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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Ready, Set, Summer!

You don't have to tell me twice.
Like you, I am itching to get OUT!

In this nice weather, I am delighted
to see folks strolling, walking dogs,
jogging, pushing baby strollers, and
running alongside newbie bikers.
Sooo thankful, not taking anything
for granted!



I have thoroughly enjoyed following the progress
of the businesses listed within these pages.
It is remarkable that they have not only sustained
through this pandemic, but some have improved
or added services. Sandy Windmer of Whimsy & Blue
is now a rep for Annie Sloan Chalk Paint and has
added Jo James Floral Farm and Design to her mix.
The gals at Garden View Flowers have added an
outdoor entertaining space. Katie Pette of Enjoy Zest
is designing pop-up dinners for private gatherings.
Meredith Moore has moved Sophia Lustig to
downtown Perrysburg. Loads of gumption!!

LOVE the vitality of all of these independent
business people!

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ADM SILOS TO FEATURE IMMENSE ORIGINAL MURAL

By Sally Goligoski

Twenty-eight large nondescript grain silos along the Maumee River at the bend near the Interstate 75 Bridge outside downtown Toledo won't be grey concrete much longer. Owned and operated by Chicago-based agricultural giant ADM, this summer they are becoming the 170,000-square-foot canvas for an eye-stopping mural – one of the world's largest by a single artist – honoring the native Americans who were this area's first farmers hundreds of years ago.



This vantage point provided safety for their original settlement with views a mile in each direction. Now the setting will become a highly visible and unique focal point for waterfront boat traffic, the downtown area and the thousands of cars crossing the DiSalle Bridge every day.

This immense undertaking, known as the Glass City River Wall, is an Urban Sight Project. It was conceived by friends Nicole LeBoutillier and Brandy Wimberly two summers ago while on an evening cruise. The next day the pair began determining how to make their brainstorm a reality, bringing another friend, Christina Kasper, in as project manager.

Soon a steering committee was selected, as fund-raising and an international artist search commenced. Although no local entries were submitted, the committee last year selected noted young muralist Gabe Gault of Southern California. "I want to tell a story that is colorful, bold, simple and readable. My objective is to offer both an origin story, which honors the original farmers of the region, as well as providing an inspirational image from ADM for the future: a cornucopia of abundance and prosperity," explained Gault.

Although Gault has painted murals throughout the country, this is his first on cylinders that are stories tall. He is finalizing his vision on a large three-dimensional model. His team includes Ohio muralist Erich Henn and Detroit Sign Painters, who will work on it much as a giant paint-by-number design using boom lifts and swing stages, according to Nicole.

"Our goal is to have the River Wall completed for visitors to the Solheim Cup international LPGA golf tournament August 31 at Inverness. It will be a great welcome to Toledo," she said. Nicole also explained that an accompanying learning curriculum for humanity classes is being developed and will be offered to all area school districts.

For more information on this exciting project, go to www.glasscityriverwall.org. If you would like to contribute, contact Nicole@glasscityriverwall.org.

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PADDLE ON

By Julianne Jardine

If you're one of the over 17 million people who found their "Zen" in the serenity of a kayak last summer, you know finding a great launch site is key to starting your adventure. Whether you want to meander through the six miles of Howard Marsh's wetlands or paddle the tranquil waters of Wiregrass Lake, Northwest Ohio offers plenty of kayak launch sites, including:



Bend View Metropark, 10613 S. River Road, Waterville

Launch from Otsego Road.

Blue Creek Metropark - Nona France Area, 7035 Providence Street, Whitehouse

Kayakers can paddle a clear quarry pond.

Cannonball Prairie, 9725 Monclova Road, Monclova

Cullen Park, 4526 N. Summit Street, Toledo

The launch includes a steel walking ramp with handrails.

Farnsworth Metropark, 8505 S. River Road (US 24), Waterville

Check out nearby Missionary Island.

Fort Miamis, 600 Michigan Avenue, Maumee

Launch from Corey Street Boat Launch, near Fort Miamis. Check out nearby Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve.

Middlegrounds Metropark, 111 Ottawa Street, Toledo

Paddle through Downtown Toledo via the Maumee River to Swan Creek. Kayaks can be rented by the hour to paddle the Maumee River in downtown Toledo and scenic Swan Creek.

Providence Metropark, 13801 S River Road, Grand Rapids

Launch from Kuhlman Landing.

Side Cut Metropark, 1025 W. River Road, Maumee

Includes a roll-off dock at Silver Lake. Car top boats can be launched under the I-475 Bridge at Side Cut. A new roll-off dock is also available at Silver Lake.

Wiregrass Metropark, 201 N. Eber Road, Holland

For a complete adventure, check out their three primitive camping sites.

Explore the Maumee River from these access points. For more information on the Maumee River Water Trail, visit <https://metroparkstoledo.com/features-and-rentals/maumee-river-water-trail>

GRILLING FRUITS

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- Heat grill to a medium high heat
- Scrape grill down
- Spray fruit with a neutral oil, like safflower which holds up to the high heat.

If grilling fruit for cocktails, skip oil.

- Chunky kabobs are fun!

Try these fruits:

- Peaches – cut in half and serve with vanilla ice cream
- Melons
- Pineapple – dense, best cooked with the grill lid closed
- Pears
- Avocado
- Tomatoes – great in salads, salsas or Bloody Mary's
- Bananas
- Oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit – dip them in sugar, they're great in drinks



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CHERRY LEMONADE POPSICLES

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It's cherry season – enjoy the tangy beauty of this simple fruit with a dash of citrus. Healthy and yummy.

- 1 pound fresh pitted cherries
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- juice of 1 lemon

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put all the ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and process until smooth. Scrape down the sides of the machine as necessary.
2. This next step is optional, but I did it — push the puree through a mesh sieve. Press firmly with the back of a spoon so you get as much as possible through.
3. Fill the popsicle molds almost to the top. The puree will be thick enough that you can stand the sticks right in, without using the top to hold them.
4. Freeze the popsicles until solid. To remove from the mold, immerse the mold up to, but not over, the top lip for just a few seconds in a sink full of hot water.
5. To store the popsicles wrap well in plastic.

NOTES

- Be sure to taste and adjust your puree and adjust with more sugar or lemon if necessary. Add a touch of vanilla or almond extract if you like. Even a bit of cherry liqueur would be fun to try.
- No popsicle mold? You can make these with paper cups, just peel the cup away when you're ready to eat.
- If you can't get fresh cherries, use frozen.




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MAKE YOUR ESCAPE

By Tony Ciccantelli, Washington Street Inn (pg. 17)

Summer in Grand Haven means enjoying eateries and shopping in quaint downtown, strolling the boardwalk to the sandy beach along Lake Michigan, spending evenings watching beautiful sunsets and the world's largest musical fountain. The Washington Street Inn Bed and Breakfast will provide you with a convenient location, comfortable lodging and hearty breakfast. Plan your escape! washingtonstreetinngh.com

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LOCAL GARDEN ART

By Julianne Jardine

Garden art lets you put your personal stamp on your garden. **Copper Moon Studio** (pg. 52), **Hoen's Garden Center and Landscaping**, **Unruly Arts Gallery** (pg. 14), and **Bench's Greenhouse** shared some of their garden pieces designed to bring a smile to your face. And, visit **Gina's Art & Garden**, **Unique Home Furnishings & Decor** (pg. 25).



Garden Gnomes and Moonflowers by Copper Moon Studio, hand cut from sheets of colorful fused glass, then kiln-fired up to 1500 degrees.



"Unruly" birds and pinwheels from Unruly Arts Studio

Whimsical art from Bench's Greenhouse: Mary Olympia Designs



Some garden creatures at Hoen's Garden Center and Landscaping. "Photos by Stephanie Paxton"

TAME YOUR GARAGE

By Karen Lucas, Your Personal Organizer (pg. 51)

Summer is the perfect time to tackle your garage organizing project. The weather is warm and as long as you watch the weather forecast, you can pull everything out, do a clean sweep, perhaps even a power wash. The trick is to carefully consider what you put back, getting rid of everything you don't use or need anymore. Come winter, you and your car will be glad you did!

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By Judy Lang



If you love a great Farmers Market, downtown Fremont has one of the area's largest. And, as an added attraction, your entire family will have fun enjoying the themed activities that accompany each event.

Says Kristie Bilger, executive director of Downtown Fremont, Inc., "Our goal is to provide something of interest to people of all ages. In addition to the more than 75 vendors who sell produce and other unique items, we feature special activities that are both educational and fun for the entire family."

A favorite is the "Things That Go!" event. Explains Kristie, "We bring in all sorts of machines and vehicles—dump trucks, kayaks, street cleaners, tractors, bicycles, you name it. Anything that will move and go. We also include a scavenger hunt for kids to identify the vehicles and what they do. It's a great family activity."

Make a Day of It!

"Though the Hayes Presidential Center is often the first thing that comes to mind when people think of Fremont, its downtown has a wonderful mix of year-round attractions, too," says Kristie. "In addition to the Farmers Markets, this includes more than 40 retail shops, live music venues, great restaurants and a cinema that shows first-run movies. People can easily spend a whole day here."

RELAX

By Karrie & Karla, Summer Kitchen Interiors (pg. 49)

We love to fill our home with things that remind us of our favorite beach vacations. Our mini signs are at the top of our list! Create a vacation vignette and put a few of your favorite shells around the sign so that it takes you back and reminds you to slow down and enjoy the summer!



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By Judy Lang

The North Coast Inland Trail offers 100 miles of exercise and exploration with numerous entry points along the way. But for those who want a shorter trek, the Trail's newest addition—which spans 3.8 miles between Genoa and Elmore—offers a do-able day outing. Whether you're hiking, biking or in-line skating, the newly paved route has fun things to do at either end.



Photo by Styles Douglas

IN ELMORE...

After checking out the restored train depot, enjoy breakfast or lunch at **Christy's Corner Café**, well-loved by locals for great milkshakes and their ham, Havarti and apple jam sandwiches. At **Whimsy and Blue Creative Studio**, see a carefully curated collection of clothing, jewelry, gifts, home décor and vintage finds. In the same historic building, visit **Creatively Altered**, which features specialty and hand-dyed yarns as well as craft supplies. There may even be a class or demonstration going on when you arrive. Finally, a stop in Elmore wouldn't be complete without visiting the lovely **Schedel Gardens & Arboretum**.



Photo by Styles Douglas

IN GENOA...

Go into downtown and visit **Packer Creek Pottery**, where colorful, hand-made majolica is a feast for the eyes and the imagination. Swing by the beautifully preserved **Genoa Opera Hall**, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Then, grab lunch, dinner or a beer at the always-fun **Rayz Café**, home of chicken "ballz" smothered in a variety of toppings.



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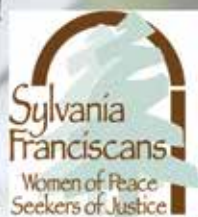
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5 WAYS TO REPURPOSE OLD TOWELS

By Laurie Pressel

Don't dispose of those old dish towels or bath towels when you buy new. Here are five ways you can get more use out of them, saving money and the environment.

1. Cut into squares, place in a bin under the kitchen sink, and use in place of paper towels.
2. Cut to size for the bottom of your Swiffer mop.
3. Line your pet crate or use as pet paw wipes.
4. Use to wash, dry and wax your car.
5. Turn them into bath mats.



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and feel the sky.
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and spirit fly
into the mystic."*

— Van Morrison



WHIPPED RICOTTA AND BLISTERED TOMATO BRUSCHETTA

INSTRUCTIONS

For the bread

1. Heat a heavy skillet or cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Slice bread into 1/2-inch slices.
2. Add ¼ cup of olive oil to the pan.
3. Carefully place bread slices in hot oil using tongs. Immediately flip the bread to coat both sides.
4. Cook for about 5 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Add more oil when needed.
5. Watch the bread closely. They'll burn easily. Remove the toasts from the pan and cool on a wire rack.

For the tomatoes

1. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add ¼ tablespoon of olive oil, when hot add shallots and garlic. Cook until fragrant about 1 minute.
2. Add white wine vinegar and tomatoes to the pan and cook, turning every 1 minute until lightly charred on all sides yet still holding their shape. Cook time should be about 3 to 4 minutes, but it depends on how hot your stove is.
3. Remove the pan from the heat and add the thyme. Let it rest while you make the ricotta.

For the ricotta cheese

1. Combine the ricotta, cream cheese, lemon juice, and 1 tablespoon of olive oil in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Put it together

1. Spoon the ricotta onto each toasted baguette.
2. Spoon the blistered tomatoes over the top of the ricotta.
3. Serve immediately.

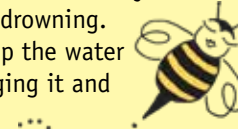
INGREDIENTS

- 1 whole French baguette sliced 1/2 inch thick
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- 6 oz. ricotta
- 2 oz. cream cheese
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pounds cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes
- 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 2 Tbsp white wine vinegar
- 3 Tbsp fresh thyme leaves, chopped



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DESTINATION FREMONT

By Kristie A. Bilger, Downtown
Fremont Inc. (pg. 13)

For the 2021 season, Downtown Fremont is Ready, Set, Summer! Discover an array of stores for your shopping needs, from fashion to trinkets, and fabulous restaurants where delicious memories can be made. There is lots to see and do in downtown Fremont, from art to music and fun events including a car show and our themed Farmers Markets. Make your way to Fremont and enjoy this Destination City!

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CHALK IT UP TO FUN!

By Julianne Jardne

A bucket of chalk and a little imagination can go a long way on a summer day. In addition to free form chalk art, these chalk activities will keep kids busy.



Self-portraits. Have kids lay down on the driveway or sidewalk and have someone draw an outline around their body. Then they create their own self portrait by filling in the details.

Bulls eye! Draw target of concentric circles in different colors with a bull's eye in the center. Write point values in each circle. Kids take turns tossing bean bags and adding up points. When they get too hot, toss water balloons at the target, and let the kids cool off.

Chalk Twister. Prepare to get a little messy with this one. It's a great game to play before running through the sprinkler. Draw a Twister board on the driveway with at least four colors and four shapes. Have an adult or another child call out shapes and colors and tell the players where to play their right hands, right feet, left hands, and left feet. The goal, of course, is not to fall over as they maneuver their hands and feet.

"Paint" with chalk. Mix up your own "chalk paint" in a muffin tin. Just whisk together one box of baking soda with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of cornstarch. Add approximately one cup of warm water to make a paintable mixture. Divide the mixture among the sections of a muffin tin. Add one drop of food coloring to each section and mix. Give the kids foam brushes, sponges or larger paint brushes and watch them create masterpieces.

"Volcano" chalk. Sneak some science into the fun. Use the recipe above and let the kids create their chalk paintings. Now for the extra fun! Put white vinegar into squirt bottles. Watch the paint fizz up like a volcano as the children squirt their chalk paintings with vinegar.

QUENCH YOUR SUMMER SKIN

By Mercedes Wise, Miss Mercedes (pg. 23)

Summer for me means "dress weather" which means giving my skin a triple hit with our Farmhouse Fresh Honey Lavender Body Scrub while in the shower followed up with Clementine Body Oil mixed in with their Moon Dip Back to Youth Body Mousse!



FALL IN LOVE WITH LAKESIDE

By Patti Savona, Ooh-La-La

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EGG SANDWICH PERFECTION

By Ann Hosman Worden

I took a basic cooking class my last year at Miami University knowing that I would soon be cooking for myself (yikes!), on a budget (double yikes!!), and needed some knowledge. My teacher explained that eggs are a super cheap source of protein and versatile for cooking. A practical lesson with benefits!

Cooks Illustrated is upping my game now with suggestions on how to achieve “egg sandwich perfection.” The magazine recommends you add toppings to your egg of choice. Scramble, fry, microwave in a custard cup, or poach your egg, toast your favorite bread or biscuit, then:

Anchor the flavor around a “well-seasoned savory ingredient.” Try ham, smoked salmon, kimchi or salami.

Add richness. Mayonnaise, cheese, Greek yogurt or avocado contributing fat and creaminess.

Layer in accents. Acidic, pungent and/or fresh choices such as herbs, tomatoes, onion and jam.



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IS IT RIPE?

By Laurie Pressel

Melon is a staple summertime treat. But have you ever cut into an underripe or rotted melon and had to toss the whole thing? Melons do not ripen after they are picked, so growers need to pick them at exactly the right time. If you engage all your senses at the grocery store or farmers' market, you can find a sweet and juicy melon that has been picked in its prime.

Watermelon: Closely examine the outside of the watermelon. A ripe watermelon has a “dull” finish. The spot where the melon rested on the ground should be yellow, with no stripes. Knock on the watermelon with your palm, and you should hear a hollow “thumping” sound.

Honeydew: A ripe honeydew has a bright, creamy yellow rind. If the rind looks green to you, it's probably underripe.

Cantaloupe: The color between the ridges on the rind should look mostly golden all around the cantaloupe and not green. Sniff the cantaloupe by the stem end and it should have a slightly sweet scent. If the scent is too strong, it could mean it is overripe.

All melons: Make sure you don't see any bruises, dents or cracks in the rind. With your finger, lightly press the area around the stem and the blossom end (opposite of the stem) and it should feel slightly soft to the touch. If it is too firm, it may be underripe. And if it is too squishy, it may be rotting. Pick up the melon and make sure it feels hefty for its size. You may want to pick up a few to compare. A good melon will feel heavy and not light.



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By Judy Lang



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Come. Stay. Linger. Enjoy.

Those are words of invitation from Rod Noble, executive director of Schedel Arboretum & Gardens, who says there's no better way to escape the stresses of the pandemic than to visit this 17-acre botanical gem tucked away in Elmore.

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- Excessive thirst and dry mouth
- Dark urine. When well-hydrated, your urine should be pale yellow.
- Fatigue
- Dry, flaky skin is a sign of long-term dehydration. Drinking plenty of water keeps the blood supply to your skin flowing, resulting in a healthy complexion.
- Headaches are another very common sign of dehydration, so try drinking a glass of water next time you feel one coming on.



When You're Bored with Water...

It's important to drink several glasses of water each day, but if drinking another glass sounds a little too flavorless, try adding more of these water-rich foods to your diet:

- Watermelon
- Strawberries
- Cantaloupe
- Oranges
- Cucumber
- Lettuce
- Broth
- Zucchini
- Celery
- Tomatoes
- Skim milk

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1. Preheat oven to 400F and butter your sided-baking sheet.
2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the melted butter, buttermilk, eggs, and vanilla extract. Set aside.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix well, until there are no dry pockets of flour left. Lumps are fine.

3. Gently fold in the sliced strawberries.
4. Pour the batter onto the prepared baking sheet, making sure to get it as even as possible.
5. Bake for about 20 minutes, until puffed up and starting to turn light golden on top.

Note: be careful not to overbake because the pancakes are thin.

6. Slice the pancakes into squares and serve warm, with butter and maple syrup, if desired.



EQUIPMENT

- a standard baking sheet (with sides), 18" by 13"

INGREDIENTS

- 6 Tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups buttermilk (or milk)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour (could substitute half of this with whole wheat or oat flour)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- 5 tsp baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
- 2 cups strawberries, hulled and sliced
- butter and maple syrup for serving (optional)

NOTES AND VARIATIONS

- If you use a different sized pan you will need to adjust the recipe and cooking time. I recommend a standard half sheet baking pan for this recipe. It measures 18x13 inches.
- Milk, buttermilk, half and half or any non-dairy milk will work.
- You can use other fruit in this recipe: try blueberries or raspberries.



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TREES TO SEE

By Laurie Pressel

Trees bring a sense of wonderment and peace to those who spend time among them. Trees witness history, provide shade, shelter, and food to animals and humans, and bring beauty and balance to our natural world.

Northwest Ohio is home to many magnificent tree specimens. Stephanie Miller, regional urban forester for the Ohio Division of Forestry, suggests some trees to see.

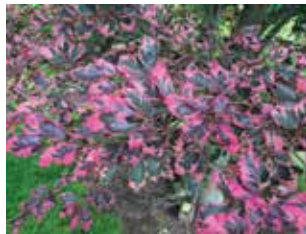
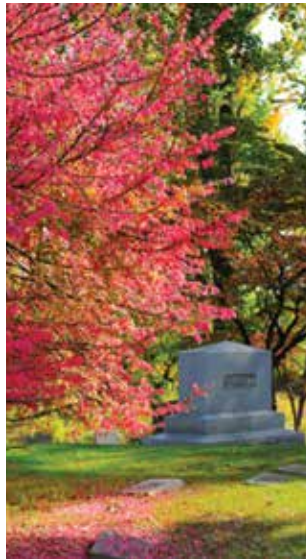
Woodlawn Cemetery and Arboretum, Toledo.

Some of Toledo's most famous residents are laid to rest in this historic, park-like cemetery located on 160 acres. A place of natural beauty, Woodlawn is also home to more than 130 tree species. Woodlawn offers guided tree walks in May and October. Check their web site (historic-woodlawn.com) for details. Must sees:

- A grove of 19 Ohio Buckeye trees.
- European Alder trees along the lake that hold the distinction of being among the earliest planted at the cemetery.
- Two large Yellowwood trees that emit a strong fragrance in late May and early June when in bloom.
- Several trees considered rare: Manchurian maple, Devil's walking stick; Sugar hackberry; Bunge spindletree; Japanese larch; White basswood.

Spiegel Grove, Fremont. The 25-acre wooded estate of President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes is an official arboretum with more than 1,700 trees, including some unusual varieties. In fact, "spiegel" is the German word for mirror, and the estate received its name due to the reflective puddles of water that gather under the large trees after a rainstorm. Must sees:

- A tulip poplar tree from George Washington's Mount Vernon.
- A bicentennial oak believed to date back to the American Revolution.
- Numerous trees that President Hayes planted in honor of people he respected and admired, including Presidents James Garfield and William Howard Taft. President Hayes would hold tree-dedication ceremonies and ask the people of honor to place their hands on the tree, signifying them giving some of their energy to the tree. President Hayes' children continued this tradition after his death.



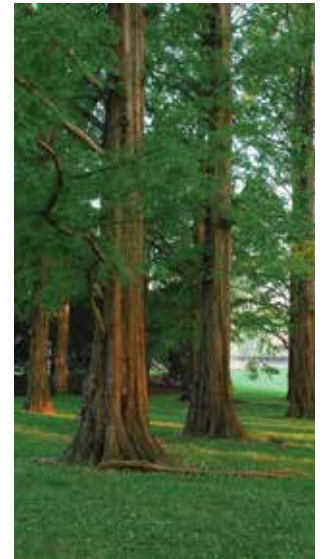
- A survivor tree from the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. A large American Elm tree in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City somehow managed to survive the horrific blast that exploded just yards away and killed 168 and wounded hundreds of others. A seedling from this tree was planted in the lawn in front of the Hayes' home.

Schedel Arboretum and Gardens, Elmore. A 17-acre garden estate located along the Portage River, Schedel offers plenty to see for tree-lovers. Must sees:

- Three Yoshino Cherry trees, which are cuttings from the Cherry trees lining the tidal basin in Washington D.C. that were gifted from Japan in the early 1900s.
- A grove of 17 Dawn Redwood trees that are among the oldest specimens on this continent. Ancestors of the giant California redwoods, Dawn Redwoods (often called "living fossils"), were believed to be extinct until 1941 when 1,000 trees were discovered in remote valleys in China. Seeds were collected and sent to Harvard University, and all current existing specimens in North America are descendants of plants grown from those seeds.

A few more of Stephanie Miller's favorite trees and tree-stops:

- A state champ Bald Cypress and its big partner in front of the VFW on E. Sycamore Street in Columbus Grove.
- Fort Ball Sycamore tree in Tiffin that dates back to the fort built by General William Henry Harrison in 1813.
- A state champ Sassafras at Ravine Cemetery in Sylvania, along with a nice collection of labeled trees.
- Spectacular Oak trees at City Park, Bowling Green.
- And several local cemeteries with beautiful tree specimens: Riverside Cemetery, Defiance; Whitehouse Cemetery, Whitehouse; Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima; Johnson Cemetery, Archbold; Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg.



*"Along this earthen
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– Angie Weiland-Crosby



PROTECT YOUR SUMMER TOYS

By Denise Martin,
Martin & Martin
Insurance (pg. 55)

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SUMMER STYLE AND FUNCTION

By Hutchison Fine Furniture (pg. 20)



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COFFEE CUBES

By Mary Jo Boyd, Doodle Bean Coffee (pg. 2)

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By Laurie Pressel

Climate change is a big problem, but individual action can make a big difference. Here are some things you can do:

1. Call, write letters, attend town halls—use your voice to let your representatives at the local, state and national levels know that climate change is an important issue
2. Switch out the lightbulbs in your home to LED
3. Bring your own reusable bottle or mug for coffee and water
4. Reduce the amount of meat you eat (try plant-based burgers)
5. Turn off lights when you are not in the room
6. Unplug appliances like toasters when not in use
7. Carpool for long distances and walk or bike for short distances
8. Set your thermostat 2 degrees higher (in the summer) and two degrees lower (in the winter)
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SHOPPING ADVENTURES

By Melissa Rahal-Hall, Firenation
Glass Studio & Gallery (pg. 28)

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GET READING THIS SUMMER

By Laurie Pressel

Local literary experts share their personal reading habits and what you should be reading this summer!



Julie K. Rubini, Children's Book Author and Founder, Claire's Day

Favorite reading spot? If I had to choose, I'd say on my back deck, while enjoying hearing and seeing birds in the trees. It takes me back to when I was a child, reading under the birch tree in our front yard.

Julie recommends: The Andy Hayes mysteries series by her friend, Andrew Welsh-Huggins. "The protagonist, Andy Hayes, is a former quarterback for Ohio State and Cleveland Browns turned private investigator."

Also: "Tigerland" by Wil Haygood. "It's an inspiring story of African-American athletes who won back-to-back football and basketball state championships during a tumultuous time of civil rights."

Amanda Brasfield, District Librarian, Findlay High School

All-time favorite authors? Laurie Halse Anderson, Stephen King, and Brené Brown.

Amanda recommends: "Stop Missing Your Life: How to be Deeply Present in an Un-Present World" by Cory Muscara. "It's easy to talk about being fully present in your life, but doing it in practice can be harder than it sounds. The author guides you through mastering the skill with clear and relatable strategies."

Also: "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek: A Novel" by Kim Michele Richardson. "This book came to me as an irresistible read. It is a kind and inspiring look at my home state (Kentucky) where literacy becomes the bridge between people and their fears."

Barbara Eikost, Avid Reader, Toledo

Why do you read? For me, a book is a kind of companion offering insights and adventures. So much understanding of the human condition is available through the pages of a book.

Barbara recommends: "This Tender Land" by Kent Krueger. "I found it to be a beautifully written story about four youngsters who escape Lincoln School for Indians in a canoe and find their way to new life."

Also: "Caste: the Origins of Our Discontent" by Isabel Wilkerson. "The author examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions. It's brilliant and instructive!"

Denise Phillips, Owner, Gathering Volumes Bookstore, Perrysburg

Favorite reading spot? When the sun is shining, my living room is bright, warm and cozy and I love to curl up on the couch and read in the sunlight.

Denise recommends: "The Last Place You Look" by Kristen Lepionka. "It's the first book in a mystery series that introduces private investigator, Roxane, from Columbus. Roxane's messy, imperfect life makes her and the story of the cold case she is asked to investigate impossible to put down."

Also: "Death in Mud Lick" by Eric Eyre. "The main topic is the opioid epidemic and the pill pushing in West Virginia, but Ohio plays a significant part in the story as well. The book was a wakeup call for me about the state of our country and our small towns."

Christine Tulley, Professor of English, The University of Findlay

Why do you read? I like to see what authors do with words. I have been reading and writing since I was a small child. It's one of the reasons I became an English professor.

Christine recommends: "Speaking of Murder" by Les Roberts. "Roberts entire mystery series is set in Cleveland (my hometown) and I enjoy reading the descriptions of places."

Also: "How to Have a Happy Hustle: The Complete Guide to Making Your Ideas Happen" by Bec Evans. "Everyone should read this book if they want to make something from an idea!"

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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Brother David Steindal-Rast, a Catholic Benedictine monk, is known for actively participating in interfaith dialogue and work on the interaction between spirituality and science. His quotes regarding gratitude are inspiring.

Which will you choose to hold dear?

“One grateful thought away from peace of heart.”

“One single gift acknowledged in gratefulness has the power to dissolve the ties of our alienation.”

“In daily life we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.”

“A lifetime may not be long enough to attune ourselves fully to the harmony of the universe. But just to become aware that we can resonate with it — that alone can be like waking up from a dream.”

“Try pausing right before and right after undertaking a new action, even something simple like putting a key in a lock to open a door. Such pauses take a brief moment, yet they have the effect of decompressing time and centering you.”

“The practical way to get to gratefulness is to start with wonderment. Our lives and the world are full of surprise.”



“Living in gratefulness takes away fear.”

“Look closely and you will find that people are happy because they are grateful. The opposite of gratefulness is just taking everything for granted.”

“When we are grateful we are always in the present moment. We are grateful now.”

“Gratefulness is really the key to happiness in life, or rather joy, which is the happiness that doesn’t depend on what happens. If you are grateful, you will be joyful regardless of what happens.”

“Open your heart to the incredible gift that civilization gives to us. We flip a switch and there is electrical light. We turn a faucet and there is warm water, and cold water...and drinkable water. It is a gift that millions and millions in the world will never experience.”

“Because gratitude expresses courage, it spreads calm.”



THE BENEFITS OF LAVENDER

By Rebecca L. White-Schooner,
Schooner Farms - Berry Farm (pg. 31)

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PROTECT YOUR PEEPERS!

By Optical Arts (pg. 59)

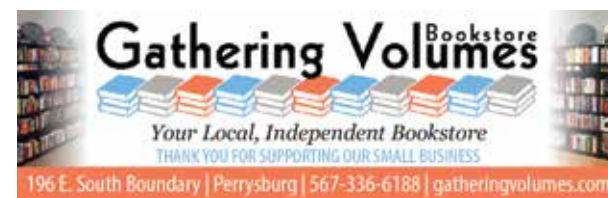
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"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." — John Lubbock

REVITALIZE SUMMER PLANTS!

If your annual blooms or perennials are looking too leggy—or are struggling to survive—don't be afraid to trim them back to encourage new life! Says Sue Wolf, of Wolf's Blooms and Berries, "Plants that are struggling can benefit from a major trim. Cut all stems down to 2-4 inches above the soil and then fertilize them. Flowering plants will come back thicker, more robust and bloom in 7-10 days. They will also look much better into fall."



COMPANION GARDENING FOR A SUCCESSFUL VEGETABLE GARDEN

By Julie Jardinne

In gardening, as in life, you want to keep your friends close and your enemies far away. Vicky Gallagher, Horticulturist at the 577 Foundation, recommends starting every garden with a detailed plan.



"I recommend gardeners plant in block or squares and keep a journal or map to keep track of where they plant their vegetables. You need a system to help make your garden sustainable."

Some vegetables thrive when planted near each other, while others create a parasitic relationship that stunts or deters growth.

Vicky reminds gardeners that these vegetables should not be planted together:

- Beans, peas, and other legumes do not like onions and scallions.
However, do consider planting beans near corn, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, and other members of the cabbage family.
- Carrots should not be planted near dill or parsley.
- Tomatoes are quite particular. Avoid planting them near broccoli, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts, corn, and potatoes.
Tomatoes do like to be planted next to basil, asparagus, carrots, celery, onions, lettuce, parsley, and spinach.
- Summer squash and zucchini should not be planted near potatoes.
However, squash tends to do well planted near corn, beans, peas, and radishes.
- Sweet corn and tomatoes are not friends in the garden. Plant sweet corn with beans, cucumbers, peas, pumpkins, and melons.
- Watermelons do not like being next to cucumbers, summer and winter squash and pumpkins. They tend to do well planted near peas, beans, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, spinach, and lettuce.

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DON'T FORGET THIS ITEM ON YOUR PRE-TRAVEL TO-DO LIST

By Marissa K. Fitzpatrick, Attorney, RCO Law (pg. 24)

After one full year of quarantine and as the weather is starting to break, people are getting anxious to start traveling and planning their summer vacations again.



While there is lots of excitement around planning a trip, there might be some over-looked items you should prepare before packing your bags and hitting the road or taking flight.

Have you been putting off your estate plan? What better time to get it taken care of than before you head out on your trip.

Think about it like this – if you go on a trip without your kids, do you have legal documents outlining who steps in for you in the event you cannot? If your answer is no, then keep reading.

Implementing a power of attorney (POA) is the first step in making sure your children can be adequately cared for with medical decisions in the event that you cannot be there for them. Without proper legal documentation, it leaves a big question mark as to who should step in if needed.

In addition, while you may or may not already have a will in place, making sure your will has guardianship provisions for your children is essential. That way there not only will be clear instructions as to who should receive your belongings, but also, most importantly who is to take care of your children when you pass away.

Even if you do not have young children, or even if your children are traveling with you, it's still a good idea to make sure your estate plan is taken care of prior to traveling. With a plan, your loved ones would know exactly what to do and exactly what your wishes are in the case of a tragic event.

We never expect catastrophic issues to come up when planning for a care-free adventure, but you'll have peace of mind knowing that you have checked this box off your to-do list. Estate planning with implementing a power of attorney ensures that you don't have to think about or worry about your family's wellbeing anytime you hop in a car or board a plane. The only thing you'll have to worry about then is whether or not you remembered to pack your toothbrush!

RCO Law Attorney Marissa K. Fitzpatrick focuses her legal practice on helping families at all stages of life on wealth preservation and estate planning. If you have questions, please contact Marissa at 419-249-7900.

ZEN WITH NATURE

By Norma Stark Memory Garden and Labyrinth (pg. 60)

Sitting outside in the summer and enjoying the sights and sounds of nature is a relaxing thing to do. One place to relax is the Norma Stark Memory Garden and Labyrinth in Perrysburg.

You can walk the labyrinth and/or spend quiet time sitting in the peaceful garden.

Join us as we celebrate the Garden & Labyrinth on Sunday, June 27 from 4-5:30pm.

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COOL IT DOWN!

By Carolyn Beyersdorf, Decorating Den Interiors (pg. 45)

As summer approaches and hot weather drives us inside, let's explore ways to cool down our personal spaces without touching the thermostat. Cooling down any room in your home can be as simple as changing out pillows and a few accessories with cooler colored items. Cool colors such as blues, greens and violets lend themselves to lowering perceived temperatures.

Or, add a ceiling fan. There are many stylish choices to suit any décor. And, don't forget the windows. While natural light is always welcome, on a very hot day having the ability to block the heat of the sun during peak times not only cools us down but saves on energy consumption. So, if you are looking to cool it down, reach out to Carolyn Beyersdorf with Decorating Den Interiors. As a full service interior design professional, Carolyn serves clients in the Northwest Ohio area. Visit her website today at www.carolyn.decoratingden.com or give her a call at 419-345-7069.



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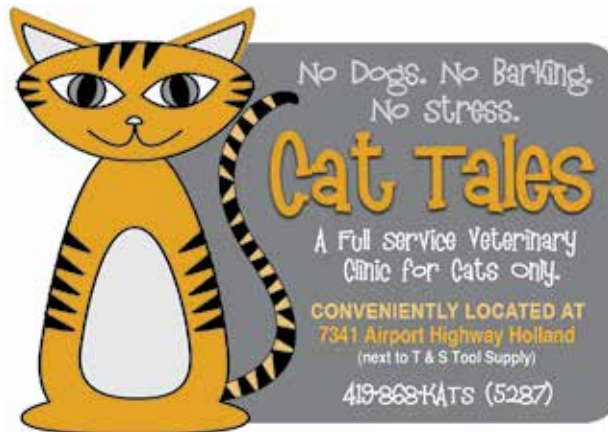
QUENCHING YOUR THIRST

By Julianne Jardine

Thirsty for something light and refreshing this summer? Mocktails offer the great fruit flavors and hues of mixed drinks minus the aftereffects of alcohol. Jess Napier, owner of Bramblewood Bar, shares the secrets to making a great mocktail.



"When crafting the perfect 'mocktail' it's important to have balance in your ingredients. I like to have something a little sweet, a touch tart, and a kiss of herbs or botanicals. One of my favorite summer refreshments, the **Watermelon Mint Spritz**, checks all these boxes."



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- Juice of 1/2 a lime

Add:

- 4 sprigs mint
- Ice

Shake & strain into a lowball glass filled with ice.

Top with sparkling water or ginger beer for a little extra kick.

Garnish with a lime wedge and a couple sprigs of mint.

Or how about *Bon Appetit's* recipe for the PG-13 **Singapore Sling**. Perfect for kids. Loved by adults.

- 3/4 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/2 cup mango juice
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 8-12 ounces of tonic water
- 4 sprigs of mint

Combine juices in a pitcher filled with ice and stir until cold. Divide among 4 Collins glasses filled with crushed ice and add 2-3 oz. tonic water to each. Garnish with mint sprigs.



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KEEP COOL ABOUT COOLING COSTS

Experts report that 78 degrees is the optimal energy-saving temperature inside your home. And, for every degree that you raise the thermostat, you'll save about 3% on your electric bill. If this temperature seems a bit toasty, consider these other tips for saving energy (and money!) this summer:

- If you're home during the day, set your AC on the coolest temperature during the hottest part of the day. Towards evening, gradually raise the temperature and then shut the AC off and open the windows at night. This prevents precious frigid air from escaping to the outside. Keep air flowing—and the atmosphere feeling less sticky—by using fans.
- Conversely, if you're gone all day, use a smart thermostat to cool your home just before you return.
- Consider using room-darkening curtains, shades or removable window pane tints. Awnings, trees, shrubs and even potted plants placed near your windows can help block out sunlight, too.
- Make sure your air conditioner is working efficiently. Have it serviced regularly, change the filter and remove debris on or around it.
- If it's time for a new AC unit, know that the most efficient models, on average, can reduce energy loss by 40%. But, be sure to do the math to determine if your energy cost savings will be worth the extra investment for the ultra-efficient models.
- And, anytime of year, unplug all of your electronic devices overnight. About 75% of their energy consumption occurs after they are turned off, but still plugged into an outlet.

EDIBLE ART

By Kate Philabaum, HeART Gallery (pg. 36)

Spice up your summer entertaining with art! Use focaccia bread dough as your canvas and invite your guests to decorate with vegetables and edible flowers.

For more summer entertaining demos and tips, visit the HeART Gallery event on Sunday, June 6 from 1-3pm. www.heartgalleryandstudios.com



ABOVE & BEYOND

By Courtney Rice, Wood County
ADAMHS (pg. 11)

The Wood County ADAMHS Board wants to acknowledge all of the mental health providers who not only survived, but thrived during the pandemic. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for serving the mental health needs in Wood County.



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SUMMER STYLIN'

By Julianne Jardine

Ahhh, summer. Ohhh, what to do with our hair in this summer heat? Crissy George, Owner/Master Stylist at **Brodava Salon** (pg. 49), says, "Braids and accessories are the summer go to!" She shared these styles bound to have everyone saying, "Wow! Beautiful!"



Or "add some fun with color", says Cindi Britt, owner at **Salvatore Capelli e Estetica Spa and Lounge** (pg. 19). A little summer fun!

PROTECT YOUR SKIN AND HAIR THIS SUMMER

By Cindi Britt, Salvatore Capelli e Estetica Spa and Beauty Lounge (pg. 19)

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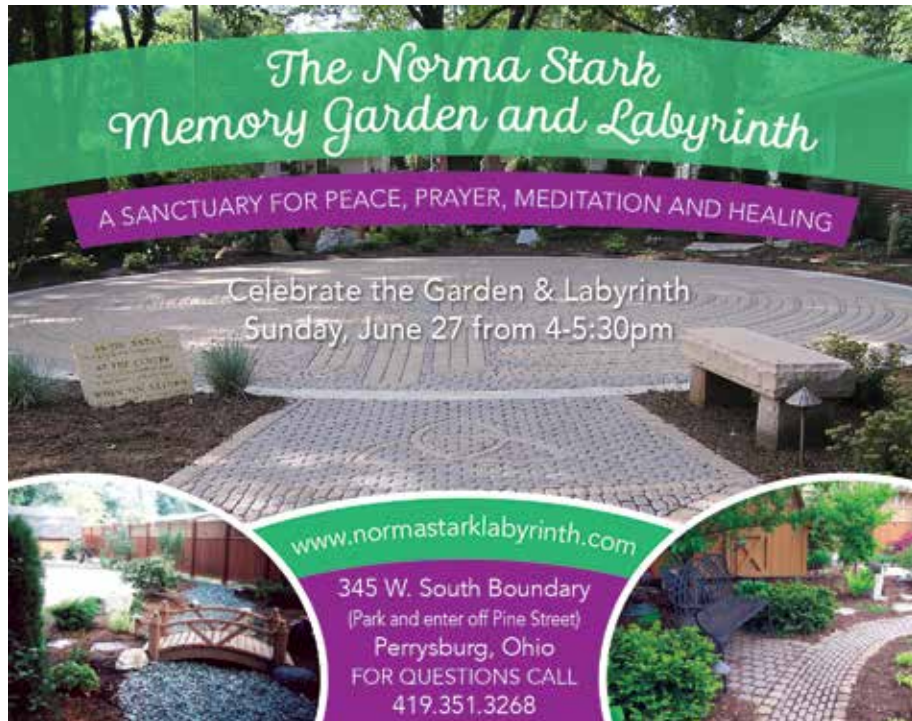
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"Jefferson wrote to the early American portrait painter, Charles Wilson Peale, and he said, though an old man, I am but a young gardener."



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~ JUNE ~

5 & 6

The Annual **Maple & Main Art Fair** in the historic Red Bird Arts district in downtown **Sylvania** is a free weekend of fun. Enjoy fine art, music, food trucks, local brews and more. sylvaniaarts.org

Take a trip down memory lane to the by-gone era of farming at the **Power of Yesteryear Tractor Show** on the Wood County Historical Center Grounds in **Bowling Green**. The free event features tractor displays, demonstrations of corn shelling, plowing, tillage and planting, blacksmith demonstrations, kiddie pedal pulls and more! Saturday, 10am-5pm; Sunday, 10am-3pm. woodcountyhistory.org

5

Your furry friend will love participating in the **Toledo Area Humane Society's 36th Annual Bark in the Park!** The pet-friendly, one-mile walk takes place at The Shops at Fallen Timbers in **Maumee**. Games, food, and live entertainment for humans of all ages and pets. While the event will take place in person, you can participate virtually with a 5K or 10K on your own time if you feel more comfortable with this option. 9am-noon. Visit toledohumane.org for more details.



The **Put-in-Bay Music Festival** on the grounds of the Boathouse Bar & Grill in downtown Put-in-Bay will feature live music performed all day from bluegrass to folk, zydeco to rhythm and blues. Event starts at 11am. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for this free and family-friendly event. Food trucks will keep everyone well fed. visitputinbay.org

6

Sip, stroll and savor at the **Summer Entertaining Event** at the **HeART Gallery** at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** in downtown **Toledo** from 1-3pm. Get great ideas for summer entertaining from local chefs and food producers who will be giving demos. Reservations should be made by emailing kate@stpaulstoledo.org.

10

Kaitlyn Schmit & the Move perform at **Triangle Park** as part of the Music In Your Parks series sponsored by the **Defiance Community Cultural Council**. 7pm. Free and open to the public. All events subject to Covid guidelines. defiancearts.org

12

The special little girl in your life (and her American Girl doll) will love the **Victorian Front Porch Tea** at the **Hancock Historical Museum** in **Findlay**. Enjoy tea and treats and learn proper tea etiquette from Victorian-costumed ladies. For children ages 6-12 accompanied by an adult. Dress for the occasion and bring your American Girl doll. \$30 per pair for members, \$35 per pair for non-members. 11am-1pm. hancockhistoricalmuseum.org

Join artist, Elaine Myland for a **Concrete Leaf Cast Workshop** at **Schedel Gardens & Arboretum** in **Elmore**. All materials included. This piece can be used on a coffee table or an accent piece in your garden. Leaf varieties will vary based on what is blooming. 10:30am-noon. Fee is \$32.10. Register at schedel-gardens.org

13

Cruise on down to the **Classic Car Show** at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** in downtown **Toledo**. Event starts at 4pm and will include live music, grilled cheese sandwiches and root beer floats. heartgalleryandstudios.com

17, 18 & 19

Visit historic **Waterville** during **Art & About Lite: A Plein Air Paint Out** and see local artists practicing their craft throughout the village. You can watch them paint and interact with them as they work! Finished paintings will be displayed on the Anthony Wayne Area Art Commission website at the conclusion of the three-day event.

19

Check out the **Farmers' Market & Car Show** in downtown **Fremont**. Event will include a 50/50 raffle, food, music and prizes. 9am-1pm. downtownfremontohio.org

19 & 20

At **Muster on the Maume** at **Fort Meigs**, you can see the evolution of the common soldier. Soldiers, artisans and civilians will give demonstrations and period military camps are open for visiting. More info at fortmeigs.org/muster

24

The **Chardon Polka Band** performs at **Triangle Park** as part of the Music In Your Parks series sponsored by the **Defiance Community Cultural Council**. 7pm. Free and open to the public. All events subject to Covid guidelines. defiancearts.org

~ JULY ~

Check your local newspaper or google search for the date, location and time of your city's Fourth of July Fireworks display. Scope out a prime viewing location, grab a blanket or lawn chairs, pack a picnic and celebrate summer and our nation's independence!



INDEPENDENCE DAY

What's Buzzin' this Summer

~ JULY ~

3 & 4

Find treasures at the **Tiffin Flea Market** at the **Seneca County Fairgrounds**—one of the largest in the state! Rain or shine Saturday 9am-4pm; Sunday 9am-3pm. For more flea market dates, visit tiffinfleamarket.com

5 – 11

The **Marathon LPGA Classic** presented by Dana at **Highland Meadows Golf Club** has provided hours of fun and made the hopes and dreams come true for many children. Always a favorite! marathonclassic.com

9, 10 & 11

Daylilies are one of the easiest flowers to grow, and they come in an array of shapes, sizes and colors. See hundreds of these beautiful flowers at seven locations during the **Flag City Daylily Tour** in **Findlay**. You will be able to purchase daylilies at two sites. Friday & Saturday, 10am-6pm; Sunday, noon-6pm. facebook.com/flag.city.daylily.tour

10

Friends of the **Pemberville Public Library Garden Tour** will feature five beautiful gardens in the Pemberville, Ohio area. Brochure/ticket with a map will be available beginning June 1 at the Pemberville Library, or a ticket/donation may be purchased at the library or any of the gardens on the day of the tour. Masks will be required along with social distancing. Rain date is July 11. 9am-2pm. Call 419-287-4012 for more info.

The 2021 **Defiance Jazz Festival** takes place at **Kingsbury Park** in **Defiance**. Bands this year include: Ft. Defiance Dixieland Jazz Band, Gaetano Letizia, Snaps for Sinners, and The Bobby Floyd Trio. Gates open at 3:30pm. Tickets \$5 for adults. facebook.com/defiancejazz

17

At the **Farmers' Market & Upcycle, Repurpose & Reuse** event in downtown **Fremont** vendors will be selling farm fresh produce and some unique repurposed and upcycled items as well. 9am-1pm. downtownfremontohio.org

22

Billy McGuigan & the Downliners perform at **Triangle Park** as part of the Music In Your Parks series sponsored by the **Defiance Community Cultural Council**. 7pm. Free and open to the public. All events subject to Covid guidelines. defiancearts.org

25

Check out **Art on the Mall** from 10am-5pm at **Centennial Mall** on **The University of Toledo's** main campus. More than 100 artists will have work on display and for sale. The art show began in 1992 and has become a beloved summer tradition!

July 30 – August 7

Get in your car and explore yarn shops in Michigan and Ohio. The **I-75 Yarn Crawl** features over 50 shops, including **Creatively Altered** in **Elmore**. For details, visit facebook.com/i75yarncrawl.

~ AUGUST ~

6 – 8

The **Toledo Jeep® Fest** is a fun, family-friendly event that includes a Jeep parade through downtown Toledo and an all-Jeep car show at the **SeaGate Centre**. Head downtown for the fun and celebrate Jeep's partnership with the city of Toledo!

7 & 8

Feel the roar and rush at **Wild about Art** at the **Toledo Zoo**. Set among the wild beauty of the zoo, this two-day event will feature local and regional artists, entertainment, interactive activities and of course, animals. Saturday, 9am-5pm, Sunday, 10am-4pm. toledozoo.org

13 & 14

Summer fun at its best! The **Maumee Summer Fair**, held on the beautiful tree-lined streets in the historic uptown district, features around 150 arts and crafts booths, delicious food, fun activities and music. Friday, 5pm-midnight, Saturday, 9am-noon. maumeesummerfair.com

13 – 15

Don't miss the brilliant display of hot air balloons at the **Flag City Balloon Festival** in **Emory Adams Park** in **Findlay**. You can fly in one or stay grounded with the many fun activities offered on land. flagcityballoonfest.com

24

James LeBlanc & the Winchesters perform at **Triangle Park** as part of the Music In Your Parks series sponsored by the **Defiance Community Cultural Council**. 7pm. Free and open to the public. All events subject to Covid guidelines. defiancearts.org

21 & 22

The works of more than 130 artists & artisans will be on display at the 17th Annual **Levis Commons Fine Art Fair**. This juried show includes jewelry, ceramics, painting, glass, photography, fiber art and more! Free and open to the public. Saturday, 10am-7pm, Sunday, 11am-5pm. theguild.org/fair/levis-commons

26 – 29

The **German American Festival in Oregon** is Toledo's oldest, largest and greatest ethnic festival. Come enjoy traditional German food, beer, music, folk dancing and entertainment. germanamericanfestival.net

~ SEPTEMBER 6 ~

Team USA is taking on Team Europe for the **Solheim Cup** at the **Inverness Club** in **Toledo**. For more info on this three day competition visit, solheimcupusa.com. (see ad pg. 5)

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