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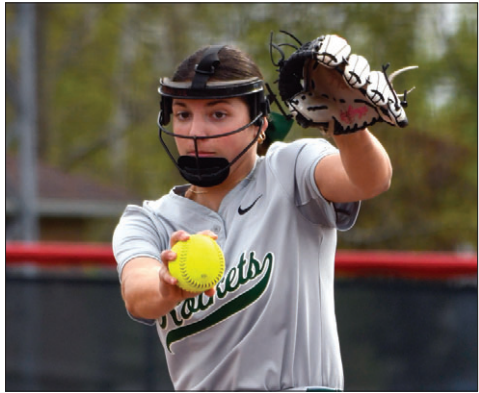
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Kim Kaufman, executive director of the Black Swamp Bird Observatory, delivers a speech to a large audience at the opening ceremony for the Biggest Week in American Birding on May 9 at the Maumee Bay State Park Lodge and Resort. See additional birding photos on page 3. (Photo by Omar Smaidy Photography)

Memorial Day Kaptur to speak at ceremonies in Oregon and Clay Township

By Nicholas Huenefeld
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Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who represents Ohio's 9th congressional district, will be a guest speaker at this year's Memorial Day ceremonies on May 26 in Oregon and Clay Township.

Clay Township

The first event, hosted by the Genoa American Legion Post 324, is slated for 9 a.m. and should last approximately one hour according to legion commander, Tom Cashen.

"We're very excited to have Congresswoman Kaptur come out to observe Memorial Day with us," Cashen said. "That was kind of a hard thing to get. She has commitments and things like that, but we were able to get her to commit a couple weeks ago, which was nice."

Ron Distel, the chaplain for the American Legion Department of Ohio, will also speak. Cashen said he is very active with the American Legion, the VFW, and he's a veteran service commissioner.

The bands from the Genoa American

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Legion and Genoa High School will both perform, and the event is sponsored by the American Legion 324 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 324.

The Gibsonburg cannons will perform artillery, and some local high school students will sing the national anthem.

Members of the American Legion Post 324 will give a speech, and there will be a raising of the colors, which will include a war poem titled, In Flanders Fields, which was written during World War I. It was published on Dec. 8, 1915.

Cashen said they will post all of the service flags, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine and Space Force.

Anchors Aweigh, the fight song for the U.S. Naval Academy, will be played by the American Legion band.

Cashen said they will post grave marker flags at the sites of deceased veterans at the cemetery, as well.

Oregon

A couple hours after the Clay Township ceremony begins, a similar event will be held at 11 a.m. in the memorial garden of Clay High's Memorial Stadium at 5665 Seaman Road in Oregon.

The approximately one-hour event will take place rain or shine, and should it rain, it will be held in the adjacent indoor venue right across from Memorial Stadium.

A coalition of civic leaders, veterans, and volunteers from the Oregon, Jerusalem Township, and Harbor View area annually conduct the service at the site of the war memorials honoring those who have given

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Elementary students get a history lesson in Genoa

By Lou Hebert | Special to The Press

Elementary students in Genoa were the recipients of a history lesson at Genoa's historic town hall on May 6.

"The history is very cool," Genoa fourth grader Nathan Montgomery said.

Montgomery and 100 of his classmates attended the special outing, and he said he especially liked the information about the early railroad and trains that came through Genoa in the 1850's which led to the town's sudden prosperity and its place on the Ohio map.

The students sat attentively in the second floor opera house theater to hear the stories about the town's early years, including the fact the original name of the town was actually "Stony Ridge," plus how and why it was renamed as Genoa by the railroad.

They also learned about the efforts by the pioneers to clear and to drain the Great Black Swamp which is now mostly fertile farmland.

Those nuggets of history were just some of the lessons provided by Genoa's village administrator, Thomas Bergman, who is also the grandson of Tomme Bergman. Tomme was instrumental in saving the historic town hall from the wrecking ball in the 1970's.

"It was a great opportunity to educate the students about how this town came to be," Bergman said.

In addition to the facts on Genoa's history, the students also got a lesson on how the village functions behind the scenes, and that was provided in the first floor council chambers by Genoa's Mayor Brent Huston, who said he was "really glad to be a part of this town hall day for the kids."

He was also pleased with the interest the kids showed in the operations of the village, from providing the basic utilities like electric, water and sewer to who makes up the town council and staff.

"The kids asked a lot of interesting

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Quote of The Week

Newspaper writers dubbed it the "Granddaddy of all wallopings."

Lou Hebert
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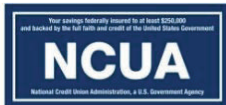


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their life in military service to the country.

According to Jerry Eversman, who is the event’s organizer, this year’s ceremony will have World War II Army veteran, Private First Class James Zettner, who attended Clay High School beginning in 1941, as the guest of honor.

Zettner, known by his friends as “Zeke,” is now 98-years-old. He will be placing a Memorial Day wreath at the World War II memorial and two staff sergeants from the U.S. Army will accompany Mr. Zettner.

Zettner served in an anti-aircraft artillery unit in France, Belgium, and Germany at the end of the war, guarding railroad lines for Allied operations. He is the last living charter member of VFW Post #9816 Lake Shore Memorial in Oregon.

Kaptur, who authored the bill to create the national World War II memorial in Washington D.C. in 1987, will also deliver the keynote address.

The origination of the national memorial occurred at an event in Jerusalem Township when Kaptur was approached by veteran, Roger Durbin, who asked why there was no World War II memorial. Seventeen years later, through hard work getting the bill written and passed along with the work done to design and construct the memorial, it officially debuted in D.C.

John “Jack” Mangas, a 97-year-old Korean War veteran who served at the rank of sergeant in an infantry company and in the motor pool, has been selected to place the Korean War Memorial wreath.

The greater Oregon community is known to have lost one soldier, PFC Robert Lee Beale, during the Korean War. He attended Clay High School and his youngest sister, Judy Dudrow, will also be presenting a wreath in memory of her brother and those who lost their lives.

“The greater Oregon community supports this service more and more each year,” Eversman said. “We have active-duty service men and women along with many veterans and their families in attendance (annually). Students from Clay High School help our veterans and community members make this event a special tribute each year.”

Eversman said that in some years, they



Top photo, Marcy Kaptur speaks at the World War II Memorial anniversary ceremony in Washington D.C. in 2024. Photo courtesy of Ben Kamens. Bottom left, is James Zettner, a 98-year-old World War II veteran. At right is John “Jack” Mangas, a 97-year-old Korean War veteran. (Submitted photos)

have had an aerial flyover of aircraft from the Ohio National Guard 180th Fighter Wing based at the Toledo Express Airport.

Supporting the Memorial Day ceremony will be the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 35, who have led the military veterans in tribute at the memorial garden of Clay’s Memorial Stadium dating back to 2008.

A reading of the names of area service men linked to Clay High School and Oregon is done each year followed by a tolling of the Clay High memorial bell. An honor guard will fire a 21-rifle volley salute and the playing of Taps occurs each year. Wreaths are also placed at the Vietnam War Memorial and at Defense of Freedom memorials.

Waite hosts 110th annual Memorial Day ceremony

On Thursday, May 22, officials from Morrison R. Waite High School will host the 110th annual Memorial Day program, titled “Service.”

The event, which is slated to begin at noon, has always been an important event at Waite, per principal Todd D. Deem and Memorial Day coordinator, Kyle Briggs.

“It is our sincere hope that you will be able to join us to honor our veterans and to celebrate the freedoms that their sacrifices have preserved,” Briggs said in a release.

If you have any questions, you can call Waite officials at 419-671-7000 or send an email to kbriggs@tps.org.

Ohio Department of Agriculture expands spotted lanternfly quarantine area

Press Staff Writer

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is expanding the spotted lanternfly (SLF) quarantine to include counties in northeast and northwest Ohio to reduce the spread of the invasive insect.

The six new counties now under quarantine are: Wood, Seneca, Summit, Portage, Trumbull, and Carroll counties. A map of all counties under quarantine can be found online with this story at PressPublications.com.

Under quarantine, products such as trees and nursery stock may not be moved out of the area without a compliance agreement, permit, or inspection certificate. Producers who ship these products to non-regulated areas must have their stock inspected and each load must be accompanied by a certificate which confirms their product is free of SLF.

The updated quarantine is a result of several new infestations reported through ODA’s online Ohio Plant Pest Reporter. ODA continues to encourage community members to report sightings of the spotted lanternfly in counties that are not currently under quarantine.

Recommendations on treatment methods for SLF on your property can be found in ODA’s Spotted Lanternfly Homeowner Management Guide.

“The spotted lanternfly is an invasive pest that is known to cause harm to Ohio’s agricultural industry,” ODA Director Brian Baldrige said.

The spotted lanternfly is an insect native to Asia that is a pest of grapes, hops, and apples, along with many other species of plants. This pest is specifically a concern for Ohio’s grape and wine industry, which contributes more than \$6 billion in economic activity to the state yearly. An invasive tree known as tree of heaven is the primary host for spotted lanternfly.

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Biggest Week in birding continues

Top photo: At Magee Marsh, Shawn Klay, of Rossford, spies a White-eyed Vireo. Bottom left: Chris Giovannone, Warren, Ohio, pauses to look at a warbler. Bottom right: Beryl and Alan Turner of Greater Manchester, England, return for their 14th trip to the U.S. for the Biggest Week in American Birding. After birding, the Turners said they were heading to Blackberry Corners for pie and a cold drink. The Biggest Week continues through May 19. (Press photos by Ken Grosjean)

History lesson

Continued from front page

questions," Huston said, "and I even was asked by one student when we are going to get the swing fixed in the park."

This field trip by the fourth grade class is the first one for Genoa and probably won't be the last, fourth grade teacher Susie Gahler said.

"It's been awesome to pair with the local library and the historical society to give the kids some background about the town," she said. "They learned something today."

Meghan Parker, manager of the Genoa Branch of the Harris-Elmore Library agreed. The library helped organize the event with the historical society.

"My goal in getting involved was to help educate the kids about the history of the town," Parker said. "We also have a beautiful historic town hall and we need to show it off."

In addition to offering an interactive learning experience with village officials, the fourth graders were given a specially produced pamphlet for the occasion with



Genoa mayor Brent Huston (right) and Genoa library manager Meghan Parker (raising hand) speak to elementary students on May 6. (Lou Hebert)

pictures and stories of interest about Genoa's history.

Parker said plans are currently in the

works by the groups involved to offer similar opportunities to Genoa students next school year.

Dedication set

A dedication of the US Army Private First Class Jerry Bockbrader Memorial Highway will be held in Perrysburg on Tuesday, May 20, at 9 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at the Country Charm Shopping Center, 120 W. South Boundary St.

A graduate of Perrysburg High School, Pfc. Jerry Bockbrader was drafted into the Army on Sept. 18, 1967, and deployed to Vietnam on Feb. 26, 1968. Assigned as a Light Weapons Infantryman with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Bockbrader was killed in action on May 20, 1968—exactly 57 years to the day of the upcoming dedication.

Throughout his service, Pfc. Bockbrader earned numerous commendations, including the Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Purple Heart Medal.

"Pfc. Bockbrader's bravery and commitment to duty embody the very best of what it means to serve our country," said State Rep. Haraz N. Ghanbari (R-Perrysburg), who introduced the legislation for the highway naming. "This small but meaningful gesture will help ensure that future generations remember his sacrifice and the sacrifices of all who served in Vietnam."

The newly designated highway—authorized under Ohio Revised Code Section 5534.131—includes the stretch of SR 199 between West South Boundary Street and State Route 105 in Wood County. The designation became effective on March 20, 2025.

Health dept. clinics

The Ottawa County Health Department, 1856 E. Perry St., Port Clinton, has issued a schedule of clinics for the week of May 19-23. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

May 19: Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 20: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Put-in-Bay, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Immunization Clinic – Allen-Clay Fire Station, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

May 21: Family Planning Clinic, 7:30-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-5:30 p.m.

May 22: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 7:30-10 a.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

May 23: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Chorale fundraiser set

The Perrysburg Chorale will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a concert and fundraising dinner Saturday, May 24, in the Grand Lobby at the Valentine Theatre, 410 Adams St., Toledo.

For tickets, visit eventbrite.com.

Block Watch to meet

Northwood Neighborhood Block Watch will meet Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the New Community Center, 3700 Main St.

Julie Whitmore will discuss stroke awareness.

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Ohio Senate Majority Floor Leader Theresa Gavarone is pictured with Michael Penrod, Director of the Wood County District Public Library.

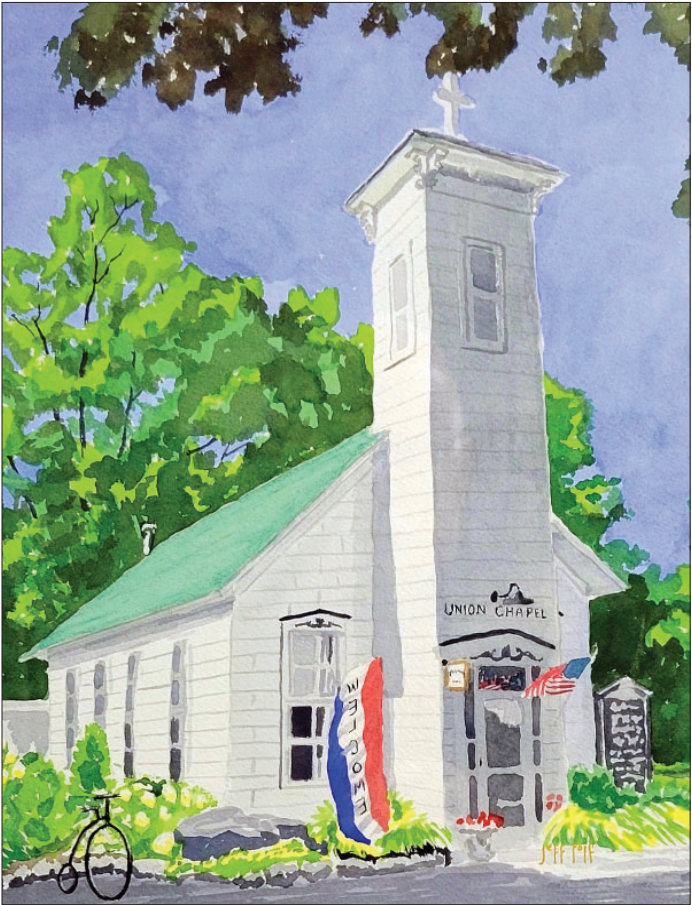
Gavarone recognizes Wood County library’s 150th anniversary

By Press Staff Writer

State Senator Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) recognized the Wood County District Public Library recently for reaching its 150th anniversary. Gavarone presented Michael Penrod, the director of the library, with a certificate during a ceremony. “Times have changed with the times,” Gavarone said. “This facility is still an invaluable resource for our community, and we anticipate it will be a beneficial and loved neighbor for at least another century and more.” The library has become much more than simply a place to borrow a book. It now offers “150 Things To Do,” which in-

“Times have changed but this library has changed with the times.”

clude using a 3D printer, getting help earning a GED, and renting movies for free. The Wood County District Public Library is the earliest known public library in Bowling Green, established in 1875. The Walbridge library, which was recently featured in The Press in relation to the anniversary, is part of the district. The Wood County library initially moved around to different locations, largely dependent upon who was serving as librarian at the time.



Watercolor painting of Union Chapel by local artist Jeff Roth. (Courtesy of the Catawba Island Historical Society)

Catawba Museum at Union Chapel opens May 28

By Press Staff Writer

The Catawba Museum at Union Chapel will open for its eighth season on May 28. The museum’s scheduled hours of operation are each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and the second and fourth Saturday of each month through Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, a handful of dates will also be set aside for evening operation until 7 p.m. to accommodate those who would like to visit but are unable to do so earlier in the day. Those dates, which all fall on

Wednesdays, are June 16, July 16, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17. Everyone with a current annual membership in the Catawba Island Historical Society will be included in a noon drawing on opening day. You do not need to be present to win, and the prize is a private wine and cheese tour of the museum for up to eight people. The date and time of the visit will be arranged directly with the museum’s curator, Jane Spriestersbach. Be sure to have secured your new or renewed 2025 membership by May 28 to be included in the drawing. The museum is located at 5258 E. Porter St. at the north end of Catawba Island. Entrance is free to the public and the facility is handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Craig Koerpel at cihstrustee@gmail.com.

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- ☆First St. John’s - 9:15/9:30am
- ☆North Oregon - 9:45/10:00am
- ☆St. Ignatius - 10:15/10:30am
- ☆Oakwood (Jerusalem Twp.) - 11:00am

Ceremony consists of wreath placement, 3 rifle volley, and taps. Police escort is provided.

Public is Welcome!

For more info to attend or a fund donation, contact Sara Pescara at 419-708-5039.



Eastwood High School.

Welker, Eastwood announce results of radon testing

By Press Staff Writer

Air samples were taken from all of the first floor rooms at the high school, middle school and elementary buildings on May 6-8 according to Eastwood Local Schools superintendent, Brent Welker, and the results were positive for the community.

The EPA standard for radon in the air is 4.0 pCi/L, or picocuries per liter, and the highest readings in each of the three buildings were: 1.4 pCi/L in the high school, 1.0 pCi/L in the middle school and 0.8 pCi/L in the elementary. Air samples were also taken on the second floor at the elementary school.

Thus, the results are well below the standard of 4.0 pCi/L and in line with the average national indoor average radon level of 1.3 pCi/L.

The testing was completed by Brumbaugh-Herrick and their credentials are

“These results are welcome news...”

included in the full report, which can be found at PressPublications.com.

“I want to thank the Ohio EPA, the Governor’s Office and the Ohio Department of Health for giving us a grant to cover the costs for this testing window,” Welker said.

Those entities will also cover the cost of another upcoming test in November.

“We cannot solely rely on a spring testing result to determine radon levels in our buildings,” Welker said. “That is why we are scheduled to test again in November, in line with EPA protocols. These results are welcome news, and had they come back over the EPA standard, we would have had immediate concerns.”



Washington crossing the Delaware (c1870s-1890s) Courtesy of: Harrington G. Fitzgerald, Museum of the American Revolution.

At Wolcott Cemetery Ottawa County to host America-250 event

By Press Staff Writer

The Ottawa County Historical Society will dedicate a National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) patriot marker at the Wolcott Family Cemetery on May 17 at 1 p.m.

The DAR marker was purchased by the historical society through a grant from the America-250 Ohio commission, and it will be placed near the gravesite of Benajah Wolcott.

It will honor him and the other four American Revolutionary War veterans buried there, including: Isaac Ambler, John Clemons Jr., John Green and Israel Harrington.

The cemetery is located approximately 1/4 mile from the Wolcott Keeper’s House at 9999 E. Bayshore Road in Danbury Township. Parking is limited at the cemetery and visitors are asked to park near the Wolcott House and Annex.

A golf cart shuttle service will be provided to the cemetery for those preferring not to take the seven-to-10 minute walk to the cemetery. Both the House and Annex will be open for tours after the dedication.

The Ottawa County-America 250 Com-

“It will honor him and the other four American Revolutionary War veterans buried there...”

mittee is planning a number of events for 2026 including driving tours, historical performances, marker trails and a county-wide picnic.

Organizations throughout the county are also planning 250th celebrations, such as concerts, re-enactments and lectures.

Those interested in more information can visit the Historical Society and Shores & Islands website to read more about the county committee and events in both Erie and Ottawa counties.

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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 200 years

May 18
1825: A massive tornado rolls through Burlington Township in Seneca County, described by witnesses as a “violent fury that uprooted entire forests of large trees, hurled animals skyward and made the ground rumble beneath one’s feet.” Three people died in the sparsely populated area of the county.
1882: The passenger ship, the “American Eagle,” explodes near Kelleys Island. Ten people are killed.
1916: The Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass company is formed in Toledo and will revolutionize the way window glass is made. The plant to make the glass is being constructed in West Virginia.
1929: Forest Park, billed as “Toledo’s Greatest Amusement Park,” opens for the season on Woodville Road near Genoa.
1937: Lamson’s Store in Toledo features a full bakery and is now offering chocolate eclairs for six cents each and a loaf of raisin bread for nine cents.
1944: Blind newspaper salesman John Madden of Toledo says he will soon have six sons who have gone into the service for duty in World War II. Five sons previously enlisted, including one son who died in a submarine tragedy. Madden, who sells newspapers in front of the bus station, wears five blue stars and one gold star on his coat.
1954: Black leaders in the city of Toledo hail the U. S. Supreme Court’s Brown vs. Board of Education ruling to end segregation in public schools.
2001: Ground is broken for the long awaited \$227 million Maumee River crossing project, which was later named the Veterans Memorial Skyway Bridge.

May 19
1889: Salem United Methodist Church in East Toledo is dedicated.
1904: Independent saloon keepers in Toledo ask the police department to start cleaning up the so-called “badlands” or tender-

Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert





The Burt Theatre.

loin section of the city where houses of ill repute and saloons operate. They claim these places are morally unfit for consumers of liquor.
1926: Defiance police say an 80-year-old woman was wheeled into town on a push cart powered by her husband and son. Mrs. William Saxon said she was touring from Grand Rapids, Mich., but Defiance police wanted them to tour elsewhere and escorted them back to the Michigan state line.
1931: Toledo police officer Edward O’Brien is shot to death by an unknown gunman while on an undercover assignment in the 300 block of Moorish Avenue.
1947: The search for the Toledo couple wanted for the murders of two young boys comes to an end when they are apprehended in Iowa. Harold Lehaney, a community traction bus driver, and his wife, Florence, are captured and will face charges of murder in the killings of a two-year-old boy and



Violence erupts on picket lines of AP Parts.

his four-year-old brother. They had been left in Lehaney’s care at their home on Bigelow Street.
1953: Toledo voters approve a 3.5-mill levy to build the new Toledo Express Airport.

May 20
1906: Ice dealers in the city of Toledo take heat from the Lucas County prosecutor for gouging residents with high prices. Housewives reportedly stop buying ice because the dealers’ tactics have hurt the poor.
1920: The outlaw gang known as the “Cowboy Hill gang” stages a daring daylight robbery on the streets of Delta. Residents were terrorized in the running gun battle as the gang had stolen 20,000 from the local bank. “Cowboy Hill” Joe Muzzio and his gang were eventually caught in a shootout with Toledo police.
1926: Toledo police officers and a gang of safe crackers have a gun battle in the offices of the Brundage Brothers Co. on Ottawa Street.
1930: Textileleather Company on Stickney Avenue begins operations and will produce the first synthetic leather ever made in Toledo.
1931: Burroughs School in South Toledo is dedicated.

1956: Vice mayor Ned Skeldon suggests that Maumee and Toledo consolidate. Maumee residents and leaders are not pleased with the idea.
1961: Fourteen Indian bones and skulls are found near Wales Road in Rossford by four boys who were digging near the city dump.
1965: The Beach Boys play at the Toledo Sports Arena. The opening act is a Toledo band, the Vandaliers.

May 21
1904: Popular theater chain owner Frank Burt is shot by his wife in front his own theater on Jefferson Avenue in Toledo. Burt survives the shooting and tells police that his wife was jealous of a performer he was having an affair with. Mrs. Burt is arrested and dies six months later. Burt later marries the showgirl he was dating.
1913: Toledo newspaper readers get first look at the proposed new Toledo Club building to be built at Madison and 14th Streets.
1920: Three convicted killers escape by sawing through the bars of the Ottawa County jail at Port Clinton.
1931: A major fire occurs at the National Milling Company silos on Front Street.

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Toledo Historical Museum
by Lou Hebert



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UT football quarterback Chuck Ealey.

May 22
1838: The first “mixed marriage” is reported in Toledo between a white woman and “Mulatto man.”
1852: The first steam powered train begins operation from Toledo to Chicago.
1893: Fire Engine House #1 at 614 Lagrange St. is abandoned by fire department. It is later used as a police substation and for mounted patrol.
1904: Seven people are killed in explosion of gunpowder plant in Findlay.

1925: Hundreds of area residents flock to the newly built Madison Gardens Ballroom (Madison and 15th) for its grand opening. The club was later renamed the “Trianon Ballroom” and became one of Toledo’s top dance and music venues during the 1940’s and 50’s.
1959: Interstate 280 is dedicated as the Detroit-Toledo expressway. It is the first so-called “expressway” in the area, was dubbed the “Seaway Freeway” and hailed as a key for future growth of the area.
1979: The groundbreaking for the Owens-Illinois headquarters is held along the downtown Toledo riverfront. It sets a new world record for the number of people taking part as over 5,000 Toledoans grabbed a shovel to help out.
1984: Violence erupts on picket lines of AP Parts on Matzinger Road as union members protest the company’s use of non-union labor, while 120 people are arrested and jailed.

May 23
1908: An air ship piloted by Toledo’s Roy Knabenshue crashes into the centerfield fence during a baseball game at Armory Park. Everyone escapes without serious injury.
1921: Future famous singer and Toledo resident Helen O’Connell is born in Lima. She grew up in Toledo and sang duets on radio stations around the area with her sister as a teenager. By 1940, Helen was considered one of the best female singers in America.
1944: Amid a dismal season, the Toledo Mud Hens suffered their most humiliating defeat in team history at Swayne Field, falling 28-0 to the Milwaukee Brewers. Newspaper writers dubbed it the “Granddaddy

of all wallopings.” Half of the fans went home by the fifth inning.
1975: A National Guard F-100 crashes at Toledo Express Airport, killing the pilot and seriously injuring the co-pilot.
1983: A major multi-alarm blaze at Willis Day Warehouse in Toledo forces evacuations of hundreds of people.
1988: Legendary UT football quarterback Chuck Ealey, who led the Rockets to three undefeated seasons from 1969-71, is inducted into the freshman class of the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame.

May 24
1854: Toledo council votes to hire “night watchmen” at \$1.25 a night.
1894: Perrysburg school on Louisiana Avenue burns to the ground.
1919: It’s the last weekend in Toledo for legal alcohol sales before local prohibition goes into effect. Saloons and bars are jammed with customers eager to get last drink.
1934: The violent and stormy Auto-Lite factory strike in North Toledo turns deadly as Ohio National Troops open fire on the thousands of workers. Strike sympathizers and onlookers gathered on Champlain Street. Two men are shot dead and others are wounded in a clash that would stun the city and the nation.
1937: Six Toledo residents are arrested for harboring members of the fugitive Karpis-Barker gang in Toledo back in 1934. Specifically they are accused by federal agents of harboring the gang’s leader Alvin “Creepy” Karpis and Harry Campbell, who had married a local woman and was making Toledo his home.

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Opinion

Life is messy

By Bryan Golden

Life is what happens while you are making other plans. I have devoted a lot of space in this column to planning and goal setting. Reality offers an endless barrage of diversions, detours, challenges, and obstacles. This fact doesn't negate the benefit of preparation. It simply requires an understanding of the type of forces at work.

A sailor would be remiss if he didn't understand how to handle storms, currents, tides, sandbars, fog, and darkness. Although the sailor has a clear destination in mind, the sea has its own characteristics that can't be avoided or overcome. Should a mariner deny its existence his time afloat is certainly limited.

Just as the seasoned mariner recognizes and comprehends the behavior of the ocean, you need to accept the existence of life's surprises. Once you do this, you will enhance your ability to successfully navigate the sea of life.

What should you do when your day becomes messy? How do you weather storms and avoid being derailed by obstacles? How do you respond when your plans fall apart? What strategy is appropriate when you feel things are going from bad to worse?

A messy day is no more unusual than wading in the water. Just go with the flow. Don't panic or despair. Problems will be resolved and pass. With time they will seem insignificant if they are remembered at all. Accept messy days as normal and a fact of nature. You can't stop or prevent them but you can ride them out.

Imagine walking down a bowling lane while people were bowling. You had no choice; you needed to get from one end to the other. What would you do? If you were to panic and stand still you would surely get hit by a bowling ball. To avoid injury, you would need to keep moving while constantly changing direction to avoid oncoming balls. Yet you would always have the other end of the lane in sight.

Employing this strategy, you would make it to the end of the lane unscathed. You begin each day at one end of the lane. The far end represents the end of the day. Some days there are no balls being thrown at you. Other days they are non-stop. Your life is no more than many days lined up in a row. If you get through each one, you get through life.

There are those days when everything feels like it's going downhill fast. One problem is followed by another. You barely have time to catch your breath. So be it. It happens. The challenge is to maintain your attitude in the face of this barrage. This isn't easy. But if you don't do it you risk becoming overwhelmed.

Separate the issues. Deal with each one independently. Choose a course of action for each, take it, and then move onto the next one. Don't analyze things to death. Make a decision. If you don't, someone or something will make it for you and it may not be one you are happy with.

All the problems together are like a big box filled with bricks. Trying to move the box while it's full is extremely difficult, if not impossible. Take one brick at a time and you can move any size box regardless of what it weighs when it's loaded to capacity.

These are just a few suggestions. Find the one that works for you and stick with it. You have to get through each day anyway, so you may as well be an active participant. If you threw your hands up in frustration, you throw away your rudder and make yourself vulnerable to drifting out of control.

Life is messy. Develop techniques to make the best of things and do what it takes to get the most from each day.

Ohio should take the lead on introducing term limits

By Kevin Coughlin

Americans are tired of a broken Congress. Poll after poll shows that trust in our national legislature is near historic lows, and faith in its ability to solve problems is eroding fast.

While partisan politics divide much of our country, one idea brings together overwhelming majorities of Republicans, Democrats, and independents - term limits for members of Congress.

Ohio now can lead the way. Representative Heidi Workman and Senators Theresa Gavarone and Jane Timken have introduced House Joint Resolution 3 and Senate Joint Resolution 6 calling for a convention of states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

The purpose? To propose a constitutional amendment establishing term limits for members of Congress.

These resolutions deserve the full support of the Ohio Legislature.

Congress has become a place where longevity is too often mistaken for leadership, and incumbency confers near-immunity from electoral consequences. Many lawmakers serve for decades, amassing power and political protection while becoming increasingly disconnected from the people they're supposed to represent.

Term limits would disrupt this pattern by rotating new voices into Congress and reducing the incentive to prioritize reelection over service. It's a way



Kevin Coughlin

to reduce careerism in politics and bring fresh thinking into a legislative process that is frequently paralyzed by partisanship and entrenched interests.

And the public agrees. A 2023 Pew Research Center survey found that 87 percent of Americans support congressional term limits. This is not a fringe view—it is a rare point of unity in our divided times.

We shouldn't expect Congress to impose term limits on itself. Asking elected officials to limit their own power and career prospects is a fantasy. That's why the framers of the Constitution provided an alternative route for reform: Article V.

Article V allows states to initiate a constitutional convention when two-thirds (34) of state legislatures call for one on a particular topic. If that threshold is met, the states can gather to propose amendments—which must then be ratified by 38 states to become law. This route is not only constitutional; it's essential when Congress is unwilling to act in the national interest.

By passing House Joint Resolution 3 and Senate Joint Resolution 6, Ohio would join a growing number of states demanding a convention limited to the issue of congressional term limits. This is a focused, legally sound, and controlled use of the Article V process.

Some critics argue that calling a convention risks opening the Constitution to sweeping, uncontrolled changes—a so-called "runaway convention."

This concern, while often raised, does not stand up to scrutiny.

First, the convention would be limited to a specific topic: congressional term limits.

Both House Joint Resolution 3 and Senate Joint Resolution 6 explicitly state that their purpose is to consider only this issue.

Second, even if a convention were to propose an unrelated amendment, it would still need to be ratified by 38 states—an extremely high bar that ensures only proposals with widespread support could ever become law.

In short, a runaway convention is neither likely nor legally viable. What is viable is a narrowly tailored effort to introduce term limits—something the American people have wanted for years, but Congress has refused to deliver.

Ohio has long been viewed as a bellwether state, one that reflects the heart of the nation. We can once again play that role by taking a stand for accountability, transparency, and a citizen-driven Congress.

Supporting House Joint Resolution 3 and Senate Joint Resolution 6 is not a partisan gesture—it's a patriotic one. It sends a message to Washington that the status quo is no longer acceptable. It affirms the principle that elected office is a public service, not a lifelong career. And it shows that when Congress refuses to act, the states—and the people—will.

The founders gave us a mechanism to fix federal overreach and dysfunction when Washington becomes unresponsive. It's time to use it. By joining the national movement for congressional term limits, Ohio would take a bold step toward restoring trust in our democratic institutions.

Let's not wait for Congress to fix itself. Let's lead.

The Ohio General Assembly should pass House Joint Resolution 3 and Senate Joint Resolution 6 and help bring real reform to the halls of Congress.

Kevin Coughlin is the Ohio State Chair for U.S. Term Limits and a former State Representative and Senator.

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‘Flip the Script on Aging’ Ohio Dept. of Aging celebrates first-ever Older Ohioans Month

While Ohio has historically observed Older Americans Month in May, earlier this year, Gov. Mike DeWine signed a bill officially recognizing Older Ohioans Month, in line with a continued commitment to the state’s older adults.

“In May, we celebrate nearly 3 million older Ohioans,” DeWine said. “We want people to remain empowered, active members of their communities. That can mean staying in or rejoining the workforce, participating in lifelong learning, taking charge of your health, or remaining engaged citizens well into older adulthood.”

“Establishing May as Older Ohioans Month allows us to celebrate the many ways our administration is working to make Ohio the best place to age in the nation,” said Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) Director Ursel J. McElroy. “Older Ohioans are active, full of life, and looking to age on their terms. By providing resources that promote health, connection, and informed decision-making, we are helping older adults thrive all year long.”

DeWine and Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel issued a proclamation marking the occasion and encouraging all Ohioans to celebrate and recognize those aged 60 or older.

In honor of this year’s Older Ohioans Month and Older Americans Month, ODA is challenging what it means to age.

The Administration for Community Living’s 2025 Older Americans Month theme is “Flip the Script on Aging.” The theme challenges outdated stereotypes and highlights the fulfilling lives older adults lead every day. With more than one in four Ohioans expected to be over the age of



60 by 2030, ODA is committed to changing how aging is viewed and experienced across the state.

Guided by the understanding that aging is a time for continued growth, ODA is helping older Ohioans thrive through innovative programs.

One program designed to help older Ohioans and their families choose the right long-term care option based on their needs is the newly expanded Long-Term Care Quality Navigator. The Navigator is a user-friendly, digital dashboard that aims to help Ohioans find a nursing home or assisted living facility for themselves or their loved ones. Visit aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/long-term-care-quality-navigator.

Along with making it easier for Ohioans to find long-term care, ODA has also increased support for the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which

advocates for the rights and well-being of residents in long-term care. Visit aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/ombudsman.

“We’re redefining what long-term care looks like in Ohio,” said State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Leilani Pelletier. “Aging should never mean giving up your voice. Our program exists to make sure that voice is not only protected but strengthened.”

At the same time, programs like the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program – whose 2025 applications opened in April – promote healthy aging and social connection. By providing eligible older adults with access to fresh, locally grown produce, the program not only supports smart lifestyle choices but also strengthens connections between older adults and their local communities and farmers. Learn more at aging.ohio.gov/care-and-living/health-and-safety/Health-and-safety-resources/senior-farmer-market.

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Other events designed to help flip the script on aging are the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame and ODA’s annual expo at the Ohio State Fair. The hall of fame honors older adults and the roles they play in their communities. Individuals selected for the hall of fame set an example for all Ohioans by leading lives not defined by age or barriers. At the state fair expo, ODA promotes active aging with more than 3,000 square feet of free health screenings, wellness demonstrations, and lifestyle programs promoting independence provided by state and community partners.

Aging safely is an important part of leading a fulfilling life. Ohioans can help protect their aging family members and neighbors by visiting AgeSafelyOhio.org for tips on recognizing abuse and neglect. The site, run by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, can help people better understand and report suspected elder abuse.

To learn more about how you or a loved one can age well in Ohio, visit Aging.Ohio.gov. To connect with services in your community, contact your local Area Agency on Aging at Aging.Ohio.gov/find-services or call 1-866-243-5678.

About ODA. The Ohio Department of Aging serves and advocates for the needs of Ohioans age 60 and older, as well as their families, caregivers and communities. Programs include home and community based long-term supports and services, as well as initiatives to promote health and wellness throughout the lifespan. Learn more at Aging.Ohio.gov.

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American Stroke Month: Know warning signs F.A.S.T. and take steps to prevent stroke

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During May, American Stroke Month, the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is raising awareness nationwide that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable.

A stroke can happen to anyone, even young people. Know the stroke signs, risk factors and how to protect yourself:

- **Spot a stroke F.A.S.T.** If you see **F**ace drooping, **A**rm weakness or **S**peech difficulty, it's **T**ime to call 911. Explore what the warning signs may look, feel or sound like in the interactive F.A.S.T. Experience (stroke.org/en/fast-experience).

- **Understand your risk factors** and ask a doctor how you can prevent a stroke. High blood pressure is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke.

- **Stroke recovery is within reach.** Track your health, medication and more with the Heart & Stroke Helper app for stroke survivors and caregivers.

A stroke happens when normal blood flow in the brain is interrupted. When parts of the brain don't get the oxygen-rich blood they need, those cells die. Quick identification and treatment of stroke improves the chances of survival and recovery.

Learn the warning signs

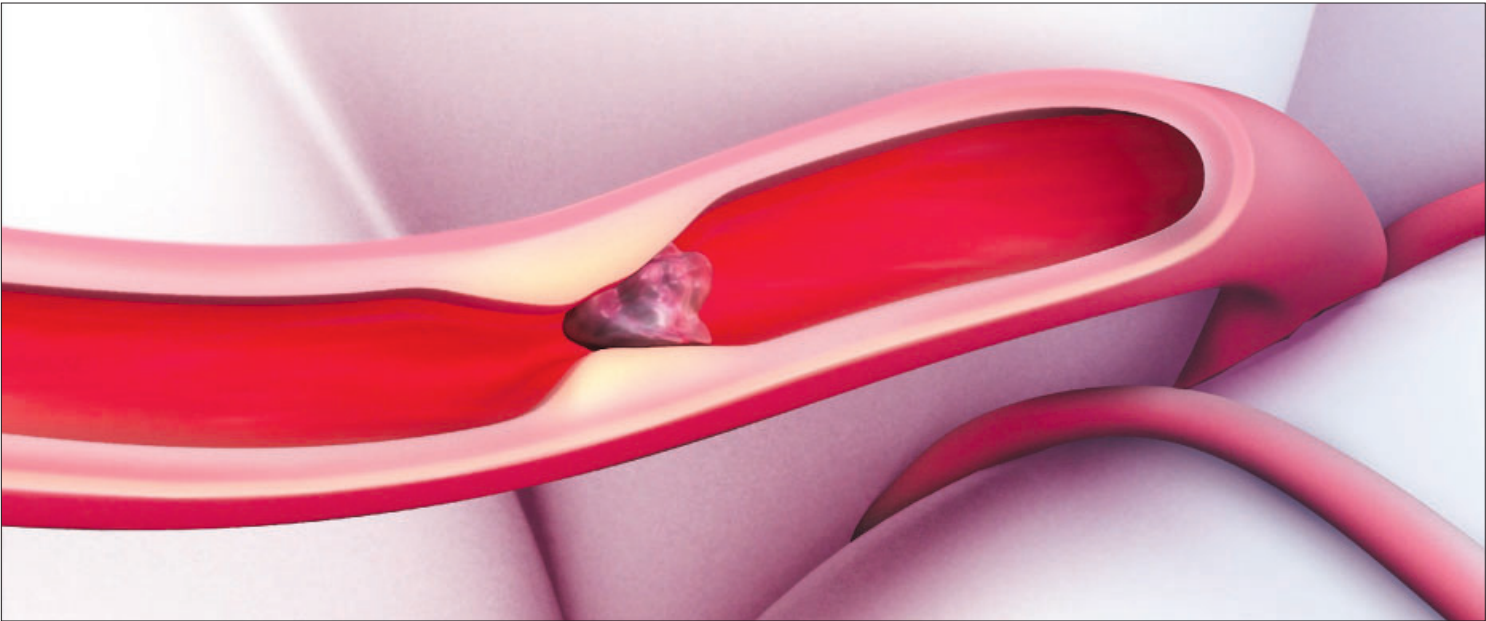
- **Stroke is an emergency.** If someone is having a stroke, they must get medical attention right away.

- **Use the acronym F.A.S.T.** to identify the most common signs of stroke:

- **Face drooping** - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

- **Arm weakness** - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

- **Speech difficulty** - Is speech slurred or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue."



A stroke can happen to anyone at any age when a clot within a blood vessel interrupts blood flow to the brain. Spot a stroke F.A.S.T. – if you see **F**ace drooping, **A**rm weakness or **S**peech difficulty, it's **T**ime to call 911 immediately. (American Heart Association photo)

- **Time to call 911** - If you notice any of these symptoms, even if they go away, call 911 and get to a hospital immediately. Quick action can save a life.

Take steps to prevent stroke

Black and Hispanic adults in the U.S. face disproportionately higher stroke risk, driven in part by higher rates of high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes, as well as socioeconomic factors that impact access to care and prevention.

A large majority of strokes can be prevented:

- **Manage your blood pressure** – Lowering your blood pressure reduces your risk of stroke. According to the 2025 American Heart Association Statistical Update, nearly half of adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure, and many don't even know it.

- **Live a healthy lifestyle** – Eating well, staying active, quitting smoking and managing stress can all help lower your stroke risk. The Association's Life's Essential 8 provides key steps for improving and maintaining cardiovascular and brain health (heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-lifestyle/lifes-essential-8).

- **Monitor health conditions** – Conditions like atrial fibrillation (AFib), diabetes and high cholesterol increase stroke risk. Work with your health care provider to manage them.

- **Reduce risk for a second stroke** – Nearly one in four survivors will have another stroke, in some instances because they don't know what caused the first stroke. Testing to identify cause and additional risk factors can help you and your health care team develop a plan to prevent

another one.

Stroke recovery

Those who have had a stroke often must work against physical, emotional and cognitive changes to move forward. Stroke survivors and caregivers can track their health journey, medications and receive trusted information about stroke with the Heart & Stroke Helper app.

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Rethinking retirement: Why hybrid is the new gold standard

Retirement isn't what it used to be - and that's a good thing.

The old model of leaving the workforce entirely at 65 and spending your days on the golf course is being replaced by something more flexible, more fulfilling and more financially sustainable.

Today's retirees are reimagining what this next chapter looks like, blending work and leisure in ways that fit their lifestyle, goals, and values.

This new approach is called a hybrid retirement, and it's transforming how we think about life after full-time work.

What is hybrid retirement?

Hybrid retirement is exactly what it sounds like: a mix of traditional retirement with continued engagement in part-time work, consulting, entrepreneurship or even volunteerism. It's about creating a lifestyle where income and purpose continue, without the full-time grind.

Rather than choosing between working or retiring, hybrid retirees are saying, "Why not both?"

Why consider a hybrid retirement?

Here are the top three benefits of adopting a hybrid retirement strategy:

1. Financial Flexibility and Stability. Working part-time or seasonally helps you generate income while reducing the need to tap into your retirement savings. It may also allow you to delay taking Social Security, which can significantly increase



Beyond the Money

by Adam Cufr

your monthly benefit. Simply put, working a little now can help your nest egg last a lot longer.

2. Purpose & Connection. For many, retirement comes with an unexpected side effect - feeling disconnected or unsure of their identity without the structure of work. Hybrid retirement keeps you active, engaged and socially connected. Whether it's mentoring, consulting, or community involvement, staying involved brings energy and meaning to your days.

3. Freedom to Explore. A hybrid strategy gives you the freedom to pursue passions you never had time for. Want to write a book, start a garden business, or teach part-time? You've got the time, energy, and reduced financial pressure to explore new paths, while staying on solid financial ground.

Four flexible paths to hybrid retirement

There's no one right way to do this. The hybrid model can be customized to fit your skills, interests and income needs. Here are four common options:

• **Part-time work.** Stay in the game with fewer hours. Whether it's in your current field or something totally different, part-time work offers income, structure and social interaction - with the flexibility to enjoy more personal time.

• **Consulting or freelance work.** Leverage your expertise to help others on your own terms. Consulting can be lucrative, low stress, and highly rewarding, especially if you choose projects that inspire you.

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• **Volunteering.** Give your time to causes you care about. Volunteering can fill your days with purpose, build new relationships, and add richness to your retirement lifestyle - with no pressure to earn a

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Retirement, your way

Hybrid retirement isn't about slowing down; it's about shifting gears. It's a new model for a new generation of retirees who value freedom, purpose, and financial confidence.

Whether you're five years out or already retired, the key is to start planning now. By exploring your options and designing a strategy that blends income and enjoyment, you can create a retirement that's not just secure, but also deeply fulfilling.

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Home, Yard & Garden

Tips and tricks for the beginning gardener

Gardening is a popular hobby all over the world. Ruby Home Luxury Real Estate estimates there are 71.5 million gardening households in the United States alone. That translates to around 185.9 million people engaged in some form of gardening, which places the U.S. among other countries where gardening is wildly popular, including Australia and China.

A greater number of people are showing interest in gardening, which is a rewarding hobby that’s good for the mind and the body. Those who are new to gardening may need a crash course to get started. These pointers can help anyone foster a newfound passion for gardening.

- **Choose the best location**
Spend time in the yard and decide where to house a garden. A far-off corner may get the most sun, but will you forget about the garden if it is too far away? Ideally, the garden should be located where it will get at least six to eight hours of sun each day. There also should be a water source nearby. The spot also should be convenient so that it is easy to go and pick vegetables or prune flowers.
- **Start small**
If you’re new to gardening, begin with a small garden footprint so that you can get your feet wet. A raised garden bed can be a good starting point because it is contained and easy to maintain. As your experience (and garden) grows, you can add to the garden size the next time around.

- **Amend the soil**
It’s possible but unlikely that the soil in the backyard is the perfect mix to grow healthy plants. It’s more likely that the garden will need some soil modification. You can test the soil makeup with do-it-yourself kits or work with a garden center. A garden typically requires a mix of compost to add nutrients to the dirt; peat moss or coconut coir to help with water retention and to make the soil lighter; and vermiculite that helps to retain water. A compost bin set up at the same time as the garden allows gardeners to continually produce nutrient-rich food to add to the garden.
- **Plant starter guide**
It’s best to keep a few things in mind when planning the garden. Think about what will grow well in your climate. Consider how big the garden will be and the size of mature plants. A small garden will not be able to accommodate corn, for example. Also, how would you like the space to look and what will be its function? Is this a purely aesthetic garden or one that will be food-bearing?
- **Start seeds inside**
If you’ll be starting a garden from seeds, it’s best to start indoors before your region’s frost-free date. This way the delicate plants will get the needed care and can establish before they go outdoors in the ground. Keep them humid by covering the seedlings in plastic wrap. You can start the seeds in different containers, even empty



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egg cartons. Transplant to larger containers after the seedlings grow a second set of leaves. Once you’re free from overnight frost, you can place the established, strong seedlings in the ground.

An automatic watering system, such as a timer hooked up to the sprinkler, can keep the garden well watered, which increases the chances of success. Then it will only be a matter of weeks before the garden can be enjoyed throughout the season.

Reap the rewards of a Florida room in your home

When the sun is shining and the weather is warm, who doesn’t want to be outside enjoying all Mother Nature has to offer? The great outdoors often beckons, but it also has bugs. Insects, particularly nuisance bugs like mosquitoes or biting flies, are unwanted visitors when enjoying the great outdoors.

Weather also can put a damper on outdoor plans. It’s challenging to get fresh air and enjoy the yard when it’s raining or conditions are especially humid. Instead of limiting time spent outdoors to those occasions when conditions are favorable, homeowners can install Florida rooms to maximize their outdoor living potential.

The term “Florida room” calls to mind different things. Some define it as a walled extension of a home that features a roof, such as a covered patio, or lanai. According to Tripod Aluminum, Inc., a manufacturer of aluminum building products, a Florida room also may be a screened-in enclosure that surrounds a pool area and is designed to keep bugs and wildlife out of the water.

People also may consider a Florida room a sunroom, and it may be screened or feature actual windows that can be opened, according to the resource from Farmhouse to Florida.

Those thinking about renovating to include Florida rooms can consider the following details.

- You don’t need to live in Florida. Florida rooms may be most associated with the Sunshine State, but you don’t need to live there to have one. Consider your climate and build a Florida room that will meet your needs. Do you want to enjoy the space year-round? If so, you might need some sort of heating or cooling to keep things comfortable.
- Decide on the right location. While Florida rooms traditionally are in the backyard, select a spot that works for you. If you want to maximize morning sunrises, for example, locate the room on the side of the home that faces east. If a view from another side of the house is particularly striking, place the Florida room there.



Florida rooms can be beneficial additions regardless of where one lives.

- Determine your needs. Will you be cooking or entertaining in the Florida room? If so, design a space that will feature cooking and eating areas. Ensure plenty of ventilation for a grill, and consider other appliances to reduce the need to make trips into the house. Although the Florida room creates some measure of weather protection, choose furniture and fixtures that can stand up to outdoor conditions.
 - Add privacy as needed. Curtains, greenery, shades, and other details can create privacy when you don’t want to be visible to neighbors.
- Florida rooms add useful space to a home and can help residents connect with nature even when conditions outside are less inviting.

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Turn a backyard into your own relaxing respite

Backyards have long been places to unwind and enjoy some peace and quiet surrounded by nature.

Thanks in part to financial instability brought on by rising inflation and measures to tame it, homeowners may decide to forgo traditional vacations in favor of staying home this season. There's no better time to invest in a home, particularly outdoor spaces, to make them welcoming respites. The following are some ways to accomplish that goal.

• Incorporate a water feature
The sound of trickling or bubbling water can make surroundings more serene. A low-maintenance water feature can help to create a calming ambiance. A fountain that does not require a collection pond will reduce the chance it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Locating the fountain out of the sun can keep algae growth at a minimum.

• Add lights for ambiance
Outdoor lighting options include professionally installed, hardwired lights on the home itself or accent lighting that draws attention to trees or architectural structures on the property. It also may include twinkling lights, which some consider a must-have for any outdoor retreat. Lights come in all types and price points. Hang them on porches, pergolas or cement posts inside decorative planters and then string lights between the posts. This way the lighting can be moved around as desired.

• Lounging spots
A comfortable outdoor loveseat or chairs may be a focal point of the yard, but build in some additional cozy spots specifically for lounging around. Nestle a hammock in a quiet corner of the yard, or enhance a chaise lounge with throw pillows and a large umbrella for napping poolside.

• Add lushness with plants
Plants can transform any space. Use a combination of planted varieties around the yard, then enhance certain areas with potted plants as needed. Plants can make



Turning a backyard into an oasis can provide the respite many people look for on their properties.

an area more warm and inviting, plus they give butterflies, bees and hummingbirds places to stop by and visit. Consider the help of a professional landscaper to bring a vision of a lush, plant-filled retreat to life.

• Blend in the pool or spa
With some unique landscape architecture, the pool or hot tub can be built right into the landscape, making it a cohesive part of the design. This can make the yard

seem even more like an oasis, especially when the pool is flanked by a waterfall or bubbling fountain.

• Add some music
Thanks to wireless speakers that rely on Bluetooth technology, it's easy to have music piped right into the backyard. Set up a wireless speaker in an inconspicuous spot, such as inside a planter or in the rafters of a gazebo.

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Beat the Heat

United Way, sponsors, help Ottawa County families stay cool



Fifty local residents recently received air conditioning units to help “beat the heat” this summer through an initiative led by United Way of Greater Toledo, with the support of community sponsors and partners. (Submitted photo)

United Way of Greater Toledo, with presenting sponsor Vistra Corp and supporting sponsor Wojo’s Heating & Air Conditioning, successfully distributed 50 air conditioning units to Ottawa County residents during Ottawa County Community Day, held Saturday, May 3, at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds.

The event drew a 454 people.

Thanks to the collaboration of generous sponsors and community partners—including Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, Cancer Services, Salvation Army, Ottawa County Senior Resources and Oak House—pre-identified families in need received essential cooling relief just in time for the warmer summer months.

The initiative is part of our ongoing effort to help vulnerable residents “beat the heat” and ensure that comfort, health, and safety are accessible to all, regardless of income.

Many of the recipients are part of the ALICE population (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), who are increasingly struggling to afford basic needs.

This marks the second consecutive year that Vistra Corp has supported the “Beat the Heat” effort in Ottawa County, demonstrating their commitment to community well-being.

“United Way of Greater Toledo is proud to lead this initiative and deeply grateful to all who helped make this event a success,” said Erin Tupper, senior director, outreach and development for United Way Toledo. “Together, we are making homes safer and more livable for our neighbors across Ottawa County.”

Lucas Co. 4-H to present Cloverbud Camp

Lucas County 4-H will present a Cloverbud Camp for youths ages 5-8 years old Friday, June 13, at the Lucas County Fairgrounds, 1406 Key St., Maumee.

This camp will feature hands-on 4-H activities, outdoor exploration and engaging tropical experiences. Campers will have the opportunity to learn about the environment, participate in interactive projects and enjoy nature.

Registration is \$20, which includes all activities and lunch. Space is limited. Register at go.osu.edu/cloverbudlc25.

For more information, contact Jess Burns at Soffee.1@osu.edu or 419-574-0976.

Library to host Bloom & Brush

Families can visit the Walbridge Library this summer to participate in Summer Reading Program: Color Our World! “Bloom & Brush” on Monday, June 2, at 4 p.m. The library is located at 108 N. Main St.

During the hands-on art program, kids will learn about Vincent Van Gogh and his iconic sunflower paintings. Librarians will read “The Sunflower,” by Zahra Marwan,



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and then kids can create their own sunflower masterpiece. There will also be a raffle to win a book.

The program is geared toward children 6 and older. No registration is required. For more information, call 419-666-9900.

Falcon Cam spots Hatchlings in nest

Recently, the pair of peregrine falcons in the Wood County Courthouse clock tower welcomed three new hatchlings – officially called eyasses – to their nest.

At the end of March, the falcon family returned to clock tower for the 15th consecutive year to lay their eggs, just two blocks away from the Bowling Green State University campus.

The Falcon Cam – which provides a 24/7 bird’s-eye view livestream of the sights and sounds in the nest – is made possible through a continued partnership between BGSU and the Wood County Commissioners.

To view the 2025 Falcon Cam livestream, visit BGSU.edu/falconcam.

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BGSU study aiming to improve infant health in Ohio

As Ohio's infant mortality rate continues to rank among the worst in the nation, Bowling Green State University researchers are exploring how removing transportation barriers for new and expectant mothers could improve newborn health.

In partnership with ProMedica and the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, the BGSU Center for Regional Development will examine the experiences of Toledo-area mothers with access to transportation for appointments and visits with health-care providers.

Supported by a \$250,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education, the study has the potential to shape policies statewide.

"We know causes of infant mortality are complex and multifaceted, from policy structures to institutional and individual decisions made by healthcare providers and patients," said Dr. Justin Rex, an associate professor in the BGSU Department of Political Science and research fellow with the CRD. "We also know from previous research that a major social determinant of health is reliable access to transportation."

Rex and Dr. Nichole Fifer, director of the BGSU CRD, are leading their third study on improving infant vitality. In previous studies, mothers and healthcare providers cited transportation as a significant barrier to accessing proper medical care.

In their new study, one group of mothers will receive a \$200 monthly gift card for Lyft. Another group will receive a cash benefit in the same amount as the rideshare gift card.

Rex said the BGSU study could contribute valuable data to better understand

the strengths and limitations of rideshare companies' ability to address transportation needs as medical systems across the country are testing out these partnerships.

Alternatively, providing unrestricted money to mitigate the challenges of poverty has been widely documented as a successful intervention for all types of individuals, including mothers in the United States and the world.

Rex said providing one group with unrestricted funds allows the mothers to use the money for their most urgent needs, such as repairing a personal vehicle or needs unrelated to transportation.

"Knowing how these funds are used can help us identify potential unmet transportation needs as well as how transportation needs rank compared to other needs they have," Rex said.

Participants will be interviewed monthly throughout the six-month study, which is expected to conclude in the summer.

BGSU student Anna McRay, who is assisting with the research, said the project has strengthened her commitment to reducing poverty in communities through innovative strategies.

"Whether or not you have access to reliable transportation changes the freedom and power these women have over their pregnancies," McRay said. "That's why this study is so impactful. We're able to open a door, see its effect and measure it over time. This is my first research project, and I am in awe over the difference this kind of work can make in people's lives."



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AIM Ecycling of Toledo, and GenoaBank are partnering for an initiative to keep laptops out of landfills and get them into the hands of students in need of an affordable computer for school. (Submitted photo)

An estimated 41.1 million computers are disposed of each year in the United States alone. With professional refurbishing, many of these can still click their way to operating successfully. AIM Ecycling of Toledo, has partnered with GenoaBank to offer a solution to keep laptops out of landfills and get them into the hands of students in need of an affordable computer for school.

Through the end of May, laptops can be dropped off at GenoaBank branches in Rossford (9920 Old US 20), Maumee (703 Conant St.) and Sylvania (5501 Monroe St.) during bank lobby hours. All data will be securely destroyed and each machine will be either 100% recycled or professionally refurbished and sold this fall to students.

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with zero landfill waste,” said Jeff Norden of AIM.

“So many laptops are discarded for newer models when they still have a ton of life in them. We want to keep them out of landfills and help get them to students who need an affordable computer option.”

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Wildlife is incredible and there is so much to learn behind the doors of the Nature’s Nursery Davey Moore Education Center. After a long process of preparation, guests can now come in and meet the education ambassadors and learn more about the work that Nature’s Nursery does.

Nature’s Nursery has been rescuing and rehabilitating native wildlife for more than 36 years. In 2023, they moved into their new facility in Waterville and have been planning ever since for the day they could begin to welcome the public through the doors.

“We have hosted a few open houses and monthly story times and other events, but until now we just didn’t feel we were completely ready to have full days of being open to the public” said Allison Aey,

Nature’s Nursery executive director. “We wanted to make sure our staffing was prepared and that the animal displays were complete and more importantly, that the animals would be ok with an influx of visitors into their home.”

Guests can meet more than 20 Education Ambassadors inside Nature’s Nursery’s Education Center. Animals range from turtles and snakes, to an opossum and skunk, cardinal and blue jay, and the oldest living nighthawk on record. “We are small but informative with an intimate space to really get to see the animals up close,” said Aey.

The education center is now open on Monday and Wednesday from 1-6 p.m. (closed on holidays). There is no charge to visit the education center, but donations are greatly appreciated.

The education center is located at 7541 Dutch Rd in Waterville. Guests can plan their visit at natures-nursery.org/visitus.



Nature’s Nursery, located in Waterville, is now welcoming visitors to meet more than 20 animal Education Ambassadors at the Davey Moore Education Center. (Submitted photo)

Palace Theatre Hoots & Hollers set to roar into Cedar Point Frontier Town

For the first time at Cedar Point, guests can sit back, relax and laugh their way through a new style of entertainment at the Palace Theatre in Frontier Town.

Hoots & Hollers, an exclusive stand-up comedy series, features nationally touring comedians who have performed on “America’s Got Talent,” “Late Night,” Comedy Central and some of the top comedy clubs across the country.

The show is a collaboration with Secret Society Comedy, a Cleveland-based pop-up comedy club that’s produced over 475 shows at more than 60 venues across Northeast Ohio. Launched in January 2022 by comedians Gheramy Demery, David Horning and Bryan Sternik, the series was created to deliver the kinds of shows

they’d actually want to see. With an “exclusively inclusive” underground vibe, Secret Society showcases the next generation of nationally touring comedians in intimate spaces that feel less like a show and more like a shared experience of laughter.

Running Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from June 6 through Aug. 31, Hoots & Hollers offers shows at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. The first two shows will feature content appropriate for ages 14 and older while the 9 p.m. show will be suitable for ages 21 and older. All shows are free and included with park admission.

Notable comedians making their appearance at Hoots & Hollers include Learnmore Jonasi, a finalist and Golden Ticket winner on “America’s Got Talent,”



Jeff Scheen, featured on “The Late Late Show with James Corden” and Mary Santora with her slightly dark, observational style that has been featured on her top-charting debut album, “Hillbilly Boujee.”

“People go to Cedar Point for the thrill of roller coasters and the emotional roller coaster of tension and release that comes with great stand-up felt like the perfect match,” said David Horning, co-founder of Secret Society Comedy. “We’ve worked with every comedian headlining this summer and we can’t wait to see them light up an intimate space that’s not known for stand-up...yet.”

For more details on Hoots & Hollers, including the lineup of comedians and dates, guests can visit cedarpoint.com.



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Sports

Oak Harbor softball ascending as postseason play looms

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If there's one thing that can be said about Oak Harbor, it's that the team is a resilient bunch.

With the regular season winding down, the Rockets (18-5, 9-4) have won eight of nine and elevated to third place in the Northern Buckeye Conference. They haven't lost consecutive games all season.

"The team has worked through a lot of growing pains this season with young players coming up," junior shortstop Karder Haas said. "At the start of the season, we weren't quite stringing things together, but as a team, we have gotten through that. I think we simply have become more comfortable as a team, game by game. We go one day, one game at a time, and that has really helped us build momentum heading into the postseason."

Oak Harbor has outscored its opponents by a combined 60-3 margin after a loss and finds itself with a shot to make another strong run at what would be a third state semifinal appearance in four seasons. The Rockets won a Division III regional crown last year and a Division II title in 2022.

This year, the tournament has expanded from four to seven divisions, and the Division V top-seeded Rockets begin play with a district semifinal against No. 6 Galion on May 21 at 4 p.m. in Clyde. The winner will face either Milan Edison or Ashland Crestview for the district crown on May 23.

The Rockets have faced quite a challenging schedule within their league alone.

Three NBC teams - Eastwood, Lake and Otsego - are all ranked in the top 10 of the state in their respective divisions. The Flyers are alone in first at 11-1, while the Eagles are 10-2. The Knights feature one of Northwest Ohio's best hitter-pitcher combos in Riley Rowe.

Since a 6-0 loss to Eastwood on April 18, Oak Harbor has compiled its nine-game stretch with an 85-28 run margin, including victories over preseason league favorite Maumee twice and Eastwood once.

"We play a good amount of teams from higher divisions, and our league also features some state-ranked competition this season," Oak Harbor's third-year head coach Cami Haas said. "We struggled against Eastwood the first time through, but persevered for a win when we saw them again. Maumee is always tough to get by, and we were able to accomplish that again this season. We went 4-0 playing in Tennessee (to begin the season)."

The win over the Eagles was an extra-inning affair in which Tatum Baumgartner's fly ball to left was misplayed, leading to the game-winning run from Karder Haas for a 4-3, eight-inning win. The result, which saw Oak Harbor rally from a three-run deficit in the sixth inning, also knocked Eastwood out of first place in the NBC standings.

"The NBC is very competitive this sea-



(Below right) Oak Harbor's Morgan Lalonde delivers a pitch against Eastwood on May 5. (Below left) Karder Haas heads for home with the game-winning run in that same game as head coach Cami Haas appears in the background. (At left) Cami Haas is shown during a lineup change against Genoa on April 11.



son," Cami Haas said. "A strong schedule has had players in new roles on their toes from game one. Each game brings added experience with our crew, and the past couple weeks, our season has shown their growth (and ability to) come together as a team."

There were some minor changes made to the batting order during the middle of the season, and it's helped. The lineup has 1B Ava Geyer leading off, followed by Karder Haas, P Morgan Lalonde, RF Hannah Schimmoeller, CF Tatum Baumgartner, 3B Haylee Robinson, C Allie Giezie, 2B Kaitlyn Meloche and LF Addison Laubacher.

Amelia Tooman, Payne Lohman and Maddie Lenke have also seen playing time this season.

Haas is hitting .453, followed by Schimmoeller (.429), Robinson (.425), Lalonde (.407), Geyer (.404), Baumgartner (.400), Laubacher (.319), Giezie (.314) and Meloche (.270).

"Talent is only part of the equation," Cami Haas said. "Coming together as a team and keeping our mental game strong makes us more than capable of going on another strong tournament run."

“We go one day, one game at a time...”

head, it helps me maintain a positive attitude to then feed to the other players. (We feed) off each other, and we are always trying to stay positive."

Cami Haas is happy with Lalonde's growth.

"Morgan gets better every day, every game," Haas said. "She has an athletic mindset and holds herself to a high standard. She knows what it takes to be successful, and has grown tremendously throughout the season."

As a team, the Rockets have hit 19 home runs, which is a new record for the program.

"Having an offense that can string hits together does wonders," Haas said. "A few of our losses, we have out-hit the competition, which shows how important timely hits come into play. Things are really coming together in that regard heading into the postseason, and that's exciting for us all."

In addition to being the pitcher, Lalonde has had a successful season offensively.

"We step in the (batter's) box with a mindset to attack strikes," Lalonde said. "We all have 100 percent confidence in everyone in the lineup. Even our only freshman, Addison Laubacher in the nine hole, gets on base and turns the lineup over, starting a run for us at times."

"I believe we have a lineup with lots of depth and can depend on it to keep us in games when our defense isn't the strongest."

The captains are Geyer, Giezie, Baumgartner and Karder Haas.

"Our captains have been a part of two of the most successful seasons in program history," Cami Haas said. "Knowing what it takes to get to the highest stage of the tournament is what makes them great leaders."

Karder Haas said the team's growth is also a byproduct of how the team prepares in the offseason.

"We like to keep things loose, but we know we need to work hard," she said. "Our team has a lot of winter sport athletes that always show up to off-season and open gyms, and our dedication as a team helps us to stay successful."

Lalonde echoed that sentiment.

"We are able to maintain having fun while getting things done," she said. "We get our reps completed and our drills done before having a good time. We know what it takes to get better, and we put in the time at practice to perform when it's time for the games."

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Local products to make home debut for Toledo Villa FC women’s team

Nicholas Huenefeld | News Editor

Toledo Villa FC is hosting its first-ever women’s home opener against AFC Ann Arbor at 7:15 p.m. on May 31 at the University of Toledo’s Paul Hotmer Field. The team opens their regular season May 18 in Kalamazoo.

Among the roster are four Clay High School graduates, along with an Eastwood graduate.

They include:

- Molly Anderson, a 2022 Clay graduate who competed at Lourdes University.
- Rylee Clark, a 2020 Clay graduate who initially competed at Wright State before transferring to BGSU.
- Bella Mabry, a 2021 Clay graduate who competed at Trine University.
- Kaylynn Simon, a 2022 Eastwood graduate who competed for the University of Findlay.
- Deighton Wamer, a 2022 Clay graduate who competed for Youngstown State.

Many other local players from Anthony Wayne, Perrysburg, Northview, Southview, Evergreen, Notre Dame Academy and Pettisville will also compete for Toledo Villa FC.

“This event is a testament to the club’s commitment to fostering women’s sports and promises to be an exhilarating experience for fans,” Justin Guy, Toledo Villa FC general manager, said. “With local dignitaries present, including the Toledo mayor, this match is a significant milestone for our community.”

The team will be coached by Ella Van Der Meulen, and she is assisted by Ryan Creech, Greg Acuna and Lori Williams.

Toledo Villa FC announced in November that the team is joining the United Soccer League beginning with this 2025 season. The club joined USL League Two in 2021 and USL Youth and Academy earlier in 2024.

The club was formed in 2017 with “a vision to create a high quality on-field product, develop players who are committed to

upholding the traditions of the game, inspire young athletes for the future, and become a model business that positively impacts the community.”

“The USL W League is the nation’s premier pre-professional women’s soccer league,” Aaron Swiggum, Toledo Villa FC owner, said in November. “We are ecstatic to provide this opportunity to the incredibly talented women’s soccer community in the Toledo area. Showcasing our local talent will be a great experience for our community, and more importantly, will provide our local youth with an experience to see role models in the sport they love.”

Toledo Villa FC will play its home matches at Paul Hotmer Stadium as a member of the Great Lakes Division.

“Toledo Villa FC has already shown great commitment to the development of soccer in the Toledo area, so we’re excited to see the club expand into the W League,” Joel Nash, SVP of Youth and Pre-Professional Properties, said in November. “The club has shown its competitiveness and professionalism over the years, and now with a W League team, it will provide the opportunity to develop the women’s game at a high level.”

For the full roster, visit our story at PressPublications.com.

Meet the team

Fans can interact with the Toledo Villa FC men’s and women’s teams on May 30 at Inside the Five Fieldhouse’s Toledo location at 6 p.m. Both the players and coaching staffs will be in attendance.

Tickets for the event are \$35 general admission and \$25 for kids 12 and under. Tickets include a meal and two drinks (soft drinks for kids).

Also included is free entry to Toledo Villa FC’s triple header on May 31 at Paul Hotmer Field. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the link in this story at PressPublications.com.

Attendees can get pictures and autographs from players and coaches. There will be live music and games to play, as well as prizes including free tickets, private lessons and more.



Toledo Villa FC’s Bella Mabry is pictured during her time at Clay. (Photo by The Press Newspaper)

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Terry E. Saffran passed suddenly in his home on March 18, 2025. Terry was born Sept. 22, 1951, in Toledo, Ohio to Walter and Tessie Saffran, both of whom preceded him in death. He enjoyed playing sports and having the latest equipment. In his teens he enjoyed watching and playing club hockey, bowling (up until his passing), golf with the honor of a hole in one, snow skiing and fishing for bass in local ponds. Terry schooled at Raymer Elementary and graduated from Waite High School in 1969. His employment years were with Airex Mfg., The Commercial Group and Bostwick Braun where he retired. Terry is survived by his loving brother; Garry (Charlotte) Saffran, nephew; Craig (Debbie) Saffran, Nieces; Stacey (Mike) Cline and Renee (Brad) Delventhal, great nieces; Kayla (Jarrod) Hornyak, Kendyl Saffran and Vayda Delventhal. Great nephews; Dawson and Jaxon Delventhal, Tyler Saffran and Dominic and Jonathan Pavone. Terry’s wishes were cremation and a private family graveside service at Ottawa Hills Memorial Cemetery coming soon.

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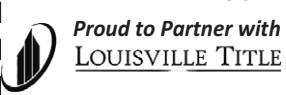
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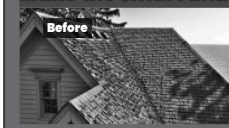
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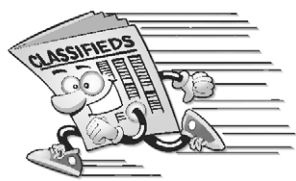
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The City of Oregon, **TREE COMMISSION MEETING** for **MAY 2025** has been scheduled for **TUESDAY, MAY 20th, at 4:00 p.m.** at The City of Oregon, Community Room, at 5330 Seaman Road.
The Public is invited.

VILLAGE OF WOODVILLE Public Notice
Committee: Finance Date: May 27, 2025 at 6:00pm at 530 Lime St. – Municipal Bldg. Re: Proposed Income Tax
Committee: Public Works & Maintenance Date: May 21, 2025 at 6:30pm at 530 Lime St. – Municipal Bldg. Re: Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Funding
Due to the Memorial Day Holiday – Regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27 2025 at 7:00pm - 530 Lime Street/Council Chambers

Jerusalem TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
The Jerusalem Township trustees will conduct a public Hearing on June 5th 2025 at 7pm, at 7:00PM at the Jerusalem Township Hall (9501 Jerusalem Road). The purpose will be to review a citizen-initiated text amendment to the Jerusalem Township Zoning Resolution. JTZR, section 1608-part G. Shipping containers/storage containers shall not be allowed for a period of time longer than thirty days in all districts. Amendment proposal may be reviewed on the Township Website, <https://twp.jerusalem.oh.us>, Township Office Lobby or by contacting the Zoning Department at 419.836.4510.
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Grass and Weed Control – Section 674.01
Property owners or occupants must not allow noxious weeds or grass to grow to **eight inches or more** in height or to the point they may spread seeds. **Violations may result in a minor misdemeanor.**

Litter Removal – Section 674.01
Accumulation of **litter**, as defined by Ohio law, is also prohibited. Failure to maintain a clean property can result in similar penalties.

City Notice Procedures – Section 674.02
If a property is found in violation:
• The City will issue a **written notice**, requiring:
o Grass and weeds to be cut within 5 days.
o Litter to be removed within 15 days.

Enforcement and Fees – Sections 674.03–674.05
If a property owner fails to comply:
• The City will perform the mowing or litter removal.
• A minimum fee of \$125.00 per hour, per worker will be charged for mowing. If over one hour is required, each additional hour per worker will be billed at \$125.00.
• An invoice will be issued within five working days of the initial cutting. Future mowings will be billed accordingly.
• All associated expenses will be certified to the County Auditor, assessed as a lien against the property, and collected as property taxes.

Violators may also be charged with a minor misdemeanor under Section 698.02
The City urges all residents to regularly maintain their properties to avoid fines, service fees, and tax assessments.

For full ordinance details, visit the City’s website, northwoodoh.gov

LEGAL NOTICE
The Allen Clay Joint Fire District is seeking competitive bids for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and related equipment. Bid packages are available for pickup at the Allen Clay Joint Fire District, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm. Alternatively, the bid package can be requested via email by contacting Chief Mike Musolf (mmusolf@allenclayjfd.oh.gov).
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