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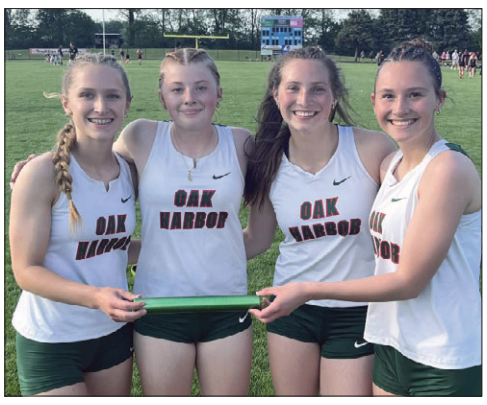

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Pictured left to right are: Lou Reiner, Dave Scharer, Terry Ferguson, Rod Achter, Jeff McNally, Mark Dansack and Mark Stahl, who are pictured with their donated framed jersey and photos.

Former Starr Elementary students honor late coaches

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A group of friends who formed a bond in a different era of youth sports at Starr Elementary and around the Oregon area in the mid-1970s came together on May 21 to honor the coaches who shaped them.

Those friends – Lou Reiner, Dave Scharer, Terry Ferguson, Rod Achter, Jeff McNally, Mark Dansack and Mark Stahl – were on hand during a ceremony at Starr Elementary to honor the late Jim Scharer, who was Dave's father, and the late Tom Roberts.

"It's just a way for us to kind of connect to our youth," McNally said. "For me in particular, being the new kid at the school, all these guys were here (already). Sports was kind of my entry into a lot of friendships which ended up lasting my whole lifetime.

"These guys are still my friends, which is a pretty amazing thing. In particular, I think all of us wanted to show our respect to Coach Scharer and Coach Roberts."

Tom Roberts, a graduate of Waite High School, passed away Nov. 22, 2012. He coached for the Oregon Rec for 18 years, and he also owned and operated Roberts Party Store in Oregon for 10 years. With that business, he also sponsored many youth teams in the area.

In June of last year, Roberts was honored with the dedication of the Tom Roberts Pavilion at the Oregon Coontz Recreation Complex.

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James Scharer, a graduate of Libbey High School, passed away March 30, 2024. He played semi-pro football for the Toledo Maroons, Toledo Stars and Toledo Tornadoes. After that career, he went on to coach with the Oregon Rec for 15 years, and he also coached football at Fassett Junior High.

When Scharer was gravely ill, McNally said Dave Scharer reached out to him and Ferguson, and the duo went to pay their respects before he passed. While doing so, Dave discovered that his father had kept the jerseys from their sixth grade championship basketball team in 1974.

"51 years ago, and he kept those jerseys," McNally said. "That touched my heart. And I wanted to do something. I wanted those men to know what an impact they had on me and my family."

Thus, McNally reached out to Starr Elementary principal Tricia Soltesz, who was very receptive and enthusiastic about honoring them in some way. That eventually led to the donation of a framed piece of art on May 21 with one of those old jerseys as well as photos from their time playing baseball, football and basketball for Starr Elementary.

A small plaque inside the framed piece read: *In recognition of Coach Tom Roberts, Coach Jim Scharer, and all the other coaches who selflessly donated their time for the betterment of our students. Go Bulldogs.*

"Well, the thing is, and this is kind of the way I look at it, there were so many people that played a part," Dave Scharer said. "Dad coached basketball, and Tom coached football, and basketball, and baseball. Dad helped with baseball. But there's so many people that helped to donate time, helped us little ones. This just kind of represents all of them."

Dave Scharer and his friends went to school in Oregon at schools such as Starr Elementary, Coy Elementary, Clay Elementary and Jerusalem Elementary during a different era before travel sports and AAU dominated the landscape. Students from those schools competed in the Oregon Rec League.

The group on hand, which was part of the 1974 Oregon Rec League championship basketball team, spoke to fourth graders in the cafeteria of Starr Elementary during a

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Walbridge council discusses taxation code update, stormwater fund

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The Village of Walbridge held its latest council meeting on May 21, highlighted by discussion of a potential update to the tax code and a stormwater fee.

The current tax credit to each municipality sits at one percent, and Walbridge is looking to drop it to 0.75 or 0.50 percent. The proposal, which would put the village more in line with the rates of other local areas such as Millbury, had its second reading at the meeting.

"We're not increasing the tax rate, not changing our tax rate in that respect, but just changing the credit," Walbridge mayor Ed Kolanko told The Press two weeks ago. "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."

The finance committee met on the issue May 20, and there will be a third reading at the next meeting on June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Stormwater fund

Village council also discussed the potential of establishing a stormwater management fund, and council member Karen Baron said that the finance team believes would be a good thing to get into place.

"It would actually be proactive to get a budget in case there were large expenses, let's say some kind of street disaster," she said. "Let's say something like a sinkhole (issue) that Toledo's having right now, which would incur huge costs. Something like this fund would help offset that."

The fund would be specifically earmarked for repairing storm sewers maintenance and repairs.

Kolanko said a lot of other communities have this type of fund in place already.

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It appears the culprit pulled it out of the grounds and took it with them.

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"It's money that we're generating to help for a specific need," he said. "So whether that's our MS4 permit that we have to do annually, whether it's to repair catch basins, whether it's when (village administrator Todd) Robson and his maintenance crew are jetting lines on Martin … anything that's related to it will be used for it."

Kolanko said the potential tax rate change and the stormwater fee aren't necessarily because of financial struggles, but it's more about being proactive.

"We're being proactive, but we're actually in a very strong financial position, better than we have been in the past ten years but it's not wrong being proactive. Right now we're pretty generous to be more in line with other communities. This is forward thinking because our costs are going up and things of that nature."

Having the stormwater fund, which would appear on water bills, would also assist with grant applications.

"If it's a road grant, whether it's a sewer grant, whether it's a park grant, we have to provide a statement of financial resources," Kolanko said. "(They want to know) how much money we have to set aside for these kind of projects. So when it comes to recreation, they want to see what kind of recreation fund we have. When it comes to streets, they want to see what our street budget is. When it comes to stormwater management, we don't have one, so we have to submit our general fund.

"And they're going to look at it and say, 'You have a lot of money in your general fund, you don't score very high.' Other places that have a stormwater management fund set up score better than we do for stormwater grants. By setting this up and directing some money into that specific account will help us in the grant application process. This is us trying to be proactive and forward-thinking."

POW flag

Lake Township trustee Lorie Davis and local VFW post commander Jason Algarin donated a new POW flag to the village, which will be raised at Veteran's Park by the library.

Railway Park playground update

The playground equipment upgrade at Railway Park is progressing, and the actual playground will extend almost to the gazebo down by the hill. There will be a grand opening, ribbon cutting type of ceremony once the weather allows the completion of the process.

"The footprint of that is going to be about double than what it was before," Kolanko said.

New signage

After discussion over recent months and cost estimations, council approved the replacement of four signs around Walbridge at a total cost of $31,064.85.

One will be a Welcome to Walbridge sign coming in off I-280, and two others will be for Loop Park and Railway Park. The third one, an LED sign, will be for the front of the administration building.

Kolanko said the current sign in front of the building was brought over from their old location on 111 N. Main Street, and he estimates it to be at least 50-60 years old. He added that the signs will have a consistent look.

"We're sprucing it up and making it look more modern," he said.

Coaches honored

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ceremony announcing the donation.

"This became a very, very special place for me," McNally said to the students. "All of the gentlemen behind me, I met at that point in my life. All of the gentlemen behind me are still friends to this day. That's a very special thing.

"During that time, I also was mentored by a couple of men that were coaches in Oregon, Mr. James Scharer and Mr. Thomas Roberts. These guys coached basketball, baseball, football. They dedicated so much of their time and energy to the youth and the students of this school.

"They gave so much and expected nothing in return, except our best effort and respect. And that's what we did."

Achter, who was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in the ninth round of the 1983 NFL draft, shared the story of how he married a daughter of Tom Roberts, and he also had a message for the children.

"Don't let anybody tell you can't do it," he said. "Reach for the stars. I've been lucky enough. I've been a part of that. And it wouldn't have been possible without the help of all these people up here.

"This (framed piece) is going to go up in the school, and you guys are going to be able to look at this and say, 'Oh, I know so-and-so. I know this person. I know that person.' Some of you may have a dad or a grandpa that played at one of these schools. And it's neat. Listen to the stories."

On hand for the event was Kathy Roberts, Tom's widow.

"It was awesome," she said. "This brings back a lot of memories from when Tom used to coach and Mr. Scharer, they both coached football together, and they were good. They enjoyed themselves. They loved the kids, and the kids loved them.

Jeff McNally answers questions for a group of Starr Elementary fourth graders following a presentation on May 21. (Press photo by Nick Huenefeld)

"It's just special that they care enough to honor him. If more men and boys would have known about this, there would have been a ton of men here. They all loved Tom. They all respected him. And I know they would be here."

Roberts, Scharer and other mentors left quite a legacy, and that was the message the group of men tried to imprint on the fourth graders.

"I want you to take a look at this group of men up here," Dave Scharer said. "All these guys … we've got park rangers, we've got lawyers, we've got professional athletes, we have business owners, we have political leaders from this little group right here.

"We have doctors, this little group right here, a doctor. All of them, sitting in seats just like you were, and we all grew up to be things. I'm a teacher, believe that or not, I became a teacher. I really didn't even like school, (and) I became a teacher. You just never know.

"We were so blessed to have all the wonderful coaches that we had and all the wonderful influences and teachers that we had. They were wonderful, so when you're getting down and you're thinking, man, I can't do this, (just remember) you can become anything you want, because that's what happened here. Every one of us have went on to have a successful career in the different things that we did."

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Get outside and do something

Whether going for a walk or windsurfing, the beach at Maumee Bay State Park provided a good spot to get outside on a recent warm day. (Press photo by Ken Grosjean)

Ottawa County

Historical Society event honors Revolutionary War veterans

By Press Staff Writer

As America approaches its 250th anniversary in 2026, entities across Ohio are honoring the state's history and impact on the nation.

On May 17, the Ottawa County Historical Society recognized the sacrifices of its five Revolutionary War veterans during the Ottawa County Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) America 250 Patriots Marker Dedication Ceremony.

The patriots marker was installed at the gravesite of Benajah Wolcott at the Wolcott Family Cemetery in Danbury Township.

The marker honors all five veterans: Wolcott, Isaac Ambler, John Green, Israel Harrington and John Clemons, Jr. It was presented by the Sally De Forest Chapter of DAR, the Ottawa County Historical Society and the America 250 Ohio Commission in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Lisa Hossler of the Ottawa County Historical Society, who hosted the event, spoke about the men's bravery, sacrifice and character.

"We are grateful for their service," she said.

Ottawa County Commissioner Mark Coppeler, who was one of the featured speakers, said that some of the veterans were very young when they joined the war effort.

Wolcott was just 14 when he left home and served for seven years. His regiment encamped with George Washington and his army at White Plains, N.Y., and Wolcott's regiment wintered in Morristown, N.J. in 1779 in conditions considered worse than those endured at Valley Forge.

The Patriots Marker at the Wolcott Family Cemetery honors all five Ottawa County Revolutionary War veterans. (Photo by Sheri Trusty)

"I was struck by the ages of those who enlisted," Coppeler said. "That points out just how important this war was. It was a war for independence."

Danbury Township Trustee David Hirt also spoke at the event of the veterans' bravery and the impact their sacrifice had on America then and today.

"They secured our freedom so that we have 'one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,'" Hirt said. "Those are the exact same principles that Benajah Wolcott believed in when he chose to enlist to fight in the revolutionary army."

Jerilynn Scheele of the Norwalk Chapter of Sally De Forest DAR traveled to Danbury Township with members of the chapter to help honor Ottawa County's veterans. She said DAR supports many causes, including active duty military, veterans, Wreaths Across America, and educational programs for children. A key focus of the group is historic preservation initiatives like the dedication of the Patriot Marker at Wolcott Family Cemetery.

"We're here to honor the bravery and dedication of the men and women who sacrifice for our country," Scheele said.

The Ottawa County-America 250 Committee, under the direction of Linda Huber, helped organize the event. The committee was honored that AM-250 Ohio Commission Executive Director Todd Kleismit attended the event.

Like Coppeler, Kleismit was surprised at how young some of the veterans were when they enlisted.

"Many who rolled up their sleeves were very young," he said. "This shows how Ohio has contributed to the nation."

Other speakers included David Lupien of the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and retired Ottawa County Judge Paul Moon, a Wolcott descendent. Dave Wolcott, also a Wolcott descendent, and his wife, Cindy Wolcott, traveled from their home in Columbus to attend the dedication. Cindy said she is grateful that her family is a part of such an impactful era of American history.

"It's quite an honor that they purchased a plaque for the cemetery," Dave Wolcott said.

For more information on upcoming Ottawa County-America 250 events, visit the official website at www.ottawacountyhistory.org/america-250/.

Groundbreaking

The city of Oregon and the River Rock Development Group will host an official groundbreaking ceremony for the Oregon Town Center on Tuesday, May 27 at 11 a.m.

The event, which will be located at 2830 Navarre Avenue, is open to all community members. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

City administrator Joel Mazur said over 50 people have RSVP'd for the event, and he expects potentially over 50 more from the general population, city staff, etc. to be in attendance.

Those who do attend are asked to enter off Dustin Road or Isaac Streets Drive and park inside the construction fence.

Community Kickoff

Through the joint effort of the City of Fremont and Downtown Fremont Inc., a Community Kickoff Party will take place on Saturday, May 31, from 7-9 p.m. at the Fremont Community Amphitheater, 209 S. Arch St.

The Dave Brass Big Band Horn Tribute will perform the music of Chicago, Chase, Blood, Sweat and Tears, Tower of Power, Stevie Wonder, Tom Jones and more.

Admission is free. Those who attend should bring blankets for seating

Call Downtown Fremont Inc at 419-332-8696 or visit dwntownfremontohio.org/fremont-community-amphitheater for more information.

Color the Concrete

Families are invited to "Color the Concrete" at the Walbridge Library June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, and July 7, 14 and 21 at 10:30 a.m. The library is located at 108 N. Main St.

Kids can use colorful sidewalk chalk to create their own art on the library sidewalks. This program will also help children with color recognition, hand-eye coordination and drawing techniques.

No registration is required. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held indoors. For more information, call 419-666-9900.

'Stroll the Street'

Downtown Rossford's summer series, Stroll the Street, returns for its seventh year beginning May 27.

The event runs every Tuesday from 4:30-7:30 p.m. through Aug. 12 and features live music, food trucks, arts and crafts and new family-friendly "Pavilion Pop-Ups" in Edward Ford Memorial Park.

Tressel, ODNR celebrate Ohio State football national championship with Buckeye Tree Planting

By Press Staff Writer

Ohio Lt. Governor Jim Tressel and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz joined Ohio State University Athletics Director Ross Bjork and members of the Ohio State football team April 24 to celebrate their recent national championship victory with a tree planting ceremony.

During the event, players and community members came together to plant an Ohio buckeye tree at Natural Resources Park at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds.

"I am so proud of the Ohio State Football team and their amazing journey to win the first-ever 12-team College Football Playoff national championship earlier this year," said Lt. Governor Jim Tressel. "Players, coaches, and the entire staff are role models to so many here in the Buckeye State, and this tree celebrates the commitment, hard work, and resiliency this group displayed on their journey to the national championship."

The Ohio buckeye tree is an important symbol to both the State of Ohio and Ohio State University. It was named the state tree of Ohio in 1953, and the buckeye nut is Ohio State's mascot. Buckeye trees can be found throughout Ohio, though they are most abundant in the western half of the state.

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"Planting this tree at Natural Resources Park is the perfect way to commemorate this historic season for Ohio State football and it allows visitors to celebrate that win, too," said Director Mertz. "I can't wait for the 2025 Ohio State Fair, when people from across the state can visit the park and see what we've planted here."

"I'd like to thank Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Ohio State Parks for their efforts to honor the 2025 College Football Playoff national champions with a Buckeye tree," said Ross Bjork, Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation-Eugene Smith Endowed Director of Athletics. "This will be a wonderful, long-lasting, and fun way to memorialize our national champions at Natural Resources Park on the Ohio State Fairgrounds, a location that is a next-door neighbor to The Ohio State University."

Visitors can check out the new Ohio buckeye tree during the 2025 Ohio State Fair as well as other events that take place at Natural Resources Park throughout the year.

JWH Oregon Senior Center receives $100,000 challenge match donation

By Press Staff Writer

The JWH Oregon Senior Citizens Center, Inc. which celebrated its 30-year anniversary at an open house on May 18, announced the receipt of a generous $100,000 challenge match donation from the Patrick Trompeter Family Foundation designed to inspire additional community support.

The donation, one of the largest in the Center's history, will fund vital programs and services that enhance the well-being and engagement of local seniors. The Senior Center is facing challenges in their budget after the levy did not pass last fall resulting in a loss of $240,000.

The donor has issued a challenge to the community to contribute matching funds in any amount up to the $100,000.

"This incredible show of support not only provides immediate funding but also encourages our community to come together and invest in the future of those age 60+," Paula Benton, Executive Director of the JWH Oregon Senior Center, said. "We are deeply grateful and excited to see how this challenge will multiply the impact of every contribution."

The JWH Oregon Senior Center offers a wide range of programs, from wellness and nutrition services to educational and social opportunities, helping our 60+ community stay healthy, active, and connected.

Community members interested in participating in the challenge match can visit www.oscohio.org or contact Paula Benton at 419-698-7078 or onthebay@buckeyeexpress.com for more information.

The JWH Oregon Senior Center is dedicated to supporting the health, independence, and quality of life of those 60+ in Oregon and the surrounding communities through comprehensive services, activities, and advocacy.

Arts Commission launches new grant project, applications now open

By Press Staff Writer

The Arts Commission, which "deeply values the vibrant and diverse creative community that defines Toledo" has announced a new 'Project Grant' program.

The organization said they recognize the important role artists play in shaping the city's identity and are dedicated to supporting their growth and sustainability.

Through the granting programs, The Arts Commission offers direct support to artists at different stages of their careers, helping them pursue new projects, develop their creative practice, and contribute to the region's cultural landscape.

The 'Project Grant' is a competitive program offering financial support to artists of all mediums to create or complete original works of art that show artistic growth and creative experimentation. Emerging, mid-career, and established artists are encouraged to apply.

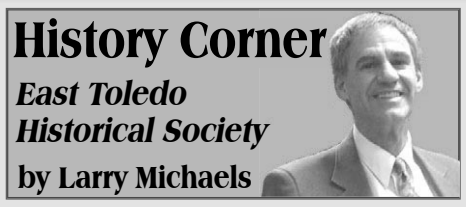
Eligible categories of support related to the creation and completion of a creative project include materials and supplies, equipment, and project support. Artists may request funding at the $2,000, $2,500, or $3,000 levels.

Individual artists and members of artist collectives with a current residence or creative studio within 30 miles of downtown Toledo may be eligible.

Grant guidelines and the application link can be found at TheArtsCommission.org.

Applications are open now through Sunday, June 8 at 11:59 p.m.

Butler House, Butler Street, about 1900



Mrs. Butler is pictured here in about 1900 in front of her old family homestead, for which Butler Street was named. The streets between Navarre Avenue and Earl Street were cut through in the late-1800s. Kingston was named for developer Brian King. Rogers and Berry streets were named for early East Side families. McKinley, originally called John Street, was changed to honor the president who was assassinated in 1901. This old house at 915 Butler Street still stands and was owned for most of the 20th century by the Combs family. (Photo courtesy of the Barton and Combs families)

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 26-30. Appointments may be made by calling 419-734-6800.

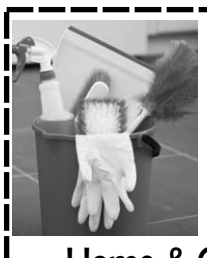
May 26: Holiday – office closed.

May 27: WIC Clinic, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; 60+ Clinic – Danbury, 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

May 28: Family Planning Clinic, 8-9 a.m.; Immunization Clinic, 12-4 p.m.

May 29: Reproductive Health/Health Chek, 8-10 a.m.; 60+ Clinic – Danbury, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.; Tuberculosis Clinic, 3-4 p.m.

May 31: Immunization Clinic, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.



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This week in Toledo's past:

Events in the Toledo area over the past 200 years

Statue of Toledo Civil War hero, General James Steedman.

Toledo Historical Museum

by Lou Hebert

May 25

1903: Great excitement is noted by many as New York Central's "Twentieth Century" train reaches an average of 70 MPH between Toledo and Elkhart, Ind., at times hitting speeds near 90 MPH. That stretch of track is one of the flattest in the United States and trains are able to travel at record speeds.

1930: Ground is broken for DeVilbiss High School in West Toledo.

1936: Ten-thousand Toledo Catholics hold outdoor mass at Swayne Field to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Toledo Diocese.

1957: Students reported to have rioted in streets in downtown Bowling Green. Two fraternities are suspended.

May 26

1887: Statue of Toledo Civil War hero, General James Steedman, is unveiled in downtown Toledo on Summit St. The statue is later moved to Riverside Park, now Jamie Farr Park, in North Toledo.

1901: Much excitement is generated by news that oil is discovered on Middle Bass Island.

1906: Toledo Police report that two men are stabbed to death and another is near death after an all-day drinking orgy of men, women and boys at 215 Sycamore St. The event is described in a newspaper account as "disreputable part of the city."

1919: Toledo patrolman William Bather is shot and mortally wounded on Emerald Avenue after he attempts to question three stolen car suspects. He dies the next day. The 29-year-old patrolman leaves behind a wife and two children.

1927: The "new" Ohio Bell Building at 121 Huron St. is dedicated.

1935: Fourteen-thousand people turn out at Scott High School's field to hear the eighth-annual citywide music festival put on by high school music bands and singers.

1942: It is reported in the Toledo Blade that more "Air Raid Wardens" are needed to be trained for help with planning and coordinating air raid siren tests in the city.

1952: Lucas County Commissioners continue the prosecution of Rauh Fertilizer Company in Sylvania Township for the dumping of sulfuric acid into Ten Mile Creek, polluting the creek and killing fish.

May 27

1862: Toledo Street Railway begins operation as horse-drawn streetcars start running through the city.

1921: In a Fremont courtroom, during a civil trial, two opposing attorneys get into a brawl before the bench of Judge Scott Stahl. Others join in the melee before order is restored.

1928: Race car driver Roy Goodwin is killed in crash at Fort Miami Race Track in Maumee.

1948: Genoa Attorney Lyman Chambers is killed when his car is struck by a train at the West Street crossing. Twenty-two years before, his wife, Olive, was killed by a train at the Main Street crossing.

1976: The new Lagrange School opens.

May 28

1902: On the main street of Cygnet, an oil boom village in Wood County, witnesses report that two men, Yank Robinson and George Kersey fought a duel to the death with Bowie knives over a woman. It is said they had been long time enemies.

1908: It's determined by the Lucas County coroner that a Toledo man, Carroll Doubna, died from shoe polish poisoning. He apparently applied a black shoe polish that contained cyanide in it. It bled through the fabric of the shoe into his skin and he died from the poison.

1911: Lion Store in Toledo selling new screen doors starting at 69 cents each, and ladies silk hosiery for 35 cents a pair.

1921: It's reported that seven children in Toledo have died from diphtheria during the month of May. Three of them were children at Stickney School in North Toledo.

1936: An investigation into the nefarious "Black Legion" in Toledo reveals there are more than 700 members of the racist group divided into seven "companies" around the city. Police say they don't appear responsible for any acts of violence in Toledo. Allegations are made that many members of the group are Toledo police officers.

1961: Divine Word Seminary on River Road near Perrysburg opens. It closed decades later and is now the site of the Sanctuary residential addition.

1970: After reports of armed gangs roaming the streets, Toledo enacts tough new gun laws that would ban anyone from carrying firearms on public streets or in cars.

May 29

1837: The Toledo Fire Department formed with volunteers.

1884: As hundreds of adults and children watched, convicted ax-killer Wesley Johnson is publicly hanged in front of the Henry County Jail in Napoleon. They even sold tickets to the hanging.

1892: First mass is held at present-day St. Rose Catholic Church in Perrysburg.

1917: Anti-draft riots break out on the Lucas County Courthouse lawn with several people hurt or arrested.

1929: An illegal 500-gallon still explodes in an apartment house in 1400 block of Prouty. Two men and two women flee in their night clothes after the explosion.

1938: Webber's Tavern in Point Place erupts into flames, forcing 400 patrons to flee. Damage is estimated at $30,000.

May 30

1904: Sixteen boys at the Southeast Toledo School sew a "handsome" bed quilt and give it to the janitor at the school as a present.

1910: Toledo population now reported to be 168,490.

1918: It's revealed that a 14-year-old Toledo boy, Ells G.Porterfield, has enlisted in the U.S. Army Engineer Corps and is now serving his country.

1922: Toledo Police and dry agents raid a home on Westwood near Swan Creek, and they say the residence contained two 100-gallon stills for brewing whiskey.

1940: Future Toledo mayor Carleton "Carty" Finkbeiner is born.

1953: The newly formed Lucas County Sheriff mounted posse is sworn in with 20 men and horses.

1972: Betty Mauk, the "Mother of Promenade Park," continues her tireless campaign to promote the new riverfront park in downtown Toledo and to offer crepes for sale to park goers.

1980: President Jimmy Carter visits Toledo on a campaign stop.

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1928: Crowds gather outside the Toledo Police Court, where 26-year-old Stanley Hoppe of Elm Street is charged with the murder of a seven-year-old girl, Dorothy Szelagowski. She had been kidnapped several days before and her body was found on the front porch of her Palmer Street home. Hoppe is found guilty and executed later that year.

1935: More reports surface that aviator Paul Redfern, married to Toledo woman Gertrude Hillabrand, may still be alive in the jungles of South America after he vanished on a solo flight to Brazil in 1927. Despite many attempts to find him, he is lost to legend.

1939: The Aquarium at the Toledo Zoo opens and is billed as the "largest freshwater aquarium in the world."

1960: The court of appeals upholds the conviction of Toledo businessman Bert Kaplan for violating Sunday "Blue Laws" by opening his Family Fair stores on Sundays in Toledo.

1976: Kip Boulis, a Perrysburg policeman, drowns while trying to rescue a man and his four children in Maumee River.

Aviator Paul Redfern.

Unusual tree stolen from Spiegel Grove arboretum collection

An unusual tree was recently stolen from the collection at Spiegel Grove, an accredited arboretum and the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont.

Theft of the tiny bristlecone pine is a crime, and Hayes Presidential staff have reported the incident to Fremont police. The tree was stolen around 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 15. Spiegel Grove is closed from dusk until dawn, so the culprit was also trespassing.

The pine was the only one of its kind at The Grove, which is a level II arboretum accredited by Arbnet, and part of its collection of more than 1,700 trees. A level II arboretum has more than 100 species of trees and woody plants.

Bristlecone pines are among the oldest-known living things on earth, and some of them can live 4,000 to 5,000 years. The one taken from Spiegel Grove was a seedling planted in 2021 for Arbor Day.

During the holidays, the building and grounds crew would decorate it with a single red bulb, creating a "Charlie Brown Tree" effect. The bristlecone pine was located by the front parking lot and surrounded by rocks to keep people from disturbing it.

It appears the culprit pulled it out of the grounds and took it with them.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Fremont Police Department at 419-332-6464 or Hayes Presidential Building & Grounds Superintendent John Havens at 419-332-2081.

Northwood Community Center celebrates first anniversary

By Press Staff Writer

The Northwood Community Center and Splash Pad will celebrate its one-year anniversary on June 3 at 10 a.m. with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque honoring those who made the facility possible.

"As the Northwood Community Center marks its first anniversary, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support from our members, city leaders, and the entire community," Pat McGaharan, the City of Northwood's Recreation Director, said. "This celebration reflects on a successful first year. It looks ahead with excitement to continued growth, innovative programming, and lasting partnerships that will strengthen and connect the Northwood community for years to come."

The launch of the state-of-the-art facility marked a significant step forward in the ongoing development of Northwood, particularly in connection with the future expansion of The Enclave.

Since its opening, the Northwood Community Center has hosted a variety of events designed to engage and bring the community together. Events include the lively Dueling Pianos fundraiser night, senior luncheons and game gatherings, pick-

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Woodmore Local Schools appoints Dennis Mock as acting superintendent

Dennis Mock

By Press Staff Writer

The Woodmore Local School District Board of Education has announced the appointment of Dennis Mock as acting superintendent, effective June 1.

Mock brings extensive experience in educational leadership, most recently serving with distinction at Genoa Area Local Schools.

A respected and familiar figure within the region, Mock is known for his strong leadership, commitment to academic excellence, and ability to build positive relationships with staff, students, families, and the community.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mr. Mock back to the Woodmore community," said Andy Miller, president of the Woodmore Board of Education. "His return represents a major step forward for our district. Denny is a trusted and proven leader who understands the values and vision of Woodmore.

"We are confident in his ability to bring stability, inspire collaboration, and ensure our students and staff are well-supported during this time of transition," he said.

Mock's deep familiarity with and passion for Woodmore, combined with his student-centered approach and steady leadership, makes him uniquely qualified to lead the district forward.

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Distinguished Alumni named

Clay High School Alumni and Friends announced the newest Distinguished Alumni & Friends Hall of Fame Inductees for 2025.

They include Scott Fisher, Ph.D., MS (class of 1993) and the Honorable Edward H. Ward (class of 1954).

A formal induction/banquet will be held on Thursday, Sept. 11, at St. Michael's Centre, 4001 Navarre Ave., Oregon.

Order tickets at payschoolsevents.com/events/details/38241 or you make a reservation by phone and pay by credit card by contacting Chris Walendzak at 419-693-0665, ext. 2001. RSVPs are required by Aug, 29.

Library offers free education legal assistance

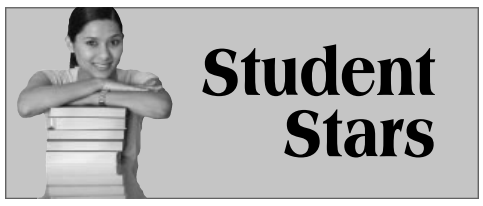
The Toledo Lucas County Public Library and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) are helping parents and caregivers advocate for their students' needs in the public school system.

ABLE attorneys and staff are hosting K-12 Education Legal Assistance Sessions where parents and caregivers can gain insights into key topics such as special education services, disciplinary actions and English language services.

Locally, a session will be held at the Locke Branch Library Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m.-noon.

No appointment is necessary for the free sessions, which are held twice a month at various Toledo Library locations. Each session begins with a presentation by ABLE, followed by a Q & A where Library customers can ask questions.

For more information about onsite community services available through the Toledo Library—including access to adult education, food, health, job search, legal and social resources—visit toledolibrary.org/community-services. Services and providers are subject to change.



Local students earn academic honors at BGSU, other universities

Several area university students earned academic honors. They include:

Bowling Green State University: Kayleigh Splichal, Anthony Jack Rubels, Paige Baumgartner, Makayla Dixon, Caleb Gittus, of Curtice;

Adelaida Moreno, Elijah Conine, Makenzie Zieroff, Brianna Guajardo, Matilde Porras, Samyrah Sterling, Ashley Watson, Elana Neal, of Toledo;

Trenton Moore, Raymond Short, Sonia Murphy, Gary Brammer, Lily Smith, Darren Cochensparger, Jordan Silva, Zoee Root, Logan Dykema, Christopher Boudreaux, Joseph Duffer, Cheyenne Tabler, William Nixon, Sofia Lowe, Darbi Peterson, Jacob Graver, Allison McVicker, Mariann Bonnice, Sydney Payeff, Emmalee Guy, Chloe Strong, Hannah Karrick Jake Susor, Isabella Derrer, Ricky Jurski, Brilee Shireman, Evan Thompson, Owen Thompson, Hanna Berning, Mia MacDonald, Kathrine Clark, Elise DeMaria, Caroline Peek, Kyrah Underwood, of Oregon;

Andrew Berlin, Olivia Cox, Brooklyn

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Salutes Genoa High School's May Student of the Month

Amanda Crabtree

Amanda has a GPA of 4.119 and is ranked 9th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, Theater and FFA. Amanda participates in Cross Country.

Amanda, the daughter of Hiram and Melissa Crabtree, plans on attending Wayne State to major in Pediatric Pharmacy.

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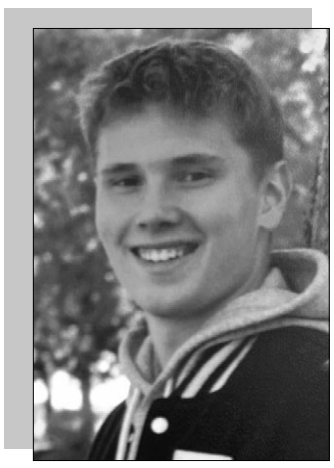

Luke Steep

Luke has a GPA of 4.148 and is ranked 17th in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and French Club. Luke participates in Football, Club Hockey, Cross Country and Track. He has been a member of Mainstreet Church his whole life and is part of a men's Bible study group.

Luke, the son of Ross Steep and Stephanie Steep, plans on attending Bowling Green State University to major in Architecture and Environmental Design with future plans of becoming a licensed architect in a U.S. state where his faith leads him.

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Salutes Gibsonburg High School's May Student of the Month!

Allison Dearth

Allison has a GPA of 4.482 and is ranked 3rd in her class. She is a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook and is Senior Class Vice President. Allison participates in Golf.

Allison, the daughter of Matthew and Jessica Dearth, plans on attending Terra State Community College and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

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Kyrie Henline

Kyrie has a GPA of 4.219 and is ranked 10th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, FCA, Pep Club and Senior Executive Council. Kyrie participates in Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball and Varsity Track & Field.

Kyrie, the daughter of Trent and Jamie Henline, will attend Ashland University to continue her Track & Field career and major in Exercise Science with a minor in Psychology. She plans to earn a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy and become a Pediatric Occupational Therapist.

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Katie has a GPA of 4.15 and is ranked 5th in her class. She is active in Swim and Dive and Buckeye Girls State.

The daughter of Craig & Jodi Collins, Katie plans to attend Ohio University to major in Nursing, then go to graduate school for another 3 years to get her CRNA (certified registered nurse anesthesiologist).

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Stella Strong

Stella has a GPA of 3.692 and is ranked 19th in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society, FTA, Drama Club, 4-H and youth groups at Solomon Lutheran and Woodville United Methodist. Stella participates in Cross Country, Girls Wrestling and Track & Field. She is a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band and Pep Band.

Stella, the daughter of Leah Strong, will be attending Ohio University where she will major in Speech and Hearing Therapy. She will play the mellophone in the marching band.

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Pennsylvania Western University: Joslyn Jurski, of Oregon.

Southern New Hampshire University: Daniel Raymond, Dinae Collins, Andrew Adams, of Oregon; Christopher Terrell, Stephanie Shaugnessy, Dwayne Kuenn, of Toledo; Brandy Brown-Orzechowski of Woodville; Taylor Hall of Millbury; Lillee Bloemer, of Oak Harbor.

Sander inducted

Ian Sander of Pemberville, was inducted into the Mortar Board national honor society at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mortar Board recognizes students with senior standing for exemplary scholarship, leadership, and service. The honor society also "provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities, and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community."

Graduates

Concordia University: Kimberly Nagel, of Oregon.

University of Georgia: Amanda Withrow, of Luckey.

McKendree University: Abram P. Hagedorn, of Toledo.

Witte awarded

Cole Witte, of Gibsonburg, recently received the Haskin Award from Hiram College's School of Health, Education, Sustainability, and Society.

The School covers programs in criminal justice, sociology, education licensure, psychology, integrative exercise science, and biomedical humanities.

Each department chose to honor students graduating with program honors, award and scholarship recipients, or students with outstanding involvement in the major or program research. Witte is in the Education Department.

Megan Hughes earns honors

Megan Hughes, of Oregon, stands among a distinguished group of students at Baldwin Wallace University who reached BW's pinnacle of academic achievement with induction into the Dayton C. Miller Honor Society.

Hughes, a graduate of Clay High School majoring in public relations, was honored with membership that is achieved by only 4% of the undergraduate student body. Members are selected for maintaining superior academic work consistently.

Horvath named to All-Ohio AthleticConference Team

Will Horvath, (Oregon/Clay High School) is one of the three Baldwin Wallace University men's tennis student-athletes to be named to the 2025 All-Ohio Athletic Conference Team

Horvath, who earns his third straight first team accolade, was tied for third on the team with 10 singles victories and overall record of 10-8. He was tied for the squad lead with 15 doubles wins and a record of 15-8. For his career, Horvath has a singles record of 40-14 and doubles record of 53-18. Off the court, he is an Academic All-OAC honoree and an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Scholar Athlete.

Moore elected into Phi Kappa Phi

Samantha Moore, of Oregon, was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at Bowling Green State University.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Uncle and niece share the same Stritch graduation week

Cardinal Stritch Catholic High School & Academy students Mario Alonzo II and Amaya Alonzo, both of Oregon, celebrated graduation this week.

Uncle Mario is a member of the graduating class of 2025, and his niece Amaya is a member of the preschool class of 2025.

Mario will attend Ohio State University this fall while his niece Amaya continues her studies at Cardinal Stritch as she begins kindergarten. She won't be alone on campus – her aunt Aryana is a rising sophomore, her mom Hannah Alonzo '15 works as a paraprofessional, and her "G" (grandmother) is Athletic Director Kelly Alonzo '97.

Mario Alanzo II and his niece Amaya Alonzo.

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Tristan deGroff

Tristan is a senior from Lake High School and is enrolled in the Robotics & Automation program at Penta Career Center where he holds a GPA of 4.046. At Lake, Tristan participated in football. Tristan is a member of SkillsUSA at Penta and participated in the robotics & automation competition during his junior year. He has been an honor roll student and has earned the Penta Achievement Award and the Penta Award of Excellence for his high GPA. During his senior year, Tristan has participated in Penta's Early Job Placement at First Solar where he assists quality technicians. Tristan enjoys running, weightlifting and reading.

After graduating from Lake and completing Penta's Robotics & Automation program, Tristan plans to continue to work at First Solar during the summer. He plans to attend The University of Toledo this fall to study software engineering. Tristan's ultimate goal is to work as a software engineer for a large company and volunteer for a non-profit organization. He is the son of Adam and Cari deGroff.

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History comes alive for Oak Harbor third graders

Third graders from Benton-Carroll-Salem and St. Boniface Elementary schools recently visited the Oak Harbor Log Cabin, where they learned what life was like in the Oak Harbor area in the 1860s. (Submitted photo)

Each May, history comes alive for third graders in the Benton-Carroll-Salem and St. Boniface elementary schools.

With a recent visit to the Oak Harbor Log Cabin they experienced what life was like in this area during the 1860s. Volunteers guided the students in making butter, washing and drying clothes the "old fashioned way" and learning the history of Oak Harbor and the cabin itself. They also found the uses for the many antiques within the cabin and how much work the children were expected to carry out daily, which included emptying that dreaded chamber pot each morning.

The visit completed their social studies curriculum for the year.

The cabin was donated to the town by the Priesman family and with the help of the Air National Guard Red Horse Squadron and Lions Club, was relocated to the center of Oak Harbor on Church Street across from the post office.

This summer the cabin will host concerts featuring local talent and will be open for the Apple Festival in October, and Santa visits at Christmas time.

Portage Resale Youth Council gives to Ottawa County

The Portage Resale Center Youth Council Class of 2024-25 recently completed their year by awarding $15,000 in Wish List Grants to 18 Ottawa County nonprofit organizations.

The gifting ceremony was held last month at the Portage Resale Center in Port Clinton with students, parents and nonprofit representatives present.

During the year, the students visited 17 area nonprofits to learn how these groups serve the community, while getting hands-on experience helping the nonprofits with their projects. They also learned the grant-making process by accepting grant applications from the nonprofits and then discussing and determining which grants to award.

The council consists of one senior and one junior from each of the following five Ottawa County high schools including Jaylin Smith and Lyla Sprague (Genoa); Brayden Wallace and Madison Hand (Oak Harbor); Justin Kiger and Zoey Bauder (Woodmore); Park Wilhite and Charley Lenthe (Danbury) and Sam Roberts and Gabbie Heilmann (Port Clinton).

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5:00 PM Kiwanis Bike Giveaway
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6:00 PM LIVE Music by Lyle Diefenthaler
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7:30 PM LIVE Music by Leadfoot Granny
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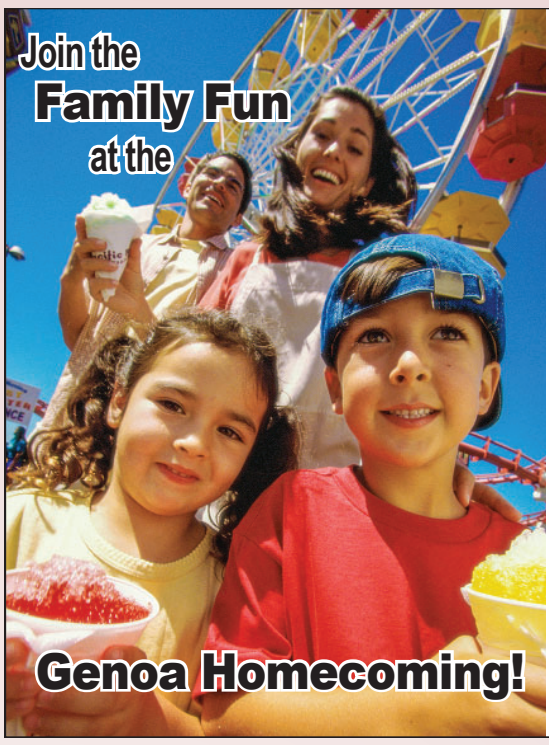

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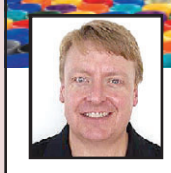

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Oak Harbor boys track and field team wins NBC title

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The Oak Harbor boys track team is pictured after winning the NBC title. (Photo by Oak Harbor Athletics)

Oak Harbor senior Tyler Thompson was named the Northern Buckeye Conference's Athlete of the Year, while his teammate, Wyatt Augsburger, earned the distinction of being the Athlete of the Meet as the duo led the school's boys track & field team to a league title on May 16.

It was the third consecutive conference championship for the Rockets, and the second in a row in the NBC. Oak Harbor finished with 139 points, just ahead of Eastwood, which came in second with 133 points. Lake finished third and Genoa came in fifth.

Thompson won the 100 meters in 11.3, and he took second in the 400 in 49.78, where he broke the meet record, as did the winner Genoa's Nathan Kesler, who ran a 49.71. And in the 200, Thompson was third in 22.95. He leaves the NBC with four league records. In addition to winning the 400, Kesler came in second in the 200 in 22.93, and teammate R.J. Adkins was third in the 100 in 11.49.

"(Thompson) has had a phenomenal season. I think he's had four or five meet records," Oak Harbor coach Andy Augsburger said. "He's an NBC record holder, he nearly broke the NBC record in the 400. Kessler barely beat him out in the 400. "I asked him to do something for the team, which was run the 100, 200 and 400 and possibly the 4x400 relay, and that's the way we could earn the most points. He probably could've run the 4x100 and been Athlete of the Meet."

Wyatt Augsburger, a junior, broke two records that had stood for at least a decade. He won the 110 hurdles in 14.28, which followed him breaking a 10-year record held by Eastwood legend Devin Snowden. Augsburger also finished first in the 300 hurdles in 38.12, which broke a record held by Snowden for 12 years.

Augsburger finished second in the 100 in 11.21 and was part of the winning 4x100 relay team that included Micah Miller, Ayden Gaskalla and Zavier Hess and finished in 43.60.

Eastwood's Andre Lewis had a good showing, finishing third in the 300 hurdles in 40.14 and third in the 110 hurdles in 15.65.

In the shot put, Eastwood's Hunter Lauer had a throw of 52-01.50, and was followed closely by Lake's Matt Nietz, who had a toss of 51-05.50. The two flipped spots in the discus with Nietz winning (154-09) and Lauer coming in second (152-05). Oak Harbor's Travis Bouyer was third with a throw of 147-01.

Genoa's Colby Ralston finished second in the long jump with a leap of 21-08.00, followed by Lake's Brady Hayward (21-04.00).

In the pole vault, Eastwood's Hayden Hoelter finished first with a jump of 13-00.00, followed by teammate Cullen Shank, who had a jump of 12-06.00. Oak Harbor's Blake Nickel lost a tiebreaker to Shank and finished third.

Hayward came in second in the 110 hurdles in 15.49, and Eastwood's Lewis finished third in 15.65. Lewis was also third in the 300 hurdles in 40.14.

Lewis' teammate, Dayquan Oliver, won the 200 in 22.65.

Lake's Micah Balsmeyer won the 3200 in 10:06.18 and came in third in the 1600 (4:40.67), 12 seconds behind his teammate, Luke Steep, who won in 4:28.76.

Oak Harbor's Bodee Miller finished second in the 800 (1:58.40) and Eastwood's Henry Howard was third in 2:02.94.

In the relay, the Rockets took first in the 4x200 in 1:31.85 with Nickel, Zavier Hess, Kason Marshall and Micah Miller getting the job done. The Eagles finished first in 8:13.13 in the 4x800 relay and the Comet quartet of Kesler, Luke Schimmoeller, Sam Buehler and Adam Knight were first in 3:24.77.

Roberts, James place first for Clay

In the Northern Lakes League Cardinal Division Championship, Ben Roberts and Barack James each finished first to help pace Clay, while Evan Harvey and Derek Harmer had runner-up finishes. The Eagles finished third in the division as a team behind Fremont Ross and Southview.

Roberts won the 800 in 1:55.50 and James took first in the 110 hurdles in 14.71. Harvey was second in the 300 hurdles in 41.92 and Harmer finished second in the high jump with a leap of 6-2.

Logan Davis, Cash Mahr and Justin Lajti all finished third respectively, in the pole vault (12-0), the discus (142-2) and shot put (47-5.75). Clay's 4x400 relay team also won in a time of 3:26.73.

Wilson, Greene stand out in TAAC

Local standouts King Wilson of Cardinal Stritch and TaeVe'ion Greene of Northwood had great showings at the Toledo Area Athletic Conference Championship.

Wilson won the long jump with a leap of 20 feet, 8 inches, took first in the 200 in 23.14 and was second in the 100 in 11.67. As for Greene, he was first in the 110 hurdles in 15.90, second in the 300 hurdles in 43.75 and third in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 4 inches.

Northwood's Gabe Lewin won the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet, and teammate Nick Reinhart was third (10-6). Four more Rangers finished in third place — Brayden Lagrange (56.76 in the 400; 108-9 in the discus); Jeremy Watts (24.76 in the 200); Konnor Moyer (2:17.66 in the 800); and Julien Chappell (36-4 in the shot put).

Woodmore, Gibsonburg nab top 3 finishes in SBC

Lakota won the Sandusky Bay Conference River Division championship with 163 points, followed by Woodmore (89) and Gibsonburg (83) in the 10-team field.

The Wildcats got a first-place finish from Drake Blausey in the 400 (49.83), Landon Rich was second in the 100 (11.47) and Brady Thatcher took second in the 300 hurdles (44.68). The 4x400 relay team of Blausey, Thatcher, Coleton Shaner and Adyn Smith won in 3:30.41 as did the 4x200 relay team of Blausey, Rich, Ish Nagy and Myles Byrd, which finished in 1:32.33, just 0.02 of a second ahead of Lakota.

For the Golden Bears, Anthony Caprara won the 1600 (4:28.41) and the 3200 (9:44.01) as he continues to shine.

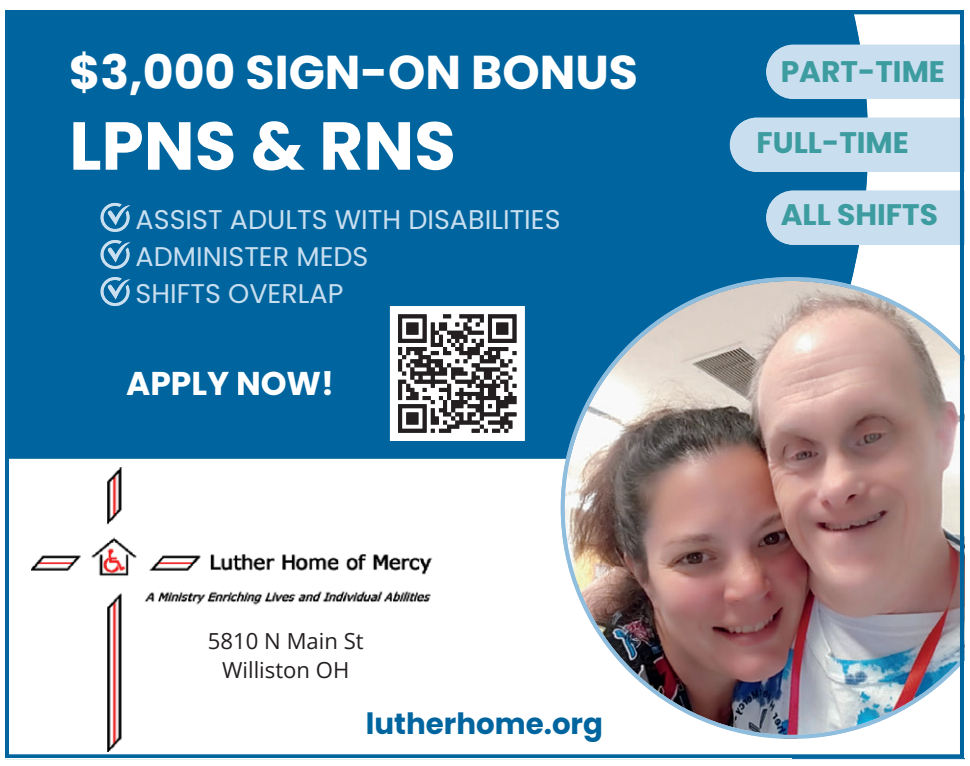
"I was extremely pleased to say the least," Caprara said. "I've been happy to see how the cross country season's success has rolled into track. It's been a dream come true to see how the adversity I went through last year has manifested into triumph in the postseason."

Teammate Grant Dawson won the high jump with a leap of six feet and was second in the long jump with a leap of 21 feet.

Waite's Valdez dominates

Waite senior Elias Valdez won three races at the Toledo City League Championship.

For the third consecutive season, Valdez won the 1600 in 4:49.58, the 800 in 2:02.53 and the 3200 in 10:45.23. He also competed on Waite's 3200 relay team that finished in second place.



Oak Harbor girls capture NBC team title, Little and Emch win multiple events

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The Oak Harbor girls track team is pictured after winning the NBC title. (Photo by Oak Harbor Athletics)

The Oak Harbor girls track and field team captured the Northern Buckeye Conference Championship on May 16.

The Rockets accumulated 163 points, which was ahead of Eastwood in second place with 129.5. Genoa and Lake finished fourth and sixth, respectively, as a team.

Oak Harbor's Olivia Cherry was the Performer of the Meet for the track events, and Bella Lake was the Co-Performer of the Meet for the field events.

The Rockets won 11 straight Sandusky Bay Conference titles from 2010-21, but this group of seniors had never won a league title.

"The seniors didn't want to graduate without winning a league title," Oak Harbor coach John McKitrick said. "It was really important to them. I've had very few teams that were able to put it together like they did. Every event went either according to play or better — most went better than expected.

Lake's vault of 10-8 breaks her own school record and is the second best vault in NBC history. Cherry broke her own school record and the NBC record in the 400. She also anchored two relays that broke the NBC records — the 4x400 and 4x800. The 4x800 also broke the school record.

Cherry ran a 56.78 in the 400, good for a new NBC record, and was followed by Lake's Savannah Little (58.29) and Oak Harbor's Hayley Fallgren (1:01.46).

As for Little, she won the 100 in 12.83, followed by Eastwood's Josie Appelhans (13.17) and Oak Harbor's Miyanna Gardner (13.25).

Oak Harbor's relay teams also had four first place finishes, and every one of their times was a new meet record.

The 4x800 relay of Hayley Fallgren, Cherry, Kennedy Slates and Kendall Gaines won in 9:36.16. The 4x200 of Gardner, Olivia May, Avery Mikolas and Abigail Coutcher had a time of 1:47.60. The 4x100 of Gardner, May, Lake and Effie Schulte ran in 50.08, and the 4x400 of May, Schulte, Slates and Cherry had a time of 4:08.45.

Lake won the pole vault with a leap of 10 feet, eight inches, followed closely by her teammate, Addison Coutcher, who finished with a jump of 10 feet, 4 inches.

Little won the 200 in 26.14, followed by Appelhans (26.15) and Cherry (26.83).

Lake's Lauren Parsons won the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 4.25 inches, followed by Abigail Coutcher (16-9.75) and Genoa's Kyra Frasure (16-03.75).

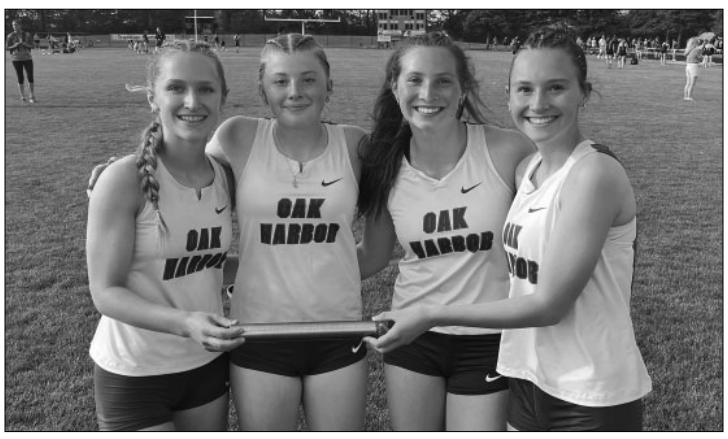
Eastwood's Leah Emch had a great showing, finishing first in the 1600 (5:31.90) and the 3200 (12:22.34), respectively.

Genoa's Stella Rethman was second in the 3200 in 12:27.93 and third in the 1600 in 5:40.42.

Gaines was second in the 800 (2:23.14), and Slates finished just over one second behind her in 2:24.21.

Eastwood's Mallory Sandberg finished second in the 100 hurdles in 16.66 and Oak Harbor's Camdyn Fauver was third in 16.68. Genoa's Lindsey Brown was second in the 300 hurdles in 46.36.

Oak Harbor's Alayna Hall was third in the shot put with a throw of 35-11.25, and Eastwood's Camille Foss was third in the high jump with a leap of 4-10.00.



Oak Harbor's 4x200 relay team of Abby Coutcher, Avery Mikolas, Miyanna Gardner and Olivia May are pictured after breaking the NBC record. (Photo by Oak Harbor Athletics)

> **"It was really important to them. I've had very few teams that were able to put it together like they did."**

Clay finishes third in NLL Cardinal

Clay had four second-place finishes and four third place finishes to come in third as a team in the Northern Lakes League Cardinal Division Championship behind Fremont Ross and Napoleon, respectively.

Emma Martin was second in the 110 hurdles in 15.69 and was third in the high jump with a leap of five feet,

Makenna Langford finished second in the 300 hurdles in 45.33 and third in the 110 hurdles in 15.78.

Emily Schultz had a second place jump of 15 feet, nine inches in the long jump, and Carly Miller was second in the pole vault with a leap of 10 feet, six inches.

Jaelyn Rowe was third in the 200 in 26.73 and Audrey Miller finished third in 1:01.31.

The Eagles 4x400 relay team of Miller, Langford, Olivia Muir, and Rowe captured first place in 4:03.06, while the 4x100 relay (51.33) and 4x200 (1:47.49) relay teams each finished second. The 4x100 team consisted of Paige Kidd, Schultz, Muir and Kieara Vartorella, while the 4x200 team was Kidd, Rowe, Muir and Langford.

Reichow wins pole vault in TAAC

Northwood's Emily Reichow won the pole vault title with a leap of nine feet at the Toledo Area Athletic Conference Championship. Her teammate, Haleigh Baker, finished second in the same event with a jump of seven feet.

The Rangers also had a second place finish in the 100 hurdles from Monica Penaflor at 19.29, while the 4x800 relay team finished second in 12:02.74.

Cardinal Stritch's Sydney Miller was second in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 1.5 inches.

Woodmore third, Gibsonburg seventh in SBC River

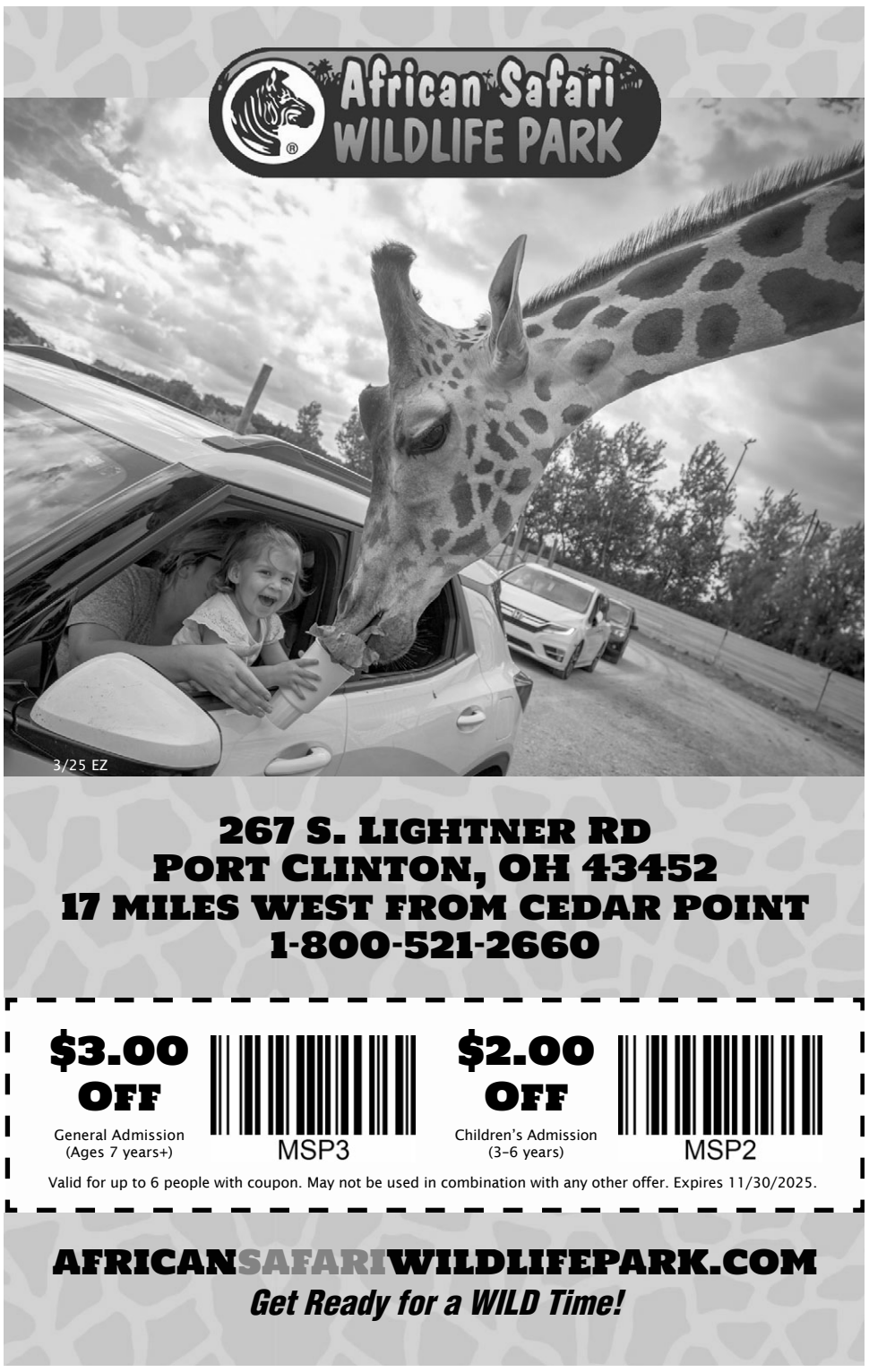
Woodmore and Gibsonburg finished third and seventh, respectively, in the Sandusky Bay Conference River Division Championship.

The Wildcats, who won a Division III state championship two years ago, had two individuals finish in first place with one relay team winning.

Willow Lewis won the 800 in 2:25.70 and finished third in the 400 in 1:01.29. Stella Strong won the discus with a throw of 115 feet, eight inches. Lillian Runion was second in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, three inches, and Wren Lewis was third in the 1600 in 5:36.39.

The 4x800 relay team of Wren Lewis, Addison Pleasnick, Addison Lowry and Willow Lewis won in 10:30.84.

As for the Gibsonburg, McKenzie Montgomery won the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet, four inches, Ava Dawson was second in the high jump with a leap of four feet, eight inches and Mary Myerholtz was second in the 1600 in 5:34.24.



The joy of marbles, or "playing for keeps"

By Lou Hebert

The humble game of marbles.

To put a fine point on just how things have changed over the years, especially in the chronicle of childhood experiences, look no further than the humble game of marbles.

Less than a century ago, the popular pastimes for kids in the springtime included flying kites and playing marbles.

Seven decades ago, when I was a boy at Camper Elementary in Genoa, it was customary for boys, and sometimes girls, about the month of March, to bring a bag of colorful glass and stone marbles to school each day and then at recess, we would begin the games.

It was easy to find a collection of little knots of children gathered around a circle, usually etched into the mud, where marbles play unfolded. Frequently, with great intensity and serious eyes, we often played "for keeps," meaning if your "shooter" could knock someone's marble out of the circle, it was yours to keep.

It was very cool if you managed to score a coveted "aggie," "glassie" or "cat's eye."

The reward, besides the inherent bragging rights, seemed to be the joy of this social interaction itself in this perennial rite of spring - a reminder that warmer days lie ahead.

I don't recall that we had any big tournaments in Genoa, but I know in Toledo in the 1920s to 1940s, the local newspapers not only held regular "Mibs" tournaments around the city and region, but winners would move on to state and national competition, which to those "Mibsters" with good eyes and steady hands was a source of competitive pride.

I don't know if kids still bring marbles to school anymore, or if they are even allowed, but I do know that marbles, or "Mibster" tournaments, are still happening. There is a National Marbles Tournament every June in Wildwood, N.J., the marbles Mecca of America that boasts a marbles museum and the National Marbles Hall of Fame.

In 2023, Wildwood celebrated its 100th anniversary of the first games, celebrating a first year that witnessed some three million children take part in marble's competition across the country. Young 14-year-old Harlin McCoy, a boy from Columbus, Ohio won the national title on June 19, 1923 after defeating little Sammy Schnieder of St. Louis, the regional monarch of "glassies" in a 6-4 series of games that were followed by national sport reporters like it was the PGA.

The victory for McCoy, the son of an Ohio railroad switchman, was a huge achievement and the honor netted him a gold watch, a lifetime circus pass, and other sundry treasures. But this proud new marble king also garnered headlines and a wave of newsprint from all across the country.

McCoy told reporters the victory made him happy, but most of all, he was "happy for his Mom and Pop."

A better Mibs King there never was.

The National Marbles Tournament is held every year the week after Father's Day in June and winners now receive thousands of dollars in scholarships and other prizes. It's open to children between the ages of 7-14. You can learn more at nationalmarblestournament.org.

Community Center celebrates first anniversary

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leball tournaments and leagues, volleyball leagues, soccer clinics, and seasonal celebrations such as the annual tree lighting ceremony, haunted house, trick-or-treat event, and Easter egg hunt.

In addition to special events, the community center provides ongoing programs such as pickleball, yoga, fitness classes, basketball, rock climbing, and more. These offerings have quickly made the center a hub for health, wellness, and recreation in the area.

Membership growth

The Northwood Community Center has had a 42 percent increase in primary memberships from December to the end of April. Total membership has increased by 48 percent to a total of 1,047 members.

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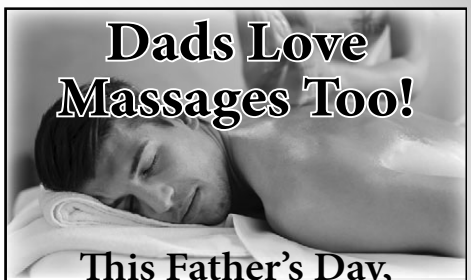
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Johnson

Michael David Johnson age 73 of Harbor View, Ohio passed away Sunday, May 18, 2025 at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. Michael was born to Nelson and Helen (Bourdo) Johnson in Toledo, Ohio and grew up in Temperance, Michigan. Michael was very proud of his work installing in-ground irrigation systems, most recently for Floral Landscape and Elite Landscape. He retired in 2015. Michael sat on the council for the Village of Harbor View. He loved gardening, shopping, festivals, and bingo.

Michael is survived by his wife Cindy Puhl-Johnson; children David and Tina (Marty); step-children Rachel (Howie) and Nick (Misty); grandchildren Kayla, Kendra, Dawn, Michael, Conner, Aiden, John, Tyler, Kenzie, and Kylie; 5 great-grandchildren and 1 on-the-way; sister Barb; mother-in-law Helen Cheatham; sisters-in-law Connie and Caroll; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Matthew Johnson, parents, and sisters Linda, Peggy, and Mary.

A visitation will be held at Freck Funeral Chapel 1155 S. Wynn Rd in Oregon, Ohio on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. A funeral service will be held at 12 noon. Burial will follow in North Oregon Cemetery. Memorial contributions are appreciated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Wohlgamuth

Bruce N. Wohlgamuth, 84, of Curtice, Ohio passed away peacefully, with family by his side, on May 4th 2025 at Bay Park Hospital. Bruce was born September 15, 1940 in Willoughby, Ohio to Ivo and Gertrude (Frieman) Wohlgamuth. Bruce was a professional truck driver for Chrysler Corporation, until retiring several years ago. In his spare time, Bruce loved being outdoors, golfing, taking rides on his cherished "57 Chevy look-alike" golf cart and watching his favorite team, Kansas City Chiefs, play football. Bruce served his country proudly in the US Army, during the Vietnam War. He excelled in the Army, moving up in the ranks.

Surviving in his family are his wife, Winnie Wohlgamuth; sons, Jeff (Jean) and Andy (Joyce) Wohlgamuth; grandchildren, Sean, Kayla (Phillip), Cody (Autumn), Connor (McKenna), Madison (Dawson) and Emily (Khris); and great grandchildren, Isabel, Madlyn, Easten, Kalvin, Maisyn, Karter and Kora; Bruce is also leaving behind a twin sister, Barb Beair and his four legged companion "Chief the Cat"

Services were conducted on an earlier date. Interment was in Elliston Cemetery. Any financial donations the family would like directed to the Wounded Warrior Foundation or Jerusalem Township Fire and Rescue.

Belegrin

William M. Belegrin Jr. passed away unexpectedly at St. Vincent Hospital on January 21, 2025. Bill was born on May 21, 1961 the oldest son of William Belegrin Sr. and Carol (Lasko) Belegrin. Bill was a kind soul who enjoyed gardening and was meticulous with tending to his bonsai trees. He often shared his home grown tomatoes with neighbors within his apartment complex. Bill was a passionate hunter and fisherman spending a majority of his time at Deer Camp and on the waters of Lake Erie. His failing health prevented him from continuing excursions with his dear friends Tim, Marty, Bob, Walt and Big Mike. He welcomed hearing how they did in his absence and cheered them on from afar. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, he is survived by his sister, Tina Dittman, nephew Todd Watters, niece, Danielle Watters, bonus niece, Megan Pacer, brothers Stephen and Patrick (Stefani) Belegrin. The Belegrin brothers were a close trio and where there was one brother there was often another. He also leaves behind an aunt, uncle, many cousins, good friends, including Bobby O'Shay, Greg (Orbs) Orban, and childhood friends Kenny Katschke and Kurt Ackerman.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Epiphany of the Lord/ St. Stephen Catholic Church 1880 Genesee Street, on Saturday June 7, 2025 10:00 AM. Visitation, 11:00 AM Mass. Please join the family following the service for a luncheon 12:00 - 2:00 PM at the VFW Post 4906 on Consaul Street, where Bill frequently visited as a member. Private Burial will take place Monday June 9, 2025 10:00 AM at the family plot in St. Ignatius cemetery.

Obituaries can be emailed to classified@presspublications.com or call 419-836-2221 for more information.
DEADLINE:
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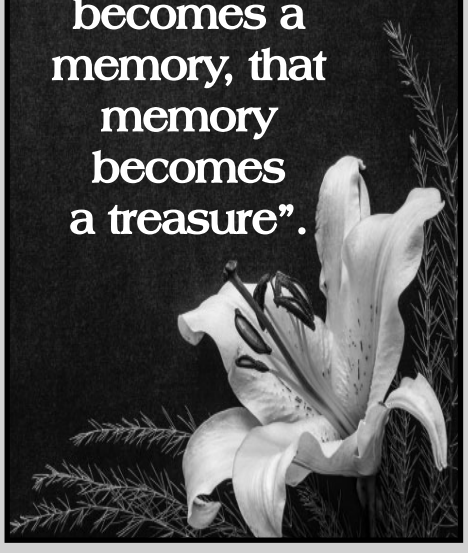

Bulletin Board

Bulletin Board policy
As a service to our community, The Press publishes Bulletin Board items at no cost, as space permits. There is no guarantee that items submitted will be published. To ensure publication of events/news items, speak to one of our advertising representatives at 419-836-2221. A complete listing of events is available at presspublications.com.

Toledo

Most Blessed Sacrament 419 Cares, a ministry of Christ United Methodist Church, serves food and beverages and provides toiletries to those in need Sundays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uptown Green Park on Madison Avenue. A monthly giveaway of clothes, blankets and shoes is also offered. Donations of toiletries and clothing items, particularly bigger men's sizes, are welcome. Contact Christ UMC or visit 419 Cares on Facebook for info.
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

Donations Sought for Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society's Annual Rummage Sale. 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 up to the sale dates July 16-18. 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, call 419-346-6082 or visit 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.
Mobile Meals of Toledo, a local community nonprofit, is seeking volunteers to help deliver meals as their schedules permit. The pickup site for the meals is Mercy Health – St. Charles Hospital. Volunteers are also needed to make wellness calls to check in with clients. Contact Rochelle Rodgers at 419-255-7806 or rrodgers@mobilemeals.org for info.
Great Eastern Toastmasters meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Lake Erie Room at ProMedica Bay Park Hospital, (lower level, behind the cafeteria). Attendees can practice skills needed to communicate with more confidence. Guests welcome. Call Matt 419-261-0579 or Julie 419-343-5569 or visit D28toastmasters.org.
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 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 for info.
Oregon Senior Center, 4350 Navarre Ave., invites seniors to enjoy enriching activities such as bingo, art classes, dance and exercise. The center also offers transportation, meals and support. Call 419-698-7078 for more details.
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.
Christ Dunberger American Legion Post 537 Hall at 4925 Pickle Rd. is available for rentals. The hall accommodates up to 145 people. Call 419-279-1387 for details.
Hispanic Language Pro-life Prayer Group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Toledo Shrine, 655 S. Coy Rd. Call 419-697-7742 or 419-213-0214.

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 Curtice roads. Adults, $9; children $5.
Northwood Food Distribution has changed its distribution procedure. To schedule a pickup, contact Emilia Bires at 419-351-5835 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pickups will be arranged at your convenience and will take place at 700 Lemoyne Rd. Please note: There will no longer be a set Monthly Food distribution at the City building. Those interested must contact Emilia to schedule a pickup.
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 for info.
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.

Jerusalem Twp.

Jerusalem Township Board of Trustees meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the township hall at 9501 Jerusalem Rd. The meetings are also accessible via Zoom. Meeting dates, phone numbers and Zoom links are available at twp.jerusalem.oh.us/trustees/.
Jerusalem Township Zoning Commission meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the township hall, 9501 Jerusalem Rd.
Jerusalem Township has implemented a Wireless Emergency Network System. To sign up for civic text alerts, visit http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/jerusalem_township_oh/wens.cfm. The link is also available on the Jerusalem Township Government Facebook page and at twp.jerusalem.oh.us.
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 is 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 ccrhorses@gmail.com
Elmore Conservation Club meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the club, 15550 W. Portage River South Rd. Speakers, education and an opportunity to make a change with like-minded people in the community. Email thekosbabs@aol.com for info or visit elmorecc.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 harriselmorelibrary.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.
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 "Color Our World!" Summer Reading Challenge, June 1-July 31 – Reading club for all ages, preschool through adult; Preschool Storytime Thursdays at 11 a.m.; 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

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.; 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. 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 Toussaint 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.

Stony Ridge

St. John's Lutheran Church Free Thrift Shop, "Shared Bounty," is open the 1st Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-noon, 5520 Fremont Pike.

Walbridge

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

Woodville

Woodville Library, 101 E. Main St., programs include "Color Our World!" Summer Reading Challenge, June 1-July 31 – Reading clubs for all ages, preschool through adult; Storytimes, Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Thursday Thingz, Thursdays 2-4 p.m. – Games, LEGOs, crafts and more; birchard.org or call 419-849-2744.
Woodville Food Pantry, 212 Bridge St., is open the last Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m. and the last Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Available to all Woodville village and township residents. Applications are available at the pantry.

Church Worship Guide

Woodville

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305 W. Main St. 419-849-3600
Sunday Worship
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Sunday School 9:20am
(adult & children)
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Woodville United Methodist Church
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(Starting May 25)
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Genoa

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Notice is hereby given to the record owner Jean M. Doyle (believed deceased) and her unknown next of kin, (the interested parties) that it is the intention of the Allen Township Board of Trustees to have all buildings located at 22750 W. Toledo Street, Curtice, Ohio, 43412 removed.

Notice is further given to each party in interest that they are entitled to a hearing on this matter. If a hearing is desired by any party in interest a written request for said hearing shall be submitted in writing within twenty days of the date of this publication. Any written request for a hearing shall be made to Allen Township Fiscal Officer, 21030 W. Toledo St., P.O. Box 440, Williston, OH, 43468.

If no request for a hearing is received by the township Fiscal Officer in a timely fashion, the Allen Township Board of Trustees will have all buildings removed at some time after thirty days from the date of this publication.

Further the Township intends to collect the total cost of removing said buildings by having the Fiscal Officer certify the total cost together with a proper legal description of the land to the County Auditor who will place the cost upon the tax duplicate. The costs shall be a lien upon the land after the date of entry.

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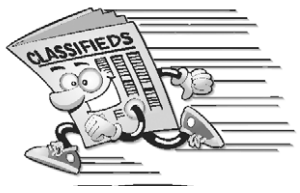

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The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Wales Road has been cancelled.

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

Attest: A. Stribrny, Zoning/Code Enforcement

CITY OF NORTHWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission scheduled for Monday, June 09, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 6000 Wales Road has been cancelled.

Planning Commission Meetings are public hearings and are held on the second Monday of the month as needed.

Attest: A. Stribrny, Zoning/Code Enforcement

PUBLIC AUCTION

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