 27th year coaching softball, Wyant won his 500th game on April 28 when Eastwood narrowly defeated Maumee, 6-5. The Panthers, who were picked to win the Northern Buckeye Conference, scored three runs in the seventh inning and left the bases loaded.

Shortstop Ady Bowe, the lone senior on the team, talked about the nerves she experienced as the Eagles worked to get the final out when pitcher Kenzie Hady got a strikeout on a full count.

“After we got two outs, there were four more batters after that, (and) my heart was racing the whole time,” Bowe said. “I was nervous, but excited because I knew what was going to happen with the last out.”

Bowe said Wyant was appreciative after the game.

“In our huddle, he said he appreciates all of us being here with him to experience the achievement,” she said. “He appreciates the players, assistant coaches, his family, the parents and past players for getting him to this (milestone).”

Wyant has a career record of 501-192 (.723), including the team’s win over Otsego on April 30. He’s 373-98 at Eastwood. Prior to that, he was 114-84 at his alma mater, Lakota, where he started the program before coaching there for eight

seasons starting beginning in 1995. He was 14-10 in one season at Oak Harbor in 2005.

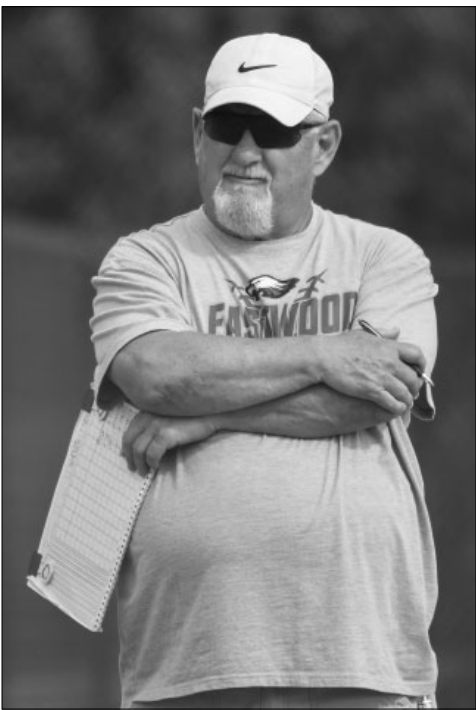
Wyant was inducted into the Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last summer. He is the 23rd coach in Ohio to reach the 500-win milestone, according to the OHSAA record book.

It would be very hard to name every elite player that has played for the Eagles, but some of them include: Bowe, Hady, Ashley Hitchcock, Delaney Maynard, Maddy Dyer, Lilly Escobedo, Katy Dewyre, Alissa Ray, Krista Jennings, Mackenzie Albright, Brooke Albright, Cassidy Rolf, Christine Foster, Whitney Foster, Alena Gabel, Cassi Kieper, Carleigh Coffield, Jessica Smith and Lily Escobedo.

“For being a small school, for softball to be successful at Eastwood, we have to battle one of the best track programs in northwest Ohio (for athletes),” Wyant said. “Sometimes softball and baseball don’t always get the best players. The first two years of softball at Eastwood were big for me. In the program’s first 17 years, there were four winning seasons. My first two years, coming back the next year and winning the next year, I think we got a (greater) share of players, and they stayed with softball. I tried to get involved with local softball.”

The lone Division III regional championship came in 2013 when Albright and Whitney Foster led the Eagles to the state semifinals, and from 2016-19, Eastwood went 108-8 and won three district titles, losing to state power Cardington-Lincoln three times. Hitchcock, who went on to pitch at Rutgers and then at Miami (Ohio), was a force both in the circle and at the plate for the Eagles and is arguably the greatest player in the history of the program.

“In 2013, we didn’t win the league that year, (but) we beat Elmwood in the district finals, and that was a good team,” Wyant said. “We were a good team. I think we were 29-4. We went 24-4 and won the NBC



Eastwood head coach Joe Wyant recently won his 500th career game. (Photo by Nicholas Huenefeld)

had more than two errors in a game and five games where we didn’t have an error. This year, we’re down to less than one error per game. I think that’s a key. And Kenzie has only walked 18 batters.”

Eastwood baseball coach Kevin Leady, who has built up quite the program himself, believes Wyant’s success can be contributed to a hard-nosed approach.

“To win 500 games is incredible,” Leady said. “It takes longevity and a lot of hard work and dedication. Joe is a hard-nosed coach and the girls take his personality. His teams are tough, gritty and always find a way to fight through any situation to come out on top. We’ve worked with Joe for 15 years, and it’s been great to see his girls have such success throughout the years.”

Bowe, who is set to continue her softball career at Heidelberg University, agrees.

“Coach Wyant has a different coaching style, he’s old school,” she said. “I think him letting us coach ourselves and let the captains take over (is great). I think us having that connection allows us to play together more as a team, and helps us push together.”

The captains are Bowe, Hady and Karly Wasserman.

“We have shocked a lot of people,” Bowe said. “I’m excited to see how far we can get.”

Bowe credits Hady for fighting back after injuring her shoulder last year.

“I think it’s really important that she came back after her shoulder injury,” Bowe said. “She’s pitched very well. We have a good backup (in Sophia Rankin), but Kenzie is strong after the injury. Not having that injury get in the way is obviously really important and helps us have the energy we do on the field.”

After a big rematch against Lake on May 2, Eastwood has several NBC matchups left in the season, including a road matchup at Oak Harbor on May 5 and at home May 16 against Maumee, which is slated to be the home finale.

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Sports

Stritch announces return of football

By Press Staff Writer

Cardinal Stritch announced on Wednesday that the school will return to the football field as part of the Northern 8 Conference, which is an eight-man league. The squad will be coached by Ryan Ochmanek.

“We have always said that the safety and well-being of our student athletes will always be top priority,” Stritch President/Head of School Bill Berry said. “This opportunity to compete in an eight-man league provides athletic challenges and competitive opportunities for our team against similarly sized schools, and we are ready.”

The Northern 8 was created in October 2019 when Stryker High School and Toledo Christian Schools agreed to form the league for OHSAA schools to commit to eight-man football. Eight-man football shares the same rules, procedures, and structure as the traditional 11-man game, with minor differences.

Ochmanek has 22 years of experience coaching young players in football, basketball and baseball. Individually, he began playing football in first grade and is a lifelong enthusiast for the sport.

“I am thrilled to be chosen as the Stritch head football coach, and our numbers are strong for competition for the fall,” Ochmanek said. “I want to encourage and mentor our players to be faithful,

respectful and hardworking individuals on and off the field while we continue building the entire Stritch football program from academy to varsity.”

In July 2024, Stritch canceled its fall season for the second time in three years because of low participation numbers. The Cardinals, which also canceled their season in 2022, went 5-4 and qualified for the Division VI playoffs in 2021 before finishing 2-8 in 2023 under the direction of Al Thompson. At the time, their schedule included three TAAC schools, but they weren’t eligible to compete for a TAAC championship.

Prior to the trouble in recent years, Stritch competed in football since 1963. They joined the Toledo City League from 1971 until the early 1980s. The Cardinals won the City League’s Blue Division title in 1972, falling to Scott 13-6 in the City League’s Shoe Bowl title game inside the Glass Bowl.

The Cardinals left the City League to join the TAAC in 1995. Aside from 2021, they made the state playoffs in 2020, 2006, 1999 and 1975. The 1975 team advanced to the Class AA state semifinals before falling to Cleveland Holy Name.

Aside from Stritch and Stryker, the teams in the Northern 8 conference include: Sandusky St. Mary CC, Chalker, Holgate, Fremont SJCC, Danbury and Sebring McKinley.



Ryan Ochmanek has been tabbed to lead stritch football in 2025. (Submitted photo)

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Showcase’s ‘Magic of Migration’

ONWR and Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge will celebrate the magic of the annual spring bird migration with a series of events and activities, including special tours, talks, hikes and more. (Submitted photo)



Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge will present a series of events and activities to celebrate the annual spring bird migration, timed with the world-renowned Biggest Week in American Birding festival, being held May 9-18 (biggestweekinamericانبirding.com).

The Refuge is located at 14000 W. SR 2, Oak Harbor.

“We are working hard to welcome visitors during spring migration, and we are excited to share the magic of the refuge with everyone who comes to experience it,” said Aimee Arent, executive director of Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. “Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is an amazing place to witness the incredible journey of migratory birds as they rest and refuel in the refuge’s critical stopover habitat. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our refuge staff, volunteers and Friends group, we are ensuring the refuge remains safe, accessible and welcoming for all as we enter our busiest season of the year.”

As one of the last remaining pieces of the Great Black Swamp, Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge provides a critical habitat for hundreds of species and offers visitors the chance to reconnect with nature, find peace on the trails, and create memories with family and friends.

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- Crane Creek Estuary Shuttle Tours, May 9-18, 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Take a 90-minute electric shuttle tour of refuge trails. Reserve free tickets at eventbrite.com.
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• Food vendors on site. Trucks will be available May 8-19 and 23-25, from 9 a.m.-4 or 5 p.m.

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“This is a truly special time when people from around the globe come together to celebrate the beauty of nature — and it’s a powerful reminder of why protecting our public lands is so important,” said Arent. “We invite everyone who loves the refuge and the birds that depend on it to join us in safeguarding these wild places for future generations.”

For more information about Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge’s spring migration activities, visit.friendsotottawanwr.org or follow Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge on Facebook.

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge is a 501(c)3 non-profit established in 1997 to promote the preservation of the natural and historical resources of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the only National Wildlife Refuge in the state.

Obituaries

Welty

Susan “Sue” K. Welty, age 81, of Oregon, Ohio passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Mercy Health St. Charles Hospital. She was born on February 18, 1944, in Omaha, Nebraska to Bert and Alice (Priest) Davis. Sue was devoted to her family, always there lending a helping hand. Her greatest joy was being the best Nana to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, always cheering them on in everything they did. She was very talented at crochet and created so many beautiful blankets, scarves, hats and baby outfits over the years. Sue was known as a loyal, loving, thoughtful, and selfless person who made friends everywhere she went.



Sue excelled at bowling, making nationals in high school and later competing in women’s leagues and in Ma and Pa leagues with her husband, Richard. She also enjoyed playing and coaching softball in the Oregon Recreation’s Women 30 and over League starting in the mid 1970’s for many years until the age of 69. Susan made many friends selling Avon, often with her grandkids helping with deliveries. She made life-long friends as a member of the Coy Mothers Club and St. Charles Hospital Auxiliary. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Sue is survived by her daughters, Teresa (Michael) Swanson, and Chrissy (Steve) Finch; grandchildren, Ben (Stephanie) Swanson, Daniel Swanson, Nolan Finch, Aly Finch, and Destiny Welty; great-grandchildren, Madelyn, and Landon Swanson; her brother, Tim (Gail) Davis; sisters-in-laws, Kathi Davis, Joanie Davis, and Sharon (Don) Perry and extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Richard, son, Ken Welty, brothers, Bert and Jack Davis and in-laws, Ken and Evelyn Welty.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at the Freck Funeral Chapel, 1155 S. Wynn Rd in Oregon from 11-1:00 p.m. where a memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Charles Hospital Auxiliary or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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Whiteman



Galen Clarence Whiteman, loving husband, father, and grandfather, age 89, of Millbury, Ohio, died peacefully, surrounded by his family Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Galen was born May 8, 1935, in Millbury, to Clarence and Mille (Crandall) Whiteman. Galen was a graduate of Lake High School, class of 1953. On September 1, 1956, he married the love of his life, Virginia Steensen. Galen worked as a mail carrier 37 years, retiring from the Millbury Post Office in 1995. A lifelong farmer, Galen treasured the time spent working alongside his grandfather, father, and son, Ricky, in the operation of Whiteman Farms, which has been in continuous operation since 1878. He was a longtime member of Zion Lutheran Church where he served on church council. At Zion, Galen enjoyed singing in the choir alongside his daughter, Vicki. Additional memberships included: Toledo United Swiss, German American Festival Society, and board of directors at Luckey Farmers. He enjoyed boating, fishing, and wintering in Madeira Beach, Florida. His greatest love came from spending time with his children and granddaughters.

Galen is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ginny; daughter, Vicki (Chuck) Hensen; daughter-in-law, Betty Whiteman; granddaughters, McKenzie (Craig) Lamson and Sammy Jo Whiteman (Jeff Harris); sister, Rhea Cici; along with many loving family members and friends. Preceded in death by his parents and son, Ricky Whiteman.

The family will receive friends at the Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, 1111 Woodville Rd. (east of I-280) Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 1pm–7pm. Funeral services 11am Monday, May 5, 2025, in Zion Lutheran Church, 26535 Pemberville Rd., Perrysburg, where the family will greet friends after 10am. Interment: Lake Township Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed in the form of contributions to Zion Lutheran Church, 26535 Pemberville Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551 or Care 360 Hospice, 1657 N. Holland Rd. Suite B, Maumee, OH.

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a memory, that
memory becomes
a treasure".*

Iles

Juda K. Iles of Millbury, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, April 8 2025 in Toledo Ohio. He was born on May 5, 1987 to William and Jeanne (McKenna) Iles in Toledo, Ohio. Juda graduated from Lake High School, where he was a member of the marching band and graduated with many awards and honors. Juda attended both Bowling Green University and Owens Community College. Juda was a talented musician and taught private piano classes to young children. Juda always supported people in trouble and was very charitable to many friends and relatives. Juda loved gaming with his friends.

Juda is survived by his parents; siblings, Nicole (Jeff) Drake, Jasmine Kimberly, Israel Iles and Kael (Tabitha) Iles; Grandfather Clifford Iles (wife Iva) and his nieces and nephews, Kameron, James, Jaymin, Jayla, Everett, Eden, Annabell, Millie, Hunter his wife and Children.

Juda was preceded in death by Grandparents John and Ruth McKenna. Also his Grandmother Ruth Iles. Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Oregon Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

Romstadt



On April 30, 2025, God welcomed a new angel into heaven—a beautiful angel with a sparkle in her eyes, a dimple in her chin, and a little bit of spunk.

Edwina Kay Romstadt, lovingly known as Kay (aka I'm O-Kay), was cherished by many and lived a beautiful, joy-filled life. Born in 1941 in Iron City, Tennessee, she was the third daughter of James Edwin and Madeline Virginia Willis (Vaught). Kay spent her early years laughing and playing with her inseparable sisters, June and Joan. In 1946, the family moved to Ohio, eventually settling in Oregon, Ohio where her beloved brother Mike was born.

Kay attended Clay High School, where she proudly served as a majorette, graduating in 1959. She went on to attend Davis College of Business. She later became a mother to two children, John and Julie whom she adored with all her heart. Kay worked as a secretary at a realty office and Ford Motor Company before beginning a long and fulfilling career at Spartan Chemical Company.

In 1978, Kay met the love of her life, Raymond J. Romstadt, and the two began a marriage filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable adventures. She embraced her expanded family with open arms, welcoming daughters Shelly and Patti as her own. Together, Kay and Ray lived life to the fullest—touring the U.S. and Canada by motorcycle with Ron and June Roth for 27 years! Ray and Kay soaked in the beauty of every moment, and celebrated life at every turn.

After retiring in 2010, Kay and Ray split their time between Ohio and their sunny second home in Arizona. There, they both took up golf, and in true Kay fashion, she accomplished what many dream of—not one, but two holes-in-one! Her warm heart, vibrant spirit, and fierce love for family made her unforgettable.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents, James Edwin and Virginia Madeline Willis; her brother, Michael Willis; her sister and brother-in-law, June and Ronald Roth; and her brother-in-law, Robert Lamb.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Raymond J. Romstadt; her beloved children: John Halderman (David), Shelly Krasa (Paul), Julie Brown (Paul), and Patti Leupp (Chris); her treasured grandchildren: Chelsea Davis (JD), Kevin Krasa (Maddy), Jordan Leupp, and Erin Leupp; and her adored great-grandchildren: Baylor, Cooper, Hudson, Hunter, Jettson and baby Kylen arriving in August; her precious sister Joan Lamb, brother in laws, Kenny Romstadt (Janet) and Paul Romstadt (Lonna).

Services to celebrate Kay's life will be held on May 10, 2025, at Christ United Methodist Church, 5757 Starr Ext., Oregon, OH 43616. Visitation will be held from 9:00–11:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.. Family and friends are invited to join in a meal immediately following the service to honor and remember the remarkable woman Kay was. In lieu of flowers, the family requests tributes to be made to Ohio Living Home Health & Hospice.

Kay's legacy of love, laughter, and living life with heart will live on in everyone who knew her.

Crouse



Richard P. Crouse, 85, of Oregon, Ohio, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on April 23, 2025 at The Gardens of St. Francis. Richard was born on May 28, 1939 in Oregon, Ohio to Chester and Marian (Harder)

Crouse.

He was a 1957 graduate of Clay High School and continued his education at the University of Toledo, graduating in 1961 with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. On June 25, 1960 Richard married his true love, Lola Coutcher. He worked at Toledo Edison throughout his career, retiring in 1993 as Senior Vice President of Fossil Operations.

Richard was a man of deep passion, quiet generosity, and unwavering loyalty—to his family, his faith, and the things he loved most. An avid outdoors man, he found joy in duck hunting and fishing and spent countless days on the golf course. He also bowled for many years, achieving the rare feat of a perfect 300 game in 1985. A proud alumnus of the University of Toledo, he was named among the Distinguished Alumni of the College of Engineering in 1999. He was also a devoted supporter of Rocket Athletics. He and his wife rarely missed a game, holding season tickets to both the men's and women's basketball teams, and cheering passionately for the football team. His faith

was central to his life. He served on the finance committee at First St. John Lutheran Church and sang in the choir there for over 50 years. Known for his quick wit and warm sense of humor, he brought laughter wherever he went. Above all, his greatest joy came from his family—never missing a wrestling tournament or softball game, always on the sidelines, proud and present. His legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty lives on in all who had the honor of knowing him.

The family would like to thank everyone who visited Richard or sent cards and gifts of encouragement during his illness. They also thank the staff at The Gardens of St. Francis who took such good care of him throughout the months he lived there.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 64 years, Lola Crouse; daughters, Toni (Dave) Wilbarger and Laurie Crouse; grandchildren, Cara (Tanner) Engle and Kevin (Mackenzie) Witt; great-grandchildren, Harper and Henry Engle and Blaire Witt; nephews, Dave and Matt (Erin) Crouse, Nick and Eric (Kathy) Coutcher; and niece, Jessie (Harry) Moyer.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill; infant sister, Barbara; great-grandson, Aiden; and nephew, John.

Services were conducted on an earlier date. Expressions of sympathy in Richard's name may be directed to First St. John Lutheran Church or the University of Toledo Foundation.

Moszkowicz

Sue Ann (Klawitter) Moszkowicz, 70, of Oregon, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Perrysburg Memorial Hospital after several years of health challenges.

Born July 14, 1954, to Edward "Jim" and LaVerne (Kowalka) Klawitter, Sue was the only daughter among four children. She was active in Luther League and a longtime pitcher for her church's slow-pitch softball team, proudly attributing her skill to a childhood farming accident that cost her a finger.

Sue found her passion for nursing while volunteering as a teen at Riverside Hospital and the Lutheran Home. A 1972 graduate of Clay High School and 1977 graduate of Owens Technical College, she worked over 32 years as a night charge nurse at Riverside and St. Anne's Mercy Hospitals, earning the nickname "One-Stick Sue" for her IV skills. She formed lasting friendships throughout her nursing career.

She married Joseph Moszkowicz on October 8, 1977, at First St. John Lutheran Church in Toledo, Ohio, and they were married for 32 years until 2009. They built a home in Curtice next to her childhood home, where she lived until her passing. Together they raised two children, Monica Gail and Joel Anson. Her children were her greatest joys and she spent much of her life involved with their activities.

Sue was active with both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of America when her children joined. Sue was a Lifetime Member of the Girl Scouts, and served as her daughter's troop leader, and a First Aid Trainer. She helped both children reach the highest ranks of Scouting – Joel as an Eagle Scout, and Monica as a Gold Awardee. Sue was active in the PIGS (People In Girl Scouting) and in recent years, continued to attend Adult Leader Conferences.

Like her mother, Sue was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary

at Christ Dunberger Post #537 where she held various offices including President. Sue also volunteered with the American Red Cross and was a dedicated blood and platelet donor.

Creative and generous, Sue crocheted, knitted, sewed, and quilted for anyone in need. She loved camping, hiking, traveling, and sharing time with friends—especially at the Oregon Senior Center. Sue never met a stranger. She could carry on conversations with just about anyone she met, and was known for being fun-loving, caring, and helpful. Known for her kindness and humor, Sue was a "second mom" to many and never missed a chance to lend a hand or share a laugh.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Edward David Klawitter II, and her beloved dogs, Super Sadie and Daisy Grace. She is survived by her children, Monica Moszkowicz (Jeffrey Simms) and Joel Moszkowicz (Anna Buschmann); brothers Ronald Klawitter (Margot) and James "Jimmy" Klawitter (Penny); sisters-in-law Susan Klawitter, Victoria Pollauf (James), and Marie Kwiatkowski; many nephews, nieces, countless friends, and her dog Maggie. She also leaves behind Amanda and Jon Amazeen, and their children Madison and Emelia, whom she considered family. Special thanks to Mary Stein, Kingston Rehabilitation of Perrysburg, and Jerusalem Twp. Fire Department.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at First St. John Lutheran Church.

Those wishing to send an expression of sympathy are asked to consider First St. John Lutheran Church, 2471 Seaman Road, Toledo, OH 43605.

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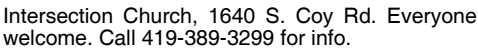


Card Party, May 13, 12 p.m., First St. John Lutheran Church, 2471 Seaman St. Donation \$15. Lunch, door prizes, raffles. All are welcome. For reservations, call 419-276-1264 or 419-691-5506.

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

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Oak Harbor Public Library, 147 W. Main St. programs include: Storytimes, Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.; Kids Afterschool Program, Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.; Mental Health Awareness Program featuring Davide Olds from Connections Recovery Services, May 7, 5 p.m. (registration required); Coffee and a Book Club, May 14, 11 a.m. – Discuss “The First Ladies,” by Marie Benedict; Craft with Mary featuring Cricut, May 19, 2 p.m. (bring an item such as a water bottle, t-shirt etc.; registration required); Wicked Wednesday Book Club, May 21, 5:30 p.m. – Discuss “The Good Nurse,” by Charles Graeber; 4th Tuesday Book Club, May 27, 5:30 p.m. – Discuss “Learned by Heart,” by Emma

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.

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 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 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.



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Ordinance No. 05-2025
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Ordinance No. 06-2025
An Ordinance Establishing Fees for Public Records Requests Involving Video Recordings.

Ordinance No. 07-2025
An Ordinance to Contract with the Village Solicitor for Two Years.

To read in full please contact:
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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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