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## Mohip defends use of firm from Chicago past

City schools CEO says his involvement is strictly professional

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

CEO Krish Mohip said his focus remains on improving Youngstown City Schools – not strengthening old business ties.

During last week's Youngstown school board finance committee meeting, chairman Dario Hunter criticized the district's involvement with Atlantic Research Partners, a firm Mohip hired to do a principal

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search for \$12,500.

Mohip also hired ARP during his time with Chicago Public Schools.

Hunter cited ARP's acquisition of The SUPES Academy, a training program for education leadership positions such as principals and superintendents.

SUPES was part of a multimillion-dollar kickback scandal that sent former owners Gary Solomon and Thomas Vranas and former Chicago Public Schools CEO and SUPES consultant Barbara Byrd-Bennett to prison for seven years, 18 months and four years, respectively.

Byrd-Bennett also was in charge of Chicago Public Schools while Mohip was employed there.

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**“ I CONTRACTED WITH ARP TO ... HELP ME FIND HIGH-QUALITY PRINCIPALS FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOLS.”**

**KRISH MOHIP,**  
chief executive officer,  
Youngstown city schools



**WASHINGTON**

## US ready to use force in N. Korea, but prefers trade clout

Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS**

The United States vowed Wednesday to use military force to defend the country and its allies against a North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile if necessary, but said it prefers to use its clout in international trade to address the growing threat.

In a hard-hitting speech at an emergency meeting of the

U.N. Security Council after Pyongyang's successful launch of an ICBM, U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said that "the world has become a more dangerous

place" and China has a key role in promoting peace.

China is responsible for 90 percent of trade with North Korea, and Haley warned that Beijing risks its massive trade with the United States if its business dealings with Pyongyang violate U.N. sanctions.

She said the United States doesn't seek conflict – "in fact we seek to avoid it." But she said the launch of an ICBM "is a clear and sharp military escalation" and the U.S. is prepared to use its "considerable military forces" to defend itself and its allies "if we must."

But Haley said the Trump administration prefers "not

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Cross-fit coach is first woman to pass YFD agility test since '04

## Fit for firefighting



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Erin Gilmour is a cross-fit coach and lifeguard at the Trumbull Country Club in Warren. She also is the first woman since 2004 to pass the Youngstown Fire Department's physical agility test, a series of tasks all firefighters must complete within seven minutes.

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

**A**fter all the training and planning, Erin Gilmour says it was a shout from her mother that pushed her the most to become the first woman in 13 years to pass the city fire department's physical agility test.

She was faltering as she was going through some of the firefighter tasks at Chaney High School when her mother's voice pierced through the air and spurred her on to finish.

"When my mom yelled, it got me back to my game plan," Gilmour said.

Gilmour, a cross-fit coach and former criminal justice major at Youngstown State University who graduated from Howland High School,

is the second woman to pass the test since it was upgraded in 2000 to make it harder.

Only one other woman, Lt. Courtney Kelly, passed the current incarnation of the test, and that was in 2004. Kelly is one of five female firefighters in the department. The other four were hired before the new test was in effect.

The test was administered

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**FEDERAL COURT**

## Ex-mayor of Campbell gets prison, must pay back \$1.2M

Krinos sentenced on fraud, tax charges

By JUSTIN WIER  
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**YOUNGSTOWN**

Former Campbell Mayor George Krinos was sentenced to 57 months in prison and ordered to pay \$1.2 million in restitution to those he defrauded.

Judge Dan Aaron Polster in federal court in Cleveland issued the punishment Wednesday afternoon.

Krinos, 39, of Boardman, served as mayor of Campbell from December 2009 to January 2011, when he resigned.

In January, Krinos pleaded guilty to a count of securities fraud and a count of willful failure to collect or pay tax after defrauding more than 10 investors out of nearly \$1.2 million between 2011 and 2014.

Krinos received 57 months for each count, but the sentences run concurrently. He must turn himself over to the U.S. Marshals Service on Sept. 15.

The sentence also includes three years of supervised release and a \$200 special assessment.

Jeffrey Lazarus, the federal public defender who represented Krinos, said the sentence was agreed to in the plea deal.

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Krinos

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The Design Review Committee rejected two proposals from NYO Property Group, one of downtown's major landlords, for vinyl signs on the company-owned Metropolitan Tower and a vacant building at 16 Wick Ave.  
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**BROWN VISITS WARREN**  
U.S. Sen. Sherrrod Brown joined Warren Mayor Doug Franklin as well as Valley businesses and workers Wednesday to promote an economic agenda to help Ohioans and protect American manufacturing jobs.  
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**SCRAPPERS TRIUMPH**  
Mahoning Valley rebounded from its Independence Day extra-inning loss with a 4-1 win over West Virginia on Wednesday.  
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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**Diocese explores options to get dining hall back to serving needy**  
By KALEA HALL  
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**YOUNGSTOWN**  
The St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall is still closed, but the Diocese of Youngstown intends to continue to feed the hungry.  
"[Officials] are looking at all options to ensure the food program, as well as the other ministries provided by St. Vincent, will be intact," said Monsignor John Zuraw, chancellor for the diocese.  
However, Monsignor Zuraw would not discuss the options being considered to feed the hungry several days after the hall was closed.  
The dining hall, at 208 W. Front St., was closed after an inspection by the Mahoning County Building Inspection Department found the facility is unsafe. A safety inspection found a collapsed ceiling above a second-floor office, rotting floor under compartment sinks on the first floor and rotting floor-joint tails in the basement of the building.  
An employee complaint  
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**Congratulations, Deshaun Mason!**  
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WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE: A Doctor  
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Through the Inspiring Minds summer program, 200 Youngstown students will participate in continuing education, sports, art, community service, swimming, field trips and more this summer.  
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## Our VOICE

## What role will US play in international affairs?

JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS after he clashed with European leaders over climate change, global trade and immigration, President Donald J. Trump will again face the reality that America's leadership in the world's biggest economies is no longer a given.

Indeed, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and Canadian President Justin Trudeau already have disagreed with Trump over various issues.

As Merkel told a meeting of German business leaders about open markets, "We'll do all we can to get as broad an agreement on this as possible in Hamburg. Given the new American administration that's not easy, but nonetheless we need to make the effort."

But the outspoken German leader, who along with other Europeans have expressed concern about Trump's seeming protectionist tendencies, had this to say about the strengthening of the trans-European alliance:

"The times in which we could completely rely on others are over to a certain extent. That is what I experienced in the last few days. That is why I can only say: We Europeans must really take our fate into our own hands."

Other European leaders share that opinion, including France's new president, Macron, who proved many political experts wrong when he won the election and secured a solid majority in parliament.

If Trump wants the truth about what awaits him at the G20 Summit on Friday and Saturday in Hamburg, he would do well to read the analysis by Patrick Wintour, diplomatic editor of the *Guardian* newspaper of Britain.

Here's what Wintour's wrote, in part:

"The G20 summit brings together the world's biggest economies, representing 85% of global gross domestic product (GDP), and Merkel's chosen agenda looks likely to maximize American isolation while attempting to minimize disunity amongst others.

"The meeting, which is set to be the scene of large-scale protests, will also mark the first meeting between Trump and Russian president, Vladimir Putin, as world leaders."

## AMERICA FIRST

During the presidential campaign last year, Trump made it clear that America First would define his foreign and trade policies. He has kept his word.

The president continues to rail against America's trading partners, accusing them of unfair practices.

Trump has talked about setting aside trade agreements with countries around the world, and has made it clear his administration will push for a level playing field.

His decision to pull the United States out of the Paris climate agreement was hailed by his supporters, but criticized by the countries that remain committed to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions. According to the G20 summit analysis in the *Guardian*, Germany's Merkel has prepared the ground carefully on climate change, hosting the two allies she needs most, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

China is the single largest emitter of carbon and India the third. If they followed the U.S. in rejecting the Paris agreement, the whole process would unravel, the *Guardian* contended.

But both countries have said they will not pull out of the treaty, and will surpass their Paris commitments on reduction of carbon emissions.

But Trump is undaunted because Republicans in Congress and around the country continue to support his decision to withdraw.

On the other hand, countries that remain committed to dealing with climate change see the U.S. as irresponsible and shortsighted.

Trump has raised the prospect of renegotiating the Paris accords, but he will find out this week that there isn't widespread support for rewarding America's behavior.

Indeed, the American delegation to the G20 summit has received a warning of sorts from U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres: If the U.S. disengages from too many issues confronting the international community it will be replaced as world leader.

That observation should guide President Trump as he joins other leaders of the world's largest economies in trying to find the right balance between preserving national sovereignty and boosting global development.

How Trump conducts himself during the summit will set the stage for America's role in the world.

## SCRIPTURES

The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

## Kids need to play outdoors

By TOM PURCELL

Cagle Cartoons

Ah, summer is upon us. That means the media are publishing a spate of articles that offer tips to parents on how to make their kids go outside and play – some of the articles encourage parents to let their kids experience a 1970s childhood.

I grew up in the Pittsburgh suburbs in the 1970s, and it truly was a glorious time to be a kid in America.

We went on bike hikes deep into the hills, visiting the game reserve in the county park to feed the buffalo (there really were buffalo there!). Or we'd find the steepest hill and race to the bottom.

Some days, we'd play baseball from dawn until dinner. Or we'd go down to the creek and build a dam out of rocks, then catch frogs, crayfish and minnows.

One of my favorite activities was building shacks and forts. With all the new houses going up nearby, we were able to scarf some scrap materials and use our imagination to design and build our own little dreams.

Or we'd dabble in a little mischief. It was a primitive hunting instinct that led us to whip rotten pears at moving cars. Every once in awhile, a driver would screech to a halt, cuss, then chase after us. We'd escape by running through a dark, 500-foot creek aqueduct that ran under the neighborhood.

The only real rules for kids then were that we were given lots of trust until we messed up, and that we be home for dinner.

I still hear my father's booming voice ricocheting off the hills: "Tom, dinner! Tom, dinner!" Some families used bells or horns to call their kids home.

## GRAND DINNERS

And summer dinners were grand. My father grilled up chicken or pork chops, while my sisters and I brought the salad, vegetables and potato salad out from the kitchen. My mother made sun tea most days and after several hours exploring the woods, those summer dinners always hit the spot.

After dinner, we'd listen to broadcaster Bob Prince announce the Pirates' games – "You can kiss it goodbye!" he'd say when Wilver "Willie" Stargell smacked one into the upper deck. And after cleaning up, we'd head on up to the woods. We'd play the games we invented until darkness settled over the hills.

Too few kids are experiencing such activities playing outside these days. Thus, they're suffering from Nature-Deficit Disorder, a term coined by journalist Richard Louv in his book "Last Child in the Woods."

Louv spent 10 years traveling around America, interviewing parents, kids, teachers, researchers and others to learn about children's experiences with nature. His findings: During the last 30 years, our sensationalist media have "scared children straight out of the woods and fields." Parents are afraid to let kids out of their sight – afraid their kids might get hurt.

Add to that the advent of television, video games and the internet, and the result is this: Kids aren't getting out much anymore. And because they're not getting out, they're withdrawing from nature – the chief place where they use all five of their senses at once.

The consequences of withdrawing from nature are not good. Kids lose their sense of being rooted in the world. They're more likely to experience stress, hyperactivity, attention-deficit disorder and other modern maladies.

Thankfully, there is a solution: Allow today's kids to get a taste of the glorious '70s childhood experiences their parents got to enjoy not so long ago.

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## There is a sequence to success: Marriage before baby carriage

## WASHINGTON

The Bronx, the only one of New York City's five boroughs that is on the American mainland, once had a sociological as well as geographical distinction. In the 1930s it was called, as Daniel Patrick Moynihan noted, "the city without a slum." It was "the one place in the whole of the nation where commercial housing was built during the Great Depression." In the third quarter of the 20th century, however, there came, particularly in the South Bronx, social regression that Moynihan described as "an Armageddonic collapse that I do not believe has its equal in the history of urbanization."

Of the several causes of descent, there and elsewhere, into the intergenerational transmission of poverty, one was paramount: family disintegration. Some causes of this remain unclear, but something now seems indisputable: Among today's young adults, the "success sequence" is insurance against poverty. The evidence is in "The Millennial Success Sequence" published by the American Enterprise Institute and the Institute for Family Studies and written by Wendy Wang of the IFS and W. Bradford Wilcox of the University of Virginia and AEI.

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The success sequence, previously suggested in research by, among others, Ron Haskins and Isabel Sawhill of the Brookings Institution, is this: First get at least a high school diploma, then get a job, then get married, and only then have children. Wang and Wilcox, focusing on millennials ages 28 to 34, the oldest members of the nation's largest generation, have found that only 3 percent who follow this sequence are poor.

A comparably stunning 55 percent of this age cohort have had children before marriage.



George F. Will

Only 25 percent of the youngest baby boomers (those born between 1957 and 1964) did that. Eighty-six percent of the Wang-Wilcox millennials who put "marriage before the baby carriage" have family incomes in the middle or top third of incomes. Forty-seven percent who did not follow the sequence are in the bottom third.

One problem today, Wilcox says, is the "soul-mate model of marriage," a self-centered approach that regards marriage primarily as an opportunity for personal growth and fulfillment rather than as a way to form a family. Another problem is that some of the intelligentsia see the success sequence as middle-class norms to be disparaged for being middle-class norms. And as AEI social scientist Charles Murray says, too many of the successful classes, who followed the success sequence, do not preach what they practice, preferring "ecumenical niceness" to being judgmental.

In healthy societies, basic values and social arrangements are not much thought about. They are "of course" matters expressing what sociologists call a society's "world-taken-for-granted." They have, however, changed since President Lyndon Johnson proclaimed "unconditional" war on poverty. This word suggested a fallacious assumption: Poverty persisted only because of hitherto weak government resolve regarding the essence of war – marshalling material resources.

But what if large causes of poverty are not matters of material distribution but are behavioral – bad choices and the cultures that produce

them? If so, policymakers must rethink their confidence in social salvation through economic abundance.

Reversing social regression using public policies to create a healthy culture is akin to "nation-building" abroad, an American undertaking not recently crowned with success. Wang and Wilcox recommend education focused on high-level occupational skills, subsidizing low-paying jobs, and "public and private social marketing campaigns," from public schools to popular media, promoting marriage toward the end of the success sequence.

## CULTURAL CAPITAL

Success is, of course, more complex than adherence to the sequence. Much cultural capital often is unavailable to poor people. In J.D. Vance's "Hillbilly Elegy," his memoir of his rise from Appalachian poverty to Yale Law School, he recounts his experience in the recruiting process with prestigious law firms, during which he learned, among many other things he did not learn at home, "use the fat spoon for soup" and "your shoes and belt should match." These may seem trivial matters; to upward mobility, they are not.

Much more important, however, is the success sequence. In Nathaniel Hawthorne's day, as in ours, it was said that problems were so daunting that old principles must yield to new realities. Perhaps, however, unfortunate new realities are the result of the disregard of old principles. Hawthorne recommended consulting "respectable old blockheads" who had "a death-grip on one or two ideas which had not come into vogue since yesterday morning." Ideas like getting an education, a job and a spouse before begetting children.

Washington Post Writers Group

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"So much for China working with us – but we had to give it a try!"

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, in a tweet, threaten-

ing to abandon working with China to address North Korea's nuclear arms and long-range missile programs. Trump criticized China for increasing its trade with Pyongyang.







MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Padres take down Indians

Tribe scores just twice despite getting 14 hits

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

While the Indians remain concerned about manager Terry Francona's health, the defending AL champions have plenty of smaller worries.

They aren't stringing hits together. They aren't winning at home. They aren't



Lindor

Next: San Diego at Cleveland, today, 7:10 p.m.

beating National League teams. A season of inconsistency isn't improving. Cory Spangenberg hit a two-run homer, Luis Perdomo won his third straight start and the San Diego Padres got another rare road win, beating Cleveland 6-2 on Wednesday night as the Indians were again without Francona, who remains in a Cleveland hospital.

Despite getting 14 hits, the Indians scored twice, their smallest output in a nine-inning game with that many hits since 1949.

"It's tough," said All-Star shortstop Francisco Lindor. "I guarantee we're trying. That might be why we're not scoring. We might be trying a little too hard. It's just our pitching staff is doing their

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# Cole's bat, arm lead Pirates over Philly

Bucs pitcher works six innings, drives in 2

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle felt like he was watching Little League, not major league.

Gerrit Cole pitched six strong innings and drove in his first runs of the season with a tiebreaking two-run single to lead Pittsburgh to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

"He basically Little League'd the guys tonight," Hurdle said. "He drives in two and pitches six strong."

Cole (7-7) rebounded from a poor outing last Friday against San Francisco and

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# French takes over at Springfield

Tigers' new boys basketball coach took Jefferson to back-to-back Division II district finals

By CHARLES GROVE  
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It was a match made in heaven. Steve French moved down from Ashtabula County, his home his whole life, to begin a new life with his new wife from Poland. And the Springfield boys basketball job opened.

"It was perfect timing," French said. "It was a blessing to be able to interview and be able to get it. They love their basketball at Springfield.

They support their school and that's where I want to be."

French replaces Eric Fender, who elected not to re-apply for the job after a successful run with the Tigers beginning in 2009.

French coached at Jefferson the past six seasons and was the head coach for the last four. The Falcons reached the district final French's past two seasons. In 2016, the team was the number-one seed in the district and fell to Perry 69-59 and



French

the next year the third-seeded Falcons lost to Lake Catholic 66-58.

French said while he honed in his coaching style and learned plenty up north, he's not planning on completely uprooting the system Springfield has in place.

"I want to bring the way I approached it there to Springfield," French said. "I want to play fast, be physical and get in your face on defense. But I'm not going to come in and change everything there.

[Springfield] has great tradition and a good fundamental foundation.

"I want to blend the stuff I like to do and what [the players] are good at."

While French isn't looking to necessarily abandon big players in favor of spreading the floor and shooting threes, transition play will be a big part of French's game plan.

"If we have shooters we'll let them fly and if we've got big kids will go down low," French said. "But I want to be on the fast break on makes and misses and take advantage

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— NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE BASEBALL —

# Bears bagged



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West Virginia's Brett Pope (3) steals second base in the third inning Wednesday night as Mahoning Valley Scrappers second baseman Dillon Persinger, left, awaits the throw. The Scrappers beat the Black Bears, 4-1, at Eastwood Field.

# Scrappers pitchers combine to shut down West Virginia at Eastwood Field

By STEVE RUMAN  
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NILES

Mahoning Valley Scrappers manager Luke Carlin has had his share of problems putting together his daily lineups during the first two weeks of the season.

But don't feel sorry for the rookie manager.

Carlin's "problems" are the type every manager wishes for.

"It's been tough, it's challenging making the lineup because there are so many contributors, so many worthy guys," Carlin said. "The guys all play with a lot of energy. It's tough keeping everyone fresh."

Tough as it may be, Carlin put together another winning lineup Wednesday, as the Scrappers defeated West Virginia 4-1 in front of 2,323 fans at Eastwood Field.

With the win, the Scrappers (10-5) reclaim a share of first place in the Pinckney Division of the New York-Penn League.

"We've battled through some long games,

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NIKOS FRAZIER | THE VINDICATOR

Mahoning Valley's Tyler Friis swings at a pitch in the bottom of the third inning against West Virginia on Wednesday at Eastwood Field. The Scrappers beat the Black Bears, 4-1.

WIMBLEDON

# Brengle upsets former champ

American shocks favorite Kvitova for first All England win

Associated Press

LONDON

Madison Brengle knew, of course, that her opponent, Petra Kvitova, was a two-time Wimbledon champion and a popular pick to win the title again this year.

Brengle also was aware, of course, that she herself never had won so much as one main-draw match at the All England Club until this week.

This, instead, is all the 27-year-old from Dover, Del., was focused on as she began playing Kvitova on Wednesday evening on Court No. 2: Please just let me win a game. The 95th-ranked Brengle did just that — and much, much more, stunning the 11th-seeded Kvitova 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 to reach the third round at Wimbledon.

The reason for Brengle's preoccupation with taking merely a single game? In her Wimbledon debut in 2015, she lost to Venus Williams 6-0, 6-0.

"So, like, that's always in my head when I'm out here," Brengle said, pointing a finger at her right temple. "It's like, 'Oh, my goodness, don't do that ever again!' That was really tough for me."

Turned out, she didn't need to stress about a shut-out for too long: Brengle broke the strong-serving Kvitova to take the very first game.

"As long as I got on the board to start, then I could relax," Brengle said with a smile, "because, trust me, an 'O-and-O' stays with you."

Now she'll have this victory to cherish, along with another one from this year that also holds some significance: Brengle beat Serena Williams at a tuneup tournament at Auckland, New Zealand, back on Jan. 4. Williams went on to win the Australian Open later that month and hasn't played since — she is pregnant and



Brengle



Kvitova

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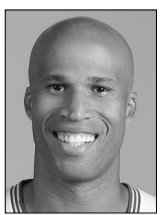
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Odds for the Cleveland Cavaliers to win next year's NBA Title. Only the Golden State Warriors have better odds (5-11).

Cavs' Jefferson says he'll return

Akron Beacon Journal (TNS)

Richard Jefferson will return to the Cavaliers next season, he said Wednesday during the latest episode of his "Road Trippin'" podcast.



Jefferson

Jefferson, who turned 37 on June 21, has one guaranteed year remaining on his contract at \$2.5 million.

"I will be starting my 17th season next year, I am not retiring," Jefferson said on the podcast, now a part of LeBron James' Uninterrupted player platform.

Jefferson averaged 5.7

points and 2.6 rebounds in 20.4 minutes last season and played a vital role in The Finals for the second consecutive year.

James Jones' future with the Cavs remains uncertain. According to Cleveland.com's Joe Vardon, neither the Cavs nor Jones have made a decision on the 2017-18 season.

Jones, 36, has played with LeBron James for the last

seven seasons, going to seven consecutive NBA Finals and winning three championships with the Miami Heat and Cavs. An unrestricted free agent, Jones earned the minimum \$1.55 million last season.

"I told J.J., as long as I'm playing, he's going to be around," James said in December, 2015, per ESPN.com's Dave McMenamin. "He's not allowed to stop playing basketball. So, I'm going to make sure I got a roster spot for him. I love him. He's the greatest teammate I've ever had."

NBA NEWS AND NOTES

Golden State Warriors: Veteran guard Nick Young is getting a new start with Golden State, agreeing to a \$5.2 million, one-year contract Wednesday with the champion Warriors.

Morrison says Sanchez shouldn't be in Derby NEW YORK Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez says criticism by Tampa Bay's Logan Morrison for his Home Run Derby invitation is misplaced.

Morrison told the Tampa Bay Times on Tuesday that Sanchez is a great player, but he shouldn't be in the derby.

Sanchez, who missed 21 games between April 8 and May 5 because of a strained right biceps, is hitting .294 with 13 homers and 40 RBIs in 53 games. Morrison is tied for third in the major leagues with 24 homers. He is batting .256 with 57 RBIs.

"That's something that I have no control of," Sanchez said Wednesday through a translator. "They gave me a call, basically gave me an invitation, invited me to participate, and I told them, well, I don't even know if I'm making the All-Star Game, so I don't know if I will have the opportunity to attend the derby. Now, if I make the All-Star Game, then for sure, I'll do it. It's an honor to participate in the event. It's not my fault he didn't get selected."

Messi signs extension with Barcelona

Barcelona announced that Messi will sign a new deal "in the coming weeks" that will run through June 30, 2021.

"This is a message that the union between Messi and Barca will continue until the end of his career," Barcelona president Josep Bartomeu said.

The contract extension comes as no surprise. Messi has repeatedly said he wanted to play the best years of his career at Barcelona, before perhaps making a return to his native Argentina that he left at 13 years old to come to Barcelona's famed La Masia training academy.

Flying ants invade Wimbledon LONDON Hundreds of flying ants swarmed around various courts at the All England Club, distracting players during their matches, as the temperature warmed up considerably, from the low 70s (20s Celsius) to nearly 85 degrees (nearly 30 Celsius).

It left the racket-wielders swatting the bugs instead of tennis balls, at times.

Steve Johnson, an American seeded 26th, was startled when one of the critters buzzed its way into his right ear at the precise moment that he came up with a forehand winner during what would become a 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Radu Albot of Moldova.

"Thankfully, I ended the point right there, because I wouldn't have run for the next ball. It just got in there. Eventually it got out, but I didn't want it to get any further than it did," Johnson said. "They were everywhere," he said. "It was a mess out there. I've never seen that here before."

Staff/Wire reports

on a one-year deal for the veteran minimum \$2.3 million.

New York Knicks: The team has signed first-round draft pick Frank Ntilikina. The Knicks announced the deal Thursday with the No. 8 overall selection. The 6-foot-5 French guard is playing for New York's summer league team in Orlando, Florida. Born in Belgium, the 18-year-old Ntilikina averaged 5.1 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.4 assists and 18.5 minutes in 31 games last season for Strasbourg in the French Pro A league.

Dallas Mavericks: The team has signed first-round pick Dennis Smith Jr. to his rookie contract. The deal announced Wednesday came as Smith prepared to join Dallas' summer league team in Las Vegas. The Mavericks drafted the North Carolina State freshman at No. 9 overall, their highest choice going into the draft since ending up with Dirk Nowitzki from the same spot in 1998. Dallas missed the playoffs for just the second time in 17 seasons. Smith was the Atlantic Coast Conference freshman of the year before declaring for the draft. He reported to N.C. State early in January 2016 after tearing a knee ligament during his senior year in high school.

The 19-year-old Smith averaged 18.1 points, 4.6 rebounds and 6.2 assists at NC State.

Miami Heat: A person with knowledge of the situation says Dion Waiters is staying in Miami

and has agreed on a new four-year, \$52 million contract with the Heat. The person spoke to The Associated Press Wednesday on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot be finalized before Thursday, under league rules. Waiters averaged 15.8 points in 46 games last season for the Heat. He was a significant part of how Miami turned its season around after an 11-30 start, going 30-11 in the second half. The Heat were 27-19 when Waiters played, 14-22 when he did not. Waiters missed Miami's last 13 games with a badly sprained ankle, and the Heat wound up losing a tiebreaker for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. He played for \$2.9 million last season.

Brooklyn Nets: Following his best NBA season, Otto Porter Jr. has a big offer to join the Brooklyn Nets. It appears he'll be staying right where he is in Washington. Porter has agreed to sign an offer sheet with the Nets, a person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press on Wednesday. The Wizards plan to match the offer and keep Porter, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because contracts can't be signed until Thursday. The Vertical first reported that Porter had agreed to sign a four-year, \$106 million offer sheet with the Nets.

Associated Press

MINOR LEAGUES

Table with 10 columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes sections for Wednesday's Box Score, Standings, and New York-Penn League.

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Table with 10 columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes sections for Wednesday's Scores, Friday's Games, and Eastern Division.

QUOTABLE

CONNOR MCDAVID, Edmonton Oilers star, who signed an eight-year, \$100 million contract Wednesday:

"I'm so excited to be able to wear the Oilers jersey for the next nine years of my life and play with some of the greatest guys that I know."

TV & RADIO

Table listing TV and radio schedules for various sports events, including NASCAR, tennis, cycling, and baseball.

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Table showing basketball standings for Eastern and Western conferences.

SOCCER

Table showing soccer standings for Eastern and Western conferences.

CFL

Table showing CFL standings for Eastern and Western divisions.

AREA SANDLOTS | Wednesday's Class B results

18-U Baird Brothers 15, SBA Aces 3 Jacob Maggi had three hits including two doubles, two RBIs and scored three times, Zach Mancz had two hits, an RBI and scored twice, Travis Perry had two hits, an RBI and scored twice, Cade Negley had three hits including two doubles, three RBIs and scored twice and Dan Williams had two hits, four RBIs and scored once for Baird. Corey Burkes pitched 4 1/3 inning for Baird giving up no hits and one run while striking out six. Luke Sadowski had a hit and scored a run for SBA.

Roth. Johnny Medvec pitched five innings for the win only giving up two hits and one run while striking out two. Dom Bucko, Reagan Lawlor, Zach Mancz and Travis Perry each had a hit for Baird. Baird Brothers 10, Roth Brothers 4 Cam Summers had two hits including a double and three RBIs, Travis Perry had three hits including a double, two RBIs and scored three times, Dom Bucko had a triple, two RBIs and scored once and Jacob Maggi had a double and scored once for Baird. Aaron Woodberry and Mike Grazier each had two hits for Roth. Baird Brothers 12, Roby Lees 1 Mike Turner had two hits, two RBIs and scored once, Jacob Maggi had three hits including a

triple, two RBIs and scored three times and Dan Williams had three hits, three RBIs and scored once for Baird. Matt Charh had two hits and scored once while Dillon Bickerton had a double for Roby Lees. DuraEdge 12, Roby Lees 1 Eric Ostrowski had two hits, two RBIs and scored once, Adam Walker had three hits, two RBIs and scored once, Antonio Walker had two hits including a double and scored three times, Jarrett Lyon had three hits, two RBIs and scored once and Grey DeCiancio had two hits and two RBIs for DuraEdge. Frank Rappach, Dillon Bickerton and Chad Swotosky each had a hit for Roby Lees.

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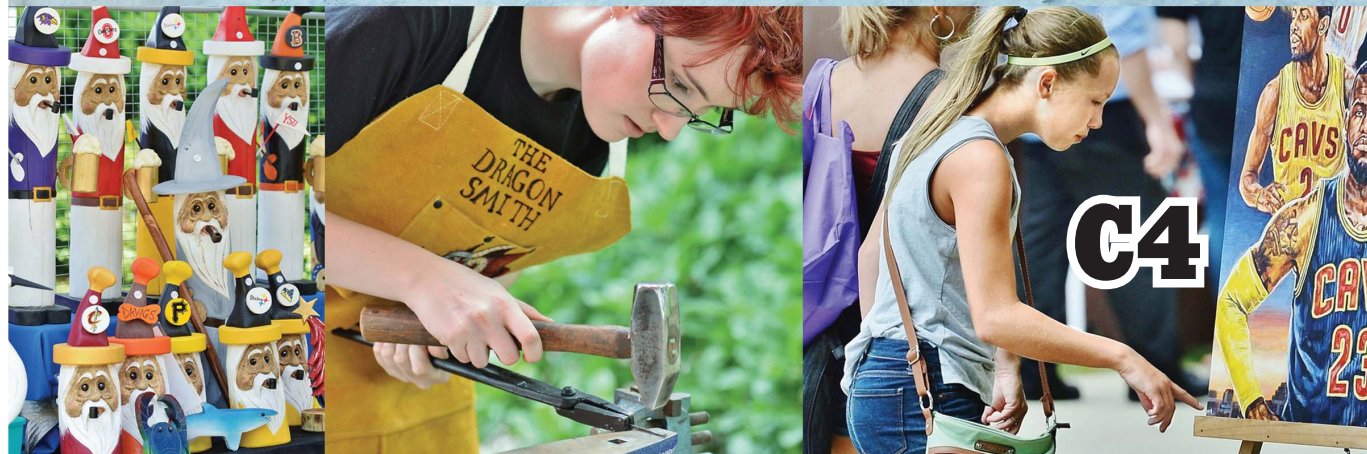


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# WTG

## THE SOURCES

◆ **Ticketmaster:** At Giant Eagle stores in Austintown, Boardman (Doral Drive), Hermitage and New Castle. Call 866-448-7849. Web address is Ticketmaster.com.

◆ **Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St. Youngstown:** Tickets are also available at the box office or at Ticketmaster.

a.m., Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre, at Boardman Public Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman; 330-744-8636.

### FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Slovenefest,** noon to 11 p.m., SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, Pa.; 877-767-5732.

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summer Fest,** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

### OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **The Fabulous Flashbacks,** 7 p.m., Central Square, downtown, Youngstown.

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◆ **Johnny Lang,** 8 p.m., Kent Stage, 175 E. Main St., Kent; 877-987-6487.

## SATURDAY

### DANCES

◆ **Friendly Squares monthly dance,** 7:30 p.m., Niles Senior S.C.O.P.E. Center, 14 E. State St., Niles; 330-544-3676.

### FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Summer Festival of the Arts,**



## Wrestling at Eastwood

Wrestling Under the Stars, with Mick Foley (above), Ryback and Cody Rhodes, will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. at Eastwood Field, behind Eastwood Mall, in Niles. Also on the bill are Jerry "The King" Lawler, Jimmy Hart and Mandy Leon. Tickets start at \$15 and are on sale at [mvscrappers.com](http://mvscrappers.com) or by phone at 330-505-0000.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Youngstown State University. Calla Community Lawn Festival, 4:30 p.m., Calla Church, 6482 W. Calla Road, Canfield.

◆ **Wine and Jazz Fest with Alex Bugnon,** 6 p.m., Central Square, downtown Youngstown.

◆ **Slovenefest,** noon to 11 p.m., SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, Pa.; 877-767-5732.

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church**

**Greek Summerfest,** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

### OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors,** 6:30 p.m., Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre, Boardman Park, Boardman; 330-726-8105.

◆ **ZOSO (Led Zeppelin tribute) and Straight On (Heart tribute),** 5 p.m., Warren Community Amphitheatre, 321 Mahoning Ave.,

Warren; [riverrockattheamp.com](http://riverrockattheamp.com).

### POP, ROCK

◆ **Slightly Stoopid,** 7 p.m., Nelson Ledges Quarry Park, 12001 Nelson Ledge Road, Nelson; 440-548-2716.

### SALES, SHOWS

◆ **All AmeriCon comic book,** toy and art convention, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown; 866-448-7849.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Antiques Appraisal Fair,**

noon to 4 p.m., Joseph A. Clavelli History Center (Lawrence County Historical Society), 408 N. Jefferson St., New Castle, Pa.; 724-658-4022.

◆ **Friends of PLYMC Book Sale,** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Wrestling Under the Stars,** 7 p.m., Eastwood Field, 11 Eastwood Mall Blvd., Niles; 330-505-0000.

## SPORTS

◆ **Adult and Child Golf Classic,** 9 a.m., Buhl Park Golf Course, 1290 Forker Blvd., Hermitage, Pa.

## SUNDAY

### FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Summer Festival of the Arts,** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Youngstown State University.

◆ **Slovenefest,** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., SNPJ Recreation Center, 270 Martin Road, Enon Valley, Pa.; 877-767-5732.

◆ **St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summerfest,** noon to 6 p.m., St. Nicho-

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las Greek Orthodox Church, 220 N. Walnut St., Youngstown; 330-743-5493.

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

## MUSIC

◆ **The King's Brass**, 6 p.m., Salem High School Auditorium, 1200 E. Sixth St., Salem; 330-332-8905.

## OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Forecast (jazz)**, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-360-1848.

◆ **2DE Gospel Festival with Israel Houghton and New Breed**, noon, Central Square, Youngstown; 2deevents.com.

◆ **Rocco Monaco**, 6 p.m., Harding Park, 249 Roosevelt Drive, Hubbard; 330-534-3098.

◆ **Winds at the Winery with Youngstown Area Community Concert Band**, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mastropietro Winery, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center; 330-547-2151.

◆ **Take II**, 6 p.m., Bicentennial Gazebo, Warren-Sharon Road, Vienna.

◆ **The Sensations**, 6 p.m., Buhl Farm Park, 715 Hazen Road, Hermitage, Pa.; 724-981-5522.

## POP, ROCK

◆ **In This Moment**, 7 p.m., W.D. Packard Music Hall, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren; 800-745-3000.

## SHOWS, SALES

◆ **Here Comes the Bride**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Barnhisel House

Museum, 1011 S. State St., Girard; 330-545-2508.

◆ **All AmeriCon comic book**, toy and art festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Covelli Centre, Youngstown.

## MONDAY

### FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

### MOVIES

◆ **"The Little Mermaid,"** 8 p.m., Outdoors at Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown.

### OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Following June**, 7 p.m., Canfield Village Green, Routes 224 and 46, Canfield.

◆ **The Butch Nichols Band**, 7 p.m., gazebo, downtown Poland.

## TUESDAY

### CHILDREN

◆ **"The Princess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre**, 11 a.m., Newport Public Library, 3730 Market St., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

### FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

### LECTURES

◆ **Belinda Varias**, 7 p.m., Springfield Township Historical Society meeting house, 14188 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Road, Petersburg.

### OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **The Wrangler**

**Band**, 7 p.m., Austintown Township Park, 6000 Kirk Road, Austintown; 330-793-0718.

## WEDNESDAY

### FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society Festival**, 6 p.m., Lowellville Mount Carmel Society, 102 E. Washington St., Lowellville; 330-536-8203.

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Festival**, 6 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles; 330-652-5825.

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trumbull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

### OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Cin City and the Saints**, 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, Luther Avenue between Market St. and Southern Blvd., North Lima; 330-549-9552.

◆ **Going for the One**, 7 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Wick Recreation Area, 1861 McCollum Road, Youngstown.

◆ **Jim Frank Combo**, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., The Inn at Ironwood, 6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield; 330-533-6733.

◆ **Makin' Changes**, 6:30 p.m., Buhl Farm Park, 715 Hazen Road, Hermitage, Pa.; 724-981-5522.

◆ **Sarah Warren and friends**, 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, Luther Avenue between Market St. and Southern Blvd., Youngstown; 330-549-9552.

### POP, ROCK

◆ **The Gin Blossoms**, 8 p.m., Kent Stage, 175 E. Main St., Kent; 877-987-6487.



◆ **"MOSQUITO" (9 P.M., DISCOVERY):** "Mosquito" is a timely program that examines a tiny creature causing great big problems – including diseases such as Zika, malaria, West Nile virus and yellow fever. The film chronicles the increasing global

threat these "agents of death" pose.

◆ **"THE GONG SHOW" (10 P.M., ABC):** Can things get even weirder on "The Gong Show"? Apparently, they can. Among tonight's acts: a contortionist who impersonates a tree and a "crazy cat lady."

◆ **"LIFE OF KYLIE" (10 P.M., E!):** Brace yourself for yet another Kardashian spinoff series. "Life of Kylie" promises to give viewers an insider's look at how 19-year-old model and business dynamo Kylie Jenner runs her thriving cosmetics brand.

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### ACTORS

◆ **"Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,"** Crown Theater Studio, 5 N. Main St., Columbiana, 330-482-9915, 7 to 9 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. Men and women age 9 and older. Script reading and song of choice required.

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Summer Festival of the Arts at YSU

# All roads lead to art

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**YOUNGSTOWN**

The Wick Avenue reconstruction project isn't quite finished, but the Summer Festival of the Arts is ready to go.

The annual event at Youngstown State University this weekend will feature at least 75 regional artists showing and selling their work, an excellent and diverse musical lineup that is at once familiar and unique, and a host of other delights and surprises both on campus and off.

As for the closed Wick Avenue – that shouldn't be an issue. Lori Factor, director of the SFA, suggests festival-goers park either in the surface-level stadium lots along Fifth Avenue or the Wick Avenue deck, which can be accessed only via Walnut Street, just past the MVR Restaurant (GPS directions: 100 E. Wade St., Youngstown, 44502). A foot bridge crosses Wick Avenue from the parking deck and leads directly to the SFA area.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Alex Bugnon will perform at the Youngstown Wine and Jazz festival, downtown, on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 and are available at ticketmaster.com, the Covelli Centre box office and at the door. The concert will take place at Central Square, which will be closed to traffic, with the stage set up in the middle of Wick Avenue.

Other events this weekend in the center city that will run concurrently with, or immediately after, the SFA are:

**The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Summerfest**, Thursday through Sunday, 220 N. Walnut St., with live music and dancing, Greek food and pastries, and

a display of cultural memorabilia. Hours: Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

**All AmeriCon** comic book, toy and art convention, Covelli Centre. Hours: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. More than a hundred dealer and vendor tables and several special guests from the comic industry. Admission is \$10 per day.

**The Fabulous Flashbacks**, 7 p.m., \$10. Popular pop band will reunite for a concert on Central Square.

**Youngstown Wine and Jazz**, with featured artist Alex Bugnon, Saturday, (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on Central Square. Tickets are \$10.

**2 DE Gospel Fest**, featuring headliner Israel Houghton and New Breed, Sunday, July 9, at Central Square (gates open at 2 p.m.). Tickets are \$20, \$40 and \$60 and may be purchased in advance at 2deepevents.com, by phone at 330-953-3340, and at the gate.

The Summer Festival of the Arts, which runs from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and features free admission, will begin with an opening ceremony with YSU President Jim Tressel – who will be part of a ballroom dance exhibition shortly after at the Butler Institute of American Art. Tressel and his wife will take a tango lesson from dance instructors Annette Burden and Tony Scheppler at noon, which will be followed by the dance exhibition at 1 p.m.

Music is always a big part of the SFA, and Factor is very pleased with this year's lineup.

"The groups we have are resonating with the community and have proven track records but are still new enough," she said.

Acts include J.D. Eicher, Demos

See **FESTIVAL, C7**

**SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**

**KILCAWLEY CENTER CHESTNUT ROOM**

◆ **11 a.m.:** Youngstown Music Teacher's Student Recital

◆ **Noon:** Millennial Theater

◆ **1 p.m.:** Mahoning Valley Film Initiative

◆ **2 p.m.:** Lit Youngstown

◆ **3 p.m.:** Rust Belt Theater Co. Season Premier

**KILCAWLEY FOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATER**

◆ **10 a.m.:** Opening Ceremony, Rachell Joy

◆ **11 a.m.:** Ye Jazzy Gents

◆ **Noon:** Justin Randall Quartet

◆ **1 p.m.:** Justin Randall Quartet

◆ **2 p.m.:** Radio Lark

◆ **3 p.m.:** Just Two Guitars

◆ **4 p.m.:** Sensations

◆ **5 p.m.:** Sensations

**FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**

◆ **11 a.m.:** Youngstown Community Concert Band

◆ **Noon:** Erie Heights Brass Ensemble

◆ **2 p.m.:** Brian Bonhomme

◆ **4 p.m.:** Oakland Center for The Arts: History of

Country Music

◆ **5 p.m.:** Oakland Center for The Arts: History of Delta Blues

**BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART**

◆ **Noon:** Tango with the Tressels

◆ **1 p.m.:** Ballroom dance exhibition

**WARD BEECHER PLANETARIUM**

◆ **Noon:** STARS

◆ **1 p.m.:** Legends of the Night Sky

◆ **2 p.m.:** Totality

◆ **3 p.m.:** Summer Skywatch

◆ **4 p.m.:** Totality

◆ **(YSU Barbershop Quartet will be strolling around campus from 2 to 5 p.m.)**

**SUNDAY KILCAWLEY CENTER CHESTNUT ROOM**

◆ **Noon:** Mahoning Valley Film Initiative

◆ **1 p.m.:** W. Rick Schilling Storytelling, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

◆ **2 p.m.:** W. Rick Schilling Storytelling, "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

◆ **3 p.m.:** Joy of Dancing Ballroom Dance Exhibition

**KILCAWLEY FOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATER**

◆ **11 a.m.:** County Mayo

◆ **Noon:** County Mayo

◆ **1 p.m.:** JD Eicher

◆ **2 p.m.:** JD Eicher

◆ **3 p.m.:** Demos Papadimas

◆ **4 p.m.:** Demos Papadimas

◆ **5 p.m.:** Leo D'Angelo

**FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**

◆ **Noon:** Conjunto Riquena

◆ **1 p.m.:** Conjunto Riquena

◆ **2 p.m.:** The Zaps

◆ **3 p.m.:** The Zaps

**BUTLER INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN ART**

◆ **2:30 p.m.:** Director's Talk, with Louis Zona

**WARD BEECHER PLANETARIUM**

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# Hubbard native's mystery novel reflects the Valley

By GUY D'ASTOLFO  
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Michael Prelee drew on his own life experience when creating the characters and storylines for his new novel, "Murder in the Heart of It All."

The crime-mystery is set in the fictional Northeast Ohio city of Hogan, which bears many parallels to Hubbard, where Prelee lives. The people, places and problems also have a familiar ring.

In the novel, dozens of residents of Hogan are getting nasty anonymous letters. A reporter for the local weekly newspaper is assigned the story, and he attempts to track down the sender.

Prelee's plot touches on plant closings, the opioid crisis and the gossipy nature of small-town life. The Youngstown State University graduate grew up in Brookfield, and also spent time in other Valley communities, including Cortland and Warren. He works for a soft-



Prelee

ware firm in West Middlesex, Pa., and writes novels in his spare time.

"Murder" is Prelee's first crime novel, but his second overall. He published "Milky Way Repo" in 2015, and will publish a sequel, "Bad Rock Beat Down," this month. Both are what he calls "blue-collar science fiction," and follow a group of interstellar repo agents.

True to the crime-suspense genre, "Murder in the Heart of It All" has a tight procedural plot that leaves no loose ends and reads like a page-turner.

Prelee explained his motives in writing it in a recent interview.

"I wanted to write a crime fiction novel," he said. "I lived in this area all my life, so I have a good perspective of small-town life and city life, and I wanted to write about what I knew – the experience of growing up here

with plants closing and the effect it has on the people who lose their job."

The characters who populate his novel are amalgamations of people he has met.

"Once I started to think about the setting, it was easy to create characters who would live within that setting," said Prelee. "My first job out of college was as a security guard at Delphi in Warren, and I drew from that experience ... plants closing, and the way the workers were treated."

The angry character at the center of "Murder in the Heart of It All" is a product of that world. "I wanted him to be fully fleshed out," said Prelee. "He could be your neighbor."

North Star Press of St. Cloud, Minn., published the novel after Prelee submitted it. The small publishing house also released his sci-fi novels.

Prelee said the got the premise for "Murder" from an episode of television reality series "Unsolved Mysteries," in which

a resident in Circleville, Ohio, sent hundreds of anonymous letters to people in his town. "I thought it would make a good story," said Prelee.

The author will be at the All-AmeriCon comics convention this weekend at Covelli Centre, selling and signing copies of his books.

He also has a book signing on

July 22 from noon to 4 p.m. at Books-a-Million in Eastwood Mall; and Oct. 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at Leana's Books and More in Shenango Valley Mall.

"Murder in the Heart of It All" can be purchased as an ebook and in print at Amazon, Books-a-Million, Target, Barnes and Noble, Leana's Books and More, and Liberty Comics.

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## All-AmeriCon expands to Covelli

By GUY D'ASTOLFO  
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### YOUNGSTOWN

The All-AmeriCon comic book, toy and art show is growing like it has super powers.

Now in its eighth year, the event is moving into Covelli Centre and expanding to two days – Saturday and Sunday.

It also will have a roster of special guests that includes Iron Man artist and Valiant Comics founder Bob Layton and several other top names in the field.

Previous All-AmeriCons took place at Packard Music Hall in Warren. But Gregory Bartholomew, owner of the All-AmeriCon comic book stores in Warren and Boardman and founder of the event, knew it was time to jump to the next level.

"We made the decision last year to move to Covelli," he said. "We knew we would outgrow Packard. And the bigger-name guests that you need to fill a venue that size only want to do two-day events, which maximizes their income. I took a leap

of faith and did it."

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*All-AmeriCon founder*

of faith and did it."

With the Summer Festival of the Arts and other events bringing people to central Youngstown this weekend, All-AmeriCon should have no trouble attracting families and fans who might not be diehard comic collectors.

"In the past three years, we drew 1,200 people, then 1,700 and, last year, 2,500," said Bartholomew. "We're expecting 4,500 people, maybe 5,000, this year."

Those who attend will see what will easily be the biggest All-AmeriCon to date, with

more than 125 comic, toy and art retailers and artists setting up tables.

In addition to Layton, comic book artist-writers Michael Golden, Rags Morales and Arthur Suydam will be featured guests. Golden is best known as co-creator of the Rogue character in the X-Men. Morales' work includes stints on Batman and Superman comic book titles, while Suydam worked on Batman and Conan the Barbarian titles, among others.

All of the artists will sign their works and accept art commissions.

All-AmeriCon also will feature a cosplay panel at noon Saturday, featuring Michael Wilson of Youngstown. "Mike Wilson, who is a deputy sheriff in Mahoning County, is one of the most famous cosplayers in the region, if not the country," said Bartholomew. Wilson is known for his original character Knightmage.

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**Spider-Man: Homecoming** (PG-13)

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45, 10:30; Fri.-Sun. 11 a.m., 2, 6:45  
 ♦ **Cinema South 3D:** Fri.-Thu. noon, 3, 5:15, 6, 9  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 11 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 10; Fri.-Sun. 1:30, 8:45  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 4, 7:30, 10:35  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 2:45, 6, 8, 9:10; Fri.-Sun. noon, 1, 4:15, 6:30, 7:30  
 ♦ **Regal Niles 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 3:45, 4:45, 7, 10:10  
 ♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 9:35 a.m., 12:40, 5:20, 7, 7:45, 10:10  
 ♦ **Tinseltown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:05 a.m., 2:10, 3:50, 8:30

**COMING JULY 14**

**War for the Planet of the Apes 3D** (PG-13)

Special advance showings on July 13.

**FIRST-RUN**

**47 Meters Down** (PG-13) ★★

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 10; Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m., 2, 4:20, 6:45  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:55 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:20, 10  
 ♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 9:50 a.m., 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 10:50

**All Eyez on Me** (R)

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:30 a.m., 3:15, 6:30, 9:40  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 11:05 a.m.; Fri.-Sun., 5; Mon.-Thu. 1:30, 3:50, 6, 9:30

**Baby Driver** (R) ★★★

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:05 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 11:10 a.m., 2:15, 5:20, 8, 10:40  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 10:45 a.m., 1:25, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25

**Beatriz at Dinner** (R) ★★★

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:50, 8:15, 10:25

**Cars 3** (G) ★★

♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:35 a.m., 3:10, 6:10, 9:15

♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10

**Despicable Me 3** (PG) ★★

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:15 a.m., 1:45, 4, 6:15, 8:30  
 ♦ **Cinema South 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 2:45, 5, 7:15, 9:30  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 6:55, 9:15  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11 a.m., 12:15, 1:35, 2:35, 4, 6:15, 7:50, 9  
 ♦ **Regal Niles 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:40 a.m., 2:05, 4:35, 5:10, 7:15, 9:40, 10:15  
 ♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 9:20 a.m., 10:35 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:20, 1:05, 2:25, 3:30, 4:50, 7:30, 8:40, 9:55  
 ♦ **Tinseltown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 6:05

**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** (PG-13) ★★★

♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 3:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. noon, 6:30

**The House** (R)

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 4:45, 7:05  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. noon, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 5:20, 8:15, 10:35

**Transformers: The Last Knight** (PG-13) ★★

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 3:45, 7, 10:15  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 7:05  
 ♦ **Regal Austintown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 3:40, 10:20  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:15 a.m., 6:35  
 ♦ **Regal Niles 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 2:55, 9:50

**Wonder Woman** (PG-13) ★★★

♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:15, 7:25, 10:30  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:20 a.m., 3, 6:20, 9:30  
 ♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 9:15 a.m., 12:25, 3:40, 7:10, 10:20

**SECOND-RUN**

**Alien: Covenant** (R) ★★★

♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 9:50

**Baywatch** (R) ★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 7:10, 9:50  
 ♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

**Beauty and the Beast** (PG) ★★★

♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 4, 6:50

**The Boss Baby** (PG) ★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 2, 4:30  
 ♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:35, 3:05, 5:45, 8:40

**Captain Underpants** (PG) ★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 3, 5, 7:15  
 ♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

**Everything, Everything** (PG-13) ★★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45  
 ♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45

**Fate of the Furious** (PG-13) ★★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 6:45, 9:40  
 ♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 3:50, 6:45, 9:40

**Going in Style** (PG-13) ★★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 4:10  
 ♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1:40, 3:45, 6, 8:50

**The Mummy** (PG-13) ★★

♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:10, 7, 9:55  
 ♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 10:30

**Rough Night** (R) ★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 4:20, 7, 9:50

**Snatched** (R) ★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 9:50

**DRIVE-IN**

♦ **Elm Road I:** Fri.-Thu. Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 9:15; Baby Driver (R) 11:35  
 ♦ **Elm Road II:** Fri.-Thu. Despicable Me 3 (PG) 9:15; Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13) 10:55  
 ♦ **Elm Road III:** Fri.-Thu. The House (R) 9:15; Wonder Woman (PG-13) 10:55  
 ♦ **Skyway I:** Fri.-Sun., Wed.-Thu. Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 9:30; Baby Driver (R) 11:45  
 ♦ **Skyway II:** Fri.-Sun., Wed.-Thu. Despicable Me 3 (PG) 9:30; Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13)

# ‘Spider-Man’ reboot a delightful change

By LINDSEY BAHR  
 AP Film Writer

One thing is certain: Culture has not been lacking in takes on Spider-Man for the past 15 years. First there was Tobey Maguire, who under the direction of Sam Raimi for three films ushered in the modern superhero era, and then there was Andrew Garfield, whose two films with Marc Webb were immediately forgettable. And now, like all obedient franchises, they're trying to start all over again, this time with the much more age-appropriate Tom Holland in "Spider-Man: Homecoming."

And you know what? Superhero cynicism aside, "Spider-Man: Homecoming" is really fun. Director Jon Watts, whose only previous feature film credit is the indie thriller "Cop Car," has confidently put his stamp on the friendly neighborhood web-slinger by making one bold move: actually casting teenagers to play teenagers.

Yes, after two films with late 20-somethings donning the Spider-suit and getting bitten by that pesky spider, Spider-Man finally gets to be a kid (and we get to skip over the whole origin/Uncle Ben story). Instead, Watts' film, which is upsettingly credited to six screenwriters, picks up with Peter Parker (Holland) right before, during and after the events of "Captain America: Civil War," which introduced Holland's Spider-Man in that epic airport Avengers battle.

Instead of a "last week in Marvel" segment to catch up, we're given a refresher via Peter's perspective. He's just an excited kid who filmed the whole adventure and ever since has been thirsting for more Avengers action. He tries, endearingly, to prove his mettle on his own as he waits idly in Queens for a call from Tony

**'SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING'**

♦ **Grade:** 3 stars (out of 4)

♦ **Credits:** Directed by Jon Watts; cast includes Tom Holland and Michael Keaton

♦ **Rating:** PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, some language and brief suggestive comments

♦ **Running time:** 2:13

Stark – giving directions to the elderly, retrieving stolen bikes and doing flips on command.

What he doesn't know is that for eight years, there has been a supervillain emerging in his town in the form of a wronged construction worker, Adrian (Michael Keaton), who decided to break bad after losing a job to a government crew that clears post-superhero fight disaster areas. Peter, with his true-blue heart and naivete and eagerness to prove himself, of course takes on more than he can handle, while also trying to navigate high school, homework, crushes and the awkwardness of just being a teenager. Time passes easily, and just when you might worry that you don't actually care about any of the characters, the story throws a great curve ball that carries interest to the end.

The film is overflowing with stellar talent, even in the smallest of roles and not counting the Marvel loaners in Robert Downey Jr. (who oozes charisma and charm even when phoning it in for a handful of scenes) and Jon Favreau. In the high school alone, there's the too-cool Michelle (Zendaya), the crush Liz (Laura Harrier) and the adorable breakout best friend Ned (Jacob Batalon).

Hannibal Buress and Martin Starr are there, too, to add reliable laughs.

# Israel Houghton will grace gospel fest with his praise-worthy sound

Staff report

## YOUNGSTOWN

Modern gospel music star Israel Houghton has been cutting across denominational lines for 20 years – and has racked up a slew of awards in the process.

Houghton and his band, New Breed, will headline Sunday's third annual 2Deep Events Gospel Festival on Central Square, downtown.

Terrill Vidale, the festival promoter, has been bringing in the genre's top names ever since he started the gospel event two years ago. Fred Hammond and Tye Tribbett have been the previous headliners, drawing 2,500 and 3,000. Vidale is hoping for up to 4,000 for Houghton.

Gospel Fest also will feature the Singing Shepherds. Pastors Danielle Gutierrez and Todd Johnson will serve as hosts.

Gates open at 2 p.m., and music starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and VIP packages are available for \$40 and \$60 (includes meet and greet reception). Go to [2DeepEvents.com](http://2DeepEvents.com) or call 330-953-3340.

Houghton formed New Breed Ministries in 1995 and released



Israel Houghton will headline Sunday's gospel music festival in Youngstown.

his debut albums, "Whisper It Loud" and "Way of the World," in 1997.

Since then, he has released 11 solo and group albums, including chart toppers "New Season," "Power of One," "Jesus at the Center" and the current "Covered – Alive in Asia" (2015).

His albums "Alive in South Africa" and "Live from Another Level" achieved gold-selling status.

Credited with revolutionizing contemporary praise and wor-

ship music with his pop-inflected style, Houghton has received five Grammy awards, 13 Dove awards, two Stellar awards and a Soul Train music award. He has appeared on "The MTV Awards," "The Tonight Show" and "The 50th Annual Grammy Awards."

Houghton recently has expanded his career into film and television projects, producing and scoring music. He also serves as a worship leader at Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church in Houston.

## IF YOU GO

◆ **What:** Gospel Fest with Israel Houghton and New Breed

◆ **When:** 2 p.m. Sunday

◆ **Where:** Central Square, downtown Youngstown

◆ **Tickets:** \$20 for general admission; \$40 for VIP (includes a chair and water); and \$60 for VIP plus meet-and-greet reception with Houghton). Go to [2DeepEvents.com](http://2DeepEvents.com) or call 330-953-3340.

After the release of his 2012 album, "Jesus at the Center: Live," Houghton summed up his thought process in picking the title – and it seemed to encapsulate his career philosophy.

"[It's about] the simplicity of being all about Jesus and not using 'pronoun-ed' gospel ... going back to a place where it's not about us, where we're decreasing because Jesus is increasing and drawing all men to him," he said in a press release. "This requires finding the balance between being a worship leader and being an artist. The purpose of a worship leader is being looked *through*, not looked *at*."

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Papadimas and his band, Radio Lark, the Sensations, Rachell Joy, Ye Jazzy Gents, Conjunto Riqueno, Leo D'Angelo, Justin Randall Quartet, County Mayo, Brian Bonhomme and polka band the Zaps.

"JD Eicher is a perennial at the SFA, and he increases our integrity," said Factor. "We've had him for a decade, and his music is now known beyond the area, but he always takes the time to come back."

Bonhomme, a history professor at YSU, was a member of '80s British rock band Roman Holiday.

In the Ward Beecher Planetarium, the shows will include "Totality," which is about the total solar eclipse, a subject that is of special interest this year because an eclipse will be visible in the United States on Aug. 21.

The heart and soul of the festival, if not the entire weekend, remains the artists.

The curated village of artists provide an opportunity to purchase unique and quality pieces in all price ranges.

"Some people come back every year looking to add a piece to their collection of work from a particular artist," said Factor.

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Saturday's schedule also will include a Star Wars panel at 2 p.m. and a costume contest for adults (age 13 and up) at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, there will be a trivia competition at noon. Comic book artist Darryl Banks (Green Lantern) will give a talk on how to break into the art field at 1:30 p.m., and there will be a costume contest for kids (age 12 and under) at 3 p.m.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 per person.

"It's a slight increase over last year, but still far cheaper than a movie or any amusement park," said Bartholomew. "I will always keep it affordable and family friendly."

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♦ **Aqua Pazzo**, 492 McClurg Road, Boardman; 330-965-5899  
**Wed:** Davis and Henner, 6:30 p.m.

♦ **Barrel Run Crossing Winery and Vineyard**, 3272 Industry Road, Rootstown; 330-325-1075  
**Fri:** Steve Cipriano, 7 p.m.  
**Sat:** Little Steve-O Duo, 7 p.m.

♦ **Boneshakers Restaurant and Lounge**, 544 E. Pershing St., Salem  
**Sat:** Jim Frank Trio, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

♦ **Brewtus Brewing Company**, 23 Chestnut Ave., Sharon, Pa.  
**Sat:** Steve Vuich, 8 p.m.

♦ **The Brickhouse Tavern**, 958 E. Midlothian Blvd., Youngstown; 330-782-6000  
**Sat:** Cin City and the Saints, 9 p.m.

♦ **Chipper's Sports Bar**, 5 N. Edgehill Ave., Austintown  
**Sat:** Highland Rose, Three Vultures, Zombie Crutch, 8 p.m.

♦ **The Clark House**, 3590 Valley View Road, Clark, Pa.  
**Sat:** FX Project, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

♦ **El Jalapeno II**, 4626 Mahoning Ave., Austintown; 330-799-6500  
**Fri:** Davis and Henner, 6 p.m.

♦ **The Fireplace**, 2075 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland; 330-757-4043  
**Thu:** Car cruise with DJ Richie D, 5 p.m.  
**Tue:** Party on the Patio with Bustin' Loose, 7 p.m.

♦ **Frieda's**, 381 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown  
**Fri:** Howard and the Point Five Band, 6 to 10 p.m.; DJ EZ D, 10 p.m.  
**Sat:** Jam session, 6 to 10 p.m.; DJ EZ D, 10 p.m.

♦ **Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course**, 655 N. Canfield-Niles Road, Austintown; 330-423-1112  
**Fri:** Dominic Tocco and Brotherhood, 8 p.m.  
**Sat:** Hit Play, 8 p.m.

♦ **J. Hicks on the Square**, 117 N. Diamond St., Mercer, Pa.  
**Thu:** Teddy Pantelas Trio with Clif-

ford Barnes and Darryl Pellegrini, 7 p.m.

♦ **La Isla**, 1800 E. State St., Hermitage, Pa.  
**Thu:** Randy Velez, 8 p.m.

♦ **Magic Tree**, 7463 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-2667  
**Fri:** Mike Edgerly, 7 p.m.  
**Sat:** The Locals, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tue:** Trivia Tuesdays at The Tree, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

♦ **Mastropietro Winery**, 14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center; 330-547-2151  
**Sun:** Winds at the Winery concert with Youngstown Area Community Concert Band, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

♦ **Paradise Patio at Trax Lounge**, 4250 New Road, Austintown; 330-799-2249  
**Fri:** Common Ground, 7:30 p.m.  
**Sat:** Leanne and the Boys, 7:30 p.m.

♦ **Piggy's Sports Bar & Grill**, 886 Youngstown-Poland Road, Struthers  
**Sat:** Glitter Pig, 8 p.m.

♦ **Quaker Steak & Lube**, 435 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman  
**Thu:** The Sums Divide

♦ **Riser Tavern & Grill**, 1135 W. Western Reserve Road, Boardman  
**Tue:** Steve Vuich hosts acoustic open stage, 8 p.m.

♦ **Royal Oaks**, 924 Oak St., Youngstown; 330-744-5501  
**Sat:** The Living Deads, with Turbo Lovers, 9 p.m.

♦ **Magic Tree**, 7463 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-2667  
**Thu:** Wine Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

♦ **The Marketplace**, Chestnut St., New Wilmington, Pa.  
**Sat:** Jim Frank Duo, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

♦ **Vintage Estate Wine & Beer**, 7317 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-8080  
**Thu:** Steve Vuich hosts open-mic night, 8 p.m.  
**Fri:** Dead Flowers, 8 p.m.

**19th Annual Youngstown Mt. Carmel Basilica Italian Festival**

The year's 19th Annual Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Italian Festival in Youngstown is set for July 20, 21, 22, and 23 on the church grounds at 343 via Mt. Carmel. Frank Frattaroli serves as fest chairperson and has announced the honorees for this year's Opening Ceremonies, the "Woman of the Year" has been awarded to Marie Ronyak, the "Man of the Year" to Tony Pondillo and the "Lifetime Achievement Award" presented posthumously to Albert Baca. There will also be three \$1,000 YSU Scholarships awarded to three deserving students. Opening ceremonies are held on Friday, July 21 at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

**Entertainment:** This year's entertainment will be the very talented Nick Fiasco, with all your Italian favorites specializing in Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin best loved tunes. Brought back by popular demand is Pittsburgh's own sensational "The Cavaliers" band. Both showcase first-class entertainment that delight their audiences everywhere they go. Also featured are the best in local entertainment including area crowd pleaser Dominic Tocco and The Brotherhood on Saturday night and Mirella the Musician on Saturday and Sunday night. Don't forget the best in music and dance bands such as Butch Nichols Band, Rex Taneri, John Gabriele, D-Major, the Avanti Band, Franco Simone, Gli Italiani, Frank Gallo, Jim Frank, Rocco Monaco, and Nunzio.

**Little Prince and Princess Pageant:** The Boardman Chick-Fil-A sponsored "Little Prince and Prince Pageant" that will be held on Thursday, July 20th at 7 PM in the Social Hall. The contest includes boys and girls ages 4-9 and Master of Ceremonies is Jim Loboy who draws out the best of conversation in the children. Dolly Crump serves as chairperson.

**Sunday Noon Mass & Procession:** The procession will begin at 1 PM after the noon mass. It will be led by a group of the church's youth bearing the flags of Italy's Regions and process down via Mt. Carmel and back, along with the Knights of Columbus, the Man and Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Little Pageant contestants, and the Lowellville Band. Monsignor Cariglio and George Summers are the organizers. They will make their way through the midway and conclude with a concert by the Lowellville Band on the main stage.

**Guided Tours:** Guided tours of the beautiful Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica will be held on Friday and Saturday at 6 and 8 PM and Sunday at 3 PM and 6 PM. If you haven't seen the beautiful and historical Basilica, now is the time to take this tour.

**Known for the Food:** What is better at an Italian Festival than great food? All your favorite food vendors are back with delicious and tempting foods from the cavatellis to the sausage sandwiches, greens, fried boloney, burgers, ribs and chicken, and finish with the sweet taste of great cookies, ice cream or pastries, plus many more favorites from our high-quality and highly recommended food vendors. Several new vendors have been added for variety and taste – all with the best quality and flavor, including McGuire's Coney Island hot dogs.

**Huge Italian Auction:** Chairperson Angie Foltz works year round to insure this attraction is a success with over 200 prizes that will appeal to every age group. It runs all four days inside our hall with the drawing on Sunday evening. It's a must see!

**Craft and Retail Vendors:** A variety of retail and craft vendors are currently scheduled with new items available for display and sale.

**Fun for Your Children Too:** The Children's area has been expanded with a kid's craft area chaired by Christine Cipriano to entertain your child. This is an addition to the bounce-a-round, games, train ride and weather permitting, pony rides. We have added a miniature golf course as well as electronic basketball for the children to try their skills.

**Homemade Wine Contest:** This year's homemade wine contest, sponsored by Rocco Nolfi of Allstate, and hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Saturday, July 22 with the judging to take place at 6 PM in the church basement. Wines can be entered Thursday and Friday from 5 – 8 PM and Saturday from 1 – 5 PM. Sam Accordino serves as chairperson of this popular event.

**Morra:** Lisa Antonini, has the honor of chairing this event in memory of her father. The 3rd Annual Italo Antonini Memorial Morra Tournament will be held on Friday, July 21 at 6 PM with registration at 5 PM. Come and test your skills!

**Free Shuttle Service and Parking:** There will be plenty of parking and security to handle the expected crowds. After the Mt. Carmel lot is filled, parking lots at United Way, St. Cyril & Methodius Church, Ohio One Building, Affordable Auto and Tire Repair, and the YMCA lots are available with two Transit Service busses running again this year to bring you to the fest. Additionally golf carts shuttle you to the entrance, free of charge.

**Pre-Sale Ticket Books Available at Area Merchants.** Daily admission is only \$4.00 per person but to make it even a better deal, you can purchase ahead of time a book of four (4) passes for only \$6.00. This averages out to only \$1.50 per day. Pre-sale ticket books can be purchased in advance at Rulli Bros. West and South, Jimmy's Italian Foods in Liberty and Lariccia's Italian Marketplace in Boardman.

We will keep you informed and reminded of all information and schedules and look forward to another beautiful Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica 19th Annual Italian festival. For more information on any of the above events – call 330-755-2306.

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## LOCAL FLAVOR

◆ **When:** Monday, 6 to 8 p.m.  
◆ **What:** Tour of Urban Farms & Community Gardens. Learn about growing vegetables and see growing in action.  
◆ **Where:** Jubilee Gardens, 150 Lafayette St. Youngstown.  
◆ **Details:** Free.

## HYPERTUFA WORKSHOP

◆ **When:** July 10, 10 a.m. to noon.  
◆ **What:** Garden Art Series continues. Join other gardeners in making a set of three hypertufa pots, complete with plants.  
◆ **Cost:** \$25, including the items to take home.  
◆ **Details:** go.osu.edu/tufapots  
◆ **Register:** Call 330-533-5538

## BIRDING THE SANCTUARY

◆ **When:** July 15, 8-9:30 a.m.  
◆ **What:** Enjoy an early morning bird walk at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary led by Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited.  
◆ **Where:** Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, 2650 West Calla Road, Beaver Township.  
◆ **Details:** Register at Ford Nature Center by next Thursday. Space limited; registration required. Boots required. Moderate difficulty, 1.25 miles.  
◆ **Cost:** Free  
◆ **Info:** Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

## LANTERMAN'S MILL TROLLEY

◆ **When:** July 15, 10 a.m. to noon.  
◆ **What:** All aboard the Cohasset Express to enjoy views of historic Mill Creek Park and a guided tour of Lanterman's Mill.  
◆ **Where:** Ford Nature Center, 840 Old Furnace Road, Youngstown.  
◆ **Cost Adults:** \$9 Mahoning County resident; \$12, NR; 12 and younger under or 60 and older, \$7 R, \$10 NR.  
◆ **Details:** Register/pay at Ford Nature Center by next Thursday. Snack will be provided.  
◆ **Info:** Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

## LOCAL FLAVOR 2

◆ **When:** July 17, 6-8 p.m.  
◆ **What:** Tour of Urban Farms & Community Gardens. Join OSU Extension staff and trained master gardener volunteers to learn about growing vegetables and see growing in action in Youngstown.  
◆ **Where:** Taft Grows Green 4-H Club Garden, 721 Avondale  
◆ **Details:** Free and open to the public  
◆ **Info:** http://go.osu.edu/localflavor2017 or 330-533-5538

## GOOD BUGS VS. BAD BUGS

◆ **When:** July 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon  
◆ **What:** Coffee with master gardeners: What kind of bugs do you have in your garden? Learn which are helpful, and which are not!  
◆ **Where:** OSU Extension, 490 S. Broad St., Canfield  
◆ **Details:** \$15 includes refreshments and handouts  
◆ **Info:** http://go.osu.edu/findthegoodones

## HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY

◆ **When:** July 15, 2 to 4 p.m.  
◆ **What:** Our black rat snake is turning 20! Join the party, meet her and our other native wildlife residents; create a craft; enjoy a piece of cake while supplies last.  
◆ **Where:** Ford Nature Center, 840 Old Furnace Road, Youngstown.  
◆ **Cost:** Free  
◆ **Info:** Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

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## Where are the beetles?

Some of us have a few Japanese beetles this year, but we have yet to see any large, localized populations. Keep your eye out for the scouts that bring on more.  
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# Classic, yet unusual fruit shrubs for your garden

By BOB EISTER  
OSU master gardener volunteer

Ribes are a genus of woody shrubs that produce a tasty, tart fruit that is usually made into jams and jellies. Gooseberries and currants are two closely related species of these shrubs that reach a height of 3-6 feet when mature. They are easy to grow. Some cultivars may have moderately thorny canes. Most ribes are considered cold-hardy and grow well in USDA hardness zones 4 to 6. Jostaberry is a black currant-gooseberry cross. These are vigorous and thornless, growing up

to 5 feet tall. These are disease-resistant and the large fruit has a mild, black currant flavor.

Ribes were popular in the 1800s, but fell into a specialty category of fruit until 1966 due to a fear they helped to spread the white pine blister rust plant disease. This disease is not a significant problem in most areas. Ribes are now making a comeback in upscale restaurants and are prized for use in their sauces, pies and juice for winemaking.

Planting and harvesting: Most ribes like to grow in cool, moist, partially shaded

sites. As with all fruit, they must have well-drained soils, though. They are very tolerant of a wide range of soil types and pH. They usually do well on less than perfect sites. Well established plants can bear fruit for 15 years or more. Many cultivars are available, some with and without thorns.

"Invicta" is perhaps the best green-fruited variety. The berries have a good flavor and are the size of small plums.

"Josta" is a black currant and American gooseberry hybrid. Plants are tall and thornless, tending not to

branch, but requiring a lot of space by maturity. Better for home gardens.

"Poorman" is vigorous and productive, not as thorny as some others. Fruits are small and pink, and mature earlier than those of "Downing." Eating quality is excellent when fruit is fully ripe. Good choice for home use.

The Pixwell cultivar is what I have growing in my garden. The fruit grows to light green marble-size that changes to red when ripe. You must be careful when harvest time comes in early July, because of some thorns and the fact that the birds

will try to beat you to them. I suggest netting the bushes. You can expect to get 5 pounds of fruit per bush, or the equivalent of 5 quarts!

Plants should be pruned in the dormant season of late winter to early spring. Prune them to open up the top of the plants to make picking easier.

Ribes are long living, produce edible fruit, are attractive to wildlife and have ornamental value. They are fun to grow and your neighbors will wonder what you are up to now!

For more information, visit [go.osu.edu/planribes](http://go.osu.edu/planribes).

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# HERBS

By PAM BAYTOS  
OSU master gardener volunteer

## CANFIELD

Herbs have been growing for months now. They are fresh, flavorful and ready for your favorite recipes. Now that we have more than we can use, it's time to save them for the winter months.

There are different techniques for harvesting and preserving your herbs. How you harvest them depends on the herb and what you plan to do with them. Gather herbs on a dry sunny day after the dew has dried. To store fresh herbs, place bouquets into jars filled with 1-2 inches of water, cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate. For small sprigs, wrap in paper towels sealed in plastic bags and place in the crisper drawer. Both options last two weeks. Make sure leaves are free of dew or drops, otherwise they will turn brown. Herbs like cilantro and rosemary can be put into a paper bag placed in the refrigerator for one month; the leaves will be green, but dried.

Freezing is another option. Harvest in their peak and wash them gently, then pat them dry. Chop herbs until the pieces are the right size to add to soups or other recipes. Pack them into freezer bags, squeezing out the air until you have a flat layer of

herbs, then seal. Label the bags, since most frozen herbs look alike. When you're ready to use them, break off a corner or as much as you need and return to the freezer. You can puree fresh herbs with water or oil. Pour the puree into freezer bags or into ice cube trays, moving into bags when frozen solid. Frozen basil retains the best quality when pureed in olive oil. Just add in cheese, pine nuts and garlic for pesto.

Blanching is another option. These herbs stay greener, but flavor and aroma will be reduced. Basil even turns black. Place leaves in strainer and pour boiling water over for one second. Then, lay on paper towels and let cool before freezing. Herbal vinegars are another great way to preserve and use your herbs.

It's best to dry herbs in a dark place with good ventilation. Bams and sheds are good as well as the top of refrigerator on a tray, or even screens placed in your car while parked in shade. When drying herb seeds, snip off seed heads when they turn brown. Blanch them to destroy insects that can hide inside. Spread to dry, then store in airtight containers. For large batches of dried leaves cut the stems and rubber band bunches onto a wire hanger. Have a sepa-

rate hanger for each herb or cultivar to make organization easy. Label each as many will look alike when they dry. Herbs with short stems and leaves are difficult to bunch. The best method is to snip off foliage and spread it on a screen in a single layer. Loose blossoms and flower petals can also be dried on screens. If the herbs are fine, spread a paper towel on the screen first. Remember to stir the herbs once a day for even drying. This takes 7-10 days.

When your herbs have dried thoroughly, it's time to store. If you're saving herbs for culinary use, crush them. Leaves and blossoms saved for tea can be left whole. Store dried herb foliage, blossoms or seeds in airtight containers away from bright light. Your herbs will store best in glass jars with tight lids. You can also pack dried material into resealable plastic bags, squeezing out the air before you seal. Ideally herbs should be kept cool and dry.

Be sure to practice good food safety when preserving herbs.

For information about herbal vinegars, visit [go.osu.edu/herbalvinegar](http://go.osu.edu/herbalvinegar).

For other herb preservation tips, visit [go.osu.edu/goodherbs](http://go.osu.edu/goodherbs).

## ASK OSU EXTENSION

# July trim for spring bloomers

**Q.** I recently move to a home where three smoke bushes are trimmed to look like small trees. The problem is they are totally out of control - almost reaching the roof! I would like to trim or shape them, but do not want to ruin them. Can I trim them back now?

Colleen from Youngstown

**A.** Summer pruning is a chore many of us are afraid to do, as the common thought is that most pruning is done in the spring. That's only true in the cases of fruit trees, berries and the gardeners who had cabin fever all winter.

For spring-blooming shrubs, summer is a great time to prune them for thinning or to give them shape for next year. Spring-blooming shrubs should be pruned by mid-July, as many of them form flower buds in August for next spring blooms.

As for the smoke bush, yes, Colleen can prune them now. Since they are in bloom, she will be cutting off this year's bloom by doing so. The smoke bush can get up to 15 feet high, so to keep them from covering the house, they will need pruned nearly every year. As with most shrubs, the smoke bush will respond to pruning by sending out more shoots. A small amount of pruning each year after the bloom is gone will help keep them in good shape.

So if you don't like to prune, this is not the right place for the smoke bushes.

If pruning isn't your thing, wait until late August and move these shrubs to a location where they can grow that 12-15' without being bothered. Choose Another deciduous shrub that is a tree form that will fill the same space without taking over. A tree hydrangea is a great example of something to fit the space.

As for other summer pruning, stick to thinning and shaping trees and shrubs. Don't go overboard and cut back a lot of stems. Take out one here, one there, and leave it alone. Come back next week and see if the shrub really needs any more pruning. We'll review summer pruning chores and more July 26 at a hands-on clinic. To learn about it, visit [go.osu.edu/summerprune](http://go.osu.edu/summerprune).

For details on smoke bushes, visit [go.osu.edu/smokebush](http://go.osu.edu/smokebush).

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Dear Annie

## Trying to demystify wedding dress codes

**Dear Annie:** I recently attended the wedding of a college friend of mine. In the days preceding the wedding, a buddy of mine asked whether I was going to wear a tuxedo. I told him no, because the invitation said "formal attire." I interpreted "formal" to mean I should wear a suit, whereas "black tie" would have meant men should wear a tux. We asked our respective wives and decided that "formal" meant suit.

The wedding took place during the summer in Southern California. I wore a true-blue suit, blue shirt and light red linen tie. I thought it was perfect for the venue, time of year and location. My buddy wore something comparable.

However, when we showed up in our suits, we were surprised to see that almost everyone else was wearing tuxes.

Business? Business casual? Business cool? Formal? Black tie? Black tie optional? Toptional? Is there a council of elders who decide what we can wear and when? I am writing to you to get the definitive ruling on ambiguous attire definitions. Feeling underdressed is the pits.

### DRESSED TO BE STRESSED

**Dear Dressed:** Here's a brief overview of what wedding dress codes mean for men. If the invitation says "white tie," dress to the nines - with a long black jacket with tails, a white bow tie and a white vest.

To a "black tie" wedding, always wear a tuxedo.

If it's "formal," a tuxedo or dark suit and tie will do. "Semiformal" or "cocktail" denotes a suit and tie.

For a "casual" wedding, go with dress pants and a button-down shirt.

If you're not sure, err on the side of formal. It's less embarrassing to be overdressed than it is to be underdressed.

**Dear Annie:** This is in response to "Babied Pre-Law Student," who wants to attend law school out of state but is meeting resistance from her parents. What was not very clear was whether the potential law student is expecting her parents to support the decision no matter what the cost is to them. If her parents are willing and able to pay for in-state tuition and expenses, that is a boon not to be taken lightly. If she wants to go out of state, perhaps her parents could contribute the amount they'd pay if she stayed in state and she could cover the rest.

If this person is truly "an adult and able to make [her] own decisions," shouldn't that include paying her own way? If anyone is still dependent on her parents for all expenses, I am not sure she is truly an adult.

### KATHERINE

**Dear Katherine:** I feel the same way. Being an adult means being financially independent. I took the letter writer to mean that she'd be taking out loans and paying for law school herself, but I may have been too generous in that assumption. If in fact her parents are putting her through law school, she should absolutely not expect them to foot the bill at whatever the cost. Your suggestion - that her parents contribute an amount equal to in-state tuition and she cover the rest - is a good one.

Email your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com), or write to: Dear Annie, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254.

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## Soaking dirty dishes is a real timesaver

**Dear Heloise:** My mother uses this simple but very helpful kitchen idea: She puts a large plastic bowl in her sink and fills it with warm, soapy water for cleaning her dishes or rinsing them before putting them in the dishwasher.

This uses less water than filling up the sink with soapy water because the bowl is smaller than the sink.

After washing/rinsing all her dishes, she dries the plastic bowl and stores it under her sink until the next cleanup after a meal.

I liked the idea, so I bought a plastic bowl for myself and have started using it.

ANGELINA IN CONROE, TEXAS

Simple water savings. Soak especially icky dishes and sil-



Heloise

verware in the bowl, too! Let the water do the work; saves time and scrubbing.

### Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** It's summertime, and time to change purses. I like to downsize and lighten up my bags. I just can't lug around a heavy bag, and summer is the perfect excuse to lose weight (at least with my handbag - ha!).

So what's left after I lighten up? In my summer bag, which is a small, canvas crossbody with a light-beige lining so I can easily see my things in there, I keep a compact wallet with my

debit card, driver's license (ID) and cash.

Also, a few tissues, a pocket mirror and my favorite lipstick go in the main compartment, along with my phone and keys. I clean out all shopping lists, receipts and other papers nightly.

Summer is a simple time, and I like to go small with my handbag; it's less to worry about. I'm wondering what your readers carry in their bags?

ALICE A. IN COLORADO

Yes, readers, join in the conversation! What do you carry in your bag? And carrying heavy handbags can be a pain in the neck! Seriously, lightening up your purse can positively affect your posture.

The average weight of a woman's purse, according

to one study, is just over 6 pounds! Picture a bag of sugar hanging off your shoulder. That's heavy. Lighten up!

### Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I used to spray the whole pan when preparing it with cooking spray. But now I spray in just one spot, and use a piece of wax paper to spread it around.

This way, the cooking spray doesn't go all over, and I use less.

A READER IN OHIO

**Dear Heloise:** I'm an organized person, and I like having things where I can find them. When I get a new appliance or electronic device, I read the manual thoroughly and then save it in my home office in my file

cabinet.

If there's a malfunction, it could be something simple, like a blown fuse, or the item may not be plugged in or charged. But if it's something more serious, I'm glad I have the manual at my fingertips.

APRIL H., Washington, D.C.

**Dear Heloise:** To save space in my closet, I purchased children's hangers for hanging my trousers. They are narrower and don't take up as much space as adult hangers.

DESPINA M., Weirton, W.Va.

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, fax it to 210-HELOISE or email it to [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com).

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## Mothers of Twins club honors member

### YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown Mothers of Twins Club's Mother of the Year for 2017 is Jenny Arnaut. She is married to David Arnaut and is the mother of 6-year-old twins, Chase and Charlie.

Arnaut has been employed by the Vienna Dental Clinic for 16 years as a dental hygienist. She takes care of her family as well as being active in her children's outside activities such as gymnastics, baseball, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and her daughter's cheerleading events.



Arnaut

Arnaut has been a member of the YMOTC since 2012 and has served on various committees, including hostess, annual rummage sale, corresponding secretary and treasurer. She headed the first membership drive by inviting families to a summer picnic to see what the group has to offer new mothers of multiples.

Arnaut is teaching her children the importance of volunteering and helping others by serving meals to the homeless, and helping at "tent city" in downtown Youngstown. She and her family participate by walking to raise money for the local heart walk and the "March for Babies."

Arnaut will represent the YMOTC at the 68th Ohio Federation Mothers' of Twins Club convention that will take place in Twinsburg.



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## Warren Junior Women's League installs officers

The GFWC Ohio Warren Junior Women's League recently installed officers for the 2017-18 club year. Ohio Northeast District President Mary Witkowski, assisted by 2016-17 WJWL President Julie Vugrinovich, installed the following officers: Jonnah Hetzel, president; Sharon Drummond, first vice president; Diane Taylor, second vice president; Megan Marino, secretary; and Tammy Metzger, treasurer. Above, from left are Vugrinovich, Hetzel, Drummond, Taylor, Marino, Metzger and Witkowski.



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Robin Uler hosted members of the Poland Women's Club at a picnic at her home. Above, members in attendance were, from left, Pat Granitto, Peggy Stefko, Cathy Stacy, Ruth Ebert, Nancy Wilber, Donna Wolfe, Jennifer Remick, Meg Gabriel, Linda Weaver, Beth Alexoff, Barbara Bartos, Lue Bukovinsky, Lorraine Santoro, Uler, and Cyndi Duncan. The club is planning "Ladies Night Out" for Oct. 16.

## Poland Women's Club plans 'Ladies Night Out'

**POLAND** "Ladies Night Out," an annual Quarter Auction fundraiser of the Poland Women's Club, is scheduled for Oct. 16 at Holy Family Church hall in Poland.

Last year, the event raised

\$10,000, with donations going to the Poland Fireman's Association, Poland Junior Women's Club, Celebrate Poland, Poland Relay for Life, Poland Village Gardeners and a scholarship to a Poland High School graduate.

Community organizations receiving donations were Golden Strings Inc. (Purple Cat), Making Kids Count, Silver Lining Cancer Fund, Plant the Seed to Read, Rescue Mission and Salvation Army.

## SOCIETY digest

### Sight for All plans annual Eye Ball

**YOUNGSTOWN** Sight for All Foundation will host its second annual Eye Ball on Sept. 30 at Youngstown Symphony Society, 260 W. Federal St. The black-tie event will feature appetizers, dinner, a live auction, a silent raffle, music and dancing.

### Legacy Dog Rescue to host fundraiser

**LAKE MILTON** Legacy Dog Rescue will host Hot Diggity Dog Day on July 15 at Lil Paws Winery, 17574 Mahoning Ave., from 2 to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$10 for five hot dog tastes with

a glass of wine or beer. There will be many hot dog toppings to choose from. Veggie dogs will be served as well. There also will be an auction.

### Local cat shelter plans garage sale Saturday

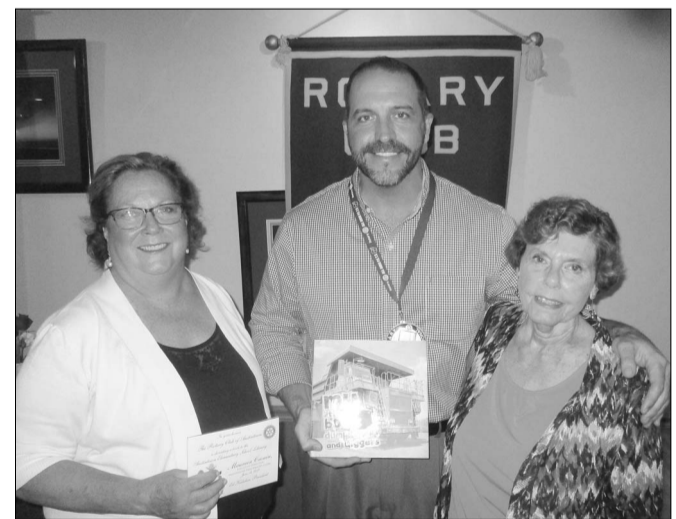
**YOUNGSTOWN** West Side Cats will host a garage sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 2217 Mahoning Ave. New items are available. For information, call Marie at 330-519-5002.



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## Calla Community Church ladies design quilt for festival

Calla Community Church is hosting its annual lawn festival at 4:30 p.m. Saturday with sandwiches, salads and beverages. The highlight of the evening will be the raffle of the vintage flower design patchwork quilt made by the ladies of the church. It is twin-sized, and tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. Pictured above, in front, from left are Matthew Gingrich and Olivia Wince. Front row, standing, from left are Barb Kersten, Judy Proverbs, Lisa Provers and Shirley Baker. Back row are Ed Schlegel, chairman; Rev. Ken Gingrich and Chris Wince.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

## Austintown Rotary Club installs new officers

Rotary club of Austintown recently installed the 2017-18 officers at a dinner meeting at the Upstairs Restaurant. New officers are Bruce Laraway, president; Rich Begalla, vice president; Tracie Kaglic, secretary; Brian Frederick, treasurer; Christina Vaslich, club service; Stephanie Fabian, community service; Heather Fronk, vocational service; and Jeremy Batchelor, international service. Veteran member Chuck Baker issued the oath of office to the officers, whose terms began July 1. Guest speaker was Maureen Cronin from the Midlothian Free Health Clinic assisted by Sandie Reel, secretary. Above from left are Cronin; Ed Kalaher, outgoing chapter president; and Reel.

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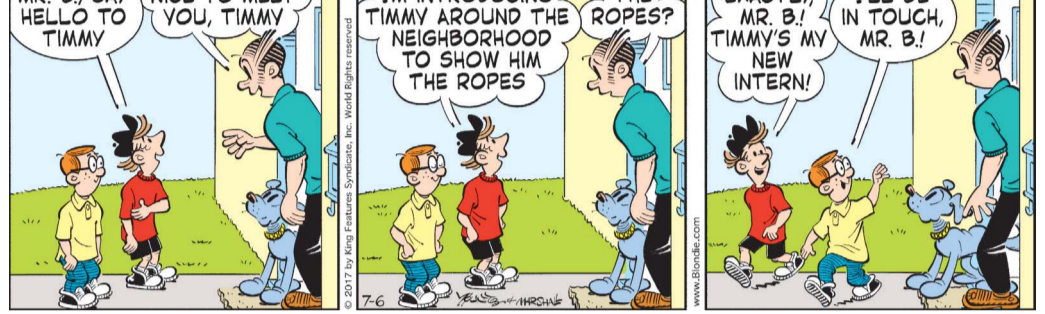
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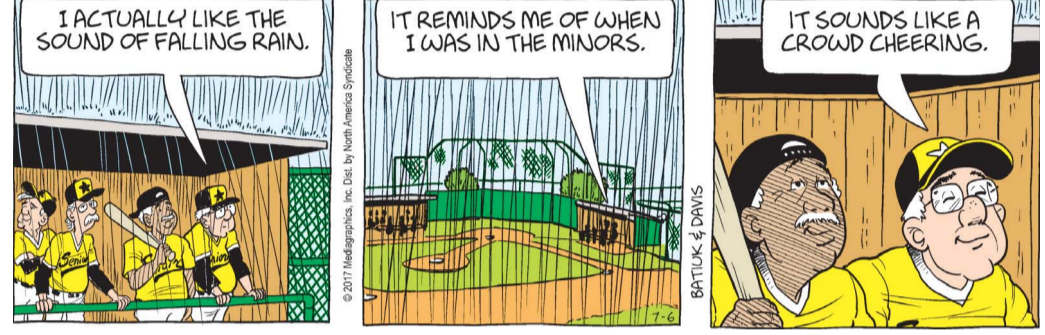
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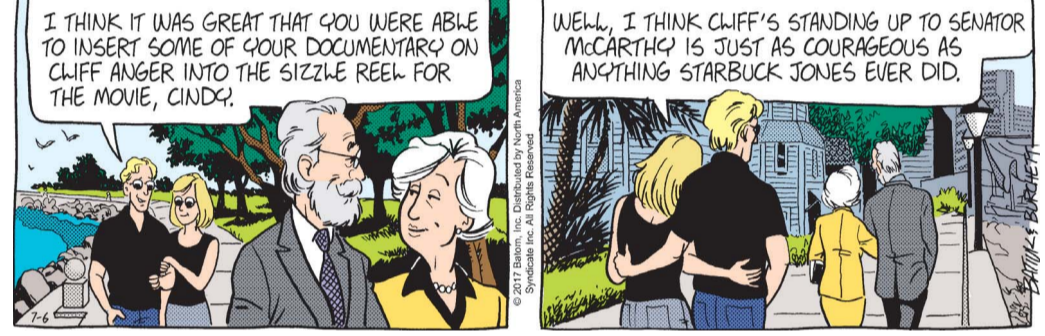
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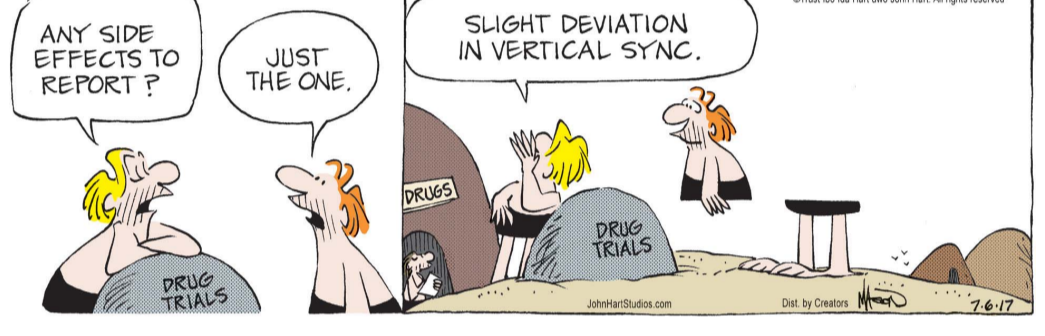
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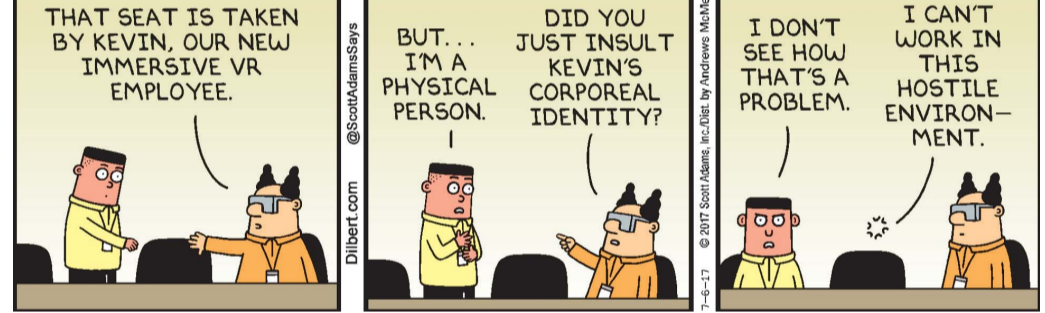
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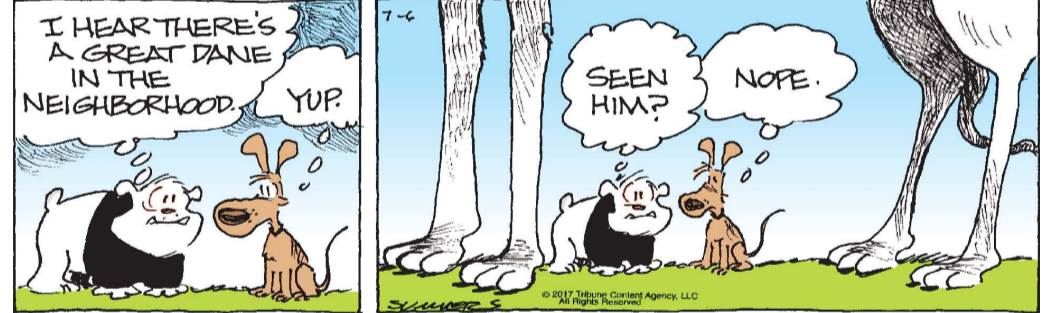
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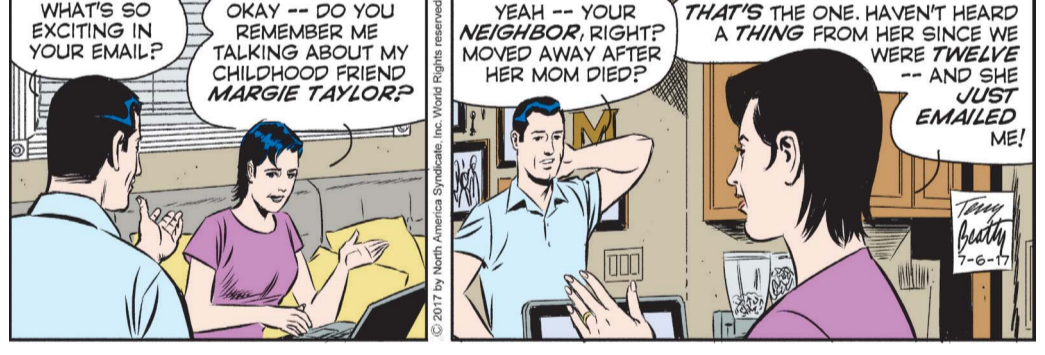
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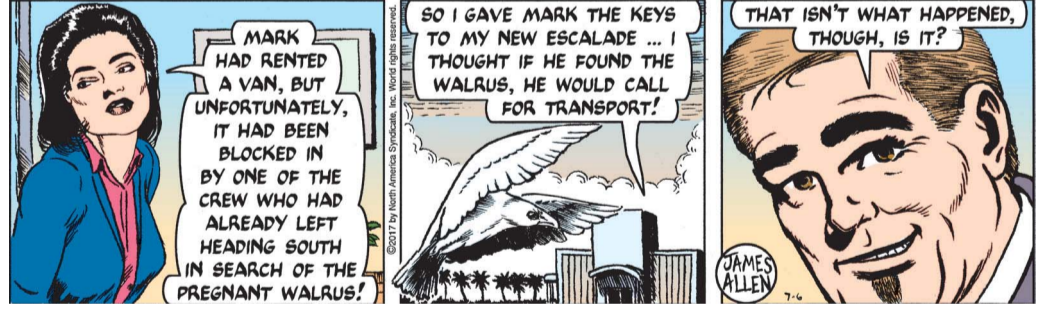
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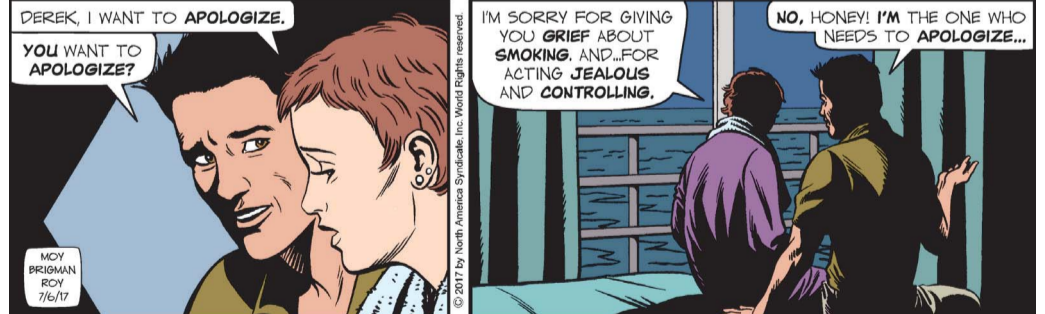
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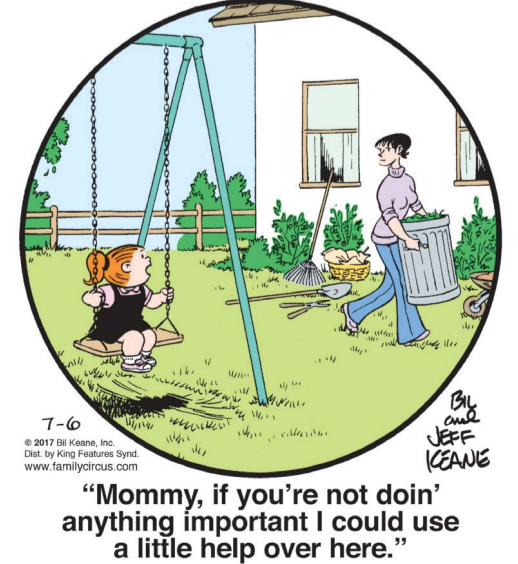
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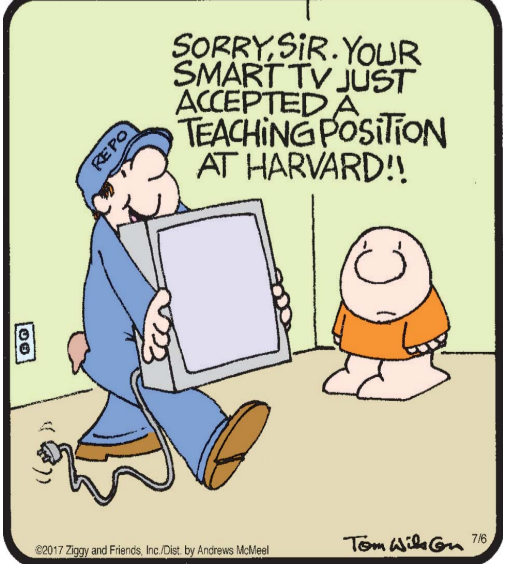
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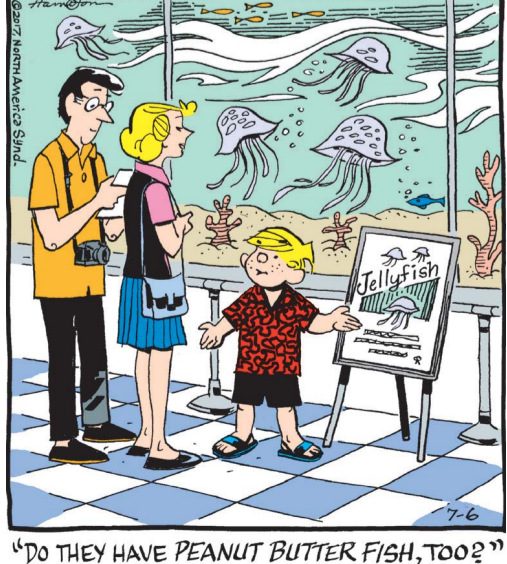
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