

Oakwood School Board settles lawsuit with former candidate, declines to discuss terms, cost

District officials are being close-mouthed after the Oakwood Board of Education settled a lawsuit brought by a former school board candidate following the November 2021 election.

The lawsuit, filed by Amy Honaker in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, accused the district of publicly releasing personally identifiable information regarding the then-candidate's children, who were enrolled in Oakwood Schools, in the weeks leading up to the 2021 Oakwood Board of Education election.

Common Pleas Court Judge Richard Skelton presided over the settlement, which was signed by the plaintiff and her husband on behalf of the couple's minor children, Oakwood School Board President John Wilson and then-interim Superintendent Allyson Couch on March 13, with the settlement period concluding on Sept. 30, 2023.

The settlement stipulates that the school district issue a public apology to the plaintiffs and the community and pay an undisclosed financial settlement for reimbursement of the plaintiff's attorney's fees in the case. The settlement also requires the district to investigate and report potential disclosures of other personal information in response to

public records requests and notify parents or legal guardians of those students, evaluate current procedures for responding to public records requests and identify specific steps to prevent future disclosures of personal information.

In response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests prior to the 2021 school board election, Oakwood Schools released a number of documents on Oct. 13, 2021. Although the district said that the documents had been reviewed, redacted and released by district attorneys, Wilson, in his letter of apology, acknowledged that an email containing Honaker's children's personally identifiable information had been released without parental consent.

Less than two weeks after the Nov. 4, 2021, election, the Oakwood Board of Education revealed that the district had paid \$18,833.40 in legal fees to the Dayton law firm of Bricker & Eckler to administer - and ensure the legality of - FOIA requests on behalf of the district.

"Readers may remember that our family had a disagreement with the Oakwood City School District about the protection of private information

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City's 3.75-mill tax renewal will not appear on November ballot

The city of Oakwood had planned to place a 3.75-mill property tax renewal issue on the Nov. 7 ballot, but the issue will not be put before city voters next month due to a clerical error.

The city took all of the proper actions to place the renewal levy on the ballot but, as a result of a clerical error, the final paperwork was sent to the Montgomery County Auditor, rather than the Montgomery County Board of Elections. This error prevents the matter from being voted on

in November.

City officials say they will place the tax levy on the ballot in 2024 and plan to keep the total amount generated by the levy the same as the expiring levy. In other words, the 2024 levy would cost the Oakwood taxpayer the same amount as the current levy.

The money generated from the levy pays for essential public services including police, fire and emergency medical response, street and alley maintenance, and public parks.

OHS Homecoming, Come Back Lumberjacks



Photos by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo

Oakwood High Schools students, parents and alumni gathered at Mack Hummon Stadium last week to celebrate Homecoming, including festivities at the Dayton Country Club as the Oakwood Schools Foundation hosted its annual Come Back Lumberjacks gathering for alumni and Oakwood residents. The 2023 OHS Homecoming Court, above, included, from left to right: Caroline Woessner, Wright Chen, PJ Bremner, Claudia Butler, Patrick Hand, Erin Goeller, Homecoming King Nathaniel Upton, Homecoming Queen Emma Storost, Sydney Parillo, Carter Stack, Maeve Lynch, and David Thompson. The Homecoming Court was chauffeured around the stadium on colorfully decorated, themed golf carts and tailgating at OHS Alumni Plaza with music from the Marching Band was a relaxing way for everyone to reconnect or make new friends. This year the Oakwood Class of 1973, below, posing for a photo at the home of Anthony Hause, celebrated its 50-year reunion.



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Letters to the Editor

A Letter to My Abuser

On Monday, August 7, 2023, our beautiful girl, Tristin Kate Smith, ended her life.

Tristin was 28 years old, and the youngest of two brothers and three sisters. She was a daughter. She was an aunt. She was a friend. She was a nurse. Tristin was brave and beautiful and smart. She fought depression for a long time. With regret-filled hindsight, we can now see the signs for what they were. She never sought professional help, but her home was filled with evidence that she'd been trying to help herself. Her beloved dog, Calypso, and cat, Sphinx, wanted for nothing; Tristin spent her time and energy with them. We found more dog enrichment toys and contraptions than a single pet store sells. She had written and posted positive affirmations and mantras throughout her house. She displayed photos of herself with her friends, family, and pets. She had reached out to friends. She had reached out to family.

She tried so hard to stay alive, but none of it was enough to stop the darkness.

You're reading this now because Tristin's story needs to be told. We need to take action. Our nation's healthcare system is broken, and it broke our girl. Her passion for nursing had turned into a nightmare. Tristin was in trouble. Nurses are in trouble. Female nurses commit suicide at more than twice the rate of females in the general population. We must do better. Call or email your congresspeople. Tell them we can do better. Reach out to your friends in nursing and offer to listen. Help them get the help they need.

The following is a letter we discovered on Tristin Kate's laptop that she wrote in March of 2023:

Letter to My Abuser

Ever since I was young, I expressed interest in healthcare and becoming a nurse, so I began my study. I gave my heart. My body, and my mind to you; dedicated long hours and days and gave you my all. I have cried with patients, with their families, and for them. I held their hands, and they

held mine as I moved forward in my nursing career. My patients and their families have been there for me, supported me, and reminded me why I do what I do. I thought that was enough; this would be all I needed to carry me through my career. I told you I would be there through the good and the bad, but you have taken my heart and slowly crushed the goodness it had. You love-bombed me with affection, and you told me I was going into a career that matters. I could make a difference.



Tristin Kate Smith
Feb. 21, 1995 - Aug. 7, 2023

You made me feel comfortable, despite the rumors of your abusive past - rumors I didn't want to believe. The compliments, the pizzas, and the thank you letters gradually had less meaning to me, though. The staff I worked beside began to go away. In your eyes, these staff were "unnecessary," but it came at a high cost for the advertised "quality care" provided to our patients by those of us who were left.

You asked my colleagues and me what we needed to help patients and improve satisfaction scores, and we told you the truth. But then you sent us to online courses that taught us

to just smile more and be friendlier to the patients. That's when I began to understand your true cruelty and manipulation.

I remember the first time I heard about nurses getting hit. I remember that you asked them what they'd done - or didn't do - to prevent it from happening. "Don't protect yourself by fighting back," you said, "just lay with your hands over your head and wait until security comes." You created an environment of fear and blame in a place we already felt unsafe. You blamed us for things out of our control. You criminally charged my colleagues for things that happened as a direct result of your own actions. The law doesn't protect us, and neither do you.

I no longer feel like you care about me or the people you say you serve. I sit at my front desk just waiting for someone to walk in off the street and shoot my patients and me: you do not care about keeping us protected. You haven't provided even the slightest amount of security to keep us safe. You use and exploit us to line your pockets, using the common citizen's money for overpriced healthcare.

You are a narcissist. I can see you for what you really are. You say you care, but you ignore us while we beg on our hands and knees. You tell us we do so much and that we put up with so much. But when we dare to think we are finally going to get the love and support we deserve, we get a pizza party and free pens for the "healthcare heroes."

I so desperately want to continue to help people, but I cannot stay in this abusive relationship.

Each day, you ask me to do more with less.

You beat me to the point that my body and mind are black, bruised, and bleeding out.

I'm only sorry to my patients and colleagues. You deserve so much better, but my abusive partner is relentless.

If I stay, I will lose my sanity - and possibly my life - forever.

Ron Smith

Oakwood parent, educator running for School Board

My name is Nathan Reiter - I'd like to introduce myself because I am an Oakwood School Board candidate, and I'd be grateful for your vote!

I am running for School Board because I chose Oakwood for the value our schools provide to the community, and I feel called to help sustain this success. Years ago, my middle school Spanish teacher first instilled within me a sense of curiosity for the world around me. Falling in love with learning another language, I couldn't soak it in fast enough. I quickly learned it was more than the language that enthralled me. It was everything that it represented: a culture, a history, a set of values and experiences, families, identities, and individual lives, hopes, and dreams. And, I fell in love with learning. This is what I want for our students.

This curiosity and passion for learning later led to a high school service trip to Nicaragua. Becoming friends with peers who had vastly different experiences gave me cultural humility. These early experiences, coupled with core values my parents instilled from a young age - serving others, giving back, and contributing what you can - equipped me with the skills to serve others through my personal and professional paths.

During my time as an educator, I had the full circle experience of planting seeds of curiosity and love of learning. Experiencing the dedication and positivity in the face of obstacles of my English Learner (EL) students were some of the most rewarding moments

of my teaching life. Thinking of my former students grounds me in one of the many reasons educators choose our profession: I saw the spark in their eyes of the vision they had for their future. It was this vision that allowed me to partner with my students to help them realize their unique potential. I am running for school board to help support a school environment where all students can realize their vision and unique potential.

In my roles in education and now in healthcare, I see each person as an individual, with unique talents, needs, and opportunities. As I continue learning from my own three elementary age children (often my greatest teachers), I'm reminded that our role as parents, friends, and community members is to create a safe space for students to thrive. It's critical for students to feel a sense of belonging and inclusion to achieve academic success.

I'm running for a seat on the Oakwood School Board because I am all in for all students. I'm eager to support our educators and school staff to ensure Oakwood Schools are the best they can be for all learners!

For more information on my campaign please visit nathanforoakwood.com or find us on Facebook. Please let me know if you'd like to chat further or to place a sign in your yard to show your support for all students. I'd be glad to connect with you!

Nathan Reiter

Let's work for a better Oakwood, says School Board candidate

Over the weekend, I learned that there are a few Oakwood residents working in the shadows to discredit me. These individuals have initiated a campaign to circulate screenshots of comments I made on the Facebook group, Citizens for a Better Oakwood, over two years ago. They did this in a concerted effort to take my comments out of context, with the intent to influence the voters of Oakwood.

I will not stand idly by while this dogged effort moves along. It is instigated, to be sure, by only a few vapid individuals in this community to spread information, behind my back, in the shadows of text threads. None of these persons has taken the time to meet with me and open a dialogue for themselves to discern who the "real Vivian" is.

I am grateful that Oakwood voters can see through these cowardly tactics. One of them said, "How can we foster growth, if we shun viewpoints and criticize people for old statements." This voter is also concerned that we are reinforcing cancel culture where comments from years ago are disseminated without discussion.

I am out in the open, every day, Monday - Saturday 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

at the Oakwood Starbucks. You can determine for yourself what I am about.

Many of us want to be a truly diverse community. It is not lost on me that as we work to make history by electing the first Black woman to the Oakwood School Board, that individuals who publicly and assertively push diversity, equity, and inclusion, think that I must be stopped because, "I do not represent Oakwood." These citizens who "say" that they want a better Oakwood are aggressively and secretly campaigning against me, where I do not have the opportunity to respond.

Yes, I am flawed and have made mistakes, but I own them. I request that you take a few moments to fill in the blanks by joining me in conversation. Is this agreeable to you? We need to model well for our children and bring our complex and diverse community closer to understanding each other.

As we march toward election day, please do not allow those who see me as less-than, not fully human, to cloud your judgment of me.

Let's make history together on Tuesday, November 7!

Vivian Johnson, Ph. D.

Candidate for Oakwood School Board



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'Round Town

Double Goers

By Gary Mitchner

I might have called this column “90 X 2” since this past weekend “The Loving Spouse” and I were invited to not just one but two 90th birthday bashes, and at the same time. Quite a contrast to the grandson’s 12th bday party this week. I am always saying: “We need to get younger friends.” Which to attend first: the one in Centerville or the one in Huber Heights? All that was determined by the fact that the grandson’s soccer team was playing in Oak Grove Park in Washington Township - they won against a Perrysburg team. So we were already south of town, but that made for an early arrival at Joyce Young Center for **Herbert Woodward Martin’s** 90th surprise party. We helped **Cynthia Mauk** get ready for his arrival. Her husband **Patrick** and kids, **Herb’s** family, **Peggy Weller** and **Gary Pacernick**, **Roger Crum**, **Minita Daniel-Cox**, and many others were there.

Then it was off to Huber for **George Ullrich’s** 90th. His blended family members and neighbors were there. One member was a nurse whom I volunteer with at MVH; I didn’t know she was part of his family. So the coincidence of two 90th birthday parties on the same day and time made us “double goers.” Though that’s not why I chose that term as my title. I have seen the term *doppelganger* recently in many places.

Memory/Forgetting; collapse/standing up; self/anti-self; visible/invisible; present/hiding; front/back; contact/separation; “lyric shame”/“lyric awe”; you/the Other; class/classless; face/mirror; self/shadow; female/male. “Binary”



Mitchner and Martin

everywhere. I have written about these *doppelgangers* before. Now I am thinking that everything is too complicated to be divided into two. No *yin/yang*. Shades of colors, not black and white. Shades of the self, not one self.

Besides thinking about the many doubles all around, the week seemed to be for parties. I have mentioned three already, and two more took place. On Wednesday we were invited to our friends **Colleen** and **Jim Dillon’s** log cabin in rural West Alexandria. **Nancy** and **Roy Dyer** picked us up for the long drive. **Cathy** and **Art Barnes** and **Linda** and **Rick Foster** were also there. Then on Friday we went to **Nancy McKinley’s** house for a going-away party for **Bill** and **Mary Lou Meers** (though she did not attend) who are moving to Louisville. **Cathy Skardon**, **Mary Ann Gasior**, **June Boger**, **Ken Cohn**, **Barb Blauman**, **Becky Khan**, **Pat Riley**, **Joan** and **Lonnie Franks** were all there.

It was a big week for **Jeff Ireland**, **Judge Ann Donnelly** and **Judith Buck Sprieser**, who received the OHS Distinguished Alumni Award at the Dayton Country Club. **Ellen Sherriff Ireland** and daughter **Elizabeth** were there along with **Judy McCormick**, **Elizabeth Gillaugh**,



Barbara O’Hara (a previous winner), **George LeBoeuf**, **Anne** and **Craig Shank**, **Dr. Neil Gupta**, **Nancy Downey**, **Jan Campbell**, **Ed Gray** (a previous winner), **Amy Martin**, **Dave Crowell**, **Judy Cook**, **Bill Duncan**, **Toni Winger** (a previous winner), **Tamara Kenney**, **Katelyn Brohman**, and many others.

That was the limit of all the parties, but I did other things: life drawing, memoir writing, Wright Library visit, picked up the grandkids, taught “King Lear,” sold Laura’s Pink Ribbon cookies, volunteered at MVH (where I ran into Oakwood’s **Mercedes Staiger**), went to the DCC to see senior homecoming dance pics (granddaughter was there), and attended two UDOLLI classes: DLM Culinary class with **Ruth Neely** who prepared a Mediterranean shepherd’s pie as we watched and then ate. **Carol Ahlers**, **Barbara Botschner**, **Niall Foster**, **Barbara Goetz**, **Hindy Gruber**, **Karen Harmon**, **Phil Kerner**, **Paul Kroger**, **Nora Newsock**, **Jane Ryckman-Siegwarth**, **RaeAnn Sapp**, **Anne Shank**, **Robert Speer** and many others attended. The other seminar was **Sam Kurtz’s** one session on “25 Songs the Beatles Gave Away”: **Marsha Flannery**, **Lucy Frazier-Wallace**, **Stephen Goldberg**, **Carin Gole-Roche**, **Susan** and **Jeff Graham**, **Neil Jones**, **Ruth Kimmel**, **Karen Moody**, **Dr. John Orme**, **Kathy** and **Mike Powers**, **Gary Ruff**, **Richard Saphire**, **Pat Steck**, **Craig Swanson**, and many others attended.

Hap Bday to all nonagenarians; hap *bon voyage* to the Meers; hap living!

Field hockey raises money for cancer families



Oakwood High School varsity field hockey, led by the team’s six seniors **Aoife Sullivan**, **Morgan Ott**, **Hadley Seim**, **Itzel Keyton**, **Laila Blumer** and **Clementine Davies**, raised \$2,500 for Pink Ribbon Good during a home game on Tuesday, Sept. 26. **Terry Putt** from Pink Ribbon Good, an organization supporting women and families affected by breast and gynecological cancers in the Dayton area, was on hand to receive the donation. The team hosted a moving luminary ceremony following the game to remember loved ones and friends lost to cancer and those who are currently battling cancer.

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Family Fall Festival at Shafor Park Oct. 8

The City of Oakwood's Family Fall Festival will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at Shafor Park.

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Activities include pumpkin painting, a costume parade around the park, family pictures, face painting, an appearance by the Oakwood High School Band, and announcement of the Scarecrow Row contest winners.

The day's schedule includes:

- 2 p.m. Festival opens
- 2:15 p.m. Oakwood High School Band
- 2-5 p.m. Games and Activities
- 2:30 p.m. Costume Parade (ages 10 and under) - Costumes will be judged
- 2:45 p.m. Pumpkin Princess, Prince crowned
- 3 p.m. Witches Walk
- 4:45 p.m. Scarecrow Row contest winners announced.

Scarecrow Row contest deadline nears

Oakwood's annual Scarecrow Building Contest is open to Oakwood scout troops, church and school organizations, businesses, individuals and families.

Registration packets are available from the Oakwood Community Center business office. Application deadline

is Thursday, Oct. 5, at 9 p.m. at the OCC. Each packet contains the rules and regulations for the program as well as the building guidelines and an entry form to be completed and returned to the OCC for an assigned location.

Building and placement of scarecrows will take place from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8. Prizes will be awarded and winners announced on the city's website, Facebook page and in Oct. 11 issue of *The Oakwood Register*.

For more information call the Oakwood Community Center at (937) 298-0775.

2023 Johnny Appleseed tree planting project

The City of Oakwood's fall Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project is now underway. Applications and detailed brochures describing the trees that are available at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road, or by mail.

Trees are available to homeowners at a 50 percent discount. The size of the trees will be two-inches in

diameter. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site. Trees must be planted in the city right of way at the discounted rate and will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed by the nursery for one growing season. Planting will take place in late November or early December. Homeowners may also purchase a tree at 100 percent of the

cost if a second tree is needed or the homeowner wants to plant a tree on private property. All tree varieties were chosen because of their excellent landscape characteristics including fall color, height, rate of growth, shape of tree, texture and landscape value.

Contact Brian Caldwell at the Oakwood Community Center at (937) 298-0775 for more information.

Lumberjacks in City of Light



The Wisteria gang visited the Eiffel Tower during a recent neighborhood sojourn to Paris. Pictured from left to right are Stuart and Sandi Postle, Jerry and Diana Sanders, and Cindy and Ted Payne.



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Newman recognized by Federal Bar Association

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The award is presented as a lifetime contribution award to an FBA member who has displayed long-term outstanding achievement, distinguished leadership, and participation in the activities of the association’s chapters, sections, and

divisions throughout the nation over a career of service.

Judge Newman has served as chapter president of the Federal Bar Association (FBA) in both Cincinnati and Dayton and in 2016-17, he served as the National President of the FBA. Newman is also the FBA’s first Judicial Ambassador for Civics Education, an honor bestowed on him for his continued commitment to educating youth throughout Ohio and the nation about the Third Branch of Government.

Haviland named Fellow at College of Trial Lawyers

John F. Haviland of Oakwood has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America.

The induction ceremony at which Haviland became a Fellow took place on Saturday, Sept. 23, before an audience of approximately 550 during the recent Annual Meeting of the College in San Diego, Calif. Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers of diverse backgrounds, who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality.

Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.



Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. There are currently approximately 5,800 members in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows and Honorary Fellows. The College maintains and seeks to improve the standards of trial practice, professionalism, ethics, and the administration of justice through education and public statements on independence of the judiciary, trial by jury, respect for the rule of the law, access to justice, and fair and just representation of all parties to legal proceedings.

Haviland is a partner in the Dayton law firm of Bieser, Greer & Landis, LLP and has been practicing law in Dayton for 38 years.

Haviland is a graduate of the University of Dayton School of Law and a native of Clifton, N.J. He has resided in Oakwood, Ohio with his wife, Karen, for 36 years.

Obituary

Ryan Emmet Deffet

Ryan Emmet Deffet, age 30, of Chicago, Ill., formerly of Oakwood, departed this life on Monday, September 25, due to an unexpected injury. Ryan was born on December 11, 1992 in Dayton, OH. He graduated from Oakwood High School and earned a B.A. in Audio Art and Acoustics from Columbia College of Art and Design, Chicago. He was a talented and generous musician and led several bands, notably Space Gators and Faux Furrs (composer, lyricist, singer, guitarist, bassist, drummer, harmonicaist, mixed and mastered, and much more). He championed a wide variety of music, bands, and artists. He was also Communications Manager at Wolcott Preparatory, and valued colleagues, talented and loving students, and their families. He loved the natural world and all it had to offer from the water to the sky, enjoying kayaking, rowing, and camping. He also loved reading, movies, Legos and video games. He is survived by his parents, Tamera Schneider and Michael Deffet; brother, Kenneth Deffet; fiancé, Alyssa Coyle; her parents,



Julie and Theodore Coyle, and sister, Abigail Coyle. They all grieve but cherish memories of Ryan’s smiles, hugs, music, humor and generosity. He leaves behind beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends in Chicago, Dayton, and beyond to treasure his memory. Ryan’s essence was kindness. He was empathetic, joyful, and genuinely interested in everyone he met. Ryan was open to and accepting of others - a giver of limitless love. His selfless generosity led to hope and peace for many organ and tissue recipients. Family will greet friends 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6 at Routsong Funeral Home, 2100 East Stroop Road in Kettering. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest at St. Kateri Preserve inside Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please visit Routsong’s website for donating to a pending Art Foundation in Ryan’s name. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at www.routsong.com.

OCC offering Senior art classes

The Oakwood Community Center is now offering We Care Arts: Senior Creative Art Classes, with the next class beginning Tuesday, Oct. 10. We Care Arts is a local organization that is focused on helping seniors in the community come together and work on fun art projects. We Care Arts instructors will be providing material and instructions on how to create your own “Fall Porch Scarecrows” just in time for the fall season. The class will be held from



2:00-3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. Bring your friend or just come yourself and make some new friends while having a fun, creative time. The mission of We Care Arts is to empower healing through art and community. A fun filled afternoon is promised.

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Last year, one family brought their skunk, tortoise, and dog, and one kitty braved the mix of pets that included lots of tail-wagging canines. St. Paul's looks forward to seeing them all again and some new additions to the pack, clowder, flock, and creep!

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Winter’s just around the corner, these tips will help get your home ready for the cold

While spring is a common time for many homeowners to spend some extra attention on upkeep and maintenance, autumn is just as critical a season for preparing your home to withstand the potentially harsh winter weather and temperature conditions that may be just around the corner. By making maintenance part of your annual fall routine you can identify potential problems before they arise, and help prepare your home and property for what Mother Nature has to offer this winter.

- Have your heating system cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified technician. An ounce of prevention, as the adage goes, goes a long way and brings some peace of mind when a cold snap is in the forecast. In case you don’t remember, frigid, sub-zero temperatures blanketed the Miami Valley for days last year and that’s not the time to be wondering if your furnace is up to the task.
- Replace your furnace filter in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions. For most homeowners

this should be a regular task, on your monthly to do lists. If your filters are clogged, it’s harder to keep your home at the temperature you want it to be, which will increase your heating bill. Clean filters monthly, not just before the fall. Disposable filters can be vacuumed one time before you replace it, and foam filters can just be vacuumed and not replaced.

- Insulate water pipes in areas that are exposed to freezing temperatures. Drain outdoor faucets, disconnect and drain outdoor fountains or water features in landscaped lawns, and drain and disconnect all garden hoses from outside spigots to prevent any water from freezing. Not doing this can lead to burst water pipes.
- Check gutters for damage and confirm they are securely attached to the house. Clean gutters and downspouts to keep debris from accumulating. This is especially important during the fall season when leaves may collect in gutters. If clogged, you can end up

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Soothing decorating ideas to make your home a stress-free sanctuary this season

Your home is your refuge. It's where you can feel safe and relaxed when life gets overwhelming. Certain decorating choices help foster that sense of peace, and how you decorate a space can have a huge impact on how you feel while you're in it. A well-designed space filled with items you love can be calming and relieve stress, while cluttered rooms can have the opposite effect on your mood and mental health.

We asked some of our favorite interior designers for their tips on how to transform your home into a personal

sanctuary. These decorating ideas will help you create a soothing, stress-free environment you'll enjoy every day.

1. Start with a neutral palette.

Muted, neutral tones are easier on the eye than bright colors. "While I'm definitely one for decorating with color because it can be fun and exciting, I do believe that neutral spaces promote the calmest, sanctuary-like vibes," interior designer Karin Bohn says.

When decorating with white or light-toned neutrals (such as cream, off-white or taupe), use plenty of texture to create interest. Flat white

walls and smooth white furnishings can readily blend into boredom, so layer in a variety of fabrics and subtle patterns. Add shades of warmth, such as gold, pale tan or faded yellow, to keep white from looking too sterile.

2. Create a cluster of color.

For a punch of happiness and positivity, add in a few brightly colored accessories such as pillows or throws, suggest Meghan Hackett-Cassidy and Erin Hackett of Hackett Interiors. Pottery in a favorite color, vibrant artwork, a jewel-tone vase and other items with intense color can help



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Maximize the comforting effect of favorite accessories by clustering them together to create a focal point. That way, every time you pass by, you can take in the collective joy of the items.

3. Warm an area with candles.

The soft glow of candles adds a sense of ease to any space, so use them generously throughout your house. "In the morning, I like to light candles in the kitchen and living room and let them burn until evening," says interior designer Jade Joyner. "It creates a soothing ambiance while adding a little luxe to my day."

4. Work with light.

Utilize a variety of lighting types (including natural, ambient and task lighting) in every room. "Having a bright, lighted room is an easy way to make a space feel more inviting and put together," interior designer Sara Barney says. "Consider adding in some sconces, a floor lamp, desk lamp or pendants to bring more light to those darker spaces in your home."

During the daytime, take advantage of natural light by throwing back the blinds and enjoying the sunlight that floods in. Then, create a lighting scheme for the evening hours that's just as appealing as nature's rays with bulbs that cast a gentle, warm light.

5. Bring the outdoors in.

A bunch of flowers, an arrangement of branches or a few houseplants can all bring a breath of fresh air into a room. "It can be as simple as gathering a bunch of branches from a tree in your backyard and popping them in a vase," says designer Linda Eyles. For an easy, spa-inspired centerpiece, Eyles suggests filling a wide, shallow bowl about halfway with water and floating some of your favorite blooms on the surface.

6. Soak away stress.

Make your bathroom function for both practical and pampering needs. Create a spa-like atmosphere

with simple additions like a stack of fluffy towels or a few candles, then take advantage of the space to soak away stress with a bath. "Clear out the kids' toys, grab your favorite book and take back the bathroom as your own for a few quiet moments of solitude," suggests interior designer Kate Lester. Warm colors, soft lighting and soothing music can add to the experience.

7. Create a relaxing bedroom.

Improve your sleep quality (and the quality of your waking hours) by making your bedroom a sanctuary. "After a long day, there is nothing more soothing than slipping into crisp, clean, high-thread-count sheets," Lester says. "Invest in a set, and every evening it will feel like you are relaxing at your favorite luxury hotel."

To extend the calming effect beyond your bed, keep only the essentials within reach and within view. Decorate walls in colors that comfort you, and add only artwork that makes you smile. Cover the floor with rugs or carpeting that feels best on bare feet.

8. Organize away chaos.

Chaos breeds anxiety, so think of getting organized as prepping for calm to come. "I'm a firm believer that a space with lots of knick-knacks, or just disorganization, creates visual tension and physical stress," says Bohn. If your space is teeming with stuff, start the path to organization by focusing on a single space, such as the place where you enter the house. Recruit everyone in the household to participate in clearing clutter, starting at the door.

Once you've cleared one room of clutter, shift your focus to the next space. "Organize your living room by adding an oversized basket in the corner for throw blankets or toys," suggests interior designer Abbe Fenimore. "Not only will it feel satisfying to manage the mess, but it will add a little extra space to the room."

FALL HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Are you covered? Don't skip on a pre-Winter insurance review

Winter can put a financial chill up your spine if you decide to skip your seasonal insurance review assuming you have adequate insurance protection. "Insurance serves as a financial safety net and without appropriate coverage, the financial repercussions can be severe," Ohio Department of Insurance director Judith L. French said. "Ohioans should review their insurance needs, levels of coverage, and deductible amounts with an insurance agent."

The expenses associated with damage from water, wind, hail, snow, and ice are often significant. To help jump-start an insurance review, the Ohio Department of Insurance provided answers to common winter-related insurance coverage questions.

Do I need special insurance for a burst water pipe?

Homeowners insurance generally covers water damage from a burst pipe inside your home. Maintain adequate heat in your home to protect against frozen and burst water pipes.

Winter windstorms and hail can cause major damage. What insurance protection should I consider?

Many insurance policies have a separate deductible specific to wind/

hail damage. It is either a flat dollar amount or a percentage amount of the property's insured value. Carefully evaluate your options. Gutter, siding, and window damage are also generally covered.

Am I covered if a tree falls on my house?

A windstorm or ice weight can bring down a tree. If it falls on your home, garage, or fence your policy likely will pay to repair damage to the structure and contents, as well as tree removal costs, up to a certain amount.

An ice dam near my roof sounds scary. What is it? Am I covered?

Ice and snow accumulation can damage roofs and gutters. Ice dams may result from ice formation on the roof's edge and can hinder the release of melting water. This situation may cause roof leakage, and water damage to interior walls, floors, and personal belongings. Homeowners insurance generally covers these losses.

Do I have to purchase flood insurance and coverage for basement water backup?

Flooding is a major risk, especially in late winter/early spring. Flood insurance is typically not included

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Essential gas fireplace maintenance tips will keep your home safe...and warm

A gas fireplace lets you enjoy the warmth and coziness of a glowing fire by simply flipping a switch or pressing a button. Without the mess of ash and soot, these clean-burning units require much less upkeep than traditional wood-burning fireplaces, but a bit of gas fireplace maintenance is essential to keep yours in top shape.

First, it's recommended that you have a licensed gas service provider inspect your fireplace at least once per year. The technician can thoroughly clean gas fireplaces, check for gas leaks, ensure the fireplace is venting properly and identify potential safety issues.

Between annual inspections, you can also conduct some gas fireplace cleaning yourself. Especially if you use your gas fireplace frequently, dirt, dust and other residue can build up over time, eventually resulting in musty odors or glass doors that appear milky or foggy. If your fireplace's interior or glass looks grimy, follow the steps below on how to clean a

gas fireplace.

How to clean a gas fireplace

Working around gas components can be dangerous. Before you begin, read the manual for your gas fireplace and be sure to follow all manufacturer's instructions, paying special attention to safety precautions.

What you need:

- Screwdriver
- Dropcloth or towel
- Vacuum with crevice tool attachment or handheld vacuum
- Soft cleaning cloth
- Fireplace glass cleaner
- Paper towels

Step 1: Turn off the gas and disassemble.

Switch the pilot light and the gas valve

off and wait for the fireplace to cool down completely before cleaning. Following the manufacturer's instructions, remove the glass panel

to access the interior of the fireplace. Set the glass on a soft surface, such as a dropcloth or an old towel. If possible, remove the decorative logs (this might require a screwdriver) and place them on the dropcloth or towel. Consider taking a photo of the fireplace before disassembling to help you remember where to put everything back.

Step 2: Clean the fireplace interior.

Vacuum up any dirt or dust inside the fireplace, moving carefully around the grates, decorative stones or other components. If the stones or rocks inside your gas fireplace are small enough to get sucked up by the vacuum, carefully remove

them before vacuuming. Dust off the logs, using a soft cloth, and replace them inside the unit.

Step 3: Clean the gas fireplace glass.

Gas fireplace glass sometimes acquires a white, foggy-looking film resulting from chemical residue. To clean, use a glass cleaner specifically designed for fireplaces, and buff with paper towels or a soft cleaning cloth. Replace the glass on the fireplace.

Other gas fireplace maintenance tips: The faux logs and rocks inside your gas fireplace can become discolored, worn or cracked over time. If you notice any signs of damage, replace these components immediately. Ensure you have a working carbon monoxide detector installed nearby that can alert you in the event of a leak. Call a professional if you notice any signs of excess moisture, cracked paint, stains or other damage around your fireplace or chimney, and schedule your annual fireplace inspection in the late summer or early fall before the temperatures drop.



Regular cleaning and inspection are crucial to gas fireplace maintenance.

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in a standard property insurance policy. If your local community qualifies, coverage is secured through an insurance agent and the National Flood Insurance Program with a 30-day waiting period before it is effective. Coverage for water backup in basements (drains/sewers) has to be purchased separately and added as a policy endorsement.

Is power outage food spoilage covered?

Food spoilage is normally not covered if the cause of loss is an off-premises power outage (downed power lines, etc.). Some insurers offer refrigerated property coverage for purchase that insures frozen/refrigerated items due to loss of power.

Am I covered if someone injures themselves on ice on

my property?

Your homeowner's policy likely will cover liability and medical expenses for injuries, should someone slip and fall on your property. Your city or municipality may have snow-removal statutes. Check to see if certain laws apply.

Winter driving is dangerous. How does my auto insurance protect me in an accident?

Bodily injury and property damage liability coverage pays for damage that you may cause to others. If you carry collision coverage, it will cover damages to your vehicle due to a collision, no matter who caused it.

Is my auto insurance helpful if I experience a flat tire, dead battery, or get stuck in snow?

Some policies provide roadside assistance services or as an add-on

charge. Find out if this is an option for you.

Ohioans with insurance questions and concerns can reach department insurance representatives at 800-686-1526 and www.consumer.services@insurance.ohio.gov.

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with a flooded interior and exterior damage. If water accumulates in the gutter it may also freeze, which can cause the gutter to separate from the structure, causing costly repairs.

• Check and repair or replace caulking around doors and windows that show signs of deterioration. Heat loss through windows is responsible for 25 to 30 percent of heating energy loss according to the U.S. Department of Energy. To check if you have a draft issue, close a door or window on a strip of paper. If the paper slides easily in the closed frame, you need to update your weatherstripping. Weatherstripping is the most cost-effective way to keep heating costs down.

• Have your chimney cleaned and maintained by a professional. A fireplace is a wonderful feature in the winter, but it can also expose a home to fire hazards if not properly and regularly maintained.

• Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct and space under and behind the dryer. Remove lint and dust that may have accumulated inside the dryer in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation.

• Bring outdoor and patio furniture in. The manufacturer may advertise it as all-season outdoor furniture, but you'll get longer life out of outdoor furniture if it is not exposed to harsh winter weather. If you can spare the room in a garage or storage shed, move it indoors for the winter. If you don't have anywhere to store it, consider purchasing waterproof furniture covers.

• Fix any driveway or walkway cracks. When water gets into cracks it freezes, then expands, and can make the crack even larger. If enough small cracks turn into large cracks, the concrete on your driveway or sidewalk can crumble. Use a concrete crack sealer to fill small cracks before freezing temperatures arrive.

• Check exterior electrical outlets for loose-fitting plugs or receptacles.

Be sure not to overload electrical outlets.

• Check to make sure you have an up-to-date, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible in the home. Confirm that it is fully charged and ready for operation.

• Inspect smoke detectors. Make sure you have a smoke detector in each bedroom or sleeping area and also, a smoke detector in the hallway outside each sleeping area. You should also make sure you have at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home, including your basement. Test them monthly, and change the battery annually or as needed.

• Fertilize your lawn. If you want to keep your lawn looking great in the spring and summer, you need to prep it for the fall and winter. Roots are still active when the grass isn't growing, so applying fertilizer will help prevent any winter damage.

• Inspect your roof. Your roof is your home's first line of defense against major weather events, whatever the season. Look for missing or broken shingles. If any are found, call a professional to make any necessary repairs and prevent further damage.

• If you have one, maintain your swimming pool and make sure to clean it thoroughly before closing for the season. Clean out debris traps to prevent leaves from building up and clogging your pool's filtration system. Consider covering the pool for the winter. Remove and store any pool toys or accessories, and detach ladders and handrails before covering.

• Test winter equipment before the snow gets here. If you have a snowblower, check it now or take it in for maintenance before it's actually needed.

The steps you take this fall can help protect your home from more potentially expensive damage and emergency repairs in the colder months to come.

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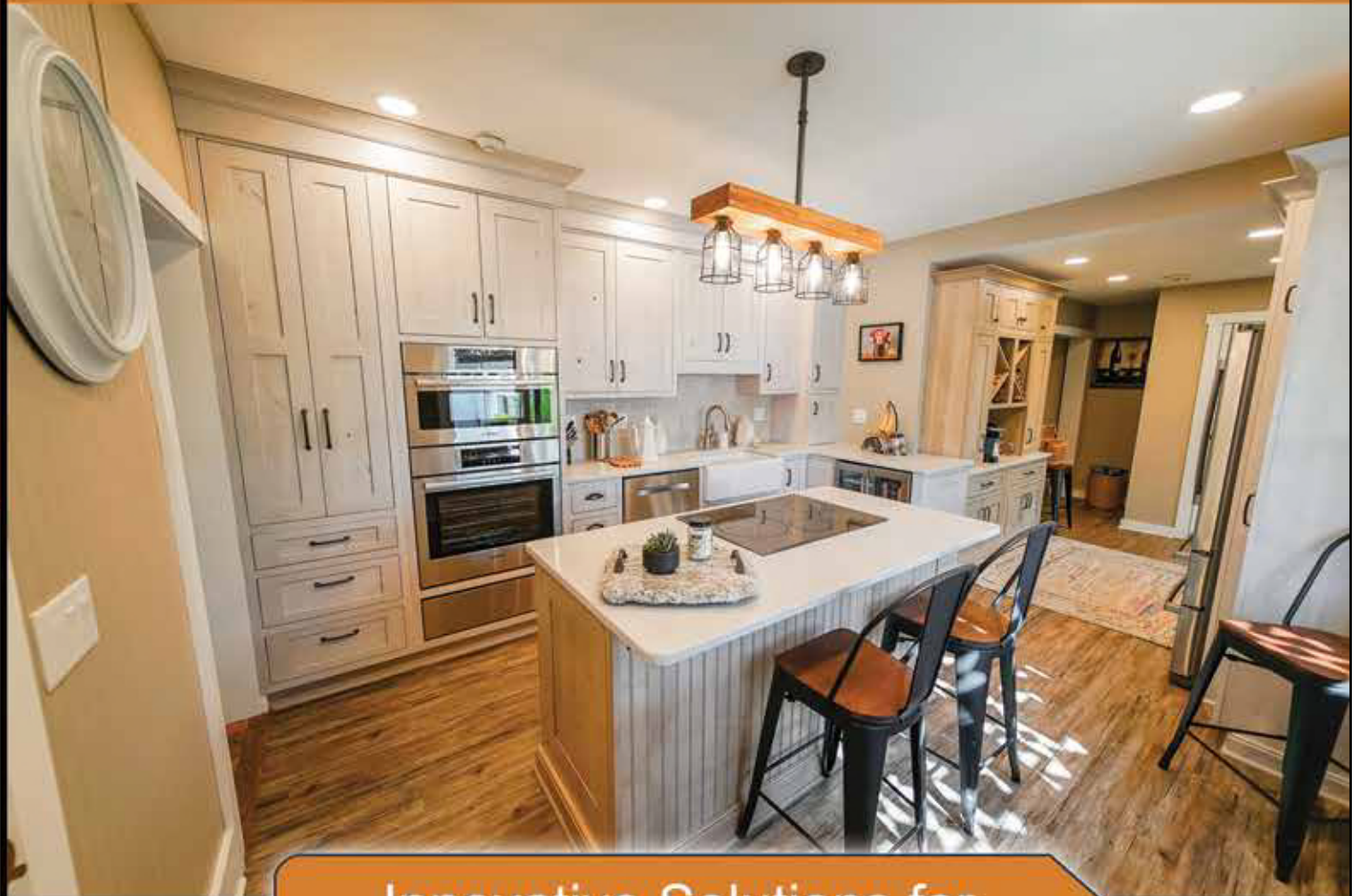
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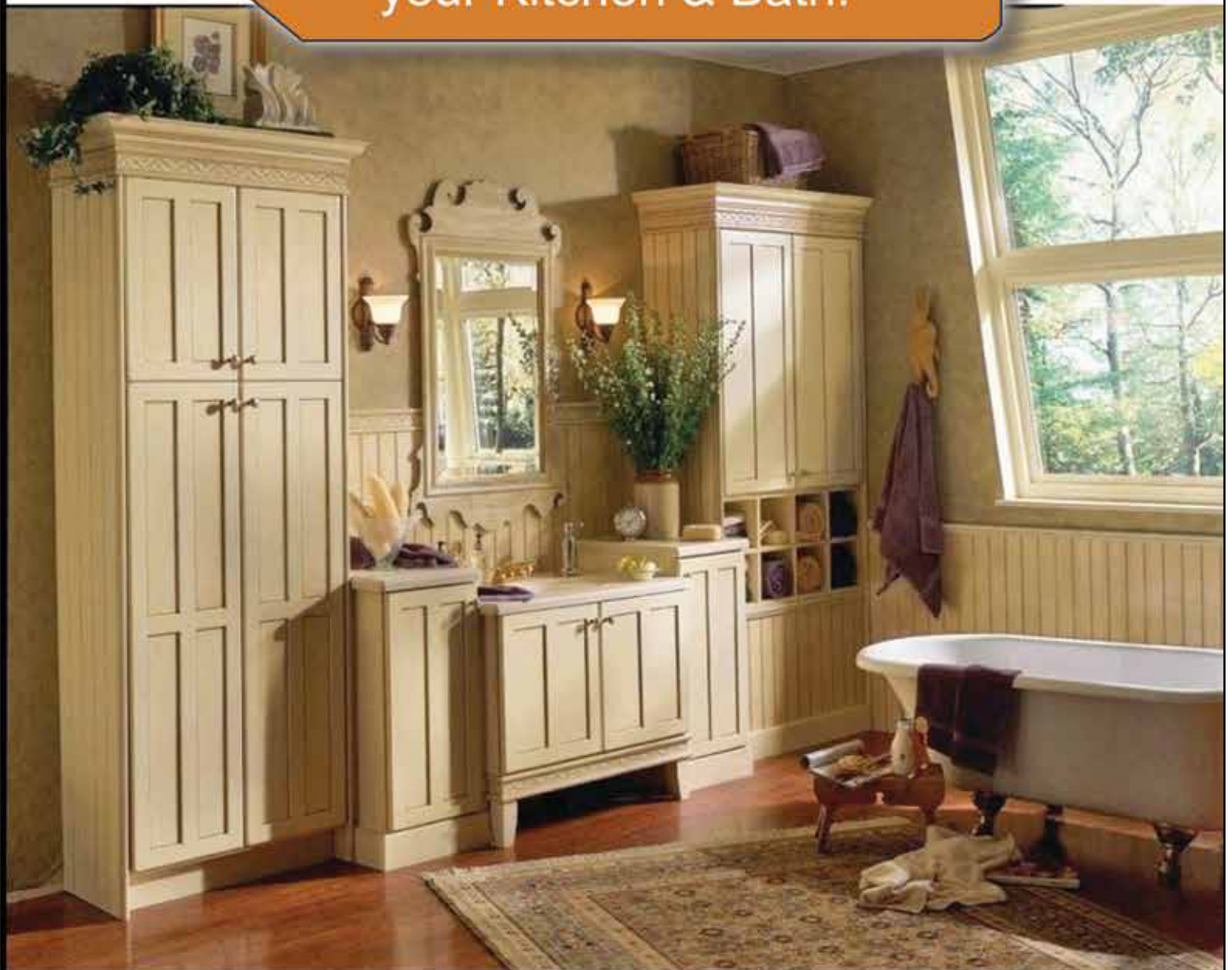
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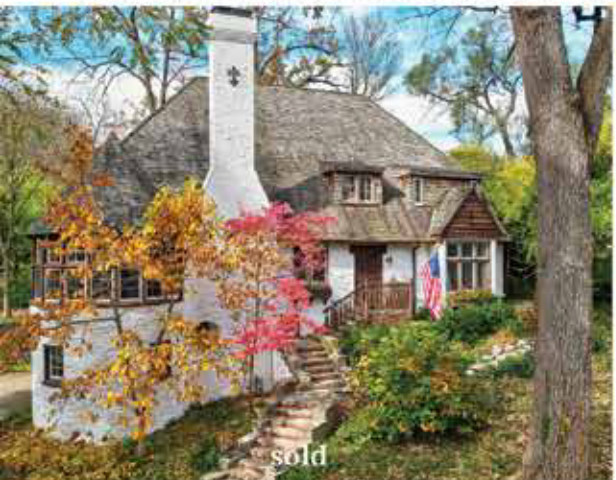
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Oakwood’s enduring legacy of Architectural Integrity

By Mark W. Risley

The citizenry of Oakwood have always had a natural inclination toward preservation. Though often updated to modern conveniences, their homes still maintain the original appearances of the time in which they were designed and built.

On a public scale, Forrer Road and a portion of Oakwood Avenue still maintain the charm of being an early 20th century brick road. When enlarging the track at Mack Hummon Field over 25 years ago required something be done with the original English Tudor athletic equipment shed, community input suggested that the structure be moved and not replaced. During the move a section collapsed, but was rebuilt and the nearly 100 year old equipment shed still stands today.

In the early 2000s, there was a need to construct new bays for larger, modern fire equipment to better serve the city in the event of emergencies. The original 1925 fire station had an addition in 1960 to accommodate city offices and the court. That addition complemented the original

architecture. Around 2002 and with concerns from Oakwood citizens about how a new firehouse section would appear, a plan was implemented to add the new bays on the side in the same architectural styles and turn the original bays into expanded city offices. A new courtroom was added to the back of the 1960 section.

Also, around that time, there was a discussion on whether Oakwood’s aging schools should be replaced considering state and federal funds being offered to help do so. Though many newer area schools were replaced, Oakwood schools chose to improve and add to the original structures. At Harman School, two sections were added in 2004 that virtually matched the original 1918 building. Over at Edwin D. Smith Elementary School, an extension to the north wing nearly doubled the size of that section and is nearly seamless in its transition from the old to the new. Even the original door handles were reproduced! At Oakwood High School, an addition to the northeast section matches perfectly. Along East Schantz Avenue, athletic locker

room space was expanded and large porticos were added on either side of the basketball court entrance that paid homage to the design of a small porch that was removed with the expansion at Smith School. All of these new projects not only duplicated the appearance of the original structures, but careful consideration was paid to using materials such as matching bricks, slate roofs and copper spouting.

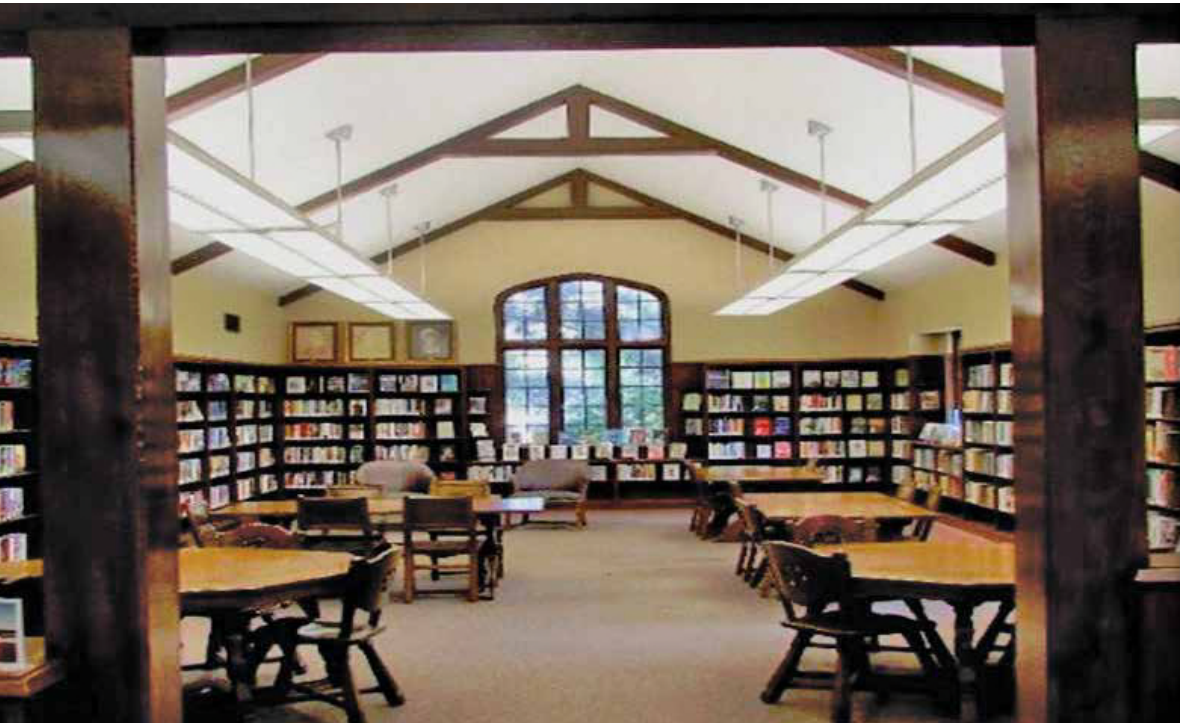
When construction projects are proposed in Oakwood, there is, often, consideration towards ensuring the new buildings or additions match the appearance of the neighborhoods in which they’re being built or to complement the community as a whole. This is known as “Architectural Integrity” and its goal is to maintain the charm of the area, while providing modern systems in the new projects.

One of the items in the 2004 Oakwood Comprehensive Plan is “Maintaining and Protecting Community Character.” Seldom is this an issue since many residents were attracted to the city due to its

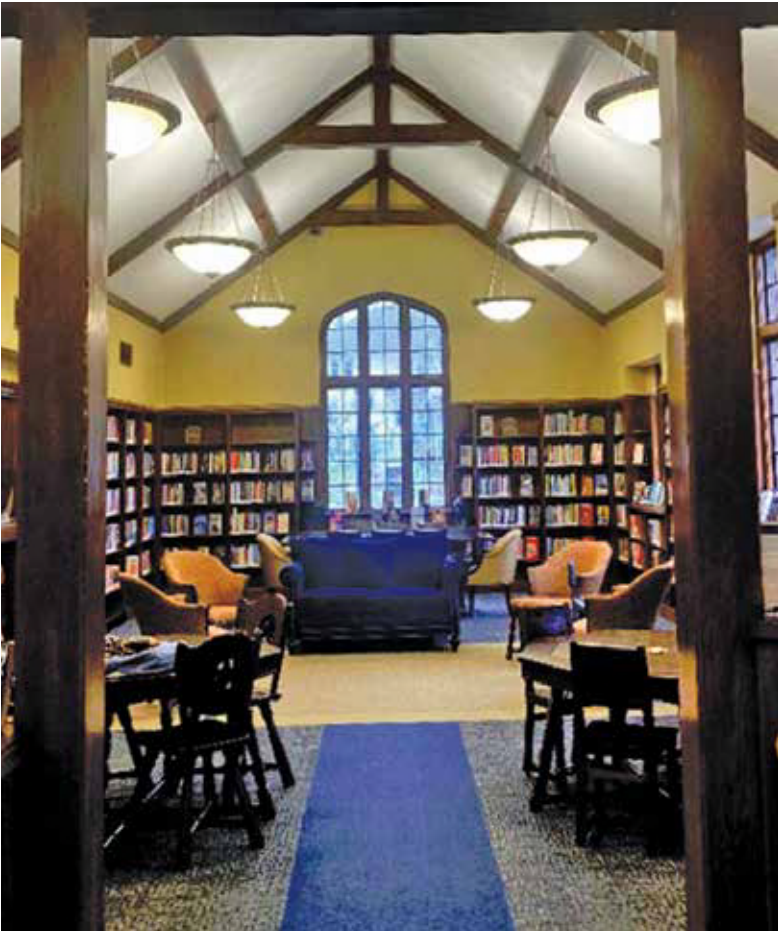
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Forrer Road is still paved in brick.



Wright Memorial Public Library, 2015.



Wright Memorial Public Library, 2020.

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Smith School artistic details, 1926.



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appearance from “a simpler and more artistic time.”

There are several newer homes in which the older architectural styles have been applied to favor their settings amongst nearly 100 year old houses. Within the past 25 years, homes have been built in Oakwood in English Tudor, Craftsman, Georgian and Spanish Revival styles. Pointe Oakwood has a primary architectural

design of Craftsman Revival which is an updated version of one of the most prominent styles in the city.

In 2020, when it came time to update and add on to Wright Memorial Public Library, its original charm was kept intact and modern “historic” lighting replaced the old fluorescent tubes from an earlier remodel.

Most recently, the Rick and Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing is currently under construction to the north side of Oakwood High

School. The design will maintain the architectural integrity of the original English Tudor building. Already, several loads of brick have been returned to the supplier because they didn’t match the older ones.

Oakwood’s unique, well-preserved appearance lets visitors and potential residents know that this is a special place. Architectural Integrity is just one of the ways of maintaining and protecting the historic ature of any community.



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Submitted by Abby Barritt

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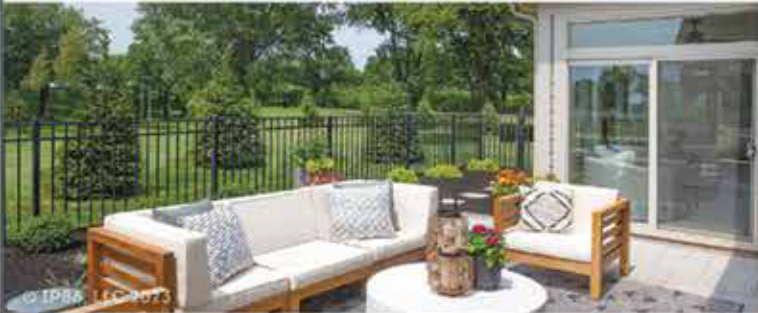
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Post-pandemic homeowners are transforming any room into flexible spaces for multi-purpose living

As lifestyles shifted due to the coronavirus pandemic, homes had to adapt to new activities and routines. Dining rooms and closets became home offices, kids' bedrooms served as home-school spaces, and guest rooms were outfitted with workout equipment.

These multipurpose rooms were born out of necessity, but even as we look toward a post-pandemic future, homeowners are increasingly using "flex spaces" as a versatile solution for previously underused areas. "The trend has found staying power as people realize they can more efficiently use their spaces in sustainable ways," says Cameron Johnson, founder and CEO of Nickson, an apartment-furnishing service.

Flex spaces are intended to help your home better accommodate your day-to-day life. Rarely or only occasionally used guest bedrooms, for example, can often be re-imagined for more frequent and flexible use. "People are realizing that an entire room in their home dedicated to an occasional house-guest may not be the best use of space - a commodity that has become decidedly more precious over the past year," says Los Angeles designer Stefani Stein. To maximize function within your home's existing floor plan, follow these tips for creating a flex space that works with your lifestyle.

Think outside a room's assigned function.

Consider your home's least-used spaces, such as a formal dining room, breakfast nook, sitting room or extra closet, and how they could be put to better use. Your home's builder

might have intended the room for a specific purpose, but feel free to readjust if that doesn't align with your everyday priorities. "Nothing is off-limits for re-imagining how a space can be used," says interior designer Shaolin Low of the Honolulu-based Studio Shaolin.

A flex space should be designed around the activities that will take place there, such as working, exercising, doing homework and more. "People are surprised by how cohesive they can make a space if they start from 'What should the space facilitate?' versus 'What is supposed to be in this room?'" Johnson says.

Consider your long-term needs.

As you configure your flex space, consider how your needs might change as time goes on, and plan for flexibility, Low suggests. "If you have young children at home, think about how it will be utilized as they grow up. If you will host a lot of family or guests in the future, think about how you'll accommodate," she says. Opt for lightweight, easy-to-move furniture to help ensure your setup can be rearranged as needed. "When it comes to exercise, consider alternatives to large and bulky equipment, such as tension bands," says Tiffany Piotrowski of Tiffany Leigh Design. "These can be kept in a decorative bin or basket and still provide a full-body workout."

Plan for storage.

Incorporate plenty of storage into your flex room to manage clutter and maximize space. "Add storage that can be closed off - cabinets with doors to hide messes and contain all the items necessary for whatever activities will

be taking place in the room," says Austin-based interior designer Killy Scheer. Choose furniture or containers that can stylishly and efficiently accommodate your storage needs, whether that's for workout gear, office supplies, toys or other items.

Compartmentalize the flex space.

If your flex space will serve multiple functions, section off areas of the room for each need, suggests Pramiti Bhargava of BlueGrape, a San Diego staging company. For example, designate one corner for a home office and use the other side of the room as a workout space. Room dividers or shelving units can serve as physical barriers that separate the space and offer added privacy. For a visual cue, lay down rugs or paint an accent wall to specify different sections.

Use flexible furniture.

"If you want to have a multipurpose space, you need to have multipurpose furniture," Low says. Outfit your room with pieces that can transform to suit different needs or activities. Look for nesting furniture that can be stacked or separated, tables with extendable leaves or fold-down mechanisms, and armoires that can open up to reveal a workspace, suggests Scheer. Just be sure to measure the room carefully before purchasing furniture.

Reflect your personality.

Customize your flex space to suit your style. Use it as an opportunity to go bold with a dramatic paint color or patterned wallpaper. Or tailor it to a certain hobby or interest. "There are so many creative ways to utilize extra space, so take it as an opportunity to showcase your personality and passions," Bhargava says.

Increase your home's value: Five practical upgrades to increase style, function and add to resale value

Whether you've purchased a new house or are just looking to invest in what is likely your largest asset, home improvements can make your living space more comfortable, functional and stylish.

Homebuyers are looking for practical home amenities that allow them to live, work and play - such as dedicated home offices, backyard retreats, home gyms and more - without having to worry about any potential future restrictions, according to a survey by Zolo of more than 3,300 new homeowners and potential first-time buyers in 2022.

Consider these popular upgrade ideas to create a space built for your family's needs that can also increase resale value down the line.

Home Office

At the height of the pandemic, many professionals found themselves working remotely - a trend that continued as restrictions were lifted. In fact, 46 percent of survey respondents listed a dedicated office space as a must-have when purchasing a new home. When creating this space, keep function and efficiency top of mind. Build your home office around a desk - either standing or traditional - then consider additions like an ergonomic chair and keyboard, soft light desk lamp, mood-boosting plants and a white board to stay organized. Don't

forget to add flairs of personality like artwork, knick-knacks or photos of loved ones to make it your own.

Skylights

By improving the overall look and functionality of dark spaces, such as home offices where natural light can improve creativity and productivity, an option like skylights can increase the value of a home, and 55% of new homebuyers rated skylights as desirable or essential, according to research from the National Association of Home Builders. For rooms that need brightening, skylights can free up wall space for storage while adding abundant natural light and increasing ventilation. Over the long-term, high-quality skylights can also help reduce carbon emissions and home energy consumption, saving money on household bills, according to Urban Grade. Remote-controlled models can be opened to bring fresh air inside, and with light-filtering or room-darkening shades homeowners have maximum control over the exact amount of light they want.

Backyard Retreat

Perfect for hosting friends, dining al fresco or simply relaxing with the backdrop of nature, 48% of survey respondents cited a backyard retreat as a must-have home amenity. Start with a deck or patio then customize your outdoor living space to meet your

family's wants and needs. Weather-proof furniture can add comfort while features like outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, fans and lighting can create a connection to your indoor areas that add both style and function.

Walk-In Pantry

If you want to add a pantry in your kitchen, you're not alone. Walk-in pantries found their way onto 48% of respondents' lists of must-haves. To get started, consider your storage needs to determine the amount of space you'll require and remember to vary shelving heights to maximize space. Open shelving can also be combined with additional counter space, cabinets, pull-out organizers and other features to help match the design to the rest of your kitchen.

Home Gym

Another trend that rose in popularity amid the pandemic, home gyms can take on a variety of shapes and sizes, utilizing available space in the garage, basement, a spare bedroom or even the backyard. Providing more time to fit workouts into your schedule, home gyms can be customized with equipment most important for your lifestyle. From yoga mats, jump ropes and free weights to treadmills, ellipticals and benches and racks, your space, budget and goals can help in the creation or update of a dedicated, in-home workout space.

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OHS Homecoming, Come Back Lumberjacks 2023



On a beautiful evening, the band marched onto the field to form the number “100” to represent the 100th Anniversary of the Oakwood High School Marching Band before the Homecoming football game against Brookville. The OHS Marching Band was accompanied by alumni members of the marching band and eighth-grade band members to play two favorites before the National Anthem. The OHS Marching Band and alumni band members played again after the completion of the football game.



OHS Class of '78



The Oakwood High School Class of 1978 held a Homecoming reunion last week that included a get-together at Kramer’s on Saturday night.



Photos by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo
Oakwood Homecoming was celebrated with a parade, bonfire and pep rally in the days leading up to Friday night’s football game and crowning of the HoCo King and Queen at halftime. Oakwood Schools Foundation also organized the 2023 Come Back Lumberjacks event, held at the Dayton Country Club.

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Sports

Lumberjacks fall to Brookville 35-0



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Senior Luke Ruetschle punts a high arcing ball away without getting the punt blocked to allow time for the team to get down field to cover the punt returner. After seven SWBL games, Ruetschle is second with most punted yards of 692 from 20 punts, ninth averaging 34.6 yd per punt, seventh longest punt of 45 yards, and seventh with one punt inside the 20-yard line.

By Paul Goolsby
It was déjà vu for the Oakwood Lumberjacks as they took on a top-ranked SWBL opponent for the second week in a row. The Brookville Blue Devils brought their third-ranked offense, which featured a powerful running attack, and their 2nd ranked defense into town and blanked the Jacks 35-0.
The Jacks took an aggressive offensive approach, just like last week, and were able to move the ball into the redzone twice but each trip resulted in a turnover on downs. The highlight of the game for the Jacks was in the

second quarter when running back JJ Wilson took a handoff up the middle for a 55-yard gain that positioned the Jacks on the 2-yard line.
Wilson led the offense with 82 yards rushing and 36 yards receiving while also making 8 tackles on defense. Quarterback Steve Lauterbach threw for 82 yards and rushed for 49 yards. On defense, Braden Devine led the team in tackles with 11. Nate Wertz, Kody Goolsby, and Ben Morris each made a tackle for loss while Wertz also tallied a sack.
Despite the back-to-back shutouts, the Jacks still have several top-ranked

players in SWBL. Lauterbach is fifth in passing yards and third in rushing yards. Wilson is ninth in rushing yards, fourth in all-purpose yards on offense and is also tied for the 6th most pass breakups on defense. Jackson Thobe is fourth in receptions, ninth in receiving yards, and is tied for sixth in both solo tackles and pass breakups. Carsen Dinkler and Braden Devine are both tied for third in solo tackles while Nate Wertz is tenth in tackles for loss.
The Lumberjacks look to bounce back this weekend when they travel to Carlisle for a 7 p.m. game on Friday, Oct. 6.

Soccer Jacks tally tie due to weather



Photo by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo
Near midfield in Monroe territory, quad-captain senior Will Behnke (9) maintains control of the ball to continue a Lumberjack counterattack even with the Hornet defender grabbing his jersey at the far sideline. In an abbreviated game, Oakwood tied 0-0 at Monroe. The game ended when lightning was sighted with 28 minutes remaining in the game.

JV Jacks take on Mariemont



Photo by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo
On a fast break, Henry Behnke charges past the goalie to tie the score 1-1 with 15:20 remaining in the first half. Oakwood JV lost 4-2 to Mariemont. At the half, the score was tied 1-1. With 3:18 remaining in the game, Oakwood scored its second goal to trail 4-2.


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Sports

Cross country Jacks, Jills take silver at Murray Memorial Invitational in Springfield; 53 Oakwood runners post season-best times prior to SWBL Championship Oct. 15



Annie Neff-Isom



Sylvia Gallagher-Yerman, Elizabeth Erwin and Katherine Erwin



Delaney Cahill

Photos by Gary Hughes

On Saturday, the Oakwood cross country team traveled to Springfield for the Jim Murray Memorial Invitational which was run on a new course in ideal weather conditions. The results were impressive as 53 Oakwood runners ran season-best times. The pack racing was instrumental in both teams coming away with second place finishes behind highly ranked Division I schools. The girls' race consisted of 15 schools and 196 runners while the boys' race had 20 schools and 284 runners.

For the Jills, sophomore Delaney Cahill ran a personal best 19:01 to finish 4th with an impressive

29 second kick. Freshman Isa Dunlap recorded her first sub-20:00 time, finishing 9th in 19:43. After that, the packs took over with freshmen Sylvia Gallagher Yerman (20:34), Katherine Erwin (20:36) and junior Elizabeth Erwin (20:39) finishing in 19th, 20th and 22nd places and all with season best times by at least thirty seconds. Senior Annie Neff, running a personal best 21:20, was the 6th Oakwood finisher and was followed closely by senior Neave Lynch (36th), freshman Anna Peters (37th), junior Adriana Eliopulos (41st), and sophomore Emily

Hughes (45th).

Senior Jacob Sayer was the first finisher for the Jacks coming in 5th place with a personal best time of 16:01. Junior Nico Ferra ran his first ever sub-17:00, finishing in 16th place with a 16:55. Then a four-racer pack secured the runner-up finish: sophomore Mannie Williams (18th place, 17:14), Charlie Kash (19th place, 17:14), Rohan Haack (20th place, 17:15), and Ben Sayer (21st place 17:18). Sophomore Maverick O'Hara cut 31 more seconds off his season best time by running 17:28 and finished 7th for the Boys. Sophomore Tony

Orsello finished 8th for Oakwood and his 17:38 was easily his best ever time. Senior Nick Eliopulos (9th Oakwood finisher) and sophomore Cameron Lindsey (10th Oakwood finisher) both ran season best times.

There were many other impressive performances on Saturday, including: Freshman Bea Drummy and first year runner sophomore Emily Bryant both improved their season best times by a minute finishing together at 22:28. Sophomore Catie Brenner improved her season best time by over two

minutes. For the Boys, junior Nic Frank had a two-minute improvement on his season best time, while freshman Grey Skorupan improved by 95 seconds. Freshman Mathias Moreira knocked over a minute off his best time this season, while freshmen Emerson Chatterton and Owen Guy both cut 50 seconds off their season best times.

The next meet is at Eaton on Saturday, Oct. 7, and then Oakwood will compete at the SWBL Championship races at Fort St. Clair Park in Eaton on Sunday, Oct. 15.



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Found property, 0-99 block of Park Ave.

AUGUST 1

Incidents

Warrant arrest, 0-99 block of Park Ave.

AUGUST 2

Citations

Brittany Lee Christian, expired plates/30-day tag
Deidre L Maloney, expired plates/30-day tag
Matthew Allen Miller, failure to yield - stop sign

Incidents

Warrant arrest, 0-99 block of Acorn Dr.
Possession drug abuse instruments, possession of drugs, drug abuse, 600 block of Acorn Dr.

AUGUST 3

Citations

Jayla Malon Turner, expired plates/30-day tag
Arion R Washington, FRA (Financial Responsibility Act)
Dustin Anthony Humerick, FRA (Financial Responsibility Act)
Karen Lorene AArsund, failure to yield - stop sign
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Child support suspension, Rubicon Rd./Far Hills Ave.
Child support suspension, Shafor Blvd./Triangle Ave.
Child restraint required for age 8-15, Oakwood Ave./Volusia Ave.

AUGUST 6

Citations

Tyler Ryan Anderson, non-compliance suspension, failure to reinstate
Chance Patrick Deakin, non-compliance suspension, expired plates/30-day tag

AUGUST 7

Incidents

Theft/ deception, 300 block of Telford Ave.

AUGUST 8

Citations

Taylor Nicole Deshotel, failure to reinstate

AUGUST 9

Incidents

Criminal damaging, knowingly, 2500 block of Delaine Ave.
Death investigation, 300 block of Forrer Blvd.


AUGUST 11

Citations

Jibril Lloyd Thomas, expired plates/30-day tag
Demetria Lashawn Ware, expired plates/30-day tag
Padmini Narrahari, expired plates/30-day tag
Kim S. Hager, expired plates/ 30-day tag
Elizabeth B. Herr, no license plates

Incidents

Driving under suspension, Dorothy Ln./Shafor Blvd.
Emergency admission, 200 block of Wiltshire Blvd.
Found property, 2800 block of Far Hills Ave.
Assault, knowingly harm victim, Aberdeen Ave./Shafor Blvd.



Weekly Astrological Forecast

By Magi Helena

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Try not to sweat the small stuff. Do your best to build up an immunity to trivial things that could get under your skin. You can gain some understanding by offering to listen to a dear person’s worries or concerns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Loved ones could be hiding multiple layers even if they say very little. Still waters can still run deep and there may be an opportunity to dive deeper. Opportunity might come knocking on your door so keep your ears open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have worked very hard to prove yourself, but one bad word can spread like fire. Try not to let the rumor mill tarnish your shiny track record. Be ready with the data and proof if whispers start echoing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might be at a crossroads where maintaining the status quo is the safest way to go. A new opportunity could be coming, but outside factors can bring complications if you move too fast so it may be best to wait for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): What you see may not always be what you get. You could be disappointed if you try to be logical when addressing more emotional issues. This might not be the best time to buy something suggested by a family member.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It can be challenging to achieve your heart’s truest desire without sometimes ruffling a few feathers or causing a misunderstanding. Some people may not be ready to reply even if you leave a polite and detailed message.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might need to keep a clear head in order to deal with some hidden emotional issues right now. Offering unconditional love and understanding can help put any minor upsets that may arise right again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One of the joys of modern living is that almost any information, product, or service is available right from your phone. Don’t be afraid to self-promote; let them all know who you are and what you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keeping your arms open wide can welcome in an embrace. Remain approachable whenever possible even if differences of opinion may cause a disagreement with a loved one or friend. Mixed messages could cause avoidable mistakes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may understand that organization can be a more efficient way to avoid wasting precious time. If you do your best to focus on your usual routines, you might not be tempted to go on a wild goose chase with someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may need to work hard to earn every dollar. It is wise to never risk money you cannot afford to lose, but you might be more willing to spend a little more to purchase something that should be durable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Even with the best intentions some conversations may feel like an attack. You could be in a more sensitive mood or may have misunderstood something. Take a breath and regroup before reviewing the conversation.

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Sports

Jills earn come-from-behind win over Brookville



On Senior Recognition Night, co-captain senior Kate Makkas celebrates wildly after following a shot-on-goal by sophomore Riley Meador that was mishandled by the Brookville goalkeeper. As the ball rolled away from the keeper, Makkas charged and slid from behind to get a foot between the defender’s legs to put the ball into the goal to tie the score 1-1 with 3:31 remaining in the first half. Meador was credited with an assist.

Photos by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo

By Matt Goeller

Gut check time came early for the Oakwood Jills soccer team Tuesday night, Sept. 28, at Lane Stadium.

Not four minutes after the opening kickoff, Brookville Senior Molly Luebke raced down the right sideline, cut back and fired her 10th goal of the season past Oakwood Goalkeeper Olivia Vandyke for a 1-0 lead.

For the Jills, a comeback was critical for multiple reasons.

First, the Jills were celebrating Senior Night. Classmates Kate Makkas, Claudia Butler, Maeve Lynch and Erin Goeller were honored in pre-game ceremonies.

Second, Oakwood stood just a half game ahead of the Blue Devils in the Southwestern Buckeye League, Buckeye Division standings and just a game behind league leading Waynesville.

Lastly, this week coaches begin voting for seeding positions for the Division II Central Division District tournament and a home loss before the voting began could have a critical effect on where and who the Jills will face in post season tournament play.

With the early lead, Brookville was content to load the defensive end of the pitch, hoping to stop the Jills attack and counter offensively only when the opportunity arose.

Oakwood Head Coach Ryan Connelly noted, “We had a very rough

first half. Not too many positive things to say about it. But I think late in the half our girls started playing with a real sense of urgency. I think we just made up our minds on that.”

The result came with 3:33 to go in the half when a Riley Meador cross from the wing resulted in a scramble in front of the Brookville net. The Jills rallied to the ball and Makkas found the net for her 11th goal of the season, matching her season tally from 2022.

Oakwood then controlled the action for the entirety of the final 40 minutes of play. The Jills maintained nearly all the ball possession, getting some 16 shots at the Brookville defense.

“We were pressing,” said Connelly. “Trying to find opportunities but they (the shots) weren’t landing. We kept working and persevering. It is actually an awkward part of soccer. It is what makes soccer fun...and not fun. You can go one down and it’s just not happening for you. You have to keep going. I thought we did that very well. It’s a product of our senior leadership and everyone playing with that intensity.”

The intensity paid dividends with 8:01 to play. Junior Josie Russell curled a corner kick cross directly toward the Brookville goal. Blue Devils’ keeper Sara Carr’s vision was screened on the play. The ball went through her hands and in giving the Jills had a 2-1 victory.

“Coach Haskell (Oakwood

Assistant Coach Nancy Haskell) told the team that goal was a product of our urgency,” reported Connelly. “Not the prettiest goal we have had all season, but I think we got the result we deserved.”

The Jills, now 5-4-3 on the season, traveled to Clinton Massie for a non-league tilt on Tuesday. The game results were too late for press. SWBL rival Bellbrook visits Lane Stadium for a 7:15 p.m. kickoff on Thursday, Oct. 5.

The regular season will end the following week with road games at Vandalia Butler and Eaton.

Before that though, the Jills will learn their post season placement on Sunday, Oct. 8. The Division II Central District in Southwest Ohio contains 13 teams which will break down into two brackets. Current undefeated squads from Waynesville and Bellbrook are expected to the district tops seeds.

No matter where his team is seeded by the coach’s votes, Connelly expects that his team has the ability to pull a few surprises come tourney time.

“I am very excited about the playoffs. This is a very young, but very athletic group. A group that still has a lot of potential. There have been moments throughout the season where I have seen what they can be at their highest level. As long as we play to our potential and work hard for each other, I think we could have a fun run. We can be a hard team to beat.”



In the second half with 8:01 remaining in the game, junior Josie Russell is mobbed by her teammates to celebrate a squeezed corner kick that got past Makkas and Meador, two defenders and goalkeeper, all at the left goal post, before bouncing into the right back corner of the goal to go ahead 2-1.

Sports



Photos by Peggi Whyte-Stiver

OJH Jacks, Jills take gold at Murray Invitational meet

On the last Saturday of September, the Oakwood Junior High cross country team traveled to Springfield for the Jim Murray Invitational. It was a beautiful day on a brand-new course around the lake, and both junior high teams took advantage of the opportunity. The boys finished first and were again led by Jack Morrissey with a winning time of 11:04.8. Morrissey was followed by Ollie DeLong in sixth, Maddox Dunn in 16th, Canyon Chatterton in 18th, and Henry Geier in 21st. Also running for the Jacks were Ryo Wilkins, Wyatt Coomer, Milo Opperman, Jonah Mays, Issac Agiro, Max Neikirk, Danny

Vish, Nick Medvedev, Matthew Prather, Evan Herwig, William Heckman, Jack Gallagher-Yerman, Luca Ferri, and Andrew Tribble. The girls also placed first and had a score that was more than half the second-place team. Evelyn Reinoehl continued to lead the Jills with a first-place time of 12:30.6. Kaya Asinjo was fourth, Bella Fulton was 10th, Emma Dye was 11th, and Kaitlyn Sayer 21st. Other girls running for OJH were Izzy Bridgewater (40th), Charlotte Martin (47th), and Laney Mersfelder (50th). More than half of the girls and boys had personal best times at the meet.



Dayton Dragons announce game times for 2024 season

The Dayton Dragons have announced game times for their 66-game home schedule at Day Air Ballpark in the heart of the Water Street District in 2024. In 2024, the Dragons game time format for home dates will follow the same pattern as in recent years. Tuesday-Friday games, plus the one Monday home game on the 2024 schedule, will start at 7:05 p.m. - with a single game exception as the the Dragons game on Wednesday, July 3, will start at 5:35 p.m. in accordance with Major League Baseball's travel guidelines. Saturday games will also start at 7:05 p.m. except for Saturdays in April (April 6 and April 20), which will begin at 1:05 p.m. All Sunday games throughout the season will start at 1:05 p.m.

The Dragons 2024 home schedule will feature 10 six-game series and 2 three-game series for a total of 66 home dates. All six-game sets are scheduled for Tuesday through Sunday. The Dragons will play at home on one Monday date on July 1. The Dragons will also play 66 road games against their Midwest League rivals. The Dragons 2024 home opening night at Day Air Ballpark is set for Friday, April 5, when the Dragons host the Lansing Lugnuts at 7:05 p.m. The regular season home schedule will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 1, at Day Air Ballpark against the West Michigan Whitecaps at 1:05 p.m. The Midwest League features two six-team divisions and includes teams from Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin.



Catcher Henry Bennett tags Timothy Wiegand for the out at Patterson Park.

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What's Up This Week

10/5 Thursday

Nature Art: Fall Foliage Lanterns 1:30pm
Enjoy the beautiful colors of fall by creating a lovely mason jar lantern with fall leaves and flowers to cast a warm glow! This activity is appropriate for the whole family. Each paid registrant will decorate one jar, so if you would like to create more than one jar, please complete more than one registration. \$6. *Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton* www.metroparks.org

10/6 Friday
First Friday: Fall Edition 5-10pm There's a chill in the air, are you ready for the fall edition of First Friday? Grab yourself DORA drink for a night of fun and exploring all the unique things downtown has to offer. As summer transitions to fall, you'll still find live entertainment and happy hour specials at some of your favorite bars and restaurants as well as new exhibits at downtown's signature galleries and shopping deals at our unique, independent retailers. *www.downtowndayton.org*
Owl Walk 7:30pm Enjoy a slow-paced night hike into the forest in search of owls while learning about their natural history and exploring other nightlife. Ages 18 and up. \$3. Registration required. *Sugarcreek MetroPark, 4178 Conference Rd., Bellbrook* www.metroparks.org

10/7 Saturday
Braver Angels Workshop 9:30am
Community workshop to reduce Red/Blue polarization and find common ground. Registration required. Lunch provided. *Wright Library, 1776 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood* www.wrightlibrary.org
Rocket Day 10am-3pm Kids will be able to build their own model rocket, launch it on the museum lawn (weather permitting) with the help from Wright Stuff Rocketeers, see a rocketry presentations in the National Aviation Hall of Fame and more! Free and family friendly. *National Museum of the Air Force, 1100 Spaatz St., Dayton* www.nationalmuseum.af.mil
Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience 11am-10pm FREE adventure festival celebrating the outdoor lifestyle and culture features competitions, live music, food trucks, gear shopping, pro-athlete shows, activities to try, camping, and much more! This is a dog-friendly and waste-free event, so please bring your own beverage vessel or plan to buy a steel cup. Also 10/8. *Eastwood*

10/8 Sunday
Blessing of the Animals 10am Everybody and their pets are invited to a service in the nave of St. Paul's. Please keep animals leashed or confined as a courtesy to others. *St Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Ave., Oakwood*
Native Plant Sale and Live Music 11am Market Vendors and Dayton-area native plant nurseries will be selling a selection of flowering perennials, grasses, trees and shrubs. Guitarist Mike Sedmak plays live music from 11:30am-1:30pm. *Second Street Market, 600 E. 2nd St., Dayton* www.metroparks.org
Momentum 3pm Dayton Ballet School Ensemble, DPAA's pre-professional training program presents Momentum, a repertoire of classical and contemporary works. \$25. *Dayton Art Institute, 456 Belmonte Park North, Dayton* www.daytonlive.org
Crochet and Connect 3pm Bring a project and connect with other crocheting enthusiasts. All skill levels welcome! Group meets on the second Sunday each month January - April and September - November. *Wright Library, 1776 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood* www.wrightlibrary.org
Ethnosh Dayton: October Noshup 2-7:30pm Try a new restaurant and hear stories from the immigrant owner. This month features Ethiopian restaurant and coffee house Nanyea. Explore Ethiopian cuisine, culture and listen to the personal story of owner Sofi Kinde, her journey to Dayton and the history of Nanyea. Tickets available online at ethnoshdayton.org. *Nanyea Restaurant and Coffee House, 6129 N Dixie Dr, Dayton*
Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience 11am-5pm (See 10/7)

10/9 Monday
Online Art Exhibition: LITHO-LINO-MONO-MORE Annual exhibit is a result of the call for art from printmakers 18 years or older, living, working, or attending school in the state of Ohio. Stephanie Barrie was this year's juror. Or visit the gallery in person on Fridays and Saturdays 12 - 5 pm thru October 21st 2023. *Dayton Society of Artists, 48 High St., Dayton* www.daytonlive.org
Free Concert 7pm Enjoy music from *West Side Story, Raiders of the Lost Ark* and more as UD New Horizons Music Program performs with West Carrollton High School Symphonic Band. Free. Community welcome. *West Carrollton High School Auditorium, 5833 Student St., West Carrollton*

10/10 Tuesday
Discover Steampunk: A Hands on Adventure 9am-5pm How did thinkers of the late 1800s, including writers like Jules Verne and H.G. Wells, envision the future? Find out at this new special exhibition open daily through December 10. Free. *National Museum of the Air Force, 1100 Spaatz St., Dayton* www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

10/11 Wednesday
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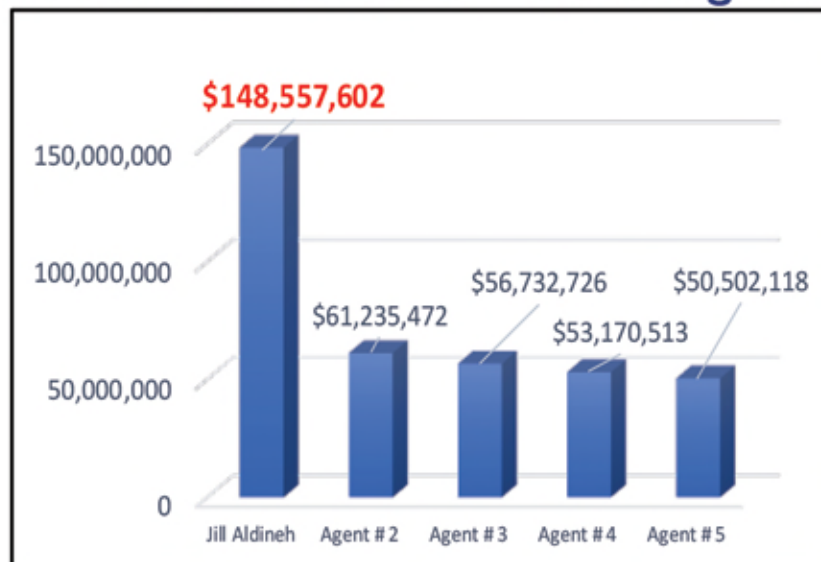
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