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## Egg Hunt March 23

Bainbridge Twp. Fire Dept.'s 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Fire Station, 17822 Chillicothe Rd., on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

- \*Egg Hunt
- \*Raffle prizes
- \*Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- \*Donuts, coffee and hot cocoa

The event will be held rain/snow or shine (hopefully the latter!) so dress the little ones for the weather as the egg hunt itself will be held outside no matter what. In years past, donations of cash or gift baskets have been welcomed and can be dropped off at the fire station to Prudy MacKenzie by March 17. Please call 440-543-9873 with any questions.

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## Inside this Spirit...

- Our 2024 Spirit Senior Guide and the first of our four Spirit Spring Home & Garden Guides can be found in this edition. Think warm!

Our next issue will be delivered March 22 and will include  
*Easter and Spring Home & Garden Guide.*

**Editorial Deadline is March 8. Advertising Deadline is March 13.**

**For more information, call us at 440-478-2950.**



A tasty way to support the philanthropic efforts of the Bainbridge Civic Club is to enjoy pancakes on the next three Sunday mornings at Kenston High School.

## It's Pancake Time! Civic Club Breakfasts March 3, 10, 17

Well, the sap's a-flowing and that means it's time for the Bainbridge Civic Club's Annual Pancake Breakfasts. This year's tasty events will be March 3, 10 and 17, with serving from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kenston High School cafeteria. Or you may order your family's meal to go!

**Dine-In:** See and be seen. Enjoy our sit-down service with unlimited pancakes and coffee!

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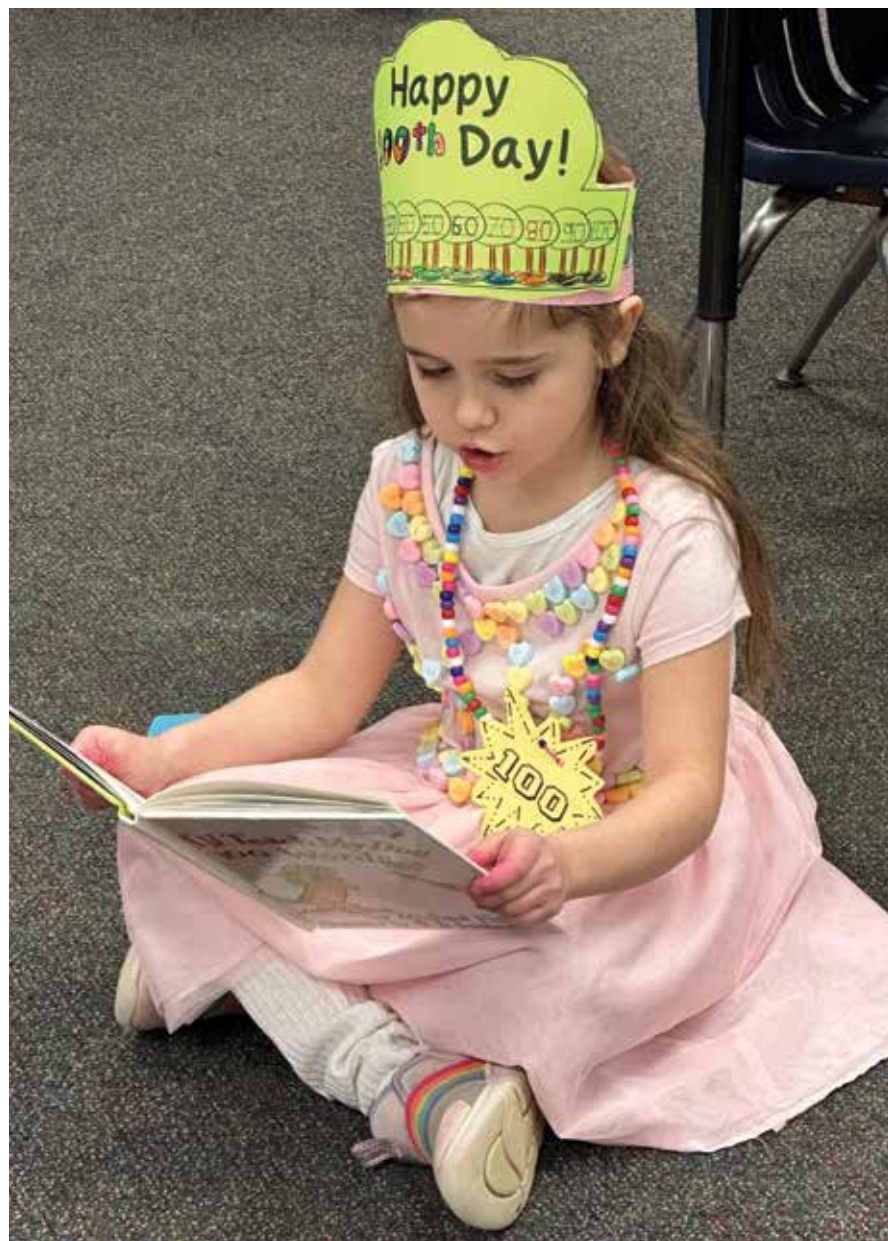
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Delivery meals must be ordered online prior to 11 p.m. on Saturday (the day before you want your order) so we can provide the highest quality remote dining experience. Order at [www.TheCivicClub.org](http://www.TheCivicClub.org)

The 72nd annual Bainbridge Civic Club Pancake Breakfast remains unique:

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Please contact Mark George at 440-591-1819 or email [BainbridgeCivic@gmail.com](mailto:BainbridgeCivic@gmail.com) for more information about the pancake breakfast, joining the BCC, or becoming a sponsor.



## Kindergarteners at Timmons Elementary Celebrate 100th Day of School

The Kindergarten students at Timmons Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of Kindergarten on, Feb. 7. This day was celebrated through many activities including art, counting to 100, reading poems, and much more. Kenston Schools Photo.

## Ah, the Wearin' of the Green!

'Tis the season of shamrocks and leprechauns,  
St. Patrick and green libations, if you choose.  
And everyone is Irish for a day!

Those of us who are truly Irish  
welcome the gaiety and fun,  
while remembering the hardships and  
resilience of our ancestors who endured  
the Potato Famine,  
called The Great Hunger of 1845,  
and as immigrants to this country.

We share our heritage and shenanigans on March 17.

Anne E. North  
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# Easter Brunch

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## March 31<sup>st</sup>

from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**Mini-Golf at the Library**—Fore! Our Adult & Family Mini-Golf at the Library events are back and better than ever. Join us on March 9 at our Adult Mini-Golf at the Library event for fun with friends, adult beverages, music, and more, and then come back the next day, March 10, with the family for our Family Mini-Golf at the Library event. Purchase your tickets today at → [GeaugaLibrary.net/GCLF-Mini-Golf](http://GeaugaLibrary.net/GCLF-Mini-Golf)

### Discussion Groups

Monday, March 11 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. — *The Latecomer* by Jean Korelitz  
Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. — *Rust: A Memoir of Steel & Grit* by Eliese Colette Goldbach

### Redesigning Work & Retirement

Monday, March 4 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. If you've been feeling stuck or uncertain about your future, now is the time to join Encore NEO and learn how to transform your life for the better.

### Chair Yoga

Virtual Program - Thursday, March 7 from 2-3 p.m. Join local yoga instructor Ann Vickers and practice your chair yoga skills, an accessible form of yoga for all ages and skill levels. Registration required.

### Sign Language for Kids

Thursday, March 14 from 4-5 p.m. Celebrate Deaf History Month by learning some basic signs with Stephanie Bowlin, a certified American Sign Language instructor. Grades 3-5. Registration required.

### Senior Social: Show & Tell

Friday, March 15 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Seniors, you're invited to bring an old photo, letter, family memento or treasured item to share with others. Registration required.

### Hungry Caterpillar Day

Wednesday, March 20 from 3-4 p.m. Celebrate *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* Day and its author, Eric Carle, with stories, games and more! Ages 3-5. Registration required.

## Burton Public Library Book Sale

Burton Public Library will hold its Book Sale on the Sundays in March 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. After your pancake breakfast, come by and check out our Book Sale!

Burton Public Library is located at 14588 W Park St., Burton, OH 44021.

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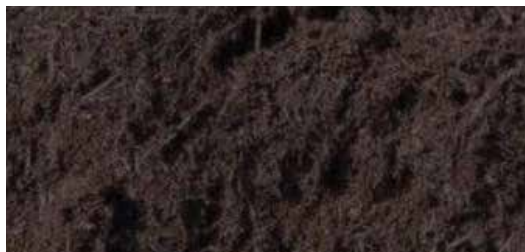
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## Lord of Life Youth Set for Spring

Lord of Life Church believes ministry to youth is vital for the life of the church and even more critical to the life of the youth. At Lord of Life, we believe that our youth need to be reminded that the church is a safe place to come, talk about the challenges and joys of life, and be reminded of God’s unending love for them! Lord of Life offers many opportunities for the youth. Middle School, grades 6-8, and High School, grades 9-12, meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Our middle schoolers enjoy confirmation and welcome friends to join in their fun and learning Sunday mornings. The high school students are doing hands-on ministry and living out their faith every Sunday out in the community and doing mission projects at the same time. Both middle school and high school students are invited throughout the year to also join in with many youth events being offered for fellowship, faith, and fun.

Being the hands, heart, and feet of Christ is what being a disciple of Jesus is all about. The high school youth are looking forward to two youth mission trips this summer in Appalachia. This is the second time our youth are participating in two mission opportunities in one summer and we are super excited! If you would like to learn more, please feel free to contact us.

For more information regarding any of the youth ministries or any other ministry of Lord of Life, contact the church office at 440-543-5505 or visit their website, [www.loloh.org](http://www.loloh.org). Lord of Life is located at 17989 Chillicothe Rd. (just south of Rt. 422) in Bainbridge.

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## Listen Carefully

By Nancy Glende

There are many people running for office at this time and we are bombarded with messages. All are meant to get our votes and we need to listen carefully as to whether we truly support the voice speaking to us. Two words I’m hearing are fight and kill. Any energy that works against others is not a healthy way forward. It tells us clearly that the person speaking is functioning at the survival level based on fear and separation, not leadership in which all of us who need to be seen, heard and loved could be brought together. Such basic needs unmet are leading to an epidemic of suicides and murders as attempted escapes. And AI will further all these qualities big time if we don’t soon have controls in place. What we most need are leaders who see solutions to division, discord, and isolation.

A common pattern is blame, put as running against, which tries to get another to change. Anyone who blames China for stealing our businesses is not telling the truth that American businesses went to China to have products made at lower prices so they could make more money selling them. Listen for those who promote production and assist employees in this country. We can bring our businesses back to America without blaming the Chinese. Many people need employment in this country and they need to be taught how to do these jobs. Tri-C has some great programs in place.

When any leader sounds powerful and then expresses hate toward others, know that peace and cooperation do not come from hating others. We have to be feeling fearful and weak when we hate others. Proper leadership can bridge such gaps and bring people together. When candidates tell you more about what they are against than their experiences that allow them to cooperate with others, be aware of their process.

When we vote for those who speak of refusing to cooperate with others, we deliver the message that to get elected in this country we need to vote for those willing to do harm. Harm to others is not help to us.

When we vote for those who are lying, and we know they are lying, we are lying to ourselves about what will bring healing to our own people and our own country. When we know that it is time for a younger generation to lead our country and support the idea that one elder can overpower another elder, and continue to support only elders, we are lying to ourselves.

There is nothing more vital at this point than proper treatment of Mother Earth. If we don’t address that, nothing else will save humanity. We need to care about how we as a people have been destroying our basic home place. And I believe that CARE is the most important word written. We need to care about everything we do on this Earth. Every time I see a scene that has been bombed, I wonder where all the damaged property is discarded on land or into the sea. And Earth that has been bombed will never be the same.

And then we need to know and live the knowing that every human being, as well as all other living things, long to be seen, heard, valued, assisted, and safe in the presence of others. Guns are not the answer to safety.

We all need to be aware of our own thinking and shift up to help call others up with our vote. Shift up and then vote. Thank you.

	
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### KCE Welcomes Walkers to Gardiner Center

Ohio's weather can be unpredictable, making it challenging for passionate walkers during the winter and spring season. While it may feel like spring on some days, many days are cold, wet, and gray, forcing walkers to either invest in cold-weather gear or find an indoor workout to stay active.

Good News! Kenston Community Education has opened Gardiner Center, 9421 Bainbridge Road, for walkers from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Walkers can complete a mile by walking nine circuits. Walking is an excellent way to increase your heart rate, burn calories, and speed up your metabolism. So, take advantage of this opportunity to stay active!

Registration is required, (online, by calling 440-543-2552 or stop in the KCE office) but participation in this program is free.



Film Focus

By David King

*Killers of the Flower Moon*      *A (conditionally)*

There are some movies that I refer to as “good” or “great” while there are other films that I would rather describe as “important.” These are films that have a significant message or bring to public attention situations or historical events of which we may not be fully aware. So based upon that criteria, I must say that *Killers of the Flower Moon* is a very “important” film. Martin Scorsese has wanted to make this film for more than 10 years and since he is in his eighties, we may not get many more films from this iconic director. That I don't give it an A+ grade is mainly because I think at three and a half hours it will be too long and depressing for many viewers to enjoy. Nevertheless this was an impressive and moving telling of a shameful time in our history that we should probably know more about. As Winston Churchill said, “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”

This film is based on true life events that occurred after World War I. After being driven from their homelands in the east (including Ohio), the Osage native citizens had finally been settled on a reservation of undeveloped grasslands in Oklahoma. The land was not much good for anything except grazing but then, by a stroke of good luck, automobiles were invented and suddenly their “Oklahoma Crude” oil was worth a fortune. Every member of the tribe was awarded equal shares in the oil profits in perpetuity. When a person died, their shares would be inherited by their remaining relatives creating a situation where people with a lot of deceased relatives could soon become very, very rich. But as usual when something good would come to our native people, unscrupulous white people would try to get in on it.

As the film begins we see Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo DiCaprio) arriving home from the war to Oklahoma where his uncle William King Hale (Robert De Niro) has promised him a job. This uncle owns the biggest ranch in the county and he has close ties to the local law authorities. Although Hale likes to publicly appear as be a great champion of the Osage people, he actually has ulterior motives. Rather than giving his nephew a job, he will enlist the younger man in a scheme to charm and marry a native woman named Molly who is heir to the biggest amount of oil shares in the Osage Nation. Molly (wonderfully played by an actual native American named Lily Gladstone) is a remarkably strong woman who is not easily charmed but she will eventually be won over and marry Ernest. DiCaprio's character is torn between what grows to actually be a loving marriage and his loyalty to his uncle. The calculating older man will slowly pressure Ernest into cooperating in a series of murders that would become known as the Osage Reign of Terror. It is estimated that possibly hundreds of natives were killed before the U.S. Government would step in to investigate.

The film reminds me of some other “important” films such as *12 Years a Slave* and *Schindler's List* where I was haunted for days after seeing them. I still have them in my DVD collection but never return to watch them. While I want to be educated about such topics there is nothing entertaining for me to relive such depressing materials. Sympathetic and sensitive people will probably want to see this film should be be forewarned that it is extremely sad and possibly upsetting.

*Masters of the Air*      *B*

Back in 2001, Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg served as producers of the HBO television series called *Band of Brothers* telling the true story of the famous “Easy Company” infantry troop's exploits in Europe during World War II. The 10 episodes are generally considered one of the best television series ever aired. The multiple Emmy-winning shows were even credited with inspiring many of the actual war veterans, who were still alive, to tell their war stories to their families for the first time. In 2010 the same group produced a sequel series called *The Pacific*, chronicling the story of the Marines who served against the Japanese forces in the war. It showed the added difficulties suffered by these soldiers fighting in jungle warfare conditions.

Now 14 years later, Hanks and Spielberg have teamed up with Apple TV to bring us the story of the Air Force's heroic efforts fighting the air war against Nazi Germany. It dramatizes the true story of the 100th bombing squad who were nicknamed the “Bloody Hundredth” because of their overwhelming number of casualties sustained from 1943 through 1945. This is an epic, sprawling, pulse-pounding adventure series is augmented with spectacular use of cutting edge VFX technology (advanced computer-generated special effects). But in some ways it has touches of the tone and style of old-fashioned war films. Some of the dialog between the characters may seem corny but this was the way the men talked in an era before Korea and Vietnam made us question our motives. The B-17 Flying Fortress planes were very slow sometimes compared to dragging a tin can at 2,000 feet over water that was minus 55 degrees below. There would be men and planes lost in every mission and the courage and dedication of these young aviators was almost unbelievable.

My only criticism with this new series is that it is not able to develop the characters' backstories as fully as they did in the earlier series. Perhaps this was due to the fact that so many would be killed along the way and new characters rotated in. The script is based on a well-documented book by Donald Miller in which there are more than a dozen main characters based upon real life people. The two that we care most about are a mismatched pair of pilots named “Buck & Bucky.” Callum Turner (of the *Boys in the Boat*) plays “Bucky” who is a hot-tempered rabble-rouser while Austin Butler (whose accent still sounds a bit like Elvis) plays the clean cut “Buck” who doesn't even drink. Both of these actors have prior experience as models and their dashing leather flight jacket looks should hopefully attract a younger audience. The two previous series are still available on the HBO Max web site and are often replayed on Memorial Day. This new version will serve as a worthy companion to them and will hopefully remind us to honor and appreciate the sacrifices that our military women and men have made for us.

**Apricot, Nut, or Poppy Seed Rolls for Sale**

DTJ bakers will be selling these rolls again by order only. Cost is \$14 each. Orders must be in by March 7 and can be picked up March 10. Call 440-543-8494 to place orders and more information about DTJ events call (440) 543-8494

DTJ Taborville is located at the corner of Quinn and Bartholomew roads in Auburn Township.

**Czech Easter Bread ("Mazanec") for Sale**

Who doesn't remember the smell of fresh baked goods from Mom's kitchen at Easter? Mazanec, or houska, is a sweet dough with golden raisins and almonds baked into a round loaf with a cross cut into the top. DTJ will again be selling the traditional Czech Easter bread by order only. Cost is \$14 for a two-pound loaf. Orders must be in by March 22 and can be picked up March 24. Call 440-543-8494 to place orders.

Inspiration

By Jess Skoczen

Sometimes, inspiration hits me right away. As soon as I come up with an idea, I write it down, so I do not forget what I want to say. But other times, ideas do not pop into my head as easily as I would like. That is when the writer's block starts to hit me. I try to ignore it and hope it will go away soon, but it is always in the back of my head, reminding me that it is there. I wish there were a way that I could communicate with it.

If I had a chance to have a talk with my writer's block, I think I would be a little nervous at first. I would imagine a giant shadow lurking in the corners staring at me with big red eyes, following me wherever I go. It wants me to worry. It is waiting for me to start panicking. I will not let that happen. I look it straight in the eyes, take a deep breath, and tell myself to calm down. I will not let you get in my head. I will find things to keep myself busy, and before I realize it, my writer block is gone. At least for now.

We all have moments when we feel frustrated about things. We think they are big deals, but we make them bigger than they actually are. I know that my writer's block will come back, but this time, I know how to not let it take over my thoughts.

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### Spirit of Bainbridge Mission Statement

*Our mission at the  
Spirit of Bainbridge  
is four-fold:  
To enhance the  
Bainbridge-Auburn area  
with a positive sense of  
our shared humanity.  
To be a catalyst of  
community pride for  
local businesses and  
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To the Editor:

Carolyn Brakey cares about residents of Geauga County, and I've experienced it firsthand.

Last year, during a spike in electricity prices, Carolyn took time to work with me and countless others. As a public service, she spoke with me personally and used her expertise as an energy lawyer to help us secure the most affordable electricity rates for our home. With rising inflation everywhere, it was a godsend for our family to see a little relief!

Carolyn is an accomplished professional who cares about her fellow Geauga neighbors, going above and beyond to assist those in need. Geauga residents will benefit from both her compassion and her expertise.

On March 19, our family is voting Carolyn Brakey for Geauga County Commissioner!

Carol M. Consolo  
Auburn Township

To the Editor:

After reading *The Myth of the ADHD Child* by Thomas Armstrong, I'd like to point out that ADHD was invented for prescribing drugs. This meets Carl Sagan's maxim: Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence. Children labeled with ADHD behave and attend quite well when they're involved in subjects and activities that interest them--and have a passionate, motivating teacher. As Russell Barkley points out in his classic work, *Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: A Handbook for Diagnosis and Treatment*, the prevalence of ADHD "hinges on how one chooses to define ADHD, the population studied, the geographical locale of the survey, and the degree of agreement required among parents, teachers, and professionals." For example, in one study he cites, in England, only two children out of 2,199 were diagnosed by teachers as hyperactive. Conversely, in Israel, 28 percent of children were rated as hyperactive (probably much more now). In the U.S., teachers rated 49.7 percent of boys as restless, 43.5 percent of boys as having a "short attention span," and 43.5 percent of boys as "inattentive to what others say." Think of the positive characteristics of someone with ADHD: they're energetic, creative, good-hearted, resilient, gregarious, humorous, observant, enthusiastic, spontaneous, tenacious, persistent, resourceful, intelligent (i.e. Howard Gardner's multiple intelligences), and willing to try new things.

David Hancock  
South Russell

In response to Anne North's editorial "The Grit of Democracy:"

I wholeheartedly agree that Democracy is in peril. I also believe that our country and its citizens are not being put first. We are putting other countries and other "unwanted visitors" over our own people's needs. The details are out there on all this, so I won't waste time listing all the "wrongs" that have been going on the past 3+ years. It is clear what you are implying in your editorial. Insinuating that there is a "big lie" regarding our elections that people are "regurgitating" is an example. I assure you in Geauga County the majority have decided, based on FACT, that our 2020 election was not fair and secure...

As far as EV cars, let's look at how many are left on car dealers lots these days.

Your insinuation of "dictator for a day" was not lost on me either. I know the exact context it was said in and what it refers to is using executive power to undo and redo what was in place prior to 2020.

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I know your intention was to not be one-sided, but your side is very clearly evident. The people will decide if we were better off prior to 2020.

A lot of people are intent on keeping former President off the ballot and typecasting all his supporters into "bad actor" baskets. It should really make you think why they are so intent on keeping him out, but his popularity only gets stronger and stronger... Last I looked MAGA stood for Make American Great Again. Shouldn't we all want that for our country and its citizens?

God Bless American! [sic]

Danielle M. DiMarco  
Chagrin Falls

To the Editor:

I am supporting Carolyn Brakey for Commissioner because Geauga County is at a crossroads.

We take pride in Geauga for its natural beauty, small towns and rural townships, and a standard of living that is among the highest in Ohio. I can name few places in America, let alone Ohio, better to raise a family. Since my wife and I moved to Geauga over five years ago, we've raised three (soon to be four) children here and become full members of Geauga's rich community spirit.

Yet, the natural advantages of Geauga are at risk. Dysfunctional local government, constant squabbling amongst the familiar cast of characters, and lack of vision for the County and its residents put what we love in jeopardy. Geauga is blessed, but for these blessings to continue for ourselves and our posterity, we must expect better from our local government and its leaders.

I believe we will do better with Carolyn Brakey. My wife and I have come to know her and her family over the last few years, after meeting during the pushback against the draconian COVID restrictions of 2020-21. Carolyn combines intelligence and competency. She shares Geauga's values, and more fundamentally, Brakey has the grit and determination to turn these values into effective, lasting policy. Geauga's leadership to-date has been marked by petty personal disputes. Brakey is above all of that, focused on doing the boring, dry, but essential work of effective governance.

From Steve Demetriou to Sarah Fowler-Arthur, a new generation of leaders are emerging to ensure that Geauga remains a great place to live and raise a family. I encourage my fellow Geaugans to dream and vote for better. Vote Brakey for Geauga County Commissioner.

Dane Davis  
Bainbridge Township

To the Editor,

I read your opinion piece in the Feb. 9 edition of the *Spirit* and I found it stirring but ultimately correct!

Anyone who thinks otherwise is probably watching the wrong news channel—you know, the one that lies to its viewers. Your quote from Senator King of Maine was succinct in that it underlines the importance of standing strong with democracy!

Thank you for this thoughtfully penned missive!

(Name Withheld Upon Request)

Dear Editor:

Many of you know my youngest son, Nick. He graduated from Grove City College in Pa., with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. One of his classmates in the engineering program was Carolyn Brakey who then went on to become an attorney.

As a young lady of strong character and integrity, she has become a formidable conservative woman worthy of your vote for Geauga County Commissioner in the March 19 Republican primary election and then in the general in November.

She has continued to work against unfair taxation and bad programs by leading 1,700 Geauga citizens in a petition drive for the Commissioners urging them to lower inside millage in the unfair property tax hike debacle.

Carolyn has demonstrated exceptional leadership as President of the Board of Geauga Public Health, eliminating wasteful programs and defending freedoms for Geauga residents.

Her work in eliminating Geauga's "For Sale of Property (FSOP)" septic inspection program shows her commitment to effective governance. By ending this costly program, in advance of state-mandated Operation and Management program requirements, Carolyn demonstrated her commitment to remove additional unnecessary financial burdens on the homeowner while coming up with proactive solutions for clean water.

Carolyn is someone who brings people together and solves problems rather than create them.

Bring common sense to our commissioner's office. One person can make a huge difference for the better and that person is Carolyn Brakey.

Vote for Carolyn Brakey on March 19.

Sharon C. Gingerich  
Former Geauga Co. Recorder

**Daylight Savings Time  
returns March 10 at 2 a.m.  
Clocks "spring" forward!**



## ***Community Spirit***

### ***Beekeeping Workshop March 4***

Dale Olson will be conducting a beekeeping workshop on March 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Gardiner School, 9421 Bainbridge Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023. Classroom C5. Individuals and families can attend.

This workshop is designed for people who would like to get started in beekeeping, those who have had previous beekeeping experience and want to get back into beekeeping, or those who just want to know more before taking the plunge.

Information on package bees, nucs and equipment will be available at the workshop. Fee of \$60 per family living in the same household and a book on how to raise bees will be included. To make reservation, call (440) 543-2552.

### ***BTHS March Program: Geauga County Amish Heritage***

The Bainbridge Township Historical Society will hold its monthly program meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Bainbridge Library, 17222 Snyder Rd. The program topic will be Geauga County Amish Heritage, presented by Chester Kurtz, a board member of the Geauga Amish Historical Library. This program will answer all of your questions about the Amish way of life. Free. All are welcome.

### ***CV Herb Society Meets March 15***

The Chagrin Valley Herb Society will meet on Friday, March 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the Bainbridge Library, 17222 Snyder Rd. After light refreshments and mingling, a business meeting will take place. Linda Gilbert from the Geauga Park District will give a presentation on water gardens. Prospective members can learn about the organization at [chagrinvalleyherbsociety.org](http://chagrinvalleyherbsociety.org) or on Facebook. To make a reservation, contact [chagrinvalleyherbsociety@gmail.com](mailto:chagrinvalleyherbsociety@gmail.com).

### ***Bissell-Tucek March and April Open House***

The Bissell-Tucek House Museum will be open Saturday, March 16 and April 20 from 1-4 p.m. The March date will be your last chance to see our special exhibit, "Oh What Fun!...Sledding Through the Years" featuring sleds from various eras. The Bainbridge Township Historical Society operates the museum, located at 17870 Chillicothe Rd. The museum is open on the third Saturday each month from 1-4 p.m. Docent-led or self-guided tours. Free admission.

### ***Women's Connection March 20***

Woman's Connection Luncheon March 20 from 12-1:45 p.m. with guest speaker Nancy Montagna, sharing her personal journey, and Patty Rentschler with Jazzercise in Chesterland, at the Family Life Center 16349 Chillicothe Rd Chagrin Falls \$16 RSVP [cwcchagrin@gmail.com](mailto:cwcchagrin@gmail.com) or 440-708-8322 by March 15.

### ***BTHS April Program: U.S. Rt. 6 Tourism***

The Bainbridge Township Historical Society will host Gary Hunter, Executive Director of the U.S. Route 6 Tourist Association at its program meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Bainbridge Library, 17222 Snyder Rd. Through stories and pictures and a PowerPoint presentation, the history of U.S. Route 6/G.A.R. Highway will leave you yearning for a road trip along the nation's longest, oldest, highest transcontinental highway. Free. All are welcome.

### ***"Dewdrops" Gala June 8***

Community Life Collaborative Garden Gala: Dancing on Dewdrops on Saturday, June 8 from 6-10 p.m. at the Family Life Center, 16349 Chillicothe Rd, Bainbridge. Join us for a delightful summer evening of dining, dancing to the music by Tweed, special drinks, lively games, unique raffle baskets, silent auction and fun.

Proceeds will support the CLC's mission: To raise awareness, amplify voices and inspire shared action toward a just and sustainable world. Together. For ticket and sponsorship information contact [admin@communitylifecollaborative.org](mailto:admin@communitylifecollaborative.org) or call 440-708-1961 or go to our website [communitylifecollaborative.org](http://communitylifecollaborative.org)

### ***Food Pantry Thanks!***

Bainbridge Area Food for Friends thanks the following for recent donations: Norman & Elizabeth Kubbins, Jacqueline Ross, Margaret Tomaro, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Mr. Otmar, Mr. & Mrs. Bell, UNC's Patio, St. Martin's Church, Leonard & Nancy Liptak, Bonnie & Garrett Evans, The Goddard School and anonymous donors.

The local pantry, now in its 33rd year, receives no government funding and relies on donations from churches, schools, organizations and individuals to assist our neighbors in need. Non-perishable grocery and toiletry items may be dropped off at the pantry (lower level of Bainbridge Town Hall). Monetary donations may be made into the Bainbridge Area Food for Friends account at PNC Bank, Solon.



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From My Bookshelves

Recommendations from a Casual Reader

By Anne E. North

*The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah has been languishing on my bookshelves for quite some time as I tackled more non-fiction of late. But illness knocked me down over the holidays, so I curled up with this novel and read it in one sitting—all 550 pages!—on Christmas Eve. Set in the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, we witness hardships we cannot even fathom. I admire Hannah's characters' humanness, their fallibility.

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*What the Dog Saw* by Malcom Gladstone proved to be an interesting look at people (and dogs!) and their habits and mores. A perfect union of writing and sociology, as it were. Why is Heinz Ketchup the premier catsup? And how did Grey Poupon make waves in the condiment space dominated by French's Yellow Mustard? Why is Cesar Millan known as the Dog Whisperer, and how did his personal life lead him to such introspection that he can affect dogs' behavior? How much of Wall Street trading is caution versus risk? How did John Rock turn the world of birth control upside down? And is there a direct correlation between frequency of menstrual periods and breast cancer? Why did the Veg-O-Matic (the precursor of today's food processor) take 1960s kitchens by storm? And the hair color battle between Miss Clairol and L'Oreal was waged in advertising slogans: "Does she or doesn't she? Only her hairdresser knows for sure" and "L'Oreal, because you're worth it!"

Gladstone is a powerful writer. I adored his book *The Tipping Point*. There are a few more of his works I need to seek out.

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*Strangers in Death* by Nora Roberts (writing as J.D. Robb) is, I believe, my first "J.D. Robb" novel although I have always enjoyed Roberts' writing. I quickly noted the difference: Roberts' books kept sexual reference on simmer, whilst J.D. Robb cranked it up considerably. Reader, be forewarned!

Loved the reference to an old Hitchcock film (but I'm not telling which one lest I give away the plotline!) And when police Lt. Eve Dallas figures the whodunnit, she is truly like a dog with a bone, gnawing away at every angle until the pieces fit and she could prove her suspicions.

The book is set in 2065, but the only references I noted to the future were "drying tubes" after a shower, "tubes" of Pepsi and several mentions of an Auto-Chef. Police work seemed very much like it is currently—lots of sifting through clues and possibly some luck along the way.

Easter Egg Hunt at Valley Lutheran Church March 23

Valley Lutheran Church is hosting Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday, March 23 at 11 a.m. Activities include lunch, a craft, a reading of the Easter Story followed by the egg hunt. Please dress appropriately for the weather since some of the children will be outside. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Valley Lutheran Church is located at 87 E. Orange St. in Chagrin Falls.

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Angelo Perigo

Angelo Perigo, age 76 of White Oak, PA, died Feb. 8, 2024.

Son of the late John and Ann (DePetro) Perigo. Loving father of Angela (the late Frank) McCune, Jennifer (Joe) Nagy, Heather (Brandon Delly) Perigo, Stacey (Timothy) Thiem and Shawn Williams. Dear brother of Barb (Gary) Brookhart and the late Lucille and (the late Tom) Champ. Grandfather of Amanda and Brandon Nagy. Uncle of John (Lauren) Champ, Jeff Champ, Carey Brookhart and Brian Brookhart. Former husband of Beverly Feher. Loving companion and significant other of the late Sharyn Williams.

Angelo graduated from Mayfield High School, Lakeland Community College and Chandler Technical Institute. He loved his red Corvette, working on it, and was part of a Corvette Club. He also loved watching NASCAR, going to the races, watching football, his Cleveland Browns, his beloved children and grandchildren and the love of his life for over 20 years, Sharyn, "Bright Eyes."

Angelo served as our "computer guru" for *Bainbridge Banter* and *Spirit of Bainbridge* for decades. He was invaluable to our operation and will be sorely missed.



Angelo Perigo

Beverly Mae Fabo

Beverly Mae Fabo, age 81, died Feb. 10, 2024. She was a long-time resident of Aurora.

Beverly is survived by her daughter Denise Fricke (Tim); her sons Daniel Fabo (Janice) and Douglas Fabo (fiancée Erin); her grandchildren James Cramer, Jacob Cramer, Charlotte Fabo and Justin Fabo; her sister Shirley Gyenes (Ernie); brother Tom Zenkewicz (Lydia); brother-in-law Bill Fabo (Peggy); and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John J. Fabo and her parents Frank and Marie Zenkewicz.

Beverly graduated from Marymount High School in 1960 and retired from Heinen's Grocery Store in 2002 after 27 years of faithful service.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Church of the Holy Angels. Burial at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

Arrangements were handled by St. John Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Portage Animal Protective League <https://portageapl.org>

Gretchen Ann Owens

Gretchen Ann Owens (Yarian), born on August 5, 1936, has passed at age 87 on February 2, 2024. She passed peacefully, surrounded by family holding her hands. Gretchen was most fondly known as Mom and Nana. She is survived by her four children, their spouses, and fourteen grandchildren: Jennifer Ann (Tony) Marchese and children Ross, Harrison, Quinlan; Betsy Jane Cooper and children Bryan, Brittany, Todd, Tyler; Ian Michael (Ana) Yarian and children YuPin, Juan, Sofia, Kiara, Dora; Kimberly Marie (Frank) Vasarhelyi and children Kyle, Jacob.

Gretchen was a talented Medical Technologist for 30 years, retiring from Geauga Community Hospital in 2001. She loved nature, birding, and gardening. Some of her favorite pastimes were studying various cultures including Celtic, Aztec, and Native American history. She enjoyed genealogy, geology, archeology, writing poetry, reading, and had an impressive library of books relating to all her many interests. Gretchen also loved classical music her entire life and attended many Cleveland Orchestra concerts with friends and family. She loved to garden, growing many flowers and harvests of vegetables. Springtime was her favorite, and to honor her love for the season, the family will honor their Nana Mom with a springtime Remembrance on April 6 from 1-4 p.m. at the Auburn Lakes Clubhouse, 1 Clubside Drive Auburn Township, OH. 44023. Arrangements by Stroud-Lawrence Funeral Home Chagrin Falls. Please visit [www.stroudlawrence.com](http://www.stroudlawrence.com) for details of her Remembrance.



Gretchen Owens

Our next issue will be delivered March 22 and will include *Easter and Spring Home & Garden Guide*.

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For more information, call us at 440-478-2950.