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OPIOID ABUSE

A long road to rehab

After 10 years and 22 overdoses, Northeast Ohio woman turns life around

By JORDYN GRZELEWSKI
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YOUNGSTOWN
Ten years into her heroin addiction and six months pregnant, Caitlin Dougherty was ready to get clean for good.

Dougherty had started shooting heroin at age 14. She'd been to rehab more than a dozen times and overdosed 22 times, she said.

Finally, she was done. So, on Aug. 3, 2016, she went to a police department and asked for help.

NOW & THEN

Caitlin Dougherty, shown today and during her addiction period.



Dougherty, today



Dougherty, then

from 9 in the morning until 7 at night."

Finally, she found a facility in Cincinnati that would take her if she could get there that night. She packed up her things and made the several-hour trip with her parents.

It wasn't Dougherty's first attempt at rehab, but it was the one that worked. The mother of two has been clean since then, and said her life today is "absolutely

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As summer winds down, it can only mean one thing

BACK to SCHOOL

Staff report

YOUNGSTOWN
Students who will attend Youngstown City Schools will experience many changes for the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

CEO Krish Mohip expressed excitement. "We're looking forward to a successful school year," he said.

The district will operate nine pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade neighborhood schools as part of Mohip's schools reconfiguration.

East and Chaney campus buildings will operate as ninth- through 12th-grade high schools.

Administratively, Joe Meranto, former Choffin Career and Technical Center director, replaced Stephen Stohla as district superintendent.

All of the administrators are hired for 12-month contracts.

Robert Kearns, who served in the mid-2000s as principal and assistant principal of P. Ross Berry Middle School, Odyssey School of Possibilities and Williamson Elementary School, returns as principal of Harding pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade school. Kearns has served as principal of Talmadge Middle School since 2009 and worked as an assistant principal there beginning in 2008.

Jennifer Walker, who was an English teacher at East High School and Ohio's Teacher of the Year, is returning to YCSD as principal at

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Youngstown, Youngstown City Schools and the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence sponsor bookbag giveaway. **A6**



William Shivers, Huntington Bank regional president, hands Roxann Sebest, United Way of Youngstown and Mahoning County marketing director, a box of backpacks at a "Stuff the Bus" event Friday morning.

NIKOS FRAZIER | THE VINDICATOR

Schools look to 'climate of trust' for students

By AMANDA TONOLI
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YOUNGSTOWN
Youngstown City Schools CEO Krish Mohip is creating "a climate of trust" in the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

He's implementing a new policy doing away with the requirements for students to carry see-through backpacks. The see-through bag requirement started several years ago as a safety measure.

Mohip said the policy is a way to build trust between students and school personnel.

"See-through backpacks don't



Mohip

create a climate of trust," he said. "School should be a place where students feel nurtured, safe and respected. It's hard to see how see-through backpacks fit in to that environment."

Mohip explained that the see-through bags don't mean the district is sacrificing security.

"Safety is obviously of paramount importance," he said. "We aren't forgetting that. But students have to be supported, too."

East High Principal Sonya Gordon mirrored Mohip's sentiment.

"We will keep our building's safe, you don't have to worry about that," she said. "But our kids should worry about being kids in schools. ... A couple places you would expect to see... clear backpacks are airports and prisons. We are neither."

Other Mahoning Valley school districts don't require see-through backpacks.

Districts including Warren, Campbell and Austintown, for example, don't mandate see-through

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SCHOOL STARTS

First days of school for districts in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

MONDAY	
◆ Bristol	◆ Southington
◆ Champion	◆ Southern Local
◆ Eastern Gateway Community College	◆ Struthers
◆ Leetonia	◆ Youngstown Community Schools
◆ Lisbon	◆ Youngstown State University
◆ Mahoning County Career and Technical Center	AUG. 28
◆ Mathews	◆ Austintown
◆ Sebring	◆ Beaver Local
◆ South Range	◆ Boardman
◆ Trumbull County Career and Technical Center for junior students	◆ Canfield
	◆ Kent State University
	◆ Lowellville
	◆ Maplewood
	◆ McDonald
TUESDAY	
◆ Cardinal Mooney	◆ Poland
◆ Girard	◆ United
◆ Holy Family	◆ Wellsville
◆ John F. Kennedy Catholic	AUG. 29
◆ Joseph Badger	◆ Labrae
◆ Newton Falls	◆ Niles
◆ Salem	AUG. 30
◆ St. Christine	◆ East Liverpool
◆ St. Nicholas	AUG. 31
◆ St. Rose	◆ Akiva Academy
◆ Trumbull County Career and Technical Center for all other students	◆ Weathersfield
	SEPT. 5
	◆ Howland
	◆ Youngstown
	SEPT. 6
WEDNESDAY	
◆ Brookfield	◆ Jackson-Milton
◆ Campbell	◆ Springfield
◆ Columbiana	◆ West Branch
◆ Crestview	◆ Western Reserve
◆ East Palestine	STARTED
◆ Hubbard	◆ Lakeview
◆ Lordstown	◆ Horizon Science Academy
	◆ Liberty
	◆ Stambaugh Charter Academy

BOSTON

Free-speech rally cut short after massive counterprotest

Officials: About 40,000 people attended Saturday's events

Associated Press

Thousands of demonstrators chanting anti-Nazi slogans converged Saturday on downtown Boston in a boisterous repudiation of white nationalism, dwarfing a small group of conservatives who cut short their planned free-speech rally a week after a gathering of hate groups led to bloodshed in Virginia.

Counterprotesters marched through the city to historic Boston Common,

where many gathered near a bandstand abandoned early by conservatives who had planned to deliver a series of speeches. Police vans later escorted the conservatives out of the area, and angry counterprotesters scuffled with armed officers trying to maintain order.

Members of the Black Lives Matter movement later protested on the Common, where a Confederate flag was burned and protesters pounded on the

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

A counterprotester, left, confronts a supporter of President Donald Trump's at a free-speech rally by conservative activists Saturday in Boston.

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Niles teen shot

NILES

A teenager faces a felonious-assault charge after police say he shot his brother Saturday afternoon at a Niles home. A 16-year-old boy is in the Trumbull County Juvenile Justice Center. Police received a call just after 1:30 p.m. to respond to the home on the 400 block of West Park Avenue. The victim, believed to be the brother of the shooter, is in the hospital. The victim also is a teenager, police said.

Getting help with SSI

YOUNGSTOWN

Representatives from Social Security will be available to answer the numerous questions about Social Security from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Dorothy Day House, 620 Belmont Ave. The roundtable program will discuss possible benefits, SSI, issues concerning parents and children, as well as any other concerns. For information, call 330-301-8698.

Crime-watch meeting

NORTH LIMA

The Beaver Police Department will host its next crime-watch meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Shepherd of the Valley (main building), 9111 Sharrott Road (corner of Western Reserve Road). Officer Chris Albert and his police dog partner, Hero, will be the guests.

Candidate at church

YOUNGSTOWN

Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 2821 Hillman St., will feature Sarah Brown-Clark, incumbent Youngstown clerk of courts, who is running for re-election, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Mathews band night

VIENNA

Mathews Music Boosters and the Mathews Marching Mustangs will host an array of marching styles performed by area bands at the annual Mathews band night at 7 p.m. Saturday at Booster Field, 4095 Sheridan Drive, off state Route 193. Performing bands will be Windham, Chalker, Brookfield, Struthers and Mathews. Tickets at the door are \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, and free for kids under 5. For information, contact Hailey Baker at 330-394-1138.

Art class at farm

MERCER, PA.

People who want to explore their creative, artistic side through painting can attend a class from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 28 at Munnell Run Farm, 753 Greenville Road. Guest artist is Brandon Cowie, owner of Outland Studios. He has an art degree from Edinboro University. The project will be daisies in a jar. Visit the webpage at munnellrunfarm.org to see the example. All materials are provided. Cost is \$30. Pre-register and pre-pay by Thursday by calling 724-662-2242. Make checks payable to Munnell Run Farm, 24 Avalon Court, Suite 300, Mercer 16137.

Sunday library hours

YOUNGSTOWN

Beginning Sept. 10, five libraries in the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County system will open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The fall and winter hours run through May 20, 2018. For the first year, Newport Library, 3730 Market St., will join Austintown, Boardman, Canfield and Poland branches in offering Sunday hours.

Agenda Monday

- ◆ **Lordstown Village Council**, 6 p.m. caucus followed immediately by regular meeting, 1455 Salt Springs Road SW.
- ◆ **Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities**, Ethics Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., regular meeting, 6 p.m., Centre at Javit Court, 13 Javit Court, Austintown.
- ◆ **Salem Board of Education**, 6:15 p.m., special meeting, Salem High School, 1200 E. Sixth St.
- ◆ **Salem Board of Education**, 7 p.m., regular meeting, Salem High School library.

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

Rayen Neighborhood Homecoming party celebrates ...

NORTH SIDE PRIDE

By **SARAH LEHR**
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YOUNGSTOWN

When Joyce Davidson first moved to Cordova Avenue on the North Side more than two decades ago, she saw few people outside walking.

Now, when she looks out her window, she sees people walking their dogs and families taking a stroll around the neighborhood.

Davidson helped organize a Rayen Neighborhood Homecoming party Saturday to celebrate North Side pride.

The crowd was small, in part due to rain early in the afternoon, but Davidson described the participants as enthusiastic.

The event, in the parking lot of the Judge William Rayen Stadium on Benita Avenue, celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the Know Your Neighborhood Block Watch. Davidson and her husband, Benjamin, helped found the Block Watch when they first moved to the area.

“The neighborhood was

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Amauri Taylor, 13, left, helps her 5-year-old sister, Vicki Sly, try on a firefighter's jacket at the Rayen Neighborhood Homecoming on Saturday in Youngstown as older sister Niliyah Taylor, 15, right, looks over at a Youngstown firetruck, which was at the homecoming for children to explore. For more photos, see Vindy.com.



ROBERT K. YOSAY | THE VINDICATOR

Susan Merriman has been hired as interim director of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County. She had retired as the library's fiscal officer, a job she had for more than 20 years. The library is looking to fill its executive director post, which was vacated by Heidi Daniel in mid-July.

Interim director returns to steer library through its transition period

By **JUSTIN WIER**
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YOUNGSTOWN

The day Susan Merriman was named interim director of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, she felt like she hit the lottery.

“It's such a great institution,” Merriman said.

Merriman's not a stranger to the library; she served as its fiscal officer for about 23 years.

She came out of retirement to help steer the library through its transition as it searches for an executive director to replace Heidi Daniel, who left in mid-July.

“It's going very well,” Merriman said. “I'm fortunate to have a marvelous administration team.”

Library spokeswoman Janet Loew said Merriman was an excellent choice for interim director.

“Sue is stable and level-headed and knows how all the pieces of the puzzle fit together,” Loew said.

Rehiring a retired employee is good for an interim role, Merriman added, because you don't have to take someone from an existing role.

The library is in the midst of several projects during the transition. It recently agreed to open a branch in an Activity, Recreation and Cultural Center, or ARCC, proposed by Campbell City Schools; the Michael Kusalaba branch on Youngstown's West Side is slated to open early next year; and plans for a consolidation of the Struthers and Brownlee Woods branches are underway.

Merriman sees her primary responsibility as making sure the ARCC and Kusalaba branch stay on schedule.

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YSU students brave rain for move-in day

By **SARAH LEHR**
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YOUNGSTOWN

Just one year ago Breann Jones was a freshman moving into her Youngstown State University dormitory for the first time.

On Saturday, the early education major from East Liverpool saw the other side of the process as a resident assistant helping other students to settle into their new lives on campus.

Close to 600 new students moved into on-campus housing Saturday at the university.

There were about 120 students already living on campus for extracurricular programs, including fall sports, and about 250 returning stu-

dents are expected to move into campus housing today, according to the university's office of Housing and Residence Life.

The university's total enrollment is more than 12,000 students, many of whom live off campus.

RAs such as Jones checked the names of new students off a list and gave them keys, booklets and other welcome materials. The students and their families started arriving on campus about 10 a.m.

Temperatures were in the high 70s, though it started pouring rain around 2 p.m.

Tracianna Brown managed to load most of her be-

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amazing.”
 “I can support myself, my kids,” said Dougherty, who splits her time between Perry and Painesville. “I have my own car now. I have a bank account. I have credit cards. My parents trust me to be home alone. They leave their wallets out at nighttime now.”
 The difficulty she faced getting into treatment could have prevented her from getting to where she is today.
 “If an addict is going in for help, they’re at their bottom to actually ask for help,” she said. “So when people get turned away from rehabs and they put them on a waiting list, that idea [of getting help] is out of your mind now.”
 “I know countless people [who] have died on a waiting list to get into rehab.”

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE

A shortage of substance-abuse treatment beds is a problem in the Mahoning Valley.
 Carolyn Givens, executive director of Neil Kennedy Recovery Centers, recently told *The Vindicator* that the clinic sometimes has a waiting list of up to 40 people.

The problem can trace its origins, at least in part, to the creation of the Medicaid program in 1965.

Since then, federal law has prohibited federal Medicaid payments to in-patient treatment facilities with more than 16 beds.

That provision, found in Section 905 of the Social Security Act, is commonly referred to as the Medicaid Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion.

“Currently, I have 16 beds that I use in my main campus at the clinic,” said Givens. “That’s a split, any given day, between detox and intensive in-patient and residential care. If I could expand, I could at least open 24 beds [total] in the main clinic.”

She said the IMD exclusion is a significant driver of waiting times at Neil Kennedy.

Experts say the intent of the IMD exclusion was twofold: To deinstitutionalize mental-health care, and make funding of that care a state responsibility.

“This rule was originally put in place with good intentions,” U.S. Sen. Rob



Portman

Portman, a Cincinnati-area Republican, wrote in a column earlier this year. “It goes back to 1965 with the idea that larger institutional care for people who needed mental-health treatment was not as effective as care at smaller facilities. But a half century later, larger facilities are better capable than they used to be, and we’re in the midst of the worst drug crisis in American history, so this 16-bed limit just doesn’t make sense anymore.”

The unintended consequence 52 years later has been to limit access to treatment for victims of the current opioid crisis, which kills 142 Americans per day. President Trump recently declared the crisis a national emergency.

“The IMD exclusion blocks really critically important federal dollars for Medicaid-eligible people,” said Gabrielle de la Gueronniere, policy director for the Legal Action Center, a nonprofit law and advocacy organization that aims to improve policies for people dealing with addiction, HIV or criminal records. “Medicaid is hugely important to addiction treatment.”

Medicaid covers 50 percent of all addiction treatment in Ohio, according to information provided by the offices of Portman and

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Cleveland Democrat.

And according to data collected by the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services, of the 3,198 total substance-abuse treatment beds in Ohio, 2,520 are in facilities with more than 16 beds and therefore not Medicaid-eligible.

The IMD exclusion’s impact on substance abuse treatment is widely recognized.

“The Commission has been urged by every governor, numerous treatment providers, parents, and non-profit advocacy organizations to eliminate the IMD exclusion within the Medicaid program,” notes a recent report from the Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, which the president created earlier this year.

So what can be done about it?

OPENING TREATMENT

That same commission report recommends that the president waive the IMD exclusion.

“This will immediately open treatment to thousands of Americans in existing facilities in all 50 states,” it states.

It argues that while an act of Congress typically would be required, an emergency declaration would allow the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary to immediately grant waivers.

“This is the single fastest way to increase treatment availability across the nation,” the commission said.

The president has yet to indicate whether he will act on that recommendation.

Locally, mental-health and recovery officials have been clear about their view.

“While declaring a national emergency will increase public awareness, one of the biggest effects on treatment could be done with the IMD waiver,” Brenda Heidinger, associate director of the Mahoning County Mental Health & Recovery Board, recently told *The Vindicator*.

April Caraway, executive director of the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board, said this of the emergency declaration: “I hope it allows [communities] to work with the Center of Medicaid Services to lift that 16-bed cap for detox. That’s a federal rule, and with that cap, we have waiting lists at all our detox centers – people who need help.”

The Mahoning Valley’s elected officials have long recognized the need for reform.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan of Howland, D-13th, has been active on the issue. For the past several years, he has co-sponsored legislation that would reform the IMD exclusion.



Ryan

The most recent iteration of the bill, introduced earlier this year, would eliminate the IMD exclusion.

And earlier this year, Portman and Brown together introduced a Senate bill that would increase the bed cap from 16 to 40.
 “Red tape shouldn’t keep Ohioans from needed treatment and this simple fix will provide real relief to those struggling with addiction,” said Brown. “Ohioans on the front lines of the opioid epidemic tell me lack of beds at these facilities is the No. 1 barrier to getting folks on the path to recovery.”

If the efforts at reform are successful, experts say fewer people would be turned away from treatment, like Dougherty was.

Although it took her quite a few attempts to get clean, she wants others to know that it’s possible.

“Addiction isn’t a life sentence,” she said.



DUSTIN LIVESAY | THE VINDICATOR

Students receive school supplies

Above, 10-year-old Nadia Santana, left, and 13-year-old Barbara Santana look through backpacks available during a giveaway Saturday at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown. Below, Faith Richard, 11, center, and her 8-year-old brother, Cody, of Struthers receive a bag of snacks and tissues from Larry Anglan of NOW Youngstown. NOW Youngstown, Youngstown City Schools and the city’s Community Initiative to Reduce Violence sponsored the giveaway.



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bags.

However, Campbell and Austintown students are required to store the backpacks in their lockers during

the school day.

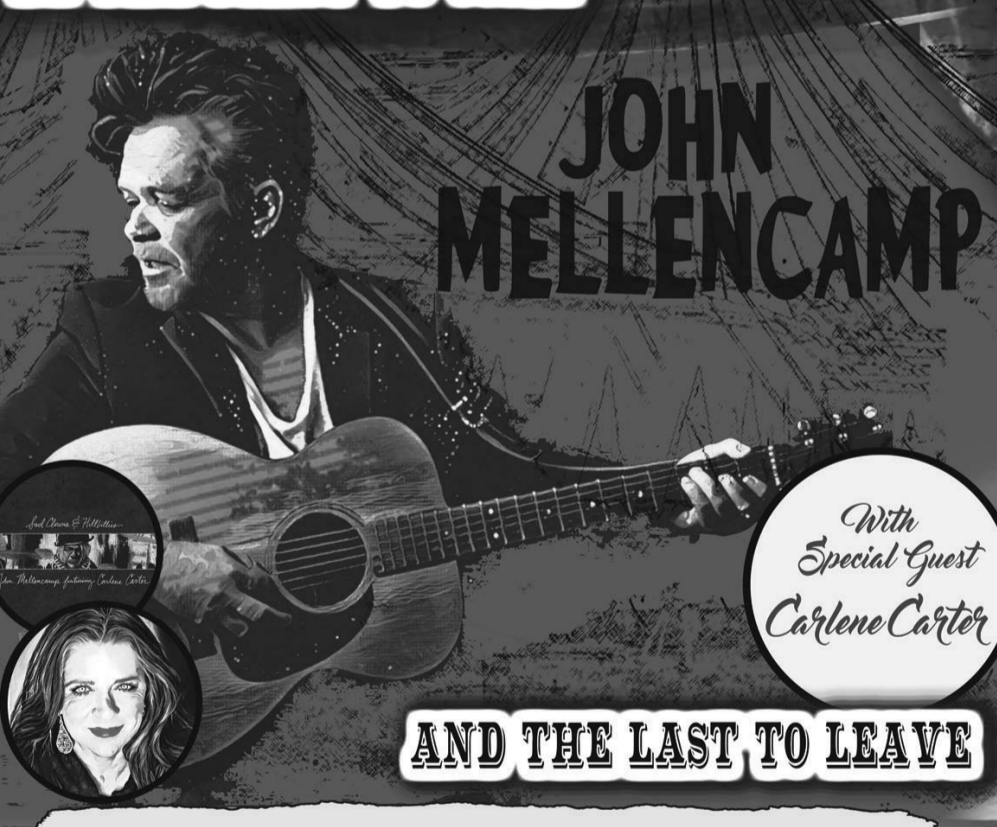
Each student on the first day of school will receive a backpack, embossed with the new school district logo and filled with school supplies. The bags are made of durable material intended to last through the school year.

Gordon hopes to change the culture to the schools in cutting down safety measures such as the see-through backpack rule.

“What we need to be doing is finding creative ways to help students make good choices,” Gordon said.

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**Trump to skip
Kennedy Center
Honors program**

BRIDGEWATER, N.J.
Acknowledging that he has become a "political distraction," President Donald Trump has decided to skip the festivities surrounding the annual Kennedy Center Honors arts awards later this year, the White House announced Saturday amid the continuing fallout over Trump's stance on last weekend's white supremacist demonstration in Charlottesville, Va.

The Kennedy Center said it respected Trump's decision and the show will go on. Trump and first lady Melania Trump reached their decision Friday, a White House official said, the same day that the entire membership of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities resigned in protest over Trump's remarks about Charlottesville. The official was not authorized to publicly discuss internal deliberations and insisted on anonymity to comment.

**Suspect in killings
of 2 Fla. officers
arrested at bar**

KISSIMMEE, FLA.
A police officer in Florida died from his injuries Saturday, a day after his colleague was killed when a suspect fired at them during a scuffle while they were on patrol. The suspect was later arrested at a bar.

Sgt. Sam Howard died Saturday afternoon at a hospital where he had been taken after Friday night's attack in Kissimmee, Fla., south of the theme park hub of Orlando. Officer Matthew Baxter died Friday night, a short time after authorities say he was shot by 45-year-old Everett Miller.

Miller faces a charge of first-degree murder in the killing of Baxter. Authorities hadn't yet said what charges he could face for Howard's death. During a patrol late Friday of a neighborhood with a history of drug activity, Baxter was "checking out" three people, including Miller, when the officer got into a scuffle with Miller. Howard, his sergeant, responded as backup, said Kissimmee Police Chief Jeff O'Dell.

**Professor, staffer
extradited to Chicago**

CHICAGO
Two employees of elite universities charged in the fatal stabbing of a 26-year-old hair stylist were returned to Chicago on Saturday to face charges of first-degree murder in the brutal killing. Chicago police escorted fired Northwestern University professor Wyndham Lathem, 43, and Oxford University financial officer Andrew Warren, 56, from Northern California, where they surrendered peacefully Aug. 4 after an eight-day, nationwide manhunt. Detectives were questioning the men Saturday. They could appear in court as early as today.

The men are accused of killing Trenton James Cornell-Duranleau last month in Lathem's high-rise Chicago condo.

**Comedian, civil
rights activist
Dick Gregory dies**

LOS ANGELES
Dick Gregory, who broke racial barriers in the 1960s and used his humor to spread messages of social justice and nutritional health, has died. He was 84. Gregory's son, Christian, told The Associated Press his father died late Saturday in Washington, D.C., after being hospitalized for about a week. He had suffered a severe bacterial infection. Gregory was one of the first black comedians to find mainstream success with white audiences in the early 1960s. He rose from an impoverished childhood in St. Louis to become a celebrated satirist who deftly commented upon racial divisions at the dawn of the civil rights movement.

Associated Press

Spain probes missing imam, mysterious explosion

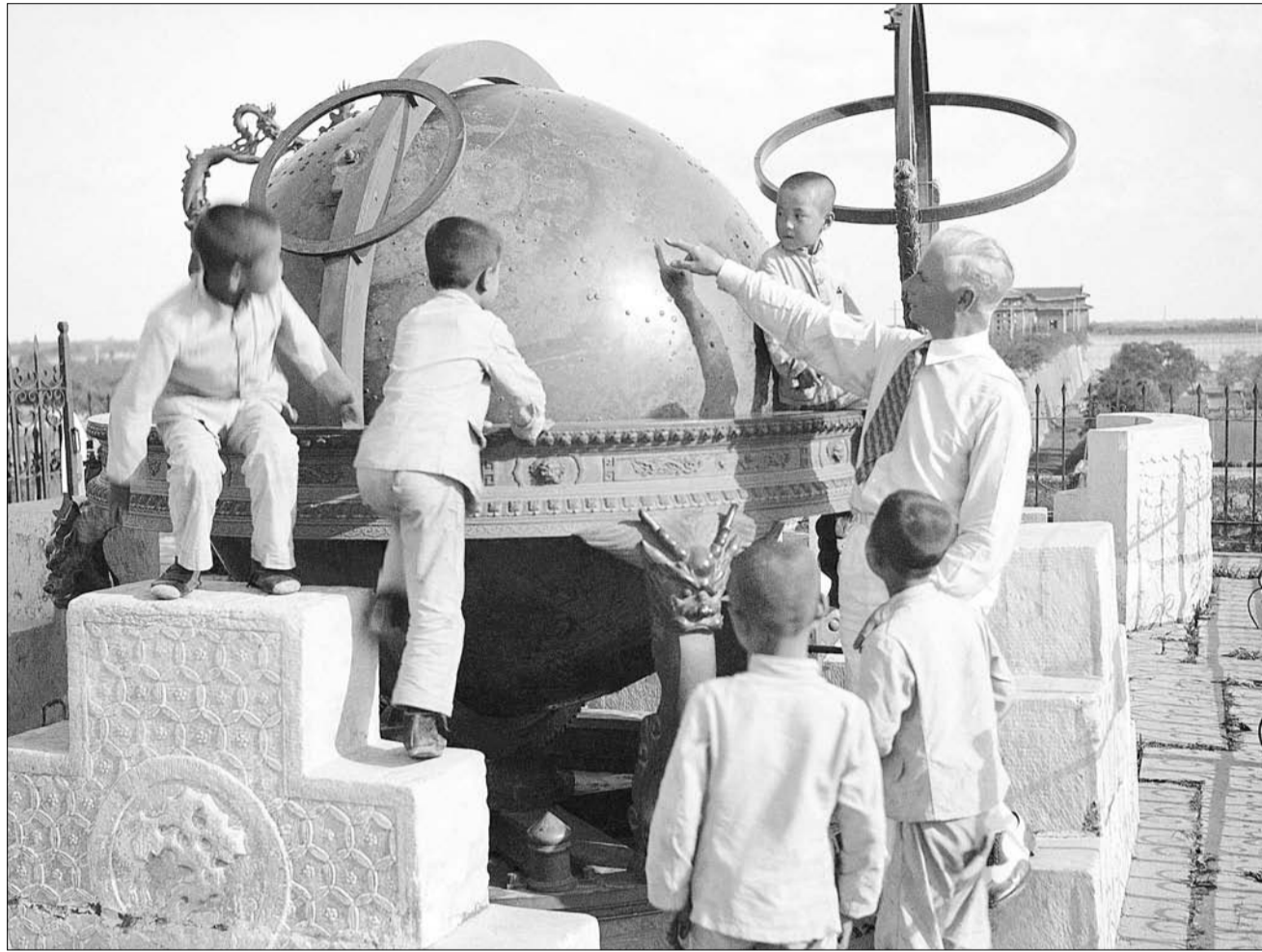
Associated Press
RIPOLL, SPAIN
A missing imam and a house that exploded days ago became the focus Saturday of the investigation into an extremist cell responsible for two deadly attacks in Barcelona and a nearby resort, as authorities narrowed in on who radicalized a group of young men in northeastern Spain. Investigators searched the home of Abdelbaki Es Satty, an imam who in June abruptly quit working at a

mosque in the town of Ripoll, the home of the Islamic radicals behind the attacks that killed 14 people and wounded more than 120 in the past few days. Police were trying to determine whether Es Satty was killed in a botched bomb-making operation Wednesday, the eve of the Barcelona bloodshed. His former mosque has denounced the deadly attacks and weeping relatives marched into a Ripoll square Saturday, tearfully

denying any knowledge of the radical plans of their sons and brothers. At least one of the suspects is still on the run, and his younger brother has disappeared, as has the younger brother of one of the five attackers slain Friday by police. Catalan police said a manhunt was centered on Younes Abouyaaquoub, a 22-year-old Moroccan suspected of driving the van that plowed into a packed Barcelona promenade

Thursday, killing 13 people and injuring 120. Another attack early Friday killed one person and wounded five in the resort of Cambrils. The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for both. Everyone so far known in the cell grew up in Ripoll, a town in the Catalan foothills near the French border, about 62 miles north of Barcelona. Spanish police searched nine homes in Ripoll, including Es Satty's,

and two buses, and set up a roadblock that checked each car entering the town. Across the Pyrenees, French police carried out extra border checks on people coming in from Spain. Neighbors, family and even the mayor of Ripoll said they were shocked by news of the positive involvement of the young men, whom all described as integrated Spanish and Catalan speakers with friends of all backgrounds.



Children are taught a lesson in geography and astronomy at the old Chinese Astronomical Observatory in Peking on July 29, 1933. The facility was built in the 1400s. ASSOCIATED PRESS

The lore and lure of eclipses
WAYS PEOPLE EXPLAINED WHAT WAS HAPPENING

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
It's not just the skies that get dark when there's a total solar eclipse. So do we. Modern science explains that the sun disappears because the moon is passing in front of it. But before that, people had to come up with reasons for what was happening in the sky. The lore of early eclipses often told us more about the people spinning the yarns than it did about the sun or the moon, said Anthony Aveni, author of "In the Shadow of the Moon: The Science, Magic, and Mystery of Solar Eclipses." "It's not myth. It's not science. It's culture," said Aveni, a professor of physics and sociology at Colgate University. They are often morality tales to warn against everything from incest to lying, Aveni said. They could be quite bloody and scary — and thus make a good lesson. Here's a sampling of eclipse lore and history:

VIOLENCE
Perhaps the bloodiest eclipse story comes from India and "it's not for the faint of heart," said former planetarium director Mark Littmann of the University of Tennessee. A demon named Rahu tried to steal the nectar of immortality from the gods, but the sun and the moon recognized him. Rahu started drinking the nectar when Vishnu threw a discus and it "sliced right through Rahu's neck," Littmann said. The nectar was still in Rahu's mouth but the rest of the body disappeared. So the immortal head would chase the sun and moon around the sky and "whenever it catches up with the sun and moon it takes a bite." But because Rahu has no body, when he swallows the sun or moon, they soon reappear.

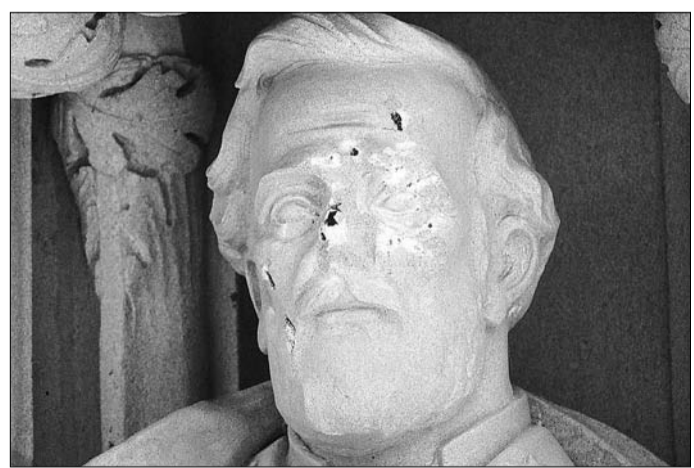
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German myth has the cold and lazy male moon, ignoring the fiery passionate female sun during the day most of the time, except for a few bits of passion during an eclipse. Then they'd squabble again and the sun would resume shining again, Littmann said. In western Africa, it's the occasional and furtive rendezvous but this time between the male sun and female moon, with the couple modestly turning out the lights during an eclipse.

MUNCHING
Because the sun disappears like a cookie being nibbled, eating myths abound. The Norse had a wolf that took a bite out of the sun. Elsewhere it's been a dog, dragon, bird and snake from the underworld. Often the beast would spit out the sun because it was too hot. End of eclipse.

CALCULATIONS
The Babylonians, the Maya and the Chinese all hundreds and even thousands of years ago noticed a mathematical pattern when eclipses showed up and started calculating them in advance. They noticed they return to a place after 18 years and 11 days, Littmann said. "If you could predict something, it's no longer scary," he said.

**Duke University removes
damaged Robert E. Lee statue**

Associated Press
DURHAM, N.C.
Duke University removed a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee early Saturday after it was vandalized amid a national debate about monuments to the Confederacy. The university said it removed the carved limestone likeness before dawn from the entryway to Duke Chapel, where it stood among 10 historical figures. Officials discovered Thursday that the statue's face had been gouged and scarred and that part of the nose is missing. Another statue of Lee, the top Confederate general during the Civil War, was the focus of the violent protest in Charlottesville, Va., that turned deadly a week ago. Duke University president Vincent Price said in a letter to the campus community that he consulted with faculty, staff, students and alumni before deciding to remove the statue.



The defaced Gen. Robert E. Lee statue stands at the Duke Chapel on Thursday in Durham, N.C. ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I took this course of action to protect Duke Chapel, to ensure the vital safety of students and community members who worship there and above all, to express the deep and abiding values of our university," Price said in the letter. Durham has been a focal point in the debate over Confederate statues after pro-

testers tore down a bronze Confederate soldier in front of a government building downtown Monday. Eight people face charges including rioting and damaging property. Gov. Roy Cooper has urged the removal of Confederate monuments from public property around the state.

BERLIN
**Counterprotesters block
neo-Nazi march to prison**

Associated Press
BERLIN
Left-wing groups and Berlin residents prevented more than 500 far-right extremists from marching Saturday to the place where high-ranking Nazi official Rudolf Hess died 30 years ago. Police in riot gear kept the neo-Nazis and an estimated 1,000 counterprotesters apart as the two sides staged competing rallies in the German capital's western district of Spandau. Far-right protesters had planned to march to the site of the former Spandau prison, where Hess hanged himself in 1987, but were forced to turn back because of a blockade by counterprotesters. After changing their route, the neo-Nazis, who had come from all over Germany and neighboring European countries, returned to Spandau's main

station for speeches amid jeers and chants of "Nazis go home!" and "You lost the war!" from counterprotesters. Authorities had imposed restrictions on the march to ensure that it passed peacefully. Organizers were told they couldn't glorify Hess or the Nazi regime, carry weapons, drums or torches and could bring only one flag for every 25 participants. Such restrictions are common in Germany and rooted in the experience of the pre-war Weimar Republic, when opposing political groups would try to forcibly interrupt their rivals' rallies, resulting in frequent street violence. Police in Germany say they generally try to balance protesters' rights to free speech and free assembly against the rights of counter-demonstrators and residents.

YEARS AGO

Today is Sunday, Aug. 20, the 232nd day of 2017. There are 133 days left in the year.

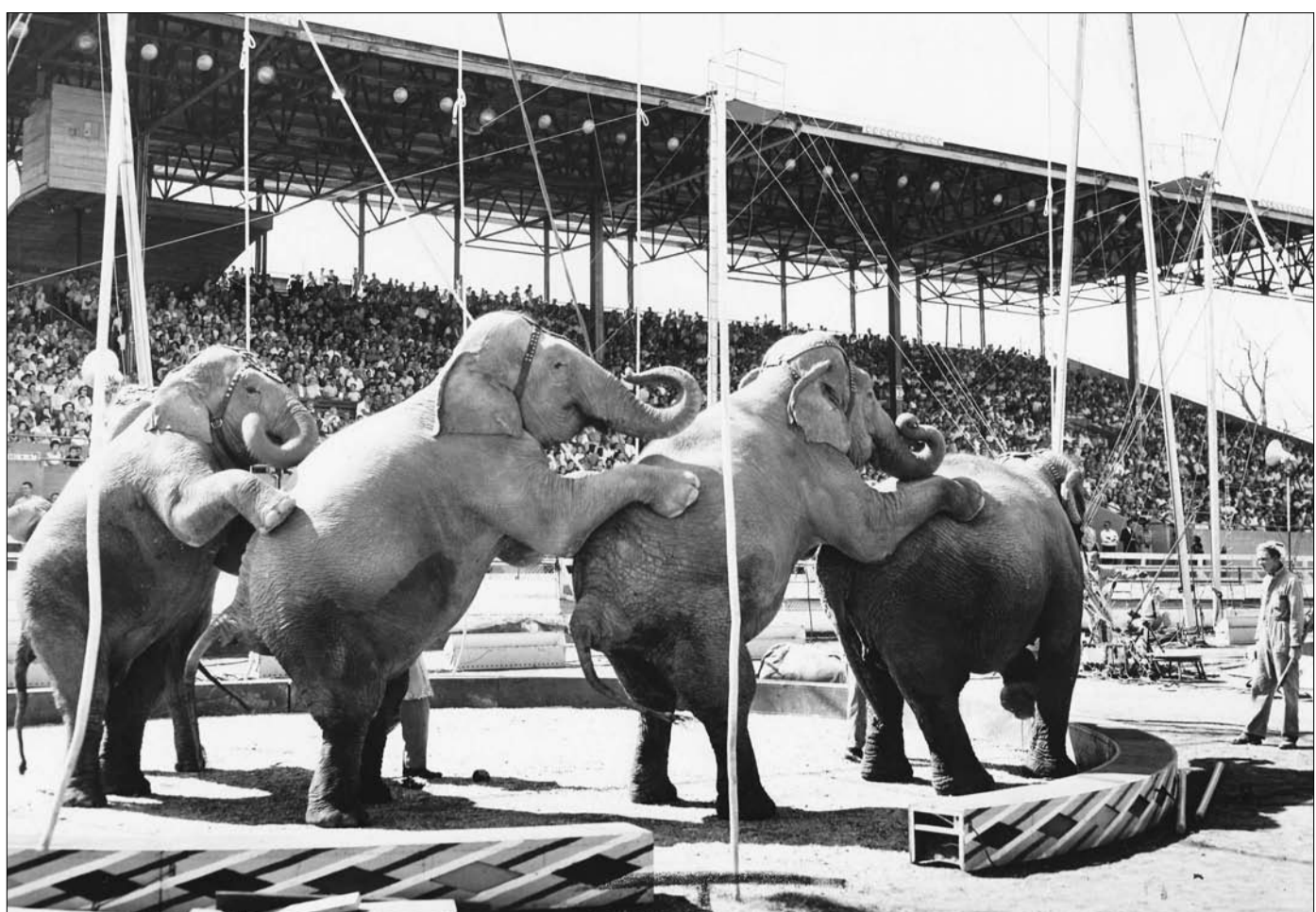
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On this date in:

- ◆ **1619:** The first known African-Americans in English North America (approximately 20) land at Point Comfort, Va. They are then sold or traded into servitude.
- ◆ **1833:** Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, is born in North Bend, Ohio.
- ◆ **1866:** More than a year after the end of fighting in the Civil War, President Andrew Johnson issues Proclamation 157, which declares that “peace, order, tranquillity, and civil authority now exist in and throughout the whole of the United States of America.”
- ◆ **1910:** A series of forest fires sweep through parts of Idaho, Montana and Washington, killing at least 85 people and burning some 3 million acres.
- ◆ **1914:** German forces occupy Brussels, Belgium, during World War I.
- ◆ **1920:** A preliminary meeting takes place in Akron to form the American Pro Football League
- ◆ **1940:** During World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pays tribute to the Royal Air Force before the House of Commons, saying, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.”
- ◆ **Exiled Communist** revolutionary Leon Trotsky is assassinated in Coyoacan, Mexico, by Ramon Mercader. (Trotsky died the next day.)
- ◆ **1953:** The Soviet Union publicly acknowledges it has tested a hydrogen bomb.
- ◆ **1964:** President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.
- ◆ **1968:** The Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations begin invading Czechoslovakia to crush

the “Prague Spring” liberalization drive.

- ◆ **1977:** The United States launches Voyager 2, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch, gold-plated copper phonograph record containing images, greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.
- ◆ **1992:** The Republican National Convention in Houston nominates President George H.W. Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle for second terms in office.
- ◆ **2007:** Tens of thousands of tourists flee the beaches of the Mayan Riviera as Hurricane Dean roars toward Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula.
- ◆ **A smoking** China Airlines Boeing 737-800 explodes in a fireball at an airport gate in Okinawa seconds after all 157 passengers and eight crew members had safely evacuated.
- ◆ **Democratic presidential** candidate Barack Obama expresses irritation with the “Obama Girl” web video starring actress Amber Lee Ettinger, telling The Associated Press it had upset his young daughters.
- ◆ **Hotel magnate** Leona Helmsley dies in Greenwich, Conn., at age 87.
- ◆ **2012:** In a historic change at one of the world’s most exclusive golf clubs, Augusta National invites former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and South Carolina financier Darla Moore to become the first female members; both accepted.
- ◆ **Two college** friends, Elizabeth Nass and Rose Mayr, are killed when a CSX train derailed on a rail bridge in Ellicott City, Md., burying the young women in coal.
- ◆ **Comedian Phyllis** Diller, 95, dies at her Los Angeles home.
- ◆ **2016:** Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump tells a rally in Fredericksburg, Va., that his party has to do a better job of appealing to African-American voters and



AUG. 23, 1957: Elephants remained one of the prize attractions of The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, known as “The Greatest Show on Earth.” Here the crowd at the Canfield Fairgrounds watched entranced as the pachyderms went through their paces. In recent years, the circus performed at the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown. Earlier this year, however, the circus put on its last show ever in New York, a victim of changing tastes and criticism from animal-rights activists. For copies of these and other photos of the 1957 circus in Canfield, go to Vindy.com.

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- that he wants the GOP to become their political home as it was in the era of Abraham Lincoln.
 - ◆ **At the Rio Games,** the U.S. women’s basketball team wins a sixth consecutive Olympic gold medal in dominant fashion, routing Spain 101-72. Allyson Felix and LaShawn Merritt anchor the 4x400 relay teams to victory. Caster Semenya of South Africa wins her first Olympic gold in a personal-best of 1:55.28 in the 800 meters.
- VINDICATOR FILES**
- ◆ **1992:** It takes Poland Township police and other township officials an hour to round up a bull that got loose from the pasture of J.W. Schaade on Youngstown-Pittsburgh Road.
 - ◆ **Two days** after being sued by Phar-Mor Inc., the auditing firm of Coopers &

- Lybrand files suit against Michael Monus and other former Phar-Mor officials, saying they concealed losses from auditors and diverted funds.
- ◆ **1977:** Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. offers to sell a long-held interest in Wabush iron mining properties in Labrador as part of Lykes Corp.’s program of reducing holdings in Labrador as part of Lykes Corp.’s program of reducing holdings to strengthen its financial position. The shares are worth about \$75 million.
- ◆ **An analysis** of the Northeast Ohio Employment and Training Consortium concludes that the agency’s administration of the federal CETA program has been ineffectual at best and a violation of federal guidelines at worst.
- ◆ **Youngstown State** University football coach Bill Narduzzi says he was pleased with the Pen-

- guins performance as two-a-day drills began at Liberty Field.
- ◆ **1967:** Fred Childress, *Vindicator* theater critic, hosts a reunion of Youngstown-area servicemen at the Hotel Caravelle in Vietnam. Among them are Youngstown University graduate John MacIntosh, Lt. Fred D’Amico of Youngstown, Lt. Terrence Monnie of Conneaut Lake, Pa., and Lt. Eli Mladenoff of New Middletown.
- ◆ **Marine Sgt.** Joseph M. Hallas, 19, of Thalia Avenue, Youngstown, dies near Thua Thien, Vietnam, of multiple fragmentation wounds from an explosive device.
- ◆ **Calvin DiCarlo,** assistant superintendent of schools in New Castle, Pa., praises the new French program that emphasizes sound and sight over book learning. Some students are

- speaking French in two weeks.
- ◆ **1942:** The Mahoning County selective service boards say the 1-B classification for men with minor physical defects, under which about 20 percent of the county’s residents were deferred from the draft, has been eliminated.
- ◆ **Youngstown Sheet & Tube** Co.’s new blast furnace, 200 feet tall and weighing nearly 700 tons, is moved 112 feet and placed on its foundation at the Campbell plant. Sheet & Tube pioneered in building the furnace on a moveable base.
- ◆ **More than** 4,300 Youngstown children carry 10,200 pounds of tin cans downtown to the State and Park theaters to enjoy a show for the admission price of 12 cans to aid the war effort.

DE SOUZA

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were heavily armed. They were confronted by smaller gatherings of individuals committed to erasing the vestiges of this country’s racist past. And while Trump sought to place blame for the violence in Charlottesville on both sides, the fact remains it was a white extremist who used his car as a weapon in a terrorist attack on the opponents of the alt-right groups. One woman, Heather Heyer, was killed; 19 people were injured; and two state troopers who were on helicopter patrol died in a crash. James Alex Fields, 20, of Maumee in suburban Toledo is being held without bail on charges of murder and malicious wounding in Heyer’s death. “What he did was a horrible, horrible, inexcusable thing,” the president said, but he would not call it “domestic terrorism.” Nonetheless, Winbush, president of the Ohio Black Republicans Association, is not only standing by the president, but has joined

him in pointing the finger of blame at the media. “It is our belief the violent activities would not have risen to the level it did and we would not be having this discussion” if the media had not publicized last Saturday’s rally before it happened, an email from the association stated. Winbush, who sent the email, said the group has 75 members. “The media talking heads and the hosts that continue to compare and insinuate that President Trump, the Republican Party and [its] affiliates condone and encourage this despicable behavior should be exposed for the race baiters that they are,” the email said. “They don’t care about the consequences of their style, just that they are first on the scene with the juiciest story for their 15 minutes of fame.” Fifteen minutes of fame? Legitimate journalists aren’t after fame. Many have spent a lifetime honing their skills in a profession that while denigrated by the president and his followers is one of the main pillars of democ-

cracy. Without a free press, America would be no better than some banana republic ruled by an iron-fisted dictator. Winbush and the other members of the black Republican association are deserving of public scorn when they blindly follow the president and ignore the role he has played in energizing the KKK, neo-Nazis and other white extremist groups that are bound and determined to tear this nation apart. During the July 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Winbush was only one of 18 black delegates out of a total of 2,472. In an interview with *The Vindicator*, she stoutly defended Trump, describing him as “Uncle Bob who sits at the Thanksgiving table who says something that embarrasses you,” but doesn’t mean to do so. The Mahoning County Republican Party must be proud to have the likes of Kathy Miller and Tracey Winbush as its public faces.

Where are foreclosed houses?

By **JIM HIGHTOWER**
Otherwords

We know that millions of American families lost their homes after Wall Street’s 2007 financial crash. But where did all those houses go? It turns out that Wall Streeters formed profiteering investment groups that rushed out to scoop up tens of thousands of those foreclosed properties, usually grabbing them on the cheap at courthouse auctions in suburban metro areas that were hard-hit by the crash. These moneyed syndicates have deep, deep pockets, so they easily outbid local buyers to take possession of the majority of the single-family homes being sold off in many distressed places.

Why are they buying? To turn the homes into rental properties and become the dominant suburban landlord, controlling the local market and constantly jacking up rents. **SPRING HILL, TENN.** For example, the *Wall Street Journal* found that in Nashville’s suburb of Spring Hill, just four of these predatory giants own 700 houses — giving this oligopoly of absentee investors ownership of three-fourths of all rental houses in town. One of these bulk buyers is an arm of Blackstone, the world’s largest private equity firm. Another is an equity outfit that was spun out of the housing speculation department of Goldman Sachs. And still another is a billionaire whose

investors include the Alaska state oil fund. Not only do rents jump dramatically when such outfits seize a market, but Wall Street’s intention is to impose “a new way” on housing America: They’re pushing a cultural shift in which homeownership is no longer part of the American Dream, and tenants are taught to accept annual rent increases as the price of having a home. So the bankers crash the economy, you lose income and your home, they buy your house at auction, then they rent it to you at an ever-increasing price. The “new way” is the same old story: The rich robbing the rest of us. OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker. He’s also the editor of the populist newsletter, *The Hightower Lowdown*.

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Youngstown State's Chris Durkin secures the ball as he runs up the field after a reception during the team's final summer scrimmage Saturday at Stambaugh Stadium. The Penguins open their season Sept. 2 against Pitt at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.



DAVID DERMER
THE VINDICATOR

YSU offense sharp

Alessi, McCaster, Mays all run for TDs

By BRIAN DZENIS
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YOUNGSTOWN

Things are beginning to look and sound like regular-season football at Youngstown State.

Referees, headsets and special teams were added to the mix on Saturday during the team's second and final scrimmage of the summer.

The Penguins' offense was able to score by air and ground and its defensive



counterparts collected a couple sacks and a turnover.

Running back Joe Alessi opened the scoring with a 55-yard touchdown run for the second-team offense.

"I think there was a huge jump on the offensive side of the ball, We came out with a lot more juice this week," tight end Chris Durkin said. "We executed plays when we needed to make

See YSU, B3

SEASON OPENER

♦ SEPT. 2:
YSU vs. Pitt at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.
Kickoff at 1 p.m.
TV/radio: ACC Network Extra/WKBN-AM 570

INSIDE: Can QB J.T. Barrett become a better passer? That's the over-arching question at OSU's preseason training camp, B3

BOXING

Covelli Centre to host Mancini event

Local fighters set to battle Italians

By GREG GULAS
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YOUNGSTOWN

It takes a lot to convince former WBA light weight champion and Youngstown native Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini that he should commit his name as a sponsor for an event or fundraiser.

There wasn't much convincing needed when Michael Diven of Pittsburgh-based Hibernian Celtic Athletic Fund approached Mancini about taking part in their upcoming "Youngstown Versus Italy" boxing show, scheduled for Oct. 5 at the Covelli Centre.



Mancini

IF YOU GO

YOUNGSTOWN VS. ITALY BOXING SHOW

♦ OCT. 5 at the Covelli Centre
Format: 16 bout amateur card featuring boxers from Youngstown, Pittsburgh and Italy.
Tickets: \$15, \$25 & \$100; available starting at 10 a.m. Aug. 31 at Ticketmaster and the Covelli Southwoods Health Box Office.
Proceeds: Portion benefits the Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini Foundation

"This will be a great event and a great experience for those in the Mahoning Valley," Mancini said. "Mike thinks outside the box, which is why we get along so well. They've done shows in Ireland and I went with them to Cuba. On the plane ride home I said, 'Let's do Italy,' and here we are."

A portion of the proceeds from the 16-bout card will benefit the Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini Foundation, whose main objective and goal is to sponsor events that benefit either other charities, individuals or families in need.

The Oct. 5 match will celebrate both Youngstown's Italian heritage and the Columbus Day holiday.

The team of amateur boxers from Italy (Gruppo Sportivo Fiamme Oro or

See MANCINI, B3

STORMING FORWARD



DAVID DERMER | THE VINDICATOR

Men's 9-12 Handicap Division competitor Joe Alfano Sr. blasts out of the bunker on No. 6 at Youngstown Country Club in Liberty during Saturday's second round of the Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer of the Valley Tournament. Ninety-nine golfers advanced to today's final at The Lake Club in Poland.

Rust's hole-in-one, Karzmer's 64 are highlights of Day 2

By GREG GULAS
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AS JEFF RUST WATCHED HIS TEE-SHOT SAIL six yards beyond the pin on No. 16 at Tippecanoe Country Club, little did he know it would curl back and roll into the cup for the Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer of the Valley's second hole-in-one.

That was among many spectacles in a super Saturday of golf.

After shooting 70 in Friday's opening round at Mill Creek, Greatest veteran Jonah Karzmer knew he would need a special round in order to keep pace with Men's Open leader Brandon Pluchinsky.

All he did was go out on Saturday and author a lights-out 64 at Oak Tree Country Club, which was one shot off the course record. He will take a two-stroke lead over Pluchinsky into the final round.

Brothers Dylan and Hunter Todd — relative newcomers to the game — continue to set the pace in their respective divisions. Even Mother Nature got into the act with some bluster, but brief, storms over two courses.



FINALS

♦ TODAY at The Lake Club in Poland.
Play begins: 8:52 a.m.
Tee times & Round 2 scores on B4, with photos online at Vindy.com

ON B5: More local golf, plus how JFK grad Jason Kokrak fared at Wyndham

See GREATEST, B4



DAVID DERMER | THE VINDICATOR

Joe Costantini, playing in the Men's 9-12 Handicap Division, tees off Saturday from No. 7 at Youngstown Country Club during Round 2 of the Greatest Golfer of the Valley Tournament in Liberty.

MLB

Bauer, defense come up big vs. Royals

Indians pitcher's win streak at five

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Trevor Bauer pitched well, but he credits his defense for this victory.

Bauer threw 6 1/3 innings as the Cleveland Indians beat the Kansas City Royals 5-0 on Saturday night.

Bauer (12-8) won his fifth straight decision — the longest winning streak of his career that started after a July 17 loss. He gave up seven hits, walked two and struck out four.



Bauer

"Defense, for sure," Bauer said.

"I wasn't sharp tonight. I got a lot of balls barreled

right at me. I was able to make a couple pitches here and there when I needed to, but mostly Carlos [Santana] made two outstanding plays at first, and made a couple other good ones. [Jason] Kipnis made a really nice play. [Giovanny] Urshela made a really great play at third. It was just the defense playing really well."

Relievers Bryan Shaw and Cody Allen did not allow a hit over the final 2 2/3 innings to complete the shutout.

Bauer joins teammates Corey Kluber and Carlos Carrasco as 12-game winners. The Indians are the only team in the majors with three 12-game winners.

"Trevor made some pitches, he got some good defense behind him because he was working quick and throwing strikes," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "And he doesn't back down. I think in big situations, he's kind of coming through like more often than not."

Roberto Perez delivered the clutch blow, a two-out, two-strike, two-run single in the fourth inning that scored Jay Bruce and Santana.

"It's frustrating," los-

See INDIANS, B6

The Vindicator's Greatest Golfer of the Valley 2017

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Kyle Busch completes sweep at Bristol

BRISTOL, TENN.

It's Bristol Motor Speedway and Kyle Busch practically owns the place. Busch swept the weekend for the second time in his career...

And the haters? "I don't care. All noise is good noise," he said. He then collected a broom from an onlooker...

INDYCAR QUALIFIERS

Takuma Sato wins Pocono Pole

LONG POND, PA.

Indianapolis 500 champion Takuma Sato posted an average of 219.639 mph on Saturday to win the pole...

Sato was the last driver to take his qualifying laps and went out moments after Andreotti Autosport teammate Ryan Hunter-Reay...

Hunter-Reay appeared to lose control of the No. 28 Honda and the left side slammed the protective soft wall.

Helio Castroneves also was involved in a violent wreck. Castroneves is the series points leader...

Newgarden has won the last two IndyCar races.

Simon Pagenaud joins Sato on the front row. Charlie Kimball and Tony Kanaan are on the second row.

NHRA NATIONALS QUALIFYING

Leah Pritchett has record run

BRainerd, MINN.

Leah Pritchett's NHRA-record pass help up Saturday at Brainerd International Speedway in Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals qualifying...



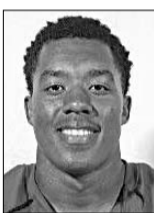
Youngstown State QB Hunter Wells is sacked by Justus Reed during Saturday's scrimmage at Stambaugh Stadium.

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plays."

The first-team offense also made some plays of its own. Tevin McCaster led all backs in carries with 12 for 64 yards.



McCaster

Nathan Mays scored on the ground for the second straight scrimmage, with Saturday's TD coming on a 1-yard rush.

Defensively, the Penguins' defensive ends got to the quarterback twice with Florida transfer Justus Reed getting a sack with the first team.

son Louigene. Chapman has also emerged as a vocal leader for the defense.

"I'm just having fun out there with my teammates," he said. "That's the player I've always been and I think the team feeds off my energy."

Safety Billy Nicoe Hurst picked off Hunter Wells as the Penguins tried to execute a two-minute drill near the end of the scrimmage.

GET WELL SOON

Head coach Bo Pelini said he spoke with one of his former players, Derek Rivers, on Friday. Rivers, who was the New England Patriots' top pick in the 2017 draft, injured his knee in training camp this week.

"It's unfortunate, but the thing about Derek is that he's strong mentally and he'll keep a good attitude and he'll attack the rehab," Pelini said.

Rivers is the Penguins' all-time leader in sacks with 41. Chapman said he still keeps in touch with his former teammates.

"He would ask me how camp is going and I would ask him the same thing," Chapman said. "The relationship is pretty good between us."

FINDING A RETURNER

While a lot of competitions in camp appear to be near-

ing their end, the one that remains wide open is the job of returning punts and kicks. On Saturday, Warren JFK graduate Jacob Coates returned a couple punts as did fellow freshman Christian Turner.

New quarterbacks coach Ryan Day was assigned to work with Barrett on accuracy, placement of passes and throwing into coverage.

"His accuracy and just his energy level right now is incredible," coach Urban Meyer said. "He's providing that energy for everybody."

SOLAR ECLIPSE

YSU's athletic schedule is sparse during Monday's solar eclipse. The only event that overlaps it is the women's soccer team's home opener against St. Bonaventure at 3 p.m.

The eclipse — a rare event where the moon moves in front of the sun to cast a nation-wide shadow — is expected to pass through northeast Ohio from 1:06 p.m. to 3:51 p.m.

Pelini didn't seem interested in seeing it.

"My daughter probably knows all about that," he said.

Ohio State QB wants passing grade on field

Associated Press

COLUMBUS

Can Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett become a better passer?

That's the overarching question at preseason training camp as the fifth-year star works with yet another new offensive coordinator and position coach.

Barrett arguably is the best quarterback to ever play at Ohio State, but his issues with accuracy and decision-making — along with inconsistent play from receivers and the offensive line — contributed to the team's failings in big games last year.



Barrett

SEASON OPENER

Aug. 31: Ohio State vs. Indiana at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Ind. Kickoff at 8 p.m. TV/radio: ESPN; WNIO-AM 1390.

yards and 24 touchdowns in 2016 and also ran for 845 yards. While the latter number is impressive, his carries often resulted from him scrambling to make something out of nothing.

"That's not an indication things are going well," Meyer said.

Day, who last worked as an NFL assistant for the San Francisco 49ers and Philadelphia Eagles, likes Barrett's progress.

"I'm proud of the command he's had of the offense and the quick decision-making he's shown in practice," Day said. "The ball's coming out of his hand quickly, he's confident in what he's doing, his eyes are right."

The 22-year-old Texan's name is all over Ohio State record books. He holds all-time marks for career pass completions, touchdowns, passing yards per game, total offense and touchdowns responsible for.

But college football's collective memory is short. The last anybody saw of Barrett was him leading the floundering Ohio State offense against Clemson. Over the winter, fans on social media and talk radio wanted to push him aside and give backup Joe Burrow — or even heralded true freshman Tate Martell — a chance.

"People try to be down on him, but he's such a good dude, a good QB," receiver Johnnie Dixon said. "He's a hard worker so I don't understand that sometimes.... I think it's bizarre, because you see J.T. and yeah, he's got every record in the book, but at the end of the day that never gets to his head. He's a worker."

AROUND THE NFL | Saturday's preseason games

Titans 34, Panthers 27

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Marcus Mariota threw a touchdown pass and the Tennessee Titans earned a preseason win over the Carolina Panthers. The Titans (1-1), who were held to just three points last week against the New York Jets, scored on their first three possessions against Carolina, with help from one long drive and two Panthers turnovers.

Packers 21, Redskins 17

LANDOVER, MD.

Aaron Rodgers made a surprise start and looked to be in midseason form, going 6 for 8 for 37 yards and a TD pass — plus one of his trademark quick snaps to draw a penalty — on his lone drive for Green Bay, while Kirk Cousins and the rest of Washington's first-team offense sputtered in the Packers' exhibition victory.

Redskins did not manage to collect a single first down until the final play of the opening quarter, during their fourth possession of the evening. Their initial three resulted in an embarrassing total of 13 yards. Cousins was 2 for 6 for 9 yards in that span, while running back Rob Kelley gained 4 yards on three carries behind a starting offensive line that provided little push.

Chiefs 30, Bengals 12

CINCINNATI

Rookie Patrick Mahomes threw a pair of touchdown passes, solidifying his spot as the Chiefs' primary backup, and three Kansas City quarterbacks threw for a score on Saturday night during a 30-12 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

its top pick in particular. Mahomes moved into the role of Alex Smith's backup a week ago and was smooth against the Bengals (1-1), who chased him from the pocket but couldn't stop his accurate on-the-move throws. Mahomes, the 10th overall pick from Texas Tech, was 10 of 14 for 88 yards with touchdowns of 1 and 7 yards. The Chiefs scored on each of their first five possessions for a 30-9 lead. Smith was 8 of 9 for 83 yards with a TD, and Tyler Bray threw an 18-yard touchdown on his first play. Kansas City piled up 410 yards, including 228 rushing. Charcandrick West ran for 113 yards on only seven carries. The Bengals had to settle for a pair of field goals during Andy Dalton's three possessions. He was 7 of 13 for 98 yards with one sack. Cincinnati's kicking competition remained all even. Randy Bullock and Jake Elliott have made all of their attempts in two games. Bullock connected from 47 and 26 yards on Saturday, while Elliott was good from 32 and 39 yards.

Cowboys 24, Colts 19

ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Dak Prescott and Dez Bryant offered a

glimpse of how the Dallas Cowboys' offense could look without Ezekiel Elliott: the second-year star quarterback frequently finding his top receiver. The Indianapolis Colts are still struggling to see what life without Andrew Luck might be like. Prescott connected with Bryant for a 32-yard touchdown on their first series of the preseason. 2016 NFL rushing champion Elliott sat again with his six-game suspension looming, and rookie Cooper Rush threw two scoring passes in the Cowboys' exhibition win.

Lions 16, Jets 6

DETROIT

Matthew Stafford threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Jones in the second quarter, and the Detroit Lions shut down Christian Hackenberg and the New York Jets 16-6 in a preseason game Saturday night. After losing defensive lineman Kerry Hyder to an Achilles tendon injury in their preseason opener at Indianapolis, the Lions were still able to pressure Hackenberg early on.

NFL PRESEASON STATS

Table with columns: AMERICAN CONFERENCE (East, South, North, West), NATIONAL CONFERENCE (East, South, North, West), and Thursday's Scores.

Table with columns: Saturday's Scores, Sunday, Aug. 27, and TEAM STATISTICS.

Table with columns: Interceptions Ret., Comp-Att-Int, Sacked-Yards Lost, Punts, Fumbles-Lost, Penalties-Yards, Time of Possession, and MISSED FIELD GOALS.



Indians right fielder Jay Bruce chases a ball hit by the Royals' Lorenzo Cain in the first inning of Saturday's game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. Cain doubled on the play. The Indians shut out the Royals, 5-0.

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ing pitcher Jason Vargas said. "When you do things to get yourself in a position to get out of it and put the team in a position to stay in the ball game and then you just make a mistake. I just feel like it's been happening too often."

Jose Ramirez and Jason Kipnis hit consecutive doubles in the first inning for the first Cleveland run.

Bruce's RBI-double in the fifth scored Ramirez, who had walked, and finished Vargas' evening.

Vargas (14-7), who had 12 victories at the end of June, gave up four runs, six hits and three

walks in 4 2/3 innings. The Royals dropped to 6-12 in August, while the rotation has a 5.99 ERA for the month.

"We're talking out of 96 pitches, four pitches that hurt him," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

Santana doubled and scored on Jackson's single in the eighth for the final Indians run.

The Indians are an American League-best 20-8 since July 21 and are 8-2 on their four-city 11-game trip that concludes Sunday.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Indians: It is uncertain whether Kluber, who left in the sixth inning Friday with a right ankle sprain, will make his Wednesday start against Boston. "He's a little stiff, which

I think is normal, but not more than that," Francona said. He said it is "probably 50-50 Kluber would start against the Red Sox, but could be pushed back a day or two. "I think that's probably the worst-case scenario," Francona said. "I think sometimes if you can't prepare for it [a start], it probably behooves us to move him back a little bit."

UP NEXT

Indians: RHP Danny Salazar is 0-2 with 4.63 ERA in four appearances this season against the Royals.

Royals: RHP Ryan Hammel is 2-0 with a 2.84 ERA in two starts this year against Cleveland.

Frazier helps Pirates snap six-game skid

Associated Press

Adam Frazier and the Pittsburgh Pirates finished off a win at PNC Park, then packed their bags for a trip — to their home game about 200 miles away.

Frazier homered, doubled and singled to help the Pirates beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 Saturday, ending a six-game losing streak in a matchup delayed nearly two hours by rain.

This morning, both teams will fly to central Pennsylvania to play in the Little League Classic that night in Williamsport.

Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said they sent starter Ivan Nova ahead earlier Saturday. With him already in place, the rain didn't disrupt the Pirates much, but it could have if the game went on any longer.

"[Nova is] already there," Hurdle said. "Probably just finishing up dinner. The key is to keep the guys fresh. I didn't think there were any challenges. If we played longer tonight, there could've been some different challenges."

The game will be held at the home of the Williamsport Crosscutters, the Pirates' affiliate in the Class A New York-Penn League.

Following the rain delay in the second, Frazier and Starling Marte hit two-run homers in a five-run inning. Pinch-hitter Jose Osuna homered in the sixth.

The Cardinals scored 11 runs in each of their two wins to start this series. Paul DeJong hit a two-run homer in the eighth and Jose Martinez homered in the ninth.

"I put us within striking distance, and Jose puts us a little closer," DeJong said. "You can't give away at-bats, late in a game, down by five runs, rain de-

lay all those factors. You've just got to try to help the team win every time."

Chad Kuhl (6-8) responded well following the rain delay, giving up one run and three hits in five innings. Felipe Rivero got his 13th save.

Hurdle said Kuhl "was willing to pitch if he had to wait until tomorrow" for the rain to stop.

Kuhl said he felt sharper once he returned to the mound.

"I had all the confidence in the world that I was going to be back out there," he said. "(It was) never really was a question in my mind with the state of our bullpen not being so rested. I was 100 percent. No matter how long it took, I was ready."

Michael Wacha (9-6) was tagged for five runs and seven hits in four innings. He retired the side in order in the first, but the Pirates scored five times in the second. A leadoff walk set up Frazier's home run, and Kuhl later doubled before Marte connected.

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny couldn't say if the delay impacted Wacha.

"You can't take anything out of the equation," Matheny said. "He was good in the first. It's a long wait, but it's a long wait for their guy, too, and he got out there and he looked better when he got back out."

UP NEXT

Cardinals: RHP Mike Leake (7-11, 3.88) will try to bounce back from a poor start when he takes the mound against the Pirates in Williamsport. He surrendered eight runs on nine hits in 4 1/3 innings against the Boston Red Sox last time out.

Pirates: Nova (10-10, 3.77) will look to build off his last start when he faces the Cardinals. He took the loss his last time out, but allowed just one earned run in six innings against Milwaukee.

MLB STATISTICS

Table with columns for STANDINGS, AMERICAN LEAGUE, East Division, Central Division, West Division, and National League.

Table showing game results for Cleveland Indians vs Kansas City Royals, including box score details like runs, hits, errors, and pitcher stats.

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Table with columns for American League Leaders, showing batting averages and other stats.

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SATURDAY'S OTHER MLB GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Mariners 7, Rays 6
ST. PETERSBURG
Mitch Haniger hit a grand slam, Nelson Cruz added his 31st home run and the Seattle Mariners rolled to their fourth straight win Saturday night.

Astros 3, Athletics 0
HOUSTON
Collin McHugh threw six innings, Marwin Gonzalez hit two-run single and the Houston Astros defeated the Oakland Athletics.

Yankees 4, Red Sox 3
BOSTON
Tyler Austin hit a three-run home run, Todd Frazier added a solo homer and CC Sabathia retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced as the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox.

Angels 5, Orioles 1
BALTIMORE
Mike Trout and Luis Valbuena each hit two home runs off Kevin Gausman, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Mets 8, Marlins 1
NEW YORK
Rafael Montero pitched six strong innings in his best effort of the season, Wilmer Flores and Kevin Plawecki each hit long two-run homers to help the New York Mets snap a five-game losing streak with a win over the Miami Marlins.

Reds 11, Braves 8
ATLANTA
Scooter Gennett hit a grand slam and the Cincinnati Reds beat struggling Julio Teheran and the Atlanta Braves.

MILB STATISTICS

Table with columns for team names (Scrappers, West Virginia, etc.), player names, and statistics (IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO).

Saturday's Scores
Williamsport at Batavia, p.p.d.
Batavia 11, Williamsport 6
Connecticut at Vermont, 5:05 p.m.
Auburn 7, State College 5

made it 11-4 in the ninth. The Braves scored four runs in the bottom half, but Michael Lorenzen, the second Cincinnati pitcher of the inning, earned his second save after Blake Wood failed to retire a batter and allowed the four runs.

Dodgers 3, Tigers 0
DETROIT
Adrian Gonzalez's seventh-inning single broke a scoreless tie and the Los Angeles Dodgers went on to beat the Detroit Tigers.

Cubs 4, Blue Jays 3
CHICAGO
Rookie Ian Happ hit his 18th home run, Jose Quintana pitched six effective innings and the Chicago Cubs beat the Toronto Blue Jays to keep up their success against AL opponents.

Twins 5, Diamondbacks 0
MINNEAPOLIS
Jose Berrios threw seven innings for his 11th win to lead Minnesota over Arizona, helping the Twins keep pace in the AL wild card race.

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Company's principles build foundation, lead to worker loyalty

By KALEA HALL
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MINERAL RIDGE

Ron Granato, 73, stayed with the same company for nearly 50 years simply because it was a great company.

"Going to a bigger company, I never would have had the opportunity [I did]," he said.

Granato recently retired from Specialty Pipe & Tube after 48 years. The former Mahoning Valley resident now lives in Florida to be closer to his family and to enjoy the warm weather during his retirement.

Specialty, a distributor of seamless heavy wall carbon steel pipe and tube, was founded in 1964 by the late Leonard Baroff. It was originally located in Warren to be closer to the main customer base, including the largest customer, Wean United.

Not long after the company was formed, Granato came on board.

“WHEN THINGS ARE BOOMING, ANYONE CAN MAKE MONEY. BUT WHEN THINGS SLOW DOWN, THAT'S WHEN YOU CAN TELL THE COMPANIES THAT ARE WELL-MANAGED AND WELL-POSITIONED.”

RON GRANATO, Specialty Pipe & Tube retiree



the company. When the steel mills were lost, Specialty had to reinvent itself, but because of Leonard's good management style, Granato said the company stayed alive.

"When things are booming, anyone can make money," Granato said. "But when things slow down, that's when you can tell the companies that are well-managed and well-positioned."

Specialty continued to invest in its people and in technology to attract new customers with new products.

In 1978, when the U.S. oil and gas industry took over, Specialty added a location in Houston to support the growth.

Granato kept getting promoted and was eventually named company vice president. He was also director of purchasing, and for a short time he ran all of the 401(k)

pany on a foundation of trust," said Steve Baroff, Leonard's son, who is now president of Specialty. "His hallmarks for Specialty were availability, reliability and performance. Customers and vendors had total faith in Specialty and trusted he would do exactly what he said he would do."

Granato learned "enormous amounts" about running a business from Leonard.

"Whatever success I have had, I owe it to the people I supervised and the Baroff family," he said.

Granato stayed in finance and sales with

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Book shares history of Youngstown's film, live entertainment venues

A THEATER TOWN

By GUY D'ASTOLFO
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YOUNGSTOWN

In researching his first book, "Lost Youngstown," which was a history of the city, local author-historian Sean T. Posey said the topic of theaters kept coming up again and again.

"It was an important part of people's lives, especially in the time right after World War II," said Posey. "[Theaters] played a central role in people's entertainment life. ... I wanted to include more theaters [in the first book] but I decided to just do a whole book on theaters."

Posey continued his research into the area's theaters, and the result is his second book – "Historic Theaters of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley," which will be released Monday by Arcadia Publishing and History Press.

The glossy trade paperback book has 160 pages and dozens of photos.

The book, said Posey, shows the evolution of theaters in the 20th century, using Youngstown as a template.

In Youngstown's steelmaking heyday, it boasted several impressive downtown theaters, including the Warner, the Paramount, the Palace and the State. About a dozen more dotted the city's neighborhoods and outlying cities – Warren, Niles, Campbell, Struthers, Canfield and Girard.

A few are still standing, although only the Warner – now Powers Auditorium – is still used as a theater. These include the Uptown, the Wilson in Campbell, the Schenley on the West Side, the Wellman in Girard and the Robins and the Duchess in Warren.

The book also has chapters on the Mahoning Valley's nine drive-in theaters, and its bawdy burlesque theaters.

Posey shares the history of each venue, with vignettes about the people and places who visited as workers, patrons or stage stars.

Many theaters started as venues for live theater, including touring companies. The biggest stars of the day, including Katharine Hepburn, Red Skelton and Al Jolson, graced their stages. Vaudeville acts and the risqué stars of burlesque also made Youngstown a regular stop.

Youngstown's most famous theater is the Warner, and Posey devotes a chapter to it. Built as an exceptionally ornate movie palace, it was an early jewel in the movie empire built by the Warner brothers, who started in their hometown of Youngstown before moving to California, where

they founded the famed Warner Bros. studio.

Because the Warner was built as a movie theater, it did not have a stage. When it was restored as a home for the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra in 1969, a stage was added.

"A lot of people don't realize the Warner was just a movie theater," said Posey. "They never had stage shows there. When they saved it, they had to build a stage and change the acoustics."

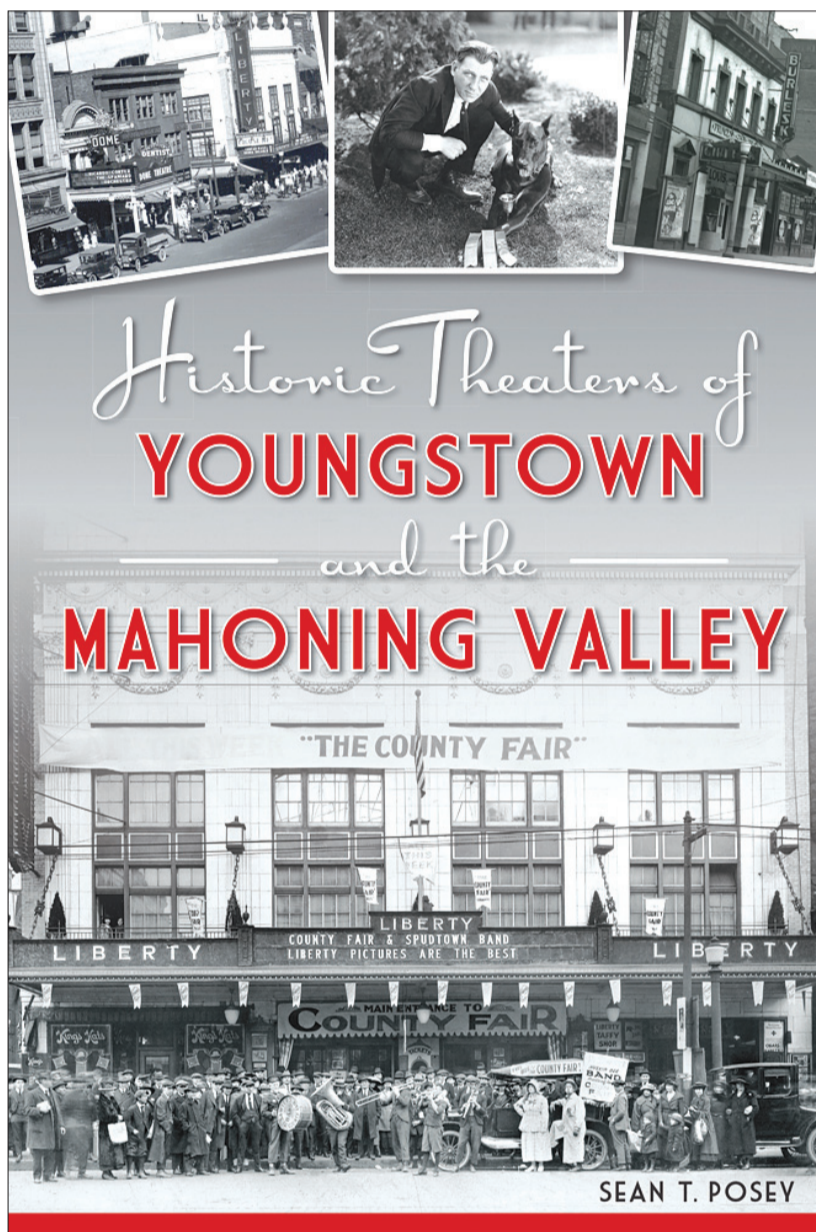
Posey researched the book by poring over microfilm copies of past issues of *The Vindicator*, talking to folks who remember the theaters and also going through information at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society.

The author, who works at *The Business Journal*, has a master's degree in history from Youngstown State University.

"Historic Theaters of Youngstown" (\$21.99) will be sold at area retailers and online at arcadiapublishing.com.



Posey



Palace Theater in 1960s.

SPECIAL TO THE VINDICATOR



Can't see eclipse? Tune in online or on TV

By SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES

Ronald Dantowitz has been looking forward to Monday's solar eclipse for nearly 40 years.

An astronomer who specializes in solar imaging, he's been photographing eclipses for more than three decades, and will be using 14 cameras to capture the celestial event. The cameras have solar filters to capture the eclipse in its partial phases, along with custom modifications that can photograph the corona and light wavelengths that are invisible to the human eye, allowing scientists to view and study the sun's temperature and composition in a way only possible during a total eclipse, he said.

Dantowitz, who is based at Dexter Southfield School in Brookline, Mass., is lending his expertise to NOVA's "Eclipse Over America," airing at 9 p.m. Monday on PBS. That hourlong special, which will incorporate his images, is among extensive coverage planned on TV and online of the first solar eclipse to cross the United States in 99 years.

Still, witnessing totality – when the sun is completely obscured by the moon – is best done with the naked eye, not a camera, Dantowitz said, adding that protective lenses are needed to view partial phases of the eclipse.

"Enjoying totality by eye is more rewarding," he said. "There is much to see: stars during the daytime, the

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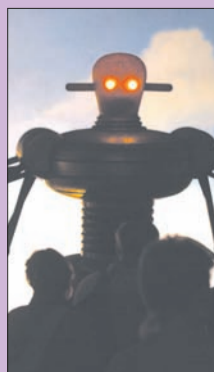
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Today's entertainment picks:

- 1 Brier Hill Italian Fest, 1 to 11 p.m.:** Live music by Dom Tocco will bring the festival to a close. It's at Calvin and Victoria streets on the North Side of Youngstown.
- 2 Shaker Woods festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.:** More than 200 fine artisans and crafters will demonstrate and sell their wares on the beautiful wooded grounds. Admission is \$8 (free for 12 and under). The grounds are on state Route 7 about a mile north of state Route 14, near Columbiana; shakerwoods.com.
- 3 "August: Osage County," 2:30 p.m.:** Challenging and taut drama (\$15) at Youngstown Playhouse, off Glenwood Avenue; 330-788-8739.
- 4 Howard and the Point Five Band, 3 to 7 p.m.:** Another free concert in the Jazz in the Park outdoor series at B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown.
- 5 Packard Band, 7 p.m.:** The final concert of the season in the free outdoor series at the Packard Music Hall South Lawn band shell, 1703 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

BEST BETS ON TV

◆ **"THE LAST SHIP" (9 P.M., TNT):** "The Last Ship" returns with back-to-back episodes. Based on William Brinkley's popular novel, the series chronicles the aftermath of a global catastrophe that nearly decimates the world's population. Because of its positioning, the Navy destroyer U.S.S. Nathan James avoided falling victim to the devastating tragedy. Now, CNO Captain Tom Chandler (Dane) and his crew must confront the reality of their new existence in a world where they may be among the few remaining survivors. In tonight's season opener, the crew is facing yet another global disaster.

◆ **"SURVIVOR'S REMORSE" (10 P.M., STARZ):** In the season four premiere, basketball star Cam Calloway continues to discover life off the court isn't easy. The past he has been desperately trying to avoid comes rushing back with a vengeance and family secrets threaten to destroy everything he has worked so hard to achieve.

◆ **"EPISODES" (10 P.M., SHOWTIME):** As the Hollywood satire launches its fifth and final season, Sean (Stephen Mangan), Beverly (Tamsin Greig) and Matt (Matt LeBlanc) have all hit rock bottom. Several months have passed and their game show is now a runaway hit. Unfortunately for Matt, this means he is now only thought of as a game-show host, his years as an actor completely forgotten.

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Polish fest seeks pierogi-lovers

AUSTINTOWN
Polish Heritage Day will take place next Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, 4310 Kirk Road. Festival organizers are looking for contestants for the pierogi-eating contest. Anyone 18 or older is eligible. The winner is the contestant who can eat the most in three minutes. There is an entry fee of \$10. Each contestant receives a pierogi T-shirt. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. The pierogi-eating contest will begin at 6 p.m. Entry forms can be found at polishyoungstown.org.

For information, email info@polishyoungstown.org or call 330-333-9724.

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million-degree solar corona, and seeing the sun blacked out during the daytime.

"I have been waiting almost 40 years for this eclipse, and although I will be operating 14 cameras during totality, I will certainly take a moment to gaze at the eclipse the same way people have done for thousands of years: with wonder."

WHERE TO VIEW IT

For those not in the 14 states comprising the eclipse's "path of totality," here's a look at some of the viewing opportunities online and on TV (all times are EDT):

◆ **"Eclipse of the Century":** In partnership with Volvo, CNN plans two hours of

◆ **In the Mahoning Valley,** 21 WFMJ-TV News will provide some unique coverage of the eclipse Monday. It will begin live coverage at 2 p.m., streaming on WFMJ.com and the WFMJ Facebook page. News anchor Derek Steyer will be in Hopkinsville, Ky., where the eclipse will be total. Locally, chief meteorologist Eric Wilhelm will lead the coverage from the WFMJ studio and will also provide a "roof top" look of the partial eclipse that will be visible in the Mahoning Valley. The station also will have reporters live at "watch" events in Canfield, Lordstown and Boardman.

◆ **"Eclipse Over America":** The PBS science series NOVA is planning a quick turnaround on its eclipse documentary premiering Monday. Senior executive producer Paula S. Apsell said "Eclipse Over America," which delves into why eclipses occur and what scientists can learn from them, will incorporate images of the event from across the country shot earlier that day with Dantowitz's high-tech

livestreaming, 360-degree coverage accessible in virtual reality through Oculus and other VR headsets beginning at 1 p.m. Accompanying television coverage will include reporting from Oregon, Missouri, Tennessee and South Carolina.

◆ **"The Great American Eclipse":** David Muir will anchor ABC's two hours of live coverage, with correspondents reporting from viewing parties across the country. NBC also plans live coverage, with Lester Holt hosting special reports at 1 and 2 p.m. featuring correspondents reporting from Oregon, Illinois, Wyoming and South Carolina. Shepard Smith will break into typical broadcasting on Fox News Channel from noon

to 4 p.m. to update viewers on the eclipse and introduce footage from NASA and observatories around the country.

◆ **"Solar Eclipse: Through the Eyes of NASA":** NASA will offer hours of coverage online and on NASA Television beginning at noon Eastern. It plans livestreaming of the eclipse beginning at 1 p.m. with images from satellites, research aircraft, high-altitude balloons and specially modified telescopes.

◆ **"The Total Solar Eclipse":** The Weather Channel is kicking off its live coverage at 6 a.m. and continuing throughout the day with dispatches from seven locations along the "path of totality."

From Asimov to Aimee Mann, 'robophobia' plagues humans

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Robots are secretly plotting to kill us. Or enslave us. Or, at best, they will take our jobs, one by one.

From science fiction written by Isaac Asimov eight decades ago to "Dilbert" cartoons today, the relationship between robots and humans has long fascinated — and worried — people.

There's even a term, "robophobia," for an irrational anxiety about robots and other advanced automation machines.

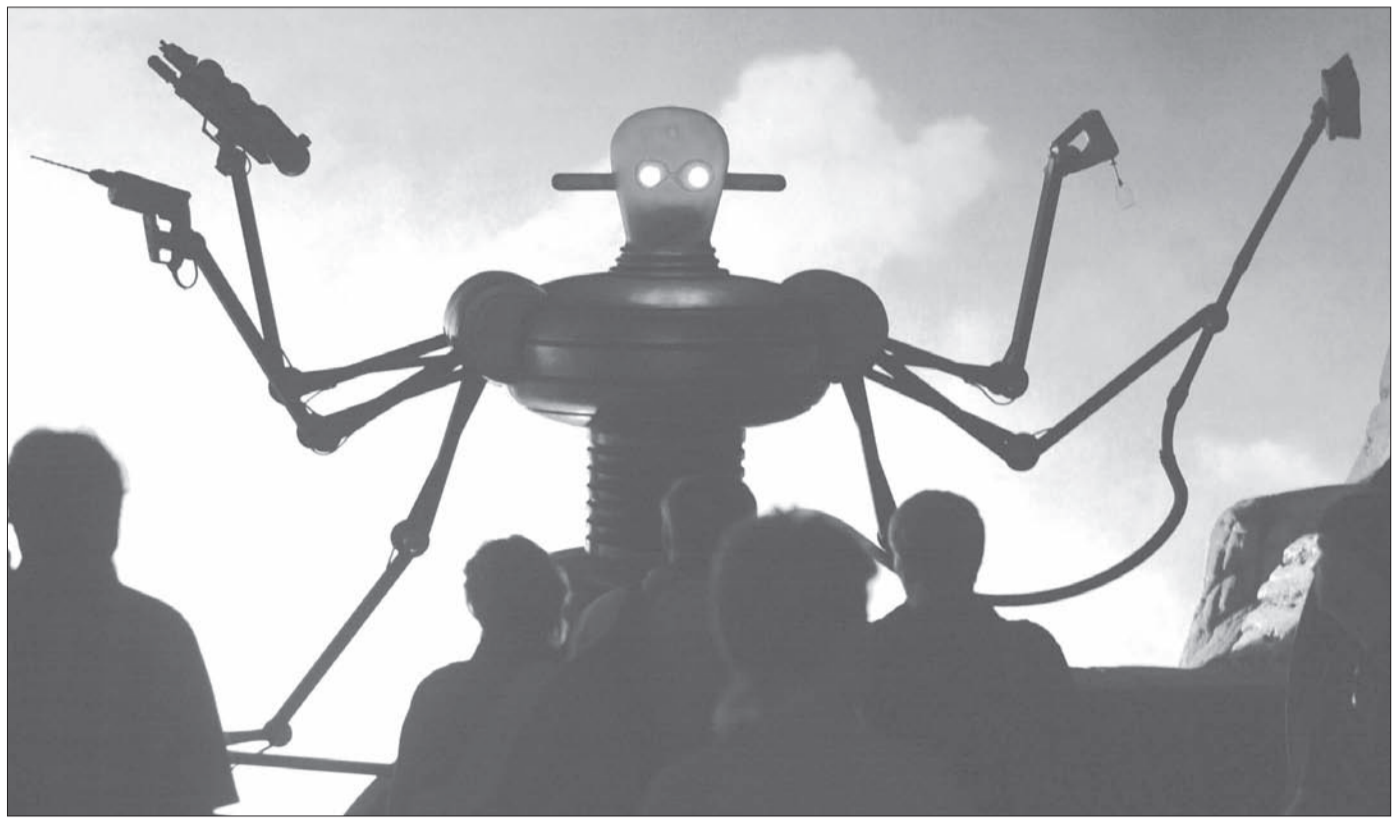
And there are concerns beyond the ones stoked by watching too much "Terminator."

Apple computer pioneer Steve Wozniak once suggested that robots would turn us into their pets. Physicist Stephen Hawking and tech entrepreneur Elon Musk have also warned about the dangers of going too far, too quickly, in developing "thinking robots" with programmed intelligence that might keep evolving self-awareness, similar to the humanoids in the HBO series "Westworld."

Hawking told the BBC in 2014 that "development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race."

So there's that. Researchers vary in projections on how long from now, if ever, such a threat could exist.

For now, deaths by robot are rare among industrial accidents. However, in July 2015, a 57-year-old technician



Visitors of the world exhibition Expo 2000 stand in front of a robot display at the "Planet of Visions" exhibit at the Expoground in Hanover, northern Germany. Use of robotics in manufacturing and other sectors is increasing in countries from the United States and China, and robots have long been embraced for a variety of uses in countries such as Japan. There also has long been "robophobia," stoked by science fiction writers and moviemakers.

was killed by a robotic machine in an Ionia, Mich., plant that makes auto bumpers, trailer hitches and chrome-plated plastics. Her husband filed a federal lawsuit, being contested by the defendants, alleging a malfunctioning robot took her "by surprise," crushing her head.

As chief technology officer for a private-public effort to facilitate robotic solutions in U.S. manufacturing, professor Howie Choset of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh sees the fear of robots taking jobs making

his mission tougher.

"You have to start this discussion with the baseline that automation and innovation creates jobs," he said, by leading to new products and processes and the new jobs to make and operate them.

"Then you have to ask yourself, why would robots be different? And people are very quick to say, 'Well, robots are intelligent, they do what humans can do,' and there's this fear that was sort of instilled by science fiction."

Comparing fear of robots to 19th-century worries about steam engines, Choset said: "Robots are just the next generation of tools."

Singer Aimee Mann, with help from actress Laura Linney, humorously depicted the danger of letting robots help you too much in a music video.

And Choset was amused by a recent "Dilbert" strip about the boss' inability to stop a robot worker who decided to quit.

Chris Boggess, 18, found the 2004 movie "I, Robot,"

about a rogue killer robot drawn from Asimov stories, frightening, but he has come to understand and appreciate their potential through the Butler Tech robotics program at Colerain High School near Cincinnati.

"The first day I walked in, I fell in love. I knew this was where I needed to be," Boggess said. "I like robots, anything about technology."

And if some day thinking robots acquired the ability to threaten humans, he said, "I would probably try to make friends with them."

Heading to Iowa State Fair? Time to visit the Butter Cow

By SCOTT MCFETRIDGE
Associated Press

DES MOINES, IOWA
More than 1 million people typically visit the Iowa State Fair each year, and sometimes it seems like every one of them is clustered around the Butter Cow's climate-controlled glass enclosure.

Here are some details about the creamy sculpture that has been an essential part of the fair since 1911.

WHY A BUTTER COW?

Butter cow sculptures appeared to have started with the Ohio State Fair in 1903, and the first one was displayed at the Iowa State Fair eight years later as a way to promote dairy products in one of the country's leading agricultural states.

IS IT REALLY MADE OF BUTTER?

It's not solid butter. The core of the cow is composed of a wood, wire and steel mesh frame, and that structure is then layered with about 600 pounds of Iowa butter. It's a big sculpture but not as hefty as an actual dairy cow, which typically weighs about 1,000 pounds.

THAT SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF BUTTER TO WASTE

The state fair estimates it's enough butter for 19,200 slices of toast, but even fairgoers with grumbling stomachs probably wouldn't want to dig into the sculpture. Most of the butter is reused from year to year, and some of it is up to a decade old.

DOES THE COW MELT?

Fairgoers often swelter in



Sculptor Sarah Pratt works on the Butter Cow at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, Iowa. More than 1 million people typically visit the Iowa State Fair annually, and sometimes it seems like all of them are clustered around Butter Cow. The creamy creation has been among the state fair's top attractions since 1911.

the heat and humidity, but the Butter Cow looks out of a glass enclosure kept at a chilly 40 degrees.

WHO DOES THE SCULPTING?

Sarah Pratt of West Des Moines has been forming the cow and other buttery creations since 2006, making her only the fifth sculptor in 106 years. This year, she's also creating a sculpture of Laura Ingalls Wilder in honor of the "Little House on the Prairie" author's 150th birthday, as well as a replica of the Solheim Cup trophy, awarded to the winners of a golf tournament that took place this summer in Iowa. Previous sculptures have included Elvis Pres-

ley, John Wayne and Leonardo DaVinci's "The Last Supper."

DO OTHER STATES HAVE BUTTER SCULPTURES?

Yes. They're particularly popular in the Midwest, with sculptures in Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. They're also a part of state fairs in other regions, including New York, Texas and Utah. Not all are of cows, though. The Minnesota State Fair's sculptures are especially beloved, as each year a dairy association's Princess Kay of the Milky Way and her court have their likenesses carved into 90-pound butter blocks.

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TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday! In The Next Year: You'll be receptive to encounters with people who speak to your soul and help you grow. Many such special connections will be highlights of this solar return. The next three months are for moving to the edge, testing boundaries and pushing past fear. Free festivities and travel will happen in 2018. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 1, 14 and 28. CELEBRITY PROFILES: Powerhouse pop star Demi Lovato has a big voice and an even bigger ambition to entertain. The Leo was born when both the sun and Mercury, the communication planet, were in the sign of show business. Lovato has her moon in Taurus, the sign that rules the throat and vocal cords. This is a common astrological placement for those with big and/or unusual voices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have the plan, the focus, the stamina to get where you want to go. This is the time for action. The best part about it is that you don't even have to clear a path. The open road is your invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your willingness to try new things even when you don't know what you're doing, don't have a knack for it and don't know a soul is to be commended. Risk embarrassment, gain confidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The idea that comes to you is like a new arrangement of your highest thoughts. More of a remembrance than a revelation, it's gently leading you in a direction that's so right for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll get a few predictably pleasant hours before the new challenges and influences come along to add spice to your future. You savor the sameness of things most when you know it's about to change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Most people say that the honest way is best, yet dishonesty is the norm. Radical honesty would be in fact cruel in many situations. Lead with compassion. There's a way to be kind and also truthful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are part of a team, and don't forget it. The moment you consider how others will be affected by what you are offering, creating or doing is the moment you go to the next level of success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your sign is uniquely peace-oriented and conflict-averse. It's as if you were born knowing that often the way to win the fight is not to fight in the first place. Your pacifism will be good for the world today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Simplicity is more than a style; it's also a defense against the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune. Life gets better when you resist excess and recognize the easy way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The old ways are still fun, but they come at too high a cost. Also, they don't fit the image of who you want to be. So you'll change what you do for fun -- not so hard once you decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're faithful to your principles yet not so arrogant as to believe that yours is the only correct way. This flexibility of mind will serve you well today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The difference between what you want and what you need can be a lot. You're willing to look at this reasonably. You may find great freedom in closing that gap by wanting less.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some of your people are so inconveniently located that just getting the timing right and making the travel effort to go see them is a gift in and of itself. But you still have to bring a gift. You'll hit all the right social notes today.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Eclipse chasers from all over the world and those lucky enough to already be in the path of totality for the Great American Eclipse tour of 2017 are gearing up for the spectacular disappearance of the Leo sun, a show that will last (depending on your location) at the very most 2 minutes, 40 seconds. This is a short show in the scheme of total eclipses. The longest total solar eclipse of this century was in 2009 off the coast of Southeast Asia, clocking in at 6 minutes, 39 seconds, an amount of time that will not be surpassed until 2132. Astrologically, the theme of this phenomenon will center around what psychologists call "object constancy," which is a concept coined by Sigmund Freud describing a stage of early human cognitive development in which it becomes accepted that just because something is out of sight doesn't mean that it's gone. The concept is simply illustrated in the game of peekaboo, which tiny babies don't understand -- until one day they do and suddenly find it hilarious. Approach the total eclipse with similar levity. Let this grand game of peekaboo remind you that even the most massive shadows and widespread darkness will pass. The light returns. All is well.

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More directing may be Sedgwick's direction

By JAY BOBBIN Zap2it.com

I saw that Kyra Sedgwick directed "Story of a Girl." Does she plan to direct more things?

CAROL MCKENNA, via e-mail

She certainly gave us that impression when we spoke with her about the recent Lifetime movie, but she also noted the connection she felt to that specific material, since she had nurtured it as a producer for a decade. She said she only hopes she can find another directing project that speaks to her that strongly.



Sedgwick

For now, it's back to acting for the Emmy-winning former star of "The Closer" and wife of Kevin Bacon, who was in her "Story of a Girl" cast. Sedgwick plays a television producer whose daughter disappears in the ABC series "Ten Days in the Valley," premiering Oct. 1.

I heard "Underground" was canceled or suspended due to budget problems. What's the deal?

LARRY ENGLISH, Hoffman Estates, Ill.

The "deal" is that the new owners of the drama series' outlet, WGN America, made the decision not to continue the critically acclaimed show -- reasoning that its ratings didn't justify the cost of producing it. "It no longer fits with our new direction" was part of the rationale given, and though originating studio Sony Pictures Television was trying to find a new home for it, that hadn't happened by the time of this writing. OWN and BET, which were cited as two possibilities, ultimately declined to pick it up because of the price tag ... with OWN chief Oprah Winfrey saying she "can't afford" it.



Send questions of general interest via email to tvpipeline@gracernote.com. Writers must include their names, cities and states. Personal replies cannot be sent.

21 NEWS WEEKNIGHTS 6 & 11 PM. Includes social media handles for wfmj.com and a photo of the news anchors: Eric Wilhelm, Leslie Barrett, Derek Steyer, and Dana Balash.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman, a grid of scrambled letters, and instructions on how to play the game.

JUMBLE & SUDOKU 08/20/17. Includes instructions on how to play and a 9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

CROSSWORD 08/20/17. Includes a crossword puzzle grid with clues for 11 down, 16 across, 21 across, 27 across, 31 across, 36 across, 43 across, 47 across, 52 across, 57 across, 58 down, 59 down, 61 down, 63 down, 65 down, 66 down, 67 down, 68 down, 69 down, 70 down, 71 down, 72 down, 73 down, 74 down, 75 down, 76 down, 77 down, 78 down, 79 down, 80 down, 81 down, 82 down, 83 down, 84 down, 85 down, 86 down, 87 down, 88 down, 89 down, 90 down, 91 down, 92 down, 93 down, 94 down, 95 down, 96 down, 97 down, 98 down, 99 down, 100 down, 101 down, 102 down, 103 down, 104 down, 105 down, 106 down, 107 down, 108 down, 109 down, 110 down, 111 down, 112 down, 113 down, 114 down, 115 down, 116 down, 117 down, 118 down, 119 down, 120 down, 121 down, 122 down, 123 down, 124 down, 125 down, 126 down, 127 down, 128 down, 129 down, 130 down, 131 down, 132 down, 133 down, 134 down, 135 down, 136 down, 137 down, 138 down, 139 down, 140 down, 141 down, 142 down, 143 down, 144 down, 145 down, 146 down, 147 down, 148 down, 149 down, 150 down, 151 down, 152 down, 153 down, 154 down, 155 down, 156 down, 157 down, 158 down, 159 down, 160 down, 161 down, 162 down, 163 down, 164 down, 165 down, 166 down, 167 down, 168 down, 169 down, 170 down, 171 down, 172 down, 173 down, 174 down, 175 down, 176 down, 177 down, 178 down, 179 down, 180 down, 181 down, 182 down, 183 down, 184 down, 185 down, 186 down, 187 down, 188 down, 189 down, 190 down, 191 down, 192 down, 193 down, 194 down, 195 down, 196 down, 197 down, 198 down, 199 down, 200 down.

CROSSWORD 08/20/17. Includes a crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1 down, 2 down, 3 down, 4 down, 5 down, 6 down, 7 down, 8 down, 9 down, 10 down, 11 down, 12 down, 13 down, 14 down, 15 down, 16 down, 17 down, 18 down, 19 down, 20 down, 21 down, 22 down, 23 down, 24 down, 25 down, 26 down, 27 down, 28 down, 29 down, 30 down, 31 down, 32 down, 33 down, 34 down, 35 down, 36 down, 37 down, 38 down, 39 down, 40 down, 41 down, 42 down, 43 down, 44 down, 45 down, 46 down, 47 down, 48 down, 49 down, 50 down, 51 down, 52 down, 53 down, 54 down, 55 down, 56 down, 57 down, 58 down, 59 down, 60 down, 61 down, 62 down, 63 down, 64 down, 65 down, 66 down, 67 down, 68 down, 69 down, 70 down, 71 down, 72 down, 73 down, 74 down, 75 down, 76 down, 77 down, 78 down, 79 down, 80 down, 81 down, 82 down, 83 down, 84 down, 85 down, 86 down, 87 down, 88 down, 89 down, 90 down, 91 down, 92 down, 93 down, 94 down, 95 down, 96 down, 97 down, 98 down, 99 down, 100 down, 101 down, 102 down, 103 down, 104 down, 105 down, 106 down, 107 down, 108 down, 109 down, 110 down, 111 down, 112 down, 113 down, 114 down, 115 down, 116 down, 117 down, 118 down, 119 down, 120 down, 121 down, 122 down, 123 down, 124 down, 125 down, 126 down, 127 down, 128 down, 129 down, 130 down, 131 down, 132 down, 133 down, 134 down, 135 down, 136 down, 137 down, 138 down, 139 down, 140 down, 141 down, 142 down, 143 down, 144 down, 145 down, 146 down, 147 down, 148 down, 149 down, 150 down, 151 down, 152 down, 153 down, 154 down, 155 down, 156 down, 157 down, 158 down, 159 down, 160 down, 161 down, 162 down, 163 down, 164 down, 165 down, 166 down, 167 down, 168 down, 169 down, 170 down, 171 down, 172 down, 173 down, 174 down, 175 down, 176 down, 177 down, 178 down, 179 down, 180 down, 181 down, 182 down, 183 down, 184 down, 185 down, 186 down, 187 down, 188 down, 189 down, 190 down, 191 down, 192 down, 193 down, 194 down, 195 down, 196 down, 197 down, 198 down, 199 down, 200 down.

See answers to puzzle and Jumble on Page C7



PEOPLE'S PHARMACY
The Graedons

Drinking mouthwash or hand sanitizer is risky

Q. My wife was a closet alcoholic, drinking mouthwash. After I got wise to that, she switched to hand sanitizer. It never occurred to me that anyone would drink that stuff.

I gave her an ultimatum that she had to go to Alcoholics Anonymous. She agreed.

We've been going to open meetings together. She has a sponsor and is working through the steps. This is the first time since I realized why the mouthwash was disappearing so rapidly that I have real hope that we are moving on a different path. Your thoughts?

A. Some mouthwash contains as much as 27 percent alcohol. That's more than beer or wine.

The ethyl alcohol in mouthwash or hand sanitizer is not intended for drinking, however. In addition, there are other ingredients in such products that could make people ill.

Q. I take a prescription called Elmiron for interstitial cystitis. My current insurance company will not pay for this prescription until I have reached a \$6,500 deductible. The pharmacy says I'd have to pay more than \$1,000 per month for my prescription. I'd like to try ordering from Canada, but I do not know which pharmacies are legitimate. Can you help?

A. Pentosan polysulfate (Elmiron) is used to ease the discomfort of interstitial cystitis. This condition causes urinary urgency, frequent urination and pelvic pain.

Elmiron costs about a third as much in Canada as in the U.S. That's still pricey, but substantially less than \$1,000 a month.

To help you find a reputable Canadian pharmacy, we are sending you a link to our online resource, "Saving Money on Medicines." Access to this guide can be purchased at www.PeoplesPharmacy.com, CanadaDrugs.com, JanDrugs.com and ADVPharmacy.com all would be able to supply your medicine.

Keep in mind that anything you purchase from a Canadian pharmacy will not count toward your deductible. Although the Food and Drug Administration does not approve of drug imports from abroad, U.S. Customs rarely interferes with purchases for personal use.

Q. I stumbled across your site while looking for withdrawal symptoms of cetirizine (Zyrtec). I took this medication for years to treat severe allergy problems.

Recently, I ran out of it. I was waiting on a shipment and I started feeling bad all over: tired, depressed and itching like crazy. I assumed that the itching was my allergies because I had not taken the med.

This morning I woke up to itching on my upper abdomen, which was very red. I made a quick trip to the store and got some cetirizine. I took one pill, and in about two hours the itching was subsiding.

What I read at PeoplesPharmacy.com was that cetirizine withdrawal was causing my problem. What OTC allergy med can I take?

A. Cetirizine (Zyrtec) and levocetirizine (Xyzal) are popular over-the-counter allergy medicines. However, stopping either one abruptly may result in unbearable itching (*Drug Safety - Case Reports*, December 2016).

We've heard from many people who have experienced severe itching after stopping cetirizine. Most other OTC antihistamines do not seem to trigger this type of withdrawal reaction, though some people may be especially sensitive.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Write to them in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email them via their website: www.PeoplesPharmacy.com.

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Q. A few months after he got his driver's license, we found a bag of marijuana in our 16-year-old son's car. He swore it wasn't his and that he didn't know whose it was and that he's never used pot, but then he failed to pass a drug test. Now he admits that he's smoked pot, but he says he only tried it once and didn't like it.

He still maintains that the pot we found in the glove box of his car belonged to someone else, but he still maintains that he doesn't know who. We think he's lying to us, but we don't know what to do. Pot is legal in our state now, which only contributes to our dilemma. Can you help us out?

A. In my experienced estimation, the likeli-



LIVING WITH CHILDREN
John Rosemond

hood that your son is lying to you is somewhere in the general vicinity of 99.9999 percent. Someone riding in the front passenger seat of his car put a bag of marijuana in the glove box and he doesn't know who the person was? C'mon! And he's only smoked once and didn't like it and he hasn't smoked since but failed a drug test? Double c'mon!

You're in a dilemma in part because marijuana is now legal in your state? Excuse me, but marijuana is not legal for 16-year-olds, and marijuana obtained illicitly is not legal for anyone of any age, one reason being that illicit sellers of-

ten adulterate the pot they sell with various drugs, including methamphetamine.

In my public presentations, I often say that proper parenting is an act of love for one's neighbor.

In other words, one's responsibilities as a parent do not begin and end with one's child. In this case, you have a responsibility to the citizens of your community - your neighbors, in the broad sense of the term - to make sure that your son is not a danger to others while he's behind the wheel of a car.

How do you discharge that responsibility? By lying to you, your son has given you no rational choice other than to confiscate his car for anything other than driving to and from work (if

he has a job).

What about school? Can you say "the bus"? You certainly should not be inconvenienced because of his irresponsibility. Besides, suffering the humiliation of riding the bus will serve as a daily reminder of his delinquency.

You want to do something here that will, in the parenting vernacular of the 1950s, get through his thick skull.

In that regard, I recommend nothing less than a one-year impoundment during which time he is drug-tested randomly but no less than once every four weeks.

If he fails a test, sell the car. You might - and I stress "might" - consider letting him reduce his sentence to nine months by getting

straight A's in school, no pun intended.

As for the "friend" who oh-so accidentally left pot in your son's car, I'd tell him that since he doesn't know who did it, you will simply have to let all his friends' parents know that one of their kids is a pot smoker and perhaps even a dealer.

Having once been a teenage boy myself, I virtually guarantee that when you inform your son of that decision, he will instantly admit to being the culprit, thus tying up all the loose ends.

Visit family psychologist John Rosemond's website at www.johnrosemond.com; readers may send him email at questions@johnrosemond.com; due to the volume of mail, not every question will be answered.

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Artist Grace Drayton created famous googly-eyed characters

The googly eyes announce that the designer of the dolls was Grace Drayton (1887-1936), a talented artist. Her maiden name



ANTIQUES & COLLECTING
Terry Kovel

was Grace Gebbie. She married Theodore Wierdseim in 1900, and they divorced in 1911 - the same year she married William Drayton. She divorced Drayton in 1923, but kept his name.

She illustrated children's books, ads, magazine covers, comics such as "Dolly Dingle" or "Dolly Drake," and later music boxes, limited-edition plates, valentines and paper dolls.

The best-known art of her career are the "Campbell Kids." She drew the pictures for the ads for many years. The googly-eyed children were used for doorstops, valentines and other projects.

The four pictured dolls at right are all dressed up for a formal party, probably a wedding in the family. They were made in about 1916, and were created using hard composition, swivel heads, sculpted hair and jointed arms by Ideal Toy Co.

The set sold for \$6,880 at a Theriault auction in Indianapolis.

Q. Could my silver clown pin with enamel decoration really be made by Tiffany & Co.? That is what it says on the back, and I saw a similar pin in an auction ad recently.

A. Yes. Tiffany & Co. made a series of pins as part of the Gene Moore Circus group about 1990. The juggling clown with polka-dot pants recently sold for \$976 at a New York auction. They have come down in price since 2000.

Q. What is the corner block on a chair? I took a dining-room chair to have the slip seat to reupholstered, and they said two corner blocks were missing.

A. Most dining-room chairs made in the late 19th century and later have corner blocks holding the seat in place. The blocks are used inside the seat frame to keep the four



If these dolls look familiar, it's because they were restored by the artist who made similar children for Campbell Soup ads. The set sold for \$6,880.

sides of the seat in position. Pieces of wood cut to fit into the corners of the seat or a single narrow piece of wood positioned between two adjoining sides of the seat act as braces. Each is attached with a screw or glue.

Twentieth-century chairs often had a sheet of plywood covering the bottom. Earlier chairs used mortise and tenon construction.

Q. How old are glass telephone insulators? Which came first, glass or pottery? I just started collecting insulators because I found a pile of them buried near a pole on a farm.

A. Glass insulators were first made in the U.S. in the 1840s to be used with the new telegraph lines. They were what collectors call "bureau knob" insulators because they look like the wooden drawer pulls. Most had no inside threads. They literally insulated the lines, especially in the rain. Threaded insulators were patented about 1865 to 1875.

The last glass insulators were made in the 1970s by Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corp., the company that makes Kerr canning jars. Pottery insulators were made from the 1850s.

Porcelain became popu-

lar about 1915. Some early insulators were made of gutta-percha, rubber, wood or composite, but glass was the most popular.

If you plan to collect them, you should know that the embossing on the insulator identifies the shape, maker and other things. There is a collector's code for shape. "CD" stands for Consolidated Design. And each shape has a number added to the letters. The system was started in the 1950s. New numbers are added by a selected expert. Porcelain numbers that start with "U" are unipart insulators, while "M" numbers are for multipart insulators. To learn more, join the National Insulator Association, go to the shows and look up history online.

Q. I bought a poster of dogs playing poker about 30 years ago and would like to know if it has any value. It shows seven dogs sitting around a table playing poker. One dog is passing a card under the table to the dog next to him. There are no names on the poster. Is it worth anything?

A. The picture on your poster is called "A Friend in Need," part of a series of sixteen anthropomorphic dog paint-

ings by Cassius Marcellus Coolidge (1844-1934) and published by Brown & Bigelow, a company in St. Paul, Minn. They were commissioned for a 1903 advertising campaign for cigars.

Nine of the paintings pictured dogs in a poker game, and collectors often call the paintings "Dogs Playing Poker." The paintings were reproduced on posters, prints, calendars and other items.

This painting of the two dogs cheating at poker is the most popular in the series. An original painting would sell for a lot of money, but prints are common and can sell for \$10 or less. A pair of the paintings sold at auction for more than \$590,000 a few years ago.

TIP

Do not mount old maps, prints, etc., on cardboard. The acid in the cardboard causes stains. Use an all-rag board. An art store can help.

Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. By sending a letter with a question and a picture, you give full permission for use in the column or any other Kovel forum. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. The amount of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovels, The Vindicator, King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803.

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ANTIQUe PRICES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations.

◆ **Postcard**, great dane with a chihuahua, bells on collars, Raphael Tuck, Oilette series, c. 1910, \$20.

◆ **Lens measure**, curvatura, optometrist's pocket tool, metal with glass dial, embossed "Geneva Lens Measure", c. 1910, 2-inch diameter, \$45.

◆ **Trinket box**, zucchini-shaped, metal fruit basket closure, deep and pale green stripes, Limoges, 5 inches, \$110.

◆ **Wooden sculpture**, happy Buddha with exposed belly, seated on lotus throne, hand carved walnut with inlaid stone eyes, c. 1900, 8 inches, \$150.

◆ **Cookie jar**, winking owl, white ceramic with green, brown and orange paint, Shawnee, 1950s, 12 x 8 inches, \$300.

◆ **Bloomers**, cotton pantaloons with trimmed florettes and daisy waist lace trim, white with draw string design, women's, Victorian, c. 1890, \$485.

◆ **Cigar cutter**, ashtray and matchbox holder, lighthouse shape, brass and cop-

per, spring mechanism, Ignatius Taschner, c. 1900, 22 inches, \$750.

◆ **Patio dining set**, iron, scroll design, round-top table and four chairs with fabric seat covers, 1960s, \$955.

◆ **Potato dish ring**, sterling silver, spool-shaped, incurved sides, pierced, exotic birds, swan and castle, E. Johnson, Dublin, 1910, 4 x 7 inches, \$1,810.

◆ **Woodworker's workbench**, front drawer with iron pulls, attached woodworkers vise, plank top and stretchers, 1920s, 32 x 52 inches, \$2,950.

BOOKS digest

Author Louis Picone will speak in Mentor

MENTOR, OHIO

James A. Garfield National Historic Site, 8095 Mentor Ave., is announcing a program and book signing at 1 p.m. Saturday by Louis L. Picone, author of "The President is Dead! The Extraordinary Stories of the Presidential Deaths, Final Days, Burials and Beyond."

He will speak about interesting, unique and heartbreaking deaths of former presidents, including James A. Garfield.

The program is free, and the book is available in the site's Eastern National bookstore. The author will sign books after the program. Also offered will be guided tours of the Garfield home, museum exhibits, a biographical film, walking paths and more. For information, call 440-255-8722.

Mystery book club starting at Lepper

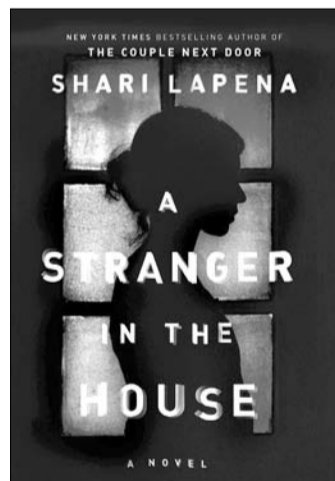
LISBON

Lepper Library, 303 E. Lincoln Way, will start a mystery book club at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 31.

Attendees at the first meeting can voice opinions on how the club will be set up. There also will be a "book-tasting" to sample new authors. Call the library at 330-424-3117 to register.

Staff reports

BOOK REVIEW



'Stranger' has a strong plot

"A Stranger in the House: a Novel" (Pamela Dorman Books, Viking), by Shari Lapena

In her second thriller, Shari Lapena poses the question: How well do you know your spouse? It's not exactly a new story device, but Lapena's fresh approach makes it seem original in "A Stranger in the House."

While the novel is plot-heavy, the characters are more sketches than fully fleshed-out people. No character is likable or worth rooting for, but the redemption is that Lapena makes them interesting, keeping the reader invested in what happens next.

Karen Krupp is left with a bad concussion after crashing her car into a pole while fleeing from an abandoned restaurant in upstate New York. She claims she has no memory of what happened.

Police surmise Karen may have something to do with a man found shot to death in the empty restaurant. Karen's husband, Tom, is at a loss at what to believe. Karen's accident is out of character for his normally calm, organized wife. Tom knows Karen, and Karen knows Tom.

Lapena keeps the well-developed twists churning, with each a surprise plot in this ever-evolving notch, and she continues this skillful storytelling until the stunning twist at the end.

—Oliver H. Cogdill, Associated Press



Dear Annie

Get son's help in setting rules for grandkids

Dear Annie: My husband and I are in our mid-70s. Our three youngest grandchildren are 6, 9 and 10. They live in another state, and once a year, our son brings them here for a week. The whole time they are here, my husband and I are full of anxiety and anger over the lack of respect, boundaries and discipline. I got anti-anxiety medication to take during their most recent visit. I am constantly reprimanding them for throwing chips all over the floor, breaking things, opening and closing A/C vents and so on.

My son and his wife are overwhelmed by these kids, but we do not want them visiting anymore. How do we tactfully tell our son? I have hinted about the exhaustion and frustration his kids cause, but he loves these kids and does not see what their visits do to us. It has begun to affect our health. Could you suggest a way to get this across to him without hurting his feelings?

HAD ENOUGH

Dear Had Enough: Your grandchildren are an extension of your son and of you and your husband. Banning them is not an option, but setting ground rules is. Have a frank conversation with your son. Tell him you need his help with discipline. Keep in mind that you are complaining about one week a year and your son is clearly living with poorly behaved children all the time. A mother's job is never done.

Dear Annie: My mom updated her will just before she passed and left everything equally to her kids (five of us) and her husband (my stepfather).

The house is to be occupied by her widower as long as he wants but owned by all six remaining beneficiaries. The issue is that an old, obsolete handwritten will was also left in her home in a location known to one child, "Christy."

Christy secretly asked our brother "Carl," who was staying at the house, to take the obsolete will and give it to her. Carl figured that because he knew where the old will was, he was entitled to take it. I still think what he did was wrong. Once Christy got the will, she made a point of letting all of us know that she had something we didn't.

It has been a year and a half since our mother's death. Despite my being polite to my brother, hosting him and his family for several days, when I asked for a copy of the will, he outright lied; he said he didn't think he had a copy, when we all knew he did. I have given and been so gracious to them. Am I wrong to be insulted and hurt?

I think he owes people an apology. He doesn't. I am ready to tell him to no longer contact me if this is how it will be.

FED UP IN CANADA

Dear Fed Up: If you're worried the will isn't obsolete and might cause issues with the settlement of the estate, contact an attorney. If the will is definitely obsolete, why does it matter so much to you who has a copy? Their pettiness derives its power from your reaction to it. So rise above. Be too big for all the little drama.

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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Sight for All United Foundation to host ball

YOUNGSTOWN

Sight for All United Foundation will host its second annual Eye Ball black-tie fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at the DeYor Performing Arts Center, 260 W. Federal St. Live performer will be Scott MacIntyre, "American Idol" finalist, who has been blind from birth and is a two-time kidney transplant recipient.

Sight for All United was founded by Dr. Sergul Erzurum and Karen Segesto. Dr. Erzurum is professor of surgery at Northeastern Ohio Medical University and vice chairman of Pediatric Disease Investigator Group within the National Institute of Health. Segesto is the senior client advisor, VP PNC Wealth Management.

There will be a live auction including the new SMILE Procedure by Dr. Phillip Roholt, advanced laser procedure to decrease dependence on glasses; one week at a beach-front condominium in Clearwater, Fla.; Handel's Homemade Ice Cream party for 100 guests; Browns football package and more.

Committee members for the event are Sue Berny, Barbara Alexander, Fran Alexander, Phyllis Bacon, Stephanie Champlin, Julie Costas, Virginia Gerberry, Luann James, Gayle Kelly, Dominic Mancini, Dr. Maureen Matthews, Lea Moody, Vickie Pallotta, Cathy Progar and Peppe Smith.



Above front, from left, are Stephanie Champlin, Vicki Palotta, Luann James, Barb Alexander, Phyllis Bacon, Karen Segesto and Fran Alexander. In back, from left, are Susan Berny, Dr. Sergul Erzurum, Gayle Kelly and Lea Moody. They are helping to plan the second annual Eye Ball fundraiser set for Sept. 30 at the DeYor Performing Arts Center.



Young Women's Task Force and American Association of Women of Youngstown members, from left, are Leah Sakacs, chapter director of YWTF; Jorine Stone, president of AAUW; Dr. Jackson Leftwich, director of women and gender studies and an associate professor in the department of politics and international relations at Youngstown State University; Meryl Johnson, elected representative of the Ohio State board of education; and Leah Merritt, president and CEO of the YWCA.

Two groups celebrate anniversary of Title IX

YOUNGSTOWN Young Women's Task Force and American Association of Women of Youngstown recently sponsored a celebration of the 45th anniversary of Title IX at the YWCA in Youngstown.

Dr. Cryshanna Jackson Leftwich presented her perspective on how Title IX has been working in the classroom and on campuses.

Title IX is the federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. The National Women's Law Center works to eliminate and prevent barriers to students' success in school.

It is best known for breaking down barriers in sports for women and girls but also opening the door for girls to pursue math and science, requiring fair treatment

for pregnant and parenting students and protecting students from bullying and sexual harassment.

Both of these women's groups promote fair and equal access to education, health care and voter registration; fight for fair pay and reproductive rights; and educate and advocate for an end to human trafficking and violence against men and women.



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St. Elizabeth Boardman employees donate toward Rescue Mission's capital campaign

The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley, 962 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Youngstown, was the recipient recently of a gift of \$20,000 from the employees of St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital. This contribution was generated over multiple years through a variety of employee-driven fundraising events. The donation was made in support of the Rescue Mission's "Move Our Mission" capital campaign. Above, from left, John Muckridge, president and CEO of the Rescue Mission, is presented with a check by Genie Aubel, president of St. Elizabeth Boardman Hospital, and Gina Mook, administrative assistant for nursing administration.

Fifth annual vatra planned for Saturday

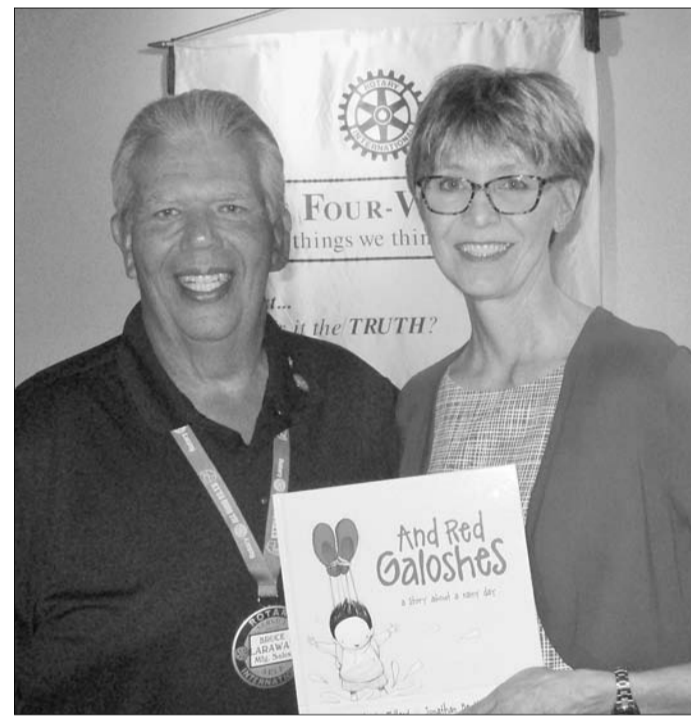
BOARDMAN

The Youngstown-Warren chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will sponsor its fifth annual Carpatho-Rusyn Slovak bonfire picnic Saturday on the grounds of the Infant of Prague Byzantine Catholic Church, 7754 South Ave. in Boardman.

The kitchen will be open from noon to 8 p.m. and will offer homemade Slavic food, including slanina (smoked bacon) for roasting in the fire and eating with diced tomatoes and peppers on rye bread. Also on the menu will be holubki (stuffed cabbage); pirogi; haluski with dumplings; kolbasi; vinegar, cucumber and sweet onion salad; smoked ham and barley soup (krupi); and more.

This is a fall "vatra," or bonfire, as celebrated by the Slavic people in the Carpathian Mountains that divide Slovakia and Ukraine. The event will include genealogy material, including village maps to trace family roots, and ethnic sales tables with items that reflect the Rusyn and Slovak heritage.

The bonfire will burn into the evening with music, singing and dancing. Slavic folk musicians Dean Poloka, Tom Katrenich and Company will perform. At 6 p.m. there will be a Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy service in the church. For more information, call Jim Basista, 330-544-0107, or Bob Demoko 330-719-4418.



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Judge DeGenaro visits Austintown Rotary Club

Judge Mary DeGenaro of the 7th District Court of Appeals addressed members of the Rotary Club of Austintown at a recent meeting. She explained the jurisdiction of the court in eastern Ohio and the kinds of rulings handed down in an appeal. Judge DeGenaro has served on the court since 2000, and she encouraged members to be willing to serve on juries and to study candidates carefully in elections. Above, from left, President Bruce Laraway presents Judge DeGenaro with a book in her honor to be placed in the Austintown Elementary School library.

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- ◆ The Vindicator publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.
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- ◆ For further information call 330-747-1471 Ext. 1282.

SENIOR CITIZENS

◆ **Holy Family Seniors Group** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday in Holy Family Parish Hall, 2729 Center Road, Poland. Hostesses will be Milly Chopp and Theresa Pesa. Lunch will be served at noon followed by bingo and card games. For information, call Ruth Burns, president, at 330-757-1334 or Laurie Fox, secretary/treasurer, at 330-536-8850.

◆ **Mahoning Retired Teachers Association** will meet Sept. 13 at the Georgetown, 5945 South Ave., Boardman. A social will begin at 11 a.m., and lunch will be at 11:45. The meeting and program will follow. Susan Harris will preside, and

newly retired educators will be introduced. Jocelyn Dabney, storyteller, will present the program. This month's community service project will be back-to-school supplies and monetary donations to the YMCA program, "Young Women with Bright Futures." All area retired educators are invited. For reservations, including newly retired educators, contact Susan Harris at 330-6518-1198 by Sept. 6. For information, visit www.mahoningretiredteachers.com.

◆ **Niles SCOPE Senior Center**, 14 East State St., is taking reservations now for the trip at 9 a.m. Dec. 1. The bus will depart for the

Ohio Playhouse Theater for "A Christmas Carol." Lunch will be at Massimo da Milano, returning at approximately 5 p.m.

◆ **Wilson High School Class of 1952** will celebrate its 65th class reunion at 5 p.m. Sept. 2 for dinner at the Holiday Inn Boardman. Brunch will take place at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 3, also at the Holiday Inn. For information, call Elaine or Harold Billett at 330-758-2045 or Beverly Pack at 330-755-7274.

◆ **Upcoming activities** for senior citizens are published Sunday. Please submit the information to the Society Department by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

SENIOR MENU

Easter Seals offers hot, nutritious meals weekdays in Columbiana and Mahoning counties for people 60 or older and their spouses (regardless of age). Reservations are required three days in advance. A \$2 donation is suggested per meal. Call 330-884-2513 to make reservations, for serving locations or to arrange for home-delivered meals for seniors who are homebound. Transportation is available by calling 330-884-2511. The program office is at 299 Edwards St., Youngstown.

COLUMBIANA AND MAHONING COUNTIES

◆ **Wednesday, Aug. 23:** Dinner loaf, potatoes with gravy, corn, dried fruit, cookie, bread and milk

◆ **Thursday, Aug. 24:** Chicken breast, seasoned potatoes, green beans, applesauce, cookie, bread and milk

◆ **Friday, Aug. 25:** Pirogis, carrots, broccoli, dried fruit, juice, cookie and milk

◆ **Monday, Aug. 28:** Omelet, tater tots, dried fruit, orange juice, cookie and milk

◆ **Tuesday, Aug. 29:** Chicken patty, sweet potatoes, vegetables, applesauce, juice, cookie and milk

TRUMBULL COUNTY

The Trumbull County Office of Elderly Affairs offers

well-balanced meals at 11 locations in Trumbull County for people 60 or older or whose spouse is 60 or over. Reservations must be made two working days in advance. There is no income requirement. Donations are accepted for meals. To make a reservation or for more information, call 330-675-2486. The office is at 2959 Youngstown Road SE, Warren, OH 44484.

◆ **Wednesday, Aug. 23:** Baked chicken breast with gravy, stuffing, sweet peas and onions, three bean salad, dinner roll with margarine, apricots, apple muffin or vanilla wafers and milk

◆ **Thursday, Aug. 24:** Stuffed cabbage roll with tomato sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, Italian bread with margarine, pears, regular or sugar-free cookie and milk

◆ **Friday, Aug. 25:** Barbecued pulled pork on a bun, southwest rice, Mexican corn, creamy coleslaw, tropical fruit, angel food cake and milk

◆ **Monday, Aug. 28:** Roast beef with stroganoff gravy over egg noodles, carrots, three bean salad, dinner roll with margarine, warm applesauce, regular or sugar free cookie and milk

◆ **Tuesday, Aug. 29:** Teriyaki chicken breast, island blend vegetables, potato salad, wheat bread with margarine, warm spiced peaches, sherbet or graham crackers and milk

SENIOR SIDELIGHTS

◆ **Girard Multi-Generational Center**, 443 Trumbull Ave. will offer the following opportunities: **Monday**, mind games at 9 a.m., stretch plus classes at 9:30 and knit and crochet classes at 10:15; **Tuesday**, bingo with Windsor House at 9:15 a.m., yoga (\$5) at 10:30 and stretch plus at 1:15 p.m.; **Wednesday**, mind games at 9 a.m., stretch plus at 9:30 a.m. and Tour of the Mediterranean Potluck Luncheon at noon. Bring a Mediterranean inspired dish; Italian, Spanish, Greek or French to share. Call the center at 330-545-6596 to sign up; **Thursday**, mind games at 9 a.m., movies with popcorn at 9:30, yoga (\$5) at 10:30 and stretch plus at 1:15 p.m.; and **Friday**, mind games at 9 a.m. and morning stretch plus at 9:30. Coffee bar every morning, 8:30 to 11 a.m.; fitness rooms open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wii gaming system and air hockey or table tennis every day from 8:30 to 2; and 5 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month, Fourth Ward Block Watch meetings. One-on-one computer or tech tutoring available by appointment. Assistance with Medicare, prescription assistance and many other senior citizen issues are offered by appointment with the center's licensed social worker, Christine Bridgens. The center is a meal program site offering daily meals Monday through Friday through the Trumbull County Office of Elderly Affairs. Stop by or call for a menu and details. For information or registration, call the center at 330-545-6596.

◆ **Guardian Angels of Trumbull**

County, a volunteer program of the Trumbull County Probate Court, is looking for volunteers. Angel volunteers receive training to become advocates who reach out as friends to seniors who may need a friendly phone call, a visit in a nursing home or a visit at home. Angels also are involved in planning special events for seniors such as health fairs and Make a Difference Day projects. For information, call 330-675-2521 or go to www.trumbullprobate.org.

◆ **Ohio Living Park Vista Senior Center**, 1110 Fifth Ave., Youngstown, has scheduled the following activities: **Monday**, Diabetic Empowerment education program at 1 p.m.; **Tuesday**, brush, knife and needle club and Petersburg fun day at 10 a.m., beginner, intermediate and party bridge at noon and R.O.M. and balance exercise at 2:30 p.m.; **Wednesday**, walk for wellness at 9:30 a.m., watercolors at 10, tap class at noon, 500 bid card club at 1 p.m. and line dancing at 1:30; **Thursday**, woodcarvers at 9 a.m., Fun Day at Boardman Park at 10 a.m., group therapy artists at noon and wellness club at 2:30 p.m.; and **Friday**, Eliminating Clutter Workshop at 10:15 a.m. and chair yoga (\$7 or \$5) at 1 p.m. Call 330-744-5071 in advance for reservations for all classes and events. **Silver Sneakers classes** are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Gathering Room. To find out more about Silver Sneakers, or to verify whether your health plan covers

the program, visit silversneakers.com. If your health plan does not cover the program, there will be a small fee for each class. For information, call 330-746-2944, ext. 1214.

◆ **Senior Corps Retired Senior Volunteer Program**, located in First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, 201 Wick Ave., is under the Corp. for National and Community Service. It is a volunteer program with the mission of linking volunteers, age 55 and over, with a variety of volunteer opportunities within their community. There are sites throughout Mahoning and Trumbull counties with opportunities such as senior companionship, transportation to museums, meal delivery for homebound seniors and construction. There is no maximum requirement of volunteer hours. There is a short application, and the program coordinator will meet with volunteers to match them with their preferred site based on their interests, skills and location. Also needed are tutors for Project M.O.R.E. (Mentoring in Ohio for Reading Excellence) in the Youngstown City Schools. Tutors will receive one hour of training and work one-on-one with a student in a 30 minute session. Training will be scheduled this summer, and tutors are needed for a fall start at all Youngstown City PK-8 buildings. Volunteers can contact Deborah Cunningham, program coordinator, at 330-480-0352 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or email dcunningham@fcssohio.org.

and singing group. The tribute will feature the works of the Four Tops, The Supremes, the Temptations, Wilson Pickett and others.

The event will include dining by restaurateur Michael Alberini and a guest appearance by award-winning artist Viktorija Bulava. Tickets are \$200, and VIP tickets are \$300. For reservations, call 330-539-9999 or visit www.avamarfoundation.org. A gold sponsorship is \$1,600, and a platinum sponsorship is \$2,400. Both sponsorships include tables of eight. A portion of these costs are tax-deductible.

All proceeds go to Avamar, which helps the community's less fortunate residents purchase medication.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Janice Guy is a hero at Greenbriar

Greenbriar Healthcare Center recently requested "Who is your Hero?" nominations from staff, residents and community members. Greenbriar's hero is a resident, Janice Guy. She was nominated by a staff member who has watched her accomplish things regardless of the challenges she faces. Guy, who taught history at Struthers High School for 25 years, also was nominated by a former student who is grateful for her guidance. Guy was rewarded with a trip to the beauty shop, and she was showered with gifts from the staff at Greenbriar. Above, Guy is shown being presented with her award. She thanked the staff for nominating her.

GARDEN CLUBS

TUESDAY

◆ **Garden Gate Garden Club** will meet at 1 p.m. at the Tyler Museum, 325 W. Federal St. in Youngstown. Lunch will take place at Overture Restaurant with Michele Wrikeman as hostess.

UPCOMING

◆ **Holborn Herb Growers Guild** will host its annual tea Sept. 10 in the Western Reserve Village of the Canfield Fairgrounds. Tours of the village buildings and samplings of teas and desserts are available. Each guest will receive a tea cup and saucer to take home and the guild's cookbook will be available to purchase. Cost is \$10 per person and

children under 8 will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are available from any HHGG member or by calling Carole Check at 330-720-7142.

◆ **Men's Garden Club of Youngstown** will host its 53rd Annual Horticultural Show at Fellows Riverside Gardens on Saturday and next Sunday. Awards for heaviest tomato and largest zinnia will be given. Best of section ribbons will also be awarded in areas such as vegetables, annuals, perennials and more. Entries will be accepted from 7 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday. For information, call Rodney Toth at 330-759-1993.

Garden club news is published Sunday. Please submit information to the Society Department by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

MASONIC GROUPS

THURSDAY

◆ **Ladies Oriental Shrine** members are invited to lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Longhorn Restaurant in Boardman. There will be no business meeting.

Masonic news is published Sunday. Please submit information to the Society Department by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

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SOCIETY digest

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Dahlia society hosting 14th annual show

ALLIANCE
The Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society will sponsor its 14th annual dahlia show from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on next Sunday at Carnation City Mall, 2500 W. State St.

Exhibitors may enter in the youth, novice, small grower or large grower sections. Artistic design pieces may also be entered in the show. All entries must be in place by 9 a.m. Saturday and not removed until the show closes.

Avamar benefit accepting reservations

BAZETTA
The Avamar Foundation's tenth annual benefit, "Evening Under the Stars," will again be hosted by Dr. Farid Naffah at his residence for two evenings, Friday and Saturday.

Entertainment will be provided by the Motown tribute band, Shadows of the 60's, a 12-member New York music, dancing

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Cedar Point to open Steel Vengeance coaster in 2018

SANDUSKY, OHIO

Cedar Point's FrontierTown will be transformed when Steel Vengeance – the tallest, fastest and longest hybrid roller coaster in the world – opens in the spring of 2018.

At more than 200 feet tall, the new hybrid design combines a steel running track on a massive wooden structure that provides a smooth and comfortable ride while enabling the coaster's trains to perform maneuvers previously unheard of on a wooden roller coaster.

Steel Vengeance will offer riders unmatched intensity through a relentless series of dynamic movements on this innovative coaster. Riders will board one of three trains and climb 205 feet above FrontierTown. Once they crest the lift hill, they'll be staring straight down a 90-degree initial drop and a 200-foot fall. Multiple airtime hills follow, including the world's fastest airtime hill ever created on a hybrid roller coaster and a 116-foot-tall outer-banked hill placing riders on an outward tilt while moving forward.

Steel Vengeance also will debut the first-of-its-kind "Twisted Snake Dive." In this new maneuver, the coaster's train will enter a half-barrel roll, hang upside-down for a brief moment and then turn back in the direction of travel, not completing a full roll. The entire ride will last approximately 2 minutes, 30 seconds.

AKC, Museum of the Dog will move

NEW YORK

The American Kennel Club, the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, and the AKC Museum of the Dog are announcing their new tenancy in the Kalikow Building at 101 Park Ave. in New York City.

The combined leases allot for a total of 60,000 square feet for both entities. The headquarters will begin its tenancy in early fall 2018. The museum will occupy its space in early 2019.

"The AKC Museum of the Dog houses one of the largest collections of dog art in the world," says Candy Caciolo, President of the AKC Museum of the Dog Board. "This new space gives us an opportunity to bring this collection to the culture loving audience of New York City and its many visitors from around the world."

Public to be allowed to visit temple near Washington, D.C.

KENSINGTON, MD.

For anyone who drives around the Capital Beltway, the soaring white spires are a familiar sight – and yet a complete mystery to most.

Maryland children have grown up believing the fairytale building was Disneyland, or heaven itself. Drivers sitting in maddening Interstate 495 traffic have likened the building to the Emerald City so often that pranksters started writing "Surrender Dorothy" on the nearby bridge.

Finally, for the first time since the 1970s, all those curious onlookers will finally have their chance to peek inside.

It's not heaven or Oz; it's the temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kensington. The Mormon Church allows only members inside its 156 working temples. So, since this one opened in 1974, only the Washington area's approximately 40,000 Mormons have had access.

But the church will be renovating the Kensington temple, starting in March 2018. And that means, as Bethesda Magazine noted recently, there will be a brief window, when the renovations are complete and before the rededication, when the temple will not yet be dedicated and thus will be open to non-Mormons.

Mark your calendars for 2020. That's when the public will get to take a tour.

Combined dispatches

Ride the rails: Tour Rhode Island on a rail bike

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT
Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, R.I.

There's a new way to ride the rails in Rhode Island: by pedaling a rail bike beside picturesque Narragansett Bay.

Rail Explorers opened in Portsmouth in April as part of the Newport and Narragansett Bay Railroad. On a gorgeous summer day in July, the site was teeming with people looking to spend a fun day outside and families seeking a kid-friendly activity.

Friends John McClements and Andrew Karn said they've been to the area before, but riding a "rail explorer" let them see it in a new way. McClements said he came away from it "awesomely impressed."

"The view the whole way was incredible," said McClements, 63, of Natick, Mass. "The bay, the golf courses, wooded areas, mansions. There was nice scenery the entire time."

Owners Mary Joy Lu and Alex Catchpoole, who are from Sydney, Australia, first saw rail bikes being used in South Korea. Lu worked with a designer there to come up with rail explorer vehicles that could be used on U.S. railroads.

The couple introduced the concept in 2015 in New York's Adirondack Mountains and spent two months in Delaware last year before moving to Rhode Island. The company can change locations since it's mobile. They said they have a five-year permit in Rhode Island.

The vehicles have four steel wheels, brakes and pedals for each seat. With steel wheels on steel rails, the vehicles glide along with easy pedaling and no steering. A tandem explorer for two people rents for \$75 and a quad explorer for \$125. It doesn't take all four people to power the quad vehicle, if there are young children in the group or someone who can't pedal.

"It's the high-end version of very old technology at a level of engineering that makes it fun and safe for people of all ages and abilities," Catchpoole said. "We didn't want to create a product that was exclusive



A Rail Explorers tour stops to admire the view by the Mount Hope Bridge in Portsmouth, R.I. Rail Explorers opened in Portsmouth in April as part of the Newport and Narragansett Bay Railroad. Visitors can ride a rail bike and travel six miles along tracks that were once part of the Old Colony Railroad.



A Rail Explorers tour passes through the grounds for the Montaup Country Club in Portsmouth, R.I. Thousands of people have ridden the rail cars this summer, and many weekend tours have been sold out as the popularity grows.

to a fitness level or an age demographic."

Tracie Crowley described it as "a little work" after she finished riding a tandem vehicle with her friend Carol Amico, of North Haven, Conn. They signed up for it because they like to be active.

"We'd recommend it," said Crowley, 61, of West Barnstable, Mass. "We're talking about bringing our husbands for a night out."

Each tour begins with a safety briefing. The company coordinates its schedule with the railroad so riders aren't on the tracks when trains pass.

The six-mile route is along tracks that were once part of the Old Colony Railroad, which operated in the 1800s. It winds through coastal woodland and golf courses, past luxury residences along the bay and through preservation land popular

for bird watching.

Riders spend about an hour pedaling, with a short stop to admire the view by the Mount Hope Bridge. They can either take a bus back to the station, or start the trip riding the bus to the end point and pedal back to the station.

A new, out-and-back route along the water toward Newport runs through August.

"We're constantly reminded of why we're doing this and it's to make people happy," Lu said. "Seeing a 90-year-old gentleman ride with his daughter and grandchildren, and the fact that they accomplish it as a family, it's almost like an energy pill at the end of a very long day."

Thousands have pedaled the rails in Rhode Island so far. Many weekend tours are sold out. Visitors should wear sunscreen, bring water and wear a hat and comfortable clothing. A spooky Halloween tour is in the works before they close for the season.

Lu and Catchpoole plan to open a second location in New York's Catskill Mountains next year and hope to return to the Adirondacks and to Delaware.

Buckingham Palace exhibit marks 20 years since Diana's death

Associated Press

LONDON
London's Buckingham Palace has unveiled an intimate tribute to Diana, the Princess of Wales, marking the 20th anniversary of her death.

In one of the palace's state rooms, curators have carefully recreated a desk the princess worked at in her sitting room at Kensington Palace, complete with family photos, cherished items and music cassettes. She wrote letters here, read briefings and took care of other correspondence.

Many of the items shown on and around the desk were selected by her sons, William, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Harry.

"It was chosen to reflect an aspect of Diana, Princess of Wales' official duties. So the work that she would undertake at her desk before and after engagements," said curator Sally Goodsir. "So, we've really tried to recreate her desk as it was in her sitting room at Kensington Palace. And using objects that she had upon her desk and from memories that her sons, the Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry have of her."

The desk features a leather frame which contains photographs of family and friends. There's also a case of cassette tapes and a radio reflecting her love of music, along with her ballet shoes, which hung on the door of her sitting room at Kensington Palace.

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SALLY GOODSIR,
curator

princess' personal interests," said Goodsir. "These include her ballet shoes – she was well-known as a lover of dance – and then also her set of cassette tapes, popular music such as Elton John and George Michael, but also pieces from classical repertoire, including Pavarotti."

Diana was killed in a car crash in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997. "It will be an important anniversary at the end of August, marking the 20th anniversary of her death," said Goodsir.

The tribute to Diana is part of Buckingham Palace's annual summer opening, which also includes the exhibit "Royal Gifts," a special display of more than 200 gifts presented to Queen Elizabeth II during her 65-year reign.

The gifts include a Bafta (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) award presented to the queen in 2013 for her patronage of the film and television in-



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A display to mark the 20th anniversary of the death of Britain's Diana, Princess of Wales, and a recreation of the desk where Princess Diana worked in her sitting room at Kensington Palace, are at Buckingham Palace in London. Summer visitors to the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace also will be able to see a display of more than 200 gifts presented to Her Majesty The Queen over her 65-year reign.

dustries. Some items were presented to the queen during state visits and overseas tours, such as a model of a warrior presented in 1974 from Papua New Guinea, and a portrait of the queen made with woven banana leaves, given to her in Rwanda in 2006.

"I've tried to display objects from as many countries as possible and really

showcase national craftsmanship," explained Goodsir.

Other items reflect the queen's interests, such as a bronze model of a riding horse she once owned and a porcelain model of her as a young princess on horseback. Also on display are a bag of salt presented to her in the British Virgin Islands and a flag worn by an as-

tronaut during a spacewalk outside the International Space Station in 2016.

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A Royal Collection Trust member of staff looks toward a Tree of Life made of terracotta presented to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II by President Enrique Pena Nieto of Mexico in 2015, on display at Buckingham Palace.



Moving?:
Try the Dodge Durango, a modern-day Conestoga... **page D2**

2018 HYUNDAI ELANTRA



Somehow, the most practical cars on the road wind up with sporty names

By MALCOLM GUNN
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THE WORLD IS AWASH WITH small utility wagons, but if that's more car than you want or need, the 2018 Elantra GT is a more-than-viable alternative.

It's interesting that automakers apply the GT (Gran Turismo) and Sport badges to models that are better suited for carrying larger amounts of groceries and luggage than their sedan counterparts. But for whatever reason, the automotive world has evolved to a point where some of the sportiest small-car offerings you can buy come with a handy rear door for those times when cargo capacity is at least as important as driving dynamics. Just look at the new Honda Civic Type R or the Ford Focus ST and RS. Both are hatchbacks.

The previous 2017 Elantra GT was a curvy piece of work, with bulbous front fenders and a grinning grille. Hyundai has gone in a different direction with the 2018 redesign. The lines are clean and straightforward; they're

the polar opposite of the outgoing and overly trendy GT. The styling alterations actually make sense considering that the car was originally created for the European market where it's called the i30.

The interior also seems very much Euro-inspired. The large, round gauges and tablet-style touch-screen mimic what you'll find in vehicles such as, among others, the Audi A3, minus the flat-bottom steering wheel. What's notable here is the overall attention to detail throughout the cabin that rivals more expensive vehicles.

Despite being a bit shorter than the completely unrelated Elantra sedan, the GT's interior is a paragon of efficiency and provides at least as much, if not greater cargo and passenger space than a number of prime competitors. The fact that the rear seats don't fold completely flat is only mildly disconcerting.

There are no concerns over the GT's engine lineup, however. The primary engine is a 2.0-liter four-cylinder that puts out

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What you should know	2017 Hyundai Elantra
Type:	Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
Engines (hp):	2.0-liter DOHC I-4 (162); 1.6-liter DOHC I-4, turbocharged (201)
Transmissions:	Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic; seven-speed automated manual
Market position:	Tall wagons have become a red-hot trend, but it appears that hatchbacks are also gaining popularity as buyers opt for greater usefulness in their choice of vehicles.
Points:	New design shows that clean, uncluttered shapes result in more attractive automobiles. Interior design and content are typical of higher-end vehicles. Both base and optional engines will get the job done, but the turbo is what makes the GT a true GT.
Safety:	Blind-spot warning with cross-traffic alert (std.); active cruise control (opt.); emergency braking with pedestrian detection (opt.); lane-keep assist (opt.)
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Intermittent highway failures point to bad fuel pump

by Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

I own a 2002 Chevy Suburban with 178,000 miles. I bought it from my brother-in-law for \$3,000 for my son to drive while in college. It has died several times on the highway, causing him to pull over quickly to get out of the way of traffic. Before it dies, he feels a jerkiness or a rumbling. The car then loses acceleration, and pushing on the gas pedal gets no response. He can then coast to a stop or push the brake pedal to stop on the shoulder. It usually will restart in a minute or two, and runs normally thereafter. Occasionally, it has died several times within an hour while driving on the highway. Recently, the Suburban died on the highway on our way to visit family for a holiday. After restarting, it ran for over an hour, getting us to our destination without an issue. The dealership can't seem to find anything wrong with it. However, they say the fuel pump is on the low end, but they tell me it appears to be within the range required for the vehicle. What should I have the dealership replace or check? —Mike

Have them replace the fuel pump, Mike. You know, those fuel pumps aren't what they used to be. Nowadays, a mere 175,000 miles, and poof, they're done.

You have the classic symptoms of a failing fuel pump. It usually dies intermittently, usually on the highway on long trips, after it's been working hard at high pressure and heating up.

It'll fail just as you described, by slowing down the flow of fuel, which makes the engine lose power, or chug or stutter, and finally conk out completely. After a short period of time, it'll cool off enough to allow you to restart the car and drive away. Until it fails again. Which is going to happen more and more often.

If you have a helpful mechanic, he might be willing to put a fuel-pressure gauge on the truck and drive the car home himself overnight. If he can get it to fail, he'll actually see the fuel pressure drop as the vehicle falters ... from 25 psi, to 15, to 10, to zero.

I suppose it could be a bad crank angle sensor instead, which could create the same symptoms. But the fact that your mechanic found the fuel pressure to be low (even if it was technically within specs at the time of testing) makes me think that the fuel pump is more likely at fault.

So unless you want to miss the next family gathering, or unless your son wants to miss his midterms, you should ask your mechanic to take another look at the fuel pump, Mike.

Dear Car Talk:

I get a vibration noise behind the back seat area when the car is in drive, the lights are on and I stop at a light. If I turn off the lights and put the car in park, the vibration and sound both go away. I am living and working in Japan, and my car is a 2010 Toyota Paseo. I've had it only two months. I removed items from the trunk to see if that is the problem, but I still get the vibration. Please give me some solutions. It's driving me nuts. If I can't get rid of the noise, I will have to get rid of the car! —Mike

Well, now you know why the last guy sold it, Mike. You also know where to find him. So you can go visit him in the psych ward, and ask him what solutions he already tried.

Since it's coming from the back seat area (the car's, I assume, not yours), it's most likely to be something fairly benign, like the exhaust pipe vibrating against the underside of the car.

When you're stopped at a light in drive and your headlights are on, the

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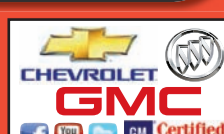
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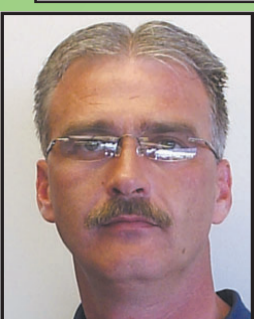
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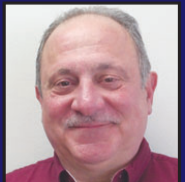
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162 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque. That's more punch than the Elantra sedan's 2.0 that makes a more modest 147 horsepower and 132 pound-feet.

For hot-hatchback lovers, specifying the GT Sport provides a turbocharged 1.6-liter four-cylinder with 201 horsepower and 195 pound-feet of torque (the same turbo powerplant is also available in the Elantra Sport sedan). That's still shy of the VW Golf GTI or Ford Focus ST that generate 210 and 252 horsepower, respectively, but for the Elantra it's at least a step in the right direction.

Both engines can be matched to six-speed manual transmissions while a six-speed automatic is optional with the 2.0. The GT Sport uses an extra-cost seven-speed gearbox with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters. It's also your pick for maximum fuel efficiency, with a rating of 26 mpg in the city, 32 on the highway and 28 combined.

The Elantra GT rings in at a starting price of \$19,700, with destination fees, which includes an eight-inch touchscreen, heated side mirrors and 17-inch alloy wheels.

Along with the more potent turbo engine, the GT Sport adds climate control, leather-covered seats (heated in front), push-button start, electronic parking brake and 18-inch wheels.

The Sport also gets its own independent rear suspension in place of the somewhat more rudimentary torsion-beam rear axle that's installed in the base GT.

Also standard for the Sport is blind-spot detection (which alerts you when traffic is overtaking) and rear cross-traffic alert (that warns of unseen vehicles approaching when reversing). Dynamic safety tech such as forward-collision warning and lane-keeping assist are optional.

You can also take the near full-on luxury route by ponying up for a panoramic sunroof, navigation system, power driver's seat, ventilated front seats, premium Infiniti-brand audio system and a wireless charging pad for your (non-iPhone) smart phone.

Based solely on looks and spaciousness, the Elantra GT is winner. Dial in the Sport's turbo engine and a trick transmission and let the fun driving times begin ... with a load of groceries in the back for good measure.

Moving? Try the Dodge Durango, a modern-day Conestoga

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service (TNS)

Do you get up from the couch to turn on the television? Of course you don't. Credit Commander Eugene F. McDonald Jr., founder of the Zenith Radio Corporation, for developing the first television remote, appropriately dubbed "Lazy Bones" by the company.

Today, all televisions come with one because, well, we humans are lazy – and catering to our sloth creates fortunes.

Just ask Jeff Bezos, founder and chief executive of Amazon, who is now worth an estimated \$82.5 billion, according to Forbes. He understands that shopping from the comfort of a La-Z-Boy is far easier than schlepping to a store only to face a lousy selection, indifferent employees and long lines.

I realized how laziness permeates every aspect of our lives while waiting at a fast food drive-thru recently and looking at the name on the car in front of me.

Usually, new cars are given names with a confusing pastiche of letters and numbers that make sense to no one. Marketers say it avoids a car name that inappropriately translates in another language. But let's face it, it's far easier to create some jumble of a name than coming up with one that consumers will truly remember – like Wrangler, Charger or Viper.

So give Dodge credit. They named the Durango three-row SUV after a town of the same name in Colorado, which is named after a town of the same name in Mexico, which is named after a town of the same name in Spain. See? Town forefathers are lazy too – although we already knew that.

The Durango's Old West appellation is apropos given it recently served as my modern-day Conestoga wagon, carrying my belongings during a move from Vermont to Florida. And let's not forget: The Conestoga was developed by Mennonite German settlers in Lancaster County, Pa., who lived by a tributary of the same name, while the Durango was developed in the dying days of the German-American DaimlerChrysler Corporation. And while a Conestoga could carry up to eight tons of lifestyle debris, the Durango's more-modest payload capacity of 1,967 pounds still proved to be more than enough during my journey.

Most of my stuff went in a moving truck, but the essentials came with me in the Durango. Yes, a Chrysler Pacifica probably would have worked too, but the Durango easily swallowed everything and proved to be the perfect driving partner.

Sharing the Jeep Grand Cherokee's platform, itself derived from a Mercedes-Benz platform, the 2017 Dodge Durango is powered by a 293-horsepower 3.6-liter V-6 on base SXT and volume-leader GT models. The sporty R/T and premium Citadel



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models get a 360-horsepower 5.7-liter V-8. An eight-speed automatic transmission is standard, and all Durangos are offered with rear-wheel- or all-wheel-drive.

Being that I was driving 1,587 miles, I wanted a posh vehicle with every possible convenience. After all, I can be as lazy as the next person. So I opted for a top-of-the-line Citadel, which possessed a better interior than many homes. The front seats were soft, wide, accommodating and comfortable. And while I never used the second row bucket seats for anything other than storage, they had seat heaters and their own screens thanks to the optional Premium Entertainment Group package, which includes a Blu-ray/DVD player and a Beats premium audio system.

Of course, the model I was driving was a 2017. With the new 2018, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are standard, and a number of trim upgrades are available as well, including the SRT model, which gets 475 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque from its 392-cubic-inch Hemi V-8 engine. Fast? Well, it's been National Hot Rod Association-certified with a quarter-mile time of 12.9 seconds and a zero-60 mph run of 4.4 seconds. It hauls and hauls.

Thankfully, it wasn't available. My license would have never survived the trip.

Even the smaller V-8 provided effortless acceleration thanks to the transmission's speedy shifts and perfectly weighted steering. A Conestoga with a six-horse team was never this quick, nor as free from flex and rattles. And fuel economy was an impressive 21 mpg, not countless hay bails.

If you plan to tow with your Durango, the 2018 can yank up to 8,200 pounds of your favorite plaything. And of course, the Durango itself is very much a plaything, as well as a workhorse – whether it two rows or three, a V-6 or V-8, rear- or all-wheel drive.

It's impressive enough that I'd advise you up from the couch to give one a test drive. If you're not lazy, that is.

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Car Talk

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engine speed is dragged down. It could be that when the engine is turning slowly and the geometry of the exhaust system is just so, the pipe between the catalytic converter and the muffler moves up just enough to touch the bottom of the car.

When you put the car into park and remove the power drain of the headlights, that results in an increase in idle speed and a slight change in the angle of the engine vis-a-vis the exhaust system. That could be enough to make the vibration go away. As an experiment, you might even be able to make the noise go away temporarily by holding your left foot on the brake and touching the gas pedal lightly.

But since the problem is pretty easy to reproduce, it should be a piece of cake to solve. Just take it to a mechanic, put your foot on the brake, put the car in drive, turn on the headlights and get the vibration going. Then the mechanic can grab the tailpipe, using a cloth or a pair of gloves, and see if he can stop or even just change the vibration.

If he can – and I suspect he will be able to – then it could be something simple, like an exhaust hanger that broke off. Or maybe you bent a section of the exhaust pipe when you drove over those sake barrels.

If he can't find anything wrong with the tailpipe itself, then you could have one or more worn-out or broken motor mounts. A broken motor mount also can cause the exhaust pipe to shift, because it allows the engine to move too much. He can test that, too, while you're in gear, by using a big pry bar against the engine and seeing if the engine moves more than it should or if shifting the engine changes the noise.

But go get it taken care of soon, Mike. We don't want to read that you went Japan Post-al on us.

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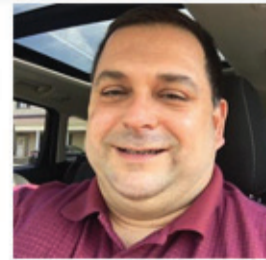
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A message from the President of the Warren Area Board of Realtors

Know your credit history

by JAYNE FENSTERMAKER
Special to The Vindicator

YOUR CREDIT REPORT AND history are key to obtaining your home loan.

We encourage you to view your credit report yourself, prior to the lender's viewing of it, by contacting one or all three of the major credit reporting companies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. All you do is call and request it. Once you receive it, check the "high credit limit," "total loan," and "past due" columns. It is a good idea to get copies from all three companies to assure there are no mistakes since any of the three could be providing a report to your lender. Fees, ranging from \$5-\$20, are usually charged to issue credit reports.



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You can also get a copy of your credit history at the following online location: www.creditreports.com

WHAT IF I FIND A MISTAKE IN MY CREDIT HISTORY?

You can correct simple mistakes by writing to the reporting company, pointing out the error, and providing proof of the mistake. You can also request to have your own comments added to explain problems. For example, if you made a payment late due to illness, explain that for the record. Lenders usually understand about legitimate problems.

WHAT ABOUT MY OVERALL (OR FICO) SCORE? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Prior to the late 1990s, credit scoring had little to do with mortgage lending.



When reviewing your credit worthiness, an underwriter would make a subjective decision based on past payment history. Then things changed.

Lenders studied the relationship between credit scores and mortgage delinquencies and found a definite relationship. Almost half of those borrowers with FICO scores below 550 became ninety days delinquent at least once during their mortgage. On the other hand, only two out of every 10,000 borrowers with FICO scores above eight hundred became delinquent.

WHEN CAN I STRETCH THE PERCENTAGES?

Depending on your area's housing market, lenders sometimes will allow you to stretch their allowable debt ratios. One of the best ways to encourage your lender to do so is to increase your down payment.

Underwriters sometimes will stretch the ratios for other "compensating fac-



tors," including:

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- A history of an ability to save money
- A large cash down payment

Jayne Fenstermaker is the 2017 President of the Warren Area Board of Realtors®

Tending to your lawn is a year-round job

by METROSERVICES
Special to The Vindicator

SPRING AND SUMMER MAY BE the seasons most often associated with landscaping and lawn care, but tending to lawns and gardens is a year-round job.

If lawn and garden responsibilities dip considerably in winter, then fall is the last significant chance before the new year that homeowners will have to address the landscaping around their homes.

Fall lawn care differs from spring and summer lawn care, even if the warm temperatures of summer linger into autumn. Homeowners who want their lawns to thrive year-round can take advantage of the welcoming weather of fall to address any existing or potential issues.

• Keep mowing, but adjust how you mow. It's important that homeowners continue to mow their lawns so long as grass is growing. But as fall transitions into winter, lower the blades so the grass is cut shorter while remaining mindful that no blade of grass should ever be

trimmed by more than one-third. Lowering the blades will allow more sunlight to reach the grass in the months ahead.

• Remove leaves as they fall. Much like apple-picking and foliage, raking leaves is synonymous with fall. Some homeowners may wait to pick up a rake until all of the trees on their properties are bare. However, allowing fallen leaves to sit on the ground for extended periods of time can have an adverse effect on grass. Leaves left to sit on the lawn may ultimately suffocate the grass by forming an impenetrable wall that deprives the lawn of sunlight and oxygen. The result is dead grass and possibly even fungal disease. Leaves may not need to be raked every day, but homeowners should periodically rake and remove leaves from their grass, even if there are plenty left to fall still hanging on the trees.

• Repair bald spots. Summer exacts a toll on lawns in various ways, and even homeowners with green thumbs may end up with a lawn filled with bald spots come September. Autumn is a great time to repair these bald spots. Lawn repair mixes like Scotts® Patch-



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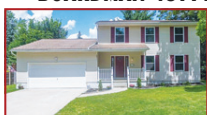


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KORNACK

Sue Filipovich, Broker/Owner of Burgan Real Estate, announced the full-time association of Rose Kornack recently.

Kornack, a graduate of Columbian High School, and a product of Youngstown State University, comes to Burgan with a wealth of life experience. The daughter of a career Navy man, she lived from coast to coast, and upon her dad's retirement, settled in his hometown of Columbiana.

She married her high school sweetheart, has two adorable dogs, and a cat that thinks she's a dog; as well as a bird that yells at all three.

Kornack has a great sense of humor,

observed Filipovich, and places family and friends as priorities. These qualities make her a great fit and are why she joined the Burgan Real Estate family.

Kornack was born in Great Lakes, Ill., and from there was on to Connecticut, Washington, and all parts of our country. She has a passion for photography, and her mission is to help people find their happiness, and there is no better place than a "home of your own."

"We welcome Rose to Burgan Real Estate and look forward to a long association," says Filipovich.



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Community First Real Estate rebrands as NextHome GO30 Realty

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Chad Cromer and Robert "Dan" Dull are proud to announce their new affiliation with the NextHome franchise.

NextHome GO30 Realty will represent the third NextHome franchised location in the state of Ohio.

NextHome is a fast-growing progressive real estate franchise with a consumer-centric focus. NextHome's outside the box philosophy couples simple yet robust technology with world class marketing to provide an end to end solution for buyers and sellers.

The company will be owned and operated by top producers and business partners, Chad Cromer and Dan Dull. Cromer will serve as President for the company, while Dull will be the Broker-of-Record. The leadership team will be joined by

Cromer's wife, Erin Cromer, who serves as the office manager.

After several successful years in the industry, Cromer and Dull branched out on their own in 2008 to open Community First Real Estate. "Seeing the growth of our team and how Dan and I provided advice and guidance to other agents at our brokerage, we thought it was the perfect time to branch out on our own and open a real estate company," said Chad.

With a consistent drive to push forward and create relevance in the real estate industry, the business partners sought a model to enhance the success and growth experienced by Community First Real Estate over the past nine years. "Months and months of research and focus to find the most impactful brand to provide superior



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This Week's Real Estate Transactions

STAG III Boardman LLC to Eclipse Aftermarket Group Inc., Southern Blvd., Boardman, \$1,050,000.
Mark C. Frenger et al to Herbert Saultz et al, Blue Lantern Drive, Salem, \$165,000.

Jean Andrusek to Contour Properties LLC, Truesdale Road, Boardman, \$65,000.

Robert E. Black to Robert Kelly, Wildwood Drive, Boardman, \$95,000.

Molly K. Johnson to Zehulma Edgerly et al, Dewtler Road, Canfield, \$315,000.

Laytton Lenoir to YBA Investments LLC, Millet Ave., Youngstown, \$3,300.

Dashonti Baker to YBM Investments LLC, Maryland Ave., Youngstown, \$6,600.

Mario J. Araya et al to James E. Duncan et al, N. Bayshore Drive No. 4, Columbiana, \$107,500.

Donald J. Kalenits et al to Yadira Santisteban-Nieves, Burbank Ave., Youngstown, \$52,500.

Anthony G. Limongi to Dennis N. Vega et al, Pintridge Court, Austintown, \$147,000.

Faith B. Smith-Cooper to Jonathan M. Huff et al, Coronado Ave., Youngstown, \$87,000.

Melanie Gemmell to David Simons et al, Bryant Drive, Austintown, \$124,900.

Jonathan Italiano to Heidi Jo Nichols et al, Paxton Road, Boardman, \$95,000.

John P. Kochansky to Thomas F. Morris et al, Auburn Hills Drive Unit 1, Boardman, \$70,000.

Estate of John Uhlar to Michael Kotyuha, 13th St., Campbell, \$38,400.

Daniel J. Glozer et al to Bridgette K. Wiery, Afton Ave., Youngstown, \$86,000.

Joan E. Schaefer to Devyn Rothbrust, Mill St., Beloit, \$70,000.

Anthony Dapuzzo et al to Timothy R. Fields Jr., Poland Village Blvd., Poland, \$129,000.

Cody L. Kerr et al to Angela Tsui-Ling Chan et al, Poland Ave., Struthers, \$78,000.

Jane C. Sanion to Ted A. Theodosoff, Golfview Ave., Boardman, \$130,000.

Scott P. Packer et al to Marsha A. Koscelonsky et al, Lake Road, Austintown, \$25,900.

Kent M. Richardson et al to Jeremy A. Thompson et al, Leffingwell Road, Berlin Center, \$215,000.

Premier Real Estate Management LTD to Laura M. Rouse, Robert Frost Drive, Austintown, \$140,000.

IFC Notes Management LLC to Calko Investment Team LLC, Shadyside Drive, Boardman, \$26,000.

Joe Koch Construction Inc. to Patrick J. McGrath et al, Cross Drive, Austintown, \$210,997.

Thomas J. Carney et al to Linda Daniels, West Blvd. Unit 501F, Boardman, \$44,000.

Ryan M. Thompson et al to John Martuccio, Victory Lane, Canfield, \$280,000.

John R. DeMart to Brittany D. Trevis, W. Hopewell Drive, Struthers, \$88,500.

Rose M. DiGennaro to Jennifer L. Mondora, Meadowbrook Ave., Youngstown, \$43,000.

Dominick A. Wycoff et al to Anthony Frabbiele et al, Danbury Way, Columbiana, \$425,000.

Daniel J. Diloreto to Michael Maietta, Lynn Mar Ave., Youngstown, \$84,900.

Marian L. Joyce to Daniel W. Matheny et al, New Road, Austintown, \$82,000.

Carla J. Nickle to Melody A. Ours, Walter St., Campbell, \$25,000.

William R. Snyder to Steven W. French et al, Lee Lynn Court, Poland, \$240,000.

Nimod R. Guzman et al to Michelle M. Satterfield, Meadow Lane, Boardman, \$78,500.

Andrew Profanchik et al to Roslyn Terek, Auburn Hills Drive Unit 1, Boardman, \$68,000.

DShawn Golden et al to Raymond Polombi et al, Loretta Drive, Boardman, \$213,000.

Marie T. Possert to Idanisis Rosa et al, Tudor Lane,

Boardman, \$54,500.

Richard A. Bruno et al to Jaymie R. Davis, Cobblers Run, Poland, \$262,500.

Peter J. Fannin et al to Gregory E. Doll, Norquest Blvd., Austintown, \$95,500.

Louis Italiano et al to Michael S. Moran et al, Meander Glen Drive, Austintown, \$21,000.

Albert M. Pondillo Jr. to Victoria Anania, Wilcox Road, Austintown, \$120,000.

Gloriann Seacrist to Mark A. Hanni, Grandview, Struthers, \$25,000.

Paranzino Enterprises LTD to Austintown Printing LLC, Market St., North Lima, \$225,000.

John Abbott to Diana Rodriguez, Grandview Ave., Youngstown, \$6,500.

Terrance Shidel et al to 862 Group LTD, various lots, Youngstown, \$30,000.

Nicholas T. Nolfi to Melyada Lowry et al, Coblentz Drive, Poland, \$152,000.

Frank A. Diuio et al to Louis Bova et al Candy Woods Drive, Poland, \$535,000.

Lamarcus Belcher to Laytton Lopez-Lenori, Benwood Ave., Youngstown, \$8,000.

Mark G. Simpson to Sukhwinder Singh, Faith St., Struthers, \$4,500.

Elijah E. Oliver to David A. Giudici et al, Mahoning Ave., North Jackson, \$245,000.

Robert E. Missik et al to Sharon L. Bartlone, Fieldstone Drive, Poland, \$209,500.

Heather A. Brammer et al to Aaron Walsh et al, Apple Blossom Trail, Beloit, \$244,900.

Terri D. Centric to Dale A. Patton et al, E. South Range Road, North Lima, \$52,600.

Cathy J. Cunningham to Shahzed Ahmed, Willow Drive, Boardman, \$214,000.

Keith D. Hood et al to Steven Hood, Rockview Ave., Youngstown, \$60,000.

Carbon Hills Georgia LLC to Joseph Genova et al, Polo Blvd., Poland, \$56,000.

Kenneth D. Beeson Jr. et al to V.T. Larney Ltd., Staatz Drive, Austintown, \$52,100.

Virginia M. Delle Rose to V.T. Larney Ltd., Elm Trace St., Austintown, \$50,667.

Michael Johnson et al to First National Acceptance, Shady Run Road, Youngstown, \$11,500.

Richard Nicastro et al to Huntington National Bank, Baymar Drive, Youngstown, \$72,667.

Robert D. Thomas to David C. Thomas, N. Wendover Circle, Youngstown, \$52,000.

Katherine A. Coletto to Steven A. Rhodes et al, North Lima Road, Poland, \$84,000.

Margaret L. Simmons to CitiMortgage Inc., Pottomac Ave., Youngstown, \$18,000.

Darlene J. Hall to Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc., W. Middletown Road, Salem, \$77,000.

U.S. Bank National Association to Miller Real Estate II LTD, S. Turner Road, Austintown, \$65,730.

Jon Brunson to Yiannis Skoutelis, Sanderson Ave., Campbell, \$24,767.

Mandy L. Angle to Eugene J. Ohi, Elmwood Ave., Austintown, \$93,000.

Anthony Wise to Robert Halstead, Kennedy Road, Lowellville, \$39,000.

Roaseann Duraney to Garrett Ellis Jr. et al, Hyatt Ave., Campbell, \$39,671.

Robert F. George et al to Robert J. George, Eden Lane, Youngstown, \$50,000.

Maureen E. Hosier to Funtulis Property Group LLC, Highland Ave., Youngstown, \$21,156.

Funtulis Property Group LLC to Kirsten A. Curtis, Highland Ave., Youngstown, \$33,500.

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After completing college, she worked in the investment industry for FactSet Research Systems in downtown Youngstown.

Forney joined the Mayo Realtor team in 2016 as the marketing development coordinator and after purchasing her own home and decided assisting others in the buying and selling of homes was her true passion.

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LAWN

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days. Before applying such products, remove dead grass and loosen the top few inches of soil.

Follow any additional manufacturer instructions as well.

- Aerate the turf. Aerating reduces soil compacting, facilitating the delivery of fertilizer and water to a lawn's roots. While many homeowners, and particularly those who take pride in

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Struthers - lg. 3 bdrm. 1.5 bath, w/basement & din. rm., \$700/mo. 234-855-0181

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Matthew Lawrence et al to CEO Homes LLC, Marimon Ave., Youngstown, \$16,500.

Michael D. Hedrick Sr. to Joyce Romeo, Ferdinand Road, Austintown, \$48,000.

Cora B. Alston to Ronald S. Welther Jr., Monroe St., Campbell, \$21,000.

Nicholas Cannon to Laurie L. Morvay-Kalima, Ohlin Drive, New Middletown, \$153,000.

Michael J. Crich to Alcyon Realty LLC, S. Raccoon

Road, Austintown, \$130,000.

Matthew L. Anderson to Barbara R. Van Wetering, Massachusetts Ave., Poland, \$88,750.

Josh J. Arundel to Emily S. Fox-Wright, Indian Run Drive Unit 5, Canfield, \$53,000.

Lawrence P. Kittel II to Jayson Bardon, Woodworth Road, North Lima, \$89,000.

The Marianne Aldermen-Urichko Living Trust to Abraham Green, Kennedy Road, Lowellville, \$100,000.

The Estate of James H. Daly to Daniel L. Quayle et al, Alverne Drive, Poland, \$124,900.

Regina M. Lambert to Stephanie Jones, Erie St., Youngstown, \$18,000.

Irmak E. Ciccone to David L.G. Hamilton Jr., Meanderwood Drive, Canfield, \$164,000.

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\$209,900
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\$249,900
Open Sunday 1:00 to 3:00 \$ 3BR 3BA 2story great rm w/hardwood flrs & fireplace Open floor plan Kitchen w/eating bar, dinette & ceramic flrs Custom blinds 1st flr master LR/Den Maria Kurelko 330-502-1045

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\$145,000
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\$89,900
Open Sunday 3:00 to 4:30 HN 3BR 2.5BA Lower level family room w/half bath New doors, LED lighting, paint, landscaping, plug-in dishes Kitchen w/brkfst, chtrs & appl Redone baths Frank Clinton 330-519-2363 Hosted by: Bill Liptak 330-509-0521

4440 SANDY CT
209,000
Open Sunday 12:30 to 2:00 H 3BR 2.5BA Freshly painted Eat-in-kitchen Great rm w/vaulted ceilings & frpl Living rm w/frpl & new carpet Finished bsmnt w/bar Patio w/pool Frnt porch Joseph Sfara 330-503-6128

9 RAVINE PL
\$209,500
Open Sunday 1:00 to 2:30 H M \$ 3BR 2BA Roomy Brick Ranch All major updates done New deck & furnace Newer appliances stay Hrdwd flrs & crown molding Fam rm & EIK w/frpl Frml LR & DR! Bernadette Melago 330-979-4389 Hosted by: Richard Stackhouse 330-718-6500

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232 OVERLOOK BLVD
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Open Sunday 1:00 to 2:30 N 3BR 1.5BA Brick ranch Updated main bath Kitchen with rear room (office, play room, etc) Appliances to stay Frank Clinton 330-519-2363 Hosted by: Jill Egoif 330-509-9118

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YOUNGSTOWN
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\$89,000
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449 GARVER DR
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Open Sunday 1:00 to 2:30 3BR 2BA Ranch Entry w/ceramic flrs French drs to bonus rm/office Great rm w/new vinyl & frpl Back concrete patio Eat-in-kitch w/new appl Master w/WIC Heather Farrar 330-398-1032

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A LOOK BACK AT THE 2016 OHSAA PLAYOFFS

DIVISION I

Regional Quarterfinals

Cle. St. Ignatius 35, Massillon Jackson 0
 Cin. Colerain 35, Springboro 14
 Cin. St. Xavier 35, Fairfield 14
 Cin. Sycamore 42, Lebanon 20
 Dublin Coffman 24, Hilliard Davidson 3
 Dublin Jerome 42, Findlay 7
 Huber Hts. Wayne 52, Lancaster 7
 Lakewood St. Edward 42, Euclid 7
 Lorain 34, Lewis Center Olentangy 14
 Mason 21, Cin. Elder 20
 Medina 38, Tol. Whitmer 31
 Pickerington Cent. 35, Akr. Springfield 14
 Pickerington N. 49, Hilliard Bradley 21
 Powell Olentangy Liberty 24, Lewis Center Olentangy Orange 17
 Solon 39, Can. Glenoak 10
 Stow-Munroe Falls 35, Can. McKinley 10

Regional Semifinals

Cin. St. Xavier 29, Cin. Colerain 23
 Cin. Sycamore 20, Mason 7
 Cle. St. Ignatius 31, Solon 17
 Huber Hts. Wayne 52, Dublin Coffman 10
 Lakewood St. Edward 41, Stow-Munroe Falls 35
 Lorain 30, Dublin Jerome 14
 Pickerington Cent. 38, Pickerington N. 24
 Powell Olentangy Liberty 45, Medina 27

Regional Finals

Cin. St. Xavier 35, Cin. Sycamore 28, OT
 Cle. St. Ignatius 38, Lakewood St. Edward 31, OT
 Pickerington Cent. 17, Huber Hts. Wayne 14
 Powell Olentangy Liberty 24, Lorain 20

State Semifinals

Cin. St. Xavier 29, Pickerington Cent. 27
 Cle. St. Ignatius 24, Powell Olentangy Liberty 14

State Final

Cin. St. Xavier 27, Cle. St. Ignatius 20, 20T

DIVISION II

Regional Quarterfinals

Aurora 40, Barberton 13
 Avon Lake 27, Avon 26
 Chardon 56, Bedford 6
 Cin. La Salle 23, Trenton Edgewood 21
 Cin. Turpin 40, Harrison 14
 Cols. Franklin Hts. 40, Pataskala Licking Hts. 32
 Dublin Scioto 31, Massillon Washington 21
 Hudson 29, Copley 25
 Massillon Perry 21, Uniontown Lake 7
 Miamisburg 28, Kings Mills Kings 24
 New Albany 31, Cols. West 0
 Olmsted Falls 31, Grafton Midview 28
 Troy 41, Cin. Anderson 35
 Warren Harding 56, Brecksville-Broadview Hts. 48
 Westlake 48, Holland Springfield 41, OT
 Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 21, Cle. Glenville 7

Regional Semifinals

Cin. La Salle 34, Cin. Turpin 3
 Hudson 14, Aurora 7
 Massillon Perry 66, Cols. Franklin Hts. 28
 Miamisburg 28, Troy 21
 New Albany 31, Dublin Scioto 7
 Olmsted Falls 49, Westlake 21
 Warren Harding 49, Chardon 31
 Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 14, Avon Lake 6

Regional Finals

Cin. La Salle 45, Miamisburg 14
 Hudson 24, Warren Harding 21
 Massillon Perry 17, New Albany 6
 Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 38, Olmsted Falls 31

State Semifinals

Cin. La Salle 35, Whitehouse Anthony Wayne 0
 Massillon Perry 14, Hudson 3

State Final

Cin. La Salle 14, Massillon Perry 7

DIVISION III

Regional Quarterfinals

Akr. East 50, Alliance Marlington 37
 Akr. Hoban 37, Howland 0
 Cols. Beechcroft 19, Cols. Eastmoor 15
 Cols. Bexley 31, Whitehall-Yearling 21
 Cols. DeSales 55, Thornville Sheridan 13
 Cols. Hamilton Twp. 19, Chillicothe 6
 Hunting Valley University 49, Bowling Green 45
 Lexington 29, Clyde 28, OT
 New Philadelphia 17, Medina Buckeye 4
 New Richmond 35, Cin. Mt. Healthy 33
 Sandusky 42, Ashland 7
 St. Marys Memorial 42, Day. Belmont 8
 St. Vincent-St. Mary 42, Dover 7
 Tipp City Tippecanoe 40, Franklin 35
 Tol. Cent. Cath. 41, Bay Village Bay 7
 Trotwood-Madison 41, Wapakoneta 7

Regional Semifinals

Akr. Archbishop Hoban 21, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary 7
 Cols. DeSales 38, Cols. Beechcroft 12
 Cols. Hamilton Twp. 26, Cols. Bexley 20
 Lexington 30, Sandusky 19
 New Philadelphia 27, Akr. East 20
 St. Marys Memorial 55, Franklin 31
 Tol. Cent. Cath. 56, Hunting Valley University 13
 Trotwood-Madison 47, New Richmond 10

Regional Finals

Akr. Hoban 34, New Philadelphia 3
 Cols. DeSales 49, Cols. Hamilton Twp. 6
 Tol. Cent. Cath. 19, Lexington 0
 Trotwood-Madison 34, St. Marys Memorial 27

State Semifinals

Akr. Hoban 23, Cols. DeSales 14
 Trotwood-Madison 36, Tol. Cent. Cath. 0

State Final

Akr. Hoban 30, Trotwood-Madison 0

DIVISION IV

Regional Quarterfinals

Chardon NDCL 28, Mantua Crestwood 27
 Cin. Wyoming 56, Chillicothe Union 0
 Clarksville Clinton-Massie 26, Cin. Taft 12
 Cols. Hartley 35, Plain City Jonathan Alder 21
 Germantown Valley View 34, Waverly 0
 Johnston-Monroe 44, Cambridge 17
 Kettering Alter 54, Cin. Indian Hill 28
 Lewistown Indian Lake 34, Caledonia River Valley 7



Warren JFK's Hyland Burton, center, tries to get some extra yards after a catch against Minster in the 2016 Division VII state championship game. Warren JFK won, 24-6.

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Ottawa-Glandorf 49, Bellevue 34
 Peninsula Woodridge 18, Struthers 6
 Perry 49, Parma Hts. Holy Name 35
 Philo 42, Heath 7
 Port Clinton 41, Bellefontaine Benjamin Logan 28
 Shelby 56, Bloom-Carroll 13
 Steubenville 34, Wintersville Indian Creek 14
 Cardinal Mooney 27, Hubbard 9

Regional Semifinals

Chardon NDCL 17, Cardinal Mooney 12
 Cin. Wyoming 29, Germantown Valley View 12
 Cols. Hartley 44, Port Clinton 7
 Kettering Alter 28, Clarksville Clinton-Massie 0
 Ottawa-Glandorf 33, Lewistown Indian Lake 28
 Perry 42, Peninsula Woodridge 41
 Shelby 40, Philo 12
 Steubenville 26, Johnstown-Monroe 8

Regional Finals

Cols. Hartley 38, Ottawa-Glandorf 35
 Kettering Alter 35, Cin. Wyoming 7
 Perry 22, Chardon NDCL 9
 Steubenville 29, Shelby 15

State Semifinals

Cols. Hartley 14, Kettering Alter 7
 Steubenville 51, Perry 27

State Final

Cols. Hartley 24, Steubenville 21

DIVISION V

Regional Quarterfinals

Can. Cent. Cath. 28, Akr. Manchester 7
 Cin. Hills Christian Academy 42, Blanchester 0
 Coldwater 47, Brookville 13
 Coshocton 34, Ironton 11
 Creston Norwayne 28, Genoa Area 6
 Garrettsville Garfield 31, South Range 21
 Jamestown Greeneview 21, Carlisle 20
 LaBrae 29, Wickliffe 26
 Milan Edison 30, Gahanna Cols. Academy 14
 Milton-Union 58, Cin. Aiken 21
 Nelsonville-York 69, Chillicothe Zane Trace 22
 Pemberville Eastwood 35, Marion Pleasant 28
 Sugarcreek Garaway 47, Baltimore Liberty Union 14
 Sullivan Black River 48, Grand Valley 24
 Swanton 40, W. Salem NW 29
 Wheelersburg 37, W. Lafayette Ridgewood 6

Regional Semifinals

Can. Cent. Cath. 30, Sullivan Black River 0
 Cin. Hills Christian Academy 45, Milton-Union 28
 Coldwater 27, Jamestown Greeneview 24
 Coshocton 23, Sugarcreek Garaway 20
 Creston Norwayne 28, Swanton 21
 Garrettsville Garfield 33, LaBrae 28
 Milan Edison 28, Pemberville Eastwood 7
 Wheelersburg 38, Nelsonville-York 6

Regional Finals

Can. Cent. Cath. 40, Garrettsville Garfield 13
 Coldwater 35, Cin. Hills Christian Academy 21
 Coshocton 30, Wheelersburg 20
 Milan Edison 27, Creston Norwayne 20

State Semifinals

Can. Cent. Cath. 23, Milan Edison 14
 Coldwater 33, Coshocton 14

State Final

Can. Cent. Cath xx, Coldwater xx

DIVISION VI

Regional Quarterfinals

Barnesville 41, Chesapeake 22
 Beverly Ft. Frye 44, Centerburg 6
 Bucyrus Wynford 22, Gibsonburg 6

Cols. Ready 28, Hannibal River 21
 Cuyahoga Hts. 24, Jeromesville Hillsdale 7
 Defiance Ayersville 49, Attica Seneca E. 0
 Delphos Jefferson 41, Cin. Summit Country Day 10
 Hamler Patrick Henry 39, Defiance Tinora 0
 Kirtland 21, Dalton 0
 Liberty Center 28, N. Robinson Col. Crawford 20
 Louisville Aquinas 21, Lisbon 18
 Maria Stein Marion Local 34, W. Liberty-Salem 7
 Mechanicsburg 39, Casstown Miami E. 6
 Springfield 40, Columbia Station Columbia 39, 2 OT
 Newark Cath. 21, Bellaire 20
 St. Henry 37, Spencerville 22

Regional Semifinals

Beverly Ft. Frye 40, Barnesville 19
 Cuyahoga Hts. 34, Louisville Aquinas 0
 Defiance Ayersville 30, Bucyrus Wynford 6
 Hamler Patrick Henry 21, Liberty Center 3
 Kirtland 35, Springfield 13
 Maria Stein Marion Local 22, St. Henry 0
 Mechanicsburg 56, Delphos Jefferson 20
 Newark Cath. 20, Cols. Ready 14, OT

Regional Finals

Cuyahoga Hts. 17, Kirtland 0
 Hamler Patrick Henry 21, Defiance Ayersville 19
 Maria Stein Marion Local 26, Mechanicsburg 15
 Newark Cath. 41, Beverly Ft. Frye 7

State Semifinals

Cuyahoga Hts. 30, Newark Cath. 14
 Maria Stein Marion Local 36, Hamler Patrick Henry 7

State Final

Maria Stein Marion Local 21, Cuyahoga Hts. 17

DIVISION VII

Regional Quarterfinals

Arlington 21, Lucas 19
 Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 40, Shadyside 37
 Conroy Crestview 54, Tiffin Calvert 20
 Covington 49, Cin. Hillcrest 0
 Danville 55, Portsmouth Sciotoville 27
 Ft. Recovery 58, Ada 21
 Glouster Trimble 21, Racine Southern 6
 Hicksville 33, Leipsic 16
 McComb 56, Lakeside Danbury 8
 McGuffey Upper Scioto Valley 27, Troy Christian 21
 Minster 33, Sidney Lehman 15
 Mogadore 55, Jackson-Milton 6
 Monroeville 55, Windham 6
 Norwalk St. Paul 56, E. Canton 20
 Warren JFK 38, Toronto 0
 Waterford 13, Zanesville Rosecrans 9

Regional Semifinals

Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 44, Danville 21
 Conroy Crestview 28, Arlington 7
 Ft. Recovery 42, Covington 14
 McComb 42, Hicksville 0
 Minster 41, McGuffey Upper Scioto Valley 8
 Norwalk St. Paul 24, Monroeville 0
 Warren JFK 16, Mogadore 3
 Waterford 22, Glouster Trimble 0

Regional Finals

Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 29, Waterford 15
 McComb 35, Conroy Crestview 28, 2OT
 Minster 35, Ft. Recovery 33
 Warren JFK 48, Norwalk St. Paul 13

State Semifinals

Minster 27, McComb 23
 Warren JFK 48, Canal Winchester Harvest Prep 7

State Final

Warren JFK 24, Minster 6

COMING NEXT SUNDAY
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 SPECIAL SECTION

Changes have come; more are on the way

Change is inevitable. Resistance is futile.

It doesn't matter if the subject is politics, culture, technology or sports. No matter how comfortable and familiar something becomes, it's not going to last.

There was a time when the Wing T was all the rage in high school football.

"Pass" was literally and figuratively a four-letter word to most coaches.

The prevailing opinion on throwing the football was, "Three things can happen when you pass the football and two of them are bad."

But over the years, the spread offense and its variations trickled down from the NFL and college football and now a high school team that runs the ball 75 percent of the time is a dusty throwback to a long-forgotten age.

Gone are the days when you could count on two running teams getting together and the game being finished in less than two hours. Instead, teams typically pass 75 percent of the time now and sometimes — when they're not as

efficient at it as we or they would like — the result is a marathon peppered with incomplete passes, penalties and clock stoppages.

This has been a revolting development for the guys in the press box without a rooting interest in the teams on either sideline. We root for the clock and it seldom moves fast enough in today's game.

Change is inevitable. Resistance is futile.

You'd think we would have come to terms with that by now, but you'd be wrong. We're set in our ways as much as we can be in this business, but eventually we have to play ball even if our comfort level is occasionally thrown off.

We can resist all we like, but ultimately, the game is still the game even when it is played differently. We still grumble about things, but we deal with it.

We adapt and adjust, just like defensive coordinators who now must deal with offenses spreading the field in a never-ending quest to get receivers and running backs into favorable one-on-one matchups.

But changes in high school football aren't just happening on the field.

The area is experiencing sweeping changes in terms of conference affili-

ations. Some of the leagues we used to know so well are gone, others are being dismantled right now and more are sure to follow.

New conferences and alliances are developing and it is anyone's guess how long those leagues will endure.

The Inter-Tri County League is history. Jackson-Milton, Lowellville, McDonald, Mineral Ridge, Sebring, Springfield and Western Reserve landed — along with Waterloo — in the new Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference.

Columbiana, East Palestine, Leetonia, Lisbon, Southern, United and Wellsville got together — along with Toronto — to form the Eastern Ohio Athletic Conference.

In May, All-American Conference members Girard, Hubbard, Jefferson, Lakeview, Niles, Poland and Struthers informed the AAC of their intent to withdraw and form the NorthEast8 Conference.

South Range — left high and dry by the breakup of the ITCL — will be the new conference's eighth school.

The Northeastern Buckeye Conference also is on the way out after seven of its eight schools — Alliance, Canton South, Carrollton, Marlinton, Minerva,

Salem and West Branch — voted to bolt and form a new league without NBC power Louisville.

Got all that? Well, there is more.

Crestview, another school left homeless by the demise of the ITCL, has accepted an offer to join the AAC's Blue Tier, which includes the conference's smaller schools.

And Valley Christian, which was part of the parochial North Coast League — along with defending Division VII state champion Warren JFK — is now in the County Division of the Portage Trail Conference.

There were probably other deals struck in the time it took to write this column.

And we haven't even gotten into the OHSAA's vote to move all playoff games — for the first four weeks of the postseason — to Friday nights.

Just for the record, we were against that move. Not that it mattered. When Week 11 comes around and the Valley gets its typical amount of playoff teams and all of them play the same night, some tough choices will have to be made.

But that's the nature of change.

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2016 (5-5)	2017
Hudson L, 7-17	8-25 Hudson, 7:30
Brunswick W, 27-20	9-1 @ Brunswick, 7:30
Louisville W, 26-0	9-8 Louisville, 7:30
Warren Harding L, 0-35	9-15 @ Warren Harding, 7
East W, 38-6	9-22 East, 7
Massillon L, 21-38	9-29 Massillon, 7:30
Lakeside W, 38-0	10-6 @ Lakeside, 7
McDowell, Pa. L, 21-28 (OT)	10-13 McDowell, Pa., 7:30
Boardman W, 12-7	10-20 @ Boardman, 7
Mooney L, 0-7	10-27 @ Mooney, 7:30



AUSTINTOWN FITCH FALCONS

By **TOM WILLIAMS**
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AUSTINTOWN

The good news for Joe McMahon, Fitch's new defensive coordinator, is he has plenty of starters coming back to mold his schemes.

McMahon is replacing Wally Hurdley, Phil Annarella's long-time assistant coach for the Falcons. Hurdley and another veteran assistant, Alan Mikovich, have stepped aside.

Despite those changes, Annarella, who is beginning his 37th season as a head coach and 11th at Fitch, says: "Absolutely, the defense is more ready than the offense."

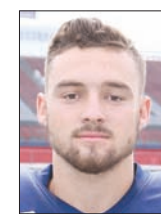
"But that's typical." Annarella's career record is 232-139-3. His Falcons teams have gone 69-39. He said the transition to McMahon hasn't been a big adjustment because McMahon was mentored by Hurdley.



Annarella



Smith



Zielinski



Correia

"He did a phenomenal job for us," Annarella said.

The Falcons went 5-5 in 2016 and return seven starters on defense, four on offense and both kickers (punter Nick DeSalvo and placekicker Dylan Correia).

OFFENSE

The Falcons will work out of the spread offense. Most likely, Joey Zielinski will be the starting quarterback. He took some snaps last year late in the season. Last year's starter Nate Fowler has transferred to Niles so Dom Montalbano also is a contender for the starting role.

"I like the pressure," Zielinski said of the starter's role. "If anything, it [has] me more excited."

"We're getting there, we'll be ready for Hudson," Zielinski said. "On defense, I think we're ready for Hudson right now."

Randy Smith and Jakari Lumsden will be the running backs. Last spring, Lumsden qualified for the state track and field meet in the high jump.

He spent the summer at AAU meets, including a national event in Florida.

"I finished third," he said, adding that football remains his favorite sport.

"As much as I like track, I'm a football guy," Lumsden said. "I use the skills of track to get ready for football."

Not as settled for the Falcons is the wide receiver position.

"We have a boatload of [contenders] at wideout," Annarella said.

DEFENSE

The Falcons favor a 3-5 formation. Returning up front are Mike Ferree and Willie Beverly. Lumsden, Zielinski and Emmanuel Dawkins have experience at linebacker.

"There's a lot of us who started as sophomores," said Lumsden, a senior. "So we have a lot of confidence on defense."

Ferree said it helps the linemen that experienced linebackers are more than capable of signaling what's expected.

"[Inexperienced linemen] need to know direction calls, hear the checks, if needed," Ferree said. "[Their experience] helps a lot because we don't need to be scrambling around right before a play."

The secondary returns Shane Hewlett and Tyrell Oliver.

OUTLOOK

Zielinski said the Falcons are hoping to avenge last year's 17-7 opening loss to Hudson.

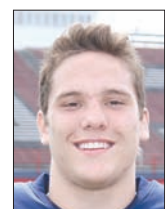
"They're going to be big, but this year our guys are going to [have] more confidence and a lot better team chemistry," the senior said.

Ferree said he's ready for his final varsity season.

"This year is our year — we're going to have a lot of fun," Ferree said. "I wake up every day glad to be part of the football team. I love it."

“THIS YEAR IS OUR YEAR — WE’RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN. I WAKE UP EVERY DAY GLAD TO BE PART OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM. I LOVE IT.”

MIKE FERREE, *Austintown Fitch defensive lineman*



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Austintown Fitch's Joey Zielinski (12) carries the ball against Cardinal Mooney during a game last season. Zielinski, a senior, takes over as the Falcons' starting quarterback this fall.



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Austintown Fitch running back Randy Smith (25) tries to gain extra yardage against Boardman during a 2016 game. Smith returns as the Falcons' starting running back.

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2016 (4-6)	2017
East W, 41-0	8-25 @ East, 7
Nooney W, 28-26	9-1 Howland, 7
Jackson L, 14-21	9-8 @ Jackson, 7
Steubenville L, 0-28	9-15 @ Steubenville, 7
Perry L, 6-21	9-22 Mooney, 7
Canfield L, 20-24	9-29 Canfield, 7
Warren Harding L, 15-46	10-6 @ Warren Harding, 7
Ursuline W, 21-14 (OT)	10-12 @ Ursuline, 7
Fitch L, 7-12	10-20 Fitch, 7
Lakeside W, 21-14	10-27 Lakeside, 7



BOARDMAN SPARTANS

By **BRIAN DZENIS**
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BOARDMAN

If Boardman wins any big games in 2017, the Spartans have to forget about it and move on.

Boardman opened last season 2-0, which included a come-from-behind win for the ages against Cardinal Mooney, the team's first win against the Cardinals since 2002. Instead of building on that victory, The Spartans went on a five-game losing streak and finished the year 4-6.



Ignazio

"We got a little too high and a little too confident," senior center Bob Toth said. "We learned that you can't look back at the past and keep moving forward no matter what happened the previous week."

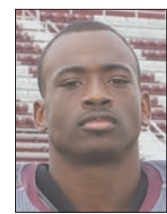
The 2016 campaign was a step backward from 2015's playoff appearance and the Spartans have their task ahead



Toth



O'Horo



Jennings

of them.

"We're trying to win some games," Toth said. "We fell off last year and now we have to start well and keep it moving."

OFFENSE

The Spartans failed to reach 20 points in half of their games and they've lost their leading rusher and receiver from last year. Tight end Travis Koontz and Koby Adu-Poku are plying their trades at Bowling Green and Walsh, respectively.



Melewski

Boardman coach Joe Ignazio calls junior Alex Huzica "Koontz-esque" and he has the build for it at 6-foot-2 and 195 pounds. Senior wideouts Mike Melewski, JuJaun Forte and Keshawn Coleman return at wideout.

Junior Mike O'Horo returns at quarterback for the Spartans.

"He was only a sophomore last year and he learned a lot and you can see he's

been getting a lot better with the mental game this year," Melewski said.

Ignazio has three players vying for the starting running back job. Seniors Justice Jama and Domonic Jennings, along with junior Joe Ieraci are in the mix. Jennings is a transfer from Valley Christian, where he was the Eagles' starting quarterback. He could also play wideout.

"He can be utilized anywhere on the football field," Ignazio said.

Toth is a three-year starter on the offensive line. Junior Tino Arcuri returns at tackle and senior Evan Walton lines up at guard.

"I'm trying to emerge as a leader on the line and pick some guys up when they're doing something wrong," Toth said. "We need a lot of guys to step up and they're willing to do that."

DEFENSE

Walton, Arcuri and senior Steven Amstutz will man the defensive line.

Kareem Hamdan and Ieraci return at

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BROOKFIELD WARRIORS

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BROOKFIELD

Coach Randy Clark rattled off sizes of his offensive linemen with heights and weights such as 6-4, 285 and 6-5, 310, then proceeded to pronounce the stature of his running back son, Alex Clark, as 5-10, before quickly downsizing to 5-9, 190 pounds.



R. Clark



A. Clark

Quite a discrepancy, but the tall-small ball combination is an ideal complement for success as proven by Clark's 1,053 yards from his junior season.

But, without Xavier Bailey's quarterback play that produced 1,683 yards on the ground and 555 yards in the air last season, coach Clark and running back Clark will rely on their big men to continue to provide the push.

OFFENSE

"We're a very, very big team size-wise on both sides and, hopefully, powerful," coach Clark said of players such as Trevor Pegg (6-5, 310), Bailey Litz (6-4, 285) and Hunter Baumiller (6-5, 290). Pegg, Litz and Baumiller are seniors.

"We're going to rely a lot on our front seven on defense and we're going to rely a lot on our offensive line with our running back [the back using the line's strength]," Randy Clark said. "Without Xavier, we'll run and pass when we have to and do a lot of play-action."

In the battle for quarterback during Brookfield's two-a-days, senior Noah Harnett (6-0, 160) was challenged by freshman Haden Gibson (5-9, 140).

BOARDMAN

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linebacker. Melewski is the lone returning starter in the secondary. Huzica, Jennings, O'Horo and East transfer Maurice Pickard will also patrol the secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Senior Noah Falleti will handle the punting duties and sophomore Tommy Fryda returns as the kicker.

OUTLOOK

Boardman's defense kept the Spartans

Another key running back besides Alex Clark will be sophomore Tyler Briggs (5-10, 235).

Aside from the main receiver, Dionte Cowell (5-9, 165, Jr.), Luke Bender (6-1, 185, Sr.), Brice Randall (5-10, 185, Sr.) and Ryan Logan (5-10, 150, So.) are also receivers, while Gage Emery (6-1, 155, So.) and Dakota Feezle (6-1, 150, So.) will play as wideouts.

Offensively, the guards are Pegg and Anthony Yauger (6-2, 235), while the tackles are Litz and Baumiller. Drake Tingle (5-11, 240) is the center.

DEFENSE

Up front, defensively, are Pegg as tackle, Briggs as noseman and Litz as a defensive end. A battle for the other DE spot was between Bender and Hayden O'Brien (5-10, 235, Sr.).

In addition to both lines and the running back position as strengths, Brookfield's linebacker corps carries the same designation with Clark, Yauger and Randall and J.T. (John Thomas) Misinay (5-10, 160, Jr.) battling for one of the three available spots.

In the secondary, Noah Harnett (Sr.) and Cowell are safeties with Gage Emery in the mix, while cornerbacks will be three-year starter, senior Alex Bell (6-1, 175), Gibson and Logan with Feezle battling as well.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The kicker will be senior Tim Squibbs (5-11, 170), while Feezle will punt.

OUTLOOK

The Warriors open with McDonald, Springfield, Division VI state runner-up Cuyahoga Heights, Liberty and South Range.

"We're excited to play those first five," Randy Clark said, "but we have to be at the top of our game and be healthy."

in games in 2016, but the offense just wasn't there.

The team exceeded 20 points twice in all of 2016. Boardman has to do better.

How will the offense improve without its returning leading rusher or leading receiver? The answer appears to be by committee with three seniors at wide-out and three players taking the tailback role.

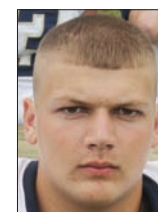
The 2017 slate begins with a mix of tough tests in East, Howland, Massillon Jackson and Steubenville.



Pegg



Bender



Litz

BROOKFIELD

2016 (7-3)

Springfield L, 27-31

Valley Christian W, 53-19

Berkshire W, 49-20

Liberty L, 21-27 (OT)

Newton Falls W, 54-12

Edgewood W, 30-7

Girard W, 44-26

LaBrae L, 14-20

Campbell W, 22-7

Champion W, 28-6

2017

8-25 @ McDonald, 7

9-1 Springfield, 7

9-8 @ Cuyahoga Heights, 7

9-15 Liberty, 7

9-22 @ South Range, 7

9-29 Edgewood, 7

10-6 @ Girard, 7

10-13 LaBrae, 7

10-20 @ Campbell, 7

10-27 Champion, 7

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CAMPBELL

2016 (4-6)	2017
Lakeview L, 21-31	8-25 Valley Christian, 7
CVCA W, 32-14	9-1 @ CVCA, 7
PV W, 35-0	9-8 East Palestine, 7
LaBrae L, 19-28	9-15 LaBrae, 7
Liberty L, 14-20	9-22 @ Liberty, 7
Girard L, 35-41 (OT)	9-29 Girard, 7
Struthers L, 0-28	10-6 @ Struthers, 7
Champion W, 32-16	10-13 @ Champion, 7
Brookfield L, 7-22	10-20 Brookfield, 7
Newton Falls W, 35-0	10-27 @ Newton Falls, 7



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CAMPBELL RED DEVILS



Liggins



Robinson



Jackson

CAMPBELL

As Campbell prepares for its 93rd season, the good news for head coach Ed Rozum is that the momentum the Red Devils built by winning two of their final three games in 2016 seems to have carried over to preseason camp this summer.

They went 4-6 overall last year and 2-4 in the All-American Conference Blue Tier, but those two league wins came against conference foes Champion and Newton Falls, teams below them in the standings.

Two of their four wins came by shut-out, but they lost to the four teams that finished directly ahead of them in the league and Rozum wants that to change.

With just 31 players, staying healthy will be paramount as the Red Devils will count on two-way performers as they chase their first .500 or better record since 2012, when they went 6-4.

It's the fourth year of Rozum's return

“ PICKING UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST YEAR IS KEY AND WE NEED TO GET OFF TO A FAST START, THEN MAINTAIN THAT MOMENTUM.”

ED ROZUM, *Campbell coach*



to the sideline and for the first time he has a cautiously optimistic approach to the season.

“We're quite young and have enjoyed steady improvement over the past three seasons, but as head coach you want that improvement to happen overnight, which usually isn't the case,” Rozum said. “We were competitive in every one of our games last year, but had multiple scoring opportunities that we failed to convert. Our problem was we didn't finish what we started, so our goal heading into this season is to finish those plays and opportunities.”

The Red Devils outscored opponents 230-200 last year, winning by an average of 26 points while losing four games by 10 points or less.

While depth might be an issue, Rozum looks at that as an opportunity for his seniors to lead as they return 10 letterwinners, including seven that start on both sides of the ball.

“Picking up where we left off last year is key and we need to get off to a fast start, then maintain that momentum,” Rozum said.

OFFENSE

If the Red Devils expect to make any noise at all, then their hopes will rest on the shoulders of quarterback Darion Jones, a three-year starter who has been under center since his freshman year.

Brandon Liggins will move from wingback to tailback with fullback Antwaan McMeans expected to convert short-yardage situations.

Three upperclassmen will anchor the line with Nagi Robinson at guard and Rayshawn Hicks and Seth Jackson at tackle.

Robinson and Jackson are seniors with Hicks the junior member of the group.

Jones' targets include Keyoncee Brown (who will also see time at running back), Malachi Barnarn and Gerald Brown.

DEFENSE

Defensively, the Red Devils yielded 20

points per outing last year, but got better late. They allowed just 12.3 points in their final three games. Rozum has stressed that improvement during the offseason.

Offensive mainstays Robinson, Hicks and Jackson just happen to be the defensive stalwarts up front and were a big reason the team showed promise at the end of last season.

Jones doubled as a linebacker last year, but will move to defensive end this season.

The secondary has the experience with Liggins, Gerald Brown and Keyoncee Brown, Barnarn and McMeans the last line of defense for the Red Devils.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Soccer standout Sacai Atsas joins the team as its placekicker with Jones handling the punting duties for a third consecutive season.

Jackson is the snapper with Nikita Klimas the holder.

OUTLOOK

The Red Devils must improve their third-down conversion rate on both sides of the ball.

“Our defense was strong last year, but we allowed far too many big plays and failed to halt drives by allowing opponents third-down conversions,” Rozum said. “Conversely, we failed to convert in order to keep our drives alive.”

Veterans will need to shoulder the load until newcomers become game tested.

“Our upper-class leaders must hold us in until the newcomers mature and they'll need to grow up fast,” Rozum said. “We have a challenging schedule but this group is highly competitive, very coachable and works hard every time they hit the field.”

“We shouldn't have to coach effort and this group gives plenty of effort, which makes it fun for me as their coach.”

The staff will have to live with mistakes early on, but Rozum said he can live with aggressive mistakes.

“We're extremely close to turning this around,” he said. “I call this group the ‘lunch box kids’ because they show up every day for work and are ready to go from the minute they arrive.”

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By TOM WILLIAMS
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CANFIELD CARDINALS



Pavlansky

CANFIELD

Football coaches welcome the chance to coach elite athletes even if their major accomplishment comes in another sport.

Take Canfield senior linebacker David Crawford, who five months ago won the Division II state crown in wrestling.

"There's no doubt Dave is a leader of our team," Canfield head coach Mike Pavlansky said of his returning middle linebacker. "He's a tremendous student athlete. He's a great example for our young players to follow.

"He's beyond intelligent on the football field," Pavlansky said. "His football IQ is off the charts. We rely on him to make all of our calls and checks."

Pavlansky said Crawford proves athletes in bigger schools can succeed in more than one sport.

"It's awesome to see [athletes] successful outside of football," linebacker Angelo Petracci said. "Hopefully David's success in wrestling translates into football season.

"He's a great player, he's an even better kid."

Crawford is one of eight starters returning for the Cardinals on defense.

Their offense has six starters back from their 7-3 team in 2016.

OFFENSE
The Cardinals run a pro-I. They have plenty of skill players back among the six returning starters.

"The cause of concern for us is the offense and defensive lines," Pavlansky said. "Last year we were line heavy with starters back, [this season] it's the skill positions."

Three of them of three-year starters: running back Paul Breinz, fullback Angelo Petracci and wide receiver Paul French.

"Their experience from the past couple of years is certainly going to pay off early

on, keeping those line-

men's heads up, talking to them in the huddle, in practice and showing them how to watch tape — little things you need to do to try and be successful," Pavlansky said.

French said that what previous captains taught him is "if someone does something wrong, you've always go to pick them up and make sure they are ready for the next play."

DEFENSE

Eight starters are back, including Breinz and French at defensive back.

"Defense, we for sure have more experience," Breinz said. "All of our DBs are coming back. Plus, we have linebackers and linemen who played last year."

Junior nose tackle Vince Giordino will anchor the line.

"Our back seven is back," Petracci said. "It should be a good year. We're very confident."

Breinz is torn about which side of the ball he prefers.

See CANFIELD, F10

CANFIELD

2016 (7-3)	2017
Louisville L, 17-21	8-25 @ Louisville, 7
Alliance W, 45-21	9-1 Alliance, 7
Kenston W, 44-12	9-8 @ Chardon, 7
Lakeside W, 41-2	9-15 Lakeside, 7
Struthers L, 21-38	9-22 Struthers, 7
Boardman W, 24-20	9-29 @ Boardman, 7
Niles W, 23-21	10-6 Niles, 7
East W, 45-8	10-13 East, 7
Howland L, 0-21	10-20 @ Howland, 7
Poland W, 29-14	10-27 @ Poland, 7

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Canfield senior Paul Breinz runs the ball in a game against East in 2016. Breinz enters the 2017 season as a three-year starter at running back and has been a starter at defensive back for the Cardinals.

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CANFIELD

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“Nothing beats scoring a touchdown but making a big hit, making a play for a loss is always fun because it’s exciting stopping the other team,” he said.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Sam Accordino again will be the placekicker and Ian Kristan returns as

punter.

OUTLOOK

The Cardinals say that aren’t looking past the season opener against Louisville.

“That game is very important, we’ve never beaten them,” French said.

Breinz added: “We have a chip on our shoulder with Louisville. We had them last year [until] a little breakdown in the fourth quarter.”



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The Canfield Cardinals storm onto the field before a game against Boardman on Sept. 30, 2016, at Bob Dove Field in Canfield.

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CHAMPION FLASHES

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CHAMPION

In Nick Wagner's first season at Champion, the Golden Flashes got off to their first 2-0 start in seven years and at one point were 4-2 before losing their final four games.

"From where we ended in October without a win and where we are now, we've had a great off-season," Wagner said. "The kids really bought into the program. Our numbers are up this year, 44 to 45 which is up from 32 last year.

"That's big for us. We've hit on the idea of getting closer as a team. When things start going bad like they did in October losing four games in a row, you have to stay together. Last year, like any team, it can start to fall apart."



Wagner

OFFENSE

The Golden Flashes will have to replace quarterback Brandon Allen who passed for 1,369 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2016. Receiver Noah Bayus also graduated.

Nick Stahlman will take over under center.

"He is going to be our guy," Wagner said. "He's really grown a lot. He's really taken a huge leap for us."

Stahlman will have his brother Nate in the backfield along with Carter Mast and Kenny Postlethwait.

Last year Champion employed an up-tempo offense to enhance the ability of Allen. Wagner feels the Golden Flashes will be more of a ball-control team this

CHAMPION	
2016 (4-6)	2017
Waterloo W, 42-27	8-25 Warren JFK, 7
Conneaut W, 20-14	9-1 Rittman, 7
Garfield L, 28-50	9-8 @ McDonald, 7
Girard W, 38-34	9-15 @ Girard, 7
LaBrae L, 6-43	9-22 LaBrae, 7
Newton Falls W, 14-6	9-29 Newton Falls, 7
Liberty L, 14-25	10-6 @ Liberty, 7
Campbell L, 16-32	10-13 Campbell, 7
Lakeview L, 6-48	10-20 @ Lakeview, 7
Brookfield L, 6-28	10-27 @ Brookfield, 7

season.

"Our offense and defense could be different every year based on who we have," Wagner said. "Having the experience we had last year, we went more no-huddle and up-tempo. We're probably going to slow it down a little bit this year and control the ball a little bit more. With some of the inexperience at some of the positions, we want to allow them to regroup, reset and help each other out."

DEFENSE

Griffin Howell returns to anchor the defense. He was a second-team selection on the All-American Conference Blue Tier team after making 114 tackles.



Howell

"He's the anchor of our defense," Wagner said. "We're happy to have him back and ready to go. We're going to limit him to just defense. We want

to focus on him just being the leader of our defense."

Champion has 18 freshmen on the roster and Wagner feels five or six could start.

"It's one of things where it's a great problem to have," he said. "We have youth that can step in and play right now."

Wagner believes the defense is going to be Champion's strength.

"They are a feisty group that is going to get after the ball," he said.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Golden Flashes have three kids from the soccer team coming out to kick. Andrew Russell, Jared Day and Noah Worley are competing for those jobs.

"The nice thing is having these freshman that can come in and play," Wagner said. "It's going to alleviate some of our upperclassmen having to play special teams. It'll keep them fresh."

OUTLOOK

Champion will be put to the test right from the get go in Week 1 when the Golden Flashes host Warren JFK, the defending Division VII state champion. The matchup will provide a good barometer of where the Golden Flashes stand.

"It's one of those deals where Champion has kind of been one of those bottom feeders," Wagner said. "Things are changing. The tide is definitely changing over here. Enthusiasm is much higher this year. I'd like to say we're going to go out and win the conference. Is it realistic? I don't know. It just depends on how we progress each week."



COLUMBIANA CLIPPERS

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COLUMBIANA

Columbiana football team finished the 2016 season 7-3 and posted its first back-to-back winning seasons since 2011-12.

But if the Clippers are to put together a third consecutive winning season, they'll have to do it without quarterback Mitch Davidson, who owns every conceivable passing mark in Columbiana football history. Davidson and most of the Clippers' offensive starters — all but three of them — were lost to graduation.



Spaite

OFFENSE

In addition to replacing Davidson, Columbiana will have an entirely new offensive line and a new group of running backs.

The running backs will feature three new running backs. Nate Carter, Frank Rupert and Stephen Anderson are all competing for the starting spot.

Sophomore Jakob Cross will be the quarterback this season. Cross played sparingly behind Davidson last season.

The strength of the offense will be the receivers. Jarrett Nemick, Zach Phillips and Dustin Bennett were the Clippers' leading receivers last season and all three will be back in 2017.

DEFENSE

The Clippers' defense is also in re-

COLUMBIANA	
2016 (7-3)	2017
Western Reserve W, 63-52	8-24 @ Western Reserve, 7
Crestview L, 14-17	9-1 McDonald, 7
East Palestine W, 45-19	9-8 @ Springfield, 7
Sebring W, 49-7	9-15 Leetonia, 7
Mineral Ridge W, 53-21	9-22 United, 7
Southern W, 52-16	9-29 @ Toronto, 7
Springfield L, 13-14	10-6 Wellsville, 7
Lisbon L, 13-33	10-13 @ Lisbon, 7
Wellsville W, 19-12	10-20 Southern, 7
Leetonia W, 38-0	10-27 @ East Palestine, 7



Bennett



Phillips

building mode and the team will need to find players to fill the voids left by Conner Stacy, Keenan Green and Sean Congemi on that side of the ball.

Only three starters are returning from last season.

Two of the three returning starters — Rupert and Zach Witherow — are linebackers.

Bennett and Phillips will see time in the secondary.

Finding experience on the defensive side of the ball will be tough for the Clippers in 2017. Outside of the four defensive players mentioned, the team features just six other seniors.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The kickers will be freshman Collin Schick and senior Jared Bryarly. Coach Bob Spaite said Bryarly has looked good throughout the summer and expects a strong performance from his kicking game.

The punter has not been decided. Spaite said the team needs to find answers at that spot and a couple other positions. He said the team's decision will be made before the start of the season. Several players have been battling for the job.

OUTLOOK

It will be important for Columbiana to get off to a good start. The Clippers open season at Western Reserve, then host McDonald and go back on the road to play Springfield.

Spaite said the team is aware of the challenge those first three opponents present. He said all three teams could potentially win the new Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference and make the playoffs.

"It's a very, very difficult schedule for us," Spaite said. "But just like we were in the early 2000s, it's kind of the way we schedule things. We schedule things knowing the league is going to be highly competitive, which I think this one will."

"We may not win the league, but we can take care of ourselves in the non-league and be very, very competitive. [I think] 7-3, 8-2 gets us in the playoffs, puts us in the hunt for the title and those are successful things."

CRESTVIEW

2016 (3-7)	2017
Collinwood W, 55-14	8-25 West Branch, 7
Columbiana W, 17-14	9-1 @ Struthers, 7
Alliance L, 14-33	9-8 Akron North, 7
Warren JFK L, 0-34	9-16 @ Warren JFK, 7
Garfield L, 14-41	9-23 @ E. Cleveland Shaw, 2
United W, 47-14	9-29 South Range, 7
East Palestine L, 41-49	10-6 @ Magnolia, W.Va., 7
South Range L, 0-49	10-13 @ Kent Roosevelt, 7
Springfield L, 19-21	10-20 Indian Creek, 7
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CRESTVIEW REBELS

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EAST FAIRFIELD

After a 3-7 (1-3 Inter-Tri County League) season in 2016, Crestview will look to get back to the playoffs after the dismantling of the ITCL.

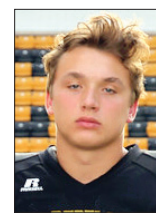
Last season was the first losing season for Crestview since 2003. It also ended an eight-year run of playoff appearances.

Head coach Paul Cusick said the team is trying to schedule bigger schools for the next two seasons. He said the Rebels have always tried to schedule larger non-conference programs in the past but this season will introduce teams the Rebels haven't played before.

He said getting the players to focus on preparation every week could become a new challenge but expects them to adjust to the new schedule.



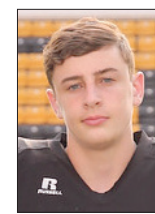
Cusick



Yanssens



Perry



Hardenbrook



Moore

OFFENSE

The Rebels have eight starters returning for the 2017 season, including 1,099-yard rusher Andrew Yanssens. Caleb Hill returns at quarterback. Hill ran for 588 yards and nine touchdowns in 2016.

Cusick said he expects the passing game to improve this season due to an improved group of receivers.

Cusick said the biggest question for the offense will be on the offensive line. The Rebels aren't deep up front and size is always a concern, Cusick said.

Despite those concerns, Dominic Perry is returning at guard and is considered one of the top linemen in the area.

"I think more than anything, we're more experienced. We have a number of returning lettermen on offense," Cusick said. "A lot of those guys started as sophomores, they're gonna be juniors. We got a good opportunity to be multifaceted."

DEFENSE

Danny Moore, Dakota Stratton and Perry were standouts for the Rebels last season, and will be important pieces of the defense in 2017.

Cusick also said fans should keep an eye out for linebacker Andrew Hardenbrook, who missed half the 2016 season with an injury. The coaching staff has high expectations for him in 2017.

Crestview will make some slight changes to the defense in 2017. Cusick

said the coaches are changing formations and want to be more aggressive and attack the line of scrimmage.

Cusick also added the strength of the team will be the unit's collective speed. He said the goal of the defense will be to fly around the field and create turnovers instead of the "read and react" defense the Rebels have played in the past.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Moore and Yanssens will be the kickers this season, and Dylan Huff will be the punter.

Cusick wants the special teams unit to be "a threat" on returns and coverage. He said a number of lettermen will be featured and are looking forward to making an impact in different ways.

OUTLOOK

Cusick said the expectation for the 2017 season is to play at a high level and return to the playoffs. He said that starts with producing a winning season and he believes the players have put in the work to compete in every game.

"We've had a great camp — great through two-a-days — the attitudes been great. We've improved that way as a team. We've grown quickly," Cusick said. "I think being able to get the first win under your belt, regardless of who it is, will be an opportunity for our kids to get excited and get the ball rolling."

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EAST

2016 (1-9)	2017
Boardman L, 0-41	8-25 Boardman, 7
Ursuline L, 16-40	9-1 Ursuline, 7
Liberty W, 16-13	9-8 @ Lakeside, 7
Niles L, 12-18	9-15 @ Niles, 7
Fitch L, 6-38	9-22 @ Fitch, 7
Howland L, 0-42	9-29 Howland, 7
Poland L, 0-34	10-6 Poland, 7
Canfield L, 8-45	10-13 @ Canfield, 7
Warren Harding L, 0-49	10-20 Warren Harding, 7
Hubbard L, 8-41	10-27 Hubbard, 7

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EAST
GOLDEN BEARS

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YOUNGSTOWN

Change is in the air at East High School. The school's mascot has changed from Panthers to Golden Bears and Brian Marrow has taken over as head coach.

Marrow was the head coach for eight seasons at Valley Christian before taking season off. He missed the games and players.

"I wasn't missing this," said Marrow, laughing at a recent practice about preseason preparations. Instead, he was spending more time with Valencia, his wife for 32 years, and getting projects done around the house.

When summer arrived, it appeared Marrow would sit out another season. That all changed a month ago when



Marrow

Rick Shepas took over Youngstown City Schools athletics and wanted Marrow as East's head coach.

"I thought about it and prayed about it. It's something I think I should be doing," Marrow said "It's God's calling on me that I should be doing something like this."

He's not the only new high profile coaching addition. Chris Amill, Cardinal Mooney's defensive coordinator for many seasons, is running East's defense.

Marrow has eight players returning with starting experience on offense and defense.

OFFENSE

The Golden Bears will run a multiple set offense.

Chris Fitzgerald (three-year starter) and Will Howard return to anchor the line. Mike Lawrence, who took some snaps last year at quarterback, will be the tailback.



Lawrence



Jones

"It's actually good to have coach who has already been to where we want to be," Lawrence said. "This team this year will be a playoff contender so it's good to have a coach who has actually been there."

"And Coach Amill has been to several [state] championship games."

Also running the ball will be Jawan Showers and Marcus Finkley. Thomas Steele returns at quarterback. His targets will include Carlos Jones and Ilijah Donley.

DEFENSE

Fitzgerald and Howard will be up front while Finkley and Mikese Stevens will be linebackers. Jones will lead the secondary.

Jones said the coaching change caught him "off guard a little bit, but I was excited about it."

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GIRARD

2016 (3-7)	2017
Niles L, 26-47	8-24 Niles, 7
Hubbard L, 16-30	9-1 Hubbard, 7
Warren JFK L, 7-28	9-9 @ Warren JFK, 7
Champion L, 34-38	9-15 Champion, 7
Jefferson L, 40-50	9-22 @ Jefferson, 7
Campbell W, 41-35 (OT)	9-29 @ Campbell, 7
Brookfield L, 26-44	10-6 Brookfield, 7
Newton Falls W, 48-24	10-13 @ Newton Falls, 7
LaBrae L, 42-48	10-20 @ LaBrae, 7
Liberty W, 33-15	10-27 Liberty, 7

GIRARD
INDIANS

By BRIAN DZENIS
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GIRARD

After two years of tough lessons, it's time to show what Girard's football team has learned.

The Indians went a combined 5-15 in the last two seasons, but those teams used mostly underclassmen in their starting lineups. Those same starters are now an experienced corps of juniors and seniors.

"We've taken our lumps last year and the year before that. We've come back now and we know what it takes to win and what it takes to grow," junior quarterback Mark Waid said. "I know this team is ready. I know my brothers are ready and I'm excited."

The Indians finished 2016 at 3-7 after starting the season with a five-game losing streak. The focus this season is getting better at finishing games.

"In the last two years, I don't think our record has depicted the type of team we



Pearson

have, but we haven't finished games the way we wanted to," coach Pat Pearson said. "This team has grown and learned through that. They've taken bumps and bruises and right now this is a focused group trying to get better."

OFFENSE

Waid has a decent case to say he's the best returning quarterback in Trumbull County — if not the Mahoning Valley. He's coming off a season in which he put up 2,600 passing yards, 725 rushing yards and 38 total touchdowns.

"He has all the physical tools. He's been showing that on Friday nights for the past two years," Pearson said. "The biggest thing is with Mark is that he's still growing, still learning and still maturing. He's got leadership skills and he's learned to read defenses and scouting reports and it separates him from the average high school football player."

His top target, senior Michael Belcik, is back and so are fellow seniors Anthony Backus and Devin Wilson and junior Aiden Warga.

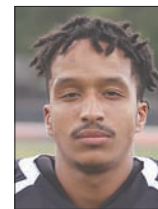
"Everyone is on the same page. Not to say anything bad about last year, but we were nervous going into games last



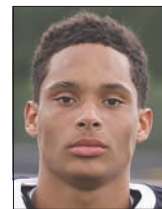
Waid



Belcik



Kornegay



Backus

year and we felt like underdogs," Belcik said. "This year, we're underdogs, but you know what? I love being the underdog and that motivates us."

Four of last year's starting offensive line return. Junior Jack DelGarbino is the leader of that unit. He's joined by 6-foot-3, 340-pound senior Marcus Caudill, sophomore Haeden Gump (6-5, 250) and senior Pat Ledenko.

Up to five players could be in the rotation for carries out of the backfield. Junior Jamil Bannister and senior Daryl Smith Jr. are power backs that can serve as fullbacks. Senior Michael Kornegay and sophomores Morgan Clardy and Jimmy Jones work exclusively as tailbacks.

DEFENSE

DelGarbino's name is familiar to those who follow Mahoning Valley wrestling. He had a breakout season at 220 pounds, climbing as high as No. 3 in the state for his class and making the state semifinals. Over the course of this offseason, his weight is up to 270 pounds and a big year on the gridiron could be in store.

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GIRARD

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DelGarbino and Caudill will lead the defensive line and are joined by senior Andrew Mohn and sophomore Anthony Pratt. Senior Collin McClurkin and Gump should also see time.

Four linebackers return — Smith, senior Nino Mayle, Bannister and senior Carlos Bach.

The wideouts on offense will flip over to the defensive side. Belcik, Backus, Warga, Wilson and Kornegay all start in the secondary. Junior Terrance Davis is also an experienced starter. Juniors Tyrese Cato and Michael Johnson round out the secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Nick Maledo was an all-conference punter as a freshman in 2016 and he returns to the team. Junior Bailey McDermott pulls double duty with the soccer team and with the football team's kicking duties. Wilson, Kornegay, Jones and Backus are capable of returning kicks and punts.

OUTLOOK

Pearson has been patient in rebuilding Girard during his first two seasons at Girard. It's time to see what those underclassmen starters have learned.

The Indians have a couple of big pieces in Waid, Belcik and a senior heavy defensive front seven. They can put up big numbers, now they have to deliver the wins.

EAST

Continued from F13

"I have a little bit more faith — not a lot of people believe in us. So it feels good to have somebody around who actually believes in our talents."

OUTLOOK

East's schedule is rugged. After opening with Boardman, the Golden Bears will play Ursuline. Fitch, Howland and Warren Harding come later.

Marrow said he's not interested in how well the team will do in future seasons.

"A lot of people in the community are happy [for the future]," Marrow said.

He's been told, "Coach, we know you're gonna have a reputation for doing this."

Marrow said his seniors deserve better.

"My message to the kids is that [future talk is] not fair to the seniors this year," he said. "If you are a senior, do you want to hear that in two or three years we're going to be good when they've been getting their teeth kicked in that last three years?"

"So I'm working my tail off to make sure that the seniors get some fun."



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HOWLAND TIGERS

HOWLAND

The Howland Tigers in 2016 began their season with back-to-back losses, including the regular season finale to backyard rival Warren G. Harding. But in between those setbacks it was all good. The Tigers strung together seven consecutive wins, which earned them an All-American Conference Red Tier title and a trip to the playoffs.



Menendez

If the Tigers are going to make a run at a league title and playoff appearance this fall, they will have to grow up in a hurry. The Tigers lost 20 seniors to graduation, and with a roster of just 45, there is little room for error.

Fifth-year coach Dominic Menendez said that despite a new cast of characters, the Tigers will stick with what they know best.

"Defensively, we'll stay the same, we're going to stay aggressive," Menendez said.

"On offense, we're going to try to fit to our personnel as best we can and get the ball into the hands of our play makers as much as possible."

OFFENSE

For the past three years, the Howland offense revolved largely around running back Tyriq Ellis (1,066 yards, 14 TDs).

However, with the AAC Player of the Year lost to graduation, the Tigers will now turn to senior quarterback Samari Dean to provide leadership and experience.

As a junior, Dean completed 61 of 101 passes for 910 yards and nine touchdowns. He also rushed for 342 yards.

"Samari is a great competitor, it's probably his greatest attribute," Menendez said. "He played 10 games for us last year, and got us on a great roll so we'll look for big things from him."

"Samari is very capable of leading the offense in a number of ways."

The offensive line will be anchored by a pair of senior lettermen — Noah Bell (6-foot-3, 265) and Brandon Matlock (6-foot-1, 230).

"With a young backfield, we'll look for our guys up front to provide some strength. They will need to carry the load," Menendez said.

DEFENSE

The Tigers will have to rebuild after losing the likes of Victor Williams (AAC Defensive Player of the Year) and Stephen Baugh (131 tackles, 11 sacks). In all, nine starters will have to be replaced for a defense which ranked among the best in the AAC.

With such a young nucleus, Howland will rely heavily on senior linebacker



Julian



Bell



Matlock



Barrett

Chris Julian. As a junior, Julian (6-foot-2, 220) recorded 90 tackles and eight sacks.

"He's a really good-looking player, he has a nose for the ball," Menendez said. "He's always in the thick of the action, and we'll really need him to step up and make some big plays."

Much like the offensive line, Menendez says the defensive front will have to carry the load for an otherwise inexperienced group.

"We're very young in the defensive backfield, so the guys up front will have to carry the weight while we mature as a group," he said.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Tigers will have a strong and experienced kicking game, as they return both their starting punter (senior Jonny Elliot) and kicker (junior Luke Brancaccio).

However, the core of skilled players that made the Tigers an explosive return team are gone, so they will have some holes to fill.

OUTLOOK

With just four starters returning on offense, and two on defense, Howland is expected to have its share of growing pains. The Tigers will have to grow up fast, as they open the season against backyard rival Lakeview, then travel to Boardman and Parma Padua Franciscan before beginning league play.

Menendez hopes to build around Dean on offense and Julian on defense, along with his other returning lettermen.

"We have to have a great mental attitude, and certainly with our numbers we have to stay healthy in order to compete against our schedule," Menendez said. "Expectations are always high in Howland, and this year is no exception."

HOWLAND	
2016 (7-4)	2017
McDowell, Pa. L, 10-31	8-25 Lakeview, 7
Green L, 20-37	9-1 @ Boardman, 7
Lakeside W, 34-0	9-8 @ Padua, 7
Poland W, 35-34	9-15 Poland, 7
Hubbard W, 20-0	9-22 @ Hubbard, 7
East W, 42-0	9-29 @ East, 7
Perry (Pa.) Acacemy W, 38-8	10-6 Perry Academy, Pa., 7
Niles W, 56-32	10-12 @ Niles, 7
Canfield W, 21-0	10-20 Canfield, 7
Warren Harding L, 20-40	10-27 Akron East, 7
Akron Hoban L, 0-37	

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HUBBARD

2016 (8-3)	2017
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Girard W, 30-16	9-1 @ Girard, 7
Edgewood W, 51-13	9-8 @ Edgewood, 7
Lakeview W, 47-10	9-15 Lakeview, 7
Howland L, 0-20	9-22 Howland, 7
Niles W, 35-21	9-29 @ Niles, 7
Jefferson W, 48-21	10-6 Jefferson, 7
Struthers L, 14-20	10-13 @ Struthers, 7
Poland W, 17-7	10-20 Poland, 7
East W, 41-8	10-27 @ East, 7
Mooney L, 9-27	



HUBBARD EAGLES

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HUBBARD

Remember Hubbard's M&M attack of Morales and Moorer?

Although Rafael Morales and his 1,478 yards and 18 touchdowns are gone, Tyreq Moorer returns as the other power running back after gaining 887 yards and nine TDs as a junior in 2016, when Brian Hoffman guided the Eagles to an 8-3 record, including their 8th playoff appearance in his 10 seasons as coach.



Hoffman

Davion Daniels, also returns at quarterback after providing 500 rushing yards and six TDs. Daniels was also All-Trumbull County.

Now entering his 11th year, Hoffman is 87-28 through a decade as head coach.

The Eagles finished 6-4 in 2015.

OFFENSE

Besides Moorer and Daniels, an all-

county selection, center Hunter Meyer, tackle Reese Best and wide receiver Ray Minniti are 2016 offensive starters back to help give Hubbard a boost toward another playoff appearance that ended with a 27-9 loss to Cardinal Mooney in a Division IV, Region 13 opener.

Along with senior guard Tommy McNicol, who had considerable playing time as a junior, among the eight others in contention for starting positions and roles on offense were sophomores Joe Bednarik and Matt Scheidegger and juniors Anthony Shaffer and Dakota Mayberry.

Two who could contribute in the backfield are Lukas Mosora and Jermia Harris.

The biggest void on offense is at the tight end/H-back position due to the graduation of David Hernandez and Dillon O'Hara.

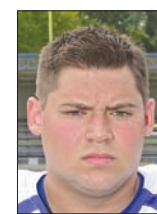
Now, Shannon Slovesko, Hubbard's starting QB for the first half 2016, is working at the H-back position as is junior Seth Jones.



Moorer



Daniels



Meyer



Mosora

Along with Minniti's big-play reputation, Jamie Thompson also returns at wide receiver, while Ryan Halavick, Dom Hover, Jared Southern and senior James Reese will play at the position as well.

DEFENSE

The three returning starters are inside linebackers Mosora and Halavick and Minniti in the secondary.

The departure of Salvatore Pesce, Andrew Cimmento and Wesley Best leaves Meyer as the only down lineman with substantial playing time from last year. Now, Meyer will slide between the OLB and DE spots, leaving the Eagles with nine in contention for wide-open line positions, including junior Mark Jones, Reese Best, Ryan Derr, Seth Jones, Bednarik, Scheidegger, Shaffer and Mayberry.

Mosora and Halavick were the Nos. 1 and 3 leading tacklers in 2016 with 156 and 98, respectively, while Hernandez

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Friday, Aug. 25

WEEK 2
Friday, Sept. 1

WEEK 3
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WEEK 5
Friday, Sept. 22

WEEK 6
Friday, Sept. 29

WEEK 7
Friday, Oct. 6

WEEK 8
Friday, Oct. 13

WEEK 9
Friday, Oct. 20

WEEK 10
Friday, Oct. 27

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ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

GOLD TIER

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AUSTINTOWN FITCH	@East @Can. McKinley (Sa.)	Howland Open	Louisville, 7:30 @Jackson Massillon	@Staubenville Fitch	Mooney Ursuline	Canfield Lakeside	@Harding Boardman	@Ursuline (Th.) @Mooney, 7:30	Fitch @East	Lakeside N. Clarkson, Ont.

RED TIER

CANFIELD	@Louisville Boardman	Alliance Ursuline	@Chardon @Lakeside	Lakeside @Niles	Struthers @Fitch	@Boardman Howland	Niles Poland	East @Canfield	@Howland Hubbard	@Poland Hubbard
EAST	Lakeview @Girard (Th.)	@Boardman @Poland	@Padua Struthers	Poland East	@Hubbard @Lakeview	@East Hubbard	Perry, Pa. @Canfield	@Niles (Th.) Howland (Th.)	Canfield @Jefferson	Akron East Edgewood
HOWLAND	Marlington	Niles	@Jefferson @Edgewood	@Howland Niles	Edgewood	@Struthers	@East	Lakeview	@Hubbard	Canfield

WHITE TIER

ASHTABULA EDGEWOOD	Lakeside University, Pa.	@Jefferson @Girard	Hubbard @Edgewood	Newbury Lakeview	@Poland Howland	@Brookfield @Niles	Lakeview Jefferson	St. John @Struthers	Struthers Poland	Niles @East
HUBBARD	@Grand Valley (Th.) @Howland	Edgewood Liberty	Poland @Labrae	@Struthers @Hubbard	Girard Niles	@Lakeview Jefferson	Poland	Liberty (Th.) @Poland	Niles Champion	@Labrae Struthers
JEFFERSON	@Liberty	Crestview	@Niles	Jefferson	@Canfield	Poland	Poland	Hubbard	@Edgewood	@Lakeview

BLUE TIER

BROOKFIELD	@McDonald Valley Christian	Springfield @Cvca	@Cuyahoga Hts. East Palestine	Liberty Labrae	@South Range @Liberty	Edgewood Girard	@Girard	Labrae @Champion	@Campbell Brookfield	Champion @Newton Falls
CAMPBELL	Warren Jfk Niles (Th.)	Rittman Hubbard	@McDonald @Warren Jfk (Sa.)	@Girard Champion	Labrae @Jefferson	Newton Falls @Campbell	Newton Falls	Campbell @Newton Falls	@Lakeview @Labrae	@Brookfield Liberty
CHAMPION	@Comeaut Struthers	Hubbard @Jfk	Lakeview P. Valley	@Campbell @Brookfield	@Champion Campbell	Liberty @Labrae	Champion	Newton Falls @Jefferson (Th.)	Girard	@Brookfield @Liberty

EASTERN OHIO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NEWTON FALLS	Waterloo	Jackson-Milton	@Mineral Ridge	Rootstown	@Newbury	@Champion	@Labrae	Girard	Newton Falls	Champion
COLUMBIANA	@W. Reserve (Th.) @Salem	McDonald Perry	@Springfield @Campbell	Leetonia United	United @Wellsville	@Toronto	Wellsville	@Lisbon	Wellsville	@East Palestine
EAST PALESTINE	Lowellville @Malvern	@Mathews Mineral Ridge	@Southington @Valley Chr. (Sat.)	@Columbiana Wellsville	Toronto @Southern	@Lisbon	East Palestine	@Toronto	Leetonia	@Southern

MAHONING VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

JACKSON-MILTON	Southington	@Newton Falls	Windham	@Springfield	@Sebring	McDonald	Waterloo	@Mineral Ridge	@Springfield	Cleveland VASJ
LOWELLVILLE	@Leetonia Brookfield	Windham	@Wellsville Champion	Mineral Ridge @Waterloo	@Waterloo	@W. Reserve	Springfield	@Jackson-Milton	Springfield	@Cleveland VASJ
MCDONALD	@P. Valley @Windham	@Columbiana @Lisbon	Newton Falls Mathews	@Waterloo @Lowellville	@W. Reserve Jackson-Milton	McDonald Lowellville	Springfield	Waterloo	Springfield	Warren Jfk

NORTH COAST LEAGUE

WHITE DIVISION

CLE. CENTRAL CATHOLIC	Holy Name (Sa.) @Champion	@Lake Catholic Labrae	Elyria Catholic Girard (Sa.)	@Chardon NDCL Crestview (Sa.)	University (Sa.) Stueb. C.C. (Sa.)	@Lutheran East @Trinity	@Warren Jfk Cleveland C.C.	Trinity Cleveland C.C.	Trinity Cleveland C.C.	Cleveland VASJ
WARREN JFK	@Alliance Hawken	Richmond Hts. Independence	@Marlington @Oberlin (Th.)	Canton C.C. (Th.) @Gilmour	@Crestwood Erie, Pa.	Cleveland VASJ Warren Jfk	@Cleveland VASJ	Aquinas Gilmour	Aquinas Gilmour	Warren Jfk
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	@University (Sa.)	Elyria Catholic	@Kirtland	E. Cleveland Shaw	@Warrens Hts.	@Aquinas	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	Warren Jfk

NORTHEASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

GRAND VALLEY	Jefferson (Th.) @St. John	@Berkshire Leetonia	@Cardinal @Sebring	Valley Christian @Windham	@Southington Rootstown	Newbury @Madonia, W.Va.	@Windham @P. Valley	@Mathews Grand Valley	@Mathews Grand Valley	Conneaut Newbury
MATHEWS	@Fairport	St. John Cardinal	Horizon Science @Liberty	@Edgewood Garfield	Newton Falls @St. John	@Grand Valley @Southington	Mathews @Newbury	Newbury Windham	@P. Valley Newbury	@Mathews @Windham
NEWBURY	Mineral Ridge @Jackson-Milton	St. John Cardinal	Leetonia Fairport	Garfield @Conotton Valley	@St. John Grand Valley	P. Valley @Windham	Open Grand Valley	Edgewood @Newbury	Edgewood @Newbury	St. John @Southington

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ALLIANCE	Aquinas @Cloverleaf	@Canfield Northwest	@Indian Creek @CYCA	West Branch @Minerva	Louisville @Salem	@Canton South Alliance	Salem West Branch	Minerva @Carrollton	Minerva @Carrollton	@Marlington Louisville
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CRESTVIEW	Springfield (Sa.) Cle. Benedictine	@W. Reserve @East	Manchester Akron Hoban	Zanesville @Massillon	Brookfield @Harding	@Crestview Aquinas, N.Y. (Sa.), 1	Kenmore/Garfield Boardman	St. Clairsville @Mooney, 7:30	St. Clairsville @Mooney, 7:30	St. Clairsville @Mooney, 7:30

Hubbard's Davion Daniels (4) is pursued by Howland's Austin Baker (86) during a game at Howland last season. Daniels returns as one of the Eagles' top offensive threats this season.

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HUBBARD

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OLB duties could include Moorer and Slovesko with a couple sophomores in the mix as well.

Minniti started all 11 games at cornerback, but James Reese and Thompson also saw varsity time last year and are vying for the safety spots. Others cross-trained for the Eagles' four secondary slots are Daniels at corner, Southern (CB/S) and Sam Mauk (CB) and Derek

“OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE TO WORK HARD IN CAMP, WORK AS A TEAM TO GET BETTER, DEVELOP SOME GOOD TEAM CHEMISTRY, GROW UP FAST IN SOME SPOTS AND GO FROM THERE.”

BRIAN HOFFMAN, *Hubbard coach*

Matricardi (CB). Hover also has a home in the secondary after switching from OLB.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Soccer players Peter Pizantias and Anthony Corrin were battling for the punter and placekicker jobs.

Thompson and Moorer are expected to perform return duties again.

OUTLOOK

What's got to fall in place for return to playoffs?

“Obviously, we have to work hard in camp, work as a team to get better, develop some good team chemistry, grow up fast in some spots and go from there,” Hoffman said. “We turned ball over at the end and gave them some cheapies, but we had our chance.”

Hubbard tied Struthers for the AAC White title with a 5-1 record.

“The conference has been very competitive the last few seasons and I anticipate the same this year,” Hoffman said.

Consistency has been a hallmark of Hoffman's staff with Jon Mosora (defensive coordinator), Sean Borawiec, Dennis Parise and Sam Bellino (WRs), while the offensive coaches are Ron Fox and Ken Bencetic (QBs) and Tim Taafe (offensive and defensive lines).

Special teams coordinator is John Schiraldi and Tim Schiraldi handles LBs.

Hoffman also guides TEs and Fox coaches RBs and Fox and Bencetic help Hoffman coordinate the offense.



JACKSON-MILTON BLUEJAYS

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NORTH JACKSON

You could say that first-year Jackson-Milton Bluejays coach Nathan Brode has taken on a big challenge.

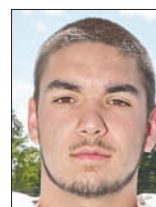
Prior to the start of training camp Brode was set to continue on as an assistant in the program under veteran coach Mark Assion. That changed when Brode was named head coach as practices were set to begin in late July.



Scarl



Harper



French

The sudden change propelled Brode into leading a program that is coming off two consecutive 7-3 seasons and the first two playoff appearances in school history.

The community went from rarely expecting success to being on the verge of expecting it.

“There are definitely some expectations, I'll tell you that,” said Brode, who welcomed a roster with just six seniors. “Coming in as a new coach, I expect the same thing. I and the coaching staff will put in as much work as possible to get that done. The ultimate goal is to play in Week 11.”

OFFENSE

One of the questions heading into camp was to find a replacement for graduated quarterback John Volland, who accounted for close to 1,500 yards last season. Senior Sebastian Lay, who is new to the program as a senior, and

sophomore Michael Liberato were splitting reps. Promising freshman Aaren Landis is also in the mix.

The quarterback will line up behind a line that gained plenty of experience last season and is considered

the strength of the unit.

Sophomore Kent Gross (5-7, 180) is set at center. He'll be flanked at guard by seniors Austin Mercer (5-9, 235) and Zakary Lane (5-10, 190). The tackles are senior Nicholas Scarl (5-11, 180) and sophomore



Brode

John Landis (5-10, 220).

Junior Jimmy Harper returns as the starter at running back. Freshman Sean Lengyel provides depth, while Ryan Staton will flex between the backfield and receiver.

Seniors Johnathan French and Taylor Kleinknecht return to head a deep

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JACKSON-MILTON

2016 (7-4)	2017
Southington W, 35-0	8-25 Southington, 7
Newton Falls L, 0-21	9-1 @ Newton Falls, 7
Windham W, 50-29	9-8 Windham, 7
Leetonia W, 40-10	9-15 @ Springfield, 7
Newbury W, 29-26	9-22 @ Sebring, 7
McDonald L, 7-35	9-29 McDonald, 7
Sebring W, 28-14	10-6 Waterloo, 7
Western Reserve L, 0-53	10-13 @ Lowellville, 7
Lowellville W, 26-0	10-20 @ Mineral Ridge, 7
Mineral Ridge W, 30-7	10-27 Western Reserve, 7
Mogadore L, 6-55	

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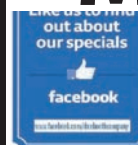


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LAKEVIEW BULLDOGS

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CORTLAND

Over the last 10 years, the Lakeview Bulldogs have been a model of consistency going 72-37 with five playoff appearances.

Last year, the Bulldogs finished 6-4 and just missed the playoffs. They were .05 points behind Holy Name in Division IV, Region 13 for that eighth spot.



Pavlansky

But Lakeview was a young team and three of its four losses came by an average of 28.6 points.

Bulldogs coach Tom Pavlansky felt his team needed to get stronger.

"We didn't do a very good job last year of running the ball or stopping the run," Pavlansky said. "We needed to get bigger, stronger, and faster. We had a lot of young kids playing for the first time.

"When you play against a Struthers and a Hubbard that have some serious skill and talent, there are some good sized kids that get after it over there. We struggled. I just think physically we were not able to match up as well as we needed to."

Lakeview returns six starters on both

JACKSON-MILTON

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group of receivers. Junior Bryce Davis and junior Dyllen Gibbs will also be in the rotation. French can also align at tight end.

DEFENSE

Brode will go with a 3-3 stacked look led by Scarl at middle linebacker. Scarl, who led the unit in tackles last year, will be surrounded in the middle by Harper and Staton. French and Gibbs are the outside linebackers.

Sharing time up front will be Mercer, Lane, Landis and sophomore Logan Firby (5-6, 180). Brode likes the speed this group has shown.

"Pretty quick defensive linemen," Brode said. "Our guys aren't slow by any means."

Davis and Kleinknecht are the corners, with sophomore Jakob Fay adding depth. Lengyel and sophomore Hunter Nitzsky will work at safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Bluejays are set at punter with

offense and defense.

OFFENSE

The Bulldogs return their quarterback, leading rusher, and two of their top three receivers from last season.

Zach Rogers is back under center for Lakeview after being named to the first-team in the All-American Conference's White Tier. Rogers has thrown for 2,403 yards and 20 touchdowns in two seasons as a starter.

He'll have Tony Crish (498 yards rushing) in the backfield with him and receivers Evan Adair and Drew Munno to help propel an offense that averaged 27.9 points.

"Those four guys have played a lot of football for us," Pavlansky said. "Three out of those four guys are seniors. They've all played a good amount of football for us. They are all guys we are looking on for leadership. They all have ability. It definitely helps us out from an offensive standpoint. They are all capable and they are all a threat that the defense has to account for."

DEFENSE

Lakeview returns its top two tacklers (Joel Lindow and Crish) from last season, but will need to get more depth at linebacker.

They do have experience with their

Lane. Lay and Gibbs have been working out to handle kickoffs, extra points and field goals. Kleinknecht will return kicks and Lengyel will handle punt returns. Other returners are Gibbs and Staton.

OUTLOOK

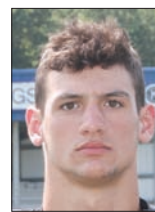
The Bluejays will join Western Reserve, McDonald, Springfield, Sebring, Waterloo, Lowellville and Mineral Ridge in the first year of competition in the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference.

"Any time you can put good football teams together and compete for a league title, there's nothing better than competition," Brode said. "It brings out the best in all our athletes. When you go up against schools like Western Reserve, McDonald, Springfield and Waterloo — you're talking bigger schools than we are. All we can focus on is one week at a time, and right now that's beating Southington."

After opening against Southington, J-M plays non-conference games against Newton Falls and Windham before opening conference play.



Rogers



Crish



Adair

front seven that should help improve a unit that gave up 24.9 points a game last season.

"We're waiting for guys to step up," Pavlansky said. "We think there are some guys that are really capable and we're excited to see them go after that in the scrimmages. We'll definitely have some inexperience in the back end. We have young guys that are going to get better each week, but there are some definite concerns."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Rogers will handle punting duties for the Bulldogs. Placekicker Noah Busefink has been a three-year starter and Evan Darrow will handle return duties.

"Special teams needs to be a strength of ours," Pavlansky said. "We have two- and three-year starters at key positions."

OUTLOOK

Pavlansky feels his team needs to stay grounded and just look to get better each day as Lakeview will face the likes of Po-

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LAKEVIEW

2016 (6-4)	2017
Campbell W, 31-21	8-25 @ Howland, 7
Liberty L, 21-28	9-1 Liberty, 7
LaBrae W, 20-10	9-8 @ LaBrae, 7
Hubbard L, 10-47	9-15 @ Hubbard, 7
Niles W, 21-20	9-22 Niles, 7
Jefferson L, 27-49	9-29 Jefferson, 7
Edgewood W, 42-14	10-6 @ Edgewood, 7
Poland W, 45-13	10-13 @ Poland, 7
Champion W, 48-6	10-20 Champion, 7
Struthers L, 14-41	10-27 Struthers, 7

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LOWELLVILLE ROCKETS

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LOWELLVILLE

The Lowellville Rockets enter their second season under head coach Doug Velasquez with high hopes.

Hired a year ago and just two months prior to summer sessions, Velasquez felt like he didn't have an adequate adjustment period the first time around in order to implement his system.

With a full year and an entire offseason now under everyone's belt, Velasquez's lofty goal is to not only advance to the 11th week of play (the Rockets' last playoff appearance was in 2014), but host a playoff game.

"Last year the offseason went by so fast, but this year our staff has had an entire year to work with the players and that has helped everyone as we get ready for the upcoming campaign," Velasquez said.

The Rockets graduated just four seniors from last year's 0-9 squad, a team that scored just 116 points (12.9 per game). Lowellville failed to score in double digits four times and was shut out twice.

OFFENSE

The Rockets have three quarterback hopefuls in Jake Rotz, Matt Hvisdak and Dylan Sallaz.

Dom Layko and Nate Solak will rotate at tight end with Micah Mamula-Zarlingo and Evan Zupko the wide receivers.

Running backs include Hvisdak, Sallaz and Joe Ballone as they operate out of the pistol and double wing, hoping to get as many touches to their breakaway threats.



Rotz



Sallaz



Kacir



LaRosa

The line includes guards Liam Boyd and Adam Danzo at guard, Jake Jarvis and Carl La-Rosa the tackles, Brandon Pazel (who started as a freshman a year ago) at center with Vinnie Kacir and Dylan Durkin adding much needed depth.

DEFENSE

The front line will showcase Jarvis, La-Rosa, Solak and some younger players at tackle with Solak, Boyd and Durkin seeing the bulk of playing time at end.

Kacir started all nine games as a freshman at inside linebacker and will be joined by Layko on the outside.

The secondary features Rotz, Sallaz and Zupko at safety with Hvisdak, Ballone and freshman Anthony Sanchez guarding the corners.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Durkin is expected to handle the punting and placekicking duties with Achili Minch and Mamula-Zarlingo adding depth.

Minch, Ballone and Sallaz are the punt and kick returners with Hvisdak the holder and Solak taking on the long and short snapping duties.

OUTLOOK

Last season saw the end to the ITCL, but the Rockets won't skip a beat affiliation-wise as they move over to the newly-formed Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference, which also includes former ITCL foes McDonald, Western Reserve, Sebring, Springfield, Mineral Ridge and Jackson-Milton. Waterloo is the other member of the new eight-team league.

"This might be the first year of the MVAC, but most teams were ITCL members. We just need to win some games early, get on a roll and maintain that momentum," Velasquez said. "Winning our home games is also very important."

After going a combined 11-10 in 2013-14, the Rockets will now look to improve on their 1-18 mark of the past two seasons.



MATHEWS MUSTANGS

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VIENNA

A pair of one-point losses to Windham and Newbury hurt the Mathews Mustangs' chances of advancing to the postseason for the third straight season in 2016 as they finished 5-5.



Protopapa

Despite those numbers, the Mustangs will have just 23 players on the roster.

"This is the smallest number in recent years," Mathews coach John Protopapa said. "You would think success would breed more success and you'd have more kids come out."

OFFENSE

The Mustangs will have a ground game-by-committee setup with running backs Daniel Canter (750 yards) and Andrew Simon (392 yards) and quarterback Dillon Canter (332 yards) all possessing the ability to run the ball.



Daniel Canter



Dillon Canter

Dillon passed for 1,016 yards and nine touchdowns. He'll have receiver Chris Ritz back in the fold as he had 15 receptions for 355 yards.

Also, Mathews will have its entire offensive line back to lead the way for a unit that averaged 27.7 points.

"Daniel has had over 2,500 yards rushing over the last two years and 27 touchdowns," Protopapa said. "He's made all-conference. Dillon has started for us the last two seasons. He played most of our playoff game as a freshman after our starting quarterback got hurt in the first quarter. Dillon came in and handled it pretty well."

DEFENSE

The Mustang' defense wasn't as efficient last season as it was in 2015, but Protopapa felt inexperience contributed to a lot of those issues.

Santino Lamancusa, linebackers Andy Miller, Tanner Hunt, and Daniel Canter along with help in the secondary from Ritz and Simon will offer some balance to a unit that Protopapa expects to shore up its deficiencies from last season.

SPECIAL TEAMS

After those narrow losses kept the Mustangs out of the 2016 playoffs, Mathews might have shored up its kicking game when Emily Strama tried out.

"She came out and can do it pretty well," Protopapa said. "She will probably be handling the extra points."

Brian Prentice and Tanner Hunt are battling to handle kickoff duties.

OUTLOOK

With just 23 bodies, avoiding injuries will go a long way in seeing if the Mustangs can get back to Week 11.

The Mustangs will start the season against Ashtabula St. John, Leetonia and Sebring. All of those teams have their own issues with low numbers. From there, Windham and Grand Valley will be roadblocks Mathews must overcome to get back to the playoffs.

"I think Windham is going to surprise a lot of people this year," Protopapa said. "They made the playoffs last year. They had a lot of young kids and they beat us here, 42-41."

"We play our last three games at home. That's good for us."

MATHEWS

2016 (5-5)	2017
St. John W, 49-6	8-25 @ St. John, 7
Leetonia W, 43-0	9-1 Leetonia, 7
WRA L, 20-47	9-8 @ Sebring, 7
Windham L, 41-42	9-15 @ Windham, 7
Rootstown L, 0-42	9-22 Rootstown, 7
Madonna, W.Va. W, 30-14	9-29 @ Madonna, W.Va., 7
PV W, 20-14 2 ot	10-6 @ PV, 7
Southington W, 34-15	10-13 Southington, 7
Grand Valley L, 12-39	10-20 Grand Valley, 7
Newbury L, 28-29	10-27 Newbury, 7

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LOWELLVILLE

2016 (0-9)	2017
Valley Christian L, 12-48	8-25 @ Leetonia, 7
Windham L, 6-28	9-1 Windham, 7
Wellsville L, 16-48	9-8 @ Wellsville, 7
Leetonia L, 32-33 (OT)	9-15 Mineral Ridge, 7
Western Reserve L, 6-43	9-22 @ Waterloo, 7
Mineral Ridge L, 24-44	9-29 @ Western Reserve, 7
Sebring L, 20-54	10-6 @ Sebring, 7
Jackson-Milton L, 0-26	10-13 Jackson-Milton, 7
McDonald L, 0-45	10-20 Springfield, 7
	10-27 McDonald, 7

MCDONALD

2016 (6-4)	2017
South Range L, 14-24	8-25 Brookfield, 7
Springfield W, 20-10	9-1 @ Columbiana, 7
Black River L, 26-35	9-8 Champion, 7
Wellsville L, 20-34	9-15 @ Waterloo, 7
United W, 42-20	9-22 Springfield, 7
Jackson-Milton W, 35-7	9-29 @ Jackson-Milton, 7
Western Reserve L, 9-13	10-6 @ Mineral Ridge, 7
Mineral Ridge W, 47-10	10-13 Sebring, 7
Sebring W, 40-13	10-20 Western Reserve, 7
Lowellville W, 45-0	10-27 @ Lowellville, 7



McDONALD BLUE DEVILS

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MCDONALD
From 2006 until 2014, the McDonald High football program enjoyed unparalleled success.

During the nine-year span, the Blue Devils found themselves in the playoffs seven times and earned five conference titles.

And while the past two years have by no means been a failure — the Blue Devils are 13-7 in that time frame — a two-year playoff drought and a 6-4 finish (in 2016) is a bit disappointing for a program with such high standards.

“Our kids are hungry, they are very eager to compete for a league title and play football in November,” McDonald coach Dan Williams said. “Our goal is always to win a league title. We feel like if we do that, the computer points will take care



Williams

of itself.

“We have a nice core of experienced players coming back. We lost a great deal of talent to graduation. We have a lot of holes to fill. But at the same time we like where we’re at heading into the season.”

Williams, now in his 18th season at his alma mater, owns a 121-61 record.

OFFENSE

McDonald’s offense will revolve around its front line, which returns four starters from a year ago. Left tackle Calvin Wolford (6-foot, 240 pounds) is the only senior of the group. He will be joined by juniors Zach Nolf (5-10, 215), Ali Hammond (6-1, 220) and Logan Marshall (5-9, 255).

The experienced line will look to provide holes for junior running back Alex Cintron. As a sophomore, Cintron rushed for a team-high 795 yards, averaging eight yards per carry. He also had 24 receptions for a team-high 409 yards.

Junior Ryan Scala will get the nod at quarterback.



Scala



Cintron



Wolford

“Ryan started seven JV games a year ago, but never really played under the lights,” Williams said. “We’ll bring him along slowly, but he’s a smart kid, he’ll be able to handle what we throw at him.”

“With our experienced line, and with Alex leading the way, we’ll look to run first, and throw when the opportunity presents itself. We feel as though our line can make things happen.”

DEFENSE

Much like on offense, McDonald will rely on its up-front players to carry the load on defense.

Defensive ends Tyrese Johnson (6-3, 195) and Wolford will supply experience, size and speed.

“It’s nice to have those two back, the two bookends on offense who are smart and talented players,” Williams said.

Junior tackle Nate Dean (5-9, 260) also lettered as a sophomore.

“To have three guys return up front is

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MINERAL RIDGE

2016 (2-8)	2017
PV L, 18-22	8-25 @ PV, 7
Lisbon L, 14-46	9-1 @ Lisbon, 7
Newton Falls L, 21-24	9-8 Newton Falls, 7
South Range L, 0-51	9-15 @ Lowellville, 7
Columbiana L, 21-53	9-22 @ Western Reserve, 7
Sebring W, 33-32 (OT)	9-29 Waterloo, 7
Lowellville W, 44-24	10-6 McDonald, 7
McDonald L, 10-47	10-13 @ Springfield, 7
Western Reserve L, 0-50	10-20 Jackson-Milton, 7
Jackson-Milton L, 7-30	10-27 Sebring, 7



MINERAL RIDGE RAMS

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MINERAL RIDGE
Steve Wyllie was able to turn around a struggling Garrettsville Garfield program.

Now he hopes to do the same at his alma mater.

Wyllie, a 1992 Mineral Ridge graduate, took over the Rams program during the offseason when Jeff Whittaker resigned following a two-year stint.

While at Garfield (2005-2012), Wyllie’s teams compiled a 54-29 record. The G-Men won a pair of league titles and made two trips to the playoffs.

Mineral Ridge has struggled in recent times. Its resume includes just three winning seasons since 2008. Its record since 2014 is just 8-22.

“I am extremely passionate about bringing winning football back to Mineral Ridge,” Wyllie said. “I’m excited, be-



Wyllie

cause that passion is starting to rub off on the players. They are starting to understand what it means to wear a Mineral Ridge uniform. They want to win, and more importantly they are starting to understand what it takes to succeed.”

OFFENSE

The Rams offense will revolve around a very large offensive line.

“When we get off the bus, we’re going to pass the eye test. We’re going to look intimidating,” Wyllie said. “We’re going to have to take advantage with our size up front.”

Seniors Antonio Tedesco (6-foot-2, 265 pounds), Dillan Keeley (6-3, 340), Steven Fitzgerald (5-9, 320) and Troy Squiric (6-2, 245) will be joined up front by newcomer Darren Jordonek (5-11, 180), who last year played in the backfield.

The Rams backfield of Michael McLean, Joey Caruso, DeCosta Baptiste and Jarred Miller all should get plenty of touches behind the big line. Last year, Miller started at quarterback and rushed for 816 yards. Baptiste was second with 423 yards.



Miller



Baptiste



McLean

McLean is on pace to earn his fourth varsity letter, while Miller has already lettered twice.

Sophomore Dakota Edwards (5-11, 175) has the edge at quarterback.

DEFENSE

The size on offense will carry over to defense, as most of the linemen are two-way players.

“We have a nice rotation, where when a couple of guys need a breather we can plug guys in and out,” Wyllie said.

Nathan Chiclowe and McLean “are two really skilled guys playing defensive end,” according to Wyllie.

Jordonek, “who just loves to hit someone” will anchor the linebacking corps.

Baptiste and Miller bring experience to the defensive backfield.

“We’re a pretty athletic group on defense,” Wyllie said. “Our size will catch some attention right out of the gate, but we will surprise some people with our athleticism.”

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CARDINAL MOONEY CARDINALS

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YOUNGSTOWN

Cardinal Mooney finished 8-3 a year ago, but a second round playoff exit left the Cardinals with an empty, unfinished feeling.

They hope to take care of that feeling in 2017.

When you're part of a program that is used to making deep postseason run, and then fall short of that goal, the motivation is there.

"Each year you learn with the guys receiving valuable playing experience in the process. This is a new year, last year is behind us and the dynamics are different so we are ready to start anew," Mooney head coach P.J. Fecko said.

"We have a new senior class ready to take over the leadership role and last year's sophomore class is a year older, looking for an enhanced role.

"The beauty of high school athletics is that juniors become seniors, it's their team and they have to figure out a way to lead. So far they have established a posi-

tive chemistry, weathered any storms and have helped mesh all classes into a cohesive unit."

Fecko added that this year's version of Cardinal Mooney football has a passion for the game and is a lot of fun to be around.

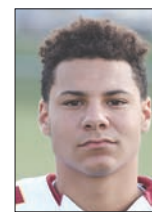
"This is a really good group to work with because they are hard-working, attentive, passionate and great to be with every day," he said. "They're a responsive group that is ready to go each and every time they hit the field."

Getting out of the gate fast and maintaining the momentum that they have built will be the key for this year's squad as they play their first five games and six of their first seven on the road.

"The challenge of playing a schedule like ours is that it's a brutal, daunting task to get through that portion not just successfully, but injury-free," Fecko said. "It's an old cliché, but you need to stay healthy, especially in high school football, and most especially in our area. Depth will be a problem for many teams and in northeast Ohio, we're an older



Fecko



Page



Gentile



Olesh



Marchionda

community, which means there are less younger players each year coming out for football."

OFFENSE

The Cardinals run a multiple set and have six starters returning, including four on the offensive line.

Senior Antonio Page returns at quarterback with John Murphy and Luke Fulton also battling for playing time.

Page threw for 671 yards and five touchdowns last season and rushed for 438 yards and nine touchdowns.

Chris Gruber (288 yards, 2 TDs) and Jason Santisi are the running backs with Dan Simko and Andre McCoy the full-back hopefuls.

Page's targets include wide receivers Nico Marchionda (9 receptions, TD), Anthony Fire, Brent Weaver and Julian Diaz, and tight ends Brennan Olesh (4 receptions, TD) and Cheriff Jamison.

Vinny Gentile and Karter Kesner will handle the snapping duties, Tyler Petrey, Steve Moser and Joe Graniche are the guards with Kyle Jornigan and Alex

Maxin penciled in at the tackles.

DEFENSE

Of the six returnees to their 4-3 set, two are linemen, one a linebacker and the secondary returns three and is the most experienced group.

On the line, Gentile and McCoy will compete for time in the middle with Jamison at one end, Fire the other and Simko adding depth to both areas.

Petrey and Maxin are the inside mainstays and will back up both Gentile and McCoy.

Olesh and Darrion Fant are the inside linebackers, Weaver is set to patrol the outside while the last line of defense includes cornerbacks Marchionda, Gruber and Diaz and safeties Page, Fulton and Santisi.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Fire averaged 34.7 yards per boot on 24 punts a year ago and returns in the same capacity this season.

Andrew and Brian Philibin are the kicking hopefuls with Maurice McElroy the extra-point specialist.

Marchionda and Gruber will handle the punt and kick return duties.

OUTLOOK

With five road games to start the season, the Cardinals must start quickly and build on the momentum that they generate, otherwise it could be a long season.

Challenge is nothing new to Fecko or the Cardinals and with three home games to end the season, one of which is against arch-rival Ursuline (Austin-

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Boardman L, 26-28	9-1 @ Akron Hoban, 7
Akron North W, 46-0	9-8 @ Columbus De-Sales, 7
St Vincent-St Mary W, 31-16	9-15 @ Akron SV-SM, 7
Lake Catholic W, 42-12	9-22 @ Boardman, 7:30
Canisius, N.Y. L, 14-31	9-29 Collegiate, N.Y., 7:30
Warren Harding W, 35-34	10-7 @ Buchtel, 1
Ursuline W, 13-9	10-13 Warren Harding, 7:30
Fitch W, 7-0	10-20 Ursuline, 7:30
Hubbard W, 27-9	10-27 Fitch, 7:30
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2016 (5-5)	2017
Struthers L, 12-42	8-25 Struthers, 7
Lakeview W, 28-21	9-1 @ Lakeview, 7
East L, 13-16	9-8 PV, 7
Brookfield W, 27-21 (OT)	9-15 @ Brookfield, 7
Campbell W, 20-14	9-22 Campbell, 7
LaBrae L, 0-21	9-29 @ LaBrae, 7
Champion W, 25-14	10-6 Champion, 7
Jefferson L, 13-28	10-12 @ Jefferson, 7
Newton Falls W, 20-14	10-20 Newton Falls, 7
Girard L, 15-33	10-27 @ Girard, 7

LIBERTY
LEOPARDS

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LIBERTY
Coach Chet Allen advised anyone doing play-by-play with a pen or pencil that they'd better learn shorthand because the Leopards are going to run an up-tempo offense this season in hopes of exorcising the memory of the school's 3-7 and 5-5 won-loss records from 2015 and 2016, respectively.



Allen

For a fourth straight year, Liberty will rely heavily on Dra Rushton's talents as quarterback and cornerback for the team that dropped a division for 2017.

"Liberty gained 10 kids, but, somehow, that pushed us down to six [Division VI]," Allen said of the net effect of the state's competitive balance implementation that kicks in this fall.



Rushton

"We were a bottom V last year and then became top/mid-top of VI. If we're lucky enough to get into the playoffs, we would be in position to play Brookfield, Western Reserve and Kirtland. First, however, we've got to take care of Week 1."

Liberty's opener is against Struthers.

"We've gained some more muscle and speed, so, hopefully, we have enough firepower to get it done," the coach said of a team goal to improve. "Having a six, seven or 10-win season would be great."

OFFENSE

Aside from Rushton (5-foot-10, 165 pounds) as the triggerman in the backfield will be either seniors Charles Pickard and Brian Maddox or junior Jalen McKinney as running backs.

"Brian is back after a year off, but he's definitely vying for that position," Allen



Edmonds



Gilcher



Haywood

said of Maddox. "All three are fighting for the position, so we could have a three-headed monster, so that's a good thing to keep guys fresh."

Rushton has been a starter in some capacity — defensive back or wide receiver — since his freshman year. This will be his second season as QB.

Other skill-position players loading up the offense are senior Chris Edmonds as the H-back/TE hybrid and seniors Capone Haywood, Quaishon Campbell, Tobias Brantley and junior Cameron Thomas as wideouts. Also fighting for wideout spots are Justin Cizmar and Zion Matlock, both juniors.

Up front, senior center Mohannad Yusuf (6-0, 199) will be joined by guards James Spisak (5-11, 220 senior), Simi Moananu (5-10, 280, sophomore) or senior Jaylen Harper (6-1, 285, senior).

One tackle will be third-year starter

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2016 (2-8)	2017
Rootstown L, 7-28	8-25 Waterloo, 7
Jackson-Milton W, 21-0	9-1 Jackson-Milton, 7
Mineral Ridge W, 24-21	9-8 @ Mineral Ridge, 7
Edgewood L, 6-20	9-15 Rootstown, 7
Brookfield L, 12-54	9-22 @ Newbury, 7
Champion L, 6-14	9-29 @ Champion, 7
LaBrae L, 8-47	10-6 @ LaBrae, 7
Girard L, 24-48	10-13 Girard, 7
Liberty L, 14-20	10-20 @ Liberty, 7
Campbell L, 0-35	10-27 Campbell, 7

NEWTON FALLS
TIGERS

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NEWTON FALLS
With 22 lettermen and 17 starters returning, you might think the Newton Falls Tigers have a senior-stacked roster.

That's far from the case, which indicates exactly how inexperienced the Tigers were in the 2-8 season of 2016.

Twenty six of the 33 players on the roster this season are underclassmen, including 19 sophomores and freshmen.

While third-year coach Josh Franke is confident of improvement in the win total, he knows it's still a work in progress for a program that didn't win a game two years ago.

"There are phases of building a program," Franke said. "When you first get here, the first phase is you're going to lose games by a lot. The second phase is you lose games by a little bit. The third phase is you win games by a little bit. You find out how to get over the hump. The



Franke

fourth phase is you're winning by a lot. I think we're on the cusp."

OFFENSE

The offense will be led by senior running back Bill Wright, who rushed for 1,012 yards last season. Senior Braden Bungard, who passed for 683 yards and five touchdowns, is back at quarterback. Sophomore Mitchell Harley will lead blocking out of the backfield at fullback.

The line has senior leadership in center Adam Wilson (5-11, 192), left tackle Chris Rankin (6-4, 246) and left guard

Jacob Whisonant (6-2, 263). Completing the line are junior right guard Kyle Wilcox (6-1, 256) and sophomore right tackle Zach Brewer (6-2, 257). Junior Austin Lattea (5-1, 221) will be in the mix

Senior tight end Colton Hunt, who led the offense in receptions last season, is back. The receivers will be senior Jeremiah Dickey, junior Preston Rapczack and sophomore Jacob Wright.

Freshman Cole Marquette will see



Bungard



Hunt



Rankin

time at tight end.

DEFENSE

This unit made strides last year after a difficult 2015 season in which the Tigers lost eight games by more than 20 points. Nine starters return, which is a source of optimism.

"Our defense dropped from giving up more than 50 points a game to giving up 21 points a game," Franke said. "Three games were decided by seven or less. The record doesn't indicate how big of an improvement there was."

The cornerstone of the unit is Hunt, a 6-2, 235-pound inside linebacker. Hunt is on pace to finish as the school's career-leading tackler.

Surrounding Hunt at linebacker in the 3-5-3 look are Harley, sophomore Brant Bungard, Rapczack and Wright. Brewer will line up at nose tackle. Wilcox and Rankin are the ends.

Wright, who had seven interceptions last year, and Dickey are the cornerbacks. Braden Bungard is the safety.

"It's led by Colton Hunt," Franke said.

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NILES

The good news for the Niles McKinley Red Dragons is that there were signs of improvement in 2016. Following a 3-7 finish in '15, the Dragons improved to 5-5, including back-to-back wins to end the season.



Shaner

The bad news? Niles was hit hard by graduation. The Dragons lost 18 seniors, including several players who earned four varsity letters. Sixth-year coach Brian Shaner must replace three-year quarter-

back Tyler Srbinovich, along with most of the skilled players who helped the Red Dragons average 29.7 points on offense.

But Shaner is by no means ready to proclaim 2017 as a rebuilding year.

"Our kids are excited, they are buying into everything we throw at them," Shaner said. "We are young and overall very inexperienced, but this group is

hungrier, more eager to learn and more willing to put in the work than any group I've been around."

OFFENSE

A Niles offense which for the past three years centered around the arm of Srbinovich will now focus on the legs of junior Robbie Savin (905 rushing yards, 12 TDs).

"Robbie is that guy, he has the ability to be one of the most dominating running backs in our area," Shaner said. "He's an old-school Niles back. He'll run up the middle and run you over, and he has the ability to break away on the outside."

Quarterback Jordan Soda may lack varsity experience, but Shaner is more than eager to throw the senior into the fire.

"Jordan's only drawback the past few years is that he played behind Srbinovich," Shaner said. "In reality, he's been varsity ready for the past couple of seasons. I think he will catch a lot of fans and opponents off-guard this year."

Senior Alex Lawrence and junior Trent Johnson will be among Soda's favorite targets. And with newcomers Nate Fowler and Jason Johnson joining the program, there is once again speed and depth at the wideout position.

"Teams are going to have to commit to Robbie, and when they do, that will open up our passing game," Shaner said. "We're excited about our potential from our skilled players."

The offensive line was hit hard by graduation.

"We're big up front, but we don't have any seniors up there. We're going to experience some growing pains," Shaner said.

DEFENSE

Scoring points hasn't been an issue for Niles in recent years, however keeping the opponent out of the end zone has

been a major struggle.

"Right now our biggest and best asset is the fact that we have [defensive coordinator] Bud [McSuley] back for a second year," Shaner said. "Last year these kids were learning Bud's system. This year they understand it. They are comfortable running his system. And Bud has as good a defensive mind for this game as anyone you will find in this area."

Linebackers Preston Turner, David Mays and Savin will anchor the defense. Turner is a three-year starter who recorded 81 tackles and three sacks last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Niles returns senior kicker Kevin Sweegan, who will be challenged by incoming freshman Chase Sudzina.

The deep corps of receivers should also provide plenty of firepower for the return team.

"Returning kicks and punts will be one of our biggest offensive weapons this year," Shaner said.

OUTLOOK

It's been five years since Niles enjoyed a winning season. If the tide is going to turn for the better, the current cast of Dragons will have to grow up in a hurry. Niles opens against backyard rival Girard, then jumps right into a nine-game league schedule, starting off with long-time nemesis Poland.

"The dedication this group has displayed during the offseason is pretty remarkable," Shaner said. "They might lack varsity experience, but they have really grown up since January."

"These guys don't want to hear about the loss of 18 seniors or anything like that. They have adopted a 'no excuses' mentality, and fully expect to be extremely competitive right out of the gate."

MOONEY

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town Fitch and Warren Harding are the other two opponents), a good start will go a long way in determining the importance of those final regular-season games.

"The seniors have done a great job pointing 'their' team in the right direction and we're ready to get started," Fecko said. "We'll need to stay focused and play together as a team, especially those first five games, but this group is ready to go and it should be an exciting season."

LAKEVIEW

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land, Hubbard, and Struthers in league play.

"It doesn't matter how many lettermen you have coming back or how much experience," Pavlansky said. "We have to take care of today. You are guaranteed 10 chances to win a game. Other than that, that is it. We're trying to build that opportunity for success. That takes a lot of time, a lot of effort and a lot of hours. If we do it, we'll see how big that opportunity gets. When the lights come on, you have to take advantage of it."

NILES

2016 (5-5)	2017
Girard W, 47-26	8-24 @ Girard, 7
Poland L, 23-26	9-1 @ Poland, 7
Struthers W, 21-20	9-8 Struthers, 7
East W, 18-12	9-15 East, 7
Lakeview L, 20-21	9-22 @ Lakeview, 7
Hubbard L, 21-35	9-29 Hubbard, 7
Canfield L, 21-23	10-6 @ Canfield, 7
Howland L, 32-56	10-12 Howland, 7
Jefferson W, 32-20	10-20 @ Jefferson, 7
Edgewood W, 62-21	10-27 Edgewood, 7

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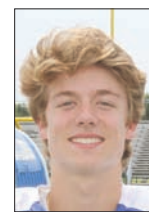
POLAND

2016 (4-6)	2017
Marlington L, 21-35	8-25 Marlington, 7
Niles W, 26-23	9-1 Niles, 7
Jefferson W, 45-8	9-8 @ Jefferson, 7
Howland L, 34-35	9-15 @ Howland, 7
Edgewood W, 42-7	9-22 Edgewood, 7
Struthers L, 21-28	9-29 @ Struthers, 7
East W, 34-0	10-6 @ East, 7
Lakeview L, 13-45	10-13 Lakeview, 7
Hubbard L, 7-17	10-20 @ Hubbard, 7
Canfield L, 14-29	10-27 Canfield, 7



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POLAND BULLDOGS



Diaz



Lavorini



Sabrin

POLAND
Playoff football is not a given in Poland.

That lesson was learned the hard way in 2016. The Bulldogs went 4-6 in 2016, missing the playoffs for the first time in a decade.



Williams

"It was hard, Poland has been one of the best teams in the area for the past 10 years and it sucked being a part of the group to break that," senior linebacker Cole Lavorini said. "All of that

has gone toward motivation for this year and bringing [the team] back to what it's been."

Head coach Ryan Williams wants to make 2016 just a brief slip in his second season in charge. Twenty seniors should help.

This season also carries additional weight as it could mark the end of the

longtime rivalry with Canfield. Poland is leaving the All-American Conference for the Northeast 8 Conference in 2018 and the new league will not include Canfield.

Williams would like to keep the series alive even though the two sides will no longer meet in league play.

"I'll play them any time. Week 1, Week 3 or any time. They're still your rival," Williams said. "It's a good battle and the kids enjoy it."

OFFENSE

Junior Cole Kosco reprises his role under center. He's the main man, but senior Jonah Spencer can also appear in wildcat packages.

Kosco's top returning targets are seniors Mike Diaz and Nate Alessi and Spencer can slot there and at tailback. Senior Dante Romano returns at running back.

The returning offensive linemen are seniors Nick Sabrin and Drew Davies.

"We're pretty deep on the line. We've got seven or eight guys that can play on Friday nights," Sabrin said.

DEFENSE

The Bulldogs return three linebackers with at least two years of starting experience in seniors Kincaid Mrakovich, Nick Miller and Lavorini. Senior defensive lineman Alec Catsoules returns after setting the school record for sacks in a season with 10.

"He had great year in track, too. He was a 28-foot long jumper and for a (5-foot-

10), 210-pound kid, that's really good," Williams said.

There are no returning starters in the secondary and all jobs are up for grabs, Williams said.

Seniors Alessi, Billy Orr and Brandon Barringer will get work in the secondary and so will junior Heyden Kaschak.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Colton McFadden and his powerful leg have moved on to Kent State. McFadden hit a 55-yard field goal last season and provided the Bulldogs an impressive strategic weapon.

"It's an unbelievable loss. More than the field goal ability that people don't realize is that he had a touchback 82 times in his career, which means 82 times that our defense started at the 20," Williams said. "Any time you make an offense have to go 80 yards, that's really good."

Sophomore Mike Kushner will take over the kicking duties. Junior Mitchell Frederick is the punter. Diaz, Romano and Barringer can all handle the return duties.

OUTLOOK

Williams and the Bulldogs have to prove 2016 was the exception and not the norm. If the head coach's most lamented loss is his kicker, his team is in decent shape. Having seniors at every skill position save quarterback — which is occupied by a junior returning starter — plus a double-digit sackmaster on defense has Poland in place for a rebound.

NEWTON FALLS

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"As he goes, we go. We pride ourselves on being able to stop the run. Teams that had success on us last year were able to throw the ball on us."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Rapczack will handle kicking and punting chores. As of early in camp Franke was still in search of return specialists.

OUTLOOK

Reaching the .500 mark would be a positive step. For Franke, it's about building the entire program, starting at the junior high level.

"We're putting our playbook in and installing our philosophies earlier in the year, so we don't have to spend as much time on it with this being our third season," Franke said. "We are far ahead of where we were last year."

Good Luck!

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SALEM QUAKERS

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SALEM

After a 10-2 season and a playoff appearance in 2015, the Salem football team finished 2016 with a 5-5 record. Salem's 2016 season was filled with highs and lows. The Quakers featured one of the best offenses in the area, but the impressive numbers didn't result in enough wins to return to the playoffs.



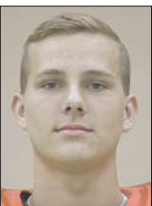
Johnson

The Quakers started to gain some momentum in the middle of the season, but went 3-4 in the Northeastern Buckeye Conference and missed out on the postseason.

Salem head coach Ron Johnson said the Quakers are talented enough to reclaim a playoff spot in 2017 and expects the team to bounce back.

OFFENSE

The strength will be the team's skill players. Salem returns seven starters on offense. Johnson said the offense needs to get the ball in the hands of its playmakers as often as possible.



Davidson

Quakers quarterback Mitch Davidson is back after throwing for 2,500 yards and 20 touchdowns. Chase Ackerman, Zach Bezon and Turner Johnson all return at wide receiver.

The trio of receivers accounted for more than 1,000 yards last season.

Salem also has two featured running backs Senior Eli Rothwell and junior Brock Madley will split carries during the upcoming season.

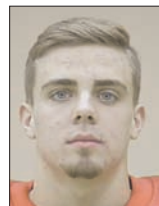
SALEM

2016 (5-5)	2017
East Palestine L, 35-37	8-25 East Palestine, 7
United W, 40-14	9-1 United, 7
East Liverpool W, 31-0	9-8 @ E. Liverpool, 7:30
Canton South L, 13-34	9-15 @ Carrollton, 7
Marlington L, 14-42	9-22 Canton South, 7
Carrollton W, 28-19	9-29 @ Marlington, 7
Minerva W, 49-26	10-6 @ Alliance, 7
Alliance W, 42-32	10-13 Minerva, 7
Louisville L, 27-46	10-20 @ Louisville, 7
West Branch L, 0-27	10-28 West Branch, 7

Salem lost its leading receiver and leading rusher, receiver Cooper Bezardi (5,000 total yards the last two seasons) and running back Jake Hume-niuk (77 catches, 1,122 yards, 14 TDs), to graduation.

DEFENSE

The Quakers are rebuilding on defense after losing several key pieces to graduation. Salem has five starters returning from last season and the team needs to find replacements in the front seven.



Maenz

Despite losing several key players in the front seven, the Quakers still have experience in their linebackers.

Johnson said senior linebacker Jake Maenz will be the "quarterback on defense" in 2017. Junior Robbie Sarginger, the team's leading tackler, is returning 2017 season. Sarginger recorded over 100 tackles last season and will be rejoining Maenz at linebacker.

Ackerman and Bezon will also start on defense. Bezon will start at safety and Ackerman will return at defensive back.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Brayden Gibson is returning as the kicker first fourth season with the Quakers. Johnson said Gibson is "a special player." Davidson will be the punter in 2017.

Johnson said the special teams unit will feature a number of starters because he wants the best talent on the Quakers special teams units.

OUTLOOK

Johnson said the Salem's goal has always been to make the playoffs. He said the team has a lot to work on as the season approaches, but said the team has a successful mix of talent and experience.

"It's nice to have a lot of starters back, a lot of maturity back. Our junior and senior classes are very strong," Johnson said. "Our sophomores are extremely talented and if they stay together and play, I think they'll have a successful season as well--fill in and spot play for us.

"We do have a good mix of guys who are invested in the program now and a lot of guys who are learning the right things from these upperclassmen."



SOUTH RANGE RAIDERS

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BEAVER TOWNSHIP

For decades, South Range has been a member of either the Inter-County League or the Inter-Tri County League. But with the latter league now disbanded, South Range is an independent for the next two seasons.

With no league title to pursue, head coach Dan Yeagley admits he has changed his approach.



Yeagley

"It's totally different. Before, our [primary] goal was always to win the league title," said Yeagley, who is in his 22nd season as head coach. "If you win the league title, everything else falls into place.

"Now, being independent, everything is new," said Yeagley, adding that his staff is focusing on "a game-by-game situation. "Now our [primary] goal is to win the next game.

"We have to attack each game as if it is a playoff game."

Senior Levi Taylor, a guard on offense and an end on defense, said "it's a little different, but we're excited about it.

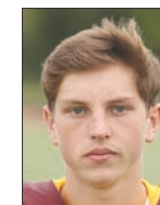
"We're going to be playing tougher teams and we feel that is going to prepare us for the playoffs. Bigger schools — it's going to be fun."



Buzzacco

The Raiders, 9-2 in 2016, will be facing plenty of new opponents — they'll be playing six opponents for the first time (Zanesville, Brookfield, Sharon, Kenmore, St. Clairsville and Sharpsville).

"I'm looking forward to play Sharon," said Brennan Toy, a senior wide receiver and defensive back. "When I was little, we use to play them in basketball. It will be a good matchup, I hope."



Toy

Yeagley said the team is "excited, we've been talking about this [change] all winter. "It's a challenge, it's exciting to play new teams."

OFFENSE

Sparking optimism is the return of four starting linemen: guards Taylor and Matt Brooks, center Brian Robinson and tackle Tyler Dolak.

"That's a good start," Yeagley said.

Brooks said the team is "really happy with what we have coming back. Up front, we have real good continuity since we've played together.

"We're getting all the guys together to be dominant this year," Brooks said. "We know we win the game in the pits, and that's where we really want to take over games, really show our force."

Also returning are Aniello Buzzacco at quarterback, Mathias Combs at wide receiver and Peyton Remish at running back.

The Raiders run the spread offense.

DEFENSE

Four starters are back for their 4-3 scheme: Remish and Robinson at linebacker, Buzzacco at defensive back and Taylor at defensive end.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Soccer player Brandon Youngs will return as punter and kicker. Taylor also has experience kicking extra points.

OUTLOOK

The Raiders are looking forward to Saturday's opener against archrival

SOUTH RANGE

2016 (9-2)	2017
McDonald W, 24-14	8-26 Springfield, 7
Western Reserve W, 42-22	9-1 @ Western Reserve, 7
Manchester W, 34-15	9-8 Manchester, 7
Mineral Ridge W, 51-0	9-15 Zanesville, 7
Lisbon W, 55-8	9-22 Brookfield, 7
Springfield L, 27-34 (OT)	9-29 @ Crestview, 7
United W, 42-8	10-6 Sharon, Pa., 7
Crestview W, 49-0	10-13 Kenmore-Garfield, 7
Indian Creek W, 41-7	10-20 @ St. Clairsville, 7
East Palestine W, 55-14	10-27 Sharpsville, Pa., 7
Garfield L, 21-31	

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SPRINGFIELD

2016 (9-3)	Columbia W, 40-39 (20T)
Brookfield W, 31-27	Kirtland L, 13-35
McDonald L, 10-20	2017
Cuyahoga Heights L, 21-45	8-26 @ South Range, 7
Western Reserve W, 28-26	9-1 @ Brookfield, 7
Southern W, 42-6	9-8 Columbiana, 7
South Range W, 34-27 (OT)	9-15 Jackson-Milton, 7
Columbiana W, 14-13	9-22 @ McDonald, 7
East Palestine W, 48-13	9-29 @ Sebring, 7
Crestview W, 21-19	10-6 Western Reserve, 7
United W, 38-6	10-13 Mineral Ridge, 7
	10-20 @ Lowellville, 7
	10-27 Waterloo, 7



SPRINGFIELD TIGERS

By **BRIAN DZENIS**
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NEW MIDDLETOWN

Springfield's 2016 finish was a lot better than its start and the same could be in store for 2017.

The Tigers went 1-2 through the first three weeks before an eight-game winning streak. That stretch ended in the second round of the playoffs with a 35-13 loss to eventual regional finalist Kirtland.

Springfield coach Sean Guerriero is willing to take some hits in September if it means a better team in November.

"We lost to McDonald in Week 2 and then Cuyahoga Heights the next week. It put us in a place where if we don't get on track really quick, we're not going to give ourselves a chance to win the league or go to the playoffs," Guerriero said. "I always felt like if you start off with a tough non-league sched-



Guerriero

ule, it's going to get you ready for our league."

That league is now the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference, the Tigers' new home following the collapse of the Inter-Tri County League. The Tigers face a tough test in Week 1 with former ITCL member South Range in its new stadium.

"Once we had the league realignment, we wanted to make sure we were still playing them. South Range has been a rival for us for many years," Guerriero said. "It's been a tradition for us and having them Week 1 will definitely battle test us and allow us to see where we are."

OFFENSE

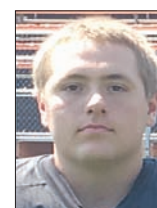
Junior Brannon Brungard had to fight for the starting quarterback job as a sophomore. Now the role is unquestionably his.

"Brannon has 12 games under his belt and we're going to keep throwing things on him," Guerriero said. "As a sophomore, him coming in and playing like he did, it was remarkable."

Junior Luke Snyder split carries with the now-graduated Frankie Centofanti last year, but the tailback job is his now.

Seniors Ryan Thompson and Anthony Stouffer and junior Ben Chaszeyka return on the offensive line.

Wideout is the one of the thinner spots in the Tigers' offense. Seniors Austin Trebella and Brandon Walters have the most experience in pulling in passes from



Thompson



Walters



Trebella



Brungard

Brungard. Junior Shane Eynon starts at tight end.

"We do have some young guys coming back in our base, but we need some young guys to step up," Guerriero said.

DEFENSE

Springfield's strength on defense will be its front seven.

Thompson, Stouffer and Chaszeyka are mainstays on the defensive line. Junior Zack Stouffer had 93 tackles at linebacker last season and is joined by Eynon and senior Ryan Ohlin.

Ohlin had three interceptions last year as a defensive back and will be pulling double duty with Walters.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The punting and kicking duties haven't been locked down. Junior Vito Argenziano and freshman Clay Medvec will in some form fill both roles. Trebella and Snyder both have experience returning kicks. Walters can also help in that role.

OUTLOOK

The Tigers return experience at every position, with just the secondary needing some young players to step up. Those returning players are coming off a season in which they won the final ITCL Red Tier title, so it's not a surprise the Tigers have confidence going into 2017.

"We're going to try and repeat," Thompson said. "We'll do what we did last year and then add on to it and get a little bit better. We're going to win the new league."

MCDONALD

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pretty valuable," Williams said.

Cintron is the lone returning linebacker, while Josh Celli brings experience to an otherwise young defensive backfield.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Williams is facing the daunting task of replacing his kicker, punter and long snapper. Junior Logan Shields and sophomore Tanner Kilbourne are expected to handle kickoffs, field goals and PATs, while three players are vying for the punting duties. Celli and Cintron will look to provide production on kickoff and punt returns.

OUTLOOK

Williams is working with a team which possesses an odd mixture of both youth and experience.

The Blue Devils have just six seniors.

But there are 14 returning lettermen, including four starters on offense and five on defense.

A deep junior class of 14 players should help offset the smaller senior class in terms of experience and leadership.

"I really like where we are at right now in terms of our team grasping our philosophies and understanding the game, both offensively and defensively," Williams said. "This group has a strong knowledge of our schemes, and of the game in general."

"Up front, we have nice size, averaging about 230 to 240. I like our team speed, we're more athletic than we were a year ago."

Even in its "down" years, McDonald is always in the thick of a hunt for league titles and playoff berths. With a strong core of players returning from a winning team in 2016, this year should be no exception in the new Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference.

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STRUTHERS

2016 (9-2)	2017
Liberty W, 42-12	8-25 @ Liberty, 7
Scott W, 42-14	9-1 Crestview, 7
Niles L, 20-21	9-8 @ Niles, 7
Jefferson W, 34-6	9-15 Jefferson, 7
Canfield W, 38-21	9-22 @ Canfield, 7
Poland W, 28-21	9-29 Poland, 7
Campbell W, 28-0	10-6 Campbell, 7
Hubbard W, 20-14	10-13 Hubbard, 7
Edgewood W, 30-7	10-20 @ Edgewood, 7
Lakeview W, 41-14	10-27 @ Lakeview, 7
Woodridge L, 6-18	



STRUTHERS WILDCATS

By ALEXIS BARTOLOMUCCI
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STRUTHERS

Looking to get to Week 11 in back-to-back seasons is top goal for Struthers under sixth-year head coach Curt Kuntz.

The Wildcats went 9-2 in 2016 and went 11 games without a fumble. While it is unrealistic to expect that again, Kuntz is counting on the team to limit turnovers and play every game to their fullest ability.

Kuntz said Struthers is motivated to compete for another All-American Conference White Tier title and playoff berth.

He expects the Wildcats to benefit from a good mix of veteran players and up-and-coming sophomores.

"I'm ready to see the young kids step up and play a big role on our team this year," linebacker Nathan Richards said.

"We have a lot of talent back, plus we have four or five sophomores that are going to be in the mix from day one. If



Iarussi

Stefanski

Hall

Richards is a starting linebacker who is looking to return to the field after he says what felt like a long offseason. He is ready to work with the younger players and help them develop their talents.

"We've been conditioning a lot," Richards said. "We are just going to lay it all on the line and get the wins."

Two-year starter Conner Calabrette will work with Ben Santana and Brandon Kistler on the defensive line. Nick Adams is a returning starter in the secondary.

"We're still going to play really good defense like we did last year. Defense is probably the most important part to our team," Iarussi said.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Wildcats will have the option of using Hunter Stellato or Alyssa Ferguson as the kicker.

OUTLOOK

Repeating as AAC White Tier champions is the goal for the Wildcats.

"It'd be nice to have that plaque on the wall one more time," Stefanski said.

Senior leadership will be critical.

"We have a good group of core guys that really picked up where the other guys left off and hopefully are teaching our young guys to do it when they leave," Kuntz said.

The Wildcats open their season at Liberty.

"This is coach [Chet] Allen's third year in the program and his guys are going to play hard," Kuntz said. "They have 18 starters back so it's going to be a heck of a game."

“ IF WE STAY HEALTHY, WE’LL BE ABLE TO START WHERE WE LEFT OFF LAST YEAR.”



CURT KUNTZ, Struthers coach

we stay healthy, we'll be able to start where we left off last year," Kuntz said.

OFFENSE

Kuntz is running a multiple-I offense behind a solid offensive line.

Junior J.D. Hall will be taking over the position as starting quarterback that AJ Musolino left open when he graduated. Musolino is a now a linebacker at Kent State.

Two senior All-Ohio linemen will be big factors for the Wildcats.

"I'm looking forward to having a new quarterback and having new players in the o-line, working them in and getting the experience," said Jimmy Stefanski.

Working alongside Hall on the offensive line will be seniors Stefanski and A.J. Iarussi. Both players carry a 4.0 grade-point averages and are getting offers from Ivy League schools.

"Winning the league title again, that's the most important thing for us," Iarussi said.

DEFENSE

Struthers looks to run a 4-2-5 defense with a strong defensive front.

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MINERAL RIDGE

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SPECIAL TEAMS

The Rams return punter Nathan Chichlowe. Baptiste is expected to handle the kickoff duties.

"Nate has one heck of a strong leg, if he can become more consistent with his drops he will emerge as one of the better punters in the area," Wyllie said. "DeCosta has the best leg in terms of kickoffs. Very powerful. We also have a few other players who might be thrown in the mix for field goals and PATs if needed."

OUTLOOK

A change in coaching staffs often signals a transition period in high school

football. However, with 12 returning lettermen and 13 seniors, Wyllie isn't ready to dub 2017 a rebuilding year.

Instead, he believes the Rams can succeed right out of the gate.

"I really believe we have six or seven wins in us, and if everything goes our way it could be eight or nine," Wyllie said. "We're poised to improve on our recent past."

Mineral Ridge opens at Pymatuning Valley, then travels to Lisbon before its Sept. 8 home opener against Newton Falls.

"It's extremely important that we open strong," Wyllie said. "These kids have put in so much hard work. They have bought into what we're trying to build. It would be a pretty big mental setback if we come out and lay an egg."

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East W, 40-16	9-1 @ East, 7
Akron Hoban L, 12-37	9-8 Akron Hoban, 7
Massillon L, 0-30	9-15 @ Massillon, 7
Warren Harding L, 19-34	9-22 @ Warren Harding, 7
Collegiate W, 41-12	9-30 Aquinas, N.Y. (@ Girard), 1
Steubenville L, 15-24	10-6 @ Steubenville, 7
Boardman L, 14-21 (OT)	10-12 Boardman, 7
Nooney L, 9-13	10-20 @ Mooney, 7:30
St Vincent-St Mary L, 14-41	10-27 @ Akron SV-SM, 7

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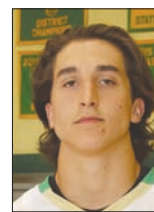
Ursuline's position is rare, but not unprecedented.

Coach Larry Kempe had to look up the last time one his teams didn't make the playoffs before last year — it was 2011.

The Irish followed up on 2015's state semifinal appearance with a 3-7 mark and now they have to turn things around.

"This 2017 season gives Ursuline a great opportunity to show that the we slipped a year ago. In my first four years, we were in the playoffs. We were in regional finals — we were in a state semifinal — and then we stumbled," Kempe said. "It happens and it wasn't for lack of effort and commitment by the team. Some things didn't go our way and that's part of the game.

"It's an opportunity for us to get back into the playoffs and take our shot."

**Kempe****Fusillo****Floyd****OFFENSE**

Kempe would like more linemen. He has 17 total to split among the offense and defense when he usually has them number into the 20s. Half of them are underclassmen. Seniors David Simon, Nick Petro and juniors Dan Henry and Louis DelColle are the returning offensive lineman with experience.

**Simon****Fabry**

"With having the younger linemen, you have to learn to depend on the person next to you no matter what," Simon said.

Kempe considers senior Jared Fabry the best athlete on the team, but not necessarily his starting QB, which is a role he held for the past two seasons. Junior Bobby Cavalier has played un-

See **URSULINE, F32****WARREN HARDING**

2016 (11-2)	Chardon W, 49-31
Shaw W, 35-0	Hudson L, 21-24
Cleveland Heights W, 40-6	2017
Massillon W, 41-28	8-26 @ Canton McKinley, 7
Fitch W, 35-0	9-8 Massillon, 7
Ursuline W, 34-19	9-15 Fitch, 7
Lakeside W, 48-0	9-22 Ursuline, 7
Boardman W, 46-15	9-29 Lakeside, 7
Mooney L, 34-35	10-6 Boardman, 7
East W, 49-0	10-13 @ Mooney, 7:30
Howland W, 40-20	10-20 @ East, 7
Brecksville W, 56-48	10-27 N. Clarkson, Ont., 7

**WARREN HARDING
RAIDERS**By **MIKE MCLAIN**
sports@vindy.com**WARREN**

Steve Arnold had talked nearly six minutes about the 2017 Warren G. Harding Raiders, making certain to single out the attributes of a strong offensive line.

Whether it was calculated or not, the Raiders coach hadn't brought up the elephant in the room.

Exactly who is going to replace quarterback Lynn Bowden, one of the most talented players in the long and rich tradition of Harding football?

Bowden rushed for 2,277 yards, passed for 1,366 yards and scored 57 touchdowns last season in leading the Raiders to an 11-3 record and the championship round of the Division II, Region 5 playoffs. An all-state selection, Bowden finished second to Toledo Central Catholic's Michael Warren in voting for Ohio's

**Arnold**

Mr. Football.

With Bowden now playing receiver at the University of Kentucky, Arnold must find a way to generate an attack from a variety of sources. There's no questioning the fact that Bowden's heroics compare favorably to those of former Harding greats Omar Provitt, Maurice Claret and Mario Manningham.

"He's in that class," Arnold said.

OFFENSE

Arnold entered camp with three players vying at quarterback — senior Sterling Frazier, junior Chris Chew and junior Zane Cyler. Don't be surprised if Arnold goes with a rotation of at least two.

Whoever lines up at quarterback will be protected by the biggest line since Arnold began as coach in 2012. Leading the way are returning starters Michael Kuntz, a 5-11, 225-pound senior center, senior guard Dan Angelo (6-0, 220), junior guard Jarrett Lenney (6-1, 260) and senior tackle Jowan Poole (6-1, 240). New up front is senior tackle Marcquise All-

**Adams****Allgood****Hooks**

good (6-2, 290). Junior Maurice Moore (6-3, 310) could also see action.

Lining up at running back will be junior Kayron Adams, who logged valuable time last season. Also there is junior Ge'vonni Washington.

The receiving corps will miss the skills of Marlin Richardson, now at the University of Findlay. Handling those chores will be seniors Jalen Hooks and Terrion Jackson, along with junior Alex Payiavlas and Ja'Kari Salter. Senior Cory McPherson and junior Jarod Zillinger will split between tight end and fullback.

DEFENSE

Some opponents put up big numbers last season. The Raiders struggled stopping the pass, including in a 24-21 playoff loss to Hudson.

Sharing time at the tackle spots in a 4-4 multiple defense will be Allgood, junior Terrance Yeboah (6-3, 240) and senior Karpise Sledge (6-0, 305).

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Keystone, Pa. W, 55-0	Minster W, 24-6
LaBrae W, 17-0	2017
Girard W, 28-7	8-25 @ Champion, 7
Crestview W, 34-0	9-1 LaBrae, 7
Steub. C.C. W, 14-0	9-9 Girard, 7
Trinity W, 44-0	9-16 Crestview, 7
Valley Christian W, 47-7	9-23 @ Steubenville C.C., 7
Cleveland C.C. W, 27-14	9-29 @ Trinity, 7
VA-SJ L, 10-14	10-7 Collegiate, Ont., 1
Aquinas W, 28-27 (OT)	10-13 Cleveland C.C., 7
Toronto W, 38-0	10-20 @ VA-SJ, 7
Mogadore W, 16-3	10-27 @ Aquinas, 7
St. Paul W, 48-13	



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WARREN JFK EAGLES



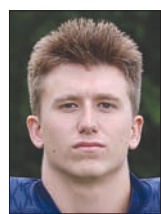
Valent



Burton



Burzynski



Yanovich

WARREN
The Warren John F. Kennedy Eagles will enter the season with a distinction shared by just six other schools statewide.

Defending state champions! Kennedy rolled through the 2016 regular season with a 9-1 record, which included five shutout victories. The Eagles then outscored five playoff opponents 174-29 en route to a Division VII state title.



Bayuk

All eyes will now be focused on JFK as it enters the 2017 campaign. And with the spotlight comes the added pressure of living up to high expectations.

Or does it? "Our expectations are no different than they were a year ago," fourth-year JFK coach Jeff Bayuk said. "We simply

want to get better every time we step on the field. We want to improve from our last performance."

"Our kids don't feel any added pressure. They have always felt an obligation to live up to the deep Kennedy tradition. They embrace the opportunity to wear that Kennedy uniform and they welcome the expectations that go with it."

OFFENSE

With the loss of explosive game-changers such as Evan Boyd and Jacob Coates, it's safe to say that the Kennedy offense will have to reinvent itself to a degree. However, five returning starters should help with the transition.

Like it was a year ago, JFK's offense will be triggered by quarterback Greg Valent. As a junior, the Valent threw for 725 yards while completing 60 percent of his passes.

"We'll look to utilize him a bit more this year, both as a runner and thrower," Bayuk said. "He has the ability to hurt teams with both his arm and his legs."

Valent's favorite target will likely be Hyland Burton, who last year led the team with 21 receptions, six for touchdowns. Seniors Alec Burzynski and Thomas Yanovich, who both played sparingly on offense last year, will have their roles increased. Tailback Dominic Scott and halfback Isaac Hadley will also provide depth and experience.

The line will be anchored by returning center Chris Urchek and left tackle Alex Hernandez.

DEFENSE

With seven starters lost to graduation, there is some concern. However, the Eagles do return some core players such as Burzynski, Urchek, Yanovich and Scott.

"We're going to be moving some guys around. You might see some familiar players in different positions this year," Bayuk said. "We have some talent on defense, we have some experience, but there will be a learning curve."

"Our success last year centered around team defense, everyone attacking the ball. We'll go into this year with the same approach."

SPECIAL TEAMS

One of Bayuk's biggest tasks is replacing kicker Justin Bofenkamp. The four-year letterman was a first-team All-Ohio selection last year.

Junior Nunzio Merlo will look to fill the void, and has earned high praise from Bayuk.

"Nunzio lacks varsity experience, but he is very capable and has shown some great potential," Bayuk said.

Many of the players who will spark the JFK offense will also look to provide big plays on kickoff and punt returns.

OUTLOOK

Even though Kennedy lost a wealth of talent from its state title team, there is no reason to believe the Eagles cannot play deep into November again this year.

With a roster of 43 players — many who earned 15 weeks of playing and practice time a year ago — JFK looks as though it is more poised to reload, rather than rebuild.

"We're cautiously optimistic, we're excited to see how this season plays out," Bayuk said. "We like the core of veterans that are returning, and we're anxious to see how some of the younger players pan out. There's potential, but you never really know how a lot of kids are going to respond under the lights."

"And make no mistake about it, we do have some very big shoes to fill."

Kennedy opens the season with three Trumbull County opponents — Champion, LaBrae and Girard. It then hosts perennial power Crestview before jumping into league play.

"I look at our schedule, and I don't feel comfortable about any team on there," Bayuk said. "It's going to be a grind. And like any Division VII school, depth is a major concern. We have to stay healthy if we're going to compete for a league title and playoff spot."

"New field, Saturday night [game] — we're excited," Taylor said.

Brooks called the new stadium "gorgeous, I love it."

"It's kind of cool to be the first senior class to ever play in that new stadium [and] to see the stadium being built while we're practicing," Brooks said. "Not many teams get to see that happen."

SOUTH RANGE

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Springfield in their new stadium on state Route 46 across the road from the school.

Taylor calls it "a little bit of a revenge game." He was referring to last year's loss to the Tigers.



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WESTERN RESERVE BLUE DEVILS

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BERLIN CENTER

Sitting still isn't an easy accomplishment for Western Reserve Blue Devils coach Andy Hake.

It's obvious then that Hake isn't resting easy after the Blue Devils missed qualifying for the playoffs last season after an eight-year streak of success that began in 2008. With eight starters back on both offense and defense and 15 seniors returning on a roster of 60, don't be surprised if another playoff streak begins this season.

"We're going to get into the playoffs," Hake said with enthusiasm. "We won the [ITCL] league last year, so we're happy with that. I think you start there and win the league."

OFFENSE

The loss of the multi-talented Wyatt Larimer is significant, but don't feel sorry for Hake. Senior Dom Velasquez, who passed for 1,200 yards last season, is a talented thrower. He split time last season with Larimer, who spent considerable time at receiver.

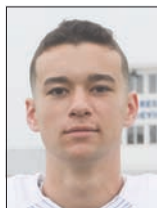
The focal point will be senior fullback Jack Cappabianca, who rushed for 1,100 yards in 2016. Adam Gatrell will split carries with Cappabianca.

"Cappabianca is one of the better players in the area," Hake said. "He's a real good player."

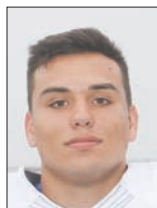
The receivers have experience and will provide dependable targets for Velasquez. Senior Kade Hilles starts at wideout, with Caleb Quinn getting the call at flanker. Seniors Aaron Posten and Ryan Demsky back them up.

WESTERN RESERVE

2016 (7-3)	2017
Columbiana L, 52-63	8-24 Columbiana, 7
South Range L, 22-42	9-1 South Range, 7
Steubenville C.C. W, 20-0	9-8 Steubenville C.C., 7
Springfield L, 26-28	9-15 Sebring, 7
Wellsville W, 46-34	9-22 Mineral Ridge, 7
Lowellville W, 43-6	9-29 Lowellville, 7
McDonald W, 13-9	10-6 @ Springfield, 7
Jackson-Milton W, 53-0	10-13 Waterloo, 7
Mineral Ridge W, 50-0	10-20 @ McDonald, 7
Sebring W, 60-21	10-27 @ Jackson-Milton, 7



Velasquez



Cappabianca

The only starters back on the line are senior right guard Dallas Smith (5-6, 192) and senior left tackle Rob Hively (5-11, 222). Rounding out the starting five are sophomore center Gavin Jackson (5-11, 220), senior left guard Cody Hladun (5-10, 204) and senior right tackle Ryan Musch (6-3, 307).

Senior tight end Joe Clegg will be a key part of the attack.

DEFENSE

Hake preaches relentless aggressiveness, and he's confident the unit will deliver. Outside linebacker Ryan Slaven is a big hitter. Cappabianca will provide a punch at middle linebacker, and Brycen Jackson is a strong run-stopper at nose tackle.

The ends will be Smith and Hively. Gatrell completes the front six at outside linebacker. Posten will log time there also.

The cornerbacks are Demsky and Todd Henning. Brandon Jarvis is the weak safety, with Clegg starting at strong safety. Jimmy Mayberry gets the call at free safety.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Cody Wise will be the kicker and punter. Hake considers Wise one of the area's best. Demsky, Mayberry, Henning and Gatrell will split return duties.

OUTLOOK

The Blue Devils begin play in the fledgling Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference, which also includes Springfield, McDonald, Mineral Ridge, Waterloo, Jackson-Milton, Lowellville and Sebring. Hake named Springfield and McDonald among the favorites to win the crown, and said you can put Western Reserve "wherever you prefer."

Hake obviously feels like a conference title can be achieved. The Blue Devils won the ITCL five of the last six seasons.

Western Reserve opens against Columbiana, which won a 63-52 shootout last season. The Blue Devils lost three of the first four games in 2016 before winning the final six.

"We have to be ready to go when this league starts," Hake said. "We're going to play very physical with Columbiana in Week 1. They beat us the last two years. That's upsetting for our kids."



VALLEY CHRISTIAN EAGLES

By TOM WILLIAMS
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YOUNGSTOWN

Woodward and Bernstein, Key & Peele, Batman and Robin — successful dynamic duos happen.

This season, Valley Christian is applying the "it takes two" formula to the varsity football team as Jeff Hether and Jomont Ware are sharing head coaching duties.

Both were assistants on the 2016 staff led by Albert Jennings.

"It's different," said Hether, who again is in charge of the Eagles' offense. "We've been told we're the only [head-coaching tandem] in the state.

"It's not a bad idea — we [already] share everything."

Ware was assistant head coach in 2016 and will focus on the defense.

"[Athletic director] Dolph [Carroll] came to us," Ware said of the unusual

VALLEY CHRISTIAN	
2016 (2-7)	2017
Lowellville W, 48-12	8-25 @ Campbell, 7
Brookfield L, 19-53	9-2 Gilmour, 7
Bridgeport W, 41-2	9-9 Lisbon, 7
Grand Valley L, 0-34	9-15 @ Grand Valley, 7
Cleveland C.C. L, 15-28	9-23 Cochranon, Pa., 7
Warren JFK L, 7-47	9-29 @ Garfield, 7
VA-SJ L, 0-38	10-6 @ Rootstown, 7
Aquinas L, 14-42	10-14 Southeast, 7
Trinity L, 0-21	10-20 @ Mogadore, 7
	10-28 Crestwood, 7



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Jackson



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pairing.

Hether said: "He pretty much said, 'hey, what do you think about [co-head coaches]?"

Ware said, "We talk a lot, which is great. We get along — there is no ego battle. We're in it for one thing — the kids."

Senior Jamnyk Jackson said the players don't have a problem with the experiment.

"I didn't mind it," the cornerback/wide receiver said of hearing about the plan. "They bring dif-

ferent things.

"Coach Jeff is pretty laid back, he won't get on you as much as Coach Jomont," Jackson said. "Two different people and they bring different things to the table."

Except for Jennings, the staff is pretty much intact from last season.

OFFENSE

The Eagles, who went 2-7 in 2016, have nine players returning with starting experience. The goal will be to get the ball in Jackson's hands.

"He's just outstanding," Hether said. "He did it all last year."

Jackson returned three punts and a kickoff for touchdowns.

The Eagles will run the spread, often without a huddle.

Jordan Dukes will be a receiver while quarterback Marcus Roman and center David Hatfield will anchor the offense.

Hether said the line featuring tackles Terrell Walker and Eric Davis provide plenty of size.

"We have a huge line — that's big for a school this small," Hether said. "It's something we've never had here and its going to help the offense a lot."

DEFENSE

Nine players with starting experience return.

"We've got a strong group in the secondary, very smart, played a lot of snaps last year," Ware said. "Guys up front have experience and they play fast."

"Last year, they had to think about what we were teaching them and then react. Right now, you tell them the play and they're gone."

Jordan Trowers and Jaqwon Dow are veteran defensive backs.

"We're all grown up," said Trowers, a junior who played as a freshman. "It's time to take the ball."

V. CHRISTIAN

Continued from F31

Ware said Trevon Clay, Altwjuan Beck-Lindsey and Jamar Nuby are “pretty solid linebackers — they can fly to the football.”

A newcomer will be junior lineman Blaine Spires who sat out last season after a transfer. The Eagles are switching to a 4-3 from the 3-4.

LIBERTY

Continued from F23

Derek Gilcher (6-6, 300, senior), while the other side could be filled by David Sewell (6-2, 215, senior).

“All of the guys have to snap, all of the guys have to know every position and our blocking schemes aren’t that difficult that they can’t,” Allen said of the inferior linemen. “At any time, if any of those guys goes down, we’re going to roll the next guy in and fill the spot with the next-best available.”

DEFENSE

“We’re a spread, gap-read team that wants to get to the ball fast — that’s why we make it simple and let our athletes run,” Allen said. “We block who we can and run away from those we can’t block.” Defensively, down linemen will be noseman Moananu with Harper as a backup, along with ends McKinney, Mouad Elouaddi and Ezell Brown and possibly Micha Dukes, a sophomore coming out for the first time.

“We’re a blitzing-type team, so we’re

URSULINE

Continued from F29

der center for a time in 2016 as well and there’s junior Glen Griswold, a Canfield transfer who has to sit for five games.

“I think as young as we were, it came down to a production issue. I’m not blaming either one of the guys returning,” Kempe said. “It’s a fact that we sputtered on offense. The competition is going to be good this year.”

Seniors Joe Floyd and Fusillo return in the backfield and sophomore Daivon Jones could see some carries. At wide-out, Fabry will be the first option should he not be the quarterback. Colt Jamieson is another senior who can see time out wide. Some of the underclassmen being considered for those roles include junior Luke Pipala and sophomores Julian Johnson, James Philips and T.J. Hollander.

DEFENSE

The makeup of the defense remains fluid with young players needed to fill in around the five returning starters. Fabry

“We’re so athletic we can pretty much be in any formation and get after it,” Ware said.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Logan Schnabl is the kicker and Jackson is in contention to be the punter.

OUTLOOK

The Eagles have a lot of size up front for a Division VII team and they are experienced.

coming from every angle and every different direction so these guys have to fill a gap and run with it,” Allen said.

Edmonds will play middle linebacker, Brent DeMattia will be the right-side ILB and Zack Coman will be left-side ILB. Maddox, Pickard and Kylan Wilson will be linebacker backups.

Safeties will be Haywood, Brantley and Matlock. Rushton may play one of the three safety spots or one of the two cornerback positions, where Campbell and Cizmar are also challenging.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Either junior Hamad Alhmeed and DeMattia will handle the kickoff and extra-point duties, while Brantley will punt.

OUTLOOK

With this Allenism, Liberty can’t fail: “We [the staff] have been coaching for a long time and we’ve been finding out that if we score enough points, we’ve got a great chance of winning. We’re going to try to keep ball in our hands and, when on defense, try to take it away from them.”

slots in at safety. Fusillo and senior Dan McCarthy will be at linebacker. On the defensive line, Tyree Reeder lines up at defensive end and DelColle returns at defensive tackle.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Fabry will handle the punting duties and senior soccer player Brandon Freer returns as the kicker.

OUTLOOK

Ursuline’s rebound is going to take some heavy lifting, but with experience on both sides of the line and in offensive skill positions, the team can make some noise.

The Irish will begin their quest to return to the playoffs in traditional fashion, with one of the area’s most brutal schedules. Cleveland Benedictine, East, Akron Hoban, Massillon and Warren Harding are the first five opponents for Ursuline.

“I love it. Coach Kempe has taught us to embrace it over the past four years being here,” senior Mario Fusillo said. “We’re expecting nothing less than perfection this year.”

HARDING

Continued from F29

Zillinger and Poole will start at the ends. Senior Tre Williams, Angelo and junior Kaleb Tyson could also see time at end.

The linebackers are Adams, McPherson, Washington and junior Cameron King. Senior Ray Warfield and Salter provide depth at outside linebacker.

Hooks and junior Troy Jakubec, both of whom can play corner or safety, return. Junior Jeremy Wilson is a safety. Senior Trivell Trimble and Payiavlas add depth.

“Pass coverage starts up front,” Arnold said. “Can we get a pass rush? I don’t think we were as good as we should have been in getting after the quarterback last season.”

SPECIAL TEAMS

Sophomores Noah Murray and Mike Clauss are contending at kicker. Sophomore Cavin Stouffer is the punter. Hooks and Jakubec will handle punt returns. Hooks, Adams, Washington, Jakubec and Wilson are kick returners.

OUTLOOK

The Raiders advanced to the playoffs in three of Arnold’s five seasons.

“Once you have that taste, you want to get it again,” Arnold said. “That’s our goal.”

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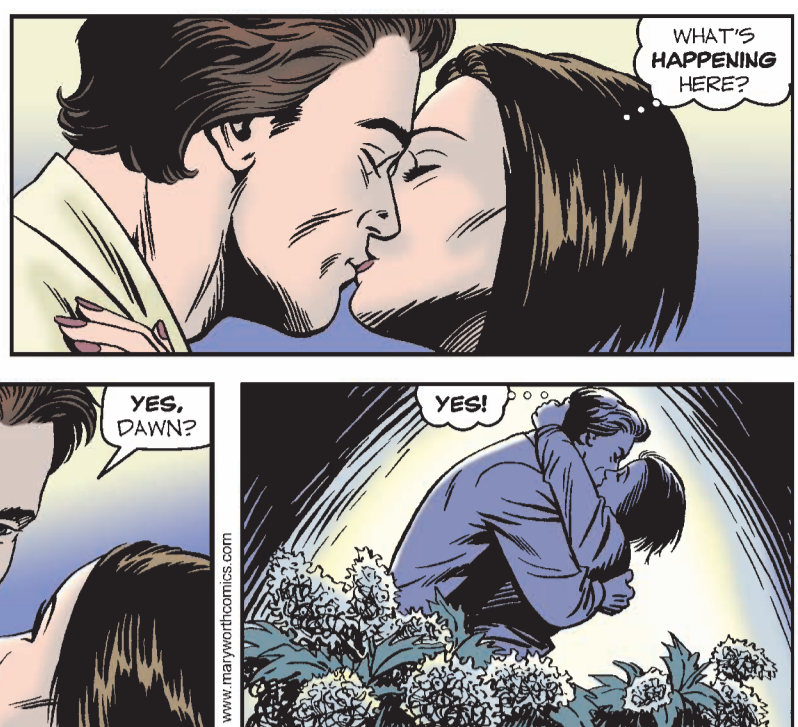
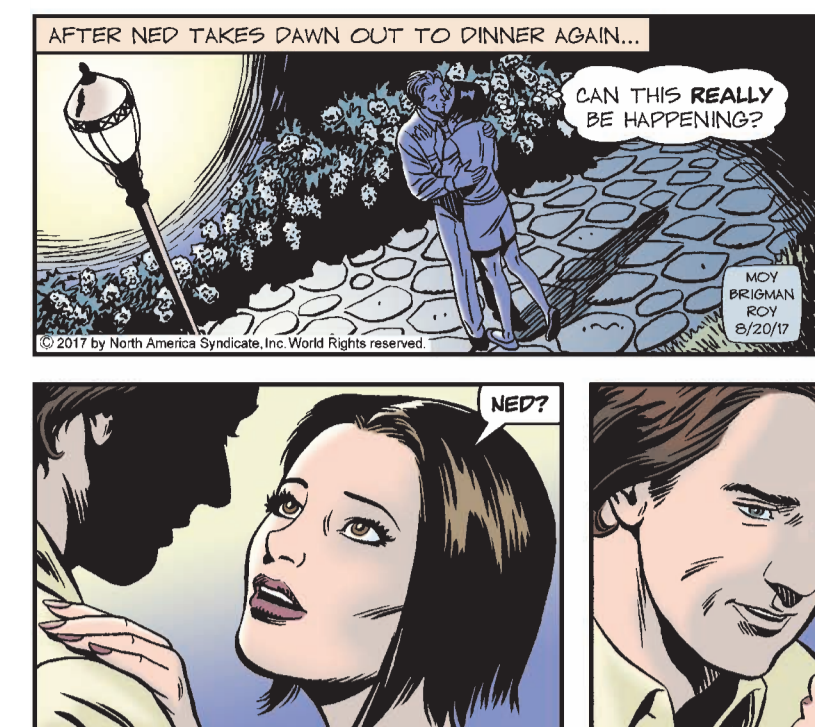
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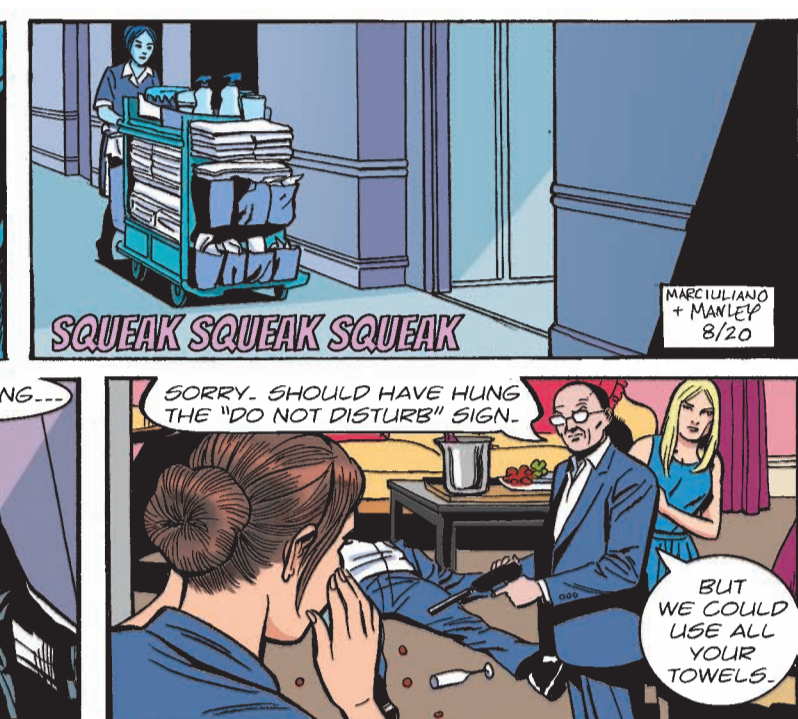


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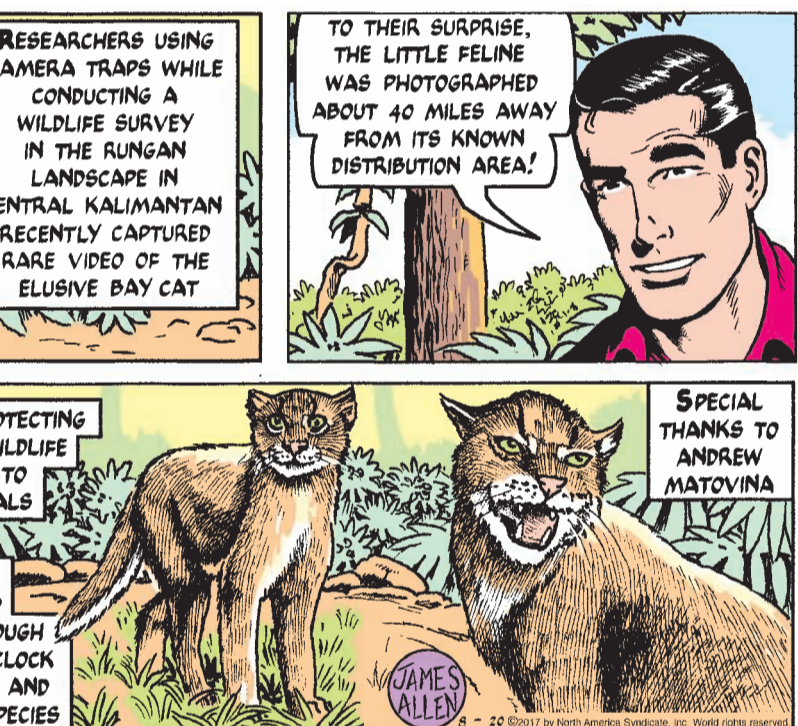
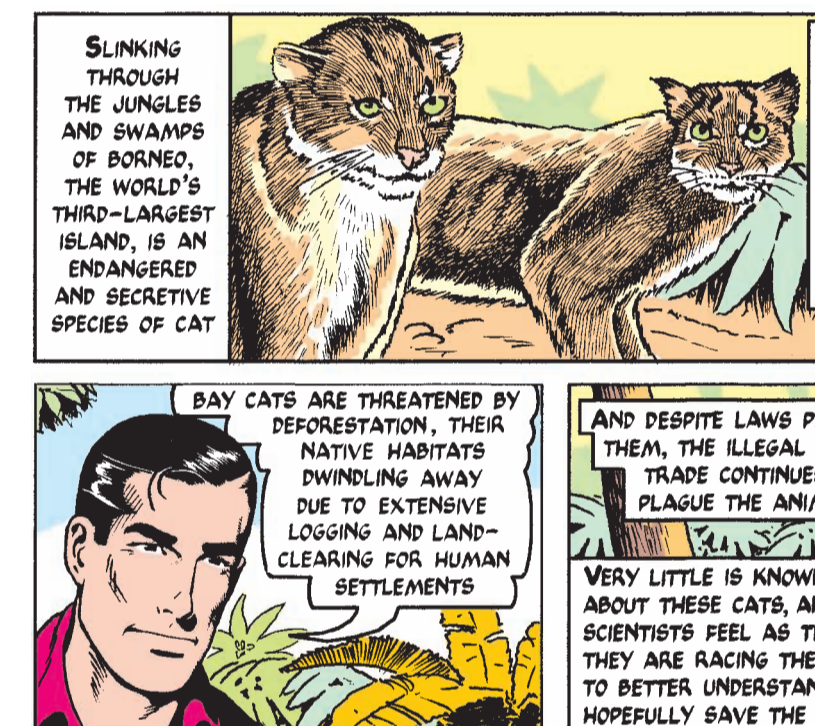
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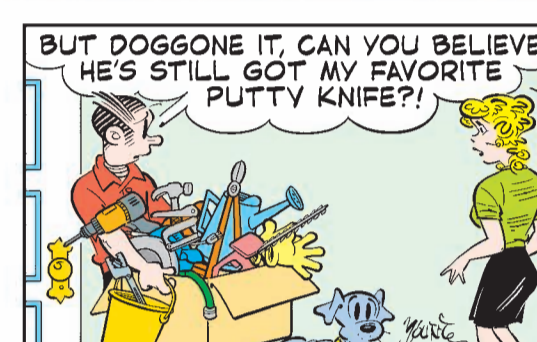
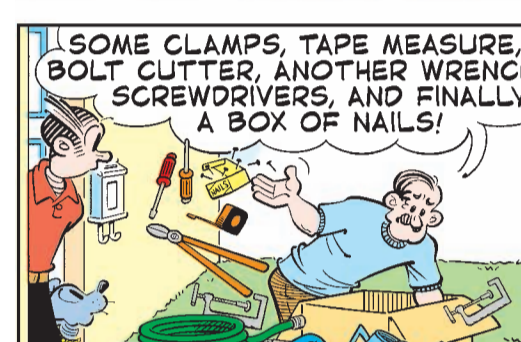
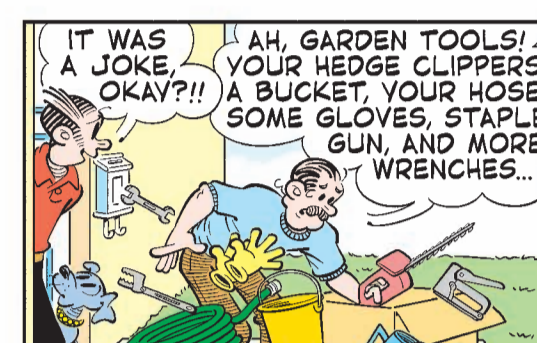
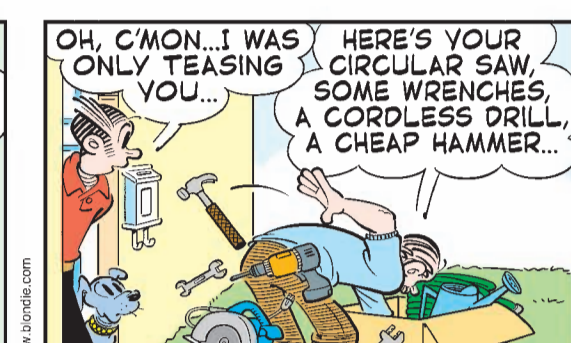
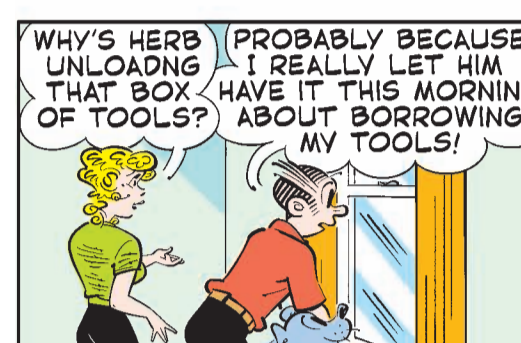
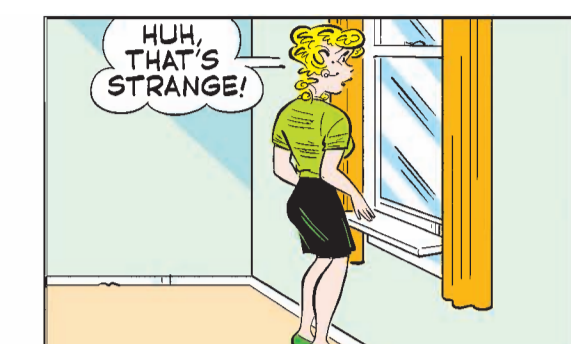
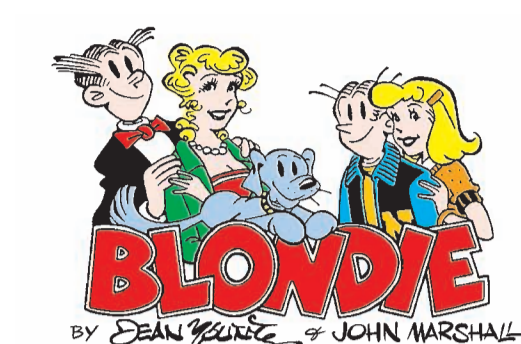


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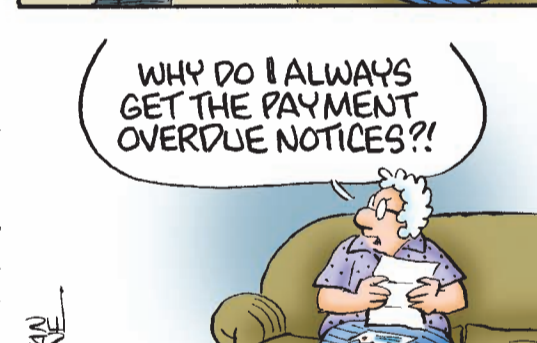
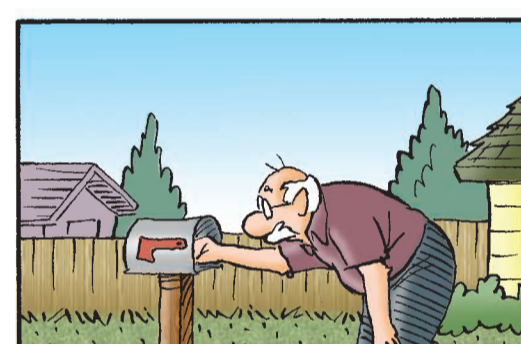


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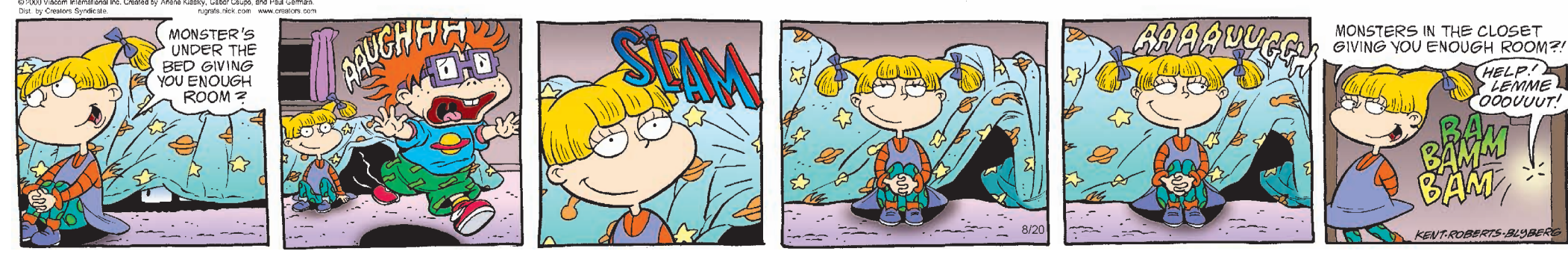
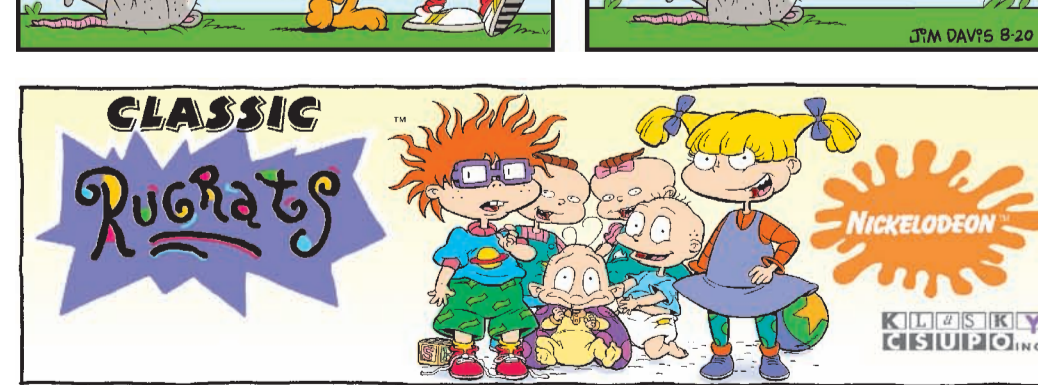
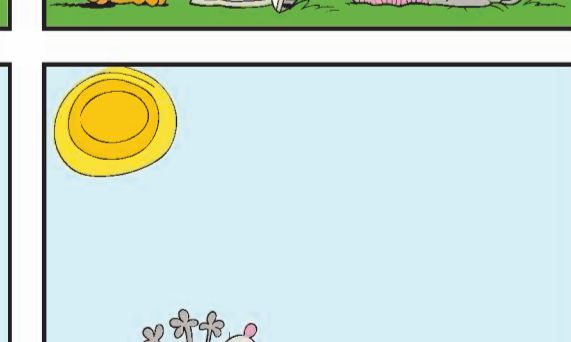
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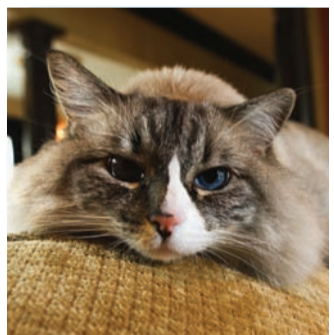
GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



THE MINI PAGE

Mini Page Heroes: Team Hoyt



CAT
On the sofa, the cat awakes
Trying to find food.
Sees prey.
Mouse looks back and runs.
It goes in a hole.
Waits until the cat goes.
Sadly, when they mouse gets out,
Cat snatches it!

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MINI FACT:

The Hoyts have competed in triathlons that include three stages: running, biking and swimming.
When Rick Hoyt was 15 years old, he wanted to take part in a 5-mile (8-kilometer) benefit run to help a young person who had been in an accident. Rick shared his wish with his dad, who agreed to do everything he could to help Rick make it happen.
For many teenagers, a run like this wouldn't be such a big deal. But Rick was born with cerebral palsy. Cerebral palsy is a brain disorder that affects muscles and the way people move. Rick couldn't walk or speak.

But that didn't stop Rick and his dad, Dick, from dreaming big. Dick would serve as his son's legs in the 5-mile run, pushing Rick to the finish line in a wheelchair.
BEATING EXPECTATIONS
Facing challenges head-on was nothing new to the Hoyts. Rick has cerebral palsy because he didn't get enough oxygen to his brain during birth. The reduced airflow injured his brain.
Many people doubted that Rick would ever live a productive life. Doctors advised Dick and his wife, Judy, to put Rick into a long-term care facility. But his parents always knew that an intelligent, capable person was living inside a body that was holding him back.
Dick and Judy fought to make it possible for Rick to attend public school. They had a special computer made that allowed Rick to communicate, unlocking the smart boy inside.
Rick went on to graduate from high school before attending Boston University. He graduated in 1993 with a degree in special education.
TAKING OFF
Their spirit of accomplishment and tenacity* kept Rick and his dad go-



Rick and Dick Hoyt compete in the 2002 Boston Marathon.

RESOURCES

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MINI JOKE

Randy: What is harder to catch the faster you run?
Ralph: Your breath!

ECO NOTE

A remote, uninhabited island in the Pacific Ocean has been found to be polluted with the world's highest density of plastic trash. More than 3,500 pieces of plastic wash up each day on Henderson Island, roughly 3,000 miles from the nearest major land mass.

THANK YOU

The Mini Page thanks Dennis Denenberg, former teacher, principal, superintendent and university professor, and Lorraine Roscoe, a champion of heroes of every kind, for help with this issue.

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PUZZLING

Unscramble the words below that remind us of the week's theme.

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Try 'n' Find

- ACCOMPLISHMENT, AWARD, BENEFIT, BRAIN, CEREBRAL, CHALLENGE, COMPUTER, DISABILITY, GRADUATE, HANDICAPPED, INSPIRE, IRONMAN, MARATHON, MUSCLES, OXYGEN, PALS, RUN, TEAM, TENACITY.

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Answers: train, distance, athlete, compete.

MARMADUKE BY BRAD & PAUL ANDERSON

MARM! COME WALK WITH US. OKAY... SUT YOURSELF. MARMADUKE! LET'S PLAY BALL. MOWN & W. MARMADUKE IS NEVER GOING TO FORGIVE YOU... YOU DROVE AWAY WITHOUT HIM YESTERDAY.

DOG EYE FUNKY HILLMAN, MN
 CARRIE AYDT HAD A GIANT 200-POUND NEWFOUNDLAND NAMED CHARLIE. WHEN CHARLIE HAD TO GO OUT, HE WOULD TAKE CARRIE BY THE HAND, DOWN THE STAIRS, THROUGH THE HOUSE AND FINALLY OUTSIDE. HE TOOK CARRIE BY THE HAND EVERYWHERE. CHARLIE WANTED CARRIE WITH HIM AND HE WANTED HER SAFE.

CRANKSHAFT
 BY BATIUK & DAVIS

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Prince Valiant
 BY SCHULZ AND YEATS

IN THE AFTERMATH OF THEIR ROUT OF THE BANDITS, VAL QUICKLY CALLS COUNCIL WITH HIS COMPANIONS AND THE NOW BATTLE-TESTED REFUGEES. "WITH ALL I HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR TALKATIVE PRISONER, I BELIEVE WE MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO RESCUE THE CHILDREN THESE ROGUES HAVE STOLEN FROM YOU..."

... AND WHOM THEY STILL HOLD FOR SALE IN THE SLAVE MARKETS. IF WE MOVE SWIFTLY - TONIGHT - WE CAN SURPRISE THEM WITH A DAWN ATTACK ON THEIR CAMP. THIS MEANS RIDING OVER ROUGH TERRAIN UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS...

BUT THE PROTECTIVE NIWARD IS NOT SO SURE: THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE! SHE CAN BARELY RIDE. LET ALONE DEFEND HERSELF!

TALOON, OF COURSE, IS NOT THE SORT TO BE TOLD WHAT IS BEST FOR HER. SHE KNOWS NIWARD: "THERE ARE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AT STAKE, I AM READY."

NEXT: (On the warpath)

FUNKY WINKERBEAN
 BY TOM BATTI

JOHN, I NEED YOUR HELP... BUT YOU CAN'T TELL ANYONE! MY LIPS ARE SEALED. SERIOUSLY... YOU CAN'T MAKE A PEEP! MY LIPS ARE SEALED.

WHAT ARE MY LIPS SEALED ABOUT? BOTH MASON JARRE AND CLIFF ANGER HAVE SEPARATELY ASKED ME TO FIND A MINISTER FOR JUST AFTER THE PREMIERE. THERE'S GOING TO BE A DOUBLE STARBUCK WEDDING AFTER THE PREMIERE! COULD YOU CALL A LITTLE LOUDER? I DON'T THINK THEY HEARD YOU IN CENTERVILLE.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE BY DIK BROWNE

I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL DRINK RECIPE! MASHED RED GRAPES IN A POT! SOME YEAST... THEN SOME SUGAR... OH NO! I CAN'T REMEMBER THE FINAL INGREDIENT! PROBABLY A BIG BOTTLE OF WHISKEY!

PEANUTS
 featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown" by SCHULZ

I NEED A VACATION. I CAN'T KEEP GOING THE WAY I'VE BEEN, THOUGH... I HAVE TO GET AWAY... I JUST SO MUCH TO DO... BY GOLLY, I'M GOING TO PACK UP AND LEAVE! I CAN SEE ME NOW LYING ON SOME BEAUTIFUL BEACH, SOAKING UP THE SUN... IT'S HARD TO GET AWAY THESE DAYS... THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TO DO...

THE FAMILY CIRCUS BY BILL KEANE

I LOVE TO LIE UP HERE AND LOOK AT THE PRETTY BIRDS HIGH IN THE SKY. THOSE ARE BUGS AND THEY'RE RIGHT HERE.

B.C. BY MASTROIANNI & HART

MY DEAR, WHAT LOVE WOULD CONQUER ALL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR YOU? ♡-ME

DEAR ME, HIS NAME IS STEVE, AND HE GAVE YOUR BIRD A 3-MINUTE HEAD START.

ZIGGY BY TOM WILSON

YIELD MERGE SURRENDER SUBMIT OBEY

I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN KANSAS ANYMORE!

REX MORGAN BY WOODY WILSON & TERRY BEATTY

LITTLE JOHNNY AND MICHAEL ARE CURLED UP TOGETHER IN MICHAEL'S ROOM. THOSE TWO SEEM TO BE PRACTICALLY JOINED AT THE HIP. SPEAKING OF WHICH -- WE NEED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING. OH, DID THE OTHER SHOE DROP? MARGIE WANTS US TO BE JOHNNY'S GUARDIANS. YEAH -- I THINK I SAW THAT COMING. SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? I DON'T KNOW. IT'S A HUGE COMMITMENT -- AND I THOUGHT WE WERE DONE HAVING KIDS. "ME TOO -- BUT SEEING MICHAEL AND JOHNNY TOGETHER MAKES ME THINK IT'S NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA."

ZITS BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

I'M READY. LET'S GO. IS YOUR BED MADE? YES. GOOD BOY.

HI AND LOIS BY BRIAN AND GREG WALKER

I LOVE COMING TO YOUR FAMILY COTTAGE EVERY SUMMER. SOME OF OUR FONDEST MEMORIES ARE FROM HERE. SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN... GOING FOR WALKS... TAKING NAPS... EATING LOBSTERS... I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME! WHY DO WE HAVE TO LEAVE? AND THEN THERE ARE THE PAINFUL MEMORIES.

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

HERE'S A NICE TREE DEEP IN THE WOODS. NOBODY WILL FIND ME OUT HERE!

GREEN HOLET WALKER. SLEEPING AGAIN? C'MON, SARGE, IT WAS JUST A QUICK NAP.

THE MIDDLETONS BY RALPH DUNAGIN & DANA SUMMERS

WHOA! I JUST REALIZED I FORGOT TO SHAVE THIS MORNING. LOOKS SHABBY. DON'T MOVE. HERE COMES THE BOSS. LOOKING STUBBLY TODAY, MIDDLETON. ROUGH AROUND THE EDGES IN A BIT GRUNGY!

YOU MUST'VE STAYED HERE ALL NIGHT TO FINISH UP THE RANDOLPH PROJECT. GOOD WORK! WOULD... I'M NOT SHAVING TOMORROW.

WIZARD OF ID BY PARKER & HART

YOU SEE, SULTAN... I VALUE OUR TWO KINGDOMS' RELATIONSHIP. #B*#! GET IN THERE! OUR TRADE ROUTES SHALL REMAIN OPEN, AND OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE STILL STANDS. AAGHH! STUPID THING!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! SHANK

HOWEVER, I FEEL WE COULD BENEFIT FROM RENEGOTIATING THE N2 AGREEMENT. HOW CAN YOU FORSAKE ME LIKE THIS! CURSE YOU!! HOW'D IT GO WITH THE KING OF ID? THAT DUDE'S CRAZY! GIVE HIM WHATEVER HE WANTS.