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Veterans' Outreach "Heroes' Passage" Update



Judge Executive (center) of Elliot County poses with Veterans' Outreach. Contributed Photo.

Veterans' Outreach was donated a large piece of Kentucky wilderness by Roger Hanshaw, a local volunteer from the Grayson Office. Roger donated the property so that it could be used for hurting veterans. He has also pledged his help with the project with no end date.

That act of kindness is having a ground swell of activity and development. According to Veterans' Outreach President, plans

are being made for a special retreat for veterans called, "Heroes' Passage", a place where veterans can get help with transitioning from military life to civilian life. The project was first announced at the Veterans' Expo in Ashland by Regional Director Tammy Black. Finally, this February, the charity took possession of the property.

The conceptual development and planning has begun. Meetings are im-

portant and Mr. Ely wanted to start at the TOP, Kentucky Veterans' Affairs Department. "I couldn't believe the reception that they gave us! They all were very supportive and inspirational and made us feel at home. That kind of support just makes you more driven to tackle the numerous tasks to complete the project", Mr. Ely finished.

So far, plans include See Outreach on pg. 4

Teacher Appreciation



TCTC Student Halle Dull and TCTC Instructor Tom Gorse. (Submitted Photo)

Whoever invented the phrase, "It's not how you start, but how you finish," had to be thinking of a person like Halie Dull. She is a senior at the TCTC from Lordstown who is enrolled in the Pre-Nursing program.

During the first part of the school year, Halie admits to have an unsettling relationship with her Government teacher, Tom Gorse. She stated, "I have never liked social studies and I did not care for the type of lessons or the teaching style of Mr. Gorse."

Gorse concurs with Halie's observations. He stated, "Halie challenged almost everything that we did in class. She is a student with very strong opinions and she left no doubt where she felt concerning Government."

As the school year has evolved so have Halie's feelings changed about her teacher. She said, "I began to notice how patient Mr. Gorse was with his students and how much he was willing to listen to our concerns. He adjusted his teaching to accommodate the different learning styles in the classroom. He also impressed on his students how the study of American Government will ultimately make us more informed citizens."

Recently, Halie took the time to write a letter to Tom Gorse expressing her change of heart about the course and her appreciation for his interpersonal skills with students.

With Halie's permission, we share her letter with the readers.

Dear Mr. Gorse,

I just wanted to let you know that you are the absolute best teacher I have come in contact with at the TCTC. The way that you care about your students, the way you take the time and effort to explain things in detail and to answer questions, and the patience that you display. You teach to different learning styles and you listen to suggestions from your students. And yeah, I know that I am a tough girl on the outside, but I promise that I see the good in people 100% of the time. You are an amazing teacher. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully,
Halie Dull

Response from TCTC

Dear Halie,

Recognizing the good in others is a very admirable quality. When people know that you value them as individuals, they usually work harder to justify your confidence. Tom Gorse is an outstanding instructor. He is everything that you said he is. Your words however mean more to him than anything that I could write on his teacher evaluation.

You said in your letter to Mr. Gorse that you are a tough girl on the outside. Maybe so, but you are also one with a soft heart.

Sincerely,
Larry Crawford
Academic Supervisor TCTC



Inside!



Registration Now Open for PI Day Trail Run Challenge

Attention all runners, walkers, and side-line watchers! The Academy of the Arts students at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center will hold the first annual PI Day Trail Run Challenge on the school campus on Saturday, March 18. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM and the race will kick off at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$25 if you register in advance, and \$30 the day of the race. T-Shirts are guaranteed to all participants pre-registered by March 4th, and a free pie will be given to every runner that finishes!

You can find all of the advance registration and information at www.runsignup.com.

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Columbiana Woman Battling Cancer Gets Her Wish- Her High School Diploma

Jim Downie of Columbiana was determined to fulfill one of his wife's wishes to receive her high school diploma. Jim's wife, Candice Oesch Downie was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at Christmas time, and she's been battling the disease since. Doctors say it's inoperable.

Jim wrote a letter to Columbiana Exempted Village School District, describing his wife's wish for a diploma, saying she was a half credit short in 1982, and never received it.

Superintendent Don Mook says with permission from the School Board, the district awarded Candice her diploma on February 21, 2017.



L-R: Candice's son James Downie, husband Jim Downie, H.S. Principal Lance Hostetter, Candice Oesch Downie, Superintendent Don Mook. Contributed Photo.

Dressed in cap and gown, and with her husband and son, James next to her, Candice was given her diploma.

She said it was also important to her to be a role model to her son, who's currently a junior.

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TCTC in the News

Chef's Delight-Liberty Grad and TCTC Completer Making Waves In the Culinary Field

At a very young age, Tony Thomas harbored an interest in cooking. He enjoyed being in the kitchen with his family. He was pretty certain that he wanted to eventually pursue a career in the culinary industry. A visit to the Restaurant Services program at the Trumbull Career & Technical Center removed all doubt.

As a sophomore at Liberty High School, Tony's class participated in a Career Day experience at the TCTC. He stated, "After meeting the instructors, Mrs. Gillies and Mr. Antenucci, everything just clicked for me. I know that I wanted to enroll in the program. It was the wisest decision that I have made in my life."

In Restaurant Services, students learn the basics of cooking, menu selection, presentation, as well as the management side of working in a restaurant. Thomas was exposed first hand to what happens behind the scenes in a restaurant. The program students run the Cove Restaurant at the school. They are responsible for cooking the meals, serving the patrons and solving the daily problems encountered in the foodservice industry.

Thomas considered the training to be invaluable. "I graduated with the tools to be successful because our instruction was so comprehensive in nature. Mr. A and Mrs. G provide guidance and support, but students must take responsibility for their learning. Because the vast majority of us have an interest in the field, there is strong rapport between teachers and students. We saw a connection between school and our future careers."

After graduating from Liberty High School in 2011, Thomas attended Culinary School at Indiana State University in Pennsylvania. It was a smooth transition from high school to college. He stated, "I was exceptionally well prepared because of my training at the TCTC." In 2013, he was hired by Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort as a chef. A year later, he received a management position with Elio North America as a Sous Chef in charge of daily food production at the Villa Maria Community Center. When his schedule permits, he also substitute teaches for Restaurant Services at the TCTC.

As Tony reflects back on his experiences as a student at the TCTC, his favorite memory is the camaraderie associated with creating meals with his peers in the Restaurant Services program.

"How many students can truly say they loved what they were doing in school? Each day, I knew I was acquiring greater skill in something



Tony Thomas recently completed the Restaurant Services program at TCTC. (Submitted Photo)

related to my future career," said Thomas.

Jim Antenucci, program instructor, believes Thomas is a poster child for the utility of Career-Technical Education. He stated, "Tony came to the TCTC in search of the skills necessary to work in the culinary industry. His saga is proof that good things happen to nice people. If I was starting a restaurant and needed an executive chef, the first call I would make would be to Tony. He has both the culinary talent required in the kitchen and the leadership skills necessary to operate a business. I am not surprised to learn of his success in the industry."

Charmayne Polen, Honors English Instructor, has fond memories of Tony in her classroom. "He was always prepared, related well to his peers and conducted himself like a gentleman. You just knew that he would end up someplace good."

The Restaurant Services Instructors ask Thomas to address their program students on a yearly basis. As someone who works in the industry, his perspective has credibility with younger students. Thomas tells them, "Most of us were not born on third base. Take full advantage of your educational opportunities and make every day a learning experience. Before you can tell someone what to do, you have to be the person who did what they were supposed to do."

Leo Durocher, baseball manager of yesterday, created an often quoted expression. "Nice Guys Finish Last." But not in the case of Tony Thomas, graduate of Liberty High School and program completer of Restaurant Services. He is a nice guy in the process of finishing first.

YWCA Warren Announces Networking Night

YWCA Warren is announcing an upcoming meeting of a networking group for women. Networking to Empower Women (NEW) Night will take place on Tuesday, March 14 at YWCA Warren (375 North Park Ave., Warren). This event, part of a bi-monthly series, will focus on encouraging women's entrepreneurship and connecting women to resources to help them further their careers or build their businesses.

signed to facilitate networking for women at varying stages of their careers—from seasoned professionals to students to those making a career switch or reentering the working world. The first half of the event allows women to mingle while they enjoy refreshments and review products and services offered by local women-owned businesses.

Deanna Fusillo of Sassy Girl Media will present on "Startups on a Shoestring." After launching

her own business in 2010, Ms. Fusillo began sharing her expertise in social media marketing and web development with other businesses. She also runs The Startup Circle, a network of women entrepreneurs.

This event is free and open to the public. Donations to cover the cost of refreshments will be accepted. Doors open at 5 p.m. for refreshments and networking. The guest speaker begins at 5:45.

Local women-owned businesses interested in advertising a product or service can reserve free table space by contacting Molly Toth at YWCA Warren at 330-373-1010 x 41 or by email at molly.toth@ywcaofwarren.org.



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For more information please contact:
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The event, Kyrsten's Closet, will showcase free prom dresses. Girls who come will be able to shop, try on, and pick out a dress at no cost. The only requirement in receiving a dress is to sign a Don't Drink & Drive Pledge.

Proceeds from the event will promote "Don't Drink and Drive" as well as help children & families in need.

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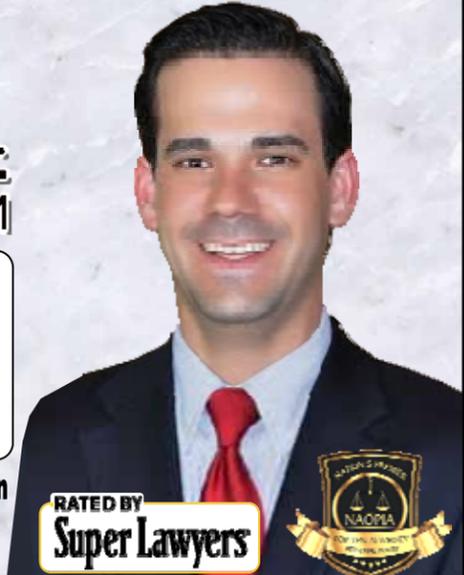
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Outreach

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The survey of the work will begin soon. Once that is complete, Gilmore Designs has agreed to donate the architectural renderings and conceptual design. In the meantime, the vision will continue to evolve with many meetings and the Oversight Committee. We will offer major donors naming rights on the various buildings to be erected.

This project, when funded, will be a tremendous resource for veterans. This project's impact will be felt nationwide! If you are interested in showing your support for veterans, contact us. We are in need of talent, materials, funds, volunteers, and so on.



President of Veterans' Outreach crosses a stream at Heroes Passage. Contributed Photo.

For more information, please contact jely@veteransoutreach.org or online at veteransoutreach.org. Donations can be made through the website or by mail to Veterans' Outreach, 512 East Main St., Grayson, KY 41143 or Veterans' Outreach's National Headquarters, 7 Belgrade Ave., Liberty, Ohio 44505. Call us at 606-475-0216 or 888-2-VET-NET/888-283-8638.

Argus Lodge to serve fish dinner

Argus Lodge #545, 5050 Shields Rd., Canfield will be serving a fish dinner on Friday March 24 from 4-7 PM at the Fellowship hall in the Lodge. This is open to the public. Proceeds will benefit the Argus Lodge Charities. Meal includes fish or chicken tenders, french fries, coleslaw, dinner rolls, coffee or soft drink and dessert. Tickets at the door are \$12 for adults and \$6 for 9 years old and under. Carry out is available by calling 330-533-3077.

Century Village Hosts Sunday Pancake Breakfasts

The Geauga County Historical Society will host its annual Pancake Breakfasts in March and April 2017, featuring all-you-can-eat-pancakes served with pure maple syrup produced from the Society's own sugarbush and sugarhouse using traditional collection and production methods.

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Menu includes all-you-can-eat pancakes with the Society's own maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage, apple sauce, and a beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12 years old, and free to children 4 and under.

The meals are served in the Lennah Bond Activities Center on the grounds of Century Village Museum, southeast corner of Burton Square (GPS, 14653 East Park Street, Burton, Ohio 44021). For more information or group reservations, call 440-834-1492.

Brookfield Schools Celebrate Student Art at 'Hungry for the Arts' Fundraiser

The Second Annual Hungry for the Arts fundraiser, displaying Brookfield Local Schools student artwork, will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 at Tiffany's Banquet Center, located at 601 Bedford Rd SE in Brookfield Township.

The evening will include student artwork on display, live music from the Brookfield Jazz Band, basekt raffle and a spaghetti dinner. Student artists paid an entry fee for each piece of art they submitted. The winners of the school-wide art contest will be announced during the evening. Their work was judged by Terry Polonsky and Linda Brink, co-administrators of Random Acts of Artists.

"This event is a wonderful way for the community to come together and support these hardworking students," said Tracy Plyer, President of the Brookfield Backpack Charitable Fund. "Their artwork will be on display for all to enjoy, just like they are professional artists."

A \$10 donation, or \$15 per family, is suggested at the door and this includes the dinner. All proceeds from the event will go to the Brookfield Backpack Charitable Fund. Brookfield Local School and the Brookfield Backpack Charitable Fund would like to thank its sponsors for helping "take a bite out of hunger" in support of this annual event.

Exhibit Highlights Connections Between Owls and Woodpeckers

A new exhibit at Fellows Riverside Gardens, The Owl & the Woodpecker, introduces visitors to the most important species of owls and woodpeckers in North America, using spectacular photos and informative text to illustrate how these birds define and enrich the specific habitats on which they depend, and to highlight the critical importance of conserving those habitats. The Owl & the Woodpecker—a traveling exhibit from the Burke Museum, Seattle—is on view at Fellows Riverside Gardens Weller Gallery from March 4 - May 21. The Owl & the Woodpecker is based on a book of the same title by Seattle photographer and author Paul Bannick. Bannick is known for his intimate wildlife photography, which supports environmental conservation efforts. His work has appeared in Audubon magazine, the National Wildlife Federation Guide to North American Birds, Smithsonian Guide to North American Birds, and in many other books, magazines, parks, refuges, and other places in North America and Europe.

The Owl & the Woodpecker: Photographs by Paul Bannick was organized by the Burke Museum, University of Washington, created with Paul Bannick and Braided River, a partner of The Mountaineers Books. Sponsorship of the local presentation of The Owl & the Woodpecker was provided by the John S. and Doris M. Education Endowment through the Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Brookfield Bowlers Make First State Appearance



L to R: Standing: Athletic Director Tim Taylor, Superintendent Jo Taylor, Jessica Roszak, Samantha Neral, Christine Lowers, Kayla Haywood, Principal John DeSantis; Kneeling: Emily Bebech, Hannah Williams; Seated: Michael Katko. Contributed Photo.

The Brookfield High School Lady Warrior Bowling Team, as well as Brookfield Boys Bowler Mike Katko, qualified for the state tournament, which took place March 3rd and 4th. The girls' team and Katko are the first bowlers in school history to advance to the state tournament!

"The district held a send-off for the team on Thursday [March 2] that included a school parade and a police escort out of town," said Principal John DeSantis.

The ladies competed well in their first state appearance. Katko placed 11th overall in the tournament. Brookfield Local Schools congratulate all players on their first state appearance, hard work and a job well done this season!

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Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars District 8 Commander Jim Tornincasa and Department of Ohio Senior Vice Commander Robert Giannone recently presented the Sport Clips Haircuts in Fairlawn, Ohio and in Macedonia, Ohio. The managers and assistant managers were surprised and thankful for the recognition given to their Sport Clips stores. Through the generosity of the Sport Clips stores and their patrons,

many veterans can be assisted through the Veterans of Foreign Wars 'Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship'.

"The Veterans of Foreign Wars 'Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship' provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way for us to say 'thank you' to those who fought for our freedoms."



Left: Fairlawn Sport Clips (L-R) Sport Clips Assistant Manager Cheryl Pallvec, Ohio District 8 Commander Jim Tornincasa, Sport Clips Manager Shelly Hill. Right: Macedonia Sport Clips (L-R): Ohio District 8 Commander Jim Tornincasa, Sport Clips Assistant Manager Amanda Ortit and Manager Angela Hanslik, Department of Ohio Senior Vice Commander Robert Giannone. Contributed Photos.

District 8 encompasses four counties in Ohio - Mahoning, Portage, Summit, and Trumbull. Any veterans interested in receiving more information can contact a local VFW Post, or District 8 Commander Tornincasa.

West Branch Middle School February Students of the Month



L to R: Front Row: Madalyn Klemann, Ella Scofinsky, Eris Dugan, Katelyn Tedrow; Back Row: Trey Jones, Mason Barnett, Colton Dennison, Garrett Harvey. Contributed Photo.

West Branch Middle School recognizes one boy and girl student each month as their "Students of the Month" for excelling in the classroom and for having good character. Students at WBMS that define good character are trustworthy, caring, responsible, respectful, fair, and have good citizenship.

This month's winners are 8th graders Katelyn Tedrow and Garrett Harvey; 7th graders Eris Dugan and Colton Dennison; 6th graders Ella Scofinsky and Mason Barnett; and 5th graders Madalyn Klemann and Trey Jones.

Kyrsten's Klose Prom Dress Drive announces sponsor

LaFrance Cleaners is excited to announce that it has accepted the role of Corporate Sponsor of the Krysten's Klose annual prom dress drive and giveaway on March 11 & 12, 2017 at Roosevelt Gymnasium at 110 Orchard Avenue in Hubbard.

In addition to financial support, the 72-year-old company will be providing dry cleaning and minor repair of formal wear for the project. LaFrance also will be accepting donations at its Boardman, Poland and headquarters location on Glenwood Avenue from now thru May.

"I am the father of three teens myself and know the fear that parents feel when they are out on their own," said LaFrance President Stephen Weiss. "We couldn't be more proud to support an effort that draws attention to the dangers of drinking and driving."

The flagship project of the Krysten Elizabeth Studer Memorial Foundation, this fourth annual event honors the memory of the young 14-year-old Hubbard namesake who never had the chance to reach this teen milestone. She was struck and killed by a drunk driver in 2003 while walking one afternoon with friends.

"One thing that keeps you going is doing things for her that she didn't get to do," says Jenifer Studer, Krysten's mother. "The growing support of the community is truly heartwarming."

The project harnesses the efforts of the community to gather and distribute new and gently worn prom gowns, jewelry and accessories. Girls who come to the event will be able to shop, try on and pick out items at no cost. The only requirement in receiving merchandise is to sign a prom promise to not drink and drive. In only four years, the project has received and distributed more than 500 dresses.

For more information on the project contact Sarah Studer at 330-261-5947 or visit their Facebook page Krysten's Klose

North Lima Mennonite Church to hold rummage sale

There will be a rummage sale at the North Lima Mennonite Church on Friday, March 10 from 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, March 11 from 9 am to noon. Both days will have baked goods for sale and a food stand offering sandwiches, pie, snacks, and beverages.

The church is located at 90 Mennonite Dr., just off SR 7 in North Lima. For additional information, call the church at 330-549-2333.

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—Hebrews 13:2

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The Review Newspapers offers Death Notices free of charge and paid obituaries. Death Notices include the name and age of individual, date of passing and funeral home providing services.

Obituaries are a personal tribute. For more information on writing the obituaries and pricing, please speak with your funeral home director. All death notices/obituaries must be verified by a funeral home or a death certificate. For more information, call our Editorial department at 330-544-5500.

Death Notices

Below are Death Notices that are published free of charge. Full Obituaries are printed for a fee. Consult your funeral director for details.

Samuel Anthony Accordino, 84
Niles. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holeton-Yuhasz Funeral Home.

Aaron "Harry" Almy, 26
Howland. Date of death March 2, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

Charles P. Baumgartner Jr, 79
Warren. Date of death March 2, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Staton-Borowski Funeral Home.

Leo John Bodkin, 89
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Paul Edward Buchanan, 90
Champion Twp. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Dorothy Jean Butts, 74
Austintown Twp. Date of death March 3, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Napoleon "Po" "Manny" Calhoun Jr, 68
Warren. Date of death March 3, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-McCullough Williams Funeral Home.

Regis F. Celender, 34
Hubbard. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home.

Rachel E. Cella, 27
Cortland. Date of death February 26, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Alice Chipps, 89
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Mike Frank Choleva, 64
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Louis Conti, 94
Boardman. Date of death March 3, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rossi & Santucci Funeral Home.

Joseph Domjancic, 89
Fowler. Date of death February 22, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

James Willard Erickson, 67
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Veatrice Dewey Gardner, 83
Newton Falls. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to James Funeral Home.

Clyde Gordon Garland, 82
Leavittsburg. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Bessie Genaro, 64
Warren. Date of death February 25, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holeton-Yuhasz Funeral Home.

John E. Heald, 55
Perry Twp. Date of death March 2, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dean's Funeral Home.

Michael Heald, 52
Perry Twp. Date of death March 2, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dean's Funeral Home.

Margaret A. "Peg" Horning, 88
Howland. Date of death February 16, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

Charles Frederick Huxsaw, 70
Bedford, MA. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Leonore Mae Inbody, 99
Newton Falls. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to James Funeral Home.

Robert Kaloci, 87
Lordstown. Date of death March 3, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Gloria A. Keeve, 69
Austintown. Date of death March 5, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

John Ray Kenney, 64
Dodgeville, WI. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to James Funeral Home.

Stephen Kerekes, 66
Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthew W. Conley Funeral Home.

Elaine L. Kuzmaul, 82
Champion. Date of death March 3, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Staton-Borowski Funeral Home.

Michael E. Laffey Jr., 83
Boardman. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fox Funeral Home.

Nicholas G. "Nick" Maligas, 55
Howland. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

Joseph F. Matig, 98
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Louise Ann McQuown, 86
Hermosa Beach, CA. Date of death February 25, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Joseph Rossi & Sons Funeral Home.

Byron E. Moore, 87
Mineral Ridge. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

John G. Morrison, 43
Hubbard. Date of death February 27, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home.

Betty Mymo, 92
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Barbara Ann Nord, 80
Hubbard. Date of death March 3, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home.

Bryan M. Olney, 62
Canfield. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Rudy Pierce Sr, 76
North Benton. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dean's Funeral Home.

William J. Prout, 85
Niles. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Holloway-Williams Funeral Home.

Virginia Mae Reapsummer, 94
Girard. Date of death February 27, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Blackstone Funeral Home.

David L. Root, 69
Sharon, PA. Date of death March 1, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Harold W. Stevenson Funeral Home.

Martha Jean Rothbauer, 89
North Lima. Date of death March 2, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

John "Jack" Michael Stanton, 80
Struthers. Date of death February 27, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fox Funeral Home.

JoAnn Stine, 79
Sebring. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dean's Funeral Home.

Donald J. Sypert, 82
Warren. Date of death March 5, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Staton-Borowski Funeral Home.

Elizabeth "Betty" Superak, 92
Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

Grover Leon Talkington, 87
Warren. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Lillie B. Taylor, 78
Warren. Date of death February 26, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Staton-Borowski Funeral Home.

Viola L. Telega, 88
Hubbard. Date of death January 12, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stewart-Kyle Funeral Home.

Ora Iona Thomas, 101
Newton Falls. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to James Funeral Home.

Gordon Emerson Tobey, 83
Hubbard. Date of death February 23, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home.

Michael Tych, 66
Date of death March 2, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthew W. Conley Funeral Home.

David Whisler, 53
Warren. Date of death March 4, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Peter Rossi & Son Memorial Chapel.

Earl W. Whitlow, 31
Youngstown. Date of death February 25, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthew W. Conley Funeral Home.

Francis Gene Wildman, 79
Bristolville. Date of death March 5, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Bruce A. Willis, 58
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Leo F. Winchester Jr, 74
Berlin Center. Date of death February 28, 2017. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lane Family Funeral Homes.

Josephine "Jo" Woods, 101
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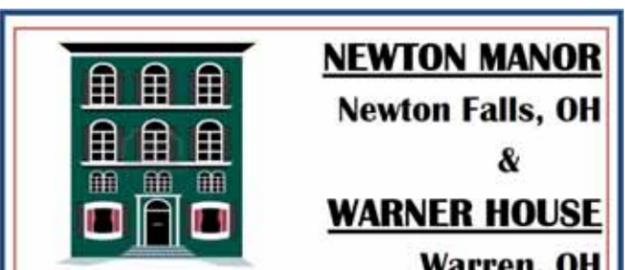
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Meals feature so prominently in the gospels that scholars have commented, "Jesus ate his way through the Gospels." Some have gone as far as to say, "They killed him because of the way he ate; because he ate and drank with sinners." Jesus revealed the Kingdom as he shared meals with others. And Jesus' "fellowship meals" are formative for the mission of the local church today.

Have you noticed how much ministry Jesus did around the dinner table? Here are just a few.

For "starters", pardon the pun, two meals, the last supper and the feeding of the 5,000, are recorded in all four gospels. Also, Jesus' meal with Levi the tax collector and his shadowy friends is found in all but John's Gospel. We add the feeding of the 4,000, found in both Mark and Matthew. Total these up, and we have four meals found in thirteen passages! But there are many, many more.

As we approach the Easter season we will be studying the gospels during upcoming issues to see how Jesus used His time around the table to teach, encourage, rebuke, and restore. Jesus invites us all to Come Hungry, pull up a chair, and feast on the truth of His story.

'Founding Mothers' at Bites and Bits of History

The Mahoning Valley Historical Society's next Bites and Bits of History Lunch Program is Thursday, March 16 at noon at the Tyler History Center, 325 West Federal Street in downtown Youngstown. Traci Manning, MVHS Curator of Education will present Founding Mothers Part 2.

From religious organizations to charitable groups, educators to business leaders, the history of the Mahoning Valley is full of remarkable women who defied the odds and left indelible marks on our daily lives. Learn about the women who helped to settle and shape the Mahoning Valley and encourage business growth, community development, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy.

Bring your own lunch, or visit Overture for their \$6 Bites and Bits Lunch Special. Call Overture at 330-744-9900 to place your order. Coffee, pop, and water are available for purchase at the History Center.

The daily parking lot on the west side of the building is available for \$2.50. Place money in the numbered slot which corresponds to your parking space in the white box on the Federal Street sidewalk.

For more information contact the Historical Society at 330-743-2589 or visit www.mahoninghistory.org.

Student-staff showdown on the court

The jump ball goes to...the students or staff? The tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, at Canfield Village Middle School as the students take on the staff. The student team is comprised of the CVMS 7/8th grade boys and girls basketball teams. There will also be a 50\50 and half-court shot competition. Admission is \$3 at the gate, doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Hall Corps #104 Woman's Relief Corps news

Hall Corps #104 of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, held their March 1st stated meeting with election of officers taking place. The Corps will be selling red geraniums for the Jan-March ways & means just in time to plant them for Memorial Day. The cost will be \$3 per pot. Money & orders will be due at our April meeting. Next stated meeting will be April 5th at

1:15pm and will be Installation of Officers with Ruth Goddard as lunch hostess. Please turn in your service hours. We will be planning a Bingo Party with the residents of Washington Square Nursing Home in April. Past Presidents will be held March 24th at Lake Tavern in Mecca at 1pm with Claudia York as hostess.

Plans are under way for our Ohio Department Convention which will be



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In the Shepherd's Hands

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. (John 10:27-29)

I believe in the eternal security of the believer and in the insecurity of the make-believer. If a shepherd called his sheep one morning and out of five hundred sheep in the sheepfold one hundred came out and followed him, then I would conclude that those one hundred were his sheep. And I would also conclude that the other four hundred were not.

Friend, when He gives to them eternal life, that means they don't earn it and they don't work for it. He *gives* it to them. Note that it is *eternal* life. It is forever. If it plays out in a week, or in a year, or until they sin, then it is not eternal life after all. They are not really His sheep if the life does not last forever. The sheep may be in danger, but the Shepherd will protect them. They may be scattered, but He will gather them up again. May they backslide? Yes. Will they perish? No. The sheep may get into a pigpen, but there has never yet been a sheep in a pigpen that stayed there. Sheep and pigs do not live together. The sheep is always a sheep. No enemy, no man, no created being can pluck them out of the Savior's hand. This is wonderful!

One time a fellow gave me the argument that one can jump out of His hand because we are free moral agents. Listen to the passage. It actually says "no created thing shall pluck them out of my hand." He is the Shepherd. He is God. If you think you can jump out, the Father puts His hand right down on you, and you can't do any jumping. Brother, He's got you and you can't get loose. When I say to you that He gives me eternal life and I shall never perish, you may accuse me of bragging. No, my friend, I am not bragging on myself; I'm bragging about my Shepherd. I have a wonderful Shepherd. He won't lose any of His sheep.

Newton Falls VFW to host "A Night at the Races"

Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars District 8 Commander Jim Tornincasa would like to see everybody enjoying themselves at "A Night at the Races" to be held Saturday, March 18th at the Newton Falls VFW Post 3332, 433 Arlington Rd., Newton Falls. Admission is \$25, which includes food and two drinks, plus a DJ and dancing after the races. Buy a horse or two and name them, sponsor a race or be a sponsor, and place your bets to win! Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Ray Schafer at 330-547-7722. The VFW District 8 Auxiliary will provide won-

derful baskets for the raffle to be held along with the races. Plan on joining us for a fun-filled evening!

Lit Youngstown Offers Spring Classes on Writing and Editing

Lit Youngstown, a local arts group for writers and readers, is offering four classes at varying locations, taught by experienced writers. More information, including registration, is available on Lit Youngstown's website: LitYoungstown.org. Attendance is available by registration only. No walk-ins, please.

Writing Poetry: In this workshop, we'll do a close reading of other poets' work, and try our hand at mimicking different styles and content. No experience is required, and teens are welcome. The six-week class costs \$25 and will be held Wednesdays March 8 to April 19, 7-9:00 pm, at El Tapatio, 3632 Belmont Ave. Registration closes March 5.

The Road Less Traveled: The Journey Narrative: This workshop will explore journey, coming of age, the picaresque and self-exploration through story, memoir, and narrative poem. This workshop is open to older teens (17-18) and adults of all ages. Writing experience not required. The eight-week class costs \$25 and will be held Tuesdays March 14 to May 2, 5:15-6:45 pm at the Mocha House, 7141 Tiffany Blvd., Boardman. Registration closes March 5.

Sharing Your Family Story: A practical approach to writing the story of your ancestor(s) or living family member(s). Even if you have only a vague notion of the story, the class will help you clarify it by exploring ways to gather information, write the story, and share it with your intended audience. The two-day class costs \$15 and will be held Sundays, March 26 & April 9, 1:00-3:00 pm, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm St. Registration closes March 12.

Editing 101: Red Ink is Your Friend: Are you an aspiring writer? Even the most experienced writers need this valuable skill - successful editing. Join Lori and Stacey to learn the basics about editing as they share some of their personal editing experiences. Bring along at least one of your personal writing samples, no matter what stage it's in. The one-day class costs \$15 and will be held Saturday May 6, 10:00-noon at Cultivate Co-op Cafe, 901 Elm St. Registration closes April 22.

For more information, visit LitYoungstown.org or email LitYoungstown@gmail.com.

Jackson Twp. Fire Dept. & Auxiliary host breakfast

A pancake & Sausage breakfast hosted by the Jackson Township Fire Department & Auxiliary will be held on Sunday, March 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (5-12); 4 and under free. Breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes and sausage, coffee, tea, milk, juice or water. Carry outs available.

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GALLAVANTIN'

In memory of Jane A. Harris
By SueEllen Harris-Davis

This weather is confusing,
For the robin as he sings,
He looks with hope to springtime
And the sunshine it should bring.
The snow and cold haven't left us yet. What a surprise last Friday to wake up to a "wintry world" again. The beauty of the early morning snowfall and the peaceful calm it brings didn't last long. March is such a surprising month for the weather and one that can be alarming too with high winds and driving rain. The month of March is "in like a lion and (hopefully) out like a lamb." I don't think that we have had our "St. Patrick's Day Snow and Ice Storm" yet as we often have had in past years. Don't put away those warm coats and hats just yet!

This has been an exciting time for several of Girard High School's young athletic teams. The Girard High Boys' Bowling Team was 10th Place in the State of Ohio Competition this past Saturday in Columbus. A member of the team, Donny Bishop, placed 2nd in the State of Ohio in Bowling as a great ending to his year on the Girard Team. Congratulations to Coach Pete Barta and his team on a great year.

The Girard High School Wrestling Team had a District Winner with Jack DelGarbino at 220 pounds placing First in his Weight Class giving him the First Place District Title. Girard's Team qualified two wrestlers for State Competition on Saturday, March 11th. Jack DelGarbino will wrestle in his weight class and Dakota McCloskey at the weight of 120 pounds will wrestle in his weight class. Qualifying as alternates for the team in State Competition are Jamil Bannister at a weight of 152 pounds and Alex DelGarbino at a weight of 113 pounds. These two young athletes will compete at the State level only if someone has to drop out for the State Tournament; however, it is an outstanding achievement to have qualified as alternates for the team. Good luck Jack and Dakota at the State Wrestling Tournament. Their head coach is Jim Cardiero.

The Girard High School Varsity Basketball Boys Team will play Ursuline in the Tournament on Thursday, March 9th, at Boardman High School. Last Friday the team with Head Coach Craig Hannon beat Canfield in a double overtime game resulting in a 71-63 win. The Girard Team will advance to the District Semifinal Contest at Boardman beginning at 7 p.m. Player Austin Clausell scored a game-high 23 points and Anthony Graziano scored 14 points. Anthony Backus added 12 more points to the scoreboard during the game. Baskets from Austin O'Hara and Julian Berry helped the team for a final win in this Division II Sectional Title. Good luck to Girard's Team as they play Ursuline.

Girard High School Freshmen Boys Basketball Team won the All American Conference Title for the Blue Tier. Congratulations to this great young team. It gives Girard much to look forward to for future GHS Teams.

Good luck to Angela McKenna as she competes in The Vindicator Spelling Bee this Saturday, March 11th, on the campus of Youngstown State University in the Kilcawley Student Center Chestnut Room. Angela is the representative for the Girard Junior High School after winning the local competition. This is Angela's second year as a competitor in The Vindicator Spelling Bee placing 4th in last year's competition. She is an outstanding speller and student and has competed in other area competitions all year long. Good luck on Saturday to Angela.

Destination Imagination Region I Competition with teams from Trumbull County, Mahoning County, and Ashtabula County will be held on the Campus of YSU also on March 11th. This Creative Problem Solving Competition has two parts with a long term problem that teams from 5 to 7 members choose in early October and work on for several months and a second part that is an "Instant Challenge" given to the team at the competition. Region 1 is the first level of competition with teams placing first in the elementary or middle level advancing to State Competition and teams one and two in the secondary level advancing to the State Competition. The ultimate goal is to place at the State Level and advance to Global (International) Competition held in May at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Hundreds of volunteers act as Team Managers, Appraisers, and Challenge Masters to support students in the competitions. This year Girard has only one team competing in the Elementary Division representing Prospect Elementary School. Good luck to the team as they compete on Saturday. Principal Dr. Debra Gratz of Prospect Elementary School in Girard is a great encourager and supporter of the teams that have competed in past years from her building as she sees the value of the competition that includes much of the course work students do in their classrooms every day. Good luck to this year's team.

Girard Historical Society will have a Fundraiser at TNT (Trumbull New Theater) on Tuesday, March 14th. Tickets are \$20 each which includes a light dinner and a ticket for the comedy "Barefoot In The Park." The food including "finger foods," desserts, and beverages is served at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. with open seating with a purchase of a ticket. Chairperson for the event is Kathy Blackstone Tomasi-no who can be contacted at 330-539-5955 for ticket reservations. Members of the Girard Historical Society also have tickets available for purchase. Proceeds go to Society Projects and to the upkeep and renovation of The Barnhisel House Museum. This year's theme as the House opens in May to the Public is "Wedding Dresses Through the Years." The Museum is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Girard First Presbyterian Church is selling home-made Pepperoni Rolls and Soup on Saturday, March 18th. To call to place an order, phone 330-759-1460. In past sales they have had homemade bread, homemade sticky buns, and

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Dental Health at the Girard Library



Dr. Paul Bertolasio and Myla Bertolasio spent an evening at the Girard Free Library talking to the children about dental health. Dr. Bertolasio and his daughter visit the library annually to present this talk during the Monday evening family story time. His office is in Girard and the phone number is 330-545-2000. Photo by Roselyn Gadd.

Pepperoni Roll, Soup, and Sticky Bun Sale

The First Presbyterian Church of Girard will be selling chicken noodle soup, potato soup, home-made pepperoni rolls, fresh-baked bread, and home-made sticky buns on Saturday, March 18. The soup is \$5.00 a quart and \$3.00 a pint. The pepperoni rolls are \$8.00 for the large and \$2.50 for a single. Bread is \$2.00 for a large loaf and \$1.50 for a small loaf and sticky buns are 4 for \$2.50.

Orders can be placed by calling 330-759-1460. Absolute deadline for orders is Wednesday, March 15. After that, items will be only "as available." Pick up at the church, located at 890 Churchill Road in Girard, is between 3:00 and 4:30.

Girard K of C to hold Lenten Fish Dinners

The Girard K of C Council 2935 will hold Lenten Fish Dinners at the K of C Hall, 122 S. State St, Girard on Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7, during Lent. Dinners will be from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The cost of the dinners will be \$9.00 for Adults, children 4 years old to 12 years old are \$4.50. Children under four years of age are free. The menu consists of baked or fried fish, french fries, macaroni and cheese or haluski, coleslaw, bread, coffee, and cake. Pop and water are \$1.00. Carry out is available. Call 330-545-3432 for more information.

TCAP Winter Crisis Program

Trumbull Community Action Program (TCAP), 1230 Palmyra Road SW is announcing that utility bill assistance under the Winter Crisis Program is available through March 31, 2017. The program helps eligible households avoid utility disconnection; restore disconnected service; establish new service; and purchase fuel oil, propane, coal and wood.

Walk-ins are available all day on Mondays. Tuesday through Friday, walk-in customers that arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. can be seen each day before noon. Appointments for weekday afternoons can be scheduled by calling 1-866-747-1041. Callers must wait to receive a confirmation number to secure the appointment.

Applicants that cannot apply at the TCAP Warren office can apply at one of four satellite sites by appointments only from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact the following:

Mondays: City of Hubbard Municipal Building, 220 West Liberty St. - 330-393-2507 ext. 229.

Tuesdays: Niles Community Center, 401 Vienna Avenue, Suite 2, Tiffany Square - 330-393-2507 ext. 227.

Wednesdays: Newton Falls Methodist Church, 334 Ridge Road - 330-393-2507 ext. 232.

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Matter of Balance Classes at the Girard Multi-Generational Center

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Girard Second Ward Block Watch to meet

The Girard Second Ward Block Watch will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 16 in the Girard Library. All residents of the second ward are invited to attend.

Girard City Cemetery cleanup to run through April 2

Spring cleanup at the Girard City Cemetery has been scheduled through April 2 for removing Christmas decorations from the graves. After April 2, employees will be removing any Christmas decorations in preparation for Easter and Memorial Day.

Mill Creek Metroparks' Author to Share Memories of a Lifetime

Mill Creek Metroparks' author, Professor Rick Shale, will share Memories of a Lifetime Saturday, March 25, 10:00 A.M., at Kravitz's Deli Meeting Room, 3135 Belmont Avenue, Liberty Township, for the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society.

The program is open to the public. Admission is \$5.00. Refreshments will be served and a good will offering will be accepted, to benefit the society. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Entertainment is by Delores DePietro. Reservations are required. Walk-ins are admitted, based upon seat availability. Phone Richard S. Scarsella, event chairperson, at 330-726-8277 for information or reservations.

Program highlights include a biography of park founder, Volney Rogers, his quest to create "the green cathedral," the award winning design by Central Park garden architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the formation of a county wide park district, and the unique park facilities available, at no charge to the public, including the McGuffey Wildlife Preserve, a National Historic Landmark and boyhood home site of the famed children's storyteller.

Guest Artist Dave Rivello Ensemble In Concert

The Dana School of Music announces a concert by Struthers native and YSU alumnus Dave Rivello and his 12-piece jazz orchestra on Thursday, March 16, 7:30 pm in Kilcawley Center's Chestnut Room. The concert is free and open to the public.

As part of their visit to YSU, Rivello and members of his ensemble will give lectures and coaching experiences to YSU jazz and music students, as well as the Warren G. Harding High School Jazz Ensemble. Rivello will speak about his life in music that began in Struthers, Ohio, and will give a lecture on the Brookmeyer compositional method to YSU jazz arrangers and composers, who study with Dr. David Morgan. Members of the ensemble will present in instrumental seminars on their individual instruments.

Parking is available in the M30 Wick Avenue parking deck via Walnut Street (GPS address is 100 Wade Street, Youngstown OH 44502) for a nominal fee. Patrons are advised to watch for posted detours as construction progresses on Wick Avenue. More information is available by calling the Office of Community Engagement and Events at 330-941-2307.

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Letter of Intent Signings at Canfield High School

Two Canfield High School athletes participated in a "letter-of-intent" signing ceremony in the athletic foyer on February 1, 2017. Anita Mancini formally announced her selection of the University of Toledo, while Jake Cummings committed to Youngstown State University.

Mancini is a four year girls' soccer letter-winner. This past season, she led Canfield to their first undefeated regular season with 35 goals and 9 assists, finishing her career with 90 goals and 29 assists. She was named District "Player of the Year" and earned first team All Ohio Division I honors. She was a three time first team All-District selection, three time All-AAC first team, 2 time AAC "Player of the Year" (2015-16) and Vindicator female "Player of the Year" (2016). Mancini will attend the University of Toledo to major in nursing while continuing her soccer career as a Rocket. A 3.97 GPA student, she is the daughter of Frank and Lori Mancini.

Cummings is a multi-sport athlete at Canfield, earning two varsity letters in basketball and three in football. Cummings was named to the All-AAC first team, gaining All-Northeast Ohio "Special Mention." In addition, he was selected for the Northeast Ohio "Big 22" team, rushing for over 1000 yards and scoring 21 touchdowns during his senior year. A 3.25 GPA student, Jake plans on majoring in Chemical Engineering at Youngstown State. He is the son of Michael and Barbara Cummings.

St. Mary and St. Joseph's Ladies Guild Bake Kolache

St. Mary and St. Joseph's Ladies Guild of Newton Falls will be baking homemade Kolache for the Easter holiday. You may purchase this taste of Eastern Europe at the low cost of \$10 each. The Ladies offer the following fillings: apricot, nut, and poppy seed. To order, contact Patty at 330-980-8560 or Barbara at 330-872-1951. Pick up times will be Tuesday, April 4 from 10 am to 4 pm and Wednesday, April 5 from 10 am to 6 pm. The last day to place an order is Saturday, April 1.

Recipes of Youngstown book sales to establish scholarship fund

The Recipes of Youngstown Facebook group has raised over \$100,000 from sales of two cookbooks and is now publishing a third. Set to launch this May, a portion of the proceeds from the new book will be used to establish a scholarship fund at the YSU Foundation for veterans to finish their college education. Pre-orders are being collected now at \$20 per book. The price will increase to \$24 per book after March 15. Orders can be made by calling the Mahoning Valley Historical Society at 330-743-2589 or online at www.mahoninghistory.org.

Planting a Fragrant Garden with the Master Gardeners

Join the Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteers for coffee and donuts while learning how to grow a fragrant garden.

This program, held March 20, will start at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments and will continue with an educational program from 10 a.m. to noon. Program speaker Marilyn McKinley, Mahoning County Master Gardener Volunteer, will teach participants how to plant a garden that is not only beautiful to the eye, but wonderfully smelling as well!

Registration for this event is \$15, which includes coffee, a light breakfast, and program handouts. Registration can be mailed or dropped off at Mahoning County Extension, 490 S. Broad St., Canfield, OH. Seating is limited and is filled on a first come, first serve basis, so register early! For more registration and program information, contact Mahoning County Extension at 330-533-5538 or visit <http://go.osu.edu/fragrant>.

Trumbull SWCD holds Annual Spring Pond Stocking Sale

The Trumbull Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their annual pond stocking sale. White amurs, koi, bass, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, catfish, perch, redear sunfish (shell crackers) and minnows are for sale. White amurs and koi are often used for pond vegetation control. The white amurs cost \$15.00 each and the koi cost \$13.00 each. The fish fingerlings are available from \$0.07 to \$8.85 per fish.

The pre-ordered fish will be available for pick-up at the Mosquito Lake Parking area off of McCleary Pickoby Road and W. Main Street (next to the cemetery) on Thursday, April 27, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

Individuals who receive the Trumbull SWCD newsletter will be getting an order form within the publication. To request an order form or for more information, please contact the District Office at 330-637-2056, ext. 111. Orders will be taken until Friday, April 21, 2017.

Grand Opening of "Too" Hot Mamas

Come celebrate the official GRAND OPENING of "Too" Hot Mamas Kitchen on Friday, March 10th from 6pm-9pm at 129 N. Main St, Hubbard.

We will have taste testing of our products as well as our seasonal flavors. There will be multiple raffles including a \$100 Visa gift card!

Menu for the night will include: Samples of - Hots in Sauce, Hot Pepper Mustard, Pickled Peppers, Hot Strawberry Butter & Zesty Zucchini Relish. Smoked pork loin marinated in Hot Pepper Mustard, Mini Meatballs cooked in Hot Strawberry Butter, Lil'Smokies cooked in Hots in Sauce, "Too" Hot Mamas signature cheese plates

"Too" Hot Mamas is a pepper company that was created by two cousins, Christina and Audra. We started canning our own peppers in the summer of 2015 after trying different types of canned peppers. We decided we wanted to create a product versatile and full of flavor for our friends and family to enjoy. Soon people started offering to buy our creations. We couldn't believe that we could make money on something we enjoyed doing so much. In the summer of 2016 we took a canning and marketing class to find out what we needed to do to legally sell our creations. That led us to the Common Wealth Kitchen Incubator. With the help of Tom Phibbs, manager of the Incubator we started our own business and became a legal cannery in September of 2016. Everything has happened so fast since then. We are now in 7 stores and opening our own kitchen in Hubbard. Between both our families we have 6 children aging from 4-15. Both of us have other jobs besides our "Too" Hot Mamas business. This past year has exceeded all our expectations and makes us so incredibly excited to see what the future holds. We have been blessed with such supportive family and friends and a business we truly have the love and passion to make successful!

Day of Spirituality to be held

The Benedictine Sisters of the Byzantine Church at Queen of Heaven Monastery, Warren, are offering a Day of Spirituality on Saturday, April 1, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection. It will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Parish Center at 180 Belvedere Ave., N.E., Warren. To register, please call 330-856-1813 or e-mail qohm@netdotcom.com by Monday, March 27, 2017.

The presenter will be Reverend William Rupp, Director of Spiritual Formation at SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh. His topic will be "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

There will be time for reflection, questions, and refreshments, and an opportunity to receive the Mystery (Sacrament) of Reconciliation. You are welcome to pray Vespers with the sisters at the end of the day.

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3/25	@Leetonia
3/27	Edgewood
3/28	LaBrae
3/30	@LaBrae
3/31	Leetonia
4/1	Jackson-Milton
4/3	@Girard
4/4	Girard
4/6	@Mineral Ridge
4/7	@East Palestine
4/8	Struthers
4/10	Champion
4/11	@Champion
4/13	@Sebring
4/17	@Newton Falls
4/18	Newton Falls
4/20	Jefferson
4/22	Lisbon
4/24	@Brookfield
4/25	Brookfield
4/27	@South Range
4/29	Western Reserve
5/1	@East
5/2	East
5/4	@Hubbard
5/8	Liberty
5/9	@Liberty

BASEBALL	
DATE	OPPONENT
3/27	Lakeside
3/28	@Campbell
3/29	Berlin Center
3/30	Campbell
4/3	Brookfield
4/4	@Brookfield
4/7	@Bristol
4/10	@East
4/11	East
4/17	Liberty
4/18	@Liberty
4/20	@Hubbard
4/21	@Springfield
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4/25	@Newton Falls
4/27	@Berkshire
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4/7	@Mineral Ridge
4/10	@Wellsville
4/11	Wellsville
4/13	@Girard
4/18	Lisbon
4/19	@Lisbon
4/20	South Range
4/21	@East Palestine
4/22	Liberty
4/24	Leetonia
4/25	@Leetonia
4/26	Carrollton
4/27	Springfield
4/30	@Seneca Valley
5/1	@Crestview
5/2	Beaver Local
5/3	@Toronto
5/4	United
5/8	@Lowellville

BASEBALL	
DATE	OPPONENT
3/27	Wellsville
3/29	@Columbiana
3/30	@Southeast
3/31	Crestview
4/1	@Campbell
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4/10	McDonald
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4/12	@Springfield
4/13	@East Palestine
4/18	@Sebring
4/19	Sebring
4/20	@Leetonia
4/21	@South Range
4/22	@Niles
4/24	Mineral Ridge
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Recycling and Decorating Fun at Poland After School



Top left: Peg Flynn from the Green Team talks to the boys and girls at Poland After School about recycling.
 Top right: Bryan Kosko shows his snowman cookie creation
 Above left: Ellason Aspenleiter and Mackenzie Durbin with their bottle top bingo.
 Above right: Nathan Cene organizes bottle tops to play
 Right: Giullana and Isabella Falasca decorate their snowman cookies. Contributed Photos.

There's no time to be "cooped up" or "bored" just because it's cold outside. The kids at Poland After School have been busy with some fun projects to keep them entertained and to spark some creativity.

Peg Flynn from the Green Team recently visited the after school program, and talked with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders about recycling. They used bottle caps for the game pieces as they played Bingo with a "green" theme on every card.

Preschool, kindergarten and first graders were busy creating their own fun- Snowman Cookies. When they finished decorating, they enjoyed a delicious reward.

Poland After School currently has 120 pre-K through 5th graders registered this year. The program is located at the former North Elementary Building.

Unity Centre for Spiritual Living hosts Service and Workshop

On Sunday March 12, The Unity Centre for Spiritual Living at 1226 Naylor Lloyd Rd. in Liberty Twp. will host Ed Foote as the speaker at services which begin at 11:00 AM with the message "Seeing with the Vision of Christ" There will be a workshop after services at 1:00 PM entitled "Finding and Living your Spiritual Ideal". Donations or love offerings will be accepted for the workshop with half of the proceeds going to Unity Centre's "Raise the Roof" fund. For questions call the Centre at 330-539-0122.

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For questions call 330-530-8051 ext. 3



KSU at Trumbull SNA Craft Fair

The Kent State University Student Nurses' Association Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 10 am to 3 pm at KSU at Trumbull Classroom Building, 4314 Mahoning Ave NW, Warren. The SNA will be on hand during the event selling hot food and beverages. There will also be a basket raffle.

Fowler United Methodist Church hosts chicken pie dinner

There will be a chicken pie dinner at Fowler United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 11 from 3:30 to 6 pm. The church is located at 3426 Youngstown-Kingsville Rd. The meal includes chicken pie, potato, green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, bread, drinks, and dessert. Takeouts are available. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-12, and free for preschool.

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Brookfield 8th Graders Use Shoes to See Things from Other Perspectives



Above: Students in Melanie Horn's and Samantha Irwin's classes choose their shoes for their writing assignment
 Top right: Kaytlyn Horton and Zoe Fox work on their writing assignments.
 Right: Drake Root and Gavin Hogue show off their chosen shoes. Contributed Photos.

Melanie Horn and Samantha Irwin's 8th Grade English Language Arts students at Brookfield Middle School have been studying how to look at things from different perspectives in their classes.

The students recently completed a classroom activity where they chose three different shoes (donated by various school teachers) and



had to create fictional people who would wear their different shoes. As part of the assignment, they had to describe the person including: looks, job, bad habits, hobbies, age and what they did while wearing the shoe. Lastly, the students were asked to share their shoe owner profiles, while their classmates tried to guess which staff member donated each of the shoes.

"The lesson was about stereotyping people and how it leads to bias and unfair judgment of others," said Horn. "This activity is a kickoff to our 'Taking A Stand' unit in which they read To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee. A famous quote/lesson from the novel is what we can learn if we 'walk in someone else's shoes' and see things from others' perspectives."

Wrestling Under the Stars at Eastwood Field

Northeast Wrestling and the Mahoning Valley Scrappers present Wrestling Under the Stars live at Eastwood Field on Saturday, July 8, at 7:30pm. The event is sponsored by Wholesale Fireworks and Denny's Austintown. Wrestling superstars at Eastwood Field include Cody Rhodes and Ryback with more to be announced.

Tickets go on sale Friday, March 10 at 8:30am and start at just \$15. A limited number of field seats and VIP packages are available. Tickets will be on sale at the

Mr. Rooter Box Office at Eastwood Field, www.mvscrappers.com or by phone at 330-505-0000.

Gates for Wrestling Under the Stars will open at 5:00pm. There will be a special

Fan Meet and Greet for all in attendance prior to the event. Fans will have the opportunity to take pictures and get autographs from the superstars for an additional charge.

Students and Families Invited to Campbell Community Night

Campbell Elementary/Middle School students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 are invited, with their families, to attend a Community Night on Thursday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The evening will be centered around health and wellness and feature a variety of area vendors all promoting healthy choices. Jump Rope for Heart will also take place during the evening. Students will be able to jump rope to help raise awareness and participate in other activities including making their own trail mix, planting seeds and visiting the after school hydroponic garden. There will also be activities available for parents, including a tax information session, blood pressure screenings and more.

"We are encouraging all our elementary students and families to come get a taste of health and wellness opportunities and discover resources available in our community," said event coordinator and 6th grade teacher Daniele Phillips.

Some of the community vendors include The American Heart Association, Akron Children's Hospital, the Youngstown and Mahoning County Public Library, Neighborhood Ministries, Lake to River Food Corporation, Health Ridge, YSU After School Program, Campbell Police Department, Campbell Fire Department, Campbell Water Department, Campbell Baseball and more. Refreshments will be provided.

Niles SCOPE to host St. Patrick's Day Party

There will be a party and Bingo at Niles SCOPE, 14 East State St., on Wednesday, March 15. The party will run from 11:30 am to 1 pm, and Bingo will go from 1 to 2:45 pm. Wear green and get a free Bingo card. Corned beef and cabbage are available for \$5. Call 330-544-3676 to pre-register.

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CONCRETE CARE

How To Get Superior Solutions For Sinking Concrete Slabs & Sinking Foundations

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ROOFING

How To Know If Your Roof Is In Need of Replacement or Repair

Replacing a roof is a costly venture few homeowners look forward to. What's more, homeowners who choose more upscale roofing materials can expect to spend even more on their roofs.

Such costs make it no small wonder that many homeowners fear the dreaded diagnosis that their home needs a new roof. While there's little homeowners can do to reduce the cost of a roof replacement, there are warning signs homeowners can look for that might indicate a roof replacement is on the horizon. Recognition of these signs can help homeowners be more financially prepared should the day come when the roof needs to be replaced.

1. The presence of algae
If the roof has lots of dark streaks and stains clinging to it, that is likely algae, which can grow on the roof for quite awhile. Algae does not necessarily do any damage to a roof, but it does do some damage to a home's physical appearance, as algae on the roof is not very pleasing to the eye. Algae is most often found on the roofs of homes located in climates that have warm, humid summers. If algae is a problem on your roof, spray washing with a mixture of water and bleach can effectively remove it.

2. Buckling shingles
Like algae, buckling

shingles are another unsightly problem on a roof. But buckling shingles are more than just an eyesore, they actually might indicate significant problems. When shingles buckle, that's typically because hot air from the attic is forcing the shingles away from the home. Buckling shingles also indicate that the roof is poorly ventilated, which can take years off the roof's life expectancy while driving up home cooling costs along the way.

3. Granule loss
Granule loss is typically a byproduct of normal shingle wear and tear that results from inclement weather, such as hail. Older roofs might experience granule loss, but granule loss can also occur on a new roof if a defective roofing product was used. Any granule loss, even if slight, should be addressed, as the side effects of granule loss include a weakened roof and leaking. If granule loss is not addressed, the consequences could be severe the next time a storm occurs.

4. Mold
Unlike the warning signs already discussed, mold is not visible on the outside of the home. Instead, homeowners should look in the attic of a home to see if there is any mold growth. If there is, the roof is likely leaking, and the health risks of mold growth in a home are sub-

stantial. Mold is not necessarily easy to detect, so a professional inspection might be in order if mold growth is suspected. If a professional determines mold is, in fact, present, then the mold will need to be removed and all options, including a roof replacement, must be considered to keep mold from coming back.

5. Roof rot
Perhaps the most discouraging sign a homeowner can see on his or her roof is roof rot. Roof rot appears when a roof is in considerable decay and, if not addressed, its consequences can stretch far beyond the roof, damaging other parts of the home thanks in large part to water getting through the roof. If roof rot is either not noticed or just ignored, it won't take long for water to get through the roof and blaze a destructive path through the rest of the home.

Homeowners might fear a full roof replacement because of the cost associated with such a project. But if ignored, problems with a roof could eventually prove far more costly than the price of replacing the roof.

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HOME BUILDER

How to find and select the best Home Builder for your project

Sudon Bros. Homes reminds you to think about these important topics when it comes to finding the best home builder for you.

Work only with experienced Home Builders from the Tn-county area. This removes the homeowners fears with regards to finding trust worthy Builders. Experienced and home grown builders who have worked with your friends and neighbors means a great deal to your peace of mind in your home building process.

Ask for recommendations. Word-of-mouth is great when looking for a Home Builder. Oftentimes, a Home Builders best friends are his past clients.

Ask friends or neighbors for recommendations on local builders inquiring about prices as well as each particular builders demeanor and openness to suggestions.

Contact the Better Business Bureau and the Mahoning Valley Home Builder's Association to check on the work history of the Home Builder your thinking of working with.

Get comprehensive written estimates, the more you have in writing, the better off you are. Do not rely on one or two page estimate to be enough to bet your future home on.

Compare estimates so you can get a better grasp of how much your project will cost. If your estimates are far apart something is probably wrong. A very low price means the Builder left something out.

While cost is important, try to avoid choosing a builder based on cost alone, as a good rapport with a builder who may be more expensive might make spending a little more money worth it.

Some builders will give you a "low ball" price to get the contract, but by the time you are finished, and pay all the missing extras, the other builder who's price was originally higher, is now a lower price. But you are stuck in an unfortunate situation, and quite often have to borrow more money or cashing in your CD's to finish your house.

Make sure the contract is specific. When you choose a builder, make sure the contract he or she provides is very specific, going into great detail about the specifics of the project.

This contract should spell out the materials and equipment that will be used, as well as the final cost of the project, the payment schedules while the project is ongoing and the work schedule.

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How To Help The Hardest Working Part of Your Home

Your home works hard for you and the hardest working part of your home this summer just might be your central air conditioning system.

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Imagine getting in your car and saying, "I can drive to California, even though I have never changed the oil in 20,000 miles." You might make it, but the odds are not in your favor. Your central air conditioner is the same way, you could go on and on, year after year without it ever having it served, and it may continue to work, but the odds are not in your favor after a few years.

Your central air conditioning unit, like any mechanical device needs regular service, and that means calling a professional HVAC technician to make sure the job is done right.

Believe it or not, making the air "cold" isn't actually a thing. Cold is just how we describe a lack of thermal heat in the air. Your air conditioner does not "make" cold air, it removes heat from the warm air.

So, how does your air conditioner remove the heat

from the air in your home? Your air conditioner has three main mechanical components to cool your home: a compressor (a pump that pressurizes the refrigerant), an evaporator coil (inside cold coil), and a condenser coil (outside warm coil). The air in a home moves over the cold evaporator coil that's inside the home, which absorbs the heat from the air with refrigerant.

Why does this matter to you? Because when these coils get dirty, your air conditioner works less efficiently and can cost you more money as a result. This is partially why you hear professionals saying you need to have your air conditioner checked annually for any potential problems.

Your air conditioner does not just absorb heat from the air and send it outside, it also has to move the air around. That's why there is a fan, which circulates the air from your home through the vents and blows it over the cooled evaporator coil. This cooled air is then circulated through your air duct system, which is connected to all the different areas of your home.

We know that hot air holds more humidity than cold air. That's why you see water droplets on a ice cold glass of water, because the

air around the glass drops in temperature and the amount of moisture it can hold drops as well. The moisture in that air condenses until it turns into water droplets

What does this have to do with air conditioners, you ask? Remember when we talked about the hot air being blown over the cold evaporator coil. When that hot air is blown past these coils, moisture from the air condenses onto the coils and is captured. That's why your air conditioner has a drain pan and a drain line for all the moisture it needs to capture.

Why does this matter to you? If the drain line ever becomes clogged, there will be a water overflow, which can cause drywall damage and possibly even mold.

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How To Choose Quality Food for you Pet

Being a pet owner is a big job, and ensuring that your pet receives the correct nutrition is a key part of that job. Here are three quick and easy tips that will help you make the best choice for your pet while they savor their mealtime with you even more:



1. Shop in a store that sells premium quality food. Many commercially available/economy brands of dog food are made from inexpensive ingredients, which might not be easily digested due to possible degradation of protein sources or oxidization of fat sources. While the ingredients may technically meet the legal specifications for percentages of protein, fat, carbohydrates, etc., these foods have lower energy values and lower -grade proteins and don't provide the same quality nutrition.

2. Look at the ingredient panel.

* Look for a species-specific meat or meal as the first ingredient (e.g.

"chicken" or "chicken meal", not "poultry meal").

* Ensure that the product is naturally preserved with vitamin E (you don't want any chemical preservatives such as BHA, BHT or ethoxyquin listed).

* Look for the "extras" (like pre- and probiotics, digestive enzymes and antioxidant rich fruits and vegetables).

3. Consider your pet's activity level, weight and any specific health needs. Many "all life stage" products ex-

ist. However, some manufacturers also include life-stage-specific foods that have unique features and benefits tailored to a puppy or a senior animal. Also, there are many breed-size specific diets and diets that are specifically tailored to unique health needs, such as allergies, mobility issues or weight management.

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INCOME TAXES

How To Start 2017 Tax Planning-Changes to Note

With the new administration in Washington D.C., tax changes are likely in our future, but the details of those changes are unknown. What we do know about 2017 core tax rates and inflation-adjusted figures will come in handy when you file your 2017 tax return in early 2018.

Standard deduction increases. The 2017 standard deduction for single taxpayers and married filing separately increases \$50 to \$6,350. Head of household increases to \$9,350. For those married filing jointly, the deduction goes up \$100 to \$12,700.

Personal exemption. The personal exemption remains at \$4,050 for 2017. The exemption is subject to phase-out beginning with adjusted gross income of \$261,500 for single taxpayers; \$287,650 for head of household; \$313,800 for married filing jointly; and \$156,900 for married filing separately.

Alternative Minimum Tax. For single taxpayers, the exemption amount for 2017 is \$54,300 and begins to phase out at \$120,700. For married couples filing jointly, the exemption is \$84,500, and begins to phase out at \$160,900. In 2017 the 28 percent tax rate applies to all those with taxable incomes above \$187,800 or \$93,900 for married taxpayers filing separately.

IRA phase-out range increases. You may contribute up to \$5,500 in a Roth or Traditional IRA in 2017 or \$6,500 if you are age 50 or over. This benefit phases out when incomes exceed certain thresholds. In 2017 the phase-out for both IRAs will rise by \$1,000 for single taxpayers and heads of household and by \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Medical Savings Accounts. For participants in Medical Savings Accounts (MSA), you may now contribute \$3,400 (up \$50) for yourself or \$6,750 for a family in 2017. The catch-up contribution for those aged 55 or over adds \$1,000 to the limit. To qualify for an MSA, your health insurance coverage must meet minimum deductible and out-of-pocket limits.

Medical expense deduction changes for some seniors. In 2016, taxpayers 65 and older could use a threshold of 7.5% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in order to itemize excess medical-related expenses. The threshold for all other

taxpayers was 10%. Beginning in 2017, all taxpayers will use the 10% threshold. Now only medical expenses in excess of 10% of your AGI qualify as an itemized deduction.

If you have questions about other changes that could affect your 2017 tax return, call us. We would love to hear from you.

Bill Welsh is a local businessman whose columns on tax

and financial-related matters appear regularly on the business page of The Review Newspaper. He can be contacted by calling 330-652-8291 or through e-mail at info@taxshopinc.com. If you would like to see a column on a particular subject please e-mail him the suggestion. Tax Tips can be e-mailed to you free of charge twice a month by logging onto www.TAXSHOPINC.com.

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TAX TIP #20 Take your RMD and avoid a big penalty

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TAX TIP #21 April due date for calendar-year C corporations

The filing deadline for 2016 federal tax returns for calendar-year C corporations is April 18, 2017. You can request an automatic extension of time to file to September 15. However, there's no extension for paying the tax due with these returns, and you're required to deposit what you owe by April 18. For assistance, contact our office.

TAX TIP #22 Changes to foreign account reporting

If you have an interest in a financial account located outside of the U.S., or signature authority over such an account, and the value of your account was greater than \$10,000 at any time in 2016, you may have to file a report with the Treasury Department. The 2016 FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR), is due April 18, 2017. In prior years, this report was due June 30.

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UMC Hubbard to host annual spaghetti dinner

The Hubbard First United Methodist Church will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 11th from 3:30 until 7:00pm. Ticket costs are \$9.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 thru 6, and free for 5 and under. Tickets will be available at the door. Any questions can be directed to the Church office at 330-534-3383; carry-outs will be available.

There will be a Mission Basket Auction during the dinner; proceeds will help fund church projects. The Church is located at 48 Church St, behind the fire station.

First Baptist Church holds diaper give-away

Our monthly Heaven Scent Diaper Give-Away will be Sunday, March 12 from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Any Hubbard city or township folks who have a need can stop in during this time. We will be giving out packs of 25 diapers in sizes newborn through size 4. Diapers will be given for each child in your family. We love helping you care for those precious little bundles joy!

We began our diaper collection as a special offering on our Blessing of the Bikes Sunday on May 15. Church members have continued to donate packages of diapers. We will continue with this mission as long as we have resources to provide diapers. Remember, 59 Orchard Ave at First Baptist Church on Sunday, March 12 from 2:00-4:00pm.

Hubbard Softball Clinic to be held

The Hubbard Softball Team will host a softball clinic on Saturday, April 8 from 12 to 3 pm at Harding Park. Girls ages 5 to 14 are welcome. Please bring a hat, glove, and water bottle, and dress for the weather. Check in is at 11 am at the concession stand. Cost is \$20 per player or \$30 for two siblings. Pre-registration is not required, but registering before Tuesday, March 28 guarantees a t-shirt. Contact Joe Zagorec at 330-501-9419 or mxzjaz@aol.com for more information.

Hubbard Library announces some March activities

Have you picked up your free March program guide at the Hubbard Library? The planned events and activities for the month all reflect the character attributes and story lines in our community OneBook selection *All The Light We Cannot See*.

Just a few of next week's events: Dr Ray's Amazing Sideshow of Science comes to the Hubbard Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14th. The Keystone Blind Society will help us explore the sight-impaired world of the character Marie on Wednesday, March 15th, starting at 6 p.m. If music of the Forties makes your feet move, visit the Cortland Library Branch on Thursday March 16th for live music, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tables available for Hubbard Kids' Stuff Sale

On Saturday, May 6 a Kids' Stuff Sale will be held at Hubbard Elementary School Gym, 150 Hall Ave., from 10 am to 2 pm. Sell or buy gently used kids' clothes, shoes, toys, baby furniture and gear, or maternity clothes. There will be crafters selling hair bows, tutus, diaper cakes, jewelry, soap, and more, as well as consultants from LuLaRoe, Thirty-One, Pink Zebra, and others. There will be a concession stand and a basket raffle. If you are interested in renting a table, please email bg251829@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook group, Hubbard Kid's Stuff Sale.

Hubbard Lady Eagles Softball holds spaghetti dinner

Hubbard Lady Eagles Softball will hold a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 12 from noon to 4 pm at the Hubbard VFW, 710 W. Liberty St., Hubbard. Donation is \$8, children 5 and under are free (dine-in only). Carry-out is available.

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Dobbins Mixes Kindness Week and Valentines



Top right: Mrs. Walkama's 3rd grade class at Dobbins made Valentines for Sunrise residents.

Above: Tim Spellig and Elliana Thompson showing cards for Kitty Sekula.

Right: Dobbins 3rd graders Elliana Thompson and Tim Spellig deliver Valentines to Sunrise Assisted Living Resident Hilda Carano. Contributed Photos.

Dobbins 3rd graders extended their week long kindness campaign, "Starts With Hello" into the community by making Valentine cards for residents of Sunrise Assisted Living in Poland. Two students were chosen to deliver the cards and pass them out to the residents.

The activity was a collaboration between third grade teacher Marsha Walkama and Youngstown State student teacher Stephanie Davis.

At least one Sunrise resident has experienced the kindness from Poland students before. Kitty Secula was among a group of seniors



who visited Union Elementary in September, on her 90th birthday. Then the first graders sang Happy Birthday to her, and shared some cookies.

Hubbard American Legion begins 2017 meetings

The Hubbard American Legion Post 51 will hold its first meeting of 2017 on Thursday, March 16. The meeting will be at 7:30PM in the Social Hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Hubbard at 22 Westview Avenue. Parking to access the Social Hall is at the lower level parking lot of the Church. Refreshments are provided at the conclusion of the meeting. Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Registration Being Held for St. Joseph The Provider School

Registration for Grades K-8 for the 2017-2018 school year is taking place until April 27, 2017. All children are welcome. St. Joseph the Provider School accepts EdChoice Scholarships from the State of Ohio. Students who attend public schools in the city of Youngstown are eligible for this scholarship, which pays the cost of tuition. Students entering Grade K through Grade 4 may apply for the EdChoice Expansion program, which is based on parent or guardian income.

Please call Mrs. Lisa Marx, 330-259-0353, school Director of Admissions, to make an appointment to visit the school. St. Joseph the Provider School is located in historic Brier Hill district of the city of Youngstown at 1125 Turin Ave. Youngstown busing is available if you are a resident of Youngstown.

Diabetes Empowerment Education Program offered

The Mahoning County District Board of Health is sponsoring the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP). For those newly diagnosed with diabetes seeking information or those seeking motivation for better self-management, DEEP encourages small lifestyle changes while learning about diabetes and the way it affects health. The program is for individuals with type 1 or type 2 diabetes, or pre-diabetes. The program is a series of interactive small group workshops that takes place once a week on Tuesdays for 6 consecutive weeks. The program begins Tuesday, March 14 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Davis Family YMCA in Boardman (YMCA membership is not required).

The program is offered free of charge. Call 330-270-2855 ext. 109 for more information or to register.

Ohio Genealogical Society Conference to be held

Several big names in the field of genealogy will be in Ohio April 26-29, participating in the annual Ohio Genealogical Society State Conference at Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Sandusky.

We are pleased to welcome back to the Buckeye State, D. Joshua Taylor, a host of the PBS series "Genealogy Roadshow" and President and Executive Director of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, as our keynote speaker. The Conference is tailored to reach the novice to advanced researcher. These sessions will provide information and methods to make the process of researching your family's history easy to understand. For the full list of speakers and topics, check our website at <http://www.ogsconference.org>.

This year we "Go Wild" as we mark the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love with lots of tie dye, flowers and a guaranteed groovy time. New this year, for a nominal fee, we will offer special evening sessions open to attendees and anyone from the public who registers, for talks on "Thomas Edison: The Man Behind the Myth", "Shipwrecks of Lake Erie", "Ohio's Musical Impact" and "Ohio's Crime Families."

Additionally, we are launching a new lineage society. OGS has long honored those who were in Ohio since its statehood in 1803 but this year we go beyond that benchmark and usher in the Society of the Families of the Old Northwest Territory during a special evening banquet on Saturday April 29th. This Society is open to anyone who can prove they are a descendant of a person who lived in the region encompassing: Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, eastern Minnesota, Ohio or Michigan or was a citizen of France, Great Britain or Native American, between July 13, 1787 to March 3, 1803.

Go to www.ogsconference.org to learn more and register. Early bird registration ends March 10th, but is open up to and including at the Conference. One and two day registration options are also available. To learn more call 419-886-1903.

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Strengthening the Family Conference to be held

Teen Straight Talk will hold their 5th Annual Strengthening the Family Conference on March 31st & April 1st. This year the returning keynote will be Dr. Margaret "Meg" Meeker. Meeker's popularity as a speaker on key issues confronting American families has created a strong following across the nation and around the world. She has also spoken nationally on parenting issues, including personal appearances on numerous nationally syndicated radio and television programs including The Today Show, Today with Kathie-Lee and Hoda, Dateline with Katie Couric, Oprah Radio and more. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, certified by The American Board of Pediatrics and serves on the Advisory Board of The Medical Institute.

The theme of this year's conference is 'Fighting for Your Family's Future'. Executive Director Mary Duke of Teen Straight Talk and Board President Dr. Tonia Farmer-Pitts both see the spiritual and natural side effects from a lack of godly principles in the lives of the community they serve in and are calling for all family's to attend along with the leaders in the community. This conference will not only further educate but empower and strengthen the family as a unit.

The Friday night banquet & Saturday morning breakfast will be held at the Avalon Inn and Resort in Warren. Banquet adult tickets are \$30 & students are \$20. Saturday morning breakfast tickets are \$15 for everyone. On Saturday there will be 3 separate sessions for the entire family. Classes for 6-11 yr old youth; Teenagers 12-17; & Adults 18 and up. To purchase tickets or for more information please call the Teen Straight Talk office at 330-539-6040.

Free Informational Google Advertising Event to be held

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Learn more at a free informational Google Advertising Event on Wednesday, March 29 hosted by PALO Creative, your only local certified Google Partner! Joining us via Google Hangouts is Joe Papa. He is a Google AdWords Expert who will help answer your questions, so come prepared.

We'll provide soft drinks and light appetizers. All we ask is your time and attention. No purchase is necessary. First come, first served as seats are limited. The event begins at 5:30 pm at Cafe 422 Banquet Room in Boardman, 8586 South Ave. (across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's).

Register now at palocreative.com/google-event.

Howland United Methodist Church hosts chili cook-off

Relay for Life is having their annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 11 at 5:30. There will be a new children's category this year! The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. There will also be a bake sale; donated goods are appreciated. Carolyn and Clay will provide entertainment.

Howland United Methodist Church is located at 730 Howland Wilson Rd. NE, Warren. Visit them online at howlandumc.com or call 330-856-3463.

Volunteers Shave Their Heads to Support Cancer Research

A local team of volunteers will host a fundraising event for The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research. The head-shaving event will take place at the Austintown location of O'Donald's Irish Pub & Grill on March 11, where more than two dozen men, women and children are expected to shave their heads in solidarity with kids with cancer and raise money to Conquer Childhood Cancers!

Last year's event raised \$19,451 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, bringing our six-year total to \$57,982 raised locally for pediatric cancer research. The St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Fundraiser serves to kick off the St. Patrick's Day week at O'Donald's Irish Pub in Austintown, which will take place March 17th and 18th in the Austintown Plaza.

Anyone interested in supporting the event by having their head shaved or volunteering to assist at the event can register at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/austintown2017>. Those wishing to support one of the head shavers can also visit this site to make a monetary donations to the cause. The event organizers will be collecting donations for an auction to take place throughout the day. Anyone interested in donating an item to the auction can contact Eric Broz at 330-245-4719.

The daylong event starts at 11 am with the 20th Annual St. Paddy's Day 5k Run & Fun Walk. Head Shaving will begin at 12:00 p.m. and go until 6:00 p.m.; bands start at Noon inside and outside under the big tent. There is a Facebook Event Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1851070985137602> with more information.

Lordstown Lutheran Church to host spaghetti dinner

Lordstown Lutheran Church, 5615 Palmyra Rd., Lordstown, will host their 10th Annual Community Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 11 from 4 to 6 pm. All are welcome.

The cost is \$2 per per-

son, and donations are very much appreciated. All money received will be given to The Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley.

Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs (gluten-free spaghetti will be available), tossed salad, bread, dessert, coffee, and a cold beverage. Sorry, no carry-outs.

Campbell 2nd Grade receives alternative seating donation



Left: Anthony Davis and Kalotina Troumoullari reading on one of the large pillows in Mrs. Ugolini's classroom. Right: Marcel Megginson and Oshennia Walter using the stability balls to read in Mrs. Dill's classroom. Contributed Photos.

Recently, the Mickey Soroka Foundation purchased and donated alternative seating for the second grade classrooms at Campbell Elementary School. The donation included large pillows and stability balls.

The stability balls are designed to assist students with movement in class, while keeping better focus. Other perks of this new flexible seating include improving metabolism and core strength, along with increasing motivation and engagement. Research shows that allowing students to have choices in class, like seating, provides an additional outlet for their energy outside of just recess.

"The Mickey Soroka Foundation continues to find ways to support Campbell City School students in new and unique ways," said Principal James Klingensmith. "And we are so thankful for that continued support."

As a way to say thank you for the generous donation, each second grade class wrote the Soroka Foundation a thank you letter, along with a few photos of them using the new seating.

Lordstown Lions to host Amish Dinner March 25

The Lordstown Lions Club will host an Amish Dinner on March 25 at the Lordstown Administration Building, 1455 Salt Springs Rd. There will be two sittings, 4 pm and 6 pm. Adult tickets are \$14, students aged 4-12 are \$5, and children under 4 are free. Tickets are pre-sale only. Call Gary Lutzader at 330, 984, 5414 or Tresa Dixon at 330-881-8470 to register, or you can purchase tickets on Friday nights before Bingo, 5:30 - 7 pm at the Admin Building.

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Questions? Call Marlene at 330-533-8789. The theatre is located at 702 Mahoning Ave. in Youngstown.

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“Early Detection is the key to Treating Colon Cancer” - Wednesday, March 29, 2017 from 6-7 PM at the Diagnostic & Imaging Center located at 2435 Garden Way in Hermitage. A free, educational seminar presented by Robert E. Flanigan, M.D., board certified Gastroenterologist with Sharon Regional Medical Group Gastroenterology. Reservations can be made by calling 800-451-5599.

-When Diet and Exercise Aren't Enough - Featuring Sharon Regional's Sheetal Nijhawan, M.D., Fellowship trained, Bariatric Surgeon. Select from three locations to attend a free educational session to learn more about the Bariatric Surgery Program at Sharon Regional, led by board certified bariatric surgeon Sheetal Nijhawan, M.D. Sessions include information on obesity, a review of surgical weight loss options including benefits and risks, Body Mass Index, along with other information to assist participants in making an informed decision about surgical weight loss treatments.

Tuesday, March 7 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM located at Sharon Regional Hubbard Diagnostic & Specialty Center

located at 880 W Liberty Street, Hubbard, OH 44525

Wednesday, March 8 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM & at 6:00 - 7:30 PM located at Sharon Regional Medical Group Surgical Specialists office located at 2425 Suite 101, Garden Way, Hermitage, PA 16148

Thursday, March 9 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM located at the TMH Center for Radiology located at the Elm Road Medical Park - Building B 2588 Elm Road, NE Cortland, OH 44410

For more information visit Sharon-WeightLoss.com. Register by calling 724-981-4561.

-Sharon Regional Prepared Childbirth Classes- Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Diagnostic & Imaging Center located at 2435 Garden Way in Hermitage. Join the experienced staff from the Women's Center at Sharon Regional to help prepare for your childbirth experience. The 5-week preparation program covers breathing and relaxation, the role of the support person, the cesarean birth experience and a tour of the Women's Care Center. The cost is \$25.00 for the series or free for those with a current medical assistance card. For more information visit SharonBabies.com. Register by calling 724-983-5637.

Sharon Regional Orthopedic Joint Camp - Wednesday, March 8 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the Diagnostic & Imaging Center located at 2435 Garden Way in Hermitage. If severe joint pain interferes with your life, take the first step toward relief at Sharon Regional. Whether you're already scheduled for surgery or are just starting to consider it, we invite you to attend our free Orthopedic Joint Camp educational session to learn what to expect as you prepare for surgery, the care you will receive during your hospital stay, and what you can do to ensure that you make a quick and full recovery once you return home. Spouses, significant others or supportive friends and family are welcome. For more information visit SharonOrtho.com. Register by calling 800-451-5599.

For more information about Sharon Regional's programs or services, visit SharonRegional.com or contact Marketing and Community Relations at 724-983-7474.

Campbell Senior Signs with YSU Football



Yianni Koullias signing with Youngstown State University football. Contributed Photo.

Campbell Memorial High School held a signing ceremony for senior Yianni Koullias. He signed with Youngstown State University as a preferred walk-on for the 2017-18 football season.

“I always had a dream of making it onto a college team, so I am honored to have the opportunity to play football at YSU, especially since I never thought this would happen for me,” said Koullias. “I believe my hard work and dedication on and off the field, along with the support of my family have helped me achieve my goal.”

Koullias has been playing football since third grade and grew up in a house where football was always on TV. He said he loves the physical aspect of the game. “I originally played as quarterback in middle school, but realized I liked to run with the ball more than I would throw the ball, so I switched to running back,” he said.

At Campbell, Koullias is also a member of the baseball and track teams, as well as HPAC. When he's not on the football field or working on his school work, he likes to spend time with his family, play video games and workout.

Koullias is looking forward to joining the YSU Penguin freshman class in the fall to pursue a career in the medical field.

Austintown Community Church "Trash & Treasure Sale"



Helping to fill the "Chocolate Lover's" Specialty Raffle Basket are ACC Preschool Childcare students (l to r) Matthew Davila, Mariah Davila and Ayden Ellashak. Contributed Photo.

The Austintown Community Church Preschool Childcare Center will be hosting their annual "Trash & Treasure Sale" on Saturday, March 18 in the Youth Auditorium of the Education Wing at Austintown Community Church, 242 S. Canfield-Niles Rd. (SR 46S) in Austintown from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Table rentals are available by contacting the preschool office at 330-793-1843.

There will be a large variety of specialty raffle baskets with the drawings to be held at 12:45 p.m. Winners do not need to be present. Snacks, light lunch items, and beverages will be available for purchase. There is something for everyone.

Proceeds from the sale go towards the purchase of developmentally appropriate resources for the children. Contact the school office at 330-793-1843 M-F from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. or find out more information about the A.C.C. Preschool

Childcare Center by visiting www.yourACC.org. Registrations for the summer program and the new school year are now being accepted for Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 and school aged children K - 5th grade.

The Austintown Kiwanis will offer "A Pancake Breakfast" with all you can eat pancakes. Includes sausage, scrambled eggs, OJ, coffee & tea. Service is from 8:00am till 1:00pm in the Austintown Community Church's Fellowship Hall at 242 S. Canfield-Niles Rd. Adults are \$7.00, children (5-12) are \$4.00. Tickets are available from members and at the door. All proceeds benefit the youth of Austintown.

Triple P Seminar helps instill confidence in parents

As part of the Positive Parenting Program®, Alta Behavioral Healthcare will present a free seminar on the Power of Positive Parenting for parents of kids ages birth to 12 years old.

The event will be held Monday, March 13 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Newport Branch of the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County, located at 3730 Market Street in Youngstown.

Presenting the seminar will be Marci Masters, a Master Trainer and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant for Alta Behavioral Healthcare. The Triple P program can help parents encourage positive behavior in their children, deal with problem behavior, become confident as a parent, be realistic about parenting, and take care of themselves.

Questions and informal discussion will be encouraged. Participants will be limited to 15 parents. Reservations can be made by contacting Marci Masters at 330-793-2487 ext. 244.

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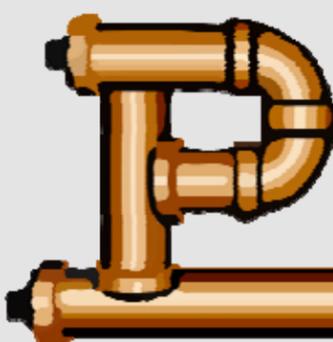
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4/6	@Lakeside
4/8	Wheeling Park
4/10	Harding
4/11	@Harding
4/12	@Girard
4/13	Edgewood
4/18	@Waccamaw
4/19	@Martinsburg
4/20	@East Rutherford
4/24	@Poland
4/25	Poland
4/27	@Niles
4/29	@Jackson
5/1	Howland
5/2	@Howland
5/4	Tallmadge
5/5	St. Vincent
5/8	Boardman
5/9	@Boardman

GIRARD

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
3/25	McDonald
3/27	@Struthers
3/28	@Champion
3/30	Champion
3/31	@Springfield
4/1	@Lakeside
4/3	Campbell
4/4	@Campbell
4/10	@Brookfield
4/11	Brookfield
4/12	Canfield
4/13	Columbiana
4/15	Hubbard
4/17	Youngstown
4/18	@Youngstown
4/20	@Poland
4/21	@Howland
4/22	Southeast
4/24	@Liberty
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3/28	@Columbiana
3/31	Lakeview
4/3	Boardman
4/4	@Boardman
4/6	Braden
4/8	@Alliance
4/10	@Poland
4/11	Poland
4/13	@Niles
4/17	@Harding
4/18	Harding
4/19	Mooney
4/21	Girard
4/22	@Louisville
4/24	Fitch
4/25	@Fitch
4/27	@Lakeside
4/28	@Lakeview
5/2	Canfield
5/4	JFK

HARDING

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
3/21	Mathews
3/22	Champion
3/23	@Mathews
3/28	@Lakeside
3/31	Badger
4/1	Ursuline
4/3	@Poland
4/4	Poland
4/6	Hubbard
4/8	Brookfield
4/10	@Canfield
4/11	Canfield
4/13	@Jefferson
4/14	Niles
4/15	@Newton Falls
4/17	Howland
4/18	@Howland
4/20	East
4/21	@Liberty
4/22	@Lakeview
4/24	@Boardman
4/25	Boardman
4/27	Struthers
5/1	Fitch
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3/30	Chalker
3/31	Cardinal
4/1	@Liberty
4/5	Mathews
4/6	@Badger
4/7	LaBrae
4/8	McDonald
4/10	Lordstown
4/12	@Windham
4/13	@Maplewood
4/18	Windham
4/19	Grand Valley
4/21	@Brookfield
4/24	@Chalker
4/25	@Mathews
4/27	@Lordstown
5/1	Newbury
5/2	Maplewood
5/12	Badger

JFK

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
3/28	Bristol
3/30	Badger
3/31	@Liberty
4/1	Maplewood
4/3	St. Thomas Aq.
4/6	Brookfield
4/7	Southington
4/8	Lordstown
4/10	Villa Angela
4/11	@Valley Christian
4/12	Saint John
4/17	Trinity
4/18	@St. Thomas Aq.
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3/30	Boardman
4/1	@Struthers
4/3	Canfield
4/4	@Canfield
4/5	@Ursuline
4/6	Lakeview
4/17	Poland
4/18	@Poland
4/21	Green
4/22	@Mooney
4/24	@Howland
4/25	Howland
4/26	@East Liverpool
4/27	@Edgewood
4/29	@Springfield
5/1	@Harding
5/2	Harding
5/5	Mooney
5/6	@Hudson

FITCH

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
3/27	Southington
3/28	Maplewood
3/29	@Mathews
3/30	@JFK
3/31	@Harding
4/1	Mineral Ridge
4/3	@Grand Valley
4/5	@Lordstown
4/6	Bristol
4/10	@Pym. Valley
4/12	@Garrettsville
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4/1	@Arch. Hoban
4/3	@Howland
4/4	Howland
4/6	McKinley
4/17	Toronto
4/18	Hubbard
4/20	Steubenville
4/21	Perry
4/22	@Crestview
4/24	Harding
4/25	@Harding
4/28	@North Canton
4/29	@Notre Dame
5/1	@Poland
5/2	Poland
5/4	@Steubenville
5/5	Arch. Hoban
5/8	@Canfield
5/9	Canfield

BOARDMAN

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
3/27	Waterloo
3/29	@Springfield
3/30	@Southern
3/31	Columbiana
4/3	@Western Reserve
4/4	Western Reserve
4/6	@Leetonia
4/7	@Lake Center
4/8	@Malvern
4/10	Lowellville
4/11	@Lowellville
4/12	Lisbon
4/13	Campbell
4/18	Jackson-Milton
4/19	@Jackson-Milton
4/20	@United
4/22	Southington
4/24	@McDonald
4/25	McDonald
4/27	East Palestine
4/28	Wellsville
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3/28	@Aquinas
3/29	Howland
3/30	Berkshire
3/31	South Range
4/1	Crestview
4/3	St. Vincent-St. Mary
4/4	Ursuline
4/7	Hoover
4/8	St. Edward
4/9	Canton
4/18	@Ursuline
4/19	@Howland
4/20	@University
4/21	Hubbard
4/22	Fitch
4/25	East Palestine
4/26	Arch. Hoban
4/27	@St. Vincent
4/29	Marlington
5/1	@Aurora
5/3	@Arch. Hoban
5/4	@South Range
5/5	@Fitch
5/6	University

MOONEY

BASEBALL

DATE	OPPONENT
3/25	@Open Date
3/27	Jefferson
3/28	Girard
3/30	@Girard
4/3	Newton Falls
4/4	@Newton Falls
4/7	@Poland
4/8	@Lakewood
4/10	@Campbell
4/11	Campbell
4/15	Chagrin Falls
4/17	Brookfield
4/18	@Brookfield
4/20	@Struthers
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Aut Mori Grotto installs 2017 officers

PM Max J. Pokorski, newly elected Monarch of Aut Mori Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, was installed during an open ceremony on January 14, 2017 at the Aut Mori Grotto Hall, 563 North Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown. Installed as his associate officers were Gary Shane, Chief Justice; Dale Hawkins, Master of Ceremonies; PM R. Sean Craig, Treasurer; PM Gary Farrant, Secretary; Dan Illenick, Venerable Prophet; Dave Laverock, Orator; John Tyree, Chaplin; Dave Powell, Marshall; Charles Graham, Captain of the Guard; James Losasso and Jim Humphrey, Sentinels. Installed as members of the Board of Governors were PM George McClelland, PM Ed Ross and PM Ron Craig.

PM Pokorski is a member of Mahoning New Castle Masonic Lodge, Islam Grotto, A.A.S.R. Valley of New Castle and Syria Shrine. PM Pokorski is a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army and an active member of the Aut Mori Grotto Veteran's Unit as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars. PM Pokorski is a retired Mechanical Structural Engineer and a retired historic Site Manager for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

The Grotto is an international organization of Master Masons that contributes to charities for cerebral palsy and dentistry for physically challenged children through age 17. The local Grotto also supports local charities such as Akron Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, and the Sojourner's House. The local Grotto meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aut Mori Grotto Hall in Youngstown. For information on membership contact Secretary Gary Farrant @ 330-519-1579. You must be a Master Mason in Good Standing and under the Grand Lodge of Ohio to apply for membership.

Youngstown Saxon Club holds annual goulash dinner

The Youngstown Saxon Club's 41st Annual President's Benefit Goulash Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 18. Doors open at 6 pm and family style dinner will be served at 6:30. Donation is \$16 for adults and \$7.50 for kids and includes coffee, strudel, and free refreshments. There will be music, awards, and raffles. The public is invited, and reservations are required by Monday, March 13. Call the Saxon Club office at 330-792-7973.

Free Breakfast and Supper with Smith Corners UMC

There will be a free pancake, sausage and egg breakfast on Saturday, March 11, from 9:00 - 11:00 am at Smith Corners United Methodist Church, 3000 S. Canfield Niles Road (Corner Kirk Rd & Rt. 46), Austintown. Donations are accepted; proceeds go for World Service Projects.

Supper at the Corner will be held on Thursday, March 16, from 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. This supper is free as a community outreach of the church and open to all each month. Donations are accepted to continue this program.

Know Your Numbers health screening to be held

Warren City Health District will host a Know Your Numbers program on Thursday, March 23 from 9 to 11 am in the Community Room at 258 East Market St., Warren. Find out your risk for heart disease and diabetes. This is a free program and open to the public. A 12 hour fast is required. Call 330-841-2596 to register.

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Local Business Owner Speaks to Struthers Rotary Club

George McDonnell of US Military Maintenance was the featured speaker at the January 17th meeting of the Struthers Rotary Club. Hosted by Rotarian Bryan Higgins, George related that while owner of Canfield Computers for ten years he felt a calling to an alternate career path. His goal was to assist veterans like him to become established in a working environment and this led him to venture into his current commercial cleaning business.

Mr. McDonnell, who served in the Navy and Navy Reserves and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer, observed that one skill honed into every service member was cleaning. A business opportunity to establish a commercial cleaning service was brought to his attention. Veterans are trained in cleaning from their first day at boot camp and throughout their military careers. For those who return from the service and have difficulty re-integrating into mainstream society, George provides an employment opportunity that takes advantage of their training in cleaning methods whatever the venue and allows them to interface with others who share their background. The organization is a semi-franchise begun by Mark Baird in southern California who established and sold several janitorial service companies before hitting on the concept of putting veterans to work in the cleaning service business. While not a franchise, the group does provide advice and assistance to those seeking to expand the concept.

Mr. McDonnell's organization serves northeast Ohio and concentrates on commercial cleaning services and pre-occupancy home cleaning and maintenance. For more information contact George by phone at 234-414-0003, e-mail at usmm.eohio@gmail.com or see their website at neohio.usmilitarymaintenance.com.



George McDonnell of US Military Maintenance is flanked by Rotary President JoAnn Sweeney (left) and Host Rotarian Bryan Higgins (right) at the January 17th Rotary Meeting. A book donation will be made to the Struthers School Library system in Mr. McDonnell's name in appreciation for his presentation. Contributed Photo.

mation contact George by phone at 234-414-0003, e-mail at usmm.eohio@gmail.com or see their website at neohio.usmilitarymaintenance.com.

Local Discussion on Addiction and the Family Dynamic

Trumbull County Children Services is hosting a panel discussion on March 20th from 7:00 - 8:30PM to help address the issues our Valley's families face when caring for a loved one with addiction. The conversation will address how addiction can affect a parent's personality and priorities, the trauma that children experience when a parent is addicted, and how our community is coming together to provide education and treatment options.

Panel members include: Dr. Daniel Brown, Chief Medical Officer at Meridian Healthcare; Jodie Milhoan, Facilitator of Trumbull County's Family Dependency Treatment Court; Jim Evans, Senior Vice President at Meridian Healthcare; Tim Schaffner, Executive Director of Trumbull County Children Services; and Lauren Thorp, Project Director of the Alliance on Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP).

The panel will be moderated by April Caraway, Executive Director of the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board. Several local recovery centers and agencies will have information tables for attendees to visit from 6:30 to 7:00PM, and again from 8:30 to 9:00PM.

Mahoning Valley's fathers, mothers, children, grandparents, sisters, and brothers are the ones who fall victim to the disease of addiction. The trauma leaves families scrambling to find treatment, resources, and solace for their loved ones. From the grandfather in Newton Falls raising his two granddaughters to the teenager in Niles taking care of her parents, familial roles take dramatic shifts at the hands of addiction.

"We have seen families come together to take care of one another and their children in the midst of this crisis. It is important that we make sure they are as informed as possible about our local resources that are available to them," says Tim Schaffner, Executive Director of Trumbull County Children Services.

Trumbull County Children Services is dedicated to moving families forward. We are proud to partner with these valued organizations in our community and we are committed to working collaboratively in our search for solutions.

For more information about this event, please contact Claire Gysegem, Community Liaison for Trumbull County Children Services at 330-372-2010.

Ursuline High School Alumni Association to host A Women's Day of Renewal

Ursuline High School will host A Women's Day of Renewal: Our Journey with Jesus During Lent on Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 AM until Noon at the Ursuline Center (4280 Shields Road, Canfield). Registration is required; a free will offering is optional.

Following the continental breakfast, Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, PhD (73), will present an uplifting, spiritual discussion on the Easter Triduum. Jesus' journey is a lesson for us as we are empowered to carry our own cross ultimately for the glory of God alone. There will also be individual reflection time for a labyrinth walk, prayer in the chapel, information on essential oils for meditation and more. All alumni and friends are invited. To register, call the Ursuline Alumni Office at 330-744-4563 or email bdetec@youngstowndiocese.org.

Salem Museum offers Docent Training Sessions

The 2017 Salem Historical Society's museum season will begin in May. The need for docents continues as tours will be scheduled throughout the summer. The training and refresher sessions and orientation is scheduled for March 11 at 10:00 and April 8 at 1:00 at the Dale Shaffer Library. If you have been looking for a fulfilling volunteer project, being a docent may be just the right position for you. The Salem Historical Society is a beautiful and well-maintained facility. When people from far and near take the tour, they step back in time and are amazed at some of the Salem History they did not know. This happens most often with class reunions tours and people who are visiting Salem after a long absence. The most often heard statement from this type of group, "I am so glad I came on this tour. I have to tell 'fill in a name' they must take a tour!" If you are interested in attending and considering this function, contact the Society, 330-337-8514. You will find it to be a very emotionally rewarding experience.

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Sharon Regional Senior Circle Events and Programs for March

Sharon Regional's Senior Circle program is a membership-based program designed to promote healthier lifestyles for adults 50 and older. Our Senior Circle chapter, one of more than 100 nationwide, offers members a generous menu of activities and benefits designed to enhance their quality of life and learn about health and general wellness by encouraging networking, offering fitness and health-related educational programs, in-hospital benefits, and national and local discounts. For more information or to join the Circle, visit www.SharonSeniorCircle.com.

Strength for Seniors- Mondays, March 13, 20, & 27 from 3:00 - 3:45 PM, at the Shenango Valley YMCA located at 925 N. Hermitage Road in Hermitage. This 45 minute class will be based around strength and resistance training to help strengthen muscles and bones, provide relief from arthritis pain, improve ROM, control weight and glucose levels, and can even help with mood and sleep cycles. The class will use resistive equipment either a resistance band or light set of dumbbells

(2-3lbs). There will be a limited number available so if you have a set of your own please bring to class. The class will incorporate stretching both as a warm up and cool down with resistive training and light cardiovascular training in between. Loose fitting clothes and comfortable, supportive shoes are recommended. Please call to register.

Healthy Living Seminar- Osteoporosis: Benefits of Vitamin D & Calcium, Presented by: Delores Heckathorn, Clinical Nutrition Manager at Sharon Regional Health System. Wednesday, March 15 from 2 - 3 PM at the Diagnostic & Imaging Center 2435 Garden Way in Hermitage. March is National Nutrition Month. Join Sharon Regional's registered dietitian to learn about how vitamin supplements can reduce the risk of Osteoporosis. Registration is requested.

Healthy Living Seminar- Diabetes 101 - What is Diabetes and is it Preventable? Presented by: Lisa Beaudis, Sharon Regional Registered Dietitian/Diabetes Educator. Tuesday, March 28 from 10 - 11 PM at the Diagnostic &

Imaging Center 2435 Garden Way in Hermitage. Join Sharon Regional's Registered Dietitian and Diabetes educator to discuss the signs and symptoms of Diabetes and ways to prevent the disease. Registration is requested.

Balance for Seniors- Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23, & 30th from 1:30 - 2:15 PM, at the Shenango Valley YMCA located at 925 N. Hermitage Road in Hermitage. Every 20 minutes an older adult dies as a result of a fall and every 14 seconds a senior in the U.S. is taken to the ER after a fall. This 45-minute class will focus on improving balance, as well as tips to help to reduce your risk of a fall. Loose fitting clothes and comfortable, supportive shoes are recommended. Registration is required.

To register for any of the events and classes listed above, please call 800-451-5599.

These events and programs are no additional cost to Sharon Regional Senior Circle Members. For membership information or to join Sharon Regional's Senior Circle program, visit SharonSeniorCircle.com, or call 724-983-5510.

Austintown Rotary hears presentation about NEOUCOM



Pictured are Austintown President Elect Bruce Laraway (left) and Dr. Munir Shah. Contributed Photo.

Austintown Rotarians were informed on the details of the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine at a recent meeting by Dr. Munir Shah. A native of India, Shah has been in this area many years and was instrumental in helping create the medical school, which accepts 35 students per year each from Youngstown State, University of Akron, Kent State, and Cleveland State. The goal was to bring a medical school to this area with hopes that some of the graduates would remain here for local needs. Pharmacy has been added as a vocation, with dentistry possibly to follow. Presently a six year program, a seventh year of education is being added.

Noted Poet to speak at annual ACTION Fellowship Breakfast

Prominent African-American poet Tim Seibles will conduct a public reading at the annual ACTION Fellowship Breakfast, between 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 28, at St. Edward Catholic Church, 240 Tod Lane. In a program cosponsored by the faith-based organizing group, ACTION, and the non-profit Etruscan Press, Mr. Seibles will read excerpts from his recent book, *One Turn Around the Sun*, a collection of poems one critic describes as "a rich and memorable inquiry into a life."

Monday's program will conclude a weeklong commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which the United Nations proclaimed in 1966 to memorialize the Sharpshville massacre, in which 59 people were killed and hundreds injured while demonstrating against South Africa's Apartheid regime on March 21, 1960. The program will be hosted by Monsignor Robert Siffrin, pastor of St. Edward Church.

For free admission, please RSVP by March 15. Those interested should contact Elder Rosetta Carter at taulen@aol.com, or Dr. Anne York Romanoff at anneparis-anne@aol.com.

Warren Republican Women's Club news and activities

Warren Republican Women's Club held their March meeting with guest speaker Mary Ann Ryther. Her topic was the USS Oklahoma, a battleship sunk on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor entombing 388 sailors and 7 marines. As dog tags were not issued by the US Navy except in the time of war, these sailors were unidentifiable. In 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed their remains from the National Cemetery of the Pacific and have proceeded by forensics to send these fallen heroes to their families. A donation was given by the club to the USS Oklahoma Remains Preservation Project.

The annual Spring Card Party was announced. The date will be Saturday, May 13, 2017. It will be held at Christ Episcopal Church on Atlantic Street in Warren. A buffet of salads and desserts will be served. Tickets will be \$8 per person and can be obtained by calling Paula Snyder at 330-856-6057. There will be a 50/50 and a basket auction also.

Nominations for the 2017-2018 club year were announced to members. Voting will take place at the next club meeting which will be April 6 at the Cafe 422. Meetings begin at 11:30 am. New members are always welcome. Membership information can be had by contacting membership chairman, Eddie Wolcott at 330-550-8171. Warren Republican Women's Club is affiliated with the Ohio Federation and the National Federation of Women's Clubs. Our philosophy is, "We believe that it is the right of the individual to achieve the best that is within her, as long as she respects the rights of others; this is the source of our Nation's strength."



Barbara Rosler-Tryon and Mary Ann Ryther. Contributed Photo.

Scrappers Host Two School Day Games with Youngstown State University

The Mahoning Valley Scrappers and Youngstown State University are excited to host two School Day Games at Eastwood Field this season, presented by Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley. On Friday, April 28, the Penguins will host Rider University at 11:00am and on Friday, May 19, Youngstown State University will host Valparaiso University at 11:00am.

The Scrappers have an affordable package available for area schools. The cost of the school package is only \$6.00 per student and includes a game ticket, lunch and an educational curriculum, which includes many activities for subjects such as Language Arts, Health and Social Studies.

The Scrappers are taking reservations and encourage groups to sign up early to guarantee seating. For more information or to reserve your tickets, contact Chris Sumner at 330-505-0000 or email csumner@mvsrappers.com.

The Scrappers open the 2017 season at Eastwood Field on June 21 vs. the Auburn Doubledays. Ticket packages are on sale now online at www.mvsrappers.com, at the Mr. Rooter Box Office at Eastwood Field or by calling 330-505-0000.

Mahoning County Extension offers Level I Food Safety Training

Mahoning County Extension is now offering the Level I Food Safety Training to all food service workers. All food service workers are encouraged to register for this training that teaches basic food safety, including time and temperature abuse, cross-contamination and personal hygiene.

This program includes an Employee Training Manual, along with hands-on activities, lecture, and a Certificate of Completion. These classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon March 16, May 11, July 13, and October 4. Registration for the program is \$35.

To register or learn more, contact Mahoning County Extension at 330-533-5538 or visit go.osu.edu/level1foodsafety.

Meadville FOP present 43rd Country Music Show

Meadville Fraternal Order of Police Col. Lewis Walker Lodge No. 97 proudly present the 43rd Annual Country Music Show starring country music legends Diamond Rio and featuring guest star New Direction. There will be shows at 1 and 6 pm on Sunday, March 19, at Allegheny College Auditorium. Admission is \$25. Call 814-337-5650.

The Newton Falls Area Commerce Association Announces Its Monthly Meetings On the Second Tuesday of Each Month

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The next meeting is March 14th. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.



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Canfield Lions Fish Dinners

Canfield Lions next Fish Dinner for Lent will be on March 10. Dinner is served from 4:30-7:30 pm at A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon St., Canfield.

Dinners are haddock (baked or fried) or macaroni & cheese or haluski or pierogis. Choice of 1 side: french fries, macaroni & cheese, pierogis, or haluski. Includes coleslaw or green beans, roll, drink and dessert. All this for \$11. Take-out is available.

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Two Struthers Seniors Sign on National Signing Day

Alec "AJ" Musolino and Adam Sedz-mak, seniors at Struthers High School, signed football scholarships with colleges of their choice on National Signing Day, Wednesday, February 1, in the high school cafeteria.

Musolino signed with Division 1 school, Kent State University. He was awarded AAC White Tier Player of the Year two years running and AAC White Tier 1st Team Defense. Musolino plans to play defense for the Kent State football team.

Sedz-mak signed with Division 1 school Robert Morris University, in Pennsylvania. He was awarded AAC White Tier 1st Team Offense and plans to play linebacker for the Robert Morris football team.

Both boys were players on this year's Struthers High School AAC Championship Team.



Alec Musolino



Adam Sedz-mak

'When We're Singin' featured at Salem Historical Society



Johnny Ray Miller with David Cassidy during the Cassidy Concert at The Canyon Club in Agoura Hills, CA on February 18, 2017. Contributed Photo.

The March 14th meeting of the Salem Historical Society will feature The Partridge Family and Their Music presented by Johnny Ray Miller who wrote a tribute book for the family 'when we're singin'. The presentation will follow a short business meeting and installation of the 2017 officers.

This month's presenter, known locally for his 9 years as Executive Director of Salem Community Theatre and the originator of A Christmas Carol, is a United Local graduate before earning a B.A. in theatre from Kent State and additional studies in acting, journalism and English at California State University, Long Beach.

As always, the meeting is open to the public. The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and held in the meeting room of the Dale Shaffer Library. Entrance is off South Lundy with parking in the Timberlane's parking lot.

Guests and members will be greeted by Jerry Laska. Refreshments following the program will be provided by Ginger Grilli. For additional information, contact the Society at 330-337-8514.

Mahoning County Junior Fair Board February News

When the Mahoning County Junior Fair Board met in February, reports from the January Junior Fair Conference in Columbus were shared by several members. Junior Fair Manager Kim Moff led the M and M Candy Mixer that was enjoyed by the members. Advisor Jessica Ricker showed a variety of fun T-shirts

The members were encouraged to volunteer to assist with several special events this Spring. Some of the events were Quality Assurance at South Ranger High School on March 4, the Horse Symposium on April 1 at South Range Middle School, and the Small and Exotic Animal Fun Show on June 17 at the Junior Fair Complex on the Canfield Fairgrounds.

The Junior Fair Board will meet again on March 16 at the Colonial Inn on the fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. Nomination forms were distributed for the election of 2017 Officers that will take place during this meeting. Following the March meeting there will be a workshop to help prepare the members for scholarship applications and personal interviews.

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Ursuline Seniors Sign Football Letters of Intent



Ursuline High School Seniors Dakota Hobbs (Malone University), Jeffrey Marx (The United States Naval Academy) and Spencer Warren (Wheaton College) signed their letters of commitment to continue their college football playing careers. Contributed Photo.

YSU Announces Music at Noon Performances for March

Youngstown State University Dana School of Music, in collaboration with The Butler Institute of American Art, presents Music at Noon performances. Performances are held on Wednesdays at 12:15 PM at The Butler Institute of American Art. The concerts are free and open to the public.

This semester's concerts will conclude on April 26th and will resume again in the fall.

Performances scheduled for the month of March are as follows: March 15th - Voice Department Recital; March 22nd - Brass Chamber Ensembles Recital; March 29th - Early Music Ensemble Recital.

Patrons are advised that Wick Avenue is under construction. University Plaza at Wick Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic so patrons should follow posted signage or park in the Wick Avenue deck (M30) via the back entrance from Walnut Street, and walk over the adjacent bridge to the Butler. GPS coordinates to the deck entrance are 100 Wade Street, Youngstown, OH 44502. More information is available by calling the Office of Community Engagement and Events at 330-941-2307.

PTA Club to host 8th annual Hustle for Muscle 5K Run/Walk

Now in its eighth year, Penn State Shenango's Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Club's Hustle for Muscle 5K Run/Walk will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. The annual event, which is held on a family-friendly, fast course around the Shenango campus and downtown Sharon, raises funds to support the PTA Club's mission and program.

Following the race, refreshments will be provided and awards will be presented to the top three men and women finishers in various

age groups. Come be a part of Penn State's Hustle for Muscle 5K and support the future PTAs of our area.

Pre-registration is March 15, and the cost is \$20 (T-shirt is guaranteed to the first 150 pre-registered runners and walkers). Race day registration is \$25 (T-shirt not guaranteed). Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 8:55 a.m. Race timing service will be provided by Miles of Smiles and race results will be available at www.smilemiles.com

For a registration form, please contact Penn State Shenango Student Affairs Office at 724-983-2836, stop by Sharon Hall 103, or go online to http://shenango.psu.edu/pta5k. Checks (non-refundable) may be made payable to Penn State University and mailed to Penn State Shenango, c/o Student Affairs Attn: PTA 5K, 147 Shenango Ave., Sharon, PA 16146.

Vietnam Veterans Welcomed to Day of Commemoration

All Vietnam Veterans are asked to join us on Wednesday, March 29th for a Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. Come to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Meander Post 9571, 11397 Ellsworth Road, Ellsworth. Hope to see you there!

Contact Commander Ken Calhoun at 330-538-3790 or kcalhoun@zoominternet.net if you have questions.

Soup City Designs Opening Retail Location

Soup City Designs, a family owned apparel business, is expanding and opening their first retail location at 6126 Market St. in Boardman, Ohio 44512.

Since their launch in 2010, Soup City Designs has seen continued growth and expansion of their product line. Soup City, attributes their success to a repeat customer base since their founding in Campbell, Ohio nearly seven years ago.

Our loyal customer support has allowed us to reach this point. This has only been possible because of our customers, repeat business and the word of mouth advertising.

Soup City is an apparel and accessory company specializing in: embroidery, custom printing, glitter, and rhinestone designs. We provide top sports lines including uniforms and equipment from major suppliers such as Majestic, Alleson Sportswear, Martin and Champion. We recently expanded our lines to include tactical wear including brands such as Under Armour, 5.11 Tactical and Dickies just to name a few. Jewelry and footwear are also offerings at Soup City Designs.

In addition, Soup City provides apparel and accessories including holsters, handcuffs, and most other accessories to many local Police and Fire Departments.

Soup City Designs was started to provide spirit wear to the Campbell community, with the tag line, "Unique Custom Designs with Attitude" but has since grown into so much more. They started with a small residential sewing machine in their basement.

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Gallavantin'

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several kinds of soup in quarts and pints. This is for Take Out Orders Only. The church is located at 890 Churchill Road (across from the golf course.)

"Lenten Fish Dinners" will be for sale with Eat In or Take Out orders available at the Girard Knights of Columbus Hall at 122 North State Street (Route 422) across from the Girard Dairy Queen. To call for Carry Out phone 330-545-3432 and they will have it ready for you or enjoy the fellowship of friends and neighbors and Eat In from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults are \$9.00 and Kids are \$4.50. Dinners will be held on Friday, March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th.

The St. Rose Boy Scout Troop 40 "Annual Pancake and More Buffet Breakfast" will be held at the Girard First United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 2nd, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from a Scout or Scout Master or at the door. Take Out will also be available.

"Famous Creamed Chicken on Biscuit Dinner" from the Girard First United Methodist Church will be held on Saturday, April 1st, from 4 to 6 p.m. This is a Take Out Only Dinner with adult tickets of \$8.00 which includes separately packaged Cream Chicken, Biscuits, Green Beans, and Dessert to be assembled when you return home for a great feast. Mark your calendars as this is only held twice a year and the homemade dinner goes fast. No need to even get out of your car. Just pull through the driveway at the rear of the church located on the corner of Main Street and Market Street in Girard.

The Girard Trinity Lutheran Church is having a "Spring Craft Show" on Saturday, March 11th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Along with many types of crafts and vendors there will be Lunch and Homemade Bake Goods for Sale. The church is located on the corner of Liberty Street and Stewart across from the Girard Fire Station. The Public is Encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to Diane and Dave Schenker who recently celebrated their 44th Wedding Anniversary. They do a great deal of volunteer work at their church, Girard First Baptist Church, as well as promote and support many benefit programs in Girard City and the schools to help the youth of the community. Diane sings in the church choir, plays clarinet in the Community Swingtime Band, and has appeared in productions at Trumbull New Theater. Diane and Dave are high school sweethearts both GHS Alumni. Best Wishes for many more wonderful anniversary celebrations.

Ken and Sharon Crown celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary in February by cruising down the river in Pittsburgh on the Gateway Clipper. Ken and Sharon both sing in the Girard First United Methodist Church Choir and Ken plays saxophone in the Swingtime Band and the Dixieland Dandies. Both are Girard High School Alumni. Congratulations.

Easter will soon be here with beautiful and warm spring weather.

Now That's Gallavantin'

Youngstown City Schools CEO speaks to Canfield Rotary

Krish Mohip, CEO for Youngstown City Schools, was the presenter at a recent Canfield Rotary luncheon. Mr. Mohip gave an outstanding presentation expressing to the club his passion for improving education for low income children and his plans for reconfiguring the schools of Youngstown in order to give students their best chances for success.

Mr. Mohip came to Youngstown highly qualified for this difficult task, having headed a transformation network of all elementary schools in Chicago, serving over 25,000 children. Mr. Mohip believes in reinvesting in teachers, developing and training them for excellence. As the youngest principal in the history of the city of Chicago, he asked his teachers, "What would you be willing to do to change the trajectory of a loved one's life? Do this for your students."

He brings that same passion to Youngstown. He wants to raise the expectations that students have of themselves and build a system to help them achieve those expectations. He acknowledges that there will be struggles—one being people's perception of change, admitting that many people fear or resist change. He is, however, determined and optimistic and is already a great fan of the city itself.



Newton Falls Public Library's Free Program and Events

Babies from 6-36 months and their caregivers can enjoy short stories, music, and interactive activities at Baby Bugs, Wednesdays at 11:15 am. Please call or visit the library to register.

Get your child prepared to start school at Kindergarten Ready every Monday at 11:15 am! Activities will strengthen skills such as letter recognition and cutting with scissors. Registration is required. For kids entering Kindergarten in fall 2017.

Children ages 2.5 to 5 can enjoy stories, games, and music at Story Time, Tuesdays at 11:15 am. Registration is required.

Family Story Time will be Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Bring the whole family on a journey through our solar system. We will share stories and provide crafts and activities for a variety of age levels. Registration is required. For ages 2.5 to 12.

Students in grades 4-8 can try out tech games like Minecraft and coding websites like Code.org at Tech Thursdays at 4:30 pm. Test out the latest games and learn new tricks. For students in grades 4-8. Registration is required.

Meet professionals working in mechanical engineering and chemistry, talk to college students currently studying in these fields, and interact with FIRST Robotics Team 2010 and their robot! The STEM event will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 10:00 am. For grades 6-12. Please call to register.

Need something to do on those early release days? Come eat lunch and play board games with us! Board to Pieces is at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 16. Featuring classic board games and the popular role-playing game *Dungeons and Dragons*. Registration is required. For students in grades 9-12.

Family Night is on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 pm. Join us for a family movie about the daughter of a Polynesian tribal chief (don't call her a princess) who sets out on a journey to save her home. We will provide the popcorn. Registration is required.

Have questions about your email account? Need some refreshing for that presentation? Not sure how to use your new device? One-On-One sessions with our technology educator can be scheduled on most Monday afternoons and some Monday evenings. Call to reserve a forty-five minute time slot and be sure to tell us what you would like to learn. Bring your own tablet, device or laptop or use one of ours.

Registration is required for all sessions. Writers! Are you looking for feedback on your poem, story, novel, or whatever else you're working on? The Writers' Club meets at 5:30 pm on Thursday, March 9. Bring a piece of writing to share or just come sit in. Refreshments are provided.

You don't have to be a teen to enjoy YA books. Are you a middle school or high school teacher or librarian? Or just an adult with an appreciation for young adult literature? Join us the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm to talk about some excellent young adult books. On March 16, we'll be discussing *The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B* by Teresa Toten.

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr was selected for One Book/One Community and the Newton Falls Public Library is having two events in March to participate. We will be discussing the book at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 23 and we will be showing a classic World War II film at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 22. No registration is required, so come join in!

Visit the library to pick up a schedule of activities and events. More information about free library programs and hours is available at the Newton Falls Public Library, 204 S. Canal St., Newton Falls, phone 330-872-1282, and on the library's online calendar at www.newtonfalls.org. To get updates and reminders about programs, consider Liking our page at www.facebook.com/newtonfallslibrary. Newton Falls Public Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9 am-8 pm, Friday and Saturday 9 am-5 pm, and closed Sunday.

ASK THE LIBRARIAN

"Why is my ivy turning yellow?"

This was actually a question from one of our librarians, who had received a potted ivy plant which she had been keeping by the library window. The plant was getting lots of sunlight, but the leaves were turning yellow. We checked "The Houseplant Encyclopedia" by Ingrid Jantra and Ursula Krüger, "What's Wrong with My Houseplant" by David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth, and Kristi Waterworth's "Ivy Turning Yellow" article on GardeningKnowHow.com to find out why.

According to Jantra and Krüger, ivy leaves may turn pale if they're getting too much light, but, in general, yellow leaves are caused by too little light, a nutrient deficiency, or too much watering. Deardorff and Wadsworth agree. Evidently, it's difficult to tell exactly what causes yellow leaves—they're a symptom of some sort of problem, anything from fungus, insects, or a bacterial infection to the issues mentioned above. Waterworth adds that it may be something in the ivy's environmental stressing it out. Dry air, high levels of salt in the soil (either from tap water or overfertilizing), or a draft can all make an ivy's leaves go yellow.

Our librarian guessed that it may have been a draft, since her ivy sat in a cold window. She has since moved it and is waiting to see if its condition improves.

For answers to your questions, visit the Newton Falls Public Library, 204 S. Canal Street, Newton Falls or phone 330-872-1282. For information about all the free library programs or hours, visit our website at www.newtonfalls.org or our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/newtonfallslibrary.

Disabilities

by Daniel J. Vance



Mom Serves Florida Dementia Residents

Last week, I introduced you to Tish and Joe Griffin, mother and son, of Destin, Florida. (They first read this column in the Walton (FL) Sun.) If you remember, Joe in 1998 at age 2 accidentally tumbled off a bed while watching TV and became paralyzed from the shoulders down, with the exception of some leg and torso movement. Tish over the next 15 or so years was his around-the-clock caregiver. Today, 21-year-old Joe lives on campus and attends the University of West Florida, all while having a tracheotomy, ventilator, and power wheelchair.

Tish said over the telephone, "When caring for Joe, I felt like I was always running a marathon. I tried staying on an even keel, but my senses became magnified. I remember after his injury, when they put in his tracheotomy, you could see his facial expressions, but you couldn't hear him cry. There wasn't any sound. So I had to become very observant of his body, his coloring, and of what was going on with him. I became part of Joe's body."

Those skills she learned over many years of caregiving eventually would help others. Tish now is resident program coordinator for an assisted living facility for people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. As the "director of fun" for 30 people, she keeps people engaged in life and pointed towards a purpose, which, in part, helps slow down the dementia process.

Her work with Joe has helped her become more sensitive to the body language of residents, the needs of their family members, and the value of their lives.

As for the latter, she said, "For example, when Joe and I would be out in public, some people might speak to him slowly as if he were mentally impaired. Then they would have a conversation and realize that he was (bright). Joe has achieved many things in life, and the residents I've been honored to be with also have achieved many things. We are all people and we all have wonderful life stories."

She said Joe was an optimist because she had raised him as one, and that same trait in her also has brought optimism to her dementia residents. She said showing joy often can bring "healing." Finally, she added, "I've always been a very patient person, but after being Joe's caregiver, I've (mastered) the art of being very skilled at being very patient, which helps me at my job."

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Akron Children's seeks Children's Advocate Award nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Children's Advocate Award. The award will be presented by Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley at the Champions for our Valley's Children celebration on Tuesday, May 9 at The Lake Club in Poland.

"The Children's Advocate Award recognizes individuals and organizations throughout the Mahoning Valley who exhibit the spirit of caring and who are working to make a difference in the lives of the children of the community," said JoAnn Stock, senior director of development, Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley.

Nominees may be an individual, group of individuals or an organization, and may be self-nominated or nominated by another person. Nominees must reside in the Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley service area, which consists of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties in northeast Ohio, and Mercer and Lawrence counties in western Pennsylvania.

Selection criteria for the Children's Advocate Award are as follows: demonstrates a deep, caring desire to help children; has taken action to address a problem facing local children or youth; has provided three or more years of service directly affecting the well-being of children; addresses a broad problem/issue affecting a large number of children or youth; demonstrates a long-term commitment to finding solutions to the problem/issue, primarily at the local level; gives personal volunteer service over and above the expectations of his/her career or profession; promotes continuation of his/her advocacy or service by enlisting others to join in solving the problem/issue and enhancing the well-being of children and the community.

In order to be considered, the completed nomination form and accompanying narrative must be received by March 13, 2017. For a nomination form, visit <http://www.akronchildrens.org/championsforourvalleyschildren2017> or call 330-746-9122.

At the Champions for our Valley's Children Celebration Dinner, Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley will recognize donors, volunteers, staff and community partners who have supported the hospital. Reservations are \$50 per person and corporate sponsorships are available.

WEB ONLY PAGES!



LA LA Land is right kind of dance to take your heart on

In recent years, film musicals that have worked on the big screen, have been something we have seen before such as Footloose (movie) or from Broadway like Mamma Mia and the live broadcast of Grease.

Something original would have a hard time getting audiences into theaters, especially during the winter months. One original movie is leading audiences by the hand into the theaters.

LA LA Land has received positive critical recognition and at the 2017 Golden Globe awards, the film set a record for the most awards won by a single film.

LA LA Land lives up to all the hype that it is getting. The film's casting is excellent and yet surprising: Ryan Gosling, who has been known for his dramatic movies like Fracture and Drive, and Emma Stone, whose career has had a few comedic turns in movies like Superbad and Zombieland. She did show her dramatic strength in Birdman.

The roles of Sebastian (Gosling) and Mia (Stone) required not just great acting but singing and dancing stamina. Gosling and Stone sang and danced into the audiences hearts and tugged at those very hearts with their dramatic performances.

Writer-director Damien Chazelle takes a simple story of a jazz musician and an aspiring actress who meets and fall in modern Los Angeles.

The movie opens on a crowded Los Angeles highway with cars lined up when people start getting out of their cars and they start singing and dancing in a well-choreographed number. The musical number is very good and expressive.

As the highway musical number winds down, we see Sebastian in his older model car and Mia in her Prius going over her lines for an audition. As traffic loosens up, Mia doesn't move as she is still going over her lines and doesn't notice Sebastian who is behind her, he drives around and yells at her. Mia returns with the middle finger as he drives off.

We find out that life is not going great for Sebastian because he is behind on his bills. He is working as a pianist at a restaurant. The restaurant owner, Bill, played by JK Simmons, tell Sebastian not to play jazz and to stick with the Christmas songs. Later on in the evening, Sebastian starts playing jazz.

Mia works as a movie studio barista. One night, her roommates persuade her to go to a party. Later, Mia's car is towed and she cannot get a cell phone signal so she starts walking back to the apartment. As Mia passes a restaurant she hears music and decides to go in.

In the restaurant, she sees Sebastian being fired. As he is leaving, Mia approaches him but he gives her the cold shoulder as he goes right past her.

Months later at a party, Mia spots Sebastian playing as a keyboardist for pop musical cover band. She makes a request for the band to play I Ran (So Far Away) by a Flock Of Seagulls.

It is a very funny scene as Sebastian struggles to get through the song. Afterwards, Sebastian finds Mia. They give each other some sarcastic jabs. Afterwards, Sebastian walks Mia to her car. They slowly go into to a very cool song and dance sequence on a street overlooking Los Angeles.

What I like about LA LA Land is its use of real Los Angeles locations that adds authenticity to the film. LA LA Land has a 30s and 40s Hollywood feel mixed with a modern-day realism.

The film details Mia and Sebastian's transition from like to love as they tried to pursue their dreams.

Another thing I enjoyed about LA LA Land was that they didn't start a song at every moment like Glee, the former musical TV show did and most musicals have done. The musical numbers were well thought out and fit movie moments perfectly.

I was surprised by singer John Legend's acting and musical performances as Sebastian's bandmate, Keith. He was a great fit in the movie.

LA LA Land has all the great classic elements in it, as boy and girl struggle to make it, boy and girl find each other and fall in love and then sing and dance about their trials and tribulations.

LA LA Land is a movie that will entertain you, make you laugh and dance with your heart and possibly break your heart with its ending. Yet, it is all worth the cinematic dance you will go on with LA LA Land.



Superintendent Receives Feedback from Students



Superintendent Vincent Colaluca, Assistant Superintendent Jeremy Batchelor, K-5 Curriculum Director Janet Polish, and student representatives discussing topics during Student Leadership Luncheon. Contributed Photo.

On Wednesday, January 25th, fifteen student representatives from Austintown Intermediate, Middle, and Fitch High School were invited to a special Student Leadership Luncheon at the Board of Education Office. The invitation came from Superintendent, Vincent Colaluca in an effort to gain a student's perspective on various topics involving the district.

"I really enjoyed having lunch with the students and learning about their ideas for the district. We had some great, productive conversations during our meeting. These students represented their buildings and our district well."

One piece in the district's strategic plan, Falcon Focus 2020, is to hold meetings (like this one) with student leadership groups to listen to what they would like to see in the district. Colaluca hopes to make this luncheon an annual gathering. "I look forward to inviting students to do this again next school year."

Jewish Federation Awards Sister Jerome's Mission \$7,500



Andi Baroff, a member of the Thomases Family Endowment distribution committee, and Deborah Grinstein, endowment director, present Maraline Kubik, director of Sister Jerome's Mission, with \$7,500 to benefit Sister Jerome's Mission College program. Contributed Photo.

The Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation awarded Sister Jerome's Mission College program, a program of the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, a \$7,500 grant during a check presentation ceremony this morning.

The grant will help first-generation college students served by Sister Jerome's Mission College program to make steady progress toward earning their degrees and will enable the program to admit another student for spring semester.

"The Thomases Family Endowment is honored to have the opportunity to make the lives of these hard-working students easier. We look forward to their successful futures as we further our mission of making the world a better place," says Deborah L. Grinstein, endowment director.

Sister Jerome's Mission College program helps students from low-income families to succeed in college by providing them with quality mentors who help them navigate the higher education system, and by providing financial assistance for college-related living expenses and emergencies - primarily food, clothing and transportation.

"Helping students with these basic necessities is crucial because they are the things they need to get to class, focus on their studies, earn good grades and graduate well-prepared for jobs that will enable them to support themselves," says Maraline Kubik, director of Sister Jerome's Mission. "This grant will go a long way in helping these students who have so much potential but lack the financial support and guidance students from middle-class families usually take for granted."

Sister Jerome's Mission is funded entirely by donations and is always in need of educators and retired educators willing to serve as volunteer mentors. For information, call 330-259-8765.

Austintown Rotary updates



Rotary President Eddie Kalarher (left in both) presents awards to Ron George (above) and Sam Swoger (right). Contributed Photos.

Ron George, head chef at the Manor Restaurant, was inducted as an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Austintown at the February 6 meeting. In the past, honorary status was given to former members who cannot attend but still have an attachment to the club. George has been an enthusiastic supporter of the group since meetings were moved to his site last year, so the honor is unique.



At the same meeting, Sam Swoger from the American Legion was presented with a check to cover a delegate to Buckeye Boys State this coming summer on behalf of Rotary.

Traveling Reporter Speaks to Struthers Rotary



Kalea Hall is flanked by Rotary President JoAnn Sweeney (left) and Host Rotarian Tom Baringer (right). A book donation will be made to the Struthers School Library system in Ms. Hall's name in appreciation for her presentation. Contributed Photo.

Struthers High School Graduate and Youngstown Vindicator business reporter Kalea Hall described her impressions of Cuba after her trip there in December. Kalea was invited to speak at the January 24th meeting of the Struthers Rotary Club by host Rotarian Tom Baringer. She had planned her trip to Cuba as a learning experience and traveled there under a journalism license in accordance with US Department of Treasury guidelines.

She described the high cost of living she witnessed and the lack of global connection for the Cuban citizens but was most impressed by their friendliness and helpfulness. Kalea and her boyfriend Justin stayed at an Airbnb (bed and breakfast) with a Cuban family and found them to be extremely helpful in making her plans for visiting the various sites available on the island. After describing the food, the shopping and, of course, the cigars, Kalea warned that when traveling to Cuba it is important to have sufficient funds for the trip as it is difficult to arrange financial transfers at this time. She recommended the experience for any who have the opportunity to travel under one of the 12 license categories available and hopes to return to what she finds a beautiful and friendly country.

Daughters of the American Revolution hold George Washington Tea



The Mary Chesney Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual George Washington Tea on February 18 in Warren. The program was a portrayal of Betsy Ross by Chapter Regent Janet Schwelzer. For more information, prospective members can visit us on Facebook, or e-mail marychesneydar@gmail.com. Photo submitted by Bonnie Hood.

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Brookfield High School Participates in Start With Hello Week



Alex Smith, a speaker with the Sandy Hook Promise Organization, offered strategies on how to meet and talk to other students. Contributed Photo.

Brookfield High School is participating in Start With Hello Week to help bring students together against bullying with acceptance, friendship and kindness. Start With Hello Week is a product of the Sandy Hook Promise, which has spread across the nation. Now, more than 2,000 schools nationwide participate in this weeklong event.

There is a different activity or challenge for students each day. Monday, students wore nametags and were challenged to say hello to someone who they do not normally talk to. Also, Alex Smith, a speaker with the Sandy Hook Promise Organization, spoke to the entire school and offered strategies on how to meet and talk to other students. Most importantly, he delivered the message that one person's kindness and compassion could be the difference in someone else's life.

Other activities during Start With Hello Week include: sitting at different lunch tables and eating with different people than usual, wearing the Start With Hello t-shirt as a sign of unity in the school, and posting nice things on other people's lockers throughout the building.

"It is important for students to understand the impact their words and their actions can make on another person's life," said Principal John DeSantis. "That is why we take part in this week each year."

Local Red Hatters hold Valentine's Day luncheon



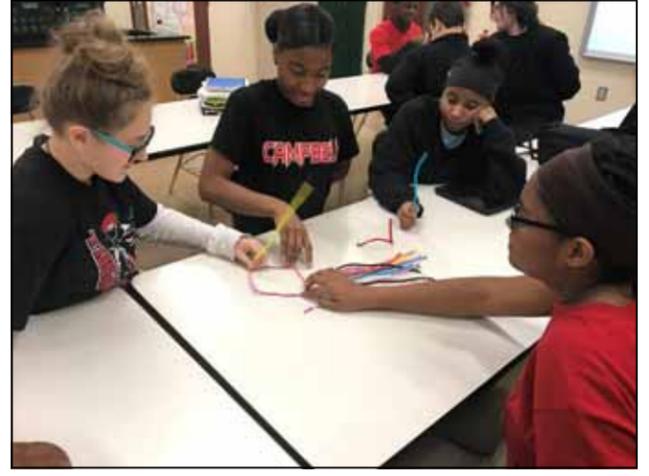
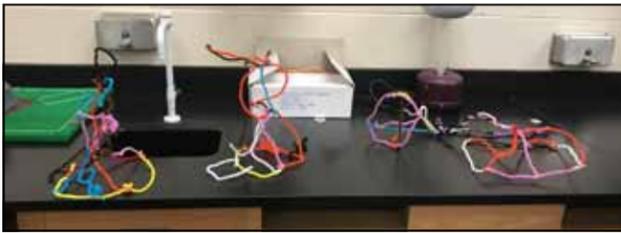
A Valentine's Day luncheon was held at Enzo's Restaurant in Warren in honor of Bernadette Fox, who has decided it is time for her to retire from red hatting. Bernadette just turned 88 years old and has been a supporting chapter member of Fun Attitudes since 2004. Seated are Reba Gidjic, Queen Judie of Fun Attitudes, and Bernadette Fox. Standing are Rita Lane, Queen of Red Hot Flashes, Connie Reed, Gloria Waldeck, O'ine Schoonover, Joann King, Mary Louise Anspach, Danuta Allen, Starr Willaman and Jackie Gorden. Contributed Photo.

Lordstown honors students



Lordstown Red Devils of the Quarter and Students of the Quarter. Red Devils of the Quarter are awarded for leadership and school spirit. Students of the Quarter are awarded for performance in the classroom. Red Devils of the Qtr (right): Jamie Rummell, Larissa Zarlengo, and Jared Koper. Students of the Qtr (above): 7th, Peyton Ferguson; 8th, Seth Stevens; 9th, Chase Kovac; 10th, Jessica Wilk; 11th, Marissa Crown; and 12th, Emily Moyers. Contributed Photos.

Campbell High School Students Build Towers in STEM Class



Students in Chelsea Burns 9th grade STEM class participated in tower building challenges using pipe cleaners. The students would start their tower, then after two minutes they could only use one hand, and after an additional two minutes the students were no longer able to communicate with one another. Burns said this was done "to show challenges businesses face when they lose resources and when they outsource to other countries." The students were challenged and are looking forward to more projects. Contributed Photos.

Brookfield Elementary Students participate in Kulture Kids assembly



Robin Pease sharing her stories with Brookfield Elementary School students. Contributed Photo.

Brookfield Elementary students recently received a visit from Robin Pease of Kulture Kids who presented an interactive program on the importance of respecting one another and treating everyone with kindness. The youth program included stories, games and crafts, as well as music and singing from Pease.

Kulture Kids is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating interactive arts programs that inspire cultural awareness and learning. The group presents a wide variety of interactive storytelling programs to youth and adults. Program topics include bullying, science, literature, public speaking, professional development and more. The group also presents classroom workshops in schools on acting, writing, communication and more.

Pease is the founding Artistic Director and Lead Playwright/Performer for Kulture Kids. She has been named by the National Storytelling Network as an emerging and regional treasure storyteller.

YBI Announces AMPED Competition Winners

The Youngstown Business Incubator (YBI) and Burton D. Morgan Foundation (BDM) announced the winners of their second annual technology startup competition, "AMPED", on Thursday, January 26. Last year AMPED invested a total of \$100,000 to three northeast Ohio startups. This year, AMPED will provide funding to four startup companies. The recipients include: Hot End Works of Oberlin (\$40,000), Strangpresse of Youngstown (\$25,000), Case.MD of Kent (\$20,000), and MedaSync of Youngstown (\$20,000). Funding will be released as investments in the companies as they meet specific milestones.

This goal of AMPED is to accelerate the growth of new technology businesses, specifically those focused in additive manufacturing or 3D printing. Of the 15 applicants, eight were selected to present their pitch at the Youngstown Business Incubator. The judges included professionals from America Makes (aka the "National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute"), MAGNET, Mount Union University, Team NEO and YBI. Four of the eight startup companies that presented were designated as the winners of the competition.

The Youngstown Business Incubator has begun working with all the awardees to address the challenges that start-ups face. Overcoming those obstacles will allow for wealth and job creation for northeast Ohio. The AMPED competition would not be possible without support from Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

Boardman Glenwood Awarded Ohio EPA Grant



Example of Earth Tub in use at Baldwin Wallace. Contributed Photo.

Boardman Glenwood Junior High has received a highly competitive \$16,000 Ohio Environmental Education Fund Grant. Students at the school will use the funds to reduce their waste by up to 35% by composting in an Earth Tub composting system.

The Earth Tub is 8 feet in diameter, and can handle 100 pounds of biodegradables a day. By the start of school next year, it should be fully up and running so that bags of compost will eventually be donated to community members including parents, teachers, business owners and urban/community gardens.

Glenwood 8th grade science teacher Laura Kibby applied for the OEEF General Grant where requests range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Glenwood was among a group of 7 in the state receiving a total of \$247,000. Some of the others were Oberlin College, Ohio University, Columbus Green Building Forum and the Toledo Zoo.

Kibby said she did a waste audit at Glenwood, and determined the Earth Tub would handle all the school's compostable cafeteria waste. The Project will incorporate a compost day conducted by Glenwood's H.O.P.E club members. The students in the environmental club would organize the

Canfield Rotary discusses transportation concerns

James Kinnick, Executive Director for Eastgate Regional Council of Governments, was the presenter at a recent Canfield Rotary luncheon. Mr. Kinnick explained how his organization serves as a go-between for state and local governments regarding transportation concerns.

This is accomplished by discussing issues of mutual interest in order to develop recommendations for improvement. Many of the projects Eastgate facilitates include transport planning and transit coordination; environmental planning and water quality management; and economic development aimed at attracting new businesses. Some of their upcoming projects include improvements on US Rt.62, at the intersection of Rt. 46 and Mahoning Ave., and improvements for a Rt 680/Rt 164 interchange.

Canfield Rotary meets every Friday at noon in the Fair Park building in Canfield.



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Local Officials receive Leadership Academy Diplomas



Left to right Robert Toman, Tom Willsey, president of OTA, and Denny Furman. Photo submitted by Denny Furman.

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) is pleased to announce Robert Toman, a Trustee from Ellsworth Township, and Denny Furman, a Trustee from Berlin Township, as recent graduates of the OTA Leadership Academy, an advanced local government training program.

The Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy (OTALA) was created in 2003 to provide education to elected officials, township staff, employees and appointed individuals through the joint efforts of the Ohio Township Association, OSU Extension: Office of Community Development and Miami University's Center and decision making skills of those involved in Ohio township government.

Both Toman and Furman were elected to office in 2013 and started the OTALA training in 2014. In order to complete OTALA, all participants have to attend the General Workshop, participate in six or more of the ten elective courses and take part in the National Association of Towns and Townships (NATAI) Annual Conference, held each year in the Spring in Washington, D.C. or the OTA Federal Day Workshop held at the OTA offices in Blacklick, Ohio. All requirements must be met within three years of beginning the program.

The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The Association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. The Association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships and more than 4,000 associate members.

Boardman Launches New School Bus Tracking APP

No more long waits at the bus stop in snow or rain, and missing the school bus should be a problem of the past. Boardman School District is launching "Here Comes the Bus," a free school bus tracking APP for parents and students that allows them to view the real-time location of a child's bus from their smartphone, tablet or computer. They can receive a customized notification when the bus is close.

"All 52 Boardman route buses have been equipped with GPS trackers, and we have been testing the APP system with a group of our parents and staff," said Superintendent Tim Saxton. "Now we are ready to launch it district wide, and we think it will be a real benefit for our parents, and increase the safety of our students."

Austintown Fitch closes auditorium due to safety concerns

The Austintown Fitch Auditorium will be closed indefinitely until school officials feel the auditorium is safe for students and staff to use. In the meantime, all performance-based events are being relocated.

"The stage rigging system is the original from 1968," says Facilities Director Mal Culp, "and unfortunately it is no longer working, which creates a safety risk."

After talking to Culp and Auditorium Manager Carla Amann, Superintendent Vincent Colaluca made the decision to close the auditorium. "The decision to close the auditorium is for the safety of all students, staff, and community members. We are in the midst of determining the best course of action in the auditorium and will update everyone as we learn more. In the meantime, Carla will be relocating all performance-based events that were scheduled to take place in the auditorium."

A list of all events and event locations for March and April are available on the district website www.austintownschools.org under the "District News" tab. Please note, all events are subject to change. Amann also recommends checking the website periodically as events will be updated for May and June if needed.

Friends of the Austintown Library meet, hear speaker



Melissa Ames, V.P. of the Better Business Bureau and Doug Wilcox organized a program for the Friends of the Austintown Branch of the Youngstown Mahoning library. Ms. Ames presented "Fraud, Scams, and How to be a Better Consumer" for the program. The next Friends meeting will be February 27 in the meeting room of the Austintown Library. Jesse McClain will present a program on the Holocaust at 10 AM and a meeting will follow. Programs are open to the public. Photo by Roselyn Gadd.

Judge D'Apolito Speaks To Canfield Lions



Left to right: President Mary Ann Dzuracky, Judge D'Apolito and Lion Ted Filmer. Contributed Photo.

Thursday, January 19th, Judge Anthony D'Apolito was the guest speaker at the Canfield Lions Club Meeting. He spoke about his time as Mahoning County Juvenile Court Magistrate and Court Administrator, the programs he helped initiate for juveniles, and why he ran for Mahoning County Common Pleas Court Judge. He emphasized the belief that it's not what someone does, but why. In knowing the why, help can be given to the individual to follow the correct path. Lion members had many questions for him. He is a great speaker and is willing to do so at other organizations and at schools.

If you are interested in serving the Canfield Community, visit us at www.canfieldlions.org or Like us on Facebook.

Smith Corners Church Visits Austinwoods



Members of Smith Corners United Methodist Church took time on Valentine's Day to visit their neighbors at Austinwoods Care Center to distribute stuffed bears to celebrate the day. Each resident and staff member was offered bears of various colors, using 150 soft and cuddly gifts. This is the fourth year of this February ministry for church members. Pictured are (seated) Betty Quimby, church member and resident, (standing, left to right) Idabelle DeHoff, Pastor Marilyn Coney, Margaret Yannucci, Sandle Reel, Rick Klacik, Rita Newbery, Terri Klacik, and Gary Reel. Contributed Photo.

LWVTC hosts Warren City Federation February meeting



The February 2017 membership meeting for Warren City Federation was held on Valentine's Day this year at the Cafe 422. Hostess club was the League of Women Voters of Trumbull County. Pastor Julia Wike from The Basement Outreach Ministries, Inc. was the monthly speaker. The ladies also collected new and gently used blankets as their monthly community outreach for The Basement. The Women's History Committee joined Warren City Federation as the 18th member club. LWVTC Members present were: Sue Smith, Peggy Boyd, Terri Crabbs, Sandy Mahaffey, Esther Gartland and Alice Cosgrove. Not pictured is Joanne Siembleda. Contributed Photo.

Struthers Rotary discusses goals and history of Rotary International



Struthers Rotary President JoAnn Sweeney (left) displays one of the books that will be donated to the Struthers Elementary School library in the name of Mary Ann Morell in appreciation for her presentation. Contributed Photo.

Rotarian Mary Ann Morell led a discussion for the benefit of new members of the Struthers Rotary Club at their meeting on February 7th. Mary Ann hoped to help familiarize them with the history and goals of Rotary International and the activities of the Struthers Rotary Club.

Rotary originated as primarily a business group intended to provide a forum for networking among local businesses and to engender and outlet for their desire to give back to their communities and increase their involvement in world humanitarian efforts. New members are invited in recognition of their personal achievements and integrity. It is the hope of the Struthers Rotary Club that all its members play an active role in the club and in the community. Various Rotarians were then invited to talk about their experiences with the club, their inspirations to become involved and the goals they hope yet to achieve through service with the club.

Regular club meetings are held Tuesdays at noon at the Struthers Parkside Church. More information about the Struthers Rotary Club can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/struthers.rotary> or by e-mail at struthersrotary@aol.com.

Berlin Ellsworth Ruritan donates to Western Reserve Music Boosters



L to R: Dwain VanAuker, Robert Bacha and Lee Fowler. Photo submitted by Denny Furman.

The Berlin Ellsworth Ruritan Club secretary, Dwain VanAuker and Board Member Lee Fowler delivered a check for \$3500 to Band Director Robert Bacha for the Western Reserve Music Boosters to help purchase seven new uniforms for the band members. Many of the present band uniforms are 10 to 15 years old.

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Newton Falls Community Backpack Program Gives Thanks For Support



The Newton Falls Community Backpack Program continues to provide supplemental food and a book for qualifying K-6 students at Newton Falls Elementary and Middle Schools every week. The support of the community keeps this program going, and it is appreciated. We thank these first semester contributors.

From October through Thanksgiving: First Baptist Church and other helpers from Newton Falls: Allison Frank, Phoebe Smith, Greg Digman, Pastor Steve Spurlock, Carol Greathouse, Blake Spurlock, Lori Babbey, Joan Prickett, Teri Hogue, Melissa Yingling, Ginny Begeot, Edd Read, and Mikayla Semrau.

After Thanksgiving, the youth group from the First Christian Church and other

local helpers: Eileen Stroup, Jason Graham, Paxton Reed, Nathan Reed, Superintendent of Newton Falls Schools Paul Woodard, Ryan Palmer, Denzel Stevens, Abraham Crowe, Lori Babbey, Jim Medallis, Debbie Gallison, Rita Sano.

We thank our donors to the fund at Associated School Employees Credit Union (ASECU): NF Kiwanis Club, Sts Mary and Joseph Ladies Guild, Don and Carol Baker, Elsie Whetzel, Jean Kandiko, Jami Jones.

For donations other than cash, we thank ASECU for the food collection box, Mr. Clark at Newton Falls IGA and Mrs. Spicko at Shop 'n Save for plastic bags that we use instead of actual backpacks this year. We thank Ray Cowie, Tammy

Above left: Carol Greathouse and Joan Prickett. Above: Zack Digman. Above right: Blake and Pastor Steve Spurlock, Lori Babbey. Right: Joan Prickett and Phoebe Smith. Below, far left: Ryan Palmer, Nathan Reed, Eileen Stroup, Denzel Stevens, Abe Crowe. Below, left center: Jason Graham, Eileen Stroup, Paxton Reed, Nathan Reed, special guest Supt. Paul Woodard. Below, right center: Melissa Yingling. Below, far right: Lori Babbey and Teri Hogue. Contributed Photos.

McBride, and Keebler/Kellogg's for donations of snacks. Yvonne Dillon donated 40-plus children's books (each food bag includes a book). We thank NF United Methodist Church for its donation box and the members who provided tissues, pencils, and food. NF Middle School also collected food

items for the program. We also thank Big D's for the collection box and the folks who gave there. Ladies from the Methodist church also knitted slippers which were put in one week's bags. Judy Rockenfelder at Home Oil contributed hand-knit hats as well.

Contributing books to

the program were the Church Mouse, NF Public Library, Bob and Kathy Wujcik, The Village Bookstore in Garrettsville, and Broad Street Vintage in Newton Falls.

For going above and beyond to help, we thank First Christian Church's youth group and the church



Brookfield 8th Graders Took Part in TCTC's "Eighth Grade Experience"



Brookfield 8th grade students learning hands-on skills during their field trip to Trumbull Career & Technical Center. Contributed Photos.

Brookfield Middle School 8th grade students took part in Trumbull Career & Technical Center's (TCTC) "Eighth Grade Experience" on February 8. While on their field trip at TCTC, the students learned about the 'three E's' for their future - Enrollment, Employment, & Enlistment.

To prepare for the field trip, Brookfield students were asked to watch a video about TCTC and possible careers, then take an online quiz to discover which career path would be a good fit, based on their interests and personality.

During their visit, students had the opportunity to tour several of the school's programs, interact with TCTC students and instructors, and experience two programs hands-on. The overall goal of the experience was to help the students answer the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?"



Lordstown Alumni Speaker Series focuses on career paths



Ms. House and Ms. Kobus both spoke about serving their communities as well as their careers. Contributed Photo.

The Lordstown Alumni Speaker Series is an opportunity for Lordstown students to hear from alumni of Lordstown High School about their career choices, what led them to their current position, and the opportunities that are available in the field. The series is part of Lordstown schools' focus on Career Readiness. The most recent session took place on Friday, February 10th and featured careers in non-profit management.

Brittany House, Lordstown High School Class of 2009, spoke about earning her degree at Youngstown State University and her position as Director of Program Management at the Youngstown Business Incubator where she manages the organization's start up program, oversees internship programming and facilitates staff relations and communication.

Gloria Kobus, Lordstown High School Class of 1983, discussed earning degrees from Akron University and Hiram College. She talked with students about transition from her first career in banking to working in finance at the University level. She currently is the University Bursar at Youngstown State University where her and her team are responsible for the operational, financial, and management of all university receivables.

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Jazz and Dessert Proves to be a Winning Combination



L to R: Michael Achey, Ryan Wilt, Katie Wilt, Troy Wilson, Tammy Wilt. Contributed Photo.

Smooth jazz and sweet treats were once again a huge hit during the annual Jazz and Dessert night held Saturday, January 28th at Austintown Middle School. The fundraiser, put on by the Austintown Band, proved to be especially great for Austintown Food Services, one of the big winners of the night, winning 2nd place for "Amateur Baker" and 3rd place for "Best Display".

Food Service staff Troy Wilson and Tammy Wilt dressed up in 80s attire to serve peanut butter and chocolate chip "throwback cookies," which were original recipes from the Fitch kitchen in the early 80s.

St. Joseph the Provider students make blankets to donate



Grade 2 students from Mrs. Lauren Mazaros' class at St. Joseph the Provider School in Youngstown display a blanket that they made for nursing home residents. Each class made several blankets for Catholic Schools Week in the beginning of February. They will be sent to nursing homes. Contributed Photo.

United Way Raises \$3 Million for First Time Since 2004

The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley announced today that thanks to the generosity of its supporters, the 2016 annual campaign raised \$3,002,847 for the community, exceeding the \$2.8 million goal. This is the first time the campaign raised more than \$3 million dollars since 2004. Our focus in Early Education, especially with our Success After 6 initiative, continues to drive our campaign. The increase in funding will allow us to expand our program in 2017 to help put more children on the path to success. In 2016, our United Way also received Charity Navigator's highest rating for fiscal responsibility and money going into programming.

The United Way announced its 2016 campaign results at the Young Women's Mentorship Program at Taft Elementary School in Youngstown. They were joined by 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students as well as their mentors who are part of the program. Young Women's Mentorship is one of United Way's education programs that provides social-emotional curriculum, financial literacy classes, and career advice. The students are paired with women mentors who come from various professional backgrounds.

Taft Elementary is also the second site of our Success After 6 program, which is an early childhood education initiative that focuses on the whole child and whole family. Success After 6 launched in 2015 at the Youngstown Community School. It partners with the schools and community organizations to provide wrap-around services such as tutoring, after-school programming, food pantries, and health screenings. We also fund 60 programs from 31 non-profit agencies that do work in education and emergency services.

Our United Way also funds Success By 6, a pre-kindergarten readiness program that helps students prepare for their first time in a classroom, and Imagination Library, a free book program for children under the age of 5 in Mahoning County that also helps parents with literacy techniques. We plan to grow the Success After 6 initiative so it can impact even more children and families.

Austintown Junior Women's League holds meeting



Above: (seated) President Kathy Rusback, Sandy Gaskill, Jessica Munger, Sue Hovanec, Brittany Bueno. (standing) Janice Sillerman, Linda Jones: 1st VP, Eileen Frost Secretary.; Colleen Miller, MaryAnn Herschel, Peggy Bennett, & Ruty Rodriguez-Patterson. Below: Joann, Ed, & Ron Mauch. Contributed Photos.

During the February meeting of the GFWC Ohio Austintown Jr. Women's League, members once again wore red to promote the American Heart Association's "Healthy Heart" campaign. Assoc. Pastor Ron Mauch of Emmanuel Community Church spoke to the group during their international affairs evening. Pastor Mauch expressed the importance of the local community reaching out internationally. He and his wife Joann and son Ed spoke on their missions trips to El Salvador in Central America where they were able to take materials to the needy that were collected here locally. Members were treated to foods from El Salvador and an informative presentation by the Mauch family. More photos and information on the Austintown Jr. Women's League can be found at www.facebook.com/AJWL2014.



Transportation director resigns, administration sends well wishes

The Austintown administration would like to thank John Lenkey for his hard work as Transportation Director for the district. "We are very pleased with the work John has done for the transportation department and wish him good luck as he pursues a new opportunity," says Superintendent Vincent Colaluca.

Lenkey was instrumental in creating an incentive program for contracted bus drivers. Drivers are now able to earn up to \$2,400 extra a year with the program. In order to receive a bonus, drivers must meet certain criteria. Requirements include having a clean driving record, causing minimal wear and tear to school buses, complying with bus rules and regulations, and following attendance policies.

Lenkey will resign from his position effective Friday, March 17th, 2017. The district is currently taking applications to fill the position.

ODPS Encourages Public to Download Safer Ohio Phone App

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) is encouraging the public to download its "Safer Ohio" phone app, Ohio's multi-function, mobile public safety tool for reporting suspicious activity, requesting emergency or roadside help and monitoring traffic conditions.

The Safer Ohio Phone App is a component of the ODPS Safer Ohio Initiative. This App has the "See Something, Send Something" function, which allows people to report information and send photos of suspicious activity to Ohio Homeland Security. Also available on the multi-functional App is a button for connecting with a 9-1-1 dispatcher, a function which dispatches the Ohio State Highway Patrol or other law enforcement officer to a non-emergency traffic situation, and connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's OH-GO application for real-time traffic reports throughout Ohio. If you are experiencing an emergency, you should always call 9-1-1 first.

"Through the Safer Ohio Phone App, anyone in Ohio can provide critical information to our 24/7 public safety intelligence analysts that can potentially save lives and protect critical infrastructure," said John Born, ODPS Director. "This app also allows another way for the general public to connect with law enforcement to receive non-emergency assistance."

The user-friendly app is available through the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

Western Reserve Rangers 4-H Club News



2017 Officers: president, William Reph; vice presidents, Abby Schors and Olivia Reph; secretaries, Olivia Haid and Isabel Schors; treasurers, Richie Hedrick and Collin Meehan; recreation leaders, Emma Reph, Camille Kirk, Brandor Quear, and Thomas Collier; and health and safety leaders, Autumn Reed and Natalia Kresic. Contributed Photo.

by Kathleen Moser

Congratulations to Western Reserve Rangers 4-H Club celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2017. We have a new generation of officers that will lead us into an exciting year of project work, activities, parades, and community service.

Advisors Robin and Steve Reph and Laura Jones updated the members about County Livestock Meetings and the March 4th Quality Assurance Sessions at South Range Schools. Robin also reviewed the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct from the enrollment forms.

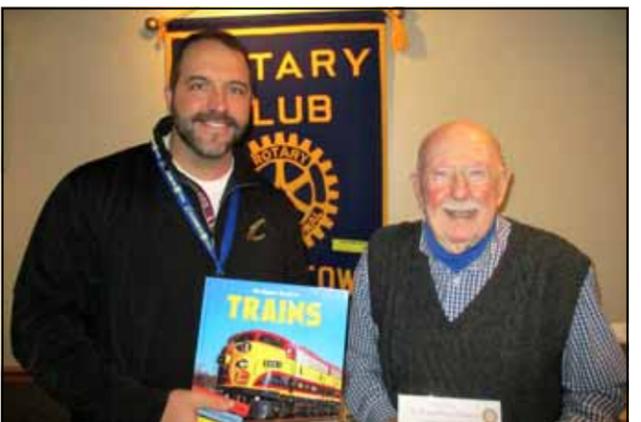
President Reph announced that the Judging Dates for Still Projects and Food and Nutrition Projects will be on July 17 and the Clothing and Fashion Projects and the County Style Revue will be on July 19.

Congratulations to Isabel and Abby Schors who will be on the Community Easter Egg Hunt Committee this year. We welcomed Eliyana Shank as a second generation member. She is the daughter of Aimee Millard Shank, a former Ranger member and 4-H Queen. Also in attendance were Amanda Butchko and Janet Majirsky, the Rangers 4-H Club Cloverbud Leaders. Amanda announced that the first Cloverbud meeting would be on March 25th from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ellsworth Fire Hall. New members, Kindergarten through the second grade are welcomed.

Bailey Hornberger and Samantha Snyder, who are in their first year of college, will be completing their final year of 4-H with the Rangers this year.

Western Reserve Rangers 4-H Club will meet again on March 9, at the Ellsworth Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. Youth must be eight years old and in third grade to join a 4-H Club. Check our Facebook page (Western Reserve Rangers 4-H Club) for more information about the club.

Bill Farragher Speaks on Rises and Fall of Sheet and Tube



Austintown President Eddie Kalaher presenting a book, coincidentally on "trains" to Farragher, which will be placed in the Austintown Elementary School library. Contributed Photo.

Members of the Rotary Club of Austintown heard William Farragher, retired marketing director for Youngstown Sheet and Tube, speak on the rise and fall of that industry in the Mahoning Valley. He cited A.S. Glossbrenner as a forward thinking President of the company who made many improvements and built the research/office center in Boardman. Farragher feels that portions of the mills could have been salvaged and still in operation, such as the McDonald Steel division has done, but the powers that existed did not want that to happen. He also cited the Tod family for saving the Tod Engine which is now located on Hubbard Road. Farragher has a wealth of knowledge about the steel industry and the Mahoning Valley.

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MCESC Swears In Newest Board Member



Above (L to R): Board President Richard S. Scarsella, Atty. Kathi McNabb Welsh, Jeffery Good, Board Vice President Marie Dockry, Atty. David Engler
Below: MCESC Treasurer Blaise Karlovic swears in Jeffery P. Good. Contributed Photos.

On Thursday, February 16, the Mahoning County Educational Service Center Governing Board held its regular meeting, welcoming new board member Jeffery Good. Good was sworn in by Treasurer Blaise Karlovic.

Jeffery Good was appointed to fill the unexpired term of James Hall, who retired in January. Good is the Director of Education at Western Reserve Public Media, where he manages two statewide initiatives called Ohio Educational Technology Agencies, and Ohio Ready to Learn.

Good joins a strong governing board, with more than 60 years of combined service to the MCESC and its educational mission. Board President Richard S. Scarsella of Boardman was recently recognized for more than a decade of service at the Annual All Boards Dinner, while Vice President Marie Dockry is the longest serving board member, with 21 years of service. Attorney David Engler was first elected in 2002, and Attorney Kathi McNabb Welsh has served almost as long, with nearly 15 years on the board.

The MCESC partners with 23 school districts representing nearly 46,000 children in Mahoning, Columbiana, Portage and Trumbull Counties. Through shared services, the goal is to keep the costs of education low, by maximizing the benefits in curriculum services, professional development and special needs programs and services.



Berlin Township Family Shows Community Pride



James Gatto and children (left to right) Grayson, James, Gracie, and Madison. Photo by Denny Furman.

James Gatto and his wife Malissa along with their family are showing their community pride by collecting litter that is discarded on Berlin Station Road. James Gatto said that this project has taught his children why not to litter and they are proud to be in charge. Berlin Township Trustee Denny Furman organized the township cleanup with a number of residents in coordination with the Mahoning County Green Team to keep Berlin Center clean. Almost every state, county and township road in Berlin Township, has been adopted thanks to "Community Pride."

Liberty Students Selected for Honors Band



Congratulations to Emily Benson (7th grade trumpet) and John Chandler (8th grade trumpet) two W.S. Guy band students who were selected from nearly 900 middle school band musicians from three states nominated by their band directors. The four honor bands at The 2017 Ohio State Middle School Honor Band Festival are comprised of 362 student musicians from 147 school bands. We are delighted to have them representing Liberty W.S. Guy Middle School at the event. The 2017 Festival takes place on Saturday February 25 on the Columbus Campus of Ohio State. Contributed Photo.

Lordstown Lions Celebrate 42nd Charter Night



Above: District OH4 Governor, Betty Robbins, Lions Maia Dixon and her sponsor/mother, Tresa Dixon.
Right: Past council Chair Paul Metrovich. Contributed Photos.

The Lordstown Lions, led by King Lion Gary Luzzader, celebrated 42 years of service to their community Saturday, February 18 at The Covered Bridge in Newton Falls. They celebrated their successes to those in need and ways to make their lives better. This is what they have done since they began, and will continue the same into the future.

After dinner, awards were given. Then District Governor Betty Robbins inducted a new member into the club. Maia Dixon is the daughter of Lion Tresa Dixon. Guest speaker, Past Council Chair, Paul Metrovich, followed the induction



of the new Lion. He spoke on the accomplishments of the Lordstown Lions over their 42 years, congratulated them on their successes and had the confidence that they would continue this into the future.

If you are interested in becoming a Lion and serving those in need in your community, visit our web page @ www.lions13oh4.org, or LIKE us on Facebook.

4th Grade Wrestler Advances to State Wrestling Championship



Dylan O'Brien heads to State Championships. Contributed Photo.

Dylan O'Brien, a 4th grade student at Brookfield Elementary School, won 1st place in his weight class at the OAC Grade School Wrestling State Qualifier in Steubenville, Ohio on Sunday, February 19. Now he will be representing Brookfield at the OAC Grade School Wrestling State Championship held at the Covelli Center on Saturday, March 25. There he will compete against grade school wrestlers in his weight class from all over the state of Ohio. The tournament begins at 8 a.m.

Dylan said he is really excited to compete at the state championship. "I love wrestling and I have just worked really hard to make it to state and I hope I can win again," he said.

TCTC hosts SkillsUSA Northeast Regional Competition

The Trumbull Career and Technical Center served as host to over 400 students coming from 21 high schools throughout Ohio at their campus located at 528 Educational Hwy NW in Champion for The Skills USA Northeast Regional Competition on February 25.

This event allowed for contestants to compete against one another to obtain a bid to represent their region in the state competition, which will be held in Columbus in April, and possibly at the National Competition held in Louisville, Kentucky in June.

Students competed in the areas of manufacturing, construction, health care, criminal justice, human services and a dozen others determined by The State of Ohio Department of Education as a Career Pathway. There were 30 individual events.

SkillsUSA is a student professional organization that allows Career Tech students the ability to learn leadership skills, network with other students and professionals in their chosen career area, and to demonstrate the area of expertise. The Northeast Regional Competition has not been held at TCTC since 2007.

Austintown Elementary Principal reads to students by the "campfire"



Bryce Freudenberg, Enrique Martinez, Chris Johnson, Principal Tom Lenton, Alexia Little, and Amireona McIlwain sit around their "campfire." Contributed Photo.

Austintown Elementary had some happy campers during the school's annual book fair. On February 16th, five lucky students were selected to have storytime with Principal Tom Lenton in a tent set up in the gymnasium, complete with a "campfire."

AES students were asked to color a picture and give a \$1 donation to help buy books for children who could not afford them during our book fair. When they donated the \$1 they were able to pick a pencil; students who picked the winning pencil attended storytime.

Winner were Enrique Martinez (2nd grade), Chris Johnson (2nd grade), Amireona McIlwain (Kindergarten), Alexia Little (1st grade), and Bryce Freudenberg (Kindergarten). AES principals would like to thank the PTA for making this special outing possible.

Austintown Concert Choir Performs to Honor Veterans



Austintown Concert Choir. Contributed Photo.

For many concert choirs around the area, an annual trip is taken to perform outside of the valley. This is a chance to experience a new city, perform in a competition, and maybe even earn awards to bring back to their district. For the Austintown Concert Choir the experience is quite different; it's a chance to honor and celebrate veterans.

Since 1972, the concert choir has been performing for veterans around the United States. Choir Director Bill Klein witnesses firsthand the effect this has on his students. "They genuinely enjoy performing for the veterans. My students get to sing God Bless America to our veterans firsthand! Some of them come back on the bus with tears in their eyes, it is quite an experience."

The concert choir will travel to the Norfolk Veterans Base April 20th through the 23rd to perform for veterans in hospice unit and the spinal injury unit. "As far as I know, Austintown is the only high school choir whose sole mission is to entertain our veterans," says Klein.

Canfield Band Parents Named Support Group of the Year



L to R: Kathy McGrady (President-elect of OMEA), Jim Volenik (CVMS band director), Dr. Pamela Barkett (President of the Canfield Band Parents, Inc.), and Alex Geordan (Superintendent of Schools, Canfield Local). Contributed Photo.

Each year the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) Board of Trustees presents an award recognizing a Music Support Group that has contributed considerably to the development and maintenance of a comprehensive music program in Ohio. The 2017 winner of the Ohio Music Education Association Outstanding Music Support Group is the Canfield Band Parents. Mike Kelly and Jim Volenik, band directors, nominated the Canfield Band Parents.

The Canfield Band Parents have contributed funds to support the purchase of new uniforms, extensive annual new instrument and equipment purchases, and a generous sheet music budget. Additionally, the Canfield Band Parents graciously give of their time and talents in providing a superior music education experience to Canfield instrumental students in all grades 5-12 that is unparalleled in their area.

The group hosts numerous events to raise funds, including an annual "Show of Bands", a Band Fruit Sale, 50/50 raffle, a Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle, and have recently started the "Friends of the Canfield Bands Program" which garners corporate sponsors as well as individual family contributions.

Canfield Speech & Debate Finishes in Top Three



L to R: Jared Cross, Madison Delley, Dominic DeRamo, Jordan Audia, Smaranda Solomon, Jen Smith, Dominic DuPonty. Contributed Photo.

The Canfield Speech & Debate Team competed at the 30th Annual Bethel Park Black Hawk Speech & Debate Tournament hosted by Bethel Park High School, near Pittsburgh, on February 10-11, 2017. Thirty-nine schools from three states were in attendance and Canfield earned second place honors as a team in Speech Sweepstakes.

Individuals from Canfield earning recognition were: in Drama, Top 12: Michael Stefanick, Top 24: Jack Cross; in Duo, 6th Place: Madison Deiley and Jared Cross; in Humor, Top 12: Zachery Bernat; in Informative Speaking, 5th Place: Jordan Audia, Top 12: Alexis Heldreth; in Extemporaneous Speaking, 1st Place: Smaranda Solomon, 3rd Place: Dominic DeRamo, Top 12: Carson Markley and Anna Sinclair; in Original Oratory, Top 12: Taryn Rothbauer and Taylor Mead, Top 24: Jackson Horvat; in Program Oral Interpretation, Top 12: Lexi Denney and Abby Sigler; in Public Forum Debate, Top 4: Jen Smith and Dominic DuPonty.

Masons received Certificates of Achievement



L-R: Denny Furman, WB Terry Whitford and WB Chuck Prachick. Photo submitted by Denny Furman.

Two Officers of Argus Lodge were awarded Certificates of Achievement by DEO Terry Whitford at a meeting on February 10 at the Lodge in Canfield. Brothers Denny Furman and WB Chuck Prachick completed the Masonic Code Courses. These courses are presented to continue Masonic knowledge and strengthen the minds of the Officers for future teaching.

WBMS boys' basketball team wins Minerva League Tournament



The West Branch Middle School boys' 6th grade basketball team were crowned champions of the recent Minerva League Tournament. The team completed their season with a record of 9 wins and 0 losses. The team was coached by Eric Glista and T.J. Egli. Congratulations to the boys and Coaches Glista & Egli on their win! Pictured (L to R) are Caden Young, Jake Grindley, Zach Lesch, Michael Kanagy, Mitchell Coffee, Thomas Egli, Dru DeShields, Landon Wilson, and Brandt Glista; Not pictured: Adam Garloch. Contributed Photo.

Local Students recognized in Scholastic Art and Writing Awards



Isabella Campos' Gold Key Award winning piece, Mask. Contributed Photo.

Several students from West Branch High School recently participated in the regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The visual arts work of thirteen students was submitted for judging in the show held at Youngstown State University's Bliss Hall.

Congratulations to Jayden Boggs, Bailey Byers, Isabella Campos, Barbara Cernakova, Willow Daley, Hunter Gillingham, Canaan McDaniel, Paige Miller, Amber Mondak, Olivia Ormiston, Bailey Snyder, Sarah Tennfoss and Whitney Wallace for their honorable mention entries.

West Branch would like to extend special congratulations to Isabella Campos who, on her mixed media entry, received a Gold Key award. This gold key award makes her eligible for a possible national gold key award. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Sons of the American Revolution celebrate President Washington



Larry Perkins, State Eastern District Chairman, Jonathan Guerrier, Treasurer, John Phillips and John Dalbec, new members of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, President Phil Bracy, and Craig Campbell, Registrar. Photo by Scott Davis.

Phil Bracy, President of the Mahoning Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, presided over the swearing in of new members John Phillips and John Dalbec, Saturday February 18th. Officers in attendance were Craig Campbell, Registrar for the Chapter, Jonathan Guerrier, Treasurer and Larry Perkins, Chairman of the Ohio Eastern District, OHSSAR. The swearing in event took place at the President Washington meeting of the Chapter at the Youngstown Country Club. Featured speaker was Larry Perkins, who spoke on the history of the Ohio Society.

The Mahoning Valley Chapter serves the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties. Chartered last October, a spring effort to recruit will focus on Trumbull county, chaired by Scott Davis who served as host for the event. The Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational and patriotic organization. The purposes of the Society are to maintain and extend the institutions of American Freedom, appreciation for true Patriotism, respect for National symbols, the values of American citizenship, the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created from the people of many nations, one nation and one people. Its members are male descendants of people who can document ancestry to those who served in the Revolutionary War, or who contributed to establishing the Independence of the United States. If anyone would like information on the Chapter please contact either Phil at pjbracy@outlook.com or Craig at cbcamp5@zoominternet.net.

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YSU After School Program Introduces Hydroponic Learning Lab



Campbell Elementary Middle School introduced a new Hydroponic Learning Lab Program as part of their YSU After School Program. The Hydroponic Learning Lab, developed by Lettuce Do Good, is a growing system for plants in water, with the help of red and blue LED lights. The program also includes hands-on lessons for students.

"We were able to purchase the system through a 3 year, 21st century grant and incorporate into the After School Program at Campbell just about a week ago," said YSU Site Coordinator

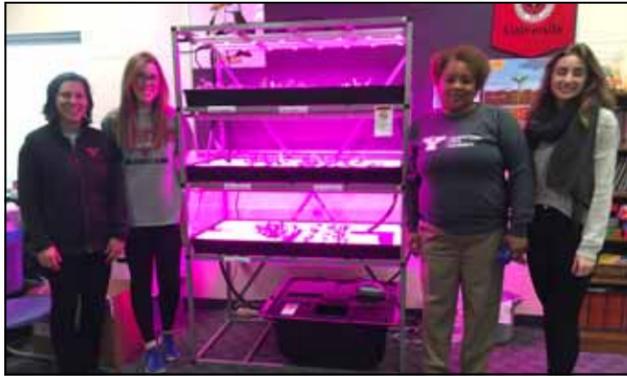
Amy Klingensmith. "Now, every day after school, our students will get to monitor the plants, watch them grow, regulate the nutrient and water levels, and learn through hands-on lessons."

Klingensmith attended a training session with Lettuce Do Good at the Youngstown Business Incubator to learn about the system and how to care for it. As part of the training she learned how to plant seeds, regulate the pH levels, add nutrients to the water, how to harvest the plants and the importance of the LED light. Currently,

the system is growing kale, lettuce, radish, basil and Swiss chard.

"Our program is all about the kids and they are so excited about this new project. It not only teaches them responsibility, but the lessons include STEM aspects as well," said Klingensmith. "Everyone is looking forward to the first harvest in about 6-8 weeks."

The YSU After School Program is for qualifying students in 1st-5th grade. The program currently has 40 students, along with 5 Campbell teachers and 3 YSU student activity leaders.



Left (L to R): 4th and 5th grade students, Jordan Gore, Diamond Sims, Joany Bazquez, Natalie Cruz and Teyon Harris. Right: Amy Klingensmith, Ella Polen, Deborah Fralin and Ariana Pasqual. Contributed Photos.

MCCTC Hosts BPA Region 11 Awards Ceremony and Banquet



MCCTC Business Professionals of America State Qualifiers (l to r): First Row: Jayden Goddard (Canfield) - 1st place - Fundamentals of Word Processing; Alecander Carbon (Poland) - 1st place - Economic Research Team; Aaron Fleming (West Branch) - 1st place - Economic Research Team; Jacob McMurray (Jackson Millton) - 1st place - Business Law and Ethics; Kyle Marmounis (Poland) - 1st place - Network Design Team; Mrs. Helen Slack - Business Professionals of America Advisor/IT Instructor. Second Row: Noah Eynon (Austintown) - 1st place Database Management Applications; Anthony Mariotti (Lowellville) - 1st place Website Design Team; Nathan Davis (Western Reserve) - 1st place Website Design Team; Dylan Mills (Austintown) - 1st place - Presentation Management Individual; Marty Pavalko (Lowellville) - 1st place - Network Design Team. Back Row: Nathaniel Dama (Canfield) - 1st place Systems Administration Using Cisco; Nickolas Thomas (Jackson Millton) - 1st place Website Design Team; Antonio Magallon (Austintown) - Database Management Applications; Ethan Edwards (Poland) - 1st place - Network Design Team. Not pictured: Isalah Figueroa (Poland) - 1st place - Java Programming. Contributed Photo.

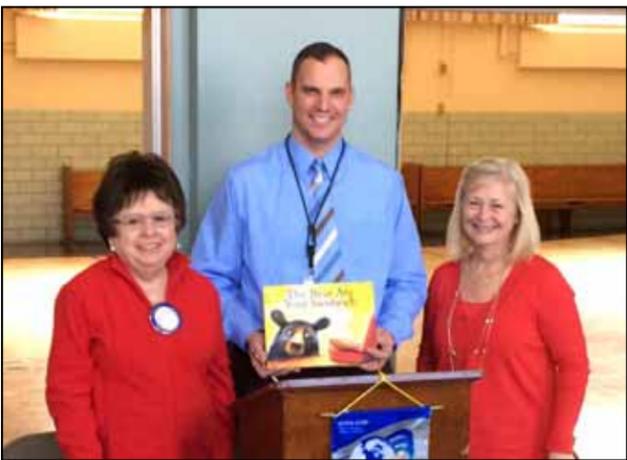
More than 180 students gathered in the Joyce Brooks Center at the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center to celebrate the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Region 11 winners. Information Technology students from Ashtabula, Columbiana, Trumbull and Mahoning County Career and Technical Centers all came together for the awards ceremony and banquet.

Awards were given in Financial Services, Business Administration Services, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Design and Management, Marketing and Communication.

Information Technology Instructor and BPA Advisor Helen Slack and 15 of her students from the MCCTC have qualified for the State competition and they will be attending the BPA State Leadership Conference in Columbus on March 16th and 17th.

The Business Professional of America, Ohio Association, is a career-technical student organization consisting of 19 regions located throughout Ohio. Each region has a student leadership team that, with the assistance of advisers, sets the direction for its region.

Struthers Rotary hosts Struthers School Superintendent



Struthers Rotary President JoAnn Sweeney (left) and host Rotarian Linda Krestel flank Interim Struthers School Superintendent Peter Pirone, Jr. Contributed Photo.

Hosted by Rotarian Linda Krestel, the interim Struthers School Superintendent, Peter Pirone, Jr., addressed the Struthers Rotary Club at its February 14th meeting. He was welcomed with a rendition of the Struthers High School Alma Mater by the Rotary. A 1992 graduate of Struthers High, Pete went on to study Elementary Education and took his first position at St. Christine's Catholic School. He moved on to the Warren City Schools and in 2000 moved to the Struthers City School system following his marriage. With the resignation of Joe Nohra this year, Pete was elevated to the interim position and has been asked to decide if he will continue as Superintendent by this April. He outlined the exciting new programs in Entrepreneurship and STEM education that have been developed for the Struthers students and expressed his pride in the realization of the one device / one child goal the school system has been seeking. This program ensures that each student in the system has access to a computing device to foster technical literacy. Mr. Pirone has also expressed his interest in membership with the Struthers Rotary Club and expressed his desire to participate in their many local programs.

Guest Speakers Visit Austintown Rotary



Right: Rotary President Ed Kalaher presenting a book for the Austintown Elementary Library to Richard Scarsella. Above: Kalaher with Stephanie Fabian. Contributed Photos.

Richard Scarsella spoke on William Holmes McGuffey, famous local educator and author, to the members of the Rotary Club of Austintown at their February 20 meeting. He had previously visited to talk about Idora Park. Scarsella is a former history teacher, frequent public speaker and community servant.

McGuffey was best known for writing the McGuffey Readers, the first widely used series of textbooks. It is estimated that at least 122 Million copies of the McGuffey Readers were sold between 1836 and 1960. This places its sales in the category of the Bible and Webster's Dictionary.

Speaker on February 27 was member Stephanie Fabian, who informed members about the Rotary Youth Leadership Award convention that she participated in at the Avalon Inn from February 24-26. She joined two Fitch juniors, Bailee Kingsley and Lexi Cintron, meeting nearly 100 other district juniors to spend a weekend developing leadership and personal ambition skills, while networking and socializing in a positive atmosphere. Fabian enthusiastically spoke on the experience as a rather new Rotary member working with a veteran staff on this yearly project.

Boardman High School Earns Quiz Bowl League Title



L to R: Varsity members Danny Turillo, Captain Pranav Padmanabhan, Richard Sammartino, Coach Randy Nord, Jack Pendleton, and Judy Garzanich (missing from photo is Simon Pusateri). Contributed Photo.

For the third consecutive year, the Boardman High School Varsity Quiz Bowl team earned the Mahoning League title. The team competed for the championship at Youngstown State University on Saturday, February 25. They won matches over Warren Harding, United and Poland to be league tournament champs.

The Mahoning League has expanded to 24 teams this year, and students must answer academic-based questions ranging from literature, science, math, history, etc. Boardman's JV and Varsity teams are League Champs for the third year in a row. Varsity team Captain Pranav Padmanabhan, a junior, is the league's leading scorer for the second consecutive year, averaging over 100 points per game.

Coach Randy Nord calls her 14 member group hard-working. "I continue to be amazed at not only the players' extensive knowledge in a wide variety of subject areas, but also at their persistent dedication to win. Two of our players have gone the extra mile by attending 'Quiz Bowl Camp' during the summer. The team also practices together at an online forum they've created, above and beyond our weekly practices at Boardman High."

Boardman's Quiz Bowl kids are currently working on fundraising to help finance the trip to the state tournament in Columbus on April 8, and to the national tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 27.

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Community Health and Safety Event held at Campbell Memorial



Master Park teaching students and community members. Contributed Photos.

Master Park presented the programs at Community Health and Safety Event at Campbell Memorial Elementary and Middle School providing information and training students and community members in the importance of Health, Education, Discipline, and Respect for individual and community.

American Heart Association, Akron Children Hospital, Campbell Schools, Campbell City, and Master Park Martial Arts International and their students were involved to educate and promote Community Health.

For information of Master Park Martial Arts community Health, Safety project and community involvement, visit www.MasterPark.com or call Master Park at 330-965-9000 in Boardman Location.



Downtown Kiwanis Welcomes New Member



Kiwanis President Carla Hunter and Past Lt. Governor Chris McCarty present Kathy Mock her certificate of membership. Contributed Photo.

The Kiwanis Club of Youngstown welcomed new member Kathy Mock during its February 17 meeting. Kiwanis President Carla Hunter and Past Lt. Governor Chris McCarty presented Mock her certificate of membership and Kiwanis membership pin.

Mock is the director of education and initiatives for the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley.

Chartered in 1916, the Kiwanis Club of Youngstown - dedicated to serving the children of the world - is the oldest and largest club in the area. Throughout the year, Downtown Kiwanis members volunteer and financially support a variety of causes including Youngstown's CityScape, the Butler Institute of American Art, Making Kids Count, Neighborhood Ministries, Salvation Army bell ringing, Meals On Wheels and more.

The club meets every Friday at noon at the Downtown YMCA, 17 North Champion Street, and guests are always welcome. For more information on the club and Kiwanis, contact Chris McCarty, 330-729-1017 or cell 310-948-8858.

Brookfield Bridge Builders Ranked Among Top Competitors



L to R: Zack Crisan, Noah Gilbert and Derrick Crozier. Contributed Photo.

Three students from Tim Reinsel's Physics class competed in the Youngstown State University Bridge Building Competition on February 24. The Brookfield team, made up of Zack Crisan, Noah Gilbert, and Derrick Crozier, placed first overall with a bridge that held 130.96 pounds.

The Brookfield boys team not only won first place, but their bridge ranks among the best in efficiency in competition history. Brookfield Schools extend congratulations to the team on their win and excellent ranking at the competition! The YSU competition included two teams from sixteen different area schools.

Three new members and guest speaker at Austintown Rotary



Top: Austintown President Ed Kalaher, Stephanie Shaw, and Nick Orosan from EOE Partnership. Above, left to right: Don Sherwood, Jaysn Hill, Pete Kusky, Chuck Baker, and Sieglinde Warren, District 6650 Governor. Contributed Photos.

Ed Kalaher, President of the Rotary Club of Austintown, introduced three new members to the club at the March 6 meeting. Don Sherwood, Jaysn Hill, and Pete Kusky were inducted by Chuck Baker, long time member, and District Governor Sieglinde Warren added her endorsement by presenting theme pins to each. The new members, all Austintown Fitch alumni, are sponsored by Kalaher, and are eager to get involved with local service projects, hoping to also involve their families.

Guest speaker for the day was Stephanie Shaw, director of the Eastern Ohio Educational Partnership, which coordinates the efforts of local school districts and colleges/universities to improve the access of students to educational success and higher goals. Currently the group is working with Warren, Youngstown, and Campbell city districts in the areas of pre-school readiness, third grade reading testing, eighth grade math exams, and transition from high school to college. In its second year, their goal is to increase awareness of educational options and improvement of the student from early life to adulthood.

Warren Juniorette Girls honor local first responders



For Valentine's Day, the GFWC Ohio Warren Juniorette Girls honored our local Firemen, EMS, and Rescue Squad at the Warren Central Fire Station with cookies, candy, snacks, and Valentine treats to thank them for saving lives, protecting us, and serving our community on a daily basis. They also had the wonderful opportunity to meet the Firemen on duty, tour the firestation, and preview the trucks. From left to right: Gia Delbono, Liz Delbono, Warren Central Fireman Brian Barton, Julie Vugrinovich, and Jan Elliott. Contributed Photo.

Oh Wow! teaches about electricity with hands-on activities



Above: Fourth grade teacher, Justine Truslow teaches a group of 5th grade students how energy will be used in the catapult activity.

Right: Jenna Battaglia helps 6th grade students use wires to connect circuits or switches to power up fans, light bulbs and more. Bottom right: Dylan O'Brien working hard to provide power to various light bulbs by riding the Oh

Wow! Children's Center brought their Electricity activities to Campbell Elementary/Middle School on February 27 to do hands-on experiments with middle school students, based on what they are learning in class.

Ralf Urbach and Jenna Battaglia from Oh Wow! in Youngstown spent the day with students in grades 4-7, first talking with and teaching them about electricity, circuits, sound and motion, as well as the different types of energy.

The students then participated in hands-on activities in small groups to learn more about these concepts. Students were able to ride a bike that was used to power different types of light bulbs. They found that different types of bulbs needed more energy to light up, so they needed to pedal harder and faster to achieve that.

Students also built catapults out of spoons to launch marshmallows at a tower of cups, trying to knock it down. They needed to use different types of force to achieve their goal. They also experimented with different types of circuit blocks to power light bulbs, fans or noise makers. Each grade took turns visiting the exhibits and can't wait for another visit from Oh Wow!



VFW Auxiliary 9571 Puts Veterans First



Those participating in this effort are, from left, Rosemary Tornincasa, Auxiliary 9571 Treasurer; Lori Stone, Youngstown VA Clinic Volunteer Coordinator; and Cathy Schafer, Auxiliary 9571 President. Contributed Photo.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to the All-American Post 9571 are again showing their support for our Veterans. The Auxiliary recently donated \$150 in Aldi gift cards to be used to purchase food for the Youngstown Veterans Administration Clinic Food Pantry. Both the Auxiliary and Post support the food pantry as a way to provide help to needy and homeless veterans. The Auxiliary also donated bags of personal items for the women veterans who frequent the Clinic. Often times the women are not recognized as much as they could be.

The Clinic Coffee Cart is always a busy place, so the Auxiliary members packaged 125 bags of cookies to satisfy those veterans who have a sweet tooth.

By supporting the VA Clinic in all these ways, the VFW Auxiliary 9571 feel that they are fulfilling their motto, "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes", because they know that to them, Veterans come first.

Montessori School Presents Spelling Bee Representative

Nina Dill will represent The Montessori School of the Mahoning Valley in the Vindicator's 84th Annual Spelling Bee on March, 11th, 2017 at YSU for the second year in a row.

Nina is in 7th grade at MSMV. Last year, she won the school spelling bee and went on to earn 2nd place at the Vindicator Spelling Bee at YSU. She will represent the school again this year. Congratulations and best of luck, Nina!



Veterans Come to Dinner

Veterans of Foreign Wars Ohio District 8 Posts and Auxiliaries recently hosted a night out for about fifty Veterans from Wade Park VA Hospital in Cleveland. The Veterans arrived by bus at VFW Aurora Post 2629 just in time for dinner. They were greeted by the VFW members and Auxiliary members from throughout District 8. Post Commander Ken Reik and his Post members provided a delicious swiss steak dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans. A cake and a variety of desserts provided by the VFW Auxiliaries were the perfect ending for the meal. The Veterans then enjoyed many games of BINGO, with prizes of coupon books that could be used at the hospital commissary. Both the District 8 Commander Jim Tornincasa and District 8 Auxiliary President Dominique Graves-Robinson were on hand to help with this hospital event.

Before the Veterans boarded their busses to return to Wade Park VA Hospital, each one was given their choice of a hand-made lap robe or a fleece blanket, and they also received a large bag containing socks, word find book, writing tablet, and personal items. Each bag also contained a Buddy Poppy, which is associated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

Just as Post 2629 Commander Ken Reik managed the dinner arrangements and BINGO games for this event, District 8 Auxiliary Hospital Chairman Elaine Reed coordinated the desserts and acquiring all of the items that were given to the Veterans to take home with them. This Hospital Event was a huge success, and the Post and Auxiliaries look forward to another one around this time next year.

Mill Creek Metroparks share story of The Little Red Hen



Above: Brenda Markley reading *The Little Red Hen* to Kimberly Pecchia's 1st grade class. Top right: Students making their playdough. Right, top L to bottom R: Sah'nyah Jackson, Dorian Peffer, Louis Jones and Michael Boerio show off their purple playdough. Contributed Photos.

Campbell 1st Graders received a visit from Mill Creek Metroparks to hear the story of *The Little Red Hen* by Margot Zemach, and learn all about farming wheat. Brenda Markley, who works for the experimental farm in Canfield, helped the students role play while she read the book

aloud. She also taught them how wheat is planted, harvested and used to bake bread.

After the story, students in Kimberly Pecchia's class were separated into groups and had to work together to make playdough. Each student was assigned a role and



together they had to follow the recipe to make a successful batch of purple playdough. Everyone enjoyed the activity and can't wait for the Metroparks to visit again soon!

Troop 25 recognizes Scouts at 2017 Winter Court of Honor

Boy Scout Troop 25 chartered to Canfield United Methodist Church recognized Scouts and adult volunteers at their recent Winter Court of Honor in Fellowship Hall at the church.

The Winter Court of Honor honors the Scouts who have earned rank advancements, merit badges and other awards in Scouting since the last Court of Honor.

After a dinner recognizing the 107th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the 91st Anniversary of Troop 25, everyone was welcomed by the Troop Committee Chairman Mr. John Kightlinger, who served as Master of Ceremonies, and the Court of Honor was opened by the troop's color guard.

Scouts being recognized that evening and their recognitions are: Chris Altieri-Family Life, First Aid and Safety Merit Badges; Owen Bowser-Tenderfoot Award; Luke Bowser- Citizenship in

the Community and Communication Merit Badges; Noah Christoff-Scout Award; Prab Dhaliwal-First Class Award; Owen DiRenzo-Scout Award; Joshua Farley-Star Award and Ad Altare Dei Religious Award; Andrew Hamilton-Scout Award; John Heino- F Citizenship in the Nation and Finger Printing Merit Badges; Cade Henry - Scout Award; Hunter Hykes- one Bronze and one Silver Eagle Palm; Trevor Hykes-Personal Management Merit Badge; Jacob Kuszaj-Star Award; Evan Madison-Scout Award; Mosier-Eagle Scout Award and Albert Pacella-Scout Award.

John Heino, the Order of the Arrow (OA) Troop Representative for the troop gave an update on the Wapashuwi lodge - Order of the Arrow upcoming final activities of the lodge before merging into Marnoc Lodge at the end of May.

One highlight of the



Above: Scouts John Heino (l) and Luke Bowser (middle) were presented with the Troop 25 2016 Herman West Most Active Scout Award and Boy Scout. Jacob Kuszaj (r) was presented with the Troop 25 2016 Jimmy Jones Outstanding Scout Award. Far left: Prab Dhaliwal (r) was presented the First Class Award by Eagle Scout and Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Don Duda. Left: Eagle Scout Hunter Hykes (r) was presented with 1 Bronze and 1 Silver Eagle Palms, representing 41 Merit Badges earned, by Eagle Scout and Troop Committee Chairman Mr. John Kightlinger. Contributed Photos.

evening was the awarding of two special Troop 25 awards. The Troop 25 2016 Herman West Most Active Scout Award had a tie and the award was presented to Luke Bowser and John Heino. The Troop 25 2016 Jimmy Jones Outstanding Scout Award was presented to Jacob Kuszaj.

Troop 25's upcoming calendar includes Advancement Camp in March, participation in the Mill Creek MetroParks Earth Day Cleanup and a camping weekend for BTM Clays in April, canoeing and the Canfield Memorial Day Parade in May, Mammoth Caves

trip in June, the Canfield Fourth of July Parade and Summer Camp in July at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation in Kensington, Ohio, canoeing the Allegheny River in August and Put-In-Bay in September.

Troop 25 meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the basement of Canfield United Methodist Church at 27 S. Broad St. in Canfield. For more information about the troop and its activities, contact the Scoutmaster, Kevin Prus, Sr. at 330-533-5616. Summer times and locations may change so be sure to contact the Scoutmaster ahead of time.



WEB ONLY PAGES!

Dobbins hosts creative Mother-Daughter Night



Top left: Artist Matt Batcho, who volunteered his time for the students.
 Top right (l to r), Marissa Rapp, Sammie Massucci, Brooklyn Hink, Paige Fluent, Marina Faunda, Anjolena Faunda and Ava Billinsky.
 Right: Kristin Masucci, Shirley Smith, Tracy Kleim, Marina Faunda, Angie Billinsky.

There were hearts everywhere at Dobbins Elementary...the painted kind, and the kind of sentiment that was bubbling between mothers and daughters. The PTO sponsored the first "Cupcakes and Canvas" event on February 23rd, and they're calling it a big success.

"Paint Nights" are now the popular "Girls Night Out" for many busy moms,



but Poland Dobbins thought the idea would make a great Mother-Daughter bonding night.

There was a lot of creativity throughout the halls at Dobbins, as more than 115

3rd and 4th grade girls worked on a colorful heart style painting with their moms, or special female figure in their lives. Then they enjoyed cupcakes, and dancing with DJ music provided.

Lake Milton Auxiliary 737 donates to veterans



Lake Milton Unit 737 American Legion Auxillary members collected comfort care items to be distributed to homeless veterans in the Youngstown area.

Top left: Volunteers packed 20 bags to be sent to the VA clinic in Youngstown to be distributed. MaryAnn Hughes, Chair; Tracy Ayers, Janice Pitzer, Jeanette Hendershot, Carmella Yakell

Top right: Lori Stone, Director of Volunteer Services, Youngstown VA Clinic, with all of the 20 bags ready to distribute.
 Left: Karen Shesko, Public Relations, & MaryAnn Hughes, Chair Veterans Affairs, ALA 737, with all of the donated items to pack in the bags. Contributed Photos.



It's Getting Hot At MCCTC!



Seniors in the Public Safety Fire Lab at the MCCTC and Choffin Career Center experienced what it was like to battle a blaze on the grounds of the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center this week. It was all part of the Firefighter II Certification that the students receive when they complete the program. It is flammable gas training; where they use propane gas that is fed to a prop in the shape of a tree. The students then advanced in towards the tree while being protected by fog streams in order to shut off the fuel source and extinguish the fire. This is one of the last requirements that the students need to complete the fire class. A special thank you to Amerigas in Cortland, OH for their generous donation of propane gas. Contributed Photo.

Laughing All the Way to the State Title!



Qualifying competitors: Back row l to r: Dominic DuPonty, Colin Syriano, Grant DeCapua, Michael Factor, Anthony Biondillo, Robert Faix, Drake Safranic, Angelo Cestone, Carson Markley, Mitchell Halley, Taryn Rothbauer, Alexis Heldreth, Lindsay Davis, Abby Sigler, Alexander Kluchar, Michael Stefanick, Jack Cross, Max Lee, Jordan Audia, Dominic DeRamo, Zachery Bernat, Ben Lawson, Ally Cooper.
 Front l to r: Jared Albright, Gregory Halley, Alex Sanders, Jen Smith, Taylor Mead, Claire Berlin, Abi Hursh, Lexi Denney, Anna Sinclair, Smaranda Solomon, Eva Lamberson.

There's nothing humorous about being a State Champion...or is there? For Canfield High School senior Zachery Bernat it's all about the laughs! He is the State Champion in the Humorous Interpretation category. There were over 1,000 students from 84 teams competing at the 2017 Ohio High School Speech League State Tournament hosted by Olmsted Falls and Berea-Midpark on March 3-4, 2017. Canfield finished in tenth place overall. Head coach Jeremy Hamilton says, "Canfield has finished in the Top 10 in Ohio eight times in the past nine years!" Additionally, senior Carson Markley was also a State Finalist, finishing in seventh place in International Extemporaneous Speaking.

Students from Canfield earning recognition: Zachery Bernat - Senior - Humor - State Champion; Carson Markley - Senior - International Extemp - 7th in Ohio; Jack Cross - Senior - Drama - Top 12 in Ohio; Michael Stefanick - Senior - Drama - Top 12 in Ohio;

Taryn Rothbauer - Junior - Original Oratory - Top 12 in Ohio; Dominic DeRamo - Sophomore - United States Extemp - Top 12 in Ohio; Eva Lamberson - Junior - Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Top 16 in Ohio; Gregory Halley - Sophomore - Humor - Top 24 in Ohio; Smaranda Solomon - Junior - International Extemp - Top 24 in Ohio; Anna Sinclair - Junior - United States Extemp - Top 24 in Ohio; Jen Smith - Junior - Public Forum Debate - Top 32 in Ohio; Dominic DuPonty - Junior - Public Forum Debate - Top 32 in Ohio; Ben Lawson - Junior - Congressional Debate - Top 48 in Ohio; Drake Safranic - Junior - Congressional Debate - Top 48 in Ohio.



State Champ (l to r): Lennon Sackela (coach), Zachery Bernat, Jeremy Hamilton (coach). Contributed Photos.

Austintown students awarded at bridge building competition



Above (l to r): Wayne Harvey Design Award Winners Owen Yohman, Kyle Anderson, and Victor LaRose
 Right: Bridge construction during the competition. Contributed Photos.

The Austintown Local Schools would like to congratulate the 10th grade STEM students who competed in the Mahoning Valley Miniature Bridge Building Competition at YSU on Friday, February 24th. The objective of the event was to design and build a structure with the highest load-to-weight capacity ratio using supplied materials.

Owen Yohman, Kyle Anderson, and Victor LaRose won The Wayne Harvey Design Award. This highly recognized award is given to the team that has the most complex design, high efficiency and is aesthetically pleasing.

The other 10th grade STEM team consisted of Aaron Baldwin, Tyler Short, and Andrew Hall. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Sharon Regional Recognizes Employees



Patricia J. LaRocca (above, far right) and Gregory Bookwalter (right) were honored recently by Sharon Regional Health System. Contributed Photos.



Sharon Regional announced today that it has recognized two employees for exceptional patient care and commitment to nursing.

Patricia J. LaRocca, a registered nurse in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit at Sharon Regional Health System received the 2016 Cameo of Caring award representing Sharon Regional Health System. The Cameos of Caring® Program & Awards honor exceptional bedside nurses who work at acute care hospitals. The program was established in 1999 in keeping with the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing's commitment to the advancement and promotion of the nursing profession.

Cameos of Caring® award recipients are recognized as role models within their facility and beyond. Each facility selects their award recipient. These individuals: Demonstrate a commitment to consistent, proactive clinical decision-making and excellence in nursing care; Serve as an advocate for patients and their families; Serve as a role model - encouraging and motivating other healthcare professionals.

Patricia, a graduate of the Sharon Regional School of Nursing, joined Sharon Regional's Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit System in 2000. Prior to working at Sharon Regional, she was a cardiovascular nurse in two area hospitals. In addition to her full-time position, Patricia is a certified Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor and a volunteer first responder for the Clark Volunteer Fire Department. She was honored at the annual Cameos of Caring Awards Gala that took place on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh. She and her husband, John, live in Clark. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Gregory Bookwalter, a paramedic in the Emergency Care Center at Sharon Regional Health System, was selected as the organization's Employee of the Month for January 2017.

Gregory joined Sharon Regional's Emergency Care Center in 1999 holding both part-time and full-time positions. Outside of his role as a paramedic in the Emergency department, Gregory received instructor certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), in addition to being an instructor for the hospital's emergency response team, or HERT. Before becoming a full-time employee at Sharon Regional, Gregory worked as a paramedic for Gold Cross, Rural Metro, Superior, and NOGA ambulance services and as a flight paramedic with STAT Medevac. During his career, he was selected as the Paramedic of the Year and has held various other health care certifications.

Gregory was selected as Employee of the Month because of his concern for patients and their families in the emergency department and was recognized for being responsive to their needs. Gregory lives in West Middlesex, PA and has three daughters and a son.

Glenwood Student to compete in State Geography Bee



Brendan Butler and Social Studies teacher Vince Carnavale. Contributed Photo.

Brendan Butler, a 7th grade student at Glenwood Junior High, will compete in the 2017 Ohio State Geography Bee on Friday, March 31. The competition will take place at the Fawcett Center on the campus of the Ohio State University. Brendan earned a score on the qualifying test, to compete as one of only 100 top students in Ohio. He is one of only two students from the Mahoning Valley to qualify.

The winner of the state bee will advance to the National Geography Bee, which will be held in Washington, DC May 14-17. These events will be sponsored by the National Geographic Society in order to improve geographic literacy and integrate more technology into the classroom.

Fitch Student's Art Selected for House of Representatives Exhibition



Wendy Liu with her artwork that will be on display at the 2017 House of Representatives Student Art Exhibition, and Gold Key Artwork from her portfolio. Contributed Photos.



Senior Wendy Liu recently received notification her artwork will be on display as part of the 2017 House of Representatives Student Art Exhibition. Her work was selected to represent House District 58 and will be on display in Columbus at the Vern Riffe Center for Government & the Arts, where she travelled Saturday, March 4th to attend an awards ceremony and viewing reception. Following the ceremony and reception, Liu was also invited to tour the Ohio Statehouse.

"Wendy is self-motivated. Anything she does, she applies herself 100%. Wendy is constantly practicing her "craft" and seeking ways to improve her already incredible talent. Her drive, talent and determination in all that she does will surely pay dividends in her future as an artist and as a person," says Liu's art teacher, Adam Leskanic.

This marks the second time Liu has been recognized for her artwork this school year. Leskanic says, "Wendy's artwork was also part of a Scholastic Art Gold Key Portfolio. She won a Gold Key in January for her portfolio."

Cookie Table & Cocktails winners announced



From left: Rachelle Benchwick, Tysa Egleton, Deb Nagy, Shellie DelSignore, Rikki Lynn Winger, Philomena Tiberio, daughter of Mary Carano, Leah Bortz, Trevor Jorgenson, Marnie Holcomb. Contributed Photo.

The Mahoning Valley Historical Society is proud to announce the winners of the fifth annual cookie contest as part of the Cookie Table & Cocktails event held at the Tyler History Center on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Over 60 amateur and professional bakers contributed their confections to the Cookie Table. Entries were judged by community leaders and the winners were named in professional, amateur and special categories.

Category Winners: Youngest Baker, Trevor Jorgenson; Oldest Baker, Mary Carano & Philomena Tiberio; Best Traditional Cookie, Caramel Cups - Marnie Holcomb; Best Twist on Traditional Cookie, Stuffed Pizzelle - Leah Bortz; Best Chocolate Cookie, Chocolate Fudge Delights - Christine Burlock; Best Decorated Cookie, Hungarian Flower Cookie - Shellie DelSignore.

Professional Division: Judge's Choice (Overall Winner) Caramel Cups - Marnie Holcomb; 1st Place I'll Cashew Later Biscotti - Susan Cabot; 2nd Place S'Mores Pizzelles - Christina Benton; 3rd Place Peanut Butter Blossoms - Rikki Lynn Winger.

Amateur Division: Judge's Choice (Overall Winner) Almond Meltaways - Tysa Egleton; 1st Place Stuffed Pizzelle - Leah Bortz; 2nd Place Nut Kiffle - Deb Nagy; 3rd Place Twist on a Peanut Butter Cookie - Rachelle Benchwick.

Ursuline High School Alumna Wins Hollywood Award

Vera Herbert ('07) was a winner at the Writer's Guild of America Annual Awards. Vera, a "This is Us" writer, penned the ninth episode of the NBC drama entitled "The Trip." The ceremony took place at the Beverly Hills Hilton.

Herbert, a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts, said, "I am so thrilled to be honored by my peers and to get to represent the show I love so much. "This Is Us" is a dream-come-true for me. I am beyond lucky to get to work with our phenomenal team of writers, directors, actors and crew. I'm truly proud of all the work we've done for season one and can't wait to keep bringing these stories to life for season two and beyond."



West Branch Middle School March Students of the Month



Front Row (l to r): Bella Weber, Anna Curry, Addyson Jones, Madison Rhome; Back Row: Beau Alazaus, Croesus Fu, Nick Wilson, JD Brain. Contributed Photo.

West Branch Middle School recognizes one boy and girl student each month as their "Students of the Month" for excelling in the classroom and for having good character. Students at WBMS that define good character are trustworthy, caring, responsible, respectful, fair, and have good citizenship.

This month's winners are 8th graders JD Brain and Madison Rhome; 7th graders Nick Wilson and Addyson Jones; 6th graders Croesus Fu and Anna Curry; and 5th graders Beau Alazaus and Bella Weber.