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## Local communities react to election results

By Nicholas Huenefeld  
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The only statewide initiative on the May 6 ballot was Issue 2, which passed by a considerable margin, and many area local leaders are pleased.

“Just like anything else, you have to thank the voters of Ohio for recognizing the importance of infrastructure and the fact that it’s a good investment in our communities, and it’s a needed investment in our communities,” Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski said. “It’s always heartening to know when the public recognizes that investing in infrastructure in your community increases your quality of life.”

The issue authorizes Ohio officials to release \$2.5 billion in bonds, restricted to \$250 million per year over 10 years. The money will aid local governments in financing public infrastructure capital improvements, including roads, bridges, waste water treatment systems, solid waste disposal facilities, storm water and sanitary collection, storage, and treatment facilities.

Pemberville mayor Carol Bailey said her community gets plenty of valuable use from that money, including the water tower, which she said is nearly complete. And she said they are waiting on the results of potential small government funding for their bridge project, which she’s hoping to know the results of within the next week.

“It’s a great thing because it supplies funding for infrastructure projects, which the village has taken advantage of,” she said. “We apply every time it comes around, and we have benefited from that several times. I’m thrilled that that thing passed and that it passed wonderfully. There was there was no doubt about it, and it didn’t create any new taxes either.”

Jerusalem Township trustee Dave Bench said he is on the board for the

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### The birding has begun

Ken Slayton, of Warren, Michigan, spots a Yellow Rumped Warbler at Metzger Marsh. He and his wife have spotted over 100 species between May 4 and May 7. The Biggest Week in American Birding officially runs from May 9 - 18. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

## Updates happening around Walbridge

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Walbridge mayor Ed Kolanko is excited for several recent updates and improvements around the community.

The Railway Park playground equipment installation is starting to develop. Installation crews are on site, and they will be doing work over the next couple weeks. The equipment will be off-limit until the work is done.

“That’s something positive we are looking forward to,” Kolanko said.

Kolanko said the village is applying for some NatureWorks grant funding and that they are looking to get some new playground equipment at Loop Park, too.

“We’ll give it a shot, see if we can get some state money to help with that,” he said.

The poles on the tennis courts in town recently came out from the ground, which is requiring repairs. Kolanko believes that kids were bouncing up and down on the nets, which caused the damage.

“It put quite a bit of strain on the poles and caused them to pull out of the ground, so we took them out to prevent any further damage and make sure that safety is of importance,” Kolanko said. “We will get those stuck back in the ground here pretty soon.”

“It’s a small difference, but it’s a good difference.”

The village has also upgraded all the trash cans around the community.

“It’s a small difference, but it’s a good difference,” Kolanko said. “As much as it kind of somewhat sounds boring, the old ones were pretty aged, and it was time for an upgrade. It’s just another little thing to try to make the village look a little better and more modern and up to date.”

Kolanko and his crew are also continuing work on fixing leaning electrical poles around the village, including a big one on Main Street that he said was referred to as the leaning pole of Walbridge.

“The new pole has been installed, and the services have been moved over,” he said. “Now we do recognize that that’s not the only leaning pole in town, so we continue to work with our partners at First Energy as well as AT&T to get some of these

poles on the horizon and get those upgraded as well.”

Road repairs on Tyler Street are also in motion, and Kolanko had a pre-construction meeting on May 8 to discuss a joint road project with Lake Township, which revolves around the Walbridge Road repairs.

“Walbridge is the lead on that,” he said. “We’re probably going to see Walbridge Road replaced I think in late June, early July. We do have a couple other roads in town that we’re working on getting some other estimates on, and it looks like we’ll be able to do a few more roads here in town as well.”

The village council had a first reading for an ordinance on its May 7 agenda for changing the way they give tax credits to every municipality. It is currently at one percent, and Kolanko said they are looking to drop it to 0.75 percent.

“We’re not increasing the tax rate, not changing our tax rate in that respect, but just changing the credit,” he said. “You know, like every community, we’re starting to see some costs going up, but our revenues are staying pretty flat. We’re looking at different ways to do things to make sure we can provide the services that we do for our residents.”

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## Quote of The Week

Regardless of what you have been told or what you believe, you do have strengths.

Bryan Golden  
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Kolanko said the change will put Walbridge more in line with Millbury’s rate, and that they will further discuss the matter over the next couple meetings.

The village will also be recognizing National Police Week, which takes place May 11-17 with a proclamation and signs around the community.

“We’re going to be giving our police officers a little high five with a proclamation, and that’s pretty cool,” Kolanko said. “I’ve never really seen anybody else do it. My admin team, we’re getting about 100 yard signs made in appreciation of our local police department, and we’re going to make those available for anybody in town that wants to display one in their yard as a show of appreciation for the police department.”



Uprooted tennis court poles are shown here. (Submitted photo)

Shores & Islands Ohio awards destination development grant to Park District of Ottawa County

By Press Staff Writer

The Park District of Ottawa County is proud to announce they have been awarded a Destination Development Grant, presented recently by Shores & Islands Ohio, the destination marketing organization for Erie and Ottawa counties.

Nearly \$575,000 in grants were awarded to 30 different recipients in Erie and Ottawa counties under this program, a major component of Shores & Islands Ohio’s strategic plan that focuses on supporting efforts to enhance the destination for visitors and residents alike.

This grant program is for the purpose of assisting Shores & Islands area businesses, organizations, and communities in developing activities or projects that will attract and engage visitors, serve and educate regional tourism partners, and generate economic growth for their communities

and the region through travel and tourism development.

The Park District of Ottawa County received a grant for the purpose of constructing the Bob’s Pond Trail Loop at Islander Woods and Trailhead, a 7.6-acre parcel of property located in Catawba Island Township. The pond on the property was named “Bob’s Pond” after the late Bob Johnson who owned and loved the property for more than 50 years.

Phase One and Phase Two of the park’s master plan for the property include a parking area, restroom building, walking path loop around Bob’s Pond, fishing outcropping, wildlife overlook, nature play area, and the first section of the Catawba Islander Trail to connect with the Twin Oast Brewery property on the eastern border.

With much of the eastern portion of the property delineated as a wetland, boardwalk sections and specialized trail surfacing materials will be installed.

The park district has budgeted \$236,353 for the first phase of the Islander Wood and Trailhead construction. Several other funding sources are also secured for the project, and with the \$5,000 Shores and Islands Ohio Destination Development Grant, the Park District has \$281,443 to complete the first phase of improvements

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Stritch celebrates Cinco De Mayo

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy celebrated Cinco De Mayo all day on May 5. Top photo: Layla Cathers and Ryley Rodriguez assist students with the pinata. Bottom photo: Bottom photo: Mariachi singer, Andy Hernandez serenaded throughout the hallways. (Submitted photos)



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## Ohio EPA testing public water around Luckey

By Press Staff Writer

In response to recent reports about potential radioactive contamination near Luckey, the Ohio EPA conducted water sampling around the village. Samples were collected from the following locations:

- Basic Park
- Eastwood Local Elementary School
- Eastwood Local Middle School
- Eastwood Local High School
- Pemberville Public Library
- Pemberville Public Library – Luckey Branch
- Pemberville Public Library – Stony Ridge Branch
- Village of Pemberville Water Treatment Plant 1
- Village of Pemberville Water Treatment Plant 2

Recent independent water testing conducted by The Toledo Blade prompted the agency to conduct this testing. Preliminary findings in The Blade's report showed some detections of contaminants, including Radium-226 and Radon-222; however, all of their results are well below the federal drinking water standard.

At this time, there is no reason to believe the water in the area is unsafe.

Out of an abundance of caution, Ohio EPA will test all sites for the following: Gross Alpha/Beta (U.S. EPA Method 900.0), Gross Alpha (EPA EERF 0-02), Gamma Scan (Am-241, Cs-137, Co-60) (EPA 901.1), Total Alpha Radium (U.S. EPA Method 903.0), Radium-226 (U.S. EPA Method 903.1), metals, including beryllium and uranium (U.S. EPA Method 200.8/6020B), and Radon-222 (Method SM 7500-RnB).

These methods were developed in consultation with the ODH radiological experts and the analytical experts at GEL Laboratories. They are standard for drinking water analysis and ensure accurate, comparable results.

We anticipate results to be returned within 30 days. Once reviewed, the agency will share the results with the public.

Visit [presspublications.com](http://presspublications.com) for the latest as this story will be updated with a video on the samples, which includes interviews.

## Habitat charity golf outing set

Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County's Annual Charity Golf Outing will be held Monday, May 19, at Catawba Island Club, and organizers are still looking for three more hole sponsors and a couple more teams to join the fun.

This event raises critical funds that stay in Ottawa County to help Habitat build and repair homes for local families in need.

Sponsor a hole or sign up a team at [www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-habitat-for-humanity-charity-golf-outing](http://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-habitat-for-humanity-charity-golf-outing).

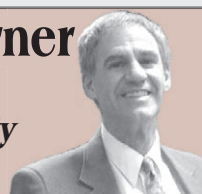
## First Raymer School, about 1890



This is the earliest photograph of the original Raymer School, taken about 1890. The school was built in 1889 on the NW corner of Nevada Street and Raymer Boulevard. James Raymer was a member of the school board in the 1860s and had a farm in that area along Starr Avenue. As the East Side was growing so fast in the late-1800s, an addition was constructed behind the school, and then in 1925, the large familiar brick school that lasted over 80 years replaced this first building. The current third Raymer School on the corner of Nevada and White Street opened in about 2007.

## History Corner

East Toledo Historical Society  
by Larry Michaels



## Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit makes arrest in Port Clinton

By Press Staff Writer

The Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit, the Port Clinton police department, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, and the Tiffin police department, in coordination with other law enforcement partners, executed a search warrant and made an arrest on May 2 following a CyberTip received from the Tiffin police department.

The investigation began when law enforcement received a tip regarding the upload of suspected child sexual abuse material (CSAM) to an online platform. The CyberTip was forwarded to the Ottawa County Major Crimes unit, who with the help of the various police partners, initiated a detailed forensic and investigative process to identify the source of the material.

Investigators ultimately executed a court-authorized search warrant at the residence located in the 300 block of Cedar Street in Port Clinton. During the opera-

tion, and with the help of the Major Crimes Unit Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9 Oak, multiple electronic devices were seized for forensic examination.

The suspects, identified as Jason Schlipf, 36, and his wife, Kati Schlipf, 37, were taken into custody at the scene without incident.

Both Jason and Kati were booked into the Ottawa County Detention Facility on charges pertaining to pandering obscenity involving a minor. Additional charges may be filed pending the results of forensic analysis.

"This case is a prime example of the power of interagency cooperation and the vital role that public and digital service providers play in protecting children," an Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit press release said. "Law enforcement throughout Ottawa County remain committed to pursuing those who exploit children online and holding them accountable."

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with additional information related to this case or other suspected crimes against children is urged to contact their local law enforcement or the Ottawa County Major Crimes Unit at 419-898-3155.

## Perennial Plant Sale

The Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society will hold their 28th Perennial Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17, in Walt Churchill's Market parking lot on 26625 N. Dixie Highway, (SR 25) Perrysburg, rain or shine.

The sale will begin at 8 a.m. and run until sold out, which usually occurs about noon. Cash or checks will only accepted; no credit card purchases.

Shoppers may select from among a variety of hostas, daylilies, ferns, wildflowers, companion perennial plants and more. All plants are from the society's gardens and are offered at very reasonable prices.

Proceeds from the sale allow the society to continue its sponsorship of national hosta and daylily display gardens at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark, 577 Foundation in Perrysburg, and Simpson Garden Park in Bowling Green. Members will be on hand to answer any gardening/planting questions.

For more information, call Charlene at 419-874-8964.

## Greenhouse, tray planter recycling

Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful is conducting a special recycling event for greenhouse trays and planters through June 6.

Locally, residents may bring their clean, empty plastic trays and planters (no dirt and soil) to Bench Farms, 9152 Jerusalem Rd., Curtice. Drop-offs can be made during regular operating hours.

Each spring, thousands of plastic greenhouse trays and planters are left over after planting season, but these items are not accepted in curbside recycling.

The collected materials will be properly recycled through a specialized recycling partner, helping to reduce waste and promote sustainability across the region.

For more information, visit [ktlcb.org](http://ktlcb.org) or follow Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful on social media.

## Terra State registration

Terra State Community College is now registering for summer classes.

The first summer session will start Monday, May 19. Payment arrangements are due Monday, May 12.

Students can register online at [terra.edu](http://terra.edu). Call 419-559-2345 to make an appointment.

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District Integrating Committee, which meets about five times a year and does applications for projects related to Issue 2. He said the money really helps communities such as his township.

“If anybody voted against that, they weren’t too smart,” he said. “We have some storm water sewers on Bunting Road where they put in some sanitary sewers and did a sloppy job. They slapped our storm water sewers together, and they’re breaking down now. We could get money, either loans or maybe some grants even, to help fix that (through Issue 2).”

The last authorization for Issue 2, which dates back to 1987, was in 2014 at a price tag of \$1.9 billion and was scheduled to end on July 1. The price of the new authorization - \$2.5 billion – can attribute its higher cost to increased labor and material costs. The Ohio Public Works Commission estimates the funding supports 35,000 construction jobs.

“We estimate it’s going to generate about \$7 million a year that we can put towards local infrastructure projects,” Pniewski said. “You have to dedicate so much to each unit of government. Pretty much everybody benefits from projects through the State Capital Improvement Program. So it will be a good help to not just the City of Toledo, but every community in Lucas County will benefit.”

Pemberville levy struck down a second time

Residents of Pemberville voted no for the second time to a half-percent increase on income taxes, which would have taken the current rate of one percent to 1.5 percent.

“My initial thoughts are it’s very sad that the villagers, the residents of the village, couldn’t see the importance of supporting the village’s amenities and services,” Bailey said.

Bailey said the tax was going to start being collected next January had it passed, so she doesn’t anticipate the cutting of a bunch of services this summer yet.

“We will probably cut back on our mosquito spraying this year,” she said.

“If anybody voted against that, they weren’t too smart.”

“We’re going to probably or very possibly cut back on police presence at our car shows and things like that which are not hugely impactful this year because we didn’t run on taking away services.

“But we would have been collecting it next year. Now next year, we will probably be telling people in the fall that they’re going to see police cuts. They’re going to see services cut.

“Another thing this summer, they may see the pool close early because generally we have to put an infusion of cash from the general fund into the pool toward the end of July just to keep it running, and I quite frankly don’t know if we can do that.

“The other thing that we’re going to see an immediate change in is I will not be applying for a bunch of grants because I can’t use the matching funds. I won’t have the matching funds. I don’t want to deplete the general fund any further with taking matching funds from it for grants.”

Bailey assured that this won’t affect grants that have already been applied for, but she said it “ties their hands” for future grant applications.

The mayor also said they will put the issue back on the ballot again as voting it down only kicks the can down the road.

“(We’ll put it back on) even though the residents think it’s a terrible idea,” she said. “When you kick the can down the road, all you accomplish is kicking the can down the road.”

As far as potential compromises, Bailey said they’ll look at the structure, but reducing the percentage ask won’t fix the problem, which she said was caused by previous administrations.

“Would a lesser income tax pass? I don’t know, but at the same time, it’s not going to fix the problem,” she said. “It’ll just kick the can down the road. It just

doesn’t solve the issue. The issue at hand is the past administrations have not sought funding.

“What they did was they manipulated the income tax fund and took some away from permanent improvements and stuck it in the general fund. They just manipulated it to make the general fund seem healthier, and it didn’t work.”

Genoa levy fails

A renewal substitute emergency property tax levy in Genoa was also struck down for the second time.

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

This levy was a renewal of the renewal, and it is the second time the district has approached the voters after it failed in November. The funds covered would have accounted for nine percent of Genoa’s budget and would have generated \$1.2 million for the district.

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

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

Jerusalem Township also sees frustration at the polls

Officials in Jerusalem Township, including Bench and fellow trustee, Alex Lytten, saw a pair of renewal levies fail at the polls.

The first asked voters for a renewal of a tax that was intended for parks and recreation purposes, and the second as a combination levy for a total of 3-mills that would have gone toward road repairs and maintenance.

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One thing that did pass was local option Sunday liquor permit for Anchor Pointe. Only the eastern half of Jerusalem Township voters went to the polls on that.

Lytten said he understands why voters said no with property taxes going up, but he’s in a tough position as a trustee.

“With everything going on with the property tax increase and all that stuff, that’s probably why those items didn’t pass,” he said. “And I don’t really blame the voters that they didn’t pass. Property taxes are expensive. It’s a tough position to be in as a trustee. I don’t want my taxes to go up, but I also have to ask for money so we can get things done.”

The township will decide whether or not to put it back on the ballot in November.

“I’m going to assume we’ll put it back on November, but we haven’t come to a solid decision on that yet,” Lytten said. “I have no idea if the rec levy is going to go back up or not. That’s going to be in the coming weeks, we’ll have to figure that out.”

Bench, meanwhile, has served as the road person for the trustees for several years. He takes care of the roads, ditches and stuff like that. He said, as did Lytten, that the township over the past several years has had eight miles of roads dumped into their hands with no say in the matter, which has exacerbated repair costs.

“The county just tells us that there are roads, and there’s nothing we can do about it,” Bench said. “We have just acquired two major ones - Cedar Point Road from Oregon to where Cedar Point dead ends into DeCant Road, and we just acquired all of Veler Road from State Route 2 to where it dead ends into Lyons Road.

“Those are major roads. We don’t have any road levy money now. We just bought some salt, and I told the road guy, ‘I guess we’re only going to do intersections.’ That’s all we can do. That’s all we can afford to do. The rest of the road will have to be what it is because we don’t have the money.”

Bench said Cedar Point Road is “kind of a mess.”

“At the one end, it’s three-foot narrower than up by Maumee Bay State Park,” Bench said. “And now we’re kind of stuck

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with it. We're trying to get a federal grant to take care of that somewhat. I don't know if that's going to happen with all that's happening in the world these days. Everything is being shut down. It's going to be interesting."

Bench said they had two separate road levies on the ballot last November, and after they failed, the township consolidated those into one.

"We just don't put these on the ballot for nothing," he said. "They cost, I can't remember how much exactly, but it's a pretty good amount that we have to pay to put these back on. So we thought we would make it simpler, just to have one, you know, one levy and go from there."

He said the upcoming problem is what to do in November as they also have their fire levy coming up.

"We can't run three levies that's for sure, but we might have to put the rec levy off for another year, and we really need the money for the roads and bridges to keep up," Bench said. "People complain about the tar and chip, but sometimes that's all we can afford to do. It's all about money."

"I just don't know how we're going to educate the people. I guess we'll have to have some more forums, you know or something to educate the people and tell them to get out and vote. I don't know if nobody was used to coming to vote in May either, and maybe we made a mistake and shouldn't have done it. We should have waited until the fall, but then we got the fire levy, too, so we thought we'd kind of cut it up a little bit."

Development grant

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on the property and construct the Bob's Pond trail loop. The first phase of construction is expected to begin this fall and the park district strives to open the park area to the public in 2026.

Shores & Islands Ohio received applications for a variety of projects from across the two counties including expansions, restoration, signage and infrastructure improvements, start-ups of new tourism-en-

“If something new comes up, is this a need or a want? Can we do this in a way that is fiscally responsible?”

“I'm just going to try again, because to keep the township, if we get buried here and get too far behind, people are really, really going to complain. Just even crack sealing, we should be doing. And we're basically not going to do too much of anything.”

As far as the rec levy, Bench hopes something can change with that, too.

"I always say it's for the kids. If we keep the kids busy and out of trouble, that's great," he said. "We have a really good rec director and a really good group with really good people on it. We have a big rec complex in Jerusalem Township, and we have at least three ball diamonds and then we got soccer fields and stuff like that out there."

"It gets used quite a bit, and it's for the kids at Jerusalem Township and some Oregon people come out sometimes for soccer and stuff like that, so it's well used, and we have to maintain it. Actually our guys cut the grass there, the township workers, and it's a pretty big field. I hope that they can come around (on that levy)."

hancing businesses, marketing, and more. The grants support tourism industry and community collaborations that maximize the economic return on public and private investments, spur increased visitation and enhance the quality of life for residents.

For more information on the Park District of Ottawa County, contact Executive Director Jannah Wilson at (419) 707-4051 and [jwilson@ottawacountyparksoh.org](mailto:jwilson@ottawacountyparksoh.org). Visit [www.ottawacountyparksoh.org](http://www.ottawacountyparksoh.org) to learn more, and follow the Park District of Ottawa County on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/parkdistrictofottawacounty](https://www.facebook.com/parkdistrictofottawacounty).

Park District of Ottawa County offices relocating to the Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Center West

By Press Staff Writer

The Park District of Ottawa County (PDOC) is excited to announce that its offices will be moving to the Shores & Islands Ohio Welcome Center West, located at 770 S.E. Catawba Rd (SR 53) in Port Clinton.

Effective June 2, the park district will begin operating from its new location at Shores & Islands. Office visits will be available by appointment. The final day of operations at the current E. Knoll Crest Drive location will be May 30. All phone numbers will remain the same.

"Expanding our operational capacity to better serve our local communities is one of the Park District's long-term goals," Park District of Ottawa County Executive Director Jannah Wilson said. "Relocating to the Shores & Islands Welcome Center West enables us to meet current needs while allowing for future growth and development."

"We're also excited about the opportunity to collaborate more closely with Shores & Islands Ohio. At the same time, we're sincerely thankful for the home we've had in Knoll Crest Plaza. As our first office, it holds a special place in our history, and we will always look back fondly on those early years."

In 2024, Shores & Islands Ohio President Larry Fletcher learned that the Park District of Ottawa County was exploring options for moving its offices. Following approval from the Ottawa County Visitors Bureau Board, he approached Wilson about the potential to lease a 940 sq. ft. space in the public area of the Welcome Center building.

Wilson brought the idea before the Board of Park Commissioners, who approved a basic lease agreement in January 2025, and a formal lease agreement in February 2025. As the building is located on the grounds of the Erie-Ottawa International Airport, the Airport Board considered and subsequently approved the agreement. The term of the lease agreement is

“We’re also excited about the opportunity to collaborate more closely with Shores & Islands Ohio.”

through June 30, 2033. The Board of Park Commissioners approved an office construction proposal by Tellamon Construction in January 2025.

Shores & Islands Ohio President Larry Fletcher commented, "Considering the significant value that our Park District contributes to our region's quality of life and outdoor recreation opportunities, this is a natural partnership. I look forward to working with Jannah and her team more closely moving forward."

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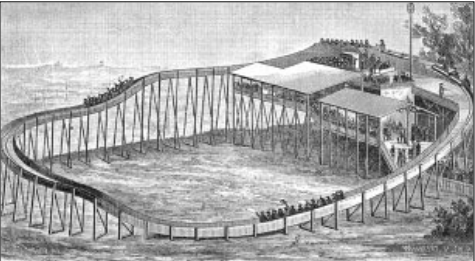
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This week in Toledo’s past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 200 years



Alanson Wood’s “Circular Gravity Rail- way” as he called it, was patented in 1884.

**May 11**  
**1901:** Toledo police arrest a man they call “Jack the Clipper.” He is accused of using scissors to clip the long locks of several girls and is later identified as 35-year old Ross Mounts, a county clerk from Bloom- dale.  
**1909:** News articles are being published nationwide about the death of Toledo’s Alanson Wood, the inventor of the roller coaster. Wood is memorialized as the for- gotten innovator of the “ride that made people scream.” He was 80 and died in poverty in Toledo.  
**1924:** Moses Fleetwood Walker passes away. He was a former Toledo Blue Stock- ing player who was the first African-Amer- ican to play professional baseball.  
**1936:** Toledo City Council votes to annex Point Place.  
**1940:** Toledo city health commissioner says scarlet fever outbreak is rampant with 94 cases reported.  
**1983:** Construction gets underway on the new Maumee River historic excursion boat, the “Arawanna Princess.”

**May 12**  
**1855:** Toledo fire crews battle one of the city’s first major fires as a very large barn is hit by flames, killing the horses inside.  
**1894:** The Elmore Bicycle company moves its operations from Elmore to nearby Clyde in Sandusky County. The company will later produce the Elmore automobile.  
**1907:** “Golden Rule,” a circus horse named in honor of Toledo’s former mayor “Gold- en Rule” Jones, dies as the Robinson Circus coincidentally happens to be in Toledo for performances. It said he died from so called tobacco heart, after his long time habit of using “chewing tobacco.”  
**1911:** The Toledo High School track team earns high praise for winning the North- west Ohio regional meet in Bowling Green. The young athletes took 10 of the 12 events.  
**1925:** Toledo patrolman Walter Mullen was shot and killed by his partner as they pursued two suspects on Front Street. One of the bullets fired from his partner’s gun struck Mullen.  
**1934:** A car-train collision at the New York



1910 model Elmore Automobile.

### Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert





The last Lakeshore Electric Interurban.

Central tracks south of Toledo leaves four dead.

**May 13**  
**1833:** First plot of land sold in early Toledo area known as Port Lawrence.  
**1852:** City of Toledo approves the establish- ment of a volunteer police force.  
**1903:** Researchers claim to find the loca- tion where Colonel William Crawford was burned at the stake by Indians in 1786 near Upper Sandusky along Tymochtee Creek.  
**1930:** Cowboy movie star Tom Mix and his horse, “Tony,” are in Toledo for circus shows at the Stickney Ave Fairgrounds. He later stopped by the Toledo police firing range to try out his guns.  
**1938:** Toledoans learn that Robert Gardner, former Lucas County Sheriff from 1915 to 1919, died at the age of 85. The East Tole- doan was from one of the first pioneer fam- ilies to arrive in Toledo’s Presque Isle area.  
**1941:** Lamson’s department store features a special fashion show that exhibits fash- ions through the centuries, including a glove from King Tut and the gloves worn by Mary, Queen of Scots, for her execution.  
**1975:** The Westwood Theater on Sylvania Avenue is ordered closed for one year af- ter being found guilty of showing the films “The Stewardesses” and “Deep Throat,” which are ruled to be obscene.  
**1981:** A Toledo police memorial honoring those officers who died in the line of duty is dedicated at Civic Center Mall.

**May 14**  
**1802:** The first Christian religious service held in the Toledo area when Reverend Da- vid Bacon preaches to tribes of local Indi- ans.  
**1842:** The city of Toledo forms its first offi- cial school district.  
**1886:** Convicted killer Arthur Glover of Wood County executed by Sheriff George Murray Brown in a hanging in Columbus. It was the last execution in Ohio carried out by the county sheriff of the county where the crime occurred.  
**1908:** A riot breaks out on the campus of Ohio Northern University in Ada. A dis- pute between junior and seniors results in juniors breaking into the armory and using rifles to shoot a senior banner to shreds and then forcing senior classmen to run a gauntlet of fisticuffs and insults.  
**1924:** Genoa and Elmore residents are treat-

ed to a special sight when the colorful Bar- num and Bailey circus train rolls through their villages, eastbound on the New York Central tracks early in the morning.  
**1926:** Genoa area residents are getting ex- cited about the announced opening of the new amusement park called “Forest Park” on Woodville Road.  
**1929:** The New Elk Theater is blown up shortly after the last movie of the night. No one injured in the apparent mob hit.  
**1932:** Road rage incident at Monroe and 14th Street when a pedestrian gets into a fight with two men in a car. One of them pulls a gun and shoots him three times.  
**1938:** The last Lakeshore Electric Interur- ban makes final run between Toledo and Sandusky. There is no special observance after 41 years of operation. Bus service be- gins the next morning.  
**1958:** Christine Brennan is born in Toledo. Brennan would become one of the most recognized sports reporters and writers in America.  
**1975:** Linda Jefferson, Toledo native and star running back for the Toledo Troopers women’s football team, is voted “Woman Athlete of the Year” by WomenSport maga- zine. The Toledo Troopers began playing in 1971 and were the league champions every year through 1979, with an overall record of 59-4.  
**May 15**  
**1863:** Several Southern Confederate Army “recruiters” apprehended in the Northern States are executed by firing squad at John- son’s Island POW camp on Sandusky Bay.  
**1902:** Police arrest a white man and black woman because they were living together. Both are jailed and fined \$20 each in police court.  
**1908:** It’s reported that a dog bit 11 people in Maumee and was rabid. All of victims will have to undergo a series of painful shots.  
**1926:** The safety building in downtown To- ledo is officially opened to the public.  
**1929:** An explosive fire erupts at famed Cleveland Clinic and spreads through hos- pital building, killing 125 patients and staff members.  
**1973:** Toledo Mayor Harry Kessler calls the old Edison steam plant in downtown Tole- do “an eyesore.” He wants it demolished and removed from the riverfront. It was later renovated to serve as the headquarters for ProMedica Healthcare.  
**2001:** A runaway train begins a wild 60- mile journey south on the CSX tracks that began in Walbridge rail yards. The nation- ally broadcast news drama finally ends when a brave railroad worker hops on the rolling locomotive and brings it to a stop in Har- din County. Dubbed the Crazy Eights inci- dent, the moment later inspires the movie, Unstoppable, with Denzel Washington and Chris Pine. Jennifer Borez, a former WTOL 11 reporter, had a bit role in the movie.

**May 16**  
**1855:** The schooner, “Visitor,” sinks in storm near West Sister Island. The captain goes down with his ship.  
**1899:** Large-scale tornadoes sweep through northwest Ohio, causing many fatalities and heavy damage. The Montpelier, Ohio schoolhouse is blown down, killing eight students and injuring many others.

**1904:** A study by Toledo Public Schools shows that the vast majority of those who graduate from Toledo’s High School are from well-to-do families of the city, as the poor students are forced to drop out be- cause they must work to support their fam- ilies. The study also says the high school has become a social center for fraternities and sororities that often ostracize the poor.  
**1935:** Safety director Price orders “hood- lum squad” to start closing down all of the illegal gambling clubs in downtown Toledo. Three of the most prominent clubs are in the 400 block of Superior Street and have been running openly for months.  
**1947:** The smallpox vaccine is rushed to the Fostoria area after a migrant worker dies from smallpox and others are exposed.  
**1953:** Springfield Township firemen hold a stag party of 1,500 people that gets out of control at the Secor Armor. It was raided by Toledo police and three women were ar- rested for indecent exposure. Others were arrested for gambling. Police said fisticuffs and chairs were thrown at officers before the men eventually scattered.

**May 17**  
**1838:** Last rains fall in Toledo area before the great drought of that era gets underway.  
**1881:** Louis Weigand of Toledo, a well known grocery store owner and reputed stolen goods buyer, dies from eating 32 hard boiled eggs in a wager with the butcher in his shop as to who could eat the most. The butcher is also reported to be very ill. A Bucyrus, Ohio newspaper, upon report- ing the story, called it a “waste of eggs”.  
**1894:** A devastating tornado hits Williams County town of Kunkle and nearby Mont- pelier. At least 10 people are killed, scores are injured and 50 houses are reported de- stroyed.  
**1899:** A weather observer reports that more than four inches of rain fell in a 12-hour downpour in Western Ottawa County.  
**1913:** For the first time ever, a Toledo fire engine becomes motorized when it is hooked up to a gasoline tractor and can reach speeds of up to 25 miles-per-hour. It was one of three given to Toledo on a trial basis.  
**1919:** Construction gets underway for 80,000 seat arena at Bay View Park to seat the expected large crowds for the Jack Dempsey-Jess Willard fight in July.  
**1927:** It’s revealed in the News Bee that Johnny Mack of Toledo, convicted of a pay- roll robbery in 1922 is innocent, but de- spite efforts for clemency by the judge and Lucas County prosecutor, he is still being held in prison in Columbus. He is eventu- ally released a few months later.  
**1961:** Betty Jean Jeska of Swanton wins na- tional competition as “Junior Cook of the Year.” The 17-year-old wins a trip to Eu- rope and \$5,000 with a peanut streusel pie.



Movie idol Tom Mix (middle) with TPD officers at BayView Park Range.



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# Toledo’s historic Navy silver set found aboard the USS Midway

By Lou Hebert

On May 6, 1946, when the United States Navy launched the USS Toledo CA-133, a brand new heavy cruiser from the Philadelphia Shipyards, the citizens of Toledo were on hand to give something special to this new ship being christened in name of our fair city.

The Navy League of Toledo had raised the funds needed to have a custom 18-place engraved silver service dinner set made for the USS Toledo and its officers’ ward room. The silver collection was commissioned through the Gorham Silver Company of Rhode Island, one of the most famous makers of silverware in the world. It was an artfully crafted collection of over 200 pieces, with many of the trays and plates featuring the engravings of Toledo landmarks on them.

The collection was impressive and beautiful, created at a cost of about \$12,500. It is undoubtedly worth much more in today’s dollars.

### When USS Toledo is retired, silver is returned to Toledo

By 1960, however, when the USS Toledo was retired from active duty, the coveted silver service set, at the request of Toledo Mayor Mike Damas was returned to Toledo and locked in a vault at the former Naval Armory at Bayview Park with the idea that it might eventually be displayed at the Toledo Museum of Art.

However, less than a year later, the set was loaned out again to the Navy. This time, it went aboard the USS Spiegel Grove



This silver platter from the set is in Kitty Hawk North Carolina.

for a voyage on a goodwill tour of Africa’s coastal cities. The Spiegel Grove, a Navy landing craft, had been named to honor President’s Rutherford B. Hayes’s beloved home at Spiegel Grove in Fremont, so it was only natural that the Toledo inspired silver dinner set would grace its wardroom.

But the loan of the USS Toledo silver to this landing craft was short lived, as the Navy requested that the set be placed aboard the soon-to-be-commissioned super aircraft carrier, the USS Kitty Hawk. Once again, with Ohio’s connection to the Wright Brothers and their historic relationship to Kitty Hawk, N.C., Toledo’s city fathers felt this was an appropriate move to allow the set to be placed aboard the new super aircraft carrier.

In 1963, Toledo City Council passed a resolution to make that official and soon the silver dinnerware was on its way to San

Diego to become a part of this huge U.S. Navy super carrier. That was the last time the silver was ever seen in Toledo, and it has never been back since.

When The USS Kitty Hawk was taken out of service, the silver sort of vanished into the byzantine bureaucracy of government limbo. What happened to it? The answer was not readily forthcoming.

But thanks to the Internet these days, finding elusive information is not as hard as it once was. With a little digging and lots of patience, photos of the USS Toledo silver service appeared on a Facebook posting in 2004 for the soon-to-be-opened USS Midway Museum in San Diego harbor.

And there it remains to this day. It is a part of the “Below Deck” exhibit which features a display of the officer’s wardroom where the USS Toledo Silver Tea set is featured.

### Will it ever come back to Toledo?

From some of the original news stories in 1946 and then again in 1963, the set was never intended to be given away to the U.S. Navy without some conditions attached, and certainly did not appear to give the Navy carte blanche authority to exercise sole discretion as to the artwork’s eventual disposal.

But despite early intentions, the U.S. Navy History and Heritage Command says that when the silver service was returned by Mayor John Potter of Toledo to be placed onboard the USS Kitty Hawk in 1963, that it did not come with any stipulations that it be returned to Toledo or that it was being loaned to the Navy, therefore the collec-

tion is considered to be the property of the Navy.

Case closed. The Navy decided the silver would be best suited to be placed in a museum instead of in storage.

The 204 pieces in the collection, valued at over \$61,000 today, will stay on USS Midway for an unspecified period of time, or until such time that another ship bearing the name the USS Toledo goes into service.

The USS Toledo submarine, launched over 30 years ago, does have two of the original silver platters from the collection.

It appears that if curious Toledoans would like to cast their eyes on this coveted “Toledo” silver set, the best bet is to take a trip to San Diego and check out the USS Midway Museum where this valuable piece of Toledo history remains on display.

### Some of it remains missing

It should be noted that the set is missing some pieces. It was originally a 225-piece set and only 207 have been located. Apparently one of the key pieces may be in the in the town of Kitty Hawk, N.C. in a museum to honor that legendary aircraft carrier.

That museum has a large platter from the silver set with “USS Toledo” clearly emblazoned on it. As to the whereabouts of the other items, those may be lost to history and indifference.

But for now, the large bulk of this once forgotten collection of silver, made possible by the generosity of Toledoans some 79 years ago, is safe and will be viewed by the thousands of visitors and tourists in a city thousands of miles away.



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# Agriculture

## Ask the Ag Expert

By Press Staff Writer

### Drought Funding for Farmers

Eligible livestock producers are receiving some much-needed assistance to recover from a historic drought. More than 3,000 farmers in 28 counties signed up for the \$10 million allocated by Gov. Mike DeWine and the Ohio Legislature.

### Protecting the Food Supply

ODA plays a vital role in ensuring the food you're getting from farm to table is safe to eat. Construction is well underway on the new Ohio Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This state-of-the-art facility will expand our testing capabilities for disease control programs and diagnostic laboratory services for veterinarians, livestock producers, and agribusinesses.

### Flower Power

Whether it's colorful blooms for Mother's Day or changing up your landscaping, Ohio's nurseries and greenhouses are busy this time of year. ODA's Plant Health Inspectors visit these sites to make sure what you're buying is free from diseases and pests.

## Woodmore

# Heins heads to Ohio State for agriscience

By Press Staff Writer



Kalle Heins, a senior at Woodmore High School, signed her letter of intent to attend The Ohio State University and study agriscience education during the 97th Annual Ohio FFA Convention last week.

Heins will enroll as a student in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership this fall.

Heins was recently one of two recipients of a \$500 agriculture and natural resource scholarship from the Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District.

The scholarship is for Ottawa County students who are pursuing education beyond high school in an agriculture or natural resource field.

Heins is also a multi-sport athlete at Woodmore.



Pictured (L to R) are: Dr. Tracy Kitchel, CFAES senior associate dean and professor of agriscience education, Dr. Susie Whittington, professor of agriscience education, Dr. Amanda Bowling, associate professor of agriscience education, Kalle Heins, Dr. Caryn Filson, associate professor of agriscience education, and Dr. Shannon Washburn, ACEL chair and professor of agriscience education.

# H2Ohio and COSI Host Annual Earth Day Event

By Press Staff Writer

For the third year in a row, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's H2Ohio Initiative partnered with the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) to celebrate Earth Day.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), and the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) joined to highlight how the agencies work together to improve water quality through H2Ohio.

"Earth Day is the perfect time to highlight the importance of protecting Ohio's lakes, rivers, and other waterways for future generations," Governor DeWine said. "We enjoy partnering with the team at COSI to inspire young minds and encourage them to explore careers in engineering, science, and conservation to keep Ohio's waters clean and safe."

COSI welcomed hundreds of families, students, school groups, and community members for a fun Earth Day celebration packed with interactive and engaging learning opportunities for Ohio youth. The event combined fun with learning by featuring outdoor farm animals, science experiments, live action displays, and a chance to speak one on one with Ohio's water quality experts.

"Earth Day is more than a celebration—it's science in action," Dr. Frederic Bertley, President and CEO of COSI, said.

"Through our partnership with H2Ohio, we're transforming environmental concepts into hands-on experiences that make sustainability accessible and engaging for all communities. These immersive activities don't just spark curiosity—they empower people of all ages to become the change-makers our planet needs for a healthier future for us all."

To kick off the event, representatives from OLEC, ODA, OEPA, and ODNR gave interactive presentations to an audience of families and youth to show how H2Ohio protects Ohio's water resources.

During the presentation, OLEC Executive Director Joy Mulinex described the need for clean water across the state.

"Governor DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, which uses the best science and data, has had a great impact on improving Lake Erie and Ohio's waterways," OLEC Executive Director Joy Mulinex said. "Earth Day is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of safe, clean, and reliable water."

OLEC is tasked with coordinating and overseeing the work of H2Ohio. The agency drives collaboration and implementation and works with the academic community to develop modeling to shape the program's direction.

ODA Director Brian Baldrige emphasized agriculture's essential role with water quality. The agriculture portion of H2Ohio incentivizes farmers to adopt best management practices on their fields to help reduce nutrient runoff.

"Showing youngsters that plants and

animals need clean water to grow quality crops and meats to eat is what today is all about," Baldrige said. "We want communities to know Ohio's farmers are dedicated to preserving soil health and water quality through H2Ohio, which ensures these resources are available for future generations. Today is a wonderful opportunity to partner with COSI for hands on learning about agriculture and its role in helping improve water quality in Ohio."

Ohio's farmers continue to demonstrate their commitment to water quality. To date, more than 3,200 producers across the state have enrolled 2.2 million in H2Ohio and nearly one in two fields in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) are enrolled in H2Ohio.

ODNR Assistant Director Steven Gray highlighted the importance of making good conservation habits a priority, particularly through natural infrastructure which benefits water quality as well as area wildlife.

"Improving water quality across the state is an important mission for H2Ohio and ODNR," ODNR Director Mary Mertz said. "By building or restoring wetlands and cleaning up local streams and rivers, we protect habitat and ecosystems while providing clean water for Ohioans."

"The Earth Day celebration is a great way to inspire future conservationists, and we're excited to work with COSI to help spark that curiosity in young people today."

ODNR is restoring more than 18,500 acres of wetlands and associated habitat

through 203 active or completed projects. Through the Students Take Action program, ODNR provides middle and high school students and teachers with the opportunity to experience wetlands firsthand and explore careers in conservation.

Ohio EPA Director John Logue emphasized the importance of access to clean and safe water across the state.

"H2Ohio is about more than just clean water - it's about education, engagement, and inspiring the next generation to care for Ohio's environment," Logue said. "Events like this at COSI help young Ohioans understand the importance of water quality and empower them to be part of the solution in protecting our state's most valuable natural resource."

The Ohio EPA provides critical upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure and removes lead service lines, particularly in daycares. The agency has served more than 580,000 Ohioans through these projects.

H2Ohio is Governor DeWine's statewide water quality initiative designed to address complex issues impacting Ohio's waters. Launched in 2019, H2Ohio uses a comprehensive approach guided by science and data to reduce algal blooms, stop pollution, and improve access to clean drinking water by supporting best farming practices, road salt runoff reduction, litter cleanup, dam removal, land conservation, and water infrastructure revitalization.

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# Opinion



## Don't Lose Sight of Your Strengths

By Bryan Golden

It's easy to become focused on what you feel your limitations are, while losing sight of your strengths. Everyone has unique aptitudes and abilities. Yet, it's too common to lose sight of your strengths. When this happens, you will tend to concentrate on your weaknesses instead.

You then become wrapped up in what you can't do, rather than what you can do. Within you are strengths you may not be aware of. Without knowledge of your assets, it is just as if they don't exist.

Before you can focus on your strengths, you must know what they are. How do you identify them? Start with devoting enough time to personal introspection. People who don't know a lot about themselves usually haven't spent much time with some self-analysis.

Learning about yourself isn't really that hard. But if you are not used to doing it, it may seem a little awkward. It does take some effort and you might have to do a little digging. Regardless of what you have been told or what you believe, you do have strengths.



## Golden Advice

by Bryan Golden

Any aspect of your personality can be a strength. Strengths are not necessarily based on formal education or training. Here are some characteristics to spark your thinking: patience, integrity, focus, good with people, friendly, helpful, caring, inquisitive, pleasant, hard worker, thoughtful, devoted, diligent, thorough, persistent, generous, efficient, organized, and compassionate.

This is not an exhaustive list. These are just a few examples to get your mind into gear. Personality traits are even more valuable than knowledge because, although an individual can develop these traits, they can't be taught.

In addition to your personality traits, there are other components that can also be strengths. You may not be aware of it, but there is something you have an aptitude for. Perhaps it's musical ability, mechanical ability, mathematical ability, or cooking ability. Some other examples of strengths are the ability to organize, being a quick learner, having a good memory, or the abil-

ity to teach others.

Even what you enjoy as recreational activities can be strengths. You may be good at one or more sports, have a specific hobby, enjoy travelling, like working with kids, or enjoy building or fixing things. Anything can be a strength. Don't put any limits on what you think about and you will find you can add things to your list you may never have previously considered.

Once you have identified your strengths, you can tap into them in a variety of ways. First, and foremost, think about all of your strengths for a mental boost whenever you feel down. Next, consider ways to utilize your strengths to make your life more productive.

Your occupation is one way to apply your strengths. It's great if you love the line

of work you are in. If not, look for ways to capitalize on your personal assets to find a pursuit that you really enjoy. Whatever your strengths may be, there are people who use those same strengths in their occupation. People even make a living doing what you do for fun.

There is no reason why you can't do something you love. If you are not happy with your current job, you should explore changing direction to something that makes you happy and that you find satisfying.

Don't get caught up with what you feel you can't do. Everyone has things they are not good at. You want to concentrate on your strengths and put them to work for the purpose of a happier, more enjoyable life. Begin each day by reviewing your strengths and you won't lose sight of them.



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# Health

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## Safe Kids Day set for May 17 at Pearson Metropark

A Safe Kids Day event will be held Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pearson Metropark Lot 4, 761 S. Lallendorf Rd., Oregon.

The event is being presented by Oregon Fire and Rescue Department, Safe Kids Greater Toledo and Toledo Metroparks.

Bike helmets and life jackets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. There will also be a Bike Rodeo and helmet-fitting station staffed by Safe Kids experts.

Attendees can learn about water and boat safety and meet Oregon Fire and Police Department members.

For more information, visit [oregonfire-rescue.com/safe-kids-day-2025/](http://oregonfire-rescue.com/safe-kids-day-2025/).

### Yoga on the Boat

The National Museum of the Great Lakes announced the return of Yoga by the Boat.

Hosted in collaboration with Parting Clouds Yoga, the events invite participants to unite during an outdoor class against the tranquil backdrop of the Col. James M. Schoonmaker.

Yoga on the Boat events will be held Saturdays, May 17, May 31, June 7, July 12, and July 26 from 9-10 a.m. at the National Museum of the Great Lakes, on the outdoor Great Lakes concrete area near the Schoonmaker. The museum is located at 1701 Front St., Toledo.

The cost is \$15 per class

Whether you're an experienced yogi or new to the practice, Yoga by the Boat welcomes individuals of all ages and skill levels. Bring your own mats and join in for a blissful experience by the boat.

"We're excited to again collaborate with Parting Clouds Yoga to host a series of



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classes in our gorgeous environment,” said Ashley Streichert Lovejoy, marketing and communications manager at NMGL. “It’s a great way to combine health and wellness with the rich history of the Great Lakes.”

Following the sessions, attendees are invited to explore the Museum exhibits and board the Schoonmaker and Museum Tug Ohio at a discounted rate of \$2 off admission per person or \$5 off any Museum membership. Find out more and register at [nmgl.org/events](http://nmgl.org/events).

**Ask the Expert**

Mercy Health’s Ask the Expert series continues Thursday, May 22, with a focus

on mental health in observance of Mental Health Awareness Month. The speaker is from Lucas County Suicide Prevention Coalition and will talk about the suicide prevention method known as QPR.

The one-hour, monthly sessions are held virtually on third Thursday of every month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. via Zoom. To join, participants can call 646-931-3860 or zoom meeting ID: 975 5220 8436. There is no need to pre-register.

### ‘Spectrum of Possibilities’

Avenues for Autism is accepting registration for the second annual Spectrum of Possibilities Conference, scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, from 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Franciscan Center at Lourdes University.

Healthcare professionals, educators, self-advocates and community members who are passionate about autism support and advocacy are encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Kerry Magro, Ed.D., autism self-advocate and consultant to Netflix’s “Love on the Spectrum.”

Registration is \$50 for general attendees and \$20 for students. Space is limited. Event registration and more information are available online at [avenuesforautism.org](http://avenuesforautism.org).

### ‘Beat the Heat’ event to raise awareness

The 7th Annual “Beat the Heat” event will be held Thursday, May 29, from 1-2 p.m. in the parking lot at Sandusky County Fairgrounds, 712 North St., Fremont.

A joint effort from Sandusky County Children Services, the Humane Society of Sandusky County and the Sandusky County Dog Kennel, the event aims to raise

awareness of the dangers of leaving children or pets in an unattended parked car in the heat.

Local celebrities will sit in hot cars while being closely monitored by support teams to share temperature readings, how they are feeling and to show the distress caused by being locked in a hot car for just minutes.

**MS support**

A Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets in the Magruder Hospital Conference Center, 614 Fulton St., Port Clinton, on the second Tuesday each month from 6-7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be May 13. For more information, call 419-341-3424.

### Hospice offering day camp for grieving kids

Hospice of Northwest Ohio’s offers a summer day camp for grieving kids and teens ages 6-15. The four-day camp, provided at no charge to participants, will be held July 29-Aug. 1 at Camp Miakonda in Toledo.

Path Finders Camp provides opportunities for grieving kids and teens to interact with others who have experienced similar losses in a safe, fun and supportive environment. Separated by age, groups will be led by licensed counselors/social workers and trained volunteers.

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camp is offered at no cost to participants. Registration is required by completing an online application at [hospicenwo.org](http://hospicenwo.org) no later than June 13. Space is limited. Anyone interested in learning more about attending or volunteering at the camp can call 419-931-5623 or email [pathfinderscamp@hospicenwo.org](mailto:pathfinderscamp@hospicenwo.org).

**Magruder Wound Healing Center earns two awards**

The Magruder Wound Healing Center has been awarded two awards from Healogics, the nation’s largest provider of advanced wound care services. This is great news for the communities we serve, especially those who are dealing with chronic wounds and wounds that just won’t heal. “This recognition is a testament to our commitment to delivering the highest quality wound care,” said Nehna Dearth, BSN, RN, Clinical Program Director. “Chronic wounds can be devastating, and we are honored to help our patients regain their quality of life through advanced, evidence-based treatments.” The awards were presented because the Magruder Wound Healing Center scored in the top 10 percent of eligible Healogics Wound Care Centers on the Clinical Excellence measure, which is the Comprehensive Healing Rate weighted by wound mix. The center also achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including a patient satisfaction rate higher than 92 percent. Advanced wound care modalities provided by Magruder wound care experts include negative pressure wound therapy, total contact casting, bio-engineered tissues, biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

**Museum renews Certified Autism Center designation**

The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) has renewed The National Museum of the Great Lakes’ Certified Autism Center (CAC) designation. This certification renewal affirms the museum’s dedication to creating a welcoming and supportive environment, equipping staff with the skills and resources to best assist and support all visitors, especially autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals. “Ensuring accessibility is a core part of our mission,” says Ellen Kennedy, the museum’s director of museum operations. “By renewing our designation as a Certified Autism Center, we reaffirm our commitment to providing an inclusive and welcoming experience for all visitors. The Great Lakes belong to everyone, and we want to share their stories in a way that is accommodating and meaningful for all individuals and families, regardless of their needs.” In addition to training, the museum has also implemented sensory-friendly mornings, which take place on the second Saturday of every month. “The new expansion of the National Museum of the Great Lakes and the efforts to be inclusive and hospitable to all of us in the region is a hallmark of what makes our community outstanding,” said Cathy Carroll, member of the museum’s Admiral Society and program sponsor of Sensory Friendly Mornings, along with her husband Bill. Sensory-friendly mornings at the National Museum of the Great Lakes include:

- Limited crowds, ensuring a peaceful and relaxed environment.
- Dimmed lighting to create a calming ambiance.
- Lowered or even eliminated exhibit sounds, reducing auditory stimulation.

By renewing their certification, the museum continues to play a role in an initiative started by Destination Toledo to turn

Toledo into a Certified Autism Destination (CAD). IBCCES awards the CAD credential to communities with a multitude of trained and certified lodging, recreation and entertainment options. To enhance the visibility of their services and accessible offerings, the National Museum of the Great Lakes is also listed on the Accessibility App directory. Through the directory, users are able to view a gallery of the museum’s location, the accommodations the museum offers and their address, contact information and hours of operation. The IBCCES Accessibility App is free for users to download. This app provides individuals with a variety of information and resources related to certified organizations, sensory-friendly spaces, and navigating public locations. By connecting users to locations worldwide, employment opportunities, and access to several other accessibility resources,

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month in Ohio, nationally**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), together with Recovery Ohio, is encouraging Ohioans to recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month by having conversations about mental health and showcasing supports available to those struggling with their mental health. Aligned with the national recognition, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jim Tressel issued a proclamation designating May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Ohio. “While the recognition is observed in May, under Gov. DeWine’s leadership, mental health is prioritized every day in this state,” said OhioMHAS director LeeAnne Cornyn. “At OhioMHAS, we have worked hard to make services more visible, accessible and effective, and in doing so, treating individuals and families with the dignity, respect, and understanding they deserve.” In Ohio, approximately one in five

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adults live with mental illness, and about 1.8 million adults live with substance use disorders. “We know that mental illness and substance use disorders affect millions of Ohioans,” said Erin Reed, director of

RecoveryOhio. “The good news is that with effective prevention, treatment, and recovery supports, people can and do recover. Ohioans living with these conditions can go on to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.” Anyone experiencing a crisis can call, text, or chat the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline to reach a trained specialist who can offer help and support. 988 provides 24/7, free and confidential support to anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis, which includes both mental health and substance use. Since the nationwide launch in July 2022, Ohio call centers have responded to nearly 500,000 calls, chats and texts, and are currently averaging more than 18,000 contacts a month. For a list of local Mental Health Awareness Month activities visit the Recovery Ohio Facebook page at [facebook.com/RecoveryOH/](https://facebook.com/RecoveryOH/) or X page at [x.com/recovery\\_ohio](https://x.com/recovery_ohio).



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# Team Recovery cuts ribbon on 75-bed detox, residential center

Team Recovery celebrated the grand opening of its 75-bed Detox and Residential Facility on April 24 at 5217 Monroe St., Toledo. The state-of-the-art center expands critical treatment options for people affected by substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions.

During a morning ceremony attended by community leaders, health professionals and elected officials, speakers hailed the facility as a turning point in Northwest Ohio's response to addiction. The center completes Team Recovery's full continuum of care, joining its outpatient services and Ohio Recovery Housing-certified transitional homes to guide clients from medically supervised detox through long-term recovery support.

"By opening these doors, we are opening new futures," Team Recovery chief integration officer Savannah Rayford told the crowd while thanking partners and supporters. "Together we are breaking stigma, fostering hope and ensuring dignity in care."

Matt Bell, Team Recovery co-founder, traced the organization's growth across Ohio and underscored its commitment to access. The facility accepts all Ohio Medicaid plans, private pay and is finalizing contracts with commercial and Medicare insurers. Staff assist eligible cli-

ents with Medicaid enrollment so cost never blocks entry to care.

Lisa Sobecki presented a proclamation honoring Team Recovery's leadership in harm reduction and life-saving services, while Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz pledged the city's continued partnership in addressing addiction and mental health challenges.

Although overdose deaths in Ohio fell 37 percent in the third quarter of 2024, demand for quality treatment remains high. Team Recovery now serves urban and rural communities statewide, including top referrals tracing back to Lucas, Wood, Cuyahoga, Williams, Allen, Franklin and Lorain counties, connecting residents to much needed evidence-based care.

Key features of the new facility include:

- Medically supervised detox with 24-hour nursing and physician oversight.
- Residential treatment delivered by licensed clinicians, case managers and certified peer supporters.
- Individualized recovery plans that integrate mental health therapy, family engagement and aftercare coordination.
- Client-centered design shaped by people with lived experience, promoting comfort, safety and dignity.

For more information, visit [theteamrecovery.org](http://theteamrecovery.org).



A grand opening celebration was held April 24 for Team Recovery's 75-bed Detox and Residential Facility, located at 5217 Monroe St., Toledo. The state-of-the-art center offers treatment for people affected by substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health conditions. (Submitted photo)

### About Team Recovery

Team Recovery was founded in 2015 by Matt Bell, who brings a unique perspective to the fight against addiction and mental health disorders. Drawing from his personal journey of overcoming addiction,

Bell is committed to providing high-quality care to individuals seeking support in their own recovery process. Team Recovery's mission is to improve the overall health and well-being of individuals affected by addiction and/or mental health disorders.

# Health department: Take steps to breathe better, live healthier

May is Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department is calling on residents to take simple steps to breathe easier and live healthier.

With warmer temperatures, blooming trees and an increase in outdoor activity, it's more important than ever to stay informed and take action to protect one's respiratory health.

This month, the health department is highlighting how clean air, active lifestyles and timely information can help residents

manage asthma and allergies – while celebrating the health and environmental benefits of Bike Month across Lucas County.

### Watch the air, stay informed

As spring continues, air quality, allergens and asthma triggers can significantly impact those with asthma or seasonal allergies. Local tools are available to help families stay ahead of the forecast:

- **TMACOG Air Quality Updates:**

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments provides daily air quality alerts and forecasts, helping residents ad-

just outdoor activities on days with high ozone or particle pollution. Visit [lucascountyhealth.com](http://lucascountyhealth.com) for more information.

- **Lucas County Asthma & Allergy Dashboard:** This online resource offers

real-time pollen counts, asthma education materials and air-quality monitoring to help residents manage symptoms and reduce risks. Visit [lucascountyhealth.com/asthma-resources/](http://lucascountyhealth.com/asthma-resources/) for details.

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# Sports

## Lake's Steep breaks two schools records

By Yaneek Smith  
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So much for 67 years worth of records. In the past week, Lake senior Luke Steep broke two school records in the 1600 meters (4:26.24) — at the Otsego Tim Downey Invitational — and the 3200 (9:59.61) at a tri meet with Rossford and Otsego.

Steep's time in the 1600 beat Marc Quigg's record of 4:27.95 by less than two seconds, which had stood for 30 years, and his 9:59.61 time in the 3200 was just over three seconds faster than Al Adams' time of 10:02.96, which stood for 37 years.

Steep, who also runs cross country and was part of the indoor track circuit, is hoping to repeat as champion in the 1600 at the Northern Buckeye Conference Championship. He's also hoping to get to Dayton for the Division II state meet and would like to run among the best the nation has to offer following his time in high school.

It's been quite a journey for Steep to get to this point.

"I've been running since I was in elementary school," Steep said. "At Lake, we have a biddy program called Young Runners Club. I started it in third grade and did it through sixth grade. I also ran in YMCA leagues here and there during that time as well. I've also run road races with my dad since then.

"Through middle school and the early parts of high school, I played football, hockey and ran track. I also ran cross country in eighth grade. It was midway through my sophomore season of track that I made the decision to run distance full time, year-round. In my junior year, I chose to do cross country instead of football, and it was a great choice as it has developed me into the runner I am today. I also stopped



Luke Steep celebrates after learning he broke the 1600 school record. (Photo by Stephanie Steep)

doing hockey as a junior and started going to indoor meets throughout the offseason to truly get ready for outdoor season."

Steep hasn't had much time to reflect on setting the record in the 3200, but he did talk about breaking the record in the 1600.

"It was a testament to all of my hard work these last two-and-a-half years," he said. "It represents everything I stand for, that being my faith, my family, and all who have stood along my side during the journey. My mindset going forward is to cherish every moment I have in this one, final season and give it my all until the end.

"My goals are to win the 1600 at the NBC Championship, be a district champion in the 1600, qualify again for regionals, be a state qualifier, and be a national qualifier in the 1600 (by getting a time under 4:23)."

## Schmeltz earns athletic administration award

By Press Staff Writer

Lake High School's director of athletics, Nicole Schmeltz, has been selected as the 2025 recipient of the Northwest Ohio Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators (NWOIAAA) award.



Nicole Schmeltz

The award is presented each year to an active athletic administrator who is in the first two to three years of service at his or her school. The person must have demonstrated clear signs of professionalism and involvement, and has made a difference at their school, and/or within their conference.

Schmeltz, who is a 2014 graduate of Lake High School and a 2018 graduate of Huntington University, was tabbed as Lake's athletic director in April 2023. A two-sport athlete in track and soccer in both high school and college, Schmeltz previously taught social studies at Northwood High School and served as the assistant athletic director for Eastwood from 2018-22.

Schmeltz replaced long-time athletic director, Dave Shaffer, who retired.

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Sports

# Lance cements place in Oak Harbor history



Nick Lance is pictured with his team after winning his 100th career game on April 21. (Submitted photo)

By Yaneek Smith  
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Oak Harbor’s 4-3 win over Maumee on April 21 earned its coach, Nick Lance, his 100th career victory.

The Fremont Ross alum, who is in his ninth season leading the Rockets, was an assistant for nine years under Rob Schimmoller before taking over, and he was an assistant with the Little Giants for two years before that.

Oak Harbor athletic director Justin Slauterbeck talked about Lance, who played catcher at the University of Toledo, achieving the milestone.

“I’m extremely happy for Coach Lance reaching the 100-win milestone,” Slauterbeck said. “He’s one of the most genuine coaches I’ve worked with, and it is just another example of how great our coaches

are here at Oak Harbor.”

Brian Schultz, now in his third season as an assistant with the Rockets, was an assistant coach for five years with the softball team, which his daughter, Reagan played for, and he is now coaching his son, Cooper.

“Coach Lance welcomed me with open arms,” he said. “The guy has poured his heart and soul into the program and has built a winning culture. He does a good job of adapting to what he has. We have been in a lot of tight games the last couple of years, and a majority of the time, he finds a way to win, (whether) it’s a squeeze or calling out a hit and run. He has a great feel for the game in the moment.”

“I think he has assembled a great coaching staff with Coach (Kyle) Haas running the infield and Coach (A.J.) Cecil calling great games as the pitching coach. I’m grateful to be part of the staff as he continues to build the culture at Oak Harbor.”



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# Obituaries

## Berman

Andrew James Berman passed away suddenly on May 5, 2025. Andrew was born on January 15, 1979 to Mark and Kathy Berman. He attended Lake High School and graduated in 1997. Andrew had been employed at Mel Berman’s Restaurant, UPS, Mobis and Amazon Distribution Center. Andrew enjoyed skateboarding, roller blading, Vango art, collecting dragons, hoodies and collectable sneakers. He loved his children and family.

Andrew is preceded in death by his father, Mark Berman; grandparents, Mel and Mary Berman, Lila and Arvin James; and his uncle, Chris Berman.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Lexi (Matt) Billingsley, Orion Berman, Laney Brown; his mother, Kathy Berman; sister, Kerrie Dayton; nephew, Blake Dayton; and granddaughter, Brynlee Billingsley.

Friends may visit Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel, 1111 Woodville Rd., on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Lake Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Andrew’s name can be made to Ohio Suicide Prevention, 175 South Third Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215 (ohiospf.org).

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## Nutter

Lowell Nutter passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was 84 years young-for-ever quick with a smile and always ready with a goodnatured tease, whether with loved ones or complete strangers.

Born and raised in Upstate New York, Lowell was the son of Beulah and Raymond Nutter. He took great pride in a life built on hard work, beginning his first job at the age of four, raising chickens and selling eggs. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he embarked on a successful career in electrical engineering. Lowell worked with Sine, Bendix, and Amphenol in New York and Michigan, and later with Array Connectors in Florida. Within the aerospace industry, he earned a reputation as “the guy”—the expert behind many of the electrical specifications still used today.


Above all, Lowell cherished his family. He is survived by his devoted wife and best friend of 34 years, Winona Nutter. Those who knew him best will fondly remember the joyful banter between Lowell and Winona as they worked together around the house and in the garden.

Lowell was a beloved father to Jeff Nutter (Cheryl), Michelle LaRose (Scott), Heidi Lovaas (Steve), and the late Karen Nutter, and a loving father to Alex Maziarz (Angela), Lindsay Maziarz, and Fawn Gruetter. He was also a proud grandfather and great-grandfather to many.

He is lovingly remembered by several nieces and nephews. Near and dear to his heart was his niece Jennifer, whose kindness and care meant so much to him.

A longtime member of Living Word Baptist Church in Oregon, Lowell’s life will be honored with a memorial service at the church on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 1:00 pm.

Lowell’s humor, warmth, and unwavering work ethic leave behind a legacy of love and laughter that will never be forgotten.



## Browder

Robert Oscar Browder was born on Father’s Day, June 16, 1935 to Oscar Walton and Eva (Stanley) Browder in Cleveland, OH. He passed away on April 30, 2025 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Perrysburg, 47 days short of his 90th birthday.

Bob was the beloved husband of Susan (Szakovits) for 63 years and she survives. He has been a loving father to his three daughters: Kimberly (Randy Tice) Woggon, Michelle (Kevin) Fisher, and Lynette (Steve) Hablitzel; best grandfather to Nathan (Sara) Woggon, Nichole (Greg) Toupal, Devin Fisher, Delany Hablitzel, Madison (Bryan) Fanning, Mason and Grace Hablitzel; great-grandpa to JoJo Woggon and Rori Toupal; and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bob was an amazing husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family and they loved him.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Lee (June) Browder, Wes (Dolores) Browder, John (Alma) Browder; sisters: Betty (Richard) Steinmiller, Margaret Browder, and Mary Browder; and brother-in-law Robert Szakovits.

Time and Date of Graveside Services will be announced at a later date. Please view the Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home website for additional detail.

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**“When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure”.**





# Four local teams vying for a shot at conference title

By Yaneek Smith  
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Oak Harbor, Eastwood and Lake find themselves in the thick of the Northern Buckeye Conference baseball race.

The Flyers, who are coming off an appearance in the Division III state final last season, and the Eagles find themselves tied atop the league with Maumee at 7-2 – as of May 7. Overall, Eastwood is 13-3 and Lake is 13-4. The two teams split their season series. Oak Harbor resides at 6-3 in league play, just one game back of the pack.

In each of the last six seasons, Eastwood and Lake have won three league titles apiece.

Eastwood, Lake and Oak Harbor are filled with good, capable players, but there are some that stand out and have done a magnificent job leading their respective teams.

Senior P/1B Drew Kachmarik is one of the best players for Eastwood, hitting .472 with two doubles, 21 RBIs and seven runs scored.

“I go up looking for a pitch that I can do damage with and don’t let good pitches go by,” Kachmarik said.

Kachmarik, who will continue his career next year at Defiance College, is 3-0 with a 1.72 ERA and three saves in eight relief appearances and one start on the mound. He recently tossed an eight-inning complete game in a victory over Lake that moved the Eagles into a tie for first place.

“He’s been one of our most productive players both hitting and pitching,” Eastwood coach Kevin Leady said. “He is our top relief option. We joke that he is live almost every game. He always tells me he’s ready to throw in any situation. He bats in the four hole, has the highest batting average, and he has the most RBIs on the team.”

Kachmarik is excited about the Eagles’ chances of making a postseason run.

“I feel we are at a great point heading into the latter part of May,” he said. “We have many players stepping up for us and we want to be playing our best in May. I think we have many kids stepping up for us to get to where we want to be.”

Four-year starter Michael Lalonde leads the way for Oak Harbor. The senior, who pitches and plays shortstop, is a force at the plate and on the mound. He is hitting .300 to go with an on-base percentage of .500, one double, one triple, nine RBIs, 11 stolen bases and 17 runs scored. On the mound, he is 2-0 with a 0.35 ERA and one save.

“It’s been a ton of fun these last four years playing the best game on Earth with the guys I’ve grown up with all my life,” Lalonde said. “We’re playing for the town and the community. And then just being able to go out and compete and win is what makes it fun.”

Oak Harbor coach Nick Lance said the future University of Findlay student-athlete brings a lot to the table.

“He is extremely athletic and versatile,” he said. “He can take over a game on the mound, he can shore up a defense at short and drive in a winning run at the plate. He’s a threat no matter what he’s doing.”

Lalonde also starred as the quarterback of the football team and the point guard of the basketball team.

“He’s a three-sport talent that comes to work every day and wants to win and wants those around him to be the best they can be,” Lance said. “He is an extension of our coaching staff. Like most good teams, typically your best player is the shortstop. Things can be tricky with arm care and managing the workload. Playing those positions can be demanding, but Mike has been up to the task these past four years.”

Drew Tajblik was instrumental in leading Lake to the state finals last season, and he’s hoping the Flyers have another deep run left in them.

“I feel like we are playing really well together,” Tajblik said. “And I feel like our team chemistry is there. We are very strong on offense from top to bottom, so it’s really hard to get us out. I’m seeing the ball really well right now. Defensively, I’m making the routine plays, and being a leader on the field. Pitching-wise, I could be better, but I’m still doing everything I can to win.”

“We have to keep hitting like we have been and stealing bases as much as we have. We’ve also been playing really well defensively. Most importantly, we have a strong pitching staff.”

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Eastwood’s Drew Kachmarik

meant to the program for the last four years.

“It’s been enjoyable beyond words, and he has helped me develop into a better coach,” he said. “Drew and I have a great relationship on and off the field, and that is part of what allows me to coach him really hard. He wants to get better each day we play or practice, and being able to help him achieve that has been a lot of fun and extremely rewarding.”

“Last season, he went 12-0 and was a bulldog on the mound. He was a guy we could rely on to compete and keep us in every game he pitched.”

### Clay vying for NLL crown

And then there’s the Clay Eagles, who are in their second year in the Northern Lakes League Cardinal Division, where they find themselves in first place.

Coach Jim Phillips’ club is 11-6 and 8-2 in the conference, despite having had to replace a number of key contributors from last season’s squad.

One of the top players on the club is Landon Eversman. The senior 3B/P is hitting .364 with four doubles, one triple, one home run, eight RBIs and 11 runs scored. He’s been even better on the mound, going 2-1 with a 1.03 ERA in six starts.

Eversman has committed to continue his career at Owens Community College.

“As we knew coming into this season, our team is very young and has a bit of the inexperience factor, but honestly, every game, we are continuing to get better at the little things, and we are getting better at executing in game, whether it’s bunting, defensive plays, etc.,” Eversman said.

“We dropped one league game to Napoleon, but other than that, we remain unbeaten in the Cardinal Division and hope to carry that to a championship. Personally, I think our strong suit is pitching. I have been very strong on the mound, and so has Darin (Fussell), Bryce (Besgrove) and others. I am hitting well, but need to find the consistency factor as well as our team as a whole does at the plate.”

Fussell is 1-2 with a 1.58 ERA and Besgrove is 0-1 with a 3.78 ERA.

“I’m confident we have the talent to win a few tournament games and make a run,” Eversman said, “but we have to play our best ball and execute.”



Oak Harbor’s Michael Lalonde



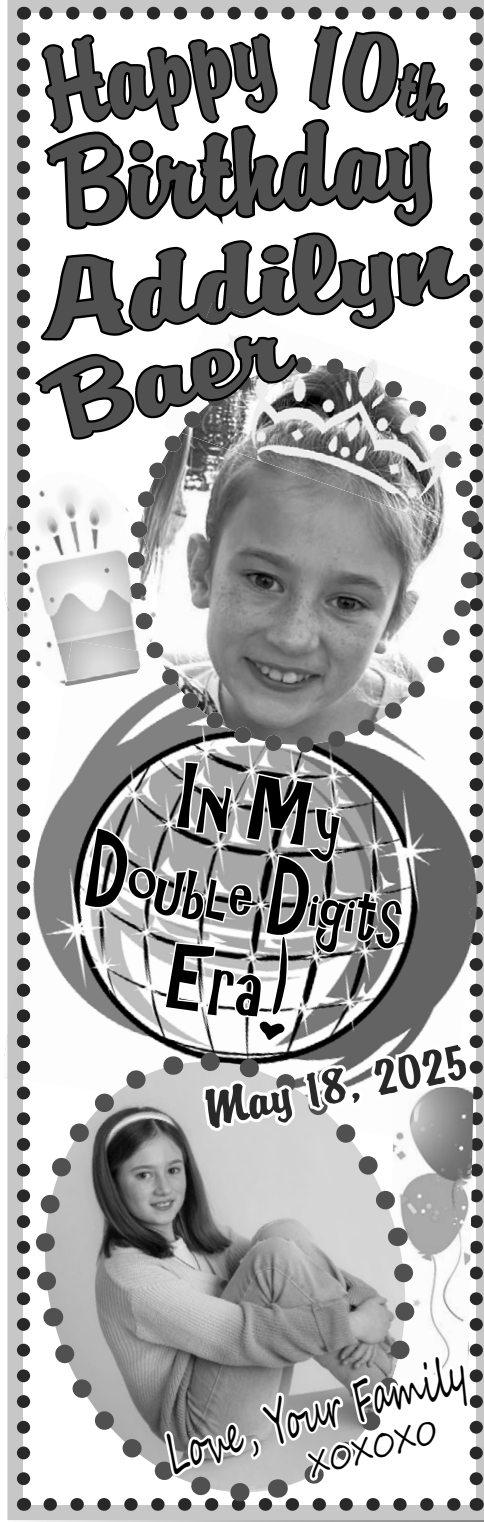
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When you left us and our world stopped I couldn’t imagine 20 years would pass so fast. You now have been gone longer than you were on earth. We think of you often and look forward to the day we are together again.

*Love, your family*



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Toledo

**Card Party**, May 13, 12 p.m., First St. John Lutheran Church, 2471 Seaman St. Donation \$15. Lunch, door prizes, raffles. All are welcome. For reservations, call 419-276-1264 or 419-691-5506. **.TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** welcomes new members who want to lose weight. The group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the East Toledo Senior Center, 1001 White St. Weigh-ins from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Yearly membership is \$70. Annual dues \$20. Call Judy 419-691-8033 or just walk in. Everyone welcome. **East Toledo/Oregon Kiwanis Club** meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at noon at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Everyone welcome. **God’s Instruments Food Pantry** is open the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m.-noon at 1705 Tracy St., between Oakdale Street and Andrus Road. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. **Gambler’s Anonymous** meets Mondays and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 4727 W. Sylvania Ave. Call 419-327-9514 for more details.

Oregon

**St. Charles Hospital Auxiliary** will meet May 21 from 12- 2 p.m. in the Oregon Room at Mercy Health– St. Charles Hospital. Meeting includes lunch and social opportunities. There is a membership fee in addition to a \$10 luncheon fee. Contact Vicky at 419-279-9023 for reservations. The next Auxiliary meeting will be Sept. 10. **Donations Sought for Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society’s Annual Rummage Sale.** Nearly new items may be dropped off at the Ansonia St entrance of the OJHS Educational Wing at 1133 Grasser St. on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon through May 30. No clothing please. Call 419- 902-5149 for details. **Community Bereavement Support Group** meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Pavilion at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine. The Bereavement Department of Southern Care Hospice facilitates the free, ongoing group. **MOMSurviving Our Ultimate Loss**, a group for moms who have lost a child to the opioid epidemic, meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Intersection Church, 1640 S. Coy Rd. For info, email Laurie Clemons at [momssoul@yahoo.com](mailto:momssoul@yahoo.com), call 419-346-6082 or visit [moms-soul.com](http://moms-soul.com). **Gamblers Anonymous** meets Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, Starr Avenue Ext. To reach the local hotline, call 419-327-9514. **Rita’s Soups** at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 798 S. Coy Rd., the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Offering varieties of soup, crackers or bread, and a dessert to anyone who comes through the doors. A freewill offering will be accepted. **Oregon Democratic Club** meets the 1st Thursday of the month at Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Meeting time is 7 p.m.; social hour. at 8 p.m. Visit [oregondemocraticclub.com](http://oregondemocraticclub.com) for meeting info and details. **Oregon Conservative Club** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave. Speakers, education and an opportunity to make a change with like-minded people in the community. Email [lynlin3215@gmail.com](mailto:lynlin3215@gmail.com) for info. **Oregon Fire & Rescue Museum**, 4350 Navarre Ave., is open for private tours. Call Mike Snyder at 419-297-2383 for info. **Ashland Church Food Pantry**, 2350 Starr Ave., is open the last Saturday of the month for drive-thru from 12-1 p.m. (May-August hours). ID required. **Celebrate Recovery**, a 12-step, Christian-based recovery program to help anyone dealing with addictions, anxiety, depression, grief and codependency, meets Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at



Intersection Church, 1640 S. Coy Rd. Everyone welcome. Call 419-389-3299 for info.

Northwood

**Northwood VFW Weekly Fish Fries**, Fridays from 5-7:30 or until sold out. All-you-can-eat fish for \$14. Weekly Sunday Breakfasts, from 8-11:30 a.m. Cost \$8. The VFW also has karaoke every Friday from 7:30-11:30 p.m. **Spaghetti Dinner**, second Friday of every month, 4-7 p.m., Northwood Church of God, Coy and Cur-tice roads. Adults, \$9; children \$5. **Northwood Food Distribution** has changed its distribution procedure. To schedule a pickup, contact Emilia Bires at 419-351-5835 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pickups will be arranged at your convenience and will take place at 700 Lemoyne Rd. Please note: There will no longer be a set Monthly Food distribution at the City building. Those interested must contact Emilia to schedule a pickup. **Oregon/Northwood Rotary Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m. at Northwood Community Center, 3700 Main St. The club provides service to others, promotes integrity, goodwill and peace through fellowship among business, professional, and community leaders. Email [RotaryOregonNorthwood@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryOregonNorthwood@gmail.com) for info. **Northwood Church of God Food For Thought Food Pantry** is open every 3rd Tuesday of the month from noon-2 p.m., 1838 S. Coy Rd. Easy access; help is available to get groceries to vehicles. Photo ID required. **God’s Instruments Food Pantry** is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, 817 East Broadway. Open to residents of Toledo, Northwood and Rossford. ID and proof of residence required. **Men’s Prayer Breakfast**, the 3rd Saturday each month at 9 a.m. at Northwood Church of God, Coy and Cur-tice roads. For info, call 419-691-1376 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Jerusalem Twp.

**Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at [twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/](http://twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/). **Jerusalem Township Zoning Commission** meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd. **Jerusalem Township Food Pantry** is open the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 9-11 a.m. at the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.

Elmore

**Elmore Farmers Market** will be open the 2nd Tuesday of the month, May-October, 5-8 p.m., at the Elmore Historical Society, 353 Ottawa St. Vendors may set up as early as 3 p.m. and tear down by 9 p.m., if possible. Market is completely outdoors, rain or shine. No refunds, rain dates or rain checks. Contact John Stolar at 419-341-4683 for more details or email [cchrhorses@gmail.com](mailto:cchrhorses@gmail.com) **Harris-Elmore Public Library**, 328 Toledo St., offers Weekly Storytimes, Mondays, 11 a.m. Monthly programs include two book groups, crafts for all ages, Fiber Arts Hour, LEGO Club, D&D Game Night, in-house scavenger hunts and activities for the whole family. Check out the “Library of Things,” a non-traditional collection of items for families, students, entrepreneurs, creatives and lifelong learners. Call 419-862-2482 or visit [harriselmore-library.org](http://harriselmore-library.org). **American Legion Auxiliary Elmore Unit 279** meets the second Wednesday of the month starting at 11 a.m., 279 Veterans Ave. Those who would like to join or have questions are invited to attend. **Elmore Historical Society** welcomes everyone interested in maintaining, protecting and promoting the history of Elmore to attend meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the EHS Barn. **Elmore American Legion Riders Chapter 279**

meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., 279 Veterans Ave. **Elmore Post 279 of the American Legion** is available for rental for events and parties with a capacity of 200. Kitchen area available. Call Bill at 419-279-0928. The post meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend meetings.

Genoa

**Genoa Branch Library**, 602 West St., offers Weekly Storytimes, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Monthly programs include adult and pre-teen book groups, crafts for all ages, Homeschool Hour, LEGO Club, D&D Game Night, in-house scavenger hunts, and activities for the whole family. Check out the “Library of Things,” a non-traditional collection of items for families, students, entrepreneurs, creatives and lifelong learners. Call 419-855-3380 or visit [harriselmorelibrary.org](http://harriselmorelibrary.org). **Genoa American Legion Hall**, 302 West St., is available for rental for events and parties of up to 100 people. Full kitchen and ample parking available. The Legion meets the second Wednesday of month at 7 p.m. For membership and hall rental information, call 419-205-1942. The Legion Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of each month (except holidays, then meetings are held the following day) at 7 p.m. **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Gift Shop** is open every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and browse the newly renovated shop with new items. Something for everyone. **Al-Anon Family Group**, Genoa Giving and Getting, meets Mondays at 7 p.m. Genoa Christian Church, 415 Main St. **Genoa Community Food Pantry** is open the 3rd Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m., at Christ Community Church, 303 W. 4th St. Serving Genoa School District residents. ID and billing address within the district required. Call 419-341-0913. **Trinity Thrift Shop**, 105 4th St., open Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes and small household items available at reasonable prices. Proceeds benefit mission projects. **Elmore and Genoa Senior Centers** have combined. Seniors meet at the Ed Griswold Senior Center, 514 Main St., Genoa. Hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Stop in to pick up a newsletter, which lists menus and activities. Call 419-855-4491 for reservations or info.

Gibsonburg

**Gibsonburg Branch Library** offers a number of programs, including Preschool Storytime Thursdays at 11 a.m.; Creative Kids: Neighborhood Garden House (registration required), May 14, 4-5 p.m.; Adult Book Chat, May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Discuss “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry,” by Rachel Joyce; Hippie Barefoot Sandals (registration required), May 28, 6-7:30 p.m. Lockers available for after-hours pickup of library materials. **Gibsonburg Area Food Pantry** is open the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 4-5 p.m., 116 S. Main St. Serving Gibsonburg School District residents. ID and proof of residency are required. For information call 567-201-3962.

Graytown

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

Luckey

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

Oak Harbor

**St. Paul Lutheran Church Annual Drive-thru Pork Chop BBQ**, May 18 at the church, 9789 W. Oak Harbor Southeast Rd. Serving time 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until sold out. Menu includes two pork chops, potatoes, cole slaw, bread, homemade pie and a drink. Cost is \$13. Contact any church member or call 419-898-2168 to reserve tickets. Limited tickets may be available the day of the event. **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.; 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 Donoghue.” Ottawa County Genealogy Society meets every 3rd Tuesday from 5:30-7 p.m.; Computer Lessons, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment; Watercolor Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m. – Bring your own supplies; Needle Crafts Group, Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. – Bring your own supplies; Tai Chi Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; Pinochle Fridays at 2 p.m. The Local History Museum is open Tues. 1-5 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Call 419-898-7001 or visit [oakharborpubliclibrary.org](http://oakharborpubliclibrary.org). The library will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day. **Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel Food Pantry**, located at 11805 SR 105, is open Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m., offering groceries for anyone in need. Call or text 419-343-0126 for more information. **BCS Food Pantry Inc.** at St. Paul UCC, 165 Tous-saint St., is open Monday and Thursday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Open to residents of Benton, Carroll and Salem townships. Providing groceries, as well as personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, when available.

Pemberville

**Community Food Pantry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, 220 Cedar St., is open Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and the 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.

Walbridge

**Spaghetti Dinner Breast Cancer Fundraiser for Lindsey Fincher**, May 17, 4-9 p.m., VFW 9963, 109 N. Main St. Raffles, auctions, games. \$10. Limited drive-thru available 4-5 p.m. For info, contact Lorie Davis at 419-461-3799. **Crimson Lights Band** will perform at Walbridge VFW Post 9963, 109 N. Main St, 2-5 p.m. on May 25 (date subject to change). The bar will be serving beer and wine coolers, along with water and soft drinks Contact Carolyn at 419-260-0464 for info. **MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) and MOMS-next (Moms with Kids of All Ages)** group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Mainstreet Church, 5465 Moline-Martin Rd. Visit [mainstreetlife.org/mops](http://mainstreetlife.org/mops) for info. **Walbridge Branch Library**, 108 N. Main St., programs include: Family Storytime, Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; LEGO Block Party, Saturdays, May 3, June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2 from 2-4 p.m. (no registration required); Game Days, Wednesdays, 1 p.m. – Play games or bring your own game. For info, visit [wcdpl.org/events](http://wcdpl.org/events).

Woodville

**Woodville Library**, 101 E. Main St., programs include Spring Storytimes, Thursdays in May, 10 a.m.; Woodville Book Club, May 14, 7-8 p.m. – Discuss “The Tobacco Wives,” by Adele Myers; Crochet Feathers (registration required), May 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Bring yarn and a crochet hook; Turtle Canvas (registration required), May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Create an ocean scene using paints and sea glass; Fungi Fanatics, May 21, 6:30-8 p.m. – Meet at MidAm Mushrooms to learn how to inoculate logs; Homestead DIY (registration required), May 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Learn budget-friendly DIY hacks. Learn more at [birchard.org](http://birchard.org) or call 419-849-2744.

<div><h2>Church Worship Guide</h2></div> <div><h3>Woodville</h3><p><b>Solomon Lutheran Church and School</b> 305 W. Main St. 419-849-3600 Sunday Worship 8:00am &amp; 10:30am Sunday School 9:20am (adult &amp; children)</p><p>The Rev. G. Alan Brown, II, Pastor School Open Enrollment Nursery thru 6th Grade</p><p><b>Woodville United Methodist Church</b> 201 W. First St. 419-849-2400 Sunday Worship - 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00</p><p>Youth Activities Available Rev. Dee Baker, Pastor Ramp &amp; Elevator Available</p></div> <div><h3>Walbridge</h3><p><b>Athens Missionary Baptist</b> Sunday School - 9:45am Church Service - 11:00am Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm 101 W. Breckman St. Walbridge, Ohio 43465</p><div><p><b>ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH</b></p><p><b>Weekend Masses</b> Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8am &amp; 10am</p><p>300 Warner St., Walbridge <a href="http://St.JeromeWalbridge.org">St.JeromeWalbridge.org</a></p><p><b>See you in Church!</b></p></div></div>
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### Toledo

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### Genoa



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### Elmore

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Rt. 51 at Witty Rd., Just north of Elmore

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