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Computers, cash, suits seized

State releases list of items taken from homes of Bozanich, attorney in water-fund probe

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YOUNGSTOWN

Several computers and other electronic equipment, financial records, income-tax returns, a safe, \$66,700 in cash and four suits were seized at the home and law office of Atty. Stephen Garrea and the homes of city Finance Director David Bozanich and his girlfriend.

The Ohio Auditor's office, the lead investigator on the case, Wednesday filed with the Mahoning County Clerk of Courts office a list of what was removed from the four properties during a July 6 search.



Bozanich

The searches were related to a state

♦ **ON VINDY.COM:** Complete list of items confiscated in the raids last week.

probe into the legality of more than \$2 million given by the city from its water and wastewater funds to NYO Property Group, a prominent downtown developer.

Bozanich declined to comment Wednesday to *The Vindicator* except

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Law-enforcement officers take items from Youngstown Finance Director David Bozanich's Boardman home last week. State officials Wednesday filed a list of items taken from homes searched in the investigation of Youngstown's use of water funds for development projects.

VEHICULAR HOMICIDE TRIAL

Witnesses say Yurich drank before boat crash

By JUSTIN WIER
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YOUNGSTOWN

The prosecution Wednesday called a friend of Dr. Joseph Yurich's and a bartender who served him the night of a fatal Berlin Reservoir boat crash in 2015 to establish that Dr. Yurich had been drinking before the crash.

Both witnesses said Dr. Yurich was not visibly impaired.

Andrew Crogan, a friend who was in Dr. Yurich's wedding, said shortly after Dr. Yurich left a boat dock near his camper, Crogan was told to

turn his music down because there had been a large explosion and someone was crying for help. Crogan went out to assist. While on his way, he received a call from Dr. Yurich.

"He said he believed he hit something, and it wasn't good," Crogan told the court.

Dr. Yurich, 38, of Poland, faces several charges stemming from the May 9, 2015, incident that left one man injured and another dead.

Crogan also testified that Dr. Yurich had consumed two beers and a shot at a restaurant a few hours earlier.

That was confirmed by restaurant surveillance footage. It showed Dr. Yurich and his friends, including Crogan, arriving at the restaurant's bar at 9:47 p.m. and leaving at 10:51 p.m. In that time, Dr. Yurich consumed two beers and one shot.

The bartender said the shot was a "little beer," which consists of Licor 43 and heavy whipping cream. Licor 43 is 31 percent alcohol by volume.

The crash occurred shortly after midnight.

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A LEGACY IN LOWELLVILLE



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Archie DiRusso, left, and Rocco Nolfi sample some DiRusso Italian Sausage sandwiches at the Lowellville Mount Carmel festival Wednesday. They're both descendants of founders of the festival. See related video on Vindy.com.

At 122, Mount Carmel fest stays true to traditions

By SARAH LEHR
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LOWELLVILLE

EVERY YEAR AT THE MOUNT Carmel festival, Rocco Nolfi passes by the DiRusso's Italian Sausage truck and says "hey" to Archie DiRusso. It's a connection that spans four generations.

Nolfi's great-great-grandfather, Pietro Pirone, first came to the United States from Italy after receiving a letter from DiRusso's great-grandfather, Agostine Vespasian. The letter assured Pirone he would be able to find a job in the Mahoning Valley.

After Pirone made the voyage to America, he ended up founding

“BEING FROM LOWELLVILLE, IT'S LIKE A GIGANTIC FAMILY REUNION.”

ARCHIE DIRUSSO, about Mount Carmel festival

Lowellville's first Mount Carmel Club, originally a homeless shelter for Italian immigrants.

Pirone's legacy lives on through his great-great-grandson, Nolfi, who is the current club president as Lowellville's Mount Carmel festival celebrates its 122nd year.

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Back to future in balloting

Goodbye, electronics; hello, paper & pen, for Trumbull County

By ED RUNYAN
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WARREN

By 2019, Trumbull County voters are likely to be using another kind of voting method to cast their ballots: paper-and-pen ballots, like those now used by early voters.

It was a significant change in fall 2005 when county voters used electronic voting equipment for the first time.

Electronic machines eliminated the "hanging chads" problem that created chaos in the 2000 presidential election.

Before Trumbull County used electronic voting machines, it had the punch-card system in which the voter slid a card into a machine. Voters used a "stylus" to poke out chads. The card was later fed into a machine that counted the votes.

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New health bill: Dead on arrival?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump said Wednesday he will be "very angry" if the Senate fails to pass a revamped Republican health care bill and said Majority Leader Mitch McConnell must "pull it off," intensifying pressure on party leaders laboring to win over unhappy GOP senators.

Trump's remarks came as McConnell, R-Ky., planned to release his revised legislation today to a closed-door meeting of GOP senators. McConnell's new bill was expected to offer only modest departures from the original version. It keeps most of the initial Medicaid cuts and makes other changes aimed at nailing down support, but internal GOP disputes linger that threaten to sink it.

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Tiny ticks pose big-time risks to health throughout summer

By WILLIAM K. ALCORN
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YOUNGSTOWN

Ticks and mosquitoes. They are the bane of summer outdoor activities in Northeast Ohio.

Ticks are arachnids, relatives of spiders, that lurk in wooded areas, brushy fields, along trails and around homes waiting for a host — a human or their pet to come by and provide a meal.

Mosquitoes, especially from dusk to dawn, come out in clouds that cause those in backyards to dive for their screened-in porches, and fishermen hustle off the water and sit around the fire for awhile and hoist a couple of beverages

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while the flying, buzzing, stinging hoard somewhat disperses.

Ticks and mosquitoes are not just nuisances, however. They can carry diseases that cause serious and sometimes fatal viruses.

There are several tick-borne diseases in Ohio, where populations of some of the pests are growing rapidly.

Among them are Lyme disease and Spotted fever rickettsiosis, including Rocky Mountain spotted

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This photo from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shows a black-legged tick, also known as a deer tick. Lyme disease is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected black-legged tick. Typical symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue and a characteristic skin rash commonly called the "bull's-eye" rash. Deer-tick populations are growing in Ohio.

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3rd-graders' sessions

YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown City School District announced a second summer-school session will be available for third-grade students who failed to pass their reading assessments.

The sessions will take place at Williamson, William Holmes McGuffey and Martin Luther King elementary schools. Students from Paul C. Bunn Elementary will attend McGuffey for summer school. Taft students will go to Williamson, and Harding students will attend MLK for the sessions. All sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Monday through Aug. 10.

Students are required to meet the "Third-Grade Reading Guarantee" before they can progress to the fourth grade.

Truck cab catches fire, closes I-680

NORTH LIMA

The northbound lanes of Interstate 680 were closed for about an hour Wednesday after the engine of a tractor-trailer caught fire in Beaver Township south of Western Reserve Road, but no injuries occurred, reported troopers attached to the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Canfield Post.

The engine compartment and cab of the truck driven by Keith P. Bock of Kensington, Pa., was on fire. The cause is under investigation. Beaver Township police and fire departments assisted the state patrol.

Yale fellowship

YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown State University alumnus Andrew Morgan, 23, of Fowler has been awarded a graduate fellowship to study at Yale University.

Morgan graduated in May from YSU with degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. He will pursue a doctorate in robotics at Yale.

The fellowship was awarded by Tau Beta Pi, the world's largest engineering honor society.

During his time at YSU, Morgan was named a Goldwater Scholar and participated in the college's Student Government Association, Academic Senate and the Honors College.

Mackey Road closing

VIENNA

Mackey Road will be closed for culvert replacement effective from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. today. The recommended detour route is east on Warren Sharon Road, south on Roy Road, and west on Coal Road.

Phelps Road closing

BRISTOL

Phelps Road will be closed from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday due to a culvert replacement. The recommended detour route is south on state Route 45, east on Hyde Shaffer Road and north on Mahan Denman Road.

WaterFire festival is seeking volunteers

SHARON, PA.

WaterFire Sharon is seeking volunteers for the festival Saturday in downtown Sharon. A variety of opportunities are available with time frames to suit individuals' schedules.

Most jobs require a two-hour commitment, which allows volunteers time to still enjoy the festival, said Karen Winner Sed, co-chairwoman of WaterFire Sharon.

For information or to sign up as a volunteer, email jstanko@waterfiresharonpa.org or call 724-301-1868.

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Agenda Friday

◆ **Columbiana County Educational Service Center**, 8 a.m., 38720 Saltwell Road, Lisbon.

◆ **Mahoning County commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., staff meetings, administration building, second floor, 21 W. Boardman St., Youngstown.

◆ **Niles City Council**, 5 p.m., special meeting, council chambers, 15 W. State St.

AGENDA runs daily. Items for the column should be sent to The Vindicator Regional Desk at least two days in advance.

Dunkin' Donuts robber gets 12 years in prison

By **JOE GORMAN**
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YOUNGSTOWN

A man who skipped an April 20 sentencing date in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court for his son's first birthday received an extra six years in prison Wednesday.

An earlier plea agreement had called for Jamal Turner, 25, to be sentenced to six years in prison on charges of aggravated robbery and being a felon in

possession of a firearm and a firearm specification. But because he missed his sentencing date and did not turn himself in until June, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison by Judge R. Scott Krichbaum.

Before the sentence was handed down, Turner's twin brother, Jamel Turner, stormed out of court as Judge Krichbaum was talking, hitching up his pants on the way out and loudly opening a door.



Jamal Turner

He was tracked down by a bailiff and deputies and arrested on a contempt-of-court charge.

A woman who was with Turner's supporters hyperventilated, and a female deputy had to calm her down so she could get her breath back. She was taken out of the courtroom when Judge Krichbaum had a contempt hearing for Jamel Turner.

Jamal Turner is accused of robbing the Youngstown-Poland Road Dunkin' Donuts about 2:35 a.m. July 28, 2016, and stealing \$200 cash.

He confessed several days later

to Struthers police. He was free on \$25,000 bond from Struthers Municipal Court before he entered his plea and was sentenced.

Michael Kivlighan, Jamal Turner's attorney, told the judge his client was in desperate financial straits, which is why he committed the robbery.

Kivlighan said his client had a weapon but never pointed it at the employees or customers during the robbery and that he skipped his sentencing so he could celebrate his son's birthday.

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A BIT OF BEDLAM



ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

A traffic light and a power line were down at the intersection of West Rayen Avenue and Elm Street after a dump truck hit them while heading toward Wick Avenue with its bed raised.

Dump truck knocks over telephone pole, traffic light

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

A dump truck driving with its bed raised knocked over a telephone pole and traffic light Wednesday at the intersection of West Rayen Avenue and Elm Street on campus at Youngstown State University.

YSU police said the driver was leaving a work site and left the bed raised while heading east on Rayen.

The raised bed caught power and telephone lines and pulled the pole down.

By the time the streetlight fell, the driver realized what happened, police

said.

The incident left businesses in the block of Elm Street and Hazel Street along Rayen without power. Ohio Edison was on site to restore power to those businesses as well as removing loose power lines from the street and side-

walk.

The downed traffic light was removed from the site and a new telephone pole was planted.

Charles Shasho, the city's deputy director of public works, said the city will likely seek repair reimbursement.

TRUMBULL COUNTY



ED RUNYAN | THE VINDICATOR

Jerry Usselman of Champion, left, president of the Trumbull County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, and Martin Cisine, Ohio Department of Natural Resources wildlife officer for Trumbull County, stand next to a replica of a bald eagle's nest. The nest is similar to the real thing, though they can get much larger. The nest is one of the displays in the ODNR Division of Wildlife tent at the Trumbull County Fair.

Fair offers lessons on livestock and wildlife

By **ED RUNYAN**
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BAZETTA

One of the chief attractions of the Trumbull County Fair is the opportunity to see farm animals up close.

But a display by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife helps people better understand animals on the wild side.

Division workers are spending time at the fair this year to talk about bald eagles, bears, coyotes, even raccoons and groundhogs.

Attracting attention just

inside the ODNR tent is a life-size replica of a bald eagle's nest, just like 13 or more such nests that have been identified in the county.

The nest, complete with replica eggs the same size as real ones, is made of sticks, pine branches and other nest material. Its creators added a small turtle and fish bones to show other things commonly found in such nests.

Jerry Usselman of Champion, president of the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs,

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TICKS

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fever, according to the Ohio Department of Health. Lyme disease is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected black-legged tick, also known as the deer tick. Typical symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue and a characteristic skin rash commonly called the "bull's-eye" rash.

Lyme disease is diagnosed based on symptoms, including physical findings, such as a rash, and the possibility of exposure to infected ticks. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics.

Lyme disease occurs primarily in the Northeastern and upper Midwest regions. Ohio is located between these two regions where, in the past, fairly low occurrence of Lyme disease was reported. However, in recent years black-legged tick populations in Ohio have increased dramatically and their range continues to expand, particularly in the forest habitats preferred by this tick, ODH reported.

Ticks are parasites that survive by feeding on the

The most obvious protection from ticks is for humans and their pets to avoid wooded and bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter and walk in the center of trails. Other tips:

Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors, preferably within two hours, to wash off and more easily find ticks crawling on you.

Conduct a full-body tick check using a hand-held or full-length mirror to view all parts of your body upon return from tick-infested areas. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist and especially in their hair.

Examine gear and pets. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats and day packs.

Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for an hour to kill remaining ticks.

A single springtime application of an acaricide (tick pesticide), such as bifenthrin, can greatly reduce the number of ticks in your yard.

If you find a tick attached to your skin, there's no need to panic. Several tick-removal devices are available on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers will remove a tick effectively.

Use the tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth parts to break off and remain in the skin.

After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

Dispose of a live tick by submersing it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a

Remove the tick as quickly as possible - do not wait for it to detach. If you develop a rash or fever within several weeks of removing a tick, seek medical help. TICKS AND PETS Except for Lyme disease, vaccines aren't available for most of the tick-borne diseases that dogs can get. It's important to use a tick-preventive product on your dog. Signs of tick-borne disease in dogs may not appear for seven to 21 days or longer after a tick bite, so watch your dog closely for changes in behavior or appetite. Check your pets for ticks daily, especially after they spend time outdoors. If you find a tick on your dog, remove it quickly. Ask your veterinarian to conduct a tick check at each exam.

Source: Ohio Department of Health

YURICH

Continued from A1 After the accident, Crogan said he talked to Dr. Yurich's wife, who said she was worried about Dr. Yurich. Crogan and two friends went to Dr. Yurich's house on the lake. Crogan said Dr. Yurich was pale and seemed scared. It was around that time Dr. Yurich's wife called police. Last fall, Judge John M. Durkin of Mahoning County Common Pleas Court excluded blood and urine samples taken from the doctor on the night of the accident because they went unrefrigerated for more than 62 hours, a violation of state law. In the post-crash sample, Dr. Yurich had a blood-alcohol content of 0.152, nearly double the legal limit of 0.08, a toxicologist reported. Lt. Greg Johnson, chief of detectives with the Portage County Sheriff's Office, said he made no attempt to refrigerate the sample because he wasn't aware of the requirement, a judgement entry noted. The prosecution plans to call Johnson to the stand today. The night of the accident, Dr. Yurich told Johnson he had "a couple" of beers before the crash and didn't mean to kill anyone, according to a court filing. The state will continue to call witnesses today, which will include investigators and physical evidence from the crash.

HEALTH BILL

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With all Democrats set to vote no, McConnell was moving toward a do-or-die roll call next week on beginning debate, a motion that will require backing from 50 of the 52 GOP senators. Conservative Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said Wednesday he would oppose the motion and moderate Republican Susan Collins of Maine seemed all but sure to do the same — leaving McConnell with zero margin for error to sustain his party's goal of toppling President Barack Obama's health care law. Several other GOP senators were holdouts as well, leaving McConnell and his lieutenants just days to win them over or face a major defeat. In a White House interview conducted Wednesday for the Christian Broad-

casting Network's "The 700 Club," Trump said it was time for action by congressional Republicans who cast scores of votes "that didn't mean anything" to repeal the 2010 law while Obama was still president. "Well, I don't even want to talk about it because I think it would be very bad," he said when network founder Pat Robertson asked what would happen if the effort fails. "I will be very angry about it and a lot of people will be very upset." Asked if McConnell would succeed, Trump said, "Mitch has to pull it off." Trump has played a limited role in cajoling GOP senators to back the legislation. Asked Wednesday about the president's involvement, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters the White House was providing "technical assistance."

FESTIVAL

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Because Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day is Sunday, the festival will span five days this year. The festivities began Wednesday and will continue on Washington Street through Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight each night. State Sen. Joe Schiavoni of Boardman, D-33rd, a candidate for governor, will be honored today as "Italian man of the year." On Sunday, a 10:30 a.m. procession outside the Mount Carmel Club, 102 Washington St., will lead to an 11:30 a.m. Mass in celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 131 E. Wood St. The festival resumes at 4 p.m. Sunday and concludes with fireworks at 10 p.m. Festivities include food, games and music from the Mount Carmel Club band. Attendees agree, however, the nightly "baby doll dance" is the highlight. The spectacle involves fireworks shot out of the tops of papier mache dolls. It's an homage to a 13th-century ritual. Villagers in Southern Italy used to burn dolls in effigy to symbolize purging their communities of last year's tribulations. After more than a century, Lowellville's Mount Carmel is faithful to its roots. "It hasn't changed much, and that's what we like about it," Nolfi said. DiRusso has memories of the festival dating back to his childhood in the village. His grandparents sold their signature Italian sausage at DiRusso's Market, which was across the street from the festival until the store closed in 1970. "Being from Lowellville, it's like a gigantic family reunion," DiRusso said.

PROBE

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to say he's continuing to do his job as finance director. Attempts Wednesday to reach Garea were unsuccessful. The search warrants, which remain sealed, were conducted at: ♦ 7842 Walnut St., Unit B, Boardman, Bozanich's residence, where neighbors say his sister lives. ♦ 355 Devonshire Drive, Boardman, the residence of Panzy Eldridge, Bozanich's girlfriend, where it's presumed the finance director lives. ♦ 3722 Starr Centre Drive, Suite A, Canfield, the law office of Stephen Garea. ♦ 3780 Fawn Drive, Canfield, Garea's residence. The only items taken from Bozanich's Walnut Street home were a safe and 40 photographs, according to the auditor's inventory list. Seized from Eldridge's home were Bozanich's "financial records," "loan records," check registers, tax returns and five computers. In comparison to Bozanich, several more items were taken from Garea's home and office. Taken from Garea's law office were four computers, numerous thumb

drives and CDs, bank statements including a \$100,000 deposit slip, construction contracts, tax returns for at least six years and other income documents, duplicate checks, appointment calendars and other papers. Taken from a closet at Garea's residence were \$66,700 in cash — in \$100 and \$50 bills — and four suits, the list states. Also removed from the house were at least four computers, three power cords, nine DVD disks, three thumb drives, and income tax records. The investigation focuses on three projects done by NYO subsidiaries, operated by developer Dominic J. Marchionda, that received \$2.27 million from the city's water and wastewater funds. On March 16, records were seized at NYO's downtown office and at Marchionda's Poland home by law-enforcement agencies, led by the state auditor's office. Garea served as Marchionda's attorney on the deals with Bozanich as the city's finance director heavily involved in the negotiations. The largest project was \$1.2 million to U.S. Campus Suites LLC in November 2009 for the Flats at Wick student-housing project. Then, Marchionda's company paid \$1 million to the city for a fire station property on Madison Avenue for the project, netting the company \$200,000. At the time, the city was projecting a general-fund deficit for the end of 2009, but the influx of \$1 million in part helped avoid the city's shortfall. Without such a transaction, the city would not have been able to move \$1 million from the water and wastewater funds to the general fund. U.S. Campus Suites is leasing the station back to the city for \$10 annually. The city originally agreed to sell the fire station for \$10 in May 2009 to Marchionda, according to a city ordinance from that time. That sale price increased in November to \$1 million, according to a board of control contract. The city also gave Erie Terminal Place, an NYO subsidiary, \$350,000 in water and wastewater funds in 2011 for its Erie Terminal Place apartment project, and then \$220,000 two years later for improvement work at that downtown property. Also, \$500,000 in those funds went to Wick Properties LLC, also an NYO subsidiary, in 2015 for the apartment/extended-stay Wick Tower that opened in November of that year. Among the items seized by the state auditor's office from Garea's law office were files about the Flats at Wick and Wick Tower.

VOTING

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Now, the county's hundreds of 12-year-old electronic voting machines are reaching the end of their useful life. "There is no way our [voting] machines would make it through another presidential election," said Stephanie Penrose, Trumbull County Board of Elections director, at a June meeting. Replacement batteries cost \$100. The plastic parts are degrading. And no matter how much officials across the country have tried to reassure the public that their votes are being recorded correctly, some people still don't trust electronic voting machines. Penrose told board members recently that state of-

officials have not endorsed any of the electronic voting machines that manufacturers are trying to sell. Besides that, the method that many Ohio counties are increasingly switching to — a simple paper-and-pen ballot — is much less expensive. The cost to buy replacement electronic voting machines would be about \$4.5 million, Penrose said this week. The cost to switch to paper ballots is about \$1.5 million. The state provided much of the money to make the switch to electronic voting machines; it's unclear how much the state will help with the cost this time. The board of elections will



Penrose

invite the county commissioners and Auditor Adrian Biviano to join them the week of Aug. 14 and with several elections-equipment vendors to see demonstrations of their products. Penrose said the process of voting with paper ballots will presumably involve the purchase of privacy panels on tables. The elections board uses voting booths from the punch-card era for early voting now, but does not have enough of those, Penrose said. The elections board hopes to acquire its new voting equipment in 2018. Meanwhile, at Tuesday's meeting, the elections board approved the county's social media policy for elections board employees both while on the job and off. It prohibits employees from making comments or displays about co-workers, supervisors or the county that are "vulgar, obscene, threatening, intimidating, harassing, or a violation of the county's workplace policies against discrimination, harassment or hostility on account of race, religion, sex, ethnicity, nationality, disability, military status or other protected class or characteristic." The elections board hopes to add other language to the policy in the coming months specific to the elections board, such as restrictions on politics. Board of elections member Ron Knight said political commentary by elections board officials could undermine the public's confidence in the legitimacy of the elections.

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Our VOICE

Mill Creek management enjoying a period of calm

IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR'S demands for his termination, Aaron Young, executive director of Mill Creek MetroParks, is today riding a wave of approval. That's good news for the metropolitan park system, which certainly needed a period of calm.

Early last year, Young ignited a firestorm of public criticism after he implemented a staff restructuring that resulted in the elimination of 13 positions. Among the employees terminated were several who had been with the park district for many years and were popular with supporters of the district.

The perceived heavy-handedness on Young's part triggered the public outcry. To further muddy the waters, the executive director privately discussed the reorganization with the commissioners and then implemented it – without a public vote of the board.

The firestorm, including calls for Young's termination, prompted Mahoning County Probate Judge Robert N. Rusu Jr. to use his statutory authority over the park district to calm the waters.

Rusu had to fill two vacancies on the board of commissioners, and the individuals he appointed reflected the judge's belief in complete transparency in all aspects of the district's operation. The new commissioners also supported Rusu's idea for citizen involvement through the creation of citizens advisory committees.

Dr. Thomas Shipka, retired chairman of Youngstown State University's Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Lee Frey, former mayor of Canfield, let it be known from the outset that they would not participate in a witch hunt, but were committed to reaching out to all the stakeholders and restoring the balance of power between the board of commissioners and the executive director.

Policy changes have been implemented, while the creation of seven standing committees has facilitated citizen participation in the park's operation.

BUILDING TRUST

Young appears to have risen to the challenge of changing the narrative and building trust with the commissioners.

The executive director, whose contract expires Dec. 31, 2019, was evaluated by three of the five members of the board on his job performance in 2016 and received generally good marks.

Shipka, Frey and Germaine Bennett judged him on the following categories: leadership; organizational knowledge; judgment; decision-making; accountability; initiative and creativity; customer service/customer focus; internal communication; integrity; teamwork; planning and organizing; directing and controlling; quality of work; safety; attendance; development plans.

The two commissioners who didn't participate in the evaluation of Young were John Ragan and Thomas Frost, who was not on the board last year.

While Young has reason to feel good about the high marks he received for planning, internal communications with the staff, initiative and creativity, Shipka, Frey and Bennett were of one mind when it came to the executive director's customer-service skills.

It's not unusual for public officials in positions of authority to forget that they, in fact, work for the taxpayers and are, therefore, answerable to them.

As Frey wrote in his evaluation, Young must better explain his decisions to the public and help people understand how he arrived at those decisions.

The commissioner also suggested that the executive director "get out into the park and introduce himself to people and hear what they have to say."

In other words, Young needs to improve his public-relations skills.

But while Young fared better than expected in the evaluations, Shipka is of the opinion that he needs to enlist the "aid and support of the board, the board's seven standing committees, and the general public, including members of the Friends of Fellows Gardens and his critics."

And, the commissioner wrote, "The reorganization in February 2016 alienated many taxpayers and traditional MCMP supporters; the executive director needs to work steadily and conscientiously to regain their support of MCMP and their trust in his leadership."

To be sure, there are Valley residents who are still angry about the termination of the 13 employees and, therefore, will never be satisfied until Young is gone.

However, buying him out of his contract would be a costly proposition.

Therefore, the job performance evaluations should guide anyone interested in judging how Young is addressing the shortcomings in his leadership highlighted by Shipka, Frey and Bennett.

SCRIPTURES

God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

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Trump targets the press

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WASHINGTON

Lyndon Johnson could be vulgar to the extreme, giving interviews while sitting on the toilet with the door open, pulling up dogs by their ears, exposing his stomach to show a scar from an operation.

The Kennedys were notorious for their fickleness when it came to the press, courting favorites, then dismissing or ostracizing them at the first sign of criticism or disagreement. They hid their dedication to philandering behind a facade of good will. Woodrow Wilson, dismissive of the press at times, also worked to court favor with powerful publishers like E. W. Scripps.

Dwight Eisenhower and Barack Obama were aloof. George H.W. Bush was condescending, beneath it all a president raised in an atmosphere of snobbery – not unlike Thomas Jefferson, who despite his upbringing saw the absolute importance of a free press.

All these men and indeed every president until now have had two things in common. They tried as hard as they could to manage the flow of news and those who control it while at the same time openly reaffirming their belief in the Fourth Estate no matter how frustrated they were by its zealotry. None of them condemned the entire institution as has the current occupant of the Oval Office.

Why? Because they swore to defend the Constitution, whose First Amendment has guided this nation since the beginning. Even more important, they understood that curtailing the people's right to know is the first objective of every authoritarian government. Once a free press goes away, the rest of bedrock liberty – freedom of religion, speech and peaceable assembly – soon disappears too.

PLAYING TO THE MOB

In the months Donald Trump has called himself president, evidence has piled up indicating he not only is unaware of his responsibilities to the Constitution but that he is fully capable of shredding the dignity of the office he holds to get his way. His recent video-attack showing him as a wrestler undoing a nemesis, CNN, was a silly and sophomoric attempt to play to the mob that elected him and stimulated his campaign rallies with "lock her up" cries befitting the French Revolution.

What really seems to be occurring in this display of little boy pique with its "fake news" theme is an attempt to distract Americans from a lack of campaign-promised achievement and understanding of the job.

But when do verbal attacks cross into "kill the messenger" territory? It's worth asking in this age of unfettered firearms and online hate. One need only think of the violence committed against journalists around the world to imagine the worst.

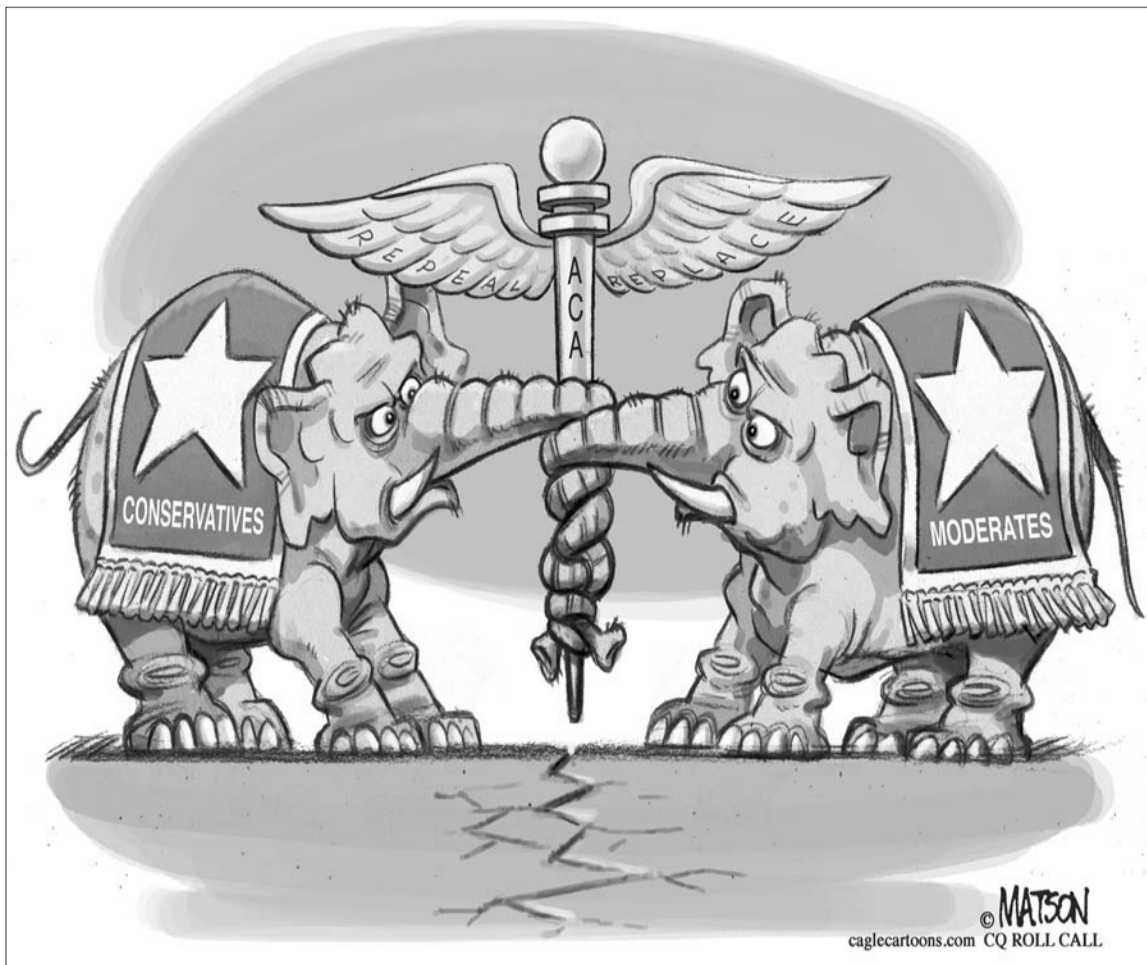
In 65 years in journalism, I have tried to treat criticism as the right of the reader and to admit mistakes openly. I have been sued only once, and the judge directed a verdict of innocence. I truly believe that most of the men and women who have been my colleagues have diligently tried to hold themselves to the same standards.

At the same time, I am not naive to the fact that we are not perfect in our effort to be the watchdogs of liberty. Our opinions do creep into our news columns, we are shrill and sometimes unfair in our dislikes, and yes, we're even frequently guilty of political bias.

But flawed or not, we are necessary to a free society.

Trump should get on with the business of trying to run the country, accepting criticism for what it is, perhaps even showing some civility and dignity in the process.

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There's no reason to be ashamed of your loved one's drug addiction; time to talk openly about the crisis

By TONY LUKE JR.
The Philadelphia Inquirer

I'm sitting in my restaurant not long after my son Tony Luke III dies, and an elderly gentleman comes in and he says to me: "Hey, Tony, I heard your son passed away. I just want to tell you how incredibly sorry I am."

"Well thank you. I appreciate it."

"Do you mind if I asked you how he died? Did he have cancer, was he ..."

"No," I said, "he died of a heroin overdose."

"Damn it, these kids, the choices they make."

I didn't get upset with him. I just thought: "Wow. This is the view. This is why no one talks about it."

Yes, my son was absolutely responsible for his actions. But when there's an addiction – and I believe it's a disease – those are not the actions, the choices, of a rational, thinking person. Those are the actions of people who are in absolute survival mode.

When that survival mode kicks in, when it's live or die, take the pain away or don't take the pain away, you're scared to death, and you'll trample over people to get what you need.

Every day I saw my son, he had the look of being ashamed, as if he were losing, as if he were weak. Because that's what he hears. You're weak. A strong person could get out of this.

MARIJUANA, PILLS

Tony had fallen into partying when he was young. Marijuana, pills. That was their version of alcohol. You never think it's going to lead to anything more.

But he was always athletic and he was a wrestler in school. When he got into a car accident and hurt his back, the doctors put him on Percocets. But one wasn't enough to take the pain away, so he's taking two, three, four. But he was still hurting and got his prescription refilled and before we knew it, he was addicted. He had to have them. He couldn't function without them.

After a while, the doctors figure you're better, and they cut you off. So then you start buying them on the streets. But pills are super expensive – 25, 30 bucks a pop. You can keep that going for a while if you have a job and money, but as he got older, Tony lost his job and he had lost his health care. Then he had a car accident that complicated the pain and back issues. He was taking so many Percocets and they didn't do much for him because he'd been using them for so long.

So what do you do when

there's no money and nowhere to turn? You go to heroin. It's ridiculously cheap. Anyone can afford it.

No one wants to be an addict. No one wants to feel like crap every single day of their life when they get up. They don't want it. Tony had been to rehab twice, and each time he came out, he was better. He was trying, he really was trying. He was really working his butt off to be better.

But this is a disease that takes over your whole body. It ravages your body. You don't have any control. It gets into your mind, your body, whatever the illness is. You fight, you fight, you fight.

My son Michael calls it the Monster. It's a great term because it is a monster. It's so big, it's so large and it's so scary that you can't fight it. You fight it but – it would be like me literally fighting a great athlete, who was 6-foot-11 and 400 pounds of solid muscle. If I fight him every day, I just get tired. I can't beat him.

GOOD KID

Tony was a good kid, truly he was. But the Monster took over, made that kid do things, say things, act in a certain way that he never would have, ever, ever. But the Monster has to feed and nothing matters then. You lie, you manipulate, you say whatever you need to do to take the pain away.

And that's the road he traveled. That's the road he fought for eight years, nine years. It was ridiculous to fight. Go to rehab, come out. "I got this, Dad." Go to the pastor, go to the church every day, go to meetings. "I got this, I'm trying."

And he did. He tried and tried and he tried. And then, on March 27, he had a moment of weakness and made a decision, and the Monster beat him for good.

The day before, Sunday, he was sweeping and mopping the floor of my store and he said: "Dad, I can't stand it anymore. My back. Do you mind if I go home?" And I'm like: "No, we're done. I'll finish the rest. We're good."

He said: "Dad, I've been humbled. I just, I want to take care of my children, I want to."

Then he kissed me, and as he left, I said, "Tony, I'll see you on Wednesday," because we were closed Monday and Tuesday. And he died Monday.

I like to feel that he died with some hope in his heart, that there was something. And I can't imagine the pain he was in to shoot up again, knowing that there's something here, maybe. So he had to be in, physically, so much pain.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"... anybody who thinks that I would be pulling punches as FBI director sure doesn't know me very well."

CHRISTOPHER WRAY, FBI director nominee, telling members of Congress that he would lead the agency "without fear, without favoritism."

Woman says her missing puppy was sold online

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YOUNGSTOWN

All Ashley Perrine can do now is wait. Someone took her pit bull puppy Monday, and she believes it was sold shortly after. She made a police report, and a detective has been assigned to her case to try and get her dog Latte back. She got Latte about two weeks ago from her landlord. "I'm really just playing the waiting game," Perrine said Wednesday. Perrine said about 12:15 p.m. Monday she put Latte and her other dog out at her home on Parkview Avenue. She said her boyfriend

went out to get the dogs a few moments later, but Latte was gone. Perrine then canvassed her street and streets around her home but found no sign of the dog. She said she then went to a site on Facebook to ask for help in locating Latte. There, she said she saw a picture of Latte posted by a woman who was trying to sell the dog for \$200. Perrine said she tried to get in touch with the woman and exchanged messages with her until the woman told Perrine the dog was gone. Perrine called police and the Mahoning County Dog Warden's Office, and said she later found out Latte was sold.

Jason Cooke, an animal-rights activist who is helping Perrine, said Wednesday he met with police on her behalf and a detective has been assigned to her case. Cook said the case is troubling. "Not only was the dog taken but within an hour, the dog was on social media and within two hours, the dog was gone," Cooke said. Cooke recommended that people get their dogs licensed and microchipped to make it easier to get them back if they are taken. Cooke said on social media Perrine's post about Latte being taken has been shared about 8,000 times. He said he hopes the pressure would make whoever has Latte to give her back to Perrine.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

A South Side woman is looking for Latte, her pit bull puppy, who she says was stolen out of her yard Monday and sold on the internet a short time later.



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2 Boardman trustees to seek re-election

Incumbent Boardman Township trustees Brad Calhoun, left, and Tom Costello filed paperwork with the Mahoning County Board of Elections on Wednesday to seek re-election in the November general election. Calhoun first was elected to the board in November 2009. Costello previously served as a trustee from December 1999 through 2005, then was elected again in 2009. Both are seeking new four-year terms. They are endorsed by the third township trustee, Larry Moliterno.

Liberty trustees to add full-time employee to road department

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LIBERTY

Trustees voted 2-1 Wednesday to add a full-time employee to the road department. They will need to vote again to appoint someone to the position once that person is selected. Fiscal Officer Steve Shelton has budgeted about \$50,000 annually, including benefits, for the new road department employee. There are four full-time road employees, which includes one worker dedicated to maintaining cemeteries and parks during the summer. By contract, the road department is allowed to use only part-timers once the department has at least five full-time employees, senior foreman Gino Bidinotto

said. The upcoming employee will bring the number to five full-timers. Trustee Jodi Stoyak opposes hiring another full-time worker, arguing the money should instead go directly toward resurfacing projects. Bidinotto said it is difficult to maintain the township's roads with such low staffing levels. Trustee Chairman Stan Nudell agreed and said the majority of complaints he receives from residents pertain to roads. "It is our No. 1 problem in the township," Nudell said. Steve Shelton has projected the road department fund will spend \$744,800 in 2017 and close the year with a \$39,449 positive balance. Shelton also noted the general fund is going in the "right direction." At the end of 2016, that fund was \$155,341 in the red. Shelton has projected that deficit will shrink to negative \$149,129 by the end of 2017 and negative \$92,459 by the end of 2018. Shelton attributes the expected improvements to an estimated \$24,000 in tow yard revenue to benefit the general fund each year. The general fund is the most important fund because it can be used to bolster other funds. The township has been in state-designated fiscal caution since 2013 due to improper fund transfers. In other business, trustees hired James Marco as a full-time police officer. Marco is on the roster for a one-year probationary period and will earn \$15.28 an hour. He is replacing Steve Shimko, a captain, who will retire Aug. 31.

FAIR

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said some nests can weigh up to 2 tons.

Martine Cisine, ODNR wildlife officer for Trumbull County, said the bald eagle population in Ohio has been a "success story," because bald eagles were once rare.

"Now it's common to see eagles, especially around large bodies of water," he said. "All area lakes have them on the lake or nearby." In 2016, the ODNR estimates there were 207 bald eagle nests in the state, at least 13 in Trumbull County, Cisine said.

There were only 50 such nests in 2000, Usselman said.

Each nest has a male and female, so that would mean there are at least 26 bald eagles in Trumbull County, plus young eagles.

Cisine says there are bald eagles flying around that people don't even realize are bald eagles because they don't get their distinctive white head and white tail until they are 5 years old.

The juveniles are dark brown. When people see them, they notice the large size but frequently don't know what kind of bird they are.

The Division of Wildlife is providing pamphlets in its tent that explain the things people can do when animals such as raccoons, squirrels, groundhogs and mice start causing problems.

One tip is to trim tree branches that overhang the roof to reduce access by raccoons and squirrels to the roof and attic. Another is to use a gravity-operated bird feeder to discourage squirrels.

Also, seal holes and cracks in the foundation, siding or stucco to keep out rats, mice, bats, insects and snakes, the division advises.

Sick or nuisance raccoons can legally be trapped without a permit, but it is illegal to live trap and relocate them to a new area, the ODNR says.

Cisine recommends that people with questions ask a wildlife officer at the fair or call 330-644-2293.

TRUMBULL COUNTY FAIR | Schedule

A list of events at the fair, which ends Sunday:

TODAY

14 years and under free admission; ride tickets \$6 each
8 a.m.: Admission at Gate C/remaining gate open at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.: Junior Fair Cat Show/Junior Fair Reptile Show/Junior Fair Poultry Showmanship, Market Show/Junior Fair Western Pleasure Horse Show, Sawyer Ring.
9:30 a.m.: Junior Fair Pocket Pets Show/Junior Fair Dairy Show
10 a.m.: Junior Fair Cavy Show
1 p.m.: Open-Class Beef Cattle Show/Small Animal Dress-up, Sheep Barn
1 p.m.: Spelling Bee, Historical Stage Area
1-5 p.m.: Rides open
2:30 p.m.: Junior Fair Beef Showmanship
5:30 p.m.: Little Mermaid, Historical Stage
6 p.m.: Junior Fair Beef Show/National Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull, Junior Fair Area
6 p.m.: Auto Races, Modified Touring Series & Pure Stock Auto Racing, Grandstand, Hot Laps, 5:30 p.m.
6-9 p.m.: Trouble Clef, Bicentennial Stage
6-11 p.m.: Rides open
7 p.m.: Junior Fair Free Style Riding Horse Show, Sawyer Ring
10 p.m.: Gates close

FRIDAY

8 a.m.: Admission Gate C/remaining gates open at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Walk/Trot Contest Show, Sawyer Ring/Junior Fair Showmanship, Fancy Poultry Show/Junior Fair Goat Showmanship, Dairy Breeds, Outstanding Project Show with Open-Class Dairy Goat Show to follow
9:30 a.m.: Open-Class Dairy Cattle Show
10 a.m.: Open-Class Draft Horse Halter Judging
Noon-4 p.m.: The Amazing One Man Band, Bicentennial Stage
1-5 p.m.: Rides open
3 p.m.: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Francis Tennant Memorial Versatility Competition Tack Set-up/Junior Fair Rabbit Showmanship
5 p.m.: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Versatility Competition, Sawyer Ring
6 p.m.: Horse pulls, Buckeye Horse Pullers Assoc., Draft Horse Ring
6-11 p.m.: Rides open
6-9 p.m.: Northern Whiskey

Band, Bicentennial Stage
7:30 p.m.: Dave Martin's Bull-ride Mania, Grandstand
6-10 p.m.: Take II, Historical Stage
10 p.m.: Gates close

SATURDAY

8 a.m.: Admission Gate C/remaining gates open at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Contest Show, Sawyer Ring
10 a.m.: Open-Class Drive-In Draft Horse & Pony/Half-linger Hitch Show, Draft Horse Ring
10:30 a.m.: Junior Fair Livestock Sale, SALE Barn
1-5 p.m.: Rides open
2-3 p.m.: Kick It Up Cloggers, Historical stage
3 p.m.: Truck and Tractor Pull by Full Pull Productions, Grandstand
4-5 p.m.: Rock N Country Cloggers, Historical Stage
6-9 p.m.: After Midnight Band, Bicentennial Stage
6-11 p.m.: Rides open
7 p.m.: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Costume Class, Sawyer Ring
7-10 p.m.: Damian Knapp Acoustic, Historical Stage
10 p.m.: Gates close

SUNDAY

8 a.m.: Admission Gate C/remaining gates open at 10 a.m.
9 a.m.: Junior Fair Saddle Horse Cierra Gabrielson Memorial Barrel Run followed by Trumbull County 4-H Club Competition, Sawyer Ring
9-9:30 a.m.: Rooster Crowing Contest, across from Poultry Barn in Oak Grove
10 a.m.: Skillet Toss Competition, Draft Horse Ring
11 a.m.: Corn Hole Tournament, Oak Grove
Noon: Cow Milking Contest, Milking Parlor
1 p.m.: 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Junior Fair Exhibit Hall
1-5 p.m.: Rides open
2 p.m.: Junior Fair Dairy Cheese Auction, Universal Show Ring with Dress a Kow Contest & Pee Wee Dairy Showmanship to follow
5 p.m.: Demolition Derby, Grandstand
5-7 p.m.: Tyler Jenkins Trio, Historical Stage
6-9 p.m.: Rides
6 p.m. to Fireworks: Guys Without Ties, Bicentennial Stage
8 p.m.: Gates close
9:30 p.m. approximately: Fireworks display (to follow Demolition Derby)

Source: Trumbull County Fair Board

Police arrest woman accused of leaving baby in locked car

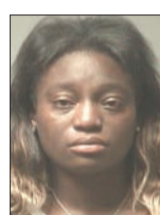
Staff report

BOARDMAN

A Youngstown woman is charged with child endangering after being accused of leaving her 6-month-old baby in a locked car while she shopped at Walmart.

Charged is Rasheda Lawrence, 24, of Cambridge Avenue. Township police were dispatched to the Doral Drive store at 6:18 p.m. Tuesday after someone reported seeing an infant left alone in a vehicle, according to a police report. Police reportedly found

the child in a car that was not running and did not have any windows open. A towing company opened the locked car for police, and the child was removed at 6:36 p.m., according to the report. The baby was "sweating and crying," but calmed down once responders gave the baby something to drink. The child was released to a relative. The mother, Lawrence



Lawrence

was found shopping in the store and arrested without incident.

According to police, surveillance footage shows Lawrence entering the store about 5:45 p.m. The police report notes that the temperature was 73 degrees at the time.

Lawrence posted bond Tuesday and is scheduled to appear in Mahoning County Area Court here today for arraignment. Mahoning County Children Services was notified of the incident, according to the report.



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Chase along Mahoning leads to crash

Youngstown police checked on an injured driver after a car chased an SUV along Mahoning Avenue before crashing near the intersection of Manchester and Mahoning on Wednesday evening. The occupants of the SUV fled the scene. The driver of the car said the SUV's occupants pulled a gun on him earlier in the evening and he was trying to get the SUV's license plate number.

Federal agency searches local medical office

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

The office of Inspector General's U.S. Department of Health & Human Services executed a search warrant Wednesday on a medical office on the city's North Side.

Tesia D. Williams, the agency's director of communications, said the search occurred, but only added: "I can't provide any further details since the

case is ongoing." The search was at a medical office at 602 Parmelee Ave., confirmed Vicki Anderson, an FBI agent with its Cleveland office.

She added that FBI agents assisted with the search, but declined further comment except to say all of the information related to the search is sealed.

The Ohio Attorney General office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit also

helped with the search at the Parmelee Avenue office, said Jill Del Greco, an AG spokeswoman. She said she had no further details.

The building, near St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, houses a number of medical offices.

Law-enforcement officials wouldn't say what specific office was raided during the search.

No one was arrested during Wednesday's search.



Sam Querrey of the United States returns to Britain's Andy Murray during their men's singles quarterfinal match at Wimbledon in London on Wednesday.

Injured Murray fades away

Defending Wimbledon champ defeated by No. 24 seed Sam Querrey

Associated Press

LONDON

Limping between points and fading down the stretch, defending champion Andy Murray was stunned by 24th-seeded Sam Querrey of the U.S. 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-1 in the Wimbledon quarterfinals Wednesday.

The No. 1-seeded Murray came into the tournament dealing with a sore left hip and it clearly impeded him at Centre Court. He grimaced as he stumbled or landed awkwardly while attempting shots.

Querrey took full advantage to reach



Murray

the first Grand Slam semifinal of his career — and the first for any American man anywhere since Andy Roddick was the runner-up at Wimbledon in 2009. “I am still in a little bit of shock myself,”

Querrey said.

There was another quarterfinal surprise later Wednesday, when three-time Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic stopped playing because of a right arm injury while trailing 2010

runner-up Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 7-6 (2), 2-0. After dropping the opening set, Djokovic took a medical timeout while a trainer massaged his arm. A day earlier, during his fourth-round match, Djokovic had his right shoulder worked on by a trainer.

In Friday's semifinals, Querrey will face 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic of Croatia, who also won a five-setter Wednesday, getting past 16th-seeded Gilles Muller 3-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5, 5-7, 6-1 with the help of 33 aces. On

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YOUTH BASEBALL

NABF tourney begins at Cene

14U World Series runs through Sunday at Struthers facility

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All roads lead to Struthers as teams from all over, some as far as Canada, will be descending on Cene Park this weekend for the National Amateur Baseball Association's 14U World Series.

Twelve teams will begin play today with a World Series champion being crowned Sunday afternoon.

This is the first time Cene Park has hosted the 14U World Series. Last year, the park hosted the 18U World Series. This year, Cene Park won bids to host both. The 18U World Series is next weekend.

“We've been a member of NABF for years,” Youngstown Class B 16U Commissioner and scheduler for the 14U World Series Bob Beam said. “We gave a bid at this year's convention and they know what we do since we've had stuff in the past.”

There are three local teams in this tournament. Astro Falcons qualified by winning last year's World Series, Baird Brothers qualified by being this year's Class B champion and Roth Brothers qualified by winning a regional championship.

Other teams in the tournament come from other parts of Ohio, Michigan, New York and Ontario. That means a lot of players, coaches and families are visiting town the next two weekends.

“Hotels, restaurants, businesses — this is good for them,” Beam said. “We'll have families here for the next two weekends. We got everyone checked in [Wednesday] and they'll be here until at least Saturday.”

The tournament consists of three pools of four teams. Teams will play everyone in their pool once and the top two teams, plus two wildcard teams, advance to a single-elimination tournament that begins Saturday evening.

Beam said this will be a big weekend to showcase Cene Park to the local community and those from out of the area.

“It's been a great addition to the community,” Beam said. “The Cene family has always made sure kids always have a great place to play.”

— NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE —

A Scrappy rally



Scrappers shortstop Jesse Berardi catches the ball at second base as Brooklyn's Jose Miguel Medina (20) slides during Wednesday night's game at Eastwood Field. Berardi crossed home plate in the 10th inning off Jason Rodriguez's double to beat the Cyclones, 5-4.

Rodriguez's walk-off RBI double sends Scrappers fans home happy in extras

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NILES

In recent years, home field has not provided the Mahoning Valley Scrappers with much of an advantage.

As for ninth-inning rallies and walk-off wins at Eastwood Field? Well, they have been almost nonexistent.

However, on Wednesday in front of 2,601 fans, the Scrappers put together all sorts of late-inning magic. The result was a 5-4 win over the Brooklyn Cyclones.

The Scrappers (12-10) rallied from a 4-0 deficit, beginning with single runs in the fifth and eighth innings.

They tied the game with a two-run ninth, then won it in the tenth on a Jason Rodriguez walk-off RBI double.

Rodriguez — who came off the bench in the eighth after Gianpaul Gonzalez was hit by a pitch — led off the bottom of the ninth with a home run to left-center.

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Scrappers second basemen Samad Taylor throws the ball to first base Wednesday night against the Brooklyn Cyclones. Taylor went 2-for-5 with a run scored and two RBIs in the win.

CLASS B BASEBALL

Astro dodges series sweep

A bases loaded walk keeps Astro Falcons alive in postseason

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STRUTHERS

With Game 2 of a double header tied at one in the bottom of the sixth inning, Astro Falcons drove in the go-ahead run on a bases-loaded walk to avoid a Class B Championship Series sweep.

Astro catcher Vinny Mastangelo hit an RBI-single to centerfield as the insurance run in a 3-1 win over Baird Brothers.

Baird Brothers took the first game of the double-header, 7-6, after scoring three runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Astro Falcons tied the game in the top of the fourth, but Baird Brothers reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the fifth.

Baird Brothers came inches away from blowing the lead in the top of the seventh.

With runners on second and third with one out, Astro popped out behind home plate, but no one covered home. The runner at third tagged and tried to score but was tagged out just before tying the game.

Astro carried the late-game momentum from the first game of the double-header into game two.

The first two runners for the Astros reached base to start the bottom of the first. Matt Gibson scored on an groundout from centerfielder Noah Laster to give Astro a 1-0 lead.

Baird Brothers tied the game at 1-1 after a sacrifice fly by Travis Perry drove in shortstop Jeff Wehler in the top of the fourth.

Astro broke the game open after a leadoff walk and back-to-back bunt singles to load the bases. Left fielder Matt Wood came to the plate one batter later to drive in the go-ahead run on a walk.

Laster said the team needed “to play their game” in the second game. He said the team got timely hits and executed when needed.

Astro Falcons head coach

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Source: ESPN Stats & Info

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QUOTABLE

Conor McGregor, MMA fighter, on fighting boxer Floyd Mayweather:

"He is (expletive). There's no other way about it. His little legs, his little core, his little head — I'm gonna knock him out inside four rounds. Mark my words."

Jondas finish midpack in NOPGA event

COLUMBIA STATION

Area local junior golfers finished about halfway up the leaderboard during Wednesday's Northern Ohio Junior PGA event at Mallard Creek Golf Course.

Boardman's Bobby Jonda finished T-13 with a 7-over 79 out of 26 competitors in the Boys 16-19 Division.

Boardman's Britney Jonda finished sixth out of 10 with a 12-over 84.

Prince makes cut in Ohio Amateur

SPRINGFIELD

East Liverpool's Blake Prince made the initial cut after two rounds of the Ohio Amateur Championship at Springfield Country Club.

Prince shot a two-round score of 147 which makes him tied for 31st.

Locals not making the cut, which was 151 over two rounds, include Poland's Jason McQuown (152), Liberty's Ben Sattler (153), Columbiana's Jared Wilson (153), Youngstown's Ken Keller (154), Youngstown's Brian Terlesky (157), Columbia Station's Harrison Vonderau (157), Liberty's Benjamin Irvin (159) and Poland's Zach Jacobson (179).

YSU men's basketball earns NABC honor

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Youngstown State was one of 211 men's basketball teams honored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) in the Fifth Annual Team Academic Excellence Awards, the association announced on Wednesday.

The Penguins finished the 2016-17 season with a 3.04 overall grade-point average and five members of the team posted a semester GPA of 3.0-or-higher. Youngstown State was one of just two Horizon League teams to earn a Team Academic Excellence Award.

These awards recognize outstanding academic achievement by a team with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better for the 2016-17 season in order to earn a NABC Team Academic Excellence Award, institutions in the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA must count the grade point averages of all men's student-athletes who competed during the 2016-17 season.

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BOARDMAN

Canfield eliminated Boardman in Little League 8-10 Division 12-2 in four innings. Canfield will play Austintown today at 6 p.m. in the loser's bracket championship with the winner facing the Boardman 10s in the championship game Friday night.

USA avoids upset, beats Martinique 3-2

TAMPA, FLA.

Jordan Morris' second goal of the game broke a tie in the 76th minute, and the United States edged tiny Martinique 3-2 Wednesday night in the CONCACAF Gold Cup after wasting a two-goal lead against a team that is not even a member of FIFA.

Failing to break through in the first half, the U.S. built a 2-0 lead on goals by Omar Gonzalez in the 53rd minute and Morris in the 64th.

But Martinique, a French overseas department, tied the score on a pair of goals by Kevin Parsemain, the first a long-range shot that went past goalkeeper Brad Guzan on a bounce and the second a pass that hit Parsemain and went in on the deflection.

The U.S., which opened last weekend with a 1-1 tie against Panama, completes group play Saturday against Nicaragua in Cleveland.

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Chris Carter has gone from NL home run champion to unemployed.

The New York Yankees said Tuesday they had released the 30-year-old first baseman, who struggled during the first half of the season. Carter hit .201 with eight homers, 26 RBIs and a .284 on-base percentage in 208 plate appearances.

Carter batted .222 for Milwaukee last year and set career bests with 41 homers and 94 RBIs while appearing in a NL-leading 160 games last season. He matched Colorado's Nolan Arenado for most home runs in the NL.

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TENNIS

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the other half of the draw, Berdych will face Roger Federer or Milos Raonic next.

Murray is normally a terrific returner, but Querrey hit 27 aces, including on six of the last nine points he served to finish with a flourish. Querrey was impeccable for portions of the match, finishing with 70 winners and only 30 unforced errors.

"He was dictating all of the points," Murray said.

From 1-all in the fourth, Querrey grabbed eight games in a row to take that set and lead 3-0 in the last.

"I didn't start my best, but I just kept with it. Kept swinging away and then really found a groove in the fourth and fifth set," Querrey said. "And everything kind of seemed to be falling my way then."

It is the second year in a row that the 29-year-old Californian upset the defending champion and top-seeded man at the All England Club. In 2016, he beat Djokovic in the third round en route to the only major quarterfinal of Querrey's career before Wednesday.

That snapped Djokovic's 30-match winning streak at the majors. Murray didn't have that sort of recent dominance, but he is a three-time major champion and had been to at least the semifinals at the All England Club in seven of the past eight years.

The hip, though, was a problem. Murray had to skip some practice sessions and pull out of a couple of planned exhibition matches in the leadup to Wimbledon. Even though he kept insisting once the tournament began that he was OK, he was not nearly capable of his best on this afternoon.

Murray's serve speeds slowed, and his backhand, in particular, didn't have its usual verve, either. One



Sam Querrey of the United States celebrates after beating Britain's Andy Murray in their men's singles quarterfinal match at the Wimbledon in London on Wednesday.

key to his success is his court coverage, which allows him to play defense as well as anyone. That was not the case in the latter stages against Querrey.

"I was pretty close today. It wasn't like I was, like, a million miles away from winning the match," Murray said. "Obviously the end was a bit of a struggle."

Querrey is the lowest-ranked player to ever beat two-time Wimbledon champion Murray in his 12 appearances at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

For Murray, this was the fourth five-set match he's lost in a row. Querrey is headed in the opposite direction: Merely 4-10 in fifth sets for his career until last week, he has won each of his last three matches by going the distance: against 12th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the third round, Kevin Anderson in the fourth, and now Murray.

Querrey always has had an intimidating serve, but he's never managed to put together his overall game for enough matches to play on the final weekend at a major.

Indeed, until last year's win over Djokovic, he might have been best known for some of his unusual off-court episodes. In Thailand for a 2009 tournament, he cut two muscles in his right arm when he sat on a glass table that shattered. Two years ago, he appeared on the reality TV show "The Millionaire Matchmaker."

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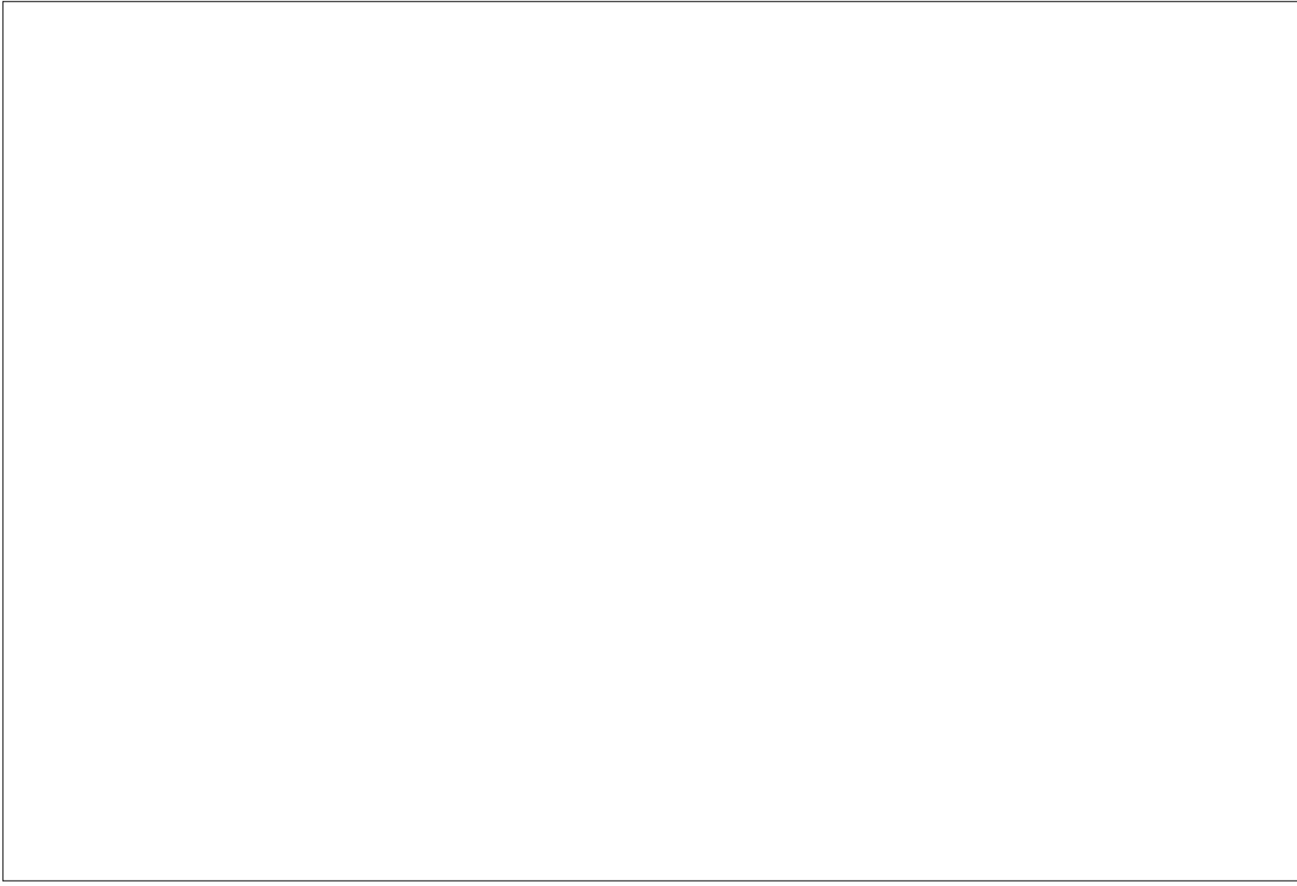
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"School of Rock" (2003) is in my top 10 list of all-time favorite movies.

It's about a ne'er do-well wannabe rocker, played by a manic Jack Black, who molds a group of grade-schoolers into an awesome rock band – with all the cool rock star moves.

A real-life version of the film has been taking place in the Mahoning Valley for a couple of years – but with professional instructors and minus the Jack Black bluster.

The Rock Star University program, directed by Jay Hinrichs, has already taught dozens of young pupils, with a growing measure of success.



ENTERTAINING THOUGHTS

Guy D'Astolfo

Rock U is a program of Hubbard Music, where Hinrichs teaches guitar, and the weekly sessions take place at the store. It's similar to the School of Rock, which also teaches rock performance to youngsters, and has a franchise in Cleveland.

Hinrichs, who was in the Robbie Jay Band and currently is in the Hard Luck Kings, and Ralph Rich (Demos Papadimas and his Band), who is also an instructor at Hubbard Music, are the main instructors and founders. Fellow Hubbard Music instructor Zach Connelly also helps teach.

Currently, Rock U has about 40 students, divided up into seven bands. Each band meets weekly in the practice space in the basement of Hubbard Music to rehearse. Again, the emphasis is on working as a unit and performing as one.

"It's about being in a group, and dedicating themselves to it," said Hinrichs. "I give them music to work on at home and tell them, 'You practice at home. Here, we rehearse.'"

Each of the seven Rock U bands are comprised of students in the same age group, and the students range from 5 to 16 years old.



The program lasts eight weeks, during which each band will learn at least three songs and also develop some stage presence. Each session culminates in a performance with all bands; the last one, at Tiffany's Banquet Center in Brookfield, drew about 350 people.

Some of the bands have jelled and have begun playing their own gigs outside the program. Seeing the youngsters rocking out on stage is not something you see every day, and it's a blast.

The whole Rock U student body will perform Saturday at the WaterFire festival in downtown Sharon, Pa. The show will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the West Stage, which will be on East State Street, west of Water Avenue.

All seven current bands will have a turn on stage that will range from 15 to 30 minutes. Admission is free.

Rock U is helping to guide some talented youngsters into what could turn into a music career. But like any performance endeavor, it helps in every aspect of a young person's life.

The Rock U students learn how to work with others toward a common goal, and make friends in the process.

"Musicians are sometimes



ROCKSTAR UNIVERSITY

at Suzie's Dogs and Drafts in Youngstown. The adults at left are instructors Ralph Rich and Jay Hinrichs. The band is, from left, Cody O'Connell, Claire O'Leary, Ava Briceland, Brian Keller and Vaughn Hinrichs. Above, the Rock Star University logo. At right, Cody and Claire during a performance at the Butler Institute of American Art.

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At top, the Rock Star University band Chicken Feet on stage for a gig



the odd kids, but when they get up on stage, they can't get enough of it," said Hinrichs. "When they go back to school, they are a different kid."

Each band in the program develops its own repertoire based on its strengths, and helped along by Hinrichs and Rich.

Hinrichs' son Vaughn, 7, plays guitar in Chicken Feet, which is one of the current Rock U bands. "They started with 'Wild Thing,' then added 'Hound Dog' and 'Jailhouse Rock,' and then 'Bad to the Bone,' Van Halen's 'You Really Got Me' and 'Seven Nation Army.'

"Another of our bands does better with more modern stuff. One has a girl singer, and she does 'Hit Me With Your Best Shot.' An older band does Neil Young, the Beatles, Tom Petty songs. We find out what works best for each band."

Rock U's performance calendar also includes the Aug. 19 and Sept. 23 WaterFire festivals; and the Mercer (Pa.) Arts Festival on Aug. 5.

Chicken Feet will open for the Huckin Fillbillies on Sept. 16 at Up A Creek in Howland.

Guy D'Astolfo covers entertainment for The Vindicator. Follow him on Twitter at @VindyVibe.

W T G

WHERE TO GO is the ultimate source for your entertainment choices this week in and around the Valley.

TODAY

CHILDREN

◆ **"The Princess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre**, 11 a.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Family Night Bingo**, 5 p.m., Struthers Public Library, 95 Poland Ave., Struthers; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Party with Captain Underpants**, 11 a.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**, 6:30 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

CRAFTS

◆ **Umbrella Art**, 6:30 p.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society Festival**, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Lowellville Mount Carmel Society, 102 E. Washington St., Lowellville; 330-536-8203.

◆ **Trumbull County Fair**, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Trum-

bull County Fairgrounds, 899 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland; 330-637-6010.

◆ **Western Pennsylvania Balloon Quest**, 5 p.m., Scotland Meadows Park, 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, Pa.; 724-650-5252.

ONSTAGE

◆ **"Boogie Woogie Baby,"** noon, Dutch Village Inn, 150 East state Route 14, Columbiana; 866-482-5050.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Jim Frank Combo**, 7 p.m., Ramsay Memorial Pavilion, Fifth Street and Ohio

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.

Avenue, McDonald; 330-530-5472.

◆ **Rex Taneri**, 6:30 p.m., Roosevelt Park, 800 Struthers Liberty Road, Campbell; 330-755-7445.

◆ **Mahoning Valley Button Box Club**, 7 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Yellow Creek Park, 19 Lowellville

Road, Struthers; 330-740-7106.

◆ **Youngstown Area Community Concert Band**, 7 p.m., Boardman Park, 375 Boardman-Poland Road, Boardman; 330-726-8105.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Facebook Basics Class** (registration required), 2 p.m., Warren

Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren; 330-399-8807.

FRIDAY

CHILDREN

◆ **"The Princess and the Pea" with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre**, 11 a.m., Struthers Public Library, 95 Poland Ave., Struthers; 330-744-8636.

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.

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◆ **Western Pennsylvania Balloon Quest**, 5 p.m., Scotland Meadows Park, 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, Pa.; 724-650-5252.

ONSTAGE

◆ **"Boogie Woo-**
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'Boogie Woogie Baby'

The musical revue "Boogie Woogie Baby," which highlights the greatest hits of the Andrews Sisters, will be performed at noon today and at 7 p.m. Friday at Dutch Village Inn, 150 E. state Route 14, Columbiana. The show includes "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Rum and Coca Cola," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and other hit songs by the 1940s trio, performed live and in costume. The matinee includes a plated luncheon, and the evening show comes with a gourmet buffet. Call 866-482-5050, ext. 425, for reservations or information. Group discounts and overnight packages are available.

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gie Baby," 7 p.m., Dutch Village Inn, 150 East state Route 14, Columbiana; 866-482-5050.

◆ **"Forbidden Youngstown,"** 8 p.m., Rust Belt Theater Company, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-507-2358.

◆ **"South Pacific,"** 7:30 p.m., New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

◆ **"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,"** 7:30 p.m., Victorian Players Theater, 702 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-746-5455.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **The Vindys and the Bees Trees,**

7 p.m., water department lot, 111 W. Federal St., Youngstown.

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

SATURDAY

CHILDREN

◆ **Rockin' and Reading with Leonardo,** 11 a.m., Tri-Lakes Public Library, 13820 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson; 330-744-8636.

◆ **"Si, se Puede – Yes, You Can,"** 11 a.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

COMEDY

◆ **Summer Comedy Bash,** 8 p.m., Nic's Lounge, 1629

N. Main St., Niles.

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.

◆ **Waterfire arts and cultural experience,** 1 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., downtown Sharon, Pa.

◆ **Western Pennsylvania Balloon**

Quest, 9 a.m., Scotland Meadows Park, 304 S. Scotland Lane, New Castle, Pa.; 724-650-5252.

FLEA MARKETS

◆ **Youngstown Flea's "Market For Makers,"** 11 a.m., Youngstown Flea Market, outside at Covelli Centre, Youngstown.

◆ **Warren Flea and Farmers Market,** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 428 Main St. SW, Warren.

FUNDRAISER

◆ **Hot Diggity Dog Day,** 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Lil Paws Winery, 17574 Mahoning Ave., Lake Milton; 330-970-9463.

LECTURES

◆ **James McClellan,** Memories of a Lifetime, 10 a.m.,

Kravitz Delicatessen, 3135 Belmont Ave., Liberty; 330-759-7889.

MOVIE

◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee,** 2 p.m., Newport Public Library, 3730 Market St., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

MUSIC

◆ **The Songs of Elton John,** 8 p.m., Music at Madison cabaret, 802 Elm St., Youngstown; 330-743-2665.

ONSTAGE

◆ **"Forbidden Youngstown,"** 8 p.m., Rust Belt Theater Company, at Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-507-2358.

◆ **"South Pacific,"** 7:30 p.m.,

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New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

◆ **“The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,”** 7:30 p.m., Victorian Players Theater, 702 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-746-5455.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Fiction Forest Music Festival,** 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown.

◆ **Wish You Were Here (Pink Floyd tribute) and Time Traveller (Moody Blues tribute),** 5 p.m., Warren Community Amphitheatre, 321 Mahoning Ave., Warren; riverrock-attheamp.com.

Youngstown Skate, 7080 Tiffany Blvd., Boardman; 330-758-8711.

◆ **Strategy Board Games at the Library,** 3 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **White House Fruit Farm's Blues Berry Bash,** noon to 4 p.m., White House Fruit Farm Inc., 9249 Youngstown Salem Road, Canfield; 330-533-4161.

◆ **Introduction to the Internet** (registration required), 2:30 p.m., Brookfield Public Library, 7032 Grove St., Brookfield; 330-448-8134.

SUNDAY

CHURCH

◆ **Praise, Prayer and Bible Study in the Park,** 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Suspension Bridge parking lot, Youngstown; 330-702-3000.

DANCES

◆ **Dance at the Amphitheater,** 6 p.m., Lake Milton State Park Amphitheater, Craig Beach.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS

◆ **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society Festival,** 4 p.m., Lowellville Mount Carmel Society, 102 E. Washington St., Lowellville; 330-536-8203.

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‘Forbidden Youngstown’

The Rust Belt Theater Company will present the fifth anniversary production of its original show “Forbidden Youngstown,” a hilarious musical revue parody, for three weekends. Performances will take place at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and July 21, 22, 28 and 29. Directed by Robert Dennick Joki and choreographed by Marisa Zamary, “Forbidden” is a bawdy spoof of Youngstown community theater that simultaneously parodies popular Broadway musicals through music and dance. The show, which is updated each year with new songs, performers and choreography, pokes fun at everything from Disney blockbusters to Bob Fosse choreography to popular Broadway musicals. The cast includes, from left, Marisa Zamary, Rachel Clifford, Kage Coven, Heather Powell and Jessica Patoray. Not pictured are Nicole Zayas, Lisa Torrence, Cassie Wirtz, Celena Coven, Lynn Sabeh, Josh Fleming and James Hain. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students); for reservations, call or text 330-507-2358. Rust Belt’s theater is inside Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown.

Mount Carmel Festival, 1 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.

MUSIC

◆ **Rudy and the Professionals,** 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 890 Churchill Road, Girard; 330-505-1192.

ONSTAGE

◆ **“South Pacific,”** 2 p.m., New Castle Playhouse, 202 E. Long Ave., New Castle, Pa.; 724-654-3437.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Erie Heights Brass Ensemble,** 6 p.m., Harding Park, 249 Roosevelt Drive, Hubbard; 330-534-3098.

◆ **Willie Ross and The Jazz Disciples,** 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown; 330-360-1848.

◆ **The Sensations,** 6 p.m., Waterworth Memorial Park, 866 Sunset Blvd., Salem.

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

MONDAY

CHILDREN

◆ **“The Prin-**

cess and the Pea” with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre, 10 a.m., Poland Library, 311 S. Main St., Poland.

CRAFTS

◆ **Coloring 4 Grown-Ups,** 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Coloring 4 Grown-Ups,** 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Paint Night,** 5 p.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

DISCUSSION

◆ **I Read YA! Book Club,** 6:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 7680 Glenwood Ave., Boardman Township; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Monday Night Writers meeting,** 6 p.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

MOVIES

◆ **“Ponyo,”** 8 p.m., Outdoors at Covelli Centre, 229 E. Front St., Youngstown.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Jack Vasko and Company,** 7 p.m., downtown Poland.

◆ **The Rex Taneri Combo,** 7

p.m., Canfield Village Green, state Routes 224 and 46, Canfield.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Basic Computer Class** (registration required), 10 a.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Pinning Made Simple ... Introduction to Pinterest** (registration required), 6:30 p.m., Canfield Public Library, 43 W. Main St., Canfield; 330-744-8636.

TUESDAY

CHILDREN

◆ **Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show,** 11 a.m., Sebring Public

Library, 195 W. Ohio Ave., Sebring; 330-744-8636.

CRAFTS

◆ **Stamping with Cindy** (registration required), 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Public Library, 13820 Mahoning Ave., North Jackson; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Wine Cork Message Boards,** 6:30 p.m., Main Library of Youngstown, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

FLEA MARKETS

◆ **Warren Flea and Farmers Market,** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 428 Main St. SW, Warren.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Guys Without Ties,** 7 p.m., Austintown Township Park, 6000 Kirk Road, Austintown; 330-793-0718.

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Basic Microsoft Excel Class** (registration required), 2 p.m., Liberty Public Library, 415 Church Hill-Hubbard Road, Liberty; 330-759-2589.

WEDNESDAY

CHILDREN

◆ **“The Princess and the Pea” with the Youngstown Playhouse Youth Theatre,** 11 a.m., Brownlee Woods Public Library, 4010 Sheridan Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Hands-On History Open House,** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center, 325 W. Federal St., Youngstown.

DISCUSSION

◆ **Anime and Manga Club,** 6:30 p.m., Youngstown Public Library, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

◆ **Page Turners Book Club,** 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Austintown Public Library, 600 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-744-8636.

OUTDOOR MUSIC

◆ **Broken Reins,** 7 p.m., Mill Creek MetroParks Wick Recreation Area, 1861 McCollum Road, Youngstown.

◆ **Dickey White Band,** 7 p.m., Woodworth Park, North Lima; 330-549-9552.

◆ **Salem Quaker City Band,** 7 p.m., Waterworth Memorial Park, 866 Sunset Blvd., Salem.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

◆ **Genealogy: “Invisible” Ancestors: Tips for Finding the Females in Your Family Tree,** 6 p.m., East Branch Public Library, 430 Early Road, Youngstown; 330-744-8636.

Mr. Worldwide at Covelli Centre

PITBULL won't let go



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Pitbull has had 43 Billboard Hot 100 hits in his career.

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN
When the first Global Ambassador Award was bestowed on Pitbull last month at the Songwriters Hall of Fame induction ceremony, it cemented the Latino hip-hop star's status.

The award, which is given only when merited, honors artists whose music has worldwide appeal and crosses the boundaries of genres, cultures and nations.

Given his moniker of Mr. Worldwide, it's no surprise that Pitbull was the first to snare it.

"Pitbull's success, creativity, tireless musical collaboration and his wide-ranging social activism make him the ideal songwriter-performer to initiate the Global Ambassador Award," said SHOF co-chairmen Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff and President Linda Moran in a statement.

On Saturday, the Miami-born superstar will travel to a corner of the world he has never been to before — Youngstown's Covelli Centre — for the second annual Concert for the Valley.

Pitbull, whose real name is Armando Christian Perez, has coupled his tireless work ethic with the synergy from some big-time collaborators to become a global icon. He has had 43 Billboard Hot 100 hits, including two No. 1s — "Give Me Everything" (feat. Ne-Yo, Afrojack and Nayer) and "Timber" (feat. Kesha) — plus two top 10 albums with "Rebution"

(No. 8 in 2009) and "Planet Pit" (No. 7 in 2011).

In an interview in October for chart-tv365.com in London, Pitbull talked about the advice he would have given to his younger self.

"Always listen to what's going on around the world, the new music, and never be afraid of going outside the box," he said.

It's advice that he certainly took.

The rapper has always sampled and borrowed from any genre of pop music, and turned it into his own unmistakable sound.

On his 10th and current album, "Climate Change," released in March, he

not only continued that philosophy but turned it up.

His collaborators include Flo Rida, Lunch Money Lewis, Jason Derulo, Enrique Iglesias, Jennifer Lopez, Robin Thicke and even Joe Perry.

The Pitbull sound starts with celebratory dance music, drops in some hip-hop, and sets it to a Cuban rhythm. Delivered with the force of a motivational speaker, the result is an audio blast of endorphins.

Part of the Pitbull juggernaut is his amazing live show.

Constantly stopping, starting and shifting gears every few minutes, Pitbull is the focal point of a maelstrom of

laser lights, relentless beats and tropical colors that call to mind a South Beach nightclub. With a massive video display as a backdrop and a cadre of sexy dancers on stage, fans might find themselves so unwilling to take their eyes off the stage that they forget to dance.

The overall effect is that of a stage show but magnified to arena size, said Ken Bigley, vice president of JAC Management, which operates Covelli Centre. "His production is extensive," said Bigley. "With DJs, a small band and dancers on stage, it's like a retro lounge act."

Stage theatrics — think confetti cannons and other special effects — will punctuate the spectacle, he added.

IF YOU GO

- ◆ **What:** Pitbull, with Alex Angelo
- ◆ **When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday
- ◆ **Where:** Covelli Centre
- ◆ **Tickets:** \$56.50, \$76.50, \$96.50 and \$126.50 at ticketmaster.com, the Covelli box office, and at 800-745-3000

Fittingly, Pitbull will close out the month and start the next one with an eight-night stand at the AXIS at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas.

While Youngstown is not typical Pitbull country, the show, partially underwritten by Ed Muransky of Southwoods Surgical Hospital, should be sold out, said Eric Ryan, president of JAC.

The arena will be in its standard concert layout, with the stage at the east end. The seats behind the stage will not be sold.



Pitbull's album "Global Warming" was released in 2012.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Alex Angelo always wanted to do a show in the Youngstown area and worked to get on the bill for the Pitbull show at Covelli Centre.

From Cavs to Covelli, Alex Angelo knows Ohio

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN

Alex Angelo will have the home court advantage when he opens for Pitbull on Saturday night at Covelli Centre.

The 16-year-old singer-dancer-DJ — Alex Angelo Gutierrez is his full name — is no stranger to the Mahoning Valley. His parents grew up in Niles, and his grandmother and some other relatives still live there. He's visited so many times that it feels like home.

Born in Fort Myers, Fla., Angelo moved to Cleveland with his parents in 2003, when he was 3 years old. That's where his entertainment career got started as part of the youth dance team for the Cavaliers basketball team.

Angelo and his family moved to the Cincinnati suburb of Madeira in 2013, where he attends high school. He'll make the trip to Youngstown this weekend for Saturday's concert, and also to greet fans and perform Friday afternoon at Southern Park Mall.

In a phone interview last week, Angelo recalled how he got started in show business.

"I started dancing at a young age, just messing around, and when I was 7 years old, my parents and I went to a workshop at The Q, but it turned out it was a tryout for the Cavs Kids dance team," he said. "They called us back, and it was the craziest thing. I didn't know much about dance, but they said, 'We want you on the team.' I was surprised and shocked."

Angelo and the youth troupe would dance before and at halftime at Cavs games. Then he began to branch out.

"I learned a lot there about freestyling and choreography and just becoming a dancer.

Then I started DJing when the team warmed up, and that progressed to doing parties and shows and touring. It was gradual."

He puts all three of his skills together in his live show. "I have so much fun up there," he said. "It's cool to see the crowd having a good time. I'm like a one-man band. I will walk away from the DJ equipment and dance and sing."

His repertoire is a mix of covers and his own songs.

Despite his young age, Angelo has already released two EPs of his own music, including "This Is the Beginning" (2014), and has opened shows for the likes of Austin Mahone, Justin Bieber, Shawn Mendes and Fifth Harmony. His latest single is "Gypsy," which is available on all digital music retailers.

He had always wanted to do a show in the Youngstown area and worked to get on the bill for the Pitbull show. Saturday's concert will actually be the second time he'll open for Mr. Worldwide — the first being a 2012 concert at Nautica Pavilion in Cleveland.

Angelo's career has included a stint with Disney Radio two years ago, in which he did his own two-hour weekly syndicated show.

With so many skills, including DJing, producing, dance, songwriting, singing, does Angelo have a favorite?

Not really, he said with a laugh. He likes them all.

"There is a shift that happens every so often, and lately I really enjoy writing and producing music," he said. "But then I'll go out on stage and perform and I will enjoy that. I can't pinpoint one thing. I've been doing them all for so long, and I like doing it all."

Asked if acting is the next logical progression for his career, Angelo indicated that he's already thought about it.

"I would love to do films and stuff," he said. "It would be great to be like Justin Timberlake."

His teachers at Madeira High School are very accommodating of his career, which has made it possible to go on tours.

"Touring is incredible," he said. "I love it. It's a season that you've got to be prepared for. You've got to have your set ready so that when you go up there on stage, you are in a routine. I enjoy the schedule of waking up in a different city, playing that night, going to sleep and then doing it again the next day. I love that regimen, and meeting the fans. There are so many benefits from touring that range from learning the business to just life. It helps me grow and get inspiration, and also learn from others. We always go into [the other acts'] sound check and watch how they operate so that when it's our time, we know the way we want to go."

Fans who decide to catch an early, and more personal, dose of Angelo at Friday's Southern Park Mall appearance should expect the full range of entertainment. "I will sing and bring the same excitement and energy as the concert, but just shifted into the daytime," he said. His appearance, which is free to attend, will begin at 3 p.m.

Back to the Cavaliers.

With his involvement during games, Angelo became a part of the franchise, with a sense of connection that might have surpassed even some diehard fans.

After entertaining at the games years before, how did he feel when the team finally won the NBA championship in 2016 in such dramatic fashion?

"We cried and we were so pumped. I didn't think it was real," said Angelo. "It was such a huge moment."

AT THE MOVIES ♦ Matinee shows are in parenthesis. Star grade are based on reviews, from 4 stars (excellent) to 0 stars (poor)**NEW THIS WEEK**

The Beguiled (R)
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35

The Big Sick (R)
♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 3:55, 6:45, 9:50
♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 10:35 a.m., 1:15, 4, 6:40, 9:10
♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 10:40 a.m., 1:20, 4, 6:45, 9:40

War of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) ★★★★★
♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
♦ **Regal Austintown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:50 a.m., 3, 6:10, 9:20
♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:45 a.m., 3, 6:15, 9:30; Fri.-Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 5, 8:15, 10
♦ **Regal Niles 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 4, 7:15, 10:30
♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 4:20, 7:30, 9:45; Fri.-Sun. 3:30, 6:45, 10:15
♦ **Cinema South 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 11:30 a.m., 2:50, 6, 9:10
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:10 a.m., noon, 2:20, 5:25, 6:15, 8:30
♦ **Shenango 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 3:10, 9:20
♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:20, 7, 10:10
♦ **Tinseltown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 3:40
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 12:25, 3:35, 6:40
♦ **Westgate 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 9:20

Wish Upon (PG-13)
♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. noon, 2:30, 5, 7:15
♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 8:05, 10:35
♦ **Regal Niles:** noon, 2:25, 5:10, 7:30, 10:20
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 12:10, 2:35, 4:45, 7, 9:40
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 10:30 a.m., 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:55

COMING JULY 21

Dunkirk (PG-13)
♦ **Special advance showings on July 20**

FIRST-RUN**47 Meters Down** (PG-13) ★★

♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. noon, 7:30, 9:50

Baby Driver (R) ★★★

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20
♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:35, 4, 7:05, 10
♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:20, 6:10, 9:20
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7, 9:35

Cars 3 (G) ★★

♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 2:45
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 2:10, 4:55
♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 2:15, 4:50

Despicable Me 3 (PG) ★★

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

The House (R)

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:25, 4:40, 7:05
♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 5:20, 8, 10:15
♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:20 a.m., 2, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 4:30, 10
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:55 a.m., 7:30, 9:45
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 12:50, 3, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) ★★★★★

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

AREA THEATERS

Boardman Movies 8,
469 Boardman Poland Road,
Youngstown, 330-259-8946

Encore Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles; 330-652-3456

Hermitage Cinema 8,
2461 E. State St., Hermitage, Pa.,
724-981-7180.

Regal Austintown Plaza 10,
6020 Mahoning Ave., Austintown,
330-793-7067.

Regal Boulevard Centre 14, 24 Boulevard Center, Niles, 330-652-0933.

Regal Cinema South 10,
7420 South Ave., Boardman,
330-758-0503.

Salem Twin Cinema,
2350 E. State Street, Salem,
234-575-7081.

Shenango Valley Cinemas,
2996 East State St., Hermitage,
724-983-7737.

Skyway Drive-In
1825 N. Leavitt Rd. NW,
Warren; 330-898-3059

Tinsel Town USA, 7401 Market St., Boardman, 330-965-2335.

Westgate Cinemas, 2000 West State St., New Castle, Pa., 724-652-9063.

Elm Road Triple Drive-In Theater, 1895 Elm Road NE, Warren; 330-372-9732.

♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 10:55 a.m., 12:30, 2, 5, 6:30, 8
♦ **Shenango 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 3:30, 9:25
♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 11:05 a.m., 1:05, 4:10, 5:20, 7:15, 10:20
♦ **Tinseltown 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 2:10, 8:30
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 12:30, 3:30, 6:30
♦ **Westgate 3D:** Fri.-Wed. 9:25

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

♦ **Cinema South:** Fri.-Thu. 12:05, 3:45, 7, 10:10
♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11 a.m., 2:35, 6:35, 9:55
♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:30 a.m., 2:50, 6, 9:30
♦ **Westgate:** Fri.-Wed. 11:55 a.m., 3:10, 6:20, 9:30

Wonder Woman (PG-13) ★★★★★

♦ **Regal Austintown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
♦ **Regal Niles:** Fri.-Thu. 11:10 a.m.,

2:55, 6:20, 9:35

♦ **Shenango:** Fri.-Wed. 11:40 a.m., 3, 6:10, 9:15♦ **Tinseltown:** Fri.-Thu. 12:40, 3:55, 7:05, 10:15**SECOND-RUN****Alien: Covenant** (R) ★★★**Baywatch** (R) ★★

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

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

Everything, Everything (PG-13)

★★★★

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

Going in Style (PG-13) ★★★♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1:40, 3:45**Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** (PG-13) ★★★★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:10, 6:50
♦ **Encore 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 4, 9:40
♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1, 4, 6:50, 9:45
♦ **Movies 8 3D:** Fri.-Thu. 2, 5, 8

The Mummy (PG-13) ★★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 4:10, 7, 9:50
♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:55

Rough Night (R) ★

♦ **Encore:** Fri.-Thu. 4:20, 9:50
♦ **Movies 8:** Fri.-Thu. 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:50

DRIVE-IN

♦ **Elm Road I:** Fri.-Thu. Despicable Me 3 (PG) 9:15; Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 10:55
♦ **Elm Road II:** Fri.-Thu. War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 9:15; Wish Upon (PG-13) 11:45
♦ **Elm Road III:** Fri.-Thu. Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13) 9:15; Baby Driver (R) 11:55
♦ **Skyway I:** Fri.-Sun. Wed.-Thu. War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 9:30; 47 Meters Down (PG-13) 11:50
♦ **Skyway II:** Fri.-Sun. Wed.-Thu. Despicable Me 3 (PG) 9:30; Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) 11

WaterFire festival returns Saturday

Staff report

SHARON, PA.

The first of three WaterFire festivals in downtown Sharon this summer will take place Saturday.

Now in its fifth year, WaterFire is an all-day arts and music festival with a distinctive touch. At dusk, more than 50 floating braziers, moored in place on the surface of the Shenango River, will be lit by torchbearers on a boat.

It culminates an entrancing ritual on the waterfront.

The theme of the festival will be "Back to Our Roots – Honoring Ancestry."

The Aug. 19 WaterFire theme will be "Celebrate America – United We Stand," while the Sept. 23 theme will be "Broadway."

Admission is free to all WaterFire events.

Two food courts, children's activities, artisans and performance areas will line a four-block stretch of East State Street and its side streets. Three stages will feature live bands.

Here is the music schedule:

WEST STAGE♦ **1 to 3 p.m.:** Hubbard Music's Rockstar University♦ **4 to 5:30 p.m.:** FX Project♦ **6 to 7:30 p.m.:** Reissue**EAST STAGE**♦ **1:30 to 3 p.m.:** Veseljaci Tamburitza Orchestra (traditional Croatian dance instruction for the final half hour)♦ **3:30 to 5 p.m.:** Charlie Wheeler Band♦ **6 to 8 p.m.:** Chardon Polka Band♦ **9:45 to 11:15 p.m.:** Dale Toliver Band**BRIDGE STAGE**♦ **2:30 to 4 p.m.:** Teddy Pantelas♦ **4:45 to 6:15 p.m.:** John Reese Project♦ **7 to 8:20 p.m.:** Hall of Famers Rock Show, featuring Mary and Glenn with the 730 Club Band

Series' third installment is a riveting conclusion

Loss of humanity benefits 'Apes'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

Apparently, all the new "Planet of the Apes" films needed to do to really hit a home run was take the humans out of the equation. It's what this whole trilogy has been leading to, really, as we dipped our toes into the rise, dawn and now war of this burgeoning civilization of apes and the humans who are desperately and often dishonorably fighting for their survival.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" is a riveting and surprisingly poignant epic that's a shade above the rest of the franchise dreck populating every multiplex in the country. It's as though director Matt Reeves, screenwriter Mark Bomback and the production actually put care and thought into what they were doing with their characters.

Reeves wastes no time getting the action started with a gripping opening battle. We enter the world through the eyes of some terrified intruders. A group of human soldiers walk through the woods in search of Caesar (Andy Serkis). They don't know whether he's still alive, but their leader is hell-bent on exterminating the apes.

Caesar and his followers have been operating from a secret hideout in the woods – a gorgeous little Eden tucked away behind a thundering waterfall. When the soldiers find them, the apes fight back swiftly and effectively and nearly take out all of the combatants. Caesar spares the lives of the few survivors to send a message back to their leader that the apes are not savages and just want to live in peace separately from the humans.

Of course, the message inspires exactly the opposite reaction, and the beautiful and harrowing and nearly silent nighttime raid that comes soon leaves the apes no choice but to

abandon their home and hit the road in search of safety. Caesar, however, decides he must go off alone and avenge his community by destroying the Colonel (Woody Harrelson), a deranged Kurtz figure who is truly one of the best true villains we've had in quite some time.

A few of Caesar's comrades follow him on his journey to find the Colonel. Along the way, they pick up a young, mute girl (Amiah Miller) and a tiny, manic and adorable zoo ape voiced

by Steve Zahn who has the same sort of comic energy as Yoda on Dagobah (without all the force stuff and Jedi training). When they arrive at the Colonel's base, they find a much bleaker and more complicated situation than they could have ever expected.

To say too much more about the plot would probably be a mistake, and part of the greatness of Bomback's script is how even in following a pretty standard exodus story, it still manages to surprise and captivate throughout, and with minimal dialogue, too. At times, it even feels like "War for the Planet of the Apes"

is essentially a silent movie with the mute girl and the majority of the apes communicating in sign language.

Caesar also continues to be a fascinating and truly complex character that's as well-conceived and executed as a live-action performance. Harrelson, too, is a menacing delight in his role that has more layers than might meet the eye.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" should be a satisfactory conclusion for the series, but that's naively assuming franchises are even allowed to have intentional endings. Regardless of what happens or doesn't happen next for the Planet of the Apes, this installment is very simply a great time at the movies.

'WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES'

◆ **Grade:** 3½ stars (out of 4)

◆ **Credits:** Directed by Matt Reeves; cast includes Woody Harrelson and Andy Serkis

◆ **Rating:** PG-13 for "sequences of sci-fi violence and action, thematic elements and some disturbing images."

◆ **Running time:** 2:22



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This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows a scene from "War for the Planet of the Apes."



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Monster Con will feature 'Night of the Living Dead' writer

ZOMBIE CZAR

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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John Russo, who co-created the film that started the modern zombie genre, will make his first Mahoning Valley appearance Saturday when he comes to the inaugural Eerie Frequency Monster Con at the Quality Inn in Austintown.

Also appearing will be actor Jeremy Ambler, who has played a walker in several episodes of "The Walking Dead" and has had small roles in "The Crazies" and "The Road."

Monster Con will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with monster movies playing in the movie room until midnight. Admission is free, and guests of all ages are welcome.

Guests are encouraged to dress as a zombie or their favorite superhero for a costume contest at 5 p.m.

There will be prizes for the winners based on ages. "The contest is for all ages, and people can dress up from anything from a zombie, superhero, Star Wars character, their favorite anime character, or anything they wish," said Monster Con founder Travis Bowen.

Immediately after the costume contest, Russo will spend an hour talking about his career in a question-and-answer format.

A selection of vendors will fill the two floors of exhibition space, offering movie memorabilia and other items. There also will be an opportunity to be cast in

IF YOU GO

- ◆ **What:** Eerie Frequency Monster Con
- ◆ **When:** Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- ◆ **Where:** Quality Inn, 870 N. Canfield-Niles Road, Austintown
- ◆ **Admission:** Free

locally made horror movies. The hotel is at 870 N. Canfield-Niles Road.

For information, email eeriefrequency@yahoo.com or go to eeriefrequency.com.

In a 2015 interview with *The Vindicator*, Russo said that when he and George Romero sat down to write "Night of the Living Dead," their goal was to make a truly scary horror movie.

Russo was working for a small Pittsburgh television production company in the mid-1960s that specialized in low-budget commercials. He and Romero wrote the film, and the two men and a handful of business partners put up \$600 apiece for a film budget.

"We decided it should be a horror film and that it would start in a cemetery," said Russo. "George came in with half a story that would become 'Night of the Living Dead.' But it was about space aliens. The girl got away and gets to the house, but more of them come after her. I said, 'This has all the right twists

and turns, but who is attacking?' I said it could be dead people. But what were they after? I thought, just about flesh-eating. George got called away, and I put it in the script."

Russo and Romero would further fine-tune the script. Romero added the final siege, with the zombies unsuccessfully trying to get into the house.

"Night of the Living Dead," released in 1968, became a landmark piece of horror, a low-budget masterpiece shot in grainy black and white in the Pittsburgh area. It told the story with live news dispatches coming in from outlying cities, including Sharon, Pa., and Youngstown.

The film laid down the rules for zombie behavior that are still followed today, and spawned a stream of movies, novels, comic books and television series that shows no sign of slowing down.

A big part of its initial success was that it stood apart from the status quo.

"Hollywood was making carbon-copy horror films at the time," said Russo. "Attack of the Giant Grasshoppers, Attack of the Giant Lizards. They were all the same. The National Guard would be called out. They weren't really scary."

The movie's realism ramped up its terror and became part of the blueprint for all that would follow. Modern takes on a zombie apocalypse – think "The Walking Dead" – borrow heavily from the original film's goal of showing how people react under pressure.



John Russo co-created "Night of the Living Dead," the landmark horror film that was shot in the Pittsburgh area.

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AUDITIONS

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◆ "Sure Thing" and "Philip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread," two short comedic films adapted from the plays by David Ives, being made by Pebble Films. Directors are Bill Rusu and Auggie Heschmeyer. Needed are three men and three women, age 18 to 30 ("Sure Thing") and 27 to 70 ("Philip Glass"). Auditions will take place at 4800 Market St., Suite C, Boardman, 330-647-4600, from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. The first filming date will be July 30, and a second date may be scheduled. Email auditions@pebblefilms.com or call to RSVP or for information.

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Fiction Forest festival to feature 15 bands

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

It's being called Fiction Forest, but the musical lineup is for real.

The outdoor rock music festival that will take place Saturday at B&O Station will feature 15 bands with a mostly indie-rock flavor.

The lineup includes Youngstown acts Spirit of the Bear and Northern Whale, plus Vibe & Direct (Cleveland), Captain Kidd (Columbus) and Clubhouse (Athens).

Admission is \$15 at the gate. Bands will take turns playing on the main stage and the dockside stage. A midway of food and beer vendors, as well as arts items, will be set up.

Here is the schedule:

MAIN STAGE

◆ 3 p.m.: Hypnotist

◆ 4 p.m.: The BLVD

◆ 5 p.m.: Vertical 48

◆ 6 p.m.: Kossuth and the Turncoat

◆ 7 p.m.: The Labra Brothers

◆ 8:30 p.m.: Northern Whale

◆ 10 p.m.: Spirit of the Bear

◆ Midnight: Vibe & Direct

DOCK STAGE

◆ 3:30 p.m.: Shultz and the I.C.

◆ 4:30 p.m.: Highland Rose

◆ 5:30 p.m.: Rob Fellman and Jon Scott

◆ 6:30 p.m.: VISIT

◆ 7:45 p.m.: East 9th

◆ 9:15 p.m.: Captain Kidd

◆ 11:15 p.m.: Clubhouse



Spirit of the Bear is, from left, Mike Perorazio, James Harker, Jamie Vitullo (drummer, back), Ethan Schwendeman (keys, back) and Danny Svenson.

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NIGHTLIFE ◆ Online: Valley24.com/events/submit | Email: wheretogo@vindy.com
Submit events one week prior to publication

◆ Apollo Maennerchor Club,

391 Dock St., Sharon, Pa.

Fri: The Labra Brothers, 9 p.m.

Sun: Erica Blinn, 6 p.m.

◆ Barrel Run Crossing Winery and Vineyard,

3272 Industry Road,

Rootstown; 330-325-1075

Fri: Steven Howell, 7 p.m.

Sat: Jim Gill, 7 p.m.

◆ Brewtus Brewing Company,

23 Chestnut Ave., Sharon, Pa.

Sat: 2nd Avenue Project, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sun: Steve Vuich hosts open mic, noon to 3 p.m.

◆ Cafe 422,

8586 South Ave., Boardman; 330-369-2422

Fri: DJ, 8 p.m.

◆ The Fireplace,

2075 E. Western Reserve Road, Poland; 330-757-4043

Thu: Thursday Night Car Cruise with DJ Richie D, 5 p.m.

Fri: Youngstown's Total Package Band, 9 p.m.

Tue: Party on the Patio with Youngstown's Total Package Band, 7 p.m.

◆ Frieda's,

381 W. Rayen Ave., Youngstown

Fri: Backpocket, 6 to 10 p.m.; DJ EZ D, 10 p.m.

Sat: Howard and the Point Five Band, 6 to 10 p.m.; DJ EZ D, 10 p.m.

◆ Groggy Monday,

81 1/2 Sycamore Drive, New Middletown; 330-542-2500

Sat: John Grahovac Sr. and friends, 7 p.m.

◆ Hartford Hill Winery,

3864 Bushnell Campbell Road, Fowler; 330-727-8458

Sat: The Vindys, 7 p.m.

Sun: Davis and Henner, 2 p.m.

◆ Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course,

655 N. Canfield-Niles Road, Austintown; 330-423-1112

Fri: Dancing Queen, 8 p.m.

Sat: First Class, 8 p.m.

◆ Jr's Pub,

1722 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown; 330-953-1559

Sat: Cin City and the Saints, 9 p.m.

◆ Magic Tree,

7463 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-2667

Sat: Unchartered Course, 7:30 p.m.

Sun: Game of Thrones dinner, 6 p.m.

Tue: Trivia, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

◆ Mastropietro Winery,

14558 Ellsworth Road, Berlin Center; 330-547-2151

Fri: Davis and Henner, 7 p.m.

◆ New Manhattan,

7262 Hubbard-Masury Road, Hubbard; 330-534-7890

Sat: Dead Referees, 8 p.m.

◆ Paradise Patio at Trax Lounge,

4250 New Road, Austintown; 330-799-2249

◆ Fri: Cin City and the Saints,

7:30 p.m.

Sat: Elvis, Patsy and Roy tribute, 7:30 p.m.

◆ Riser Tavern & Grill,

1135 W. Western Reserve Road, Boardman

Sat: Steve Vuich and guests, 7 p.m.

Tue: Steve Vuich hosts acoustic open stage, 7 p.m.

◆ Stone Yard Grill and Tavern,

41 S. Main St., Niles; 330-544-9273

Sat: Bobby "Guitar" Thomas, 7 p.m.

◆ Suzie's Dogs and Drafts,

32 and 34 N. Phelps St., Youngstown; 234-228-9158

Fri: The Hawkeyes with Intrepid Travelers, 9 p.m.

Sat: Titans in Time, 8 p.m.

◆ Up A Creek Tavern,

4793 E. Market St., Howland; 330-856-5135

Fri: 80's Proof, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sun: Old Skool, 8 p.m.

◆ Vintage Estate Wine & Beer,

7317 South Ave., Boardman; 330-629-8080

Thu: Steve Vuich hosts open-mic night, 8 p.m.

◆ Party on the Plaza,

water department lot, 111 W. Federal St., Youngstown

Fri: The Vindys and the Bees Trees, 7 p.m.

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Vic youth theater to present 'Lion, Witch and Wardrobe'

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN

The Vic will present a youth production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" for five performances, beginning Friday, at its theater at 702 Mahoning Ave. Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and July 21 and 22; and 2 p.m. July 23. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for children under 6); call 330-746-5455 for reservations.

The play is a theatrical adaptation of C.S. Lewis' classic "The Chronicles of Narnia." Sam Luptak Jr., director of the Vic's production, said the story is one of the most captivating and powerful fantasy novels ever written. "I was first exposed to it in the second grade, and I have read and reread it – along with the other six books in the series – dozens of times," said Luptak. "The privilege of bringing this magical story to life on the stage is one of the great thrills of my theater career."

The plot revolves around four siblings, played by Carter Monroe, Morgan LaCamera, Dallas Sipusic and Hana Bender, who wander into the magical world of Narnia through a wardrobe. They soon meet talking woodland creatures such as the faun Mr. Tumnus (Rob Whiting), Mr. and Mrs. Beaver (Noralee and Richard Smiley), Mrs. Unicorn (Amber Johnson) and her Kidicorns (Madelyn Sipusic and Victoria Mulichak), Centaur (Nick Rauschenbach) and many others.

A cast of more than 30 actors, creative makeup and costuming and the intimate venue will bring Narnia to life, said Luptak.

"Audience members walk through the wardrobe to get to their seats and instantly join us in Narnia," he said. "This show has something for everyone – there are swords, fights and battles, witches, unicorns, ogres, dwarves and zombies. There are talking animals and evil spells. Narnia is a magical land, and everyone who ventures through the wardrobe will find a night of theater that will transport them



The cast of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" includes, from top to bottom, Carter Monroe, Morgan LaCamera, Dallas Sipusic and Hana Bender.

to a place like no other they have experienced."

The Good vs. Evil tale unfolds as the Great Lion Aslan (Jenna Cintavey) and the evil White Witch (Lynne Peterson) enlist their armies to fight for control of Narnia. The deciding battle, staged by fight coordinator Vijay Welch-Young, proves to be an intense fight that engages the entire cast.

The mystical world also includes wood nymphs (Marissa Keshock, Kristy Francis),

Father Christmas (Brandon Palomaki), the witch's Dwarf (Liam Bierlair), Army Captain Fenris Ulf (Kevin Bender) and Deputy (Dillon Bender); Aslan's Army: Dakota Sipusic, Christopher Rutledge, Brylee Rutledge, Kiley Johnson, Colton Johnson, Cameron Johnson and Karina Mulichak; and The Witch's Army: Cody McMurray, Serena Fix, Josh Kelly, Kory Frederick, Brandon Palomaki, Kevin Bender and Charlene Fuqua.

BEST BETS ON TV

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BIRDING THE SANCTUARY

◆ **When:** Saturday, 8-9:30 a.m.
 ◆ **What:** Enjoy a 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:** Registration required by today at Ford Nature Center. Space limited. Boots required. Moderate difficulty, 1.25 miles.
 ◆ **Cost:** Free
 ◆ **Info:** Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

LOCAL FLAVOR

◆ **When:** Monday, 6-8 p.m.
 ◆ **What:** Tour of Urban Farms & Community Gardens. Join OSU Extension staff and master gardener volunteers to learn about growing vegetables.
 ◆ **Where:** Taft Grows Green 4-H Club Garden, 721 Avondale Ave., Youngstown.
 ◆ **Cost:** Free
 ◆ **Info:** Visit <http://go.osu.edu/localflavor2017> or call 330-533-5538.

GOOD BUGS VS. BAD BUGS

◆ **When:** Monday, 9:30 a.m.-noon
 ◆ **What:** What kind of bugs do you have in your garden? Learn which are helpful.
 ◆ **Where:** OSU Extension, 490 S. Broad St., Canfield
 ◆ **Details:** \$15 includes refreshments and handouts
 ◆ **Info:** Visit <http://go.osu.edu/findthegoodones>

O.W.L.S., A TRIP BACK IN TIME

◆ **When:** Monday, 10 a.m. to noon
 ◆ **What:** Join the Older Wiser Limber Seniors for short presentation on the history of the park's most iconic feature, with time for discussion and socializing.
 ◆ **Where:** Lanterman's Mill, 1001 Canfield Road.
 ◆ **Cost:** \$1 at the door.
 ◆ **Details:** Coffee or tea included. Registration requested.
 ◆ **Info:** Call Ford Nature Center at 330-740-7107

GARDEN FAIR

◆ **When:** Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.
 ◆ **What:** Join Trumbull County master gardener volunteers for educational program in the garden.
 ◆ **Where:** OSU Extension, 520 W. Main St., Cortland.
 ◆ **Cost:** Free
 ◆ **Details:** Bring a lawnchair.
 ◆ **Info:** Call 330-638-6783

SPROUT CLUB

◆ **When:** Next Thursday, 1-2 p.m.
 ◆ **What:** Learn about the amazing world of plants with topics that include symbols of Ohio, wheat and The Little Red Hen, and pasta.
 ◆ **Where:** Fellows Riverside Gardens, 123 McKinley Ave., Youngstown
 ◆ **Details:** For age 3-5, plus adult. Each class includes an activity and snack. Attend all three classes and receive a plant-related prize.
 ◆ **Cost:** \$15/series; \$7/class

EARLY SUMMER MORNING KAYAK

◆ **When:** July 22, 8-10 a.m.
 ◆ **What:** Savor the quiet of early morning on the water plus sights and sounds of nature paddling around scenic Lake Newport and wetlands.
 ◆ **Where:** East Newport Boat Launch, East Newport Drive, Youngstown.
 ◆ **Cost:** \$12 Mahoning County residents, \$15 NR. Additional fee after deadline.
 ◆ **Details:** Register/pay at Ford Nature Center by July 21. Age restrictions apply.
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Black bottoms on tomatoes?

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Easy grow zinnias attract butterflies

By TERRY SHEARS

OSU Ext. master gardener volunteer

Zinnias pack a punch! Easy to grow, available in a wide variety of heights, shapes and colors, attractive to butterflies, and long-lasting when cut...what's not to like about this cheery annual?

Even the novice gardener can have success with zinnias. They like full sun and well-drained soil, and thrive in planting zones 3 to 10. They are very drought-tolerant. In fact, the hotter and drier the weather, the less susceptible they are to disease. Their bright blooms are highlights in the garden from early summer until frost. Deadheading zinnias (pinching back the dead blossoms) helps to keep them blooming locally until

October, but many of the newer hybrids keep blooming all season and don't require deadheading.

Zinnias range in height from dwarf (about 6 inches) to giant (up to 4 feet) and span from 1 to 2 feet wide. Flower heads come in a wide variety of shapes from single to double blooms, to spidery-shaped and domes. Zinnias sport colors from the faintest pastels to the most vibrant colors – every color except true blue, brown or black. They come striped, speckled, solid and multicolored.

They are very attractive to butterflies. Plant them, and butterflies will almost always show up for some nectar. The zinnia cultivar "Lilliput" has been shown in studies by

the University of Kentucky to attract the most butterflies, although the variety "zinnia elegans" is most commonly planted. Some new cultivars bred to produce double flowers do not produce nectar, so check when purchasing seeds or plants to see if they are nectar-producing. Some butterflies such as the tiger swallowtail prefer tall flowers as they forage, while others prefer to stay close to the ground.

Zinnias are also an amazing cut flower. Many varieties will last from seven to 12 days in a vase if cut when the centers of the blooms are beginning to open fully. Flower farmers claim their bright colors, easy care, and long vase life make zinnias one of the most profitable

flowers to grow. And you can enter them in Canfield Fair competitions to see if you are a blue-ribbon gardener. Check out canfieldfair.com for information.

Although easy to grow successfully, zinnias are susceptible to several diseases, most notably powdery mildew, and are at risk in sites with too much moisture and poor air circulation. Try to avoid overhead watering as wet foliage can lead to disease. Plant them 8 to 12 inches apart to allow for movement of air.

So for that punch of bright color that lasts until the autumn leaves begin to fall, zinnias deserve a place in your landscape. For information about zinnias, visit <http://go.osu.edu/zinnia>.

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SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

COMPOSTING

By SUSAN MCMANN

OSU Ext. master gardener volunteer

Organic matter, compost, hummus... why would any of us who live in urban/suburban areas, in this century, want to partake in this age-old practice?

There are many reasons some of us who live in urban/suburban areas are learning the art of creating "black gold." Some reasons include:

◆ Soil amendments such as compost, when mixed with the natural clay found in our landscapes helps make our soil softer and easier to work with.

◆ Used as a mulch/top covering for gardens, it helps enrich soil, retain moisture, keep weeds at bay, and suppress plant diseases and pests.

◆ It helps the environment by recycling yard/kitchen waste, keeping it from landfills. This reduces methane and lowers our carbon footprint.

But the main reasons many of us compost is: Creating it is inexpensive; it reduces the need for fertilizers; it's the secret ingredient to amazingly beautiful gardens; and it provides satisfaction from making our own.

Quality organic material is extremely important to plant nutrition and plant health. Further, compost is an extremely important part of growing fresh, locally grown vegetables. Those who grow organically rely on it for most of their plant nutrition.

Since composting is so helpful, why are many of us not practicing it?

One reason is that many of us believe that a "green thumb" is needed to be good at growing plants. Knowing how to care for the plants is what counts. Most of us know that the sun and water are important in growing plants. But many of us are not aware of the importance of organic matter in plant nutrition and plant health.

Compost helps plants nutritionally by adding nutrients to soil. It contains a variety of the basic nutrients required for healthy growth. In addition to the main three – nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium – of special significance, are the micronutrients such as manganese, copper, iron and zinc. Micronutrients, like vitamins for humans, are needed only in small doses,

but they play an important role in plant growth.

Research shows soil treated with compost tends to produce plants with fewer problems. It seems that compost "helps control diseases and insects that might otherwise overtake a more sterile soil that lacks natural checks against spread, according to the Illinois Extension.

A final reason is that creating compost helps us to understand the natural cycle of life and decay. In nature, there is no waste; every living thing serves a greater purpose past its own lifespan and contributes to the growth of something else. It's easy to forget this crucial fact, but when you delve into composting your own yard and vegetable/kitchen "waste," you learn to appreciate the cycle of life which involves decay and new growth equally. Composting helps us understand that everything has a place in the world.

For information on creating compost, contact the Mahoning County Green Team or visit <http://go.osu.edu/compostathome>.

ASK OSU EXTENSION

Invasive emerald ash borer

Q. Our west-facing backyard patio had been shaded by four tall ash trees. Because of emerald ash borer, the trees are dying and being cut down. Can you suggest appropriate shade trees to plant? Our main sewer line runs in the area, so we want to be careful of that. At our age – fast-growing trees would be a plus!

Frank from Youngstown

A. Emerald ash borer has devastated thousands of trees in the Mahoning Valley. The invasive pest is destroying ash trees faster than we can deal with the dead trees left behind. In the woods, dead ash trees may not be an issue, but in our home lawns and along streets – they are a danger to people and property. So removing the dead ash trees is the safest bet. You can learn how these trees can "snap" off soon after death at <http://go.osu.edu/ashsnap>. Details about hiring an arborist and other information is at <http://emeraldashborer.info>

There are 82 trees on the list of replacements for ash trees, so the options are many. An underplanted tree is the little leaf linden. If replacing more than one tree, we suggest tree diversity in your yard and garden. Frank should plant four different trees that will provide shade, but that do not get the same disease and insect issues.

Here is a list of replacement trees with details to help you select the perfect tree for your space: <http://go.osu.edu/replacement>

When it comes to sewer lines in the yard, we all have them. So try to plant as far from these lines as you can. The trees will seek the sewer lines if there are cracks, and if the trees need water and nutrients – they will seek these wherever they are available. Your best bet is to avoid trees that grow fast and have aggressive roots. Examples are poplar, basswood, tuliptree, most maples, some oaks and some others.

Here is a factsheet on choosing sewer safe trees, including a list of suggested trees: <http://go.osu.edu/sewertrees>.

Many of us want fast-growing trees to be sure we see the results of our planting trees. But beware of fast-growing trees, as some of them tend to be weak.

Here is a factsheet with a list of such trees: <http://go.osu.edu/fastgrowingtrees>.

Before you plant any tree, start with making a list of what you desire, along with the location of overhead electric/cable lines and other aspects of where you will plant the tree. Planning will make all of the difference. Whatever your choice to replace ash, try to purchase the largest one you can afford and watch it grow. A tree is something you will enjoy for years and so will the next generation.

Eric Barrett is OSU Extension educator for agriculture and natural resources in Mahoning County. Call the office hotline at 330-533-5538 to submit your questions. Regular clinic hours are 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Thursdays.

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Dear Annie

Grandma is hurt by sitter woes

Dear Annie: I recently called a friend to see whether her college-age daughter, "Tiffany," could baby-sit for my 1½-year-old granddaughter from 6 to 8 p.m. on a Saturday so I could attend a reception at a local club. I didn't hear back at first, but three days before the event, I finally talked with Tiffany, and she said that she would be available. We discussed exact times, and I asked what she would charge. She didn't have a set rate but thought \$10 per hour would be fine. Having not paid a baby sitter for many years (I'm a new grandmother), I said that I thought the rate should be \$5 per hour but that I would check with my daughter to see what she pays. My daughter confirmed that the average rate today is between \$10 and \$15 an hour. I planned to pay the \$10 per hour, but I did not have a chance to call the sitter until the morning of the event.

Her mother answered the phone and said that other plans had come up for her daughter, and the mother had told her to go with the "other plans" because I had not gotten back to her on the rate. I was hurt and in shock, not only because our families are good friends but also because I did not think that the rate was a deciding factor. My husband is in an assisted-living facility, and I spend a great deal of time with him, which ties up most of my days. The mother is forever telling me to take time off and have some time to myself.

Who is wrong? Should I feel hurt? Was I wrong to not get back to her sooner about the rate? I was hurt that the mother had not advised her daughter to call me, because she is forever saying that she tries to teach her children how to be responsible. I feel that I was let down and can no longer trust this family.

HEARTBROKEN AND HURT GRANDMA

Dear Heartbroken: Three things are certain in life: death, taxes and flaky baby sitters. You must really make a point of expressly confirming details with your sitter. I don't blame Tiffany for thinking that you didn't want her to baby-sit anymore. Think of it from her point of view. The last thing she'd heard from you was that her rate might be too steep and that you'd look into it. She probably assumed you'd found a cheaper sitter or decided not to use one after all.

In any case, I think you've taken the whole incident too much to heart. Your friend did not mean to hurt you. It seems as if this carried the weight it did for you because you were really looking forward to a night to yourself – a rare occurrence. I would encourage you to make such "me time" less rare. Get out and socialize. You can't be properly supportive of your husband if you aren't supportive of yourself and your own needs.

Dear Annie: Please do not use the term "golden years" when referring to a person's retirement. Do some research about ageism in our language and what to avoid saying in order to make progress in this area. There are articles on the subject online.

AN OREGON READER

Dear Oregon Reader: Thank you so much for bringing that to my attention. I hadn't realized how that phrase could come across as condescending, but you can bet I'll keep it in mind now.

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

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Laundry doesn't stop just because it's summer

Dear Readers: Even in the summertime, the laundry doesn't stop. A recent study reported in *National Clothesline* had some interesting findings about people and laundry, including the following:

- ◆ Nearly 2 out of 3 people don't take the time to read the care labels on garments, mostly because they find the instructions too hard to understand, or they don't think it matters what the label says. As a result, folks destroy around 10 pieces of clothing a year!
- ◆ A lot of people have no clue how much detergent to use in the wash, so many end up using too much, which is difficult to rinse out.
- ◆ Women are slightly better



Heloise

at doing the laundry, according to the research, but don't despair, fellas, there's hope for you!

Take the time to read the care labels on garments before you purchase them. Know which items will benefit from dry cleaning, for example. And learn to decode those care symbols! I will post a link to the most common symbols on my website, www.Heloise.com.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I'm a professional makeup artist, and I have some hints for makeup application. Believe me, I've seen everything!

Blend everything. No obvious lines on your jaw, eyes or under eyes from concealer. Don't keep pencils too sharp – this can create harsh lines. Don't coordinate eye shadows and nail polish to your clothing. This was a trend 30 years ago.

Don't forget to blot your skin with one layer of facial tissue. Don't leave the lids off products. This will dry them out and diminish their effectiveness.

HILDA J., via email

Thanks, Hilda! Readers, what are your most memorable makeup mishaps? There are bound to be some funny stories out there!

Heloise

Dear Readers: Walking is

a popular and inexpensive hobby and exercise routine. Here are some safety hints for you:

- ◆ Go with a friend.
- ◆ If the weather is bad or too hot, walk the mall.
- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ If you are alone, pretend you are chatting on your phone to deter people.
- ◆ Walking at night is probably not a good idea.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I look in my closet once a year. If I haven't used something in that time, I donate it to charity. It hopefully can help someone else, and I can deduct the amount off my income taxes.

HOLLY H. IN

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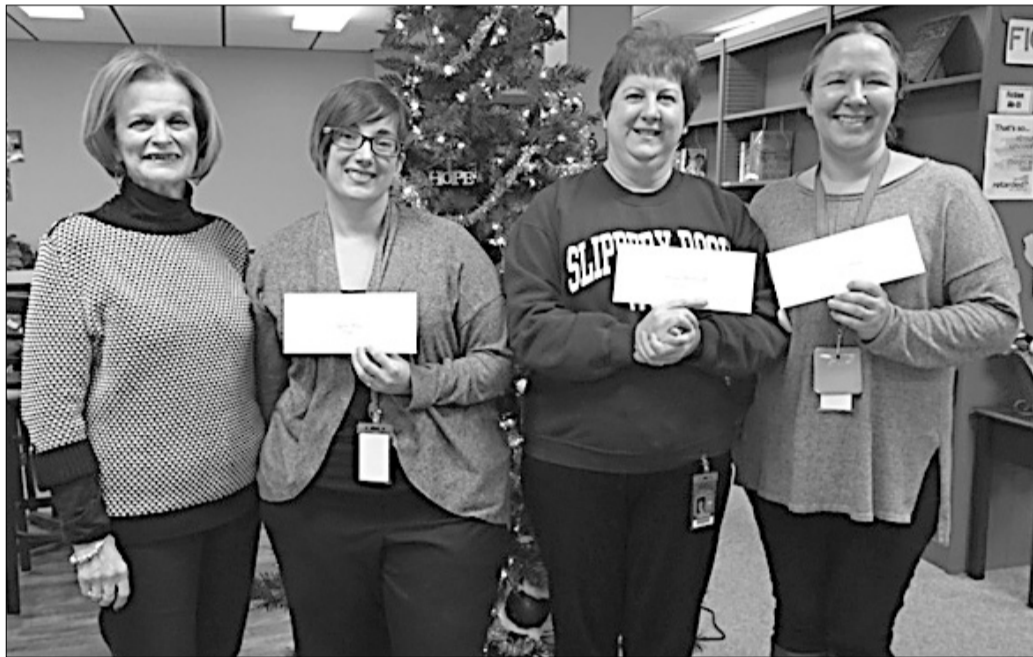
Dear Heloise: I have enjoyed your mother's and your hints and chuckles for many years.

My hint is to save the plastic sleeve that newspapers come in. When making things that have to be mixed by hand (e.g., meatloaf, salmon patties, etc.), I put all ingredients in a bowl. Then I put a clean sleeve on each hand, mix well and put in a baking container. I dispose of the sleeves, and my hands are as clean as when I started!

BARBARA P.,
Middleton, Ohio

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.

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SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Austintown teachers receive mini-grants

The Austintown Alumni Association awarded teachers \$1,000 in mini-grants for this school year. Funding for these grants is made possible by the association's annual raffle and by donations from alumni and friends. The grants will be used for classroom and student instruction. For membership information, contact Lynn Larson, alumni president, at 330-518-5727, or Patti Griffin at 330-793-4799. Above, from left, are Larson, April King, Patricia Hartsough and Amanda Shrader for Austintown Fitch High School, and at right, from left, Monica Theis, Larson and Alicia Burnfield for Austintown Intermediate School. Also awarded mini-grants were Julie Toth of Austintown Elementary School and Melody Ward from Austintown Middle School.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Newcomers of Mahoning Valley installs slate

Newcomers of Mahoning Valley recently installed officers for 2017-18. Above from left are Jorine Stone, president; Carol Gregg, treasurer; Kathy Zuppo, vice president; and Regina Jenkins, secretary. Newcomers was formed more than 25 years ago with opportunities to meet new people and become acquainted with events and places in the community. There are many different activities to participate in, something for everyone. The movie-luncheon group, book club, Roundtowners, birthday group and needlework will meet through the summer, and general luncheons with speakers meetings will resume in September. For information call, Jorine at 330-757-7212, or Amy at 330-953-3349.

SOCIETY digest

Alzheimer Network hosts garage sale

CANFIELD
Alzheimer Network volunteers will host a garage sale today and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Western Reserve United Methodist church, 4580 Canfield

Road. The Alzheimer Network is a nonprofit organization providing 12 free monthly family support groups in the area and numerous educational seminars for caregivers. For information, call the network at 330-788-9755.

World War II Heritage Society will meet

CANFIELD
World War II Heritage Society meeting will take place at 6:15

p.m. Monday at A La Cart Banquet Center for a buffet dinner. Cost is \$14 and reservations are due by Friday. Make checks payable to W.W.II Heritage Society and mail to David Frank at 2692 Windpoint Trail, Poland, OH 44514 or call 330-757-0515. Veteran Bud Sabetay will speak on his war experiences. Sabetay is the author of "Memoirs of an American Jewish Soldier from the Heartland of America to the Front Lines of the Third Reich."

Jewish Federation appoints new CEO

YOUNGSTOWN
Cristal Vincent recently was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation's Human Services Department effective July 1. Marc Rubin, president of the department, and Andrew Lipkin, the Federation's executive vice president, announced the appointment.

Vincent will be responsible for overseeing three YAJF agencies: Heritage Manor, home for the aged with adult day services; Levy Gardens, the assisted living residence; and Jewish Family Services, all of which are located on the federation's Gypsy Lane campus in Youngstown.

She has been an Ohio-licensed nursing home administrator since December 2012 and was Heritage



Vincent

Manor's first assistant administrator in February 2013. Vincent is from East Liverpool and resides

in Berlin Center with her husband, Mark. He is pastor of Berlin Center United Methodist Church, and she serves as honorary vice president of the United Methodist Women at the church.

Heritage Manor is a non-profit organization that accepts residents regardless of religion or race. Levy Gardens is an open, faith-based facility supported by the local Jewish community and is committed to serving the assisted-living needs of Youngstown area seniors.



SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR

Rotary honors bee champ

The Rotary Club of Youngstown recently honored Macey Stancato of West Branch Middle School. Macey, grand champion of the 2017 Vindicator Regional Spelling Bee, was presented with a Barnes and Noble gift card by president William Lawson, left, and incoming president Frank Kishel. The club also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of the local Rotary Foundation.

SOCIETY NEWS | Publication policy

- ◆ **The Vindicator** publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.
- ◆ **Forms may** be obtained from our Vindicator news offices or our website at www.vindy.com, or mail a self-addressed, stamped, business envelope to The Vindicator, Society Department, P.O. Box 780, Youngstown, OH 44501, with a note indicating which form is needed.
- ◆ **Your picture** must be a good-quality, traditional portrait that is current, vertical and close up; an original, not a copy; and a wallet-size or larger. Your picture can be black and white or color. However, if the couple or their parents live in Austintown, Boardman, Canfield or Poland, a color picture will be needed so the announcement can automatically appear in the Forever and Ever section of Neighbors. To e-mail a photograph with your announcement, send a 5-by-7 jpeg file (300 dpi) as an attachment. The Vindicator is not responsible for loss of or damage to your photo.
- ◆ **To submit** your announcement, you may drop it off at the front counter of our downtown office, 107 Vindicator Square, Youngstown; mail it to The Vindicator at the above address; or e-mail it to society@vindy.com.
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Have faith, but leave room for other beliefs, too. It's not heresy; it's sophistication...

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You feel indebted to someone, but are you really? Don't discount what you bring to the situation...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is no better way now for attracting what you really do need and want than ridding your life of what you don't...

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today you'll be as brilliant as you are brief. You'll be selling something -- an idea, a product or yourself...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You're too busy looking for a way to make your plans come to life to find excuses for why they didn't...

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Just as a charming child who doesn't get his way can turn quickly into a pest...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Each time you find yourself complaining, redirect your attention to something you're grateful for...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There are plenty of complications inherent in your regular daily activities, but you're getting better and better at this...

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The body has powers beyond what you can do by thinking your way through it...

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): To be passionately curious is a talent. Curiosity will do the job of courage today...

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: After being lost and confused for so many years, I feel that I have finally discovered what I really want to do as a career...

TVTONIGHT For complete TV & movie listings, see TV Week in Saturday's Vindicator

Table with columns for time slots (7/13/17, 6:30, 7 pm, 7:30, 8 pm, 8:30, 9 pm, 9:30, 10 pm, 10:30, 11 pm, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels and programs.



ODDLY ENOUGH

Snake in a substation: Critter causes power outage for 4,000

GREENVILLE, S.C. Utility officials said a snake caused a power outage that left more than 4,000 customers without electricity...

small animals remain a big reason for power outages.

Trooper gives ride, warning to scooter rider

WEST BRANCH, MICH. A 76-year-old woman riding a mobility scooter down the shoulder of Interstate 75 in northern Michigan received a warning and a ride home from a Michigan State Police trooper...

Alligators, snakes found at home where cobra escaped

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF. Authorities found alligators and venomous snakes at a Southern California home where animal-control officers said a cobra had gotten loose and terrified neighbors...

JUMBLE AND CROSSWORD 07/13/17

Jumble puzzle with scrambled words (DPAAT, PITYS, SOYMLT, CIRNUH) and a cartoon illustration of a man in a wheelchair.

Yesterday's Jumbles: BROWN SWOON DECADE INJURE Answer: The bakery owned by the married couple had two — BREAD WINNERS

SUDOKU

8x8 Sudoku puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.

ACROSS

- 1 Comforter 6 Kind of eclipse 11 Downright 12 Dwelling 13 Simpler 15 Expired 16 Waterproof 18 Suffers from 19 Here's to --! 21 Turkey or cat 22 Duo 23 Haughty type 25 Codgers' queries 28 Young screecher 30 Veld grazer 31 Catch a cold 32 "Golly!" 33 Rudder's place 35 Paris subway 37 Not even 38 Disturb 40 Prez's backup 41 Emma in "The Avengers" 42 Gary's st. 43 Library sect. 46 Needlework craft 48 Certain sponges (Var.) 50 Big hammer 54 Out of it 55 Ancient harps 56 Winding curves 57 Greek fable writer

How to play:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

YEARS AGO

Today is Thursday, July 13, the 194th day of 2017. There are 171 days left in the year.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

- On this date in: 1787: The Congress of the Confederation adopts the Northwest Ordinance... 1939: Frank Sinatra makes his first commercial recording... 1960: John F. Kennedy wins the Democratic presidential nomination... 1972: George McGovern receives the Democratic presidential nomination... 1977: A blackout hits New York City... 1985: "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London... 2013: A jury in Sanford, Fla., acquits neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman...

VINDICATOR FILES

- 1992: Country western music fans come from far and near to jam at Ponderosa Park near Salem for a concert by Dolly Parton... General Fireproofing retirees say about \$1 million that could restore their health benefits and back-pay claims are languishing... Betsy King wins a sudden-death playoff against Beth Daniel, Meg Mallon and Donna Andrews to win the Phar-Mor LPGA Tournament... 1977: Four members of a drilling crew are injured when a gas well explodes in rural Southington Township in Trumbull County... Myra Reddinger of Struthers is released from Hillside Hospital where she had been treated since Oct. 30 when she developed Guillain-Barre syndrome...

DOWN

- 1 Vt. neighbor 2 Ms. Hagen of films 3 -- now or never! 4 R and R 5 Arboretum specimen 6 Silvery fish 7 Cartoon caveman 8 Growing abundantly 9 On the briny 10 Some wines 14 "Phooey!" 15 Zingy flavor 17 --- no see! 19 Went off-course 20 Stopped a squeak 22 Kelly's possum 24 Cadge 25 Gnawed away 26 Engaged 27 Feed the hogs 29 Mammoth entrapper 34 Double-daters 36 Whammy (2 wds.) 39 Axioms 43 Sad 44 Charged particles 45 -- and aahs

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER crossword puzzle grid with filled-in words.

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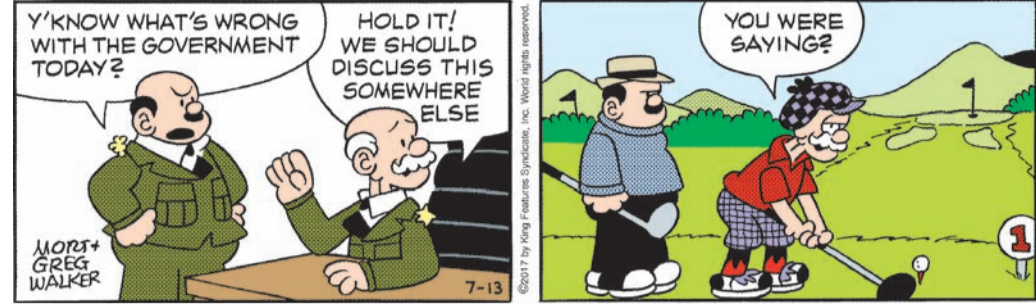
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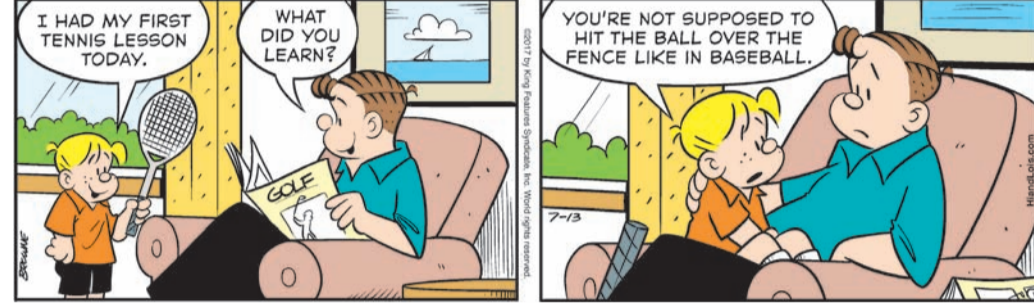
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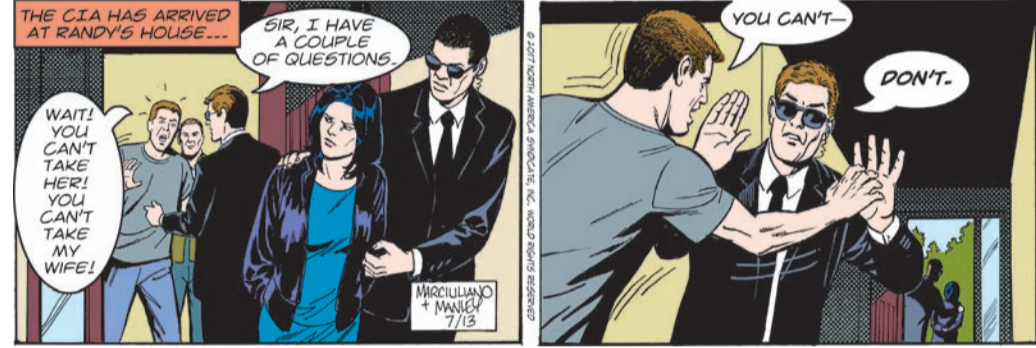
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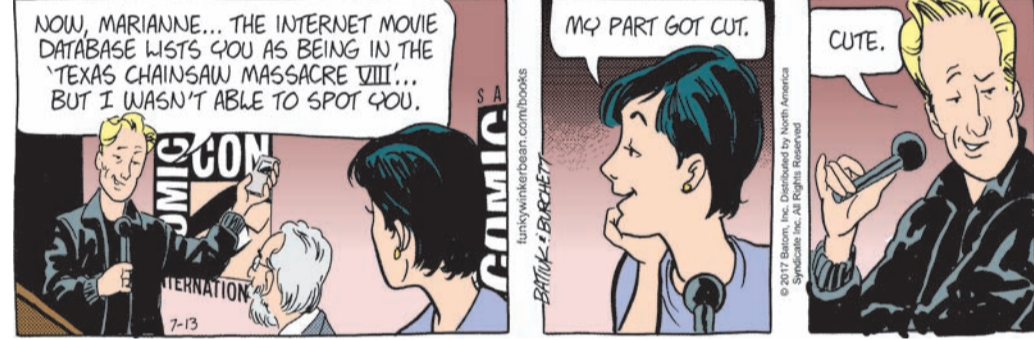
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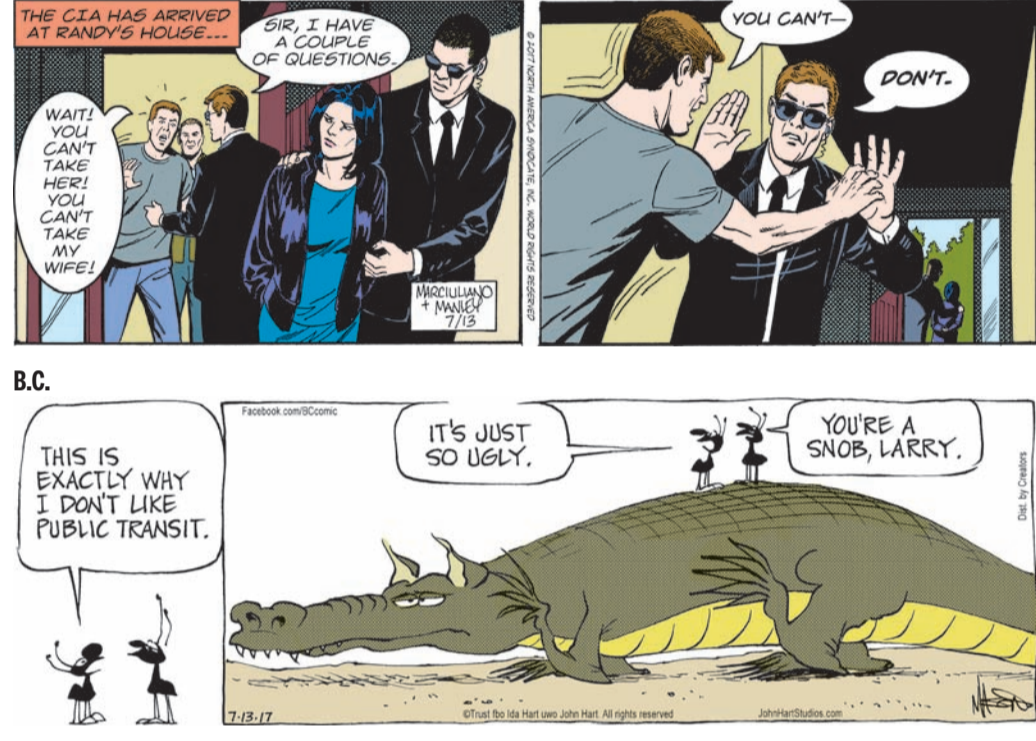
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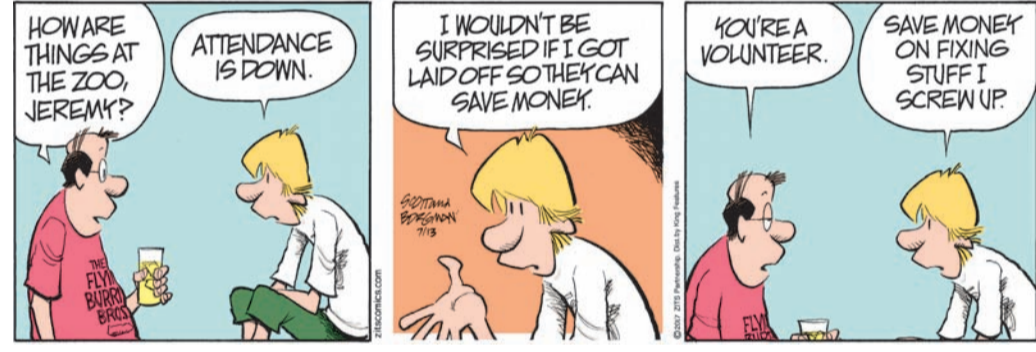
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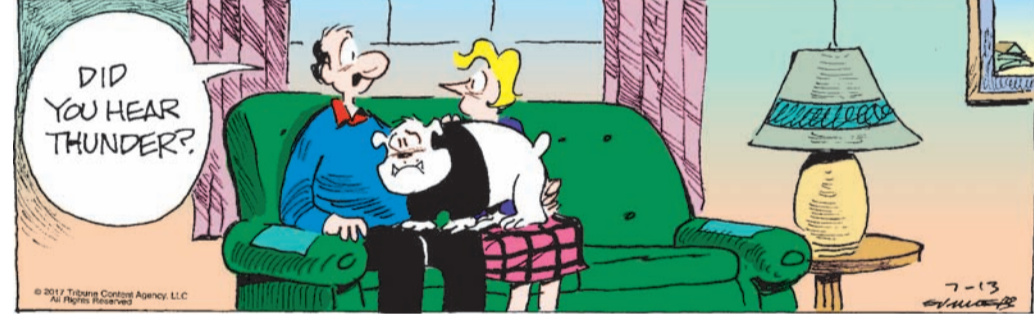
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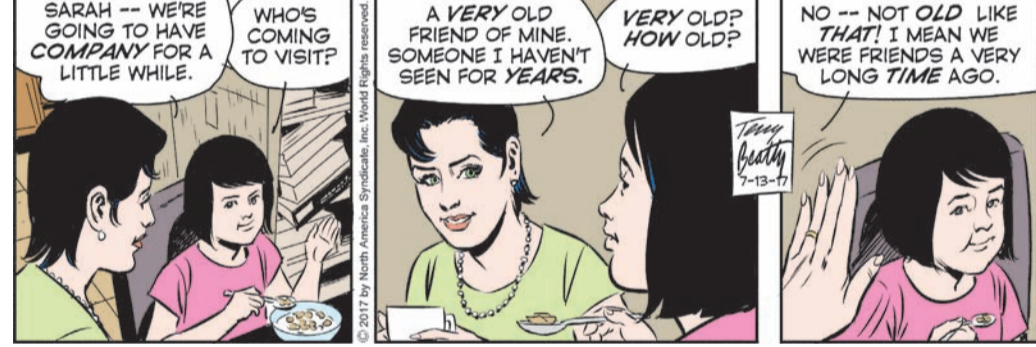
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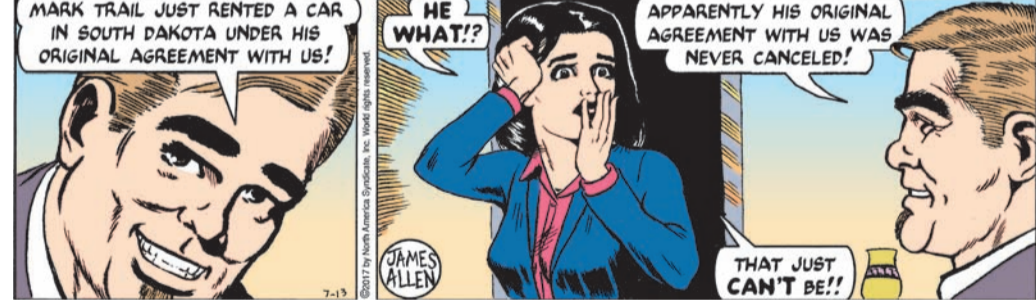
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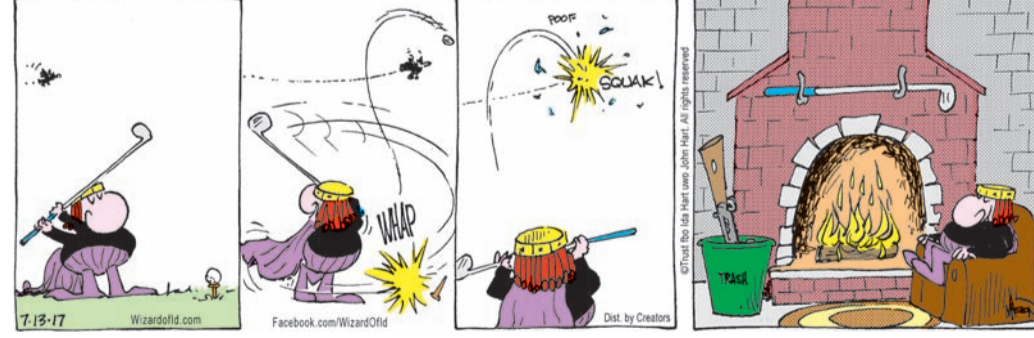
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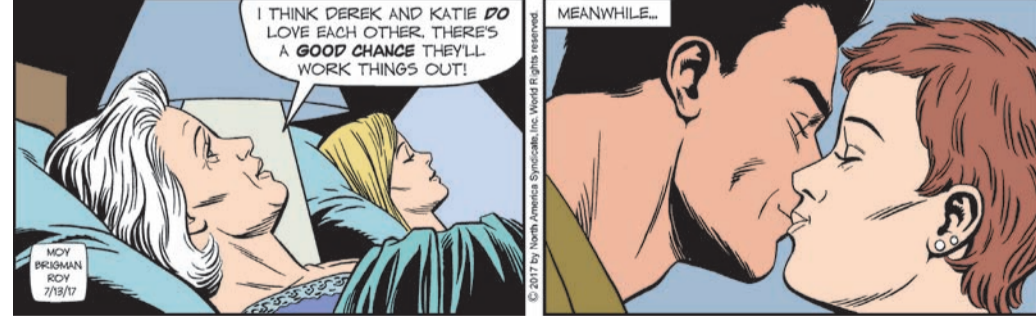
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