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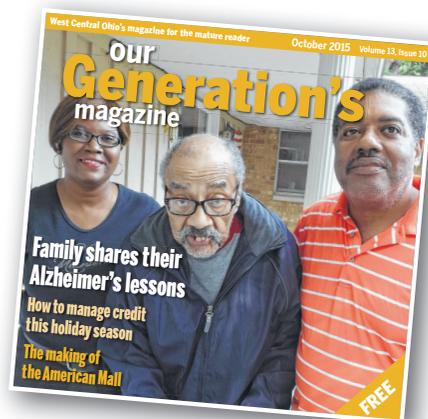
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Photo courtesy of the Banks family



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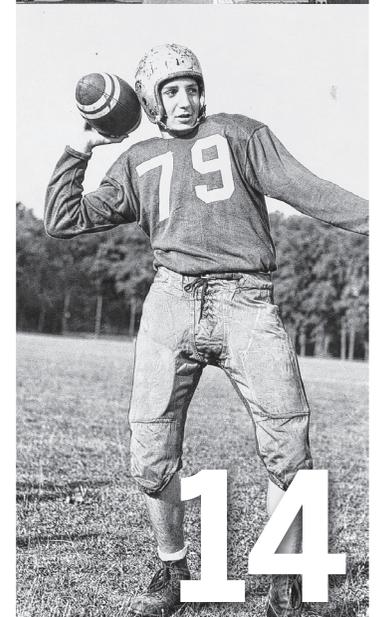
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## Family shares their Alzheimer's lessons



Courtesy of the Banks family

Daughter-in-law Carmella, 81-year-old Charles, and Farley Banks are trying to cope with the effects that Alzheimer's disease has had upon Charles' ability to live alone. The former Maryland resident recently moved to Ohio to be with his son.

"Dementia is a general term for a decline in mental ability severe enough to interfere with daily life," according to the Alzheimer's Association Website, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Alzheimer's disease is the "most common type of dementia" which "accounts for 60 to 80 percent of cases." Farley and Carmella Banks, of Lima, know a lot about this incurable illness, because Farley's parents and his grandmother have had it.

For two decades, Banks has been a local attorney. But in January 2014, he and Carmella became full-time caregivers for his late mother, Emma Banks.

For almost a year until her death Jan. 16, the couple cared for the 80-year-old woman who "couldn't do anything for herself," said Banks. He credits his wife of 15 years for the ability to care for his mom at their Shawnee residence. "I am really blessed that she has been with me every step of the way," said the Ohio Northern University graduate.

It all began when Farley made a visit to his parents' home in Oxon Hill, Maryland, a suburb of Washington D.C., and realized that his mother was no longer capable of living without assistance.

"There were some issues dealing with her behavior ... my father, too, but not to the extent of my mother," said 57-year-old Banks.

Eventually, "She wore diapers. I bathed her and changed her," said Carmella who is an assistant manager at Lima's Dunham's Sports store. "She probably had dropped down to 80-some pounds."

There were also a few times during that year, when the normally docile woman became violent.

"She slapped me once when I was trying to dress her," said her daughter-in-law. "She would just ... yell and

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Elmcroft of Lima presented by Amy Fleming, LSW. Call 419-331-2442 for more information about the free meeting.

scream when she got upset, another time ... she bit me." Carmella played Gospel music to try to soothe her.

Farley's father, Charles seemed to be in denial about what was happening to his wife and initially chose to stay in his Maryland home supported by a network of friends. Sadly, he too was beginning to struggle with his memory.

"My father always prided himself on paying his bills immediately; then I started to notice he would write the checks, but he wouldn't mail them," said his concerned son.

The Allen County lawyer has been proactive in supporting those affected by Alzheimer's disease and joined the association's area board. For the past four years, Farley and Carmella have also participated in the September walk to raise awareness for Alzheimer's in honor of his grandmother, who suffered with dementia in the late 1980s.

"At that time we didn't know it was called Alzheimer's. We just called it senility," said Banks.

Through his work on the board, he discovered the monthly Alzheimer's Support Group that meets at Elmcroft of Lima. The couple gleans support and knowledge through these free meetings.

"I started going there before Mom even came here, because I started wondering if there is anything I can do from 400 miles away, because at that time Mom was still living with Dad back in Maryland," said Farley.

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# Seasonings

## How to make Hasselback potatoes

By Traci Arbios

The Fresno Bee (TNS)

Being so clued-in to social media can be a blessing and a curse. The blessing: One learns about new and amazing crafts and recipes that one must try. The curse: One learns about new and amazing crafts and recipes that one must try. At issue: My “must do” list stretches ahead into next January, while my budget limps along back in July somewhere.

Luckily, one of the nifty items on my list was the Hasselback potato — that beautiful, fanned-out baked potato making constant appearances on my Facebook timeline. I’m not sure who first put forward the post, but it seems I run into a gorgeous photo of these delicious-looking spuds every few days, usually at my most ravenous moments.

The sad sorry truth is, I’m not a huge potato maker. For years, low-carb diets have been the trend and I have a ton of very positive things to say about reducing carbohydrates in one’s daily consumption. But — and with carbs, there is always a very large but (buh-doom-bah) — the high-starch, carbohydrate-laden potato is delicious. Before dieters permanently write off these beloved tubers, know that they have roughly 4 grams of protein and plenty of fiber.

“In addition,” says Prevention Magazine, “one medium baked potato (including the skin) provides 20 percent of your daily potassium, a known hypertension fighter.” Granted, I prefer my hypertension fighter drenched in butter, sour cream and bacon, but the potato can be consumed in other delectable, less-fatty ways.

If you’re looking for a solid side dish to wow friends or a simple entree to enjoy in front of the TV, give the Hasselback potato a try. Apparently a Swedish dish, the Hasselback is a thinly sliced, fan-like baked potato that — much like virtually any other type of baked potato — can be topped with any number of delicious items. This recipe does call for butter and Parmesan cheese, but it also requires no peeling and keeps all the nutrients that linger beneath the skin intact.



Traci Arbios/Fresno Bee/TNS

**Crispy and delicious, the Hasselback potato hails from Stockholm, but demands your culinary attention.**



**Place the sliced potatoes in a baking dish. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons of butter and season with salt and pepper before baking.**

**Place a knife handle or wooden spoon next to the potato before cutting to keep from slicing all the way through the potato.**



### HASSELBACK POTATOES

4 baking potatoes, scrubbed  
4 tablespoons melted butter  
4 tablespoons Parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons panko breadcrumbs (or other dry breadcrumbs)  
Salt and pepper

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Place a washed potato on your cutting board, and set a wooden spoon handle next to it, running along the length of the potato’s base. With a sharp knife, begin making thin (1/8-inch to 1/4-inch) slices across the potato’s width. As you cut downward, use the spoon’s handle to act as your cutting guide so you don’t slice down all the way through the potato. Prepare all 4 potatoes in this way.

Place the cut potatoes in a baking dish. Spread 2 tablespoons of butter atop the prepared potatoes. Season with salt and pepper, and bake for 40 minutes.

Remove the potatoes from the oven and top each potato with the panko breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese and the remaining butter. Re-season with salt and pepper and bake for another 20 to 25 minutes.

Remove from oven and let then cool slightly before consuming with abandon.

# Your Money

## How to manage credit this holiday season

Courtesy of Metro

Holiday shopping takes up a considerable amount of time between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Shoppers who scour in-store and online retailers in the hunt for the perfect gift annually spend hundreds of billions of dollars during such pursuits, and what they swipe when making purchases could go a long way toward how their new years begin.

Overreliance on credit cards to make holiday purchases can prove crippling once the calendar turns to January. According to an analysis of statistics from the Federal Reserve, the average household consumer debt in the United States was more than \$15,700 as of June 2015. That's roughly one-tenth the average mortgage debt, suggesting that many consumers are relying too heavily on credit cards when making their purchases.

This holiday season, consumers concerned about swiping their credit cards too often can take the following steps to more effectively manage their credit.

- Know what you can afford. Swiping now and dealing with the consequences in January is a recipe for a rocky new year. In some cases, it can benefit consumers to make purchases with their credit cards as opposed



Metro photo

**You may cringe to see this, but Christmas is coming — and shopping season with it. Make a plan now to avoid racking up huge debt on your plastic.**

to their debit cards. For instance, when making purchases online, it's often safer to use a credit card rather than a debit card linked to your checking and savings accounts, as using the latter can make your life's savings vulnerable to hackers. But don't start swiping your credit cards until you know what you can afford. Examine your finances and only

use your credit card if you know you can repay the balance before it incurs any interest. If you can't pay the balance in full at the time the payment is due, use a debit card so you are only spending money you already have and not taking out what amounts to a high-interest loan on your holiday purchases.

- Resist retailer cards.

When making in-store purchases, chances are the cashier will invite you to sign up for a retailer credit card, even offering an immediate discount if you do so at the registers. While this discount may seem too tempting to ignore, keep in mind that many retailer credit cards come with considerably higher interest fees on balances that are not paid off in full. So that discount at the register may end up costing you more money if you get to January and

can't pay the balance in its entirety.

- Try not to juggle cards. Many shoppers juggle multiple cards to avoid building up too big a balance on one particular card during the holiday season. But that's an easy way to lose track of how much you have spent. Rather than juggling cards, use only the one with the lowest interest rate.

- Monitor your balances. Swiping a credit card is easy and hassle-free,

and many retailers both big and small now accept various types of cards. Keep a close eye on your balances, checking them online after each shopping trip. This can help you control your spending and also can alert you to any fraudulent activity.

Shoppers who must use their credit cards this holiday season can employ several strategies to ensure they don't dig themselves into a financial hole by the end of December.

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# At Our Age Q&A

**Question:** I applied for my child's Social Security card in the hospital but have not received it. How long does it take?

**Answer:** In most states it takes an average of three weeks to get the card, but in some states it can take longer. If you have not received your child's card in a timely manner, please visit your local Social Security office. Be sure to take proof of your child's citizenship, age, and identity as well as proof of your own identity. And remember, we cannot divulge your child's Social Security number over the phone. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).



## SOCIAL SECURITY

**Question:** Is it illegal to laminate your Social Security card?

**Answer:** No, it is not illegal, but we discourage it. It's best not to laminate your card. Laminated cards make it difficult — sometimes even impossible — to detect important security features and an employer may refuse to accept them. The Social Security Act requires the Commissioner of Social Security to issue cards that cannot be counterfeited. We incorporate many features that protect the card's integrity. They include highly specialized paper and printing techniques, some of which are visible to the naked eye. Keep your Social Security card in a safe place with your other important papers. Do not carry it with you. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

## RETIREMENT

**Question:** I have two minor children at home and

**I plan to retire this fall. Will my children be eligible for monthly Social Security benefits after I retire?**

**Answer:** Monthly Social Security payments may be made to your children if:

- They are unmarried and under age 18;
- Age 18 or 19 and still in high school; or
- Age 18 or older, became disabled before age 22, and continue to be disabled.

Children who may qualify include a biological child, adopted child or dependent stepchild. (In some cases, your grandchild also could be eligible for benefits on your record if you are supporting them.) For more information, see our online publication, *Benefits For Children*, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

**Question:** Can I delay my retirement benefits and receive benefits as a spouse only? How does that affect me?

**Answer:** It depends on your age. If you are full retirement age and your spouse is receiving Social Security benefits, you can choose to file and receive benefits on just your spouse's Social Security record and delay filing for benefits on your own record up until age 70. By filing for just benefits as a spouse, you may receive a higher retirement benefit on your own record later based on the effect of delayed retirement credits. You can earn delayed retirement credits up to age 70 as long as you do not collect your own benefits — and those credits can increase your benefit by as much as 8 percent for each year you delay. You can use our online Retirement Estimator to test out different scenarios. Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator).

## SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

**Question:** I saw a poster that advised people 65 or over with limited income and resources to apply for Supplemental Security Income. Next month I'll turn 65, and I thought I'd be eligible for SSI. I planned to apply until my neighbor told me I probably would be turned down because I have children who could help support me. Is this true?

**Answer:** Whether your children are capable of helping to support you does not affect your eligibility. SSI eligibility depends solely on your income and resources (the things you own). If you have low income and few resources, you may be able to get SSI. However, if you are receiving support from your children or from anyone living inside or outside of your home, it may affect your eligi-

bility or the amount you can receive. Support includes any food or shelter that is given to you, or is received by you because someone else pays for it. Learn more about SSI at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi).

**Question:** I just got a notice from Social Security that said my Supplemental Security Income case is being reviewed. What does this mean?

**Answer:** Social Security reviews every SSI case from time to time to make sure the individuals who are receiving payments should continue to get them. The review also determines whether individuals are receiving the correct amounts. You can learn more about SSI by visiting our website on the subject at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi).

## DISABILITY

**Question:** What is the difference between the disability application and the disability report? Do I have to complete both?

**Answer:** A disability application is a claim for Social Security disability benefits. A disability report provides information about your current physical or mental condition that we need to process your disability application. To establish a claim for disability benefits, you need to file a disability application, submit a disability report, and provide an authorization to release medical records. The best place to start is at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability).

**Question:** I've been turned down for disability benefits. How do I appeal?

**Answer:** When we make

a decision on your application, we will send you a letter explaining our decision. If you do not agree with our decision, you can appeal. Appealing means you can ask us to look at your case again. You must appeal within 60 days from the date you got our decision letter. You can:

- File a disability appeal online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal) and provide documents to support your request electronically. You can file an appeal online even if you live outside of the United States; or
- Visit your local Social Security office.

For more information, call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## MEDICARE

**Question:** How do I apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug plan costs?

**Answer:** You have several options for applying. You can:

- Apply online by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp);
- Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to apply over the phone or request an application; or
- Apply at any local Social Security office.

Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. Some people with limited resources and income are eligible for Extra Help to pay for the costs — monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments — related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare).

The group is designed for caregivers, spouses and friends of those battling Alzheimer's.

"One of the things I learned is not to take things personally," said Carmella. This comforted her when her mother-in-law was occasionally combative. Her husband learned the valuable lesson about the disease affecting everyone differently.

In June, it became clear that 81-year-old Charlie Banks could no longer care for himself either, and came to stay with his son.

"He knows he has dementia," said Farley, who is an only child. "He gets upset with himself, because he has trouble

remembering things, he feels he should remember. ... I have to remind him, 'Dad, Mom died in January. It's okay you can't remember, you have an illness. You can't help it.'"

Farley's own health was in jeopardy this past March when he had a heart attack and two mini-strokes, which began with a kidney stone. After being in the hospital for six weeks, he has slowly been regaining his strength, despite needing to assist his elderly father who spent time at Shawnee Manor temporarily due to falling.

"We plan on taking care of him indefinitely and are going to bring him to our home," said Farley.

It has been a heavy

**Farley and Carmella Banks have been caretakers for Farley's elderly parents. His mother's died this past January, while his father will soon make his permanent home with the couple. They are also the parents of 23-year-old Jaede Bristol.**

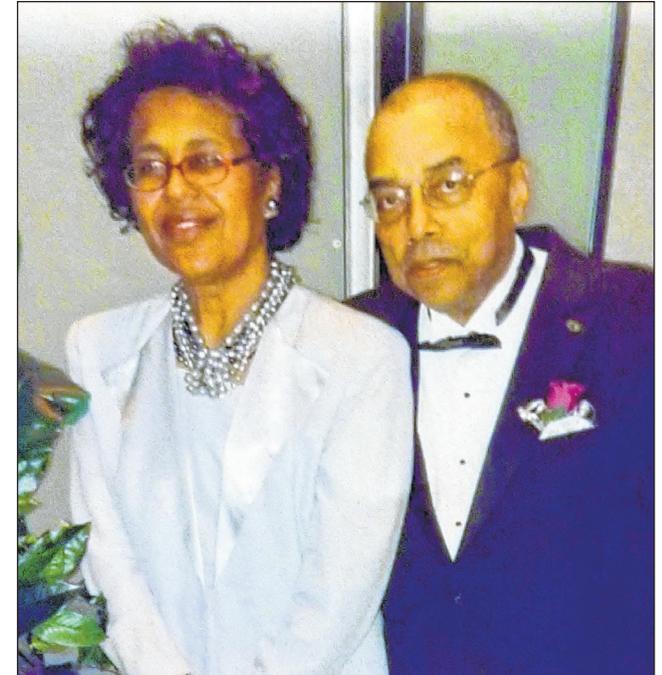


season for the Banks' family. Carmella relies on her faith and Scriptures to cope with "the anxiety and stress and turn it around," she said.

While Farley says he has gotten through it by

taking "One day at a time. That's such a cliché, but essentially, that's what it is."

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Courtesy of the Banks family  
Over a decade ago, before Alzheimer's disease ravaged their lives, the late Emma and now 81-year-old Charles Banks enjoyed a class reunion together. They were married for almost 59 years.



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By Greg  
Hoersten

## The making of the American Mall

This feature is a cooperative effort between the newspaper and the Allen County Museum and Historical Society.

LIMA — The American Mall came down much more quietly than it went up.

The mall, demolished over the winter of 2013-'14, was built nearly 50 years earlier despite the objections of just about everybody. Downtown businessmen didn't want it; nearby residents really didn't want it. The city was okay with it, willing to extend a welcome but not willing to extend waterlines or West Market Street. At one point the city erected barricades to prevent Market Street from being put through to the mall. A city councilman called developments like the American Mall the "death knell" of the central business district.

The American Mall was not Youngstown developer William A. Cafaro's first venture in Lima. In fall 1960, the developer purchased a 35-acre site just north of Northern Avenue and east of North West Street. By Nov. 27, 1960, The Lima News was reporting that construction of "Lima's new \$3-million shopping center, Northland Plaza, is slated to begin within 30 days."

The opening of Northland in 1961 paired with Westgate, which opened in 1956, gave the News cause to brag on Oct. 28, 1962, of the city's growth as "reflected in the construction of two large shopping centers in the past decade on the west and north sides of the city ..." And Lima was growing — in retail prowess as well as population during the 1960s. Considered the retail hub of a 10-county area, Lima's population would peak at more than 53,000 by 1970.

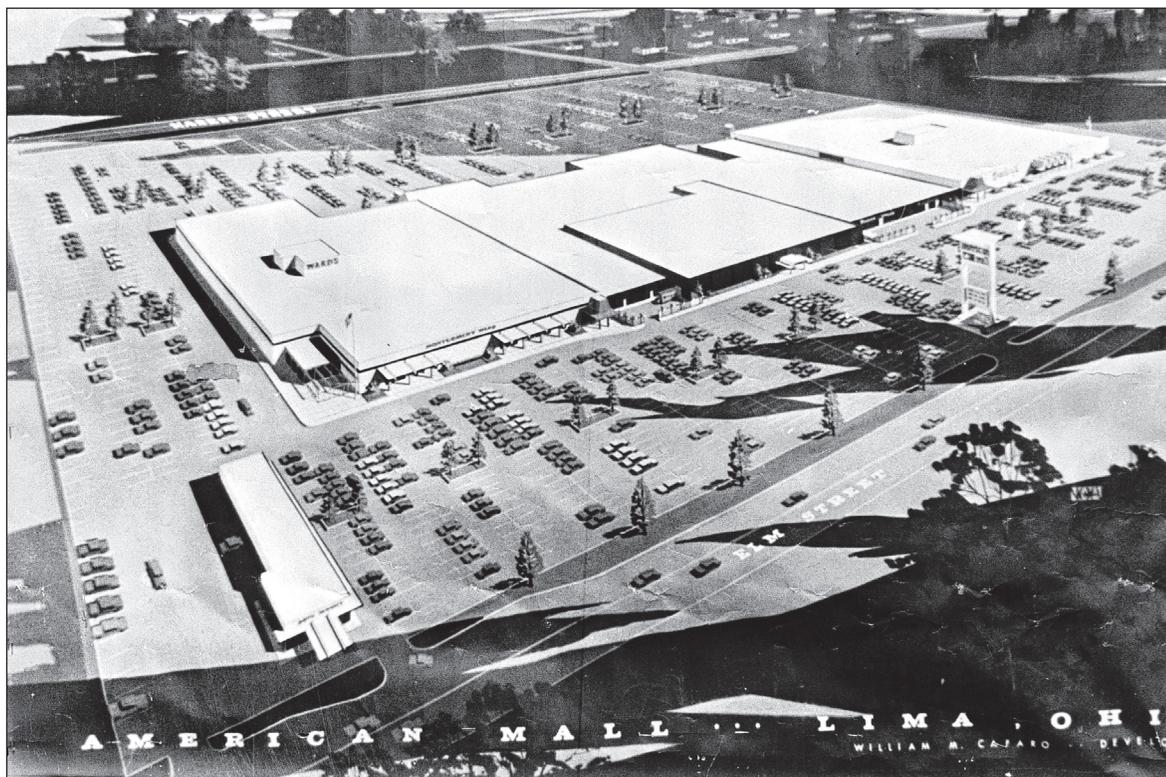
The last days of autumn 1963 provided evidence that retail growth had just begun with a rapid-fire series of announcements that began Sept. 18 when the News reported a 51-acre shopping center and housing development was planned for a former dairy farm owned by Orville and Emma Koop.

In the same story, it was reported the Montgomery-Ward store was considering a move from the Public Square to a proposed shopping center on land owned by C.C. Cary at Cable and Spencerville roads.

On Sept. 19, the News reported yet another developer had begun "negotiations for Lima property for use as a third commercial center. Speculation centers on Elida and Cable roads, west of the Rinks Bargain City Store." That speculation was correct. Edward DeBartolo and Co., another Youngstown-area developer, would construct the Lima Mall on the site.

Developers of the Cary site requested water. "By its vote, council will set the policy of whether water should be granted under the surcharge system with the hope of annexation or whether services should be withheld until the property is annexed to the city," the News wrote Sept. 29, 1963. The Cary request was denied in November 1963.

On May 13 and 14, 1964, the Lima Mall and American Mall, respectively, unveiled formal plans for "mall-type" shopping centers with concurrent announcements that Sears-Roebuck, Montgomery-Ward and J.C. Penney would abandon



Allen County Historical Society photo

An artist's rendering from 1964 shows Montgomery-Ward at the west end and the mall's iconic sign with star.

downtown to become tenants. Ward's and a newcomer to the area, Bailey's Department Store, would anchor the American Mall. City Councilman Neal O'Connell told the News the loss of the three national chain stores "sounded the death knell for the central business district."

Foes of the American Mall had begun organizing against it long before that formal announcement. "Owners ... of other property in the sector — location of some of Lima's finest homes — launched efforts last January to head off commercial development," the News noted April 17, 1964. "They voiced fear of depreciating property

values. The West Market Street Boulevard, they warned, no longer would be a quiet street but instead a main thoroughfare — particularly if it were extended westward to a proposed commercial area."

So, when plans for the American Mall became official in May, the group was waiting, filing for and receiving an injunction. That injunction was one of several that would be granted and subsequently lifted.

In early November, Councilman James Poulston recommended the city grant water to both the Lima and American malls. "We are not fooling anybody at this point with delaying

tactics in the hopes that metal and steel on West Market Street will vanish one night and that shopping centers become a dream of the past," Poulston told the News on Nov. 5, 1964. Council, backed by downtown merchants, defeated Poulston's proposal Nov. 25.

In December, the mall developers announced they would drill a 170-foot well on the property. They also threatened a lawsuit to force the city to remove water lines from their property.

By then the relationship between the city and the mall had been going rapidly downhill for several months, exacerbated

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by a late September attempt by Cafaro employees to extend West Market Street from the city's western edge to the mall. The city put up barricades — which the News called “Lima's miniature Berlin Wall” — at the boundary, and Cafaro employees tried to remove them.

Cafaro found an unlikely ally in Councilman O'Connell, who had predicted suburban shopping centers would kill the central business district. O'Connell told the News Sept. 27, 1964, that Cafaro was guilty of three things: wanting to invest \$5 million in Lima, wanting to create 700 to 1,000 new jobs and attempting “to improve a street which the city lacked funds to improve since 1925.”

On Oct. 15, 1964, the city planning commission recommended that 430 feet of Market Street west of Lawnwood Avenue be “neither opened nor improved.” Less than a week later, Youngstown attorney Ronald Galip, representing Cafaro, told the News, “There will be a shopping center on West Elm Street Road. It will be built with or without city cooperation. And you bet it is going to be built to completion.”

And indeed, it was.

Actress Dorothy Lamour, who joined Bob Hope and Bing Crosby in a series of “On the Road” movies in the 1940s, found herself on the road at the American Mall in October 1966 cutting the ribbon at the shopping center's “official” grand opening.

In February 1965, Wards Auto Service Center became the first business to open its doors at the mall. The Montgomery-Ward department store “is expected to open shortly, after the Public Square store closes in March,” The Lima News reported Feb. 24, 1965. Wards department store opened in the mall March 18, 1965.

By the summer of 1965,

charges were dropped against the Cafaro employees for attempting to remove the Market Street barricade. And, as traffic increased on West Elm Street with more mall stores opening, support increased for the extension of West Market Street, particularly from parents of students at St. Charles elementary school on West Elm Street.

“The shadow of West Market Street arches ever more westward,” the News wrote July 29, 1965. “Soon it's expected to take shape and substance and become a twin-stemmed boulevard reality to Eastown Road. The city planning commission recommended Wednesday that city council finally open the 400-foot strip of unimproved street between city-erected barriers at Lawnwood Avenue and the eastern edge of Howlandin Subdivision.” On Aug. 19, 1965, city crews pulled down the barricades and work began on extending pavement toward an already completed section that stretched east from Eastown Road. When a neighborhood committee announced plans a month later to turn the West Market Street boulevard into a “boulevard of roses,” Cafaro donated \$500 to the project.

Montgomery-Ward soon was getting company in the mall. Among them was Cleveland-based Bailey's Department Store.

On June 22, 1966, a full-page ad in the News touted the mall's 19 stores. The American Mall, the ad promised, “offers a new world of shopping splendor for the families of Northwestern Ohio. Regardless of where you live in a 25-35 mile radius of Lima, all roads lead quickly and conveniently to this all new shopping complex completely under one roof, air-conditioned and designed for your shopping pleasure.”



The Lima News file photo  
**The 375-foot water tower was sold and moved to Texas. It was taken down in 1987. Water lines were finally routed to the mall in 1973, making the water tower unnecessary. “A lot of people are going to miss it,” Frank Melton, the mall maintenance supervisor, told the News on Sept. 12, 1987. “For years, while this part of town was growing up, people used that old water tower as a reference point for getting around.”**

A little more than a year after the News welcomed Bailey's, Bailey's left. It was replaced by Welles Department Store, which already had an outlet in Northland Plaza. Two years later, on Feb. 15, 1970, the American Mall boasted 33 retail outlets.

After September 1987, the Mall could no longer boast of a water tower. The 375-foot structure, rendered unnecessary by the extension of city water lines to the mall in 1973, was sold for \$20,000 and moved to a suburb of Dallas, Texas.

Always perceived as Lima's “other mall,” the American Mall was struggling by the 1990s. It was hoped the opening of an Anderson's General Store on the



The Lima News file photo  
**Citizens were so enraged by the idea of Market Street becoming a thoroughfare that barriers were erected at the end of it, preventing traffic from continuing west to the site of the proposed American Mall.**



Allen County Historical Society photo  
**The Koop dairy farm was on the land where the American Mall was built.**

mall's west end to go with Value City on the east end would spur growth. By 2009, the Anderson's was the American Mall's last tenant. The store closed its doors that November.

When plans for what a Cafaro executive called, “an open-concept property,” which would include a medical office building, fell through in 2010, the mall's fate was sealed. On Nov. 5, 2010, workers opened it to sell fixtures. Demolition began in mid-December 2013.

The American Mall was among the first generation of enclosed malls in the country, a fact Anthony Cafaro Jr., co-president of the Cafaro Co., said his grandfather took pride in.

“Although our company has developed millions of square

feet of commercial shopping centers since American Mall in over a dozen states across the country, the former American Mall and Lima, Ohio, still hold a special place in our hearts and memories,” Cafaro wrote in an e-mail. “In fact, as a kid growing up in our family business, I fondly recall my grandfather's sense of pride whenever discussing American Mall. Although he took pride in every property he developed, I always got the sense that he perceived his first major development — American Mall — as the accomplishment that firmly established him and his business.” William M. Cafaro died in April 1998.

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Story and photos by John Grindrod

## A final night in Frisco, at the ballpark

I always try to plan something special on the last day of any pleasure trip, sort of, as a cherry on top of the sundae. And, for me, that cherry often has a sports theme. And, in the middle of April when the hometown Giants are in town and entertaining their bitter rival, the LA Dodgers, on a night commemorating Jackie Robinson, the first to break the color barrier in what was once a very racist sport, that meant Jane and I were off to AT&T Park.

When we arrived an hour before the 7:15 p.m. first pitch to pick up the tickets I'd purchased online prior to the trip, I experienced a bit of panic when the lady at will-call told me she couldn't find the tickets from the broker I used, which is the common way baseball tickets are sold online for virtually all Major League clubs.

Finally, after consulting another agent, she located the tickets and Jane and I headed in but not before admiring a terrific sculpture of the Giants' most iconic figure, the great Willie Mays, who arrived from New York in 1958 along with his other Giant teammates and electrified the city at the then-home of the Giants, Candlestick Park. As an homage to Mays, the actual address of AT&T Park is 24 (Mays' uniform number) Willie Mays Plaza.

The Giants left Candlestick for the brand-new AT&T Park in 2003. The stadium sits right off San Francisco Bay and is beautiful. While corporate sponsorship has changed from Pacific Bell to SBC and on to its

current AT&T, the amenities and the setting have remained the same.

At a capacity of just under 42,000, which the Giants draw almost every single home game, the park follows a template many of the newer parks have followed, a bit smaller than the behemoth parks of yesteryear but parks with better sightlines. Certainly, among its many unique features, one that isn't seen is the fact that the stadium was built without public funds, the first to lay claim to that since Dodger Stadium, which opened in 1962.

While the evening was beautifully clear and quite special since it was Jackie Robinson Day throughout Major League Baseball, a day when every player wore Robinson's uniform No. 42, the evening grew increasingly chilly as the game progressed. A note of caution, even if it's a July or August evening, if you go to AT&T, take a jacket.

From our seat in the upper deck behind home plate, Jane and I had an unimpeded view of so many of the park's unique features, not the least of which is the expanse of water beyond the right-field stands in San Francisco Bay called McCovey Cove as a means to honor Willie McCovey, a teammate of Mays' and a prolific Hall of Fame homerun-hitting first baseman of the Candlestick era and longtime fan favorite.

Several boats and a few kayaks bobbed in the chilly waters as those onboard awaited homers known as splash hits that clear the stands beyond the

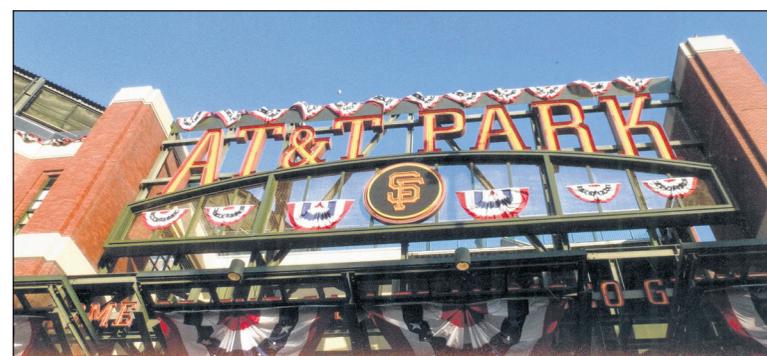


A ticket from a Dodgers-Giants game.

A panoramic view with the Dodgers and Giants on the baselines on Jackie Robinson Day at AT&T Park, San Francisco.

invitingly close wall (only 309 feet to the foul pole). We also had great views of the huge replica of a ball glove behind the leftfield bleachers as well as the 80-foot-long Coca-Cola bottle that has both playground slides and the capability of lighting up and blowing bubbles when a Giant homers.

I discovered the concourses in the stadium were comfortably wide and absolutely covered with pictures and accompanying text of the team's history. Of course, that would include not only Giant heroes of yesteryear



AT&T Park entry, the home of the giants.

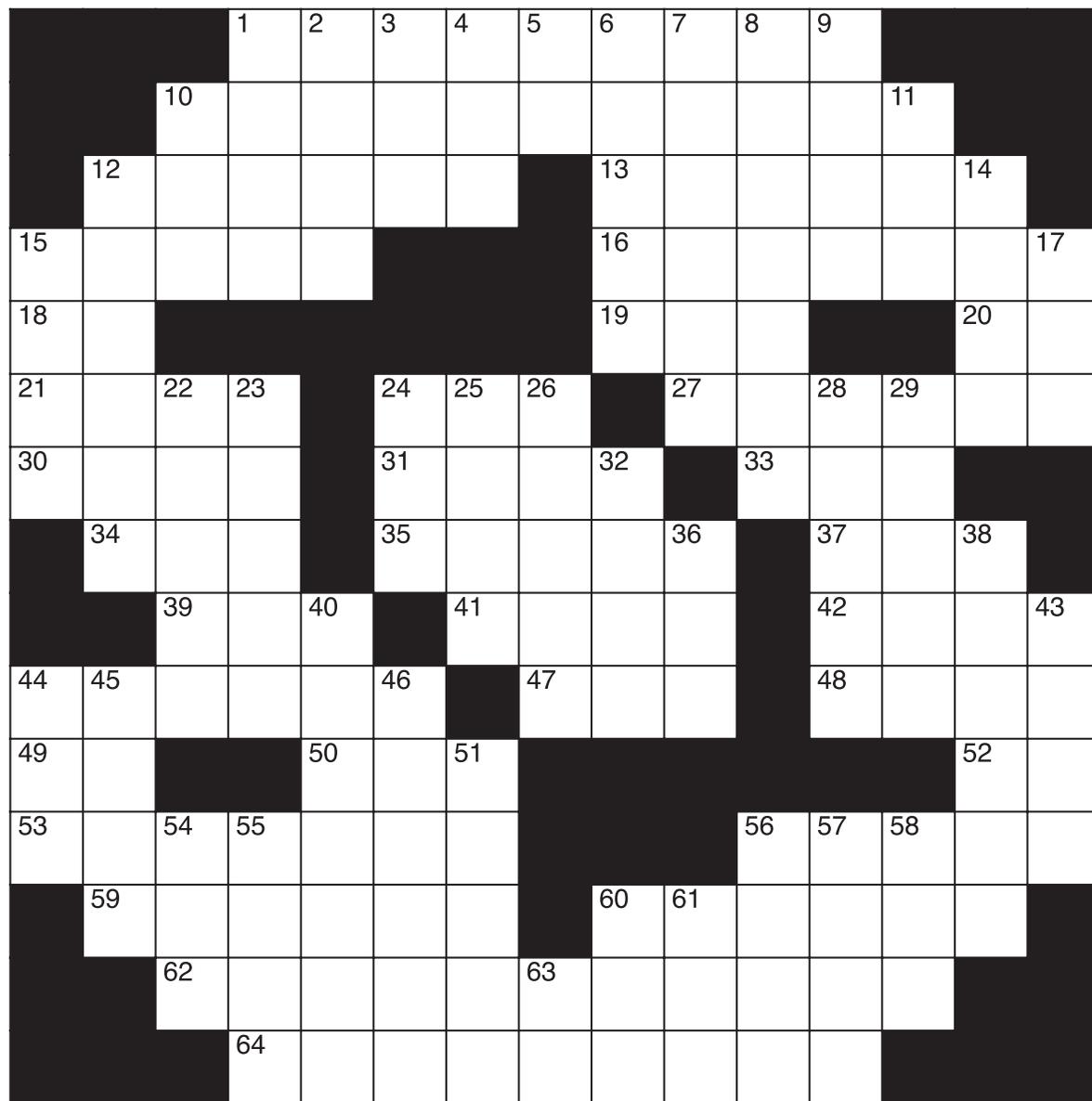
like Mays and McCovey and hurler Juan Marichal but also the recent players on the Giants' World Series-winning teams of 2010, 2012 and 2014.

The pre-game ceremony honoring Robinson was most impressive, as entire rosters

were announced rather than just the starters and all aligned on the foul lines as players do to start an All-Star Game or to start a World Series. Doing the announcing were two Hall

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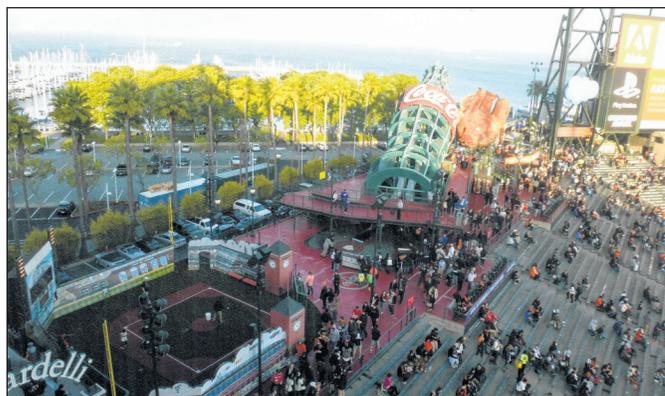
1. Carpenter sharks
10. Billy clubs
12. Cassava
13. Keeness of vision
15. Confidence game
16. Run playfully
18. Article
19. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.
20. 2001 Spielberg film
21. Covered with frosting
24. Own (Scottish)
27. Model stance
30. Italian greeting
31. Oh, God!
33. Radioactivity unit
34. Feeling of personal worth

35. Befitting a ruler
37. Waterproof raincoat
39. Root mean square (abbr.)
41. Napoleonic island
42. Whale ship captain
44. Put in advance
47. Sensory receptor
48. Porzana carolina
49. 13th state
50. Graz city river
52. Promotional material
53. Gather into a book
56. Reduce in amount
59. Slow and apathetic
60. Not liquids or gasses
62. Caused to continue
64. Owner

## CLUES DOWN

1. Kitchen basin
2. Currency exchange fee
3. BBC Doctor
4. Supervises interstate commerce
5. Iceland (abbr.)
6. Cache
7. Diaphragm spasm
8. So. Am. country
9. Low fat milk
10. Not-a-Number
11. Engine additive
12. Home of Ball State
14. To bear young (sheep or goats)
15. Beijing Automotive Group
17. Oil drilling apparatus
22. Tidal bore
23. Condemns to ruin
24. Of she
25. "The African Queen" screenwriter James

26. Former US gold coin worth 10 dollars
28. So. African Music Awards
29. Potato state
32. Aha \_\_\_ Honeymoon
36. Household god (Roman)
38. Gemstone weight units
40. Half pro
43. Past tense of bid
44. Communist China
45. Public mob violence
46. Dutch bulbs
51. Networks (Spanish)
54. Floor cleaner
55. Train for something (informal)
56. Low female voice
57. Coffin stand
58. Sum
60. Pig genus
61. W. hemisphere assoc.
63. Atomic #52



The view from behind the left field stands at AT&T Park, San Francisco, home of the Giants.

of Fame broadcasters, Vin Scully, longtime Dodger announcer, and Jon Miller, who broadcasts for the Giants.

For us, no trip to the ballpark is complete without sampling some food and beverage, despite the fact that ballpark prices really are so high. And, at AT&T Park, no food is more famous than garlic fries, which are generously sliced spuds cooked in olive oil, garlic cloves

and chopped parsley leaves and liberally sprinkled with salt. As for beverage, while Jane quaffed a Diet Coke, I enjoyed a frothy Anchor Steam, one of San Fran's most popular brews.

The Dodgers prevailed in extra innings, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm for me. Part of the fun of the evening was that Jane knew every answer I asked her about the game. Whenever I asked who

got that hit or caught that fly or stole that base, she was dead on in responding, "Number 42!"

After the game, due to the lateness and darkness, we hailed a taxi to get us back for a final night of repose in our Holiday Inn Express on North Point Street. The next morning it would be off the San Francisco International Airport for the flight back to Ohio. Thus ended our Northern California odyssey.

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# Events Calendar

## THU OCT 1, 2015

### Financial Peace University

10:00 am The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### Senior Citizens Services Tax Levy Rally

10:00 am Allen County Council On Aging, 215 N. Central Ave., Lima.

### Art Night

6:00 pm Wassenberg Art Center, 214 S. Washington St., Van Wert.

### Lima City Council President Candidates' Forum & Debate

7:00 pm St. Luke Lutheran Church, 209 W. North St., Lima. Third Ward Councilman Jesse Lowe II and current city council president John Nixon.

## FRI OCT 2, 2015

### Flu Shot Clinic

2:00 pm First National Bank, 102 E. Main St., Pandora.

### Kids Night Out

7:00 pm Putnam County YMCA, 101 Putnam Pkwy, Ottawa. \$6-\$12.

### Haunted Town Hall

7:30 pm Downtown LaFayette, 101 Main St., LaFayette. \$9.

### Popcorn & Movie Night at the Lima Astronomical Society

8:00 pm Schoonover Observatory, 670 N. Jefferson St., Lima.

## SAT OCT 3, 2015

### Pancake Day, Fraternal Order of Police

6:00 am Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 750 W. Robb Ave., Lima. \$4-\$8.

### BattleRun2015

8:00 am Heritage Park Lima, OH.

### Pumpkin Festival and Ride-a-thon/Fundraiser

9:00 am Fassett Farm, 22532 Grubb Road, Cridersville.

### Delphos Market Fest

10:00 am 10740 Elida Road, 10740 Elida Road, Delphos.

### Primrose Fall Craft Boutique

11:00 am Primrose Retirement Community, 3500 Elm St., Lima.

### Serenity Stables Therapeutic Center Annual Fundraiser

6:00 pm Simon Kenton School Gym, 705 N. Ida St., Kenton. \$30.

### Gospel Concert

7:00 pm Westside United Methodist Church, 604 Gloria Ave., Lima.

Benefits Churches United Pantry.

### Haunted Town Hall in LaFayette

7:30 pm Downtown LaFayette, 101 Main St., LaFayette. \$9.

## SUN OCT 4, 2015

### Food Pantry

8:00 am Lima Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1976 Spencerville Road, Lima. First-time visitors need to bring a photo identification, proof of address and birth certificates of those living in the home.

### Farm Toy Show

9:00 am Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St., Van Wert. \$2.

## MON OCT 5, 2015

### Financial Peace University

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### Auglaize Township Trustees Meeting

7:30 pm 7726, Bellefontaine Road, Harrod.

### 2015 Amsoil Engine Masters Challenge

All Day UNOH High Performance Motorsports Complex, 1744 Hartzler Road, Lima. Five competition classes. . Free.

## TUE OCT 6, 2015

### City Council President Candidates Forum/Debate

5:30 pm The City Club, 114 South Main Street, 3rd Floor, Lima. Third Ward Councilman Jesse Lowe II and current city council president John Nixon.

### Financial Peace University

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm Lima Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1976 Spencerville Road, Lima.

### 2015 Amsoil Engine Masters Challenge

All Day UNOH High Performance Motorsports Complex, 1744 Hartzler Road, Lima. Five competition classes. Free.

## WED OCT 7, 2015

### Lima Noon Optimist Club

12:00 pm The Lima Elks Lodge #54, 302 W. North Street, Lima. Nick Kellis / Heartland Image Foundation.

### TOPS Club

4:00 pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market St., Lima.

### Financial Peace University

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### 2015 Amsoil Engine Masters Challenge

All Day UNOH High Performance Motorsports Complex, 1744 Hartzler Road, Lima. Five competition classes. . Free.

## THU OCT 8, 2015

### Auglaize County Historical Society Fall Bus Trip

9:00 am Auglaize County Historical Society, 206 W Main St, Wapakoneta. To Brown County. \$77-\$87.

### Financial Peace University

10:00 am The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### Art Night

6:00 pm Wassenberg Art Center, 214 S. Washington St., Van Wert.

### Take Back the Night

6:00 pm OSU-Lima, 3900 Campus Drive, Lima. Domestic violence awareness.

### Allen County Ohio Patriots

6:30 pm Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office, 3230 N. Cole St., Lima. With James Sponseller, Attorney from Paulding County, on nullification.

### Dancing with Lima 2015

7:00 pm UNOH Event Center, Cable Road, Lima. Muscular Dystrophy charities fundraiser. \$25.

### 2015 Amsoil Engine Masters Challenge

All Day UNOH High Performance Motorsports Complex, 1744 Hartzler Road, Lima. Five competition classes. . Free.

## FRI OCT 9, 2015

### Haunted Town Hall

7:30 pm Downtown LaFayette, 101 Main St., LaFayette. \$9.

### 2015 Amsoil Engine Masters Challenge

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## SAT OCT 10, 2015

### Cable Road Alliance Church Community Health Fair

8:00 am Cable Road Alliance Church, 2264 North Cable Road, Lima.

### Wrestling and Respect

7:00 pm UAW Hall, 1440 Bellefontaine Ave., Lima. \$10-\$15.

### Magician Mike Super

7:30 pm The Niswonger Performing Arts Center, 10700 SR 118 South, Van Wert. \$20-\$40.

## SUN OCT 11, 2015

### St. Matthew Church Octoberfest

2:30 pm St. Matthew Church Octoberfest, 5050 St. Matthew Drive, Lima.

## MON OCT 12, 2015

### Financial Peace University

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

## TUE OCT 13, 2015

### Westinghouse Sundstrand Retirees Meeting

11:30 am Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, 2721 Elida Rd., Lima.

### Kiwanis Club of Lima

11:45 am Milano Caf, 2383 Elida Rd, Lima. Gretchen Staley, director of the Children's Garden and Master Gardeners.

### Sertoma Club

12:00 pm Old Barn Out Back, 3175 W. Elm St., Lima.

### Financial Peace University

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### West Central Ohio Autism Community Support Group

6:30 pm Market Street Presbyterian Church, 1100 W. Market St., Lima.

### Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm Lima Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1976 Spencerville Road, Lima.

## WED OCT 14, 2015

### TOPS Club

4:00 pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market St., Lima.

### Financial Peace University

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

## THU OCT 15, 2015

### Financial Peace University

10:00 am The Church at Allentown,

4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

### Fall Buckeye Bash

5:30 pm Willow Bend Country Club, 579 Hospital Drive, Van Wert. \$15.

### Art Night

6:00 pm Wassenberg Art Center, 214 S. Washington St., Van Wert.

### Mercer County Democratic Party Dinner featuring State Rep. Fred Strahorn

6:00 pm Celina Eagles Lodge, 1400 E. Market St., Celina. With Fred Strahorn, the Minority Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives. \$25.

## FRI OCT 16, 2015

### Salvation Army Coat Give-Away

9:00 am The Salvation Army, 614 E Market St, Lima. This is the Salvation Army's annual coat giveaway and Christmas assistance sign up. Please bring ID, such as Social Security cards and birth certificates, for everyone in the household, proof of income for last 30 days, receipts for household expenses, including utilities, and proof of residency.

### Van Wert County Apple Festival

11:00 am Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St., Van Wert.

### Mennonite Education: Past, Present and Future

6:00 pm Bluffton University, Bluffton. Workshops and panel and roundtable discussions. \$30-\$75.

## SAT OCT 17, 2015

### Van Wert County Apple Festival

9:00 am Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S. Washington St., Van Wert.

### Delphos Market Fest

10:00 am 10740 Elida Road, 10740 Elida Road, Delphos.

### Mennonite Education: Past, Present and Future

6:00 pm Bluffton University, Bluffton. \$30-\$75.

## SUN OCT 18, 2015

### Food Pantry

8:00 am Lima Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1976 Spencerville Road, Lima.

### Allen County Genealogical Society

2:00 pm Allen County Museum, 620 W Market Street, Lima.

**An Evening with Rogers and Hammerstein**

3:00 pm James F. Dicke Auditorium, New Bremen OH, 901 East Monroe Street, New Bremen. \$15-\$30.  
**Mennonite Education: Past, Present and Future**  
 7:30 pm Bluffton University, Bluffton. \$30-\$75.

**MON OCT 19, 2015**

**Allen County ESC**

6:00 pm Allen County Educational Service Center, 1920 Slabtown Rd., Lima.

**Auglaize Township Trustees Meeting**

7:30 pm 7726, Bellefontaine Road, Harrod.

**TUE OCT 20, 2015**

**Kiwanis Club of Lima Ohio**

11:45 am Milano Caf, 2383 Elida Rd, Lima.

**Sertoma Club**

12:00 pm Old Barn Out Back, 3175

W. Elm St., Lima.

**Financial Peace University**

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

**Prayer Meeting**

7:00 pm Lima Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1976 Spencerville Road, Lima.

**WED OCT 21, 2015**

**TOPS Club**

4:00 pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market St., Lima.

**Veterans Memorial Civic Center Board of Trustees**

4:30 pm Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center-Lima, 7 Town Square, Lima.

**Financial Peace University**

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

**THU OCT 22, 2015**

**Financial Peace University**

10:00 am The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

**Heir Force Community School Board**

6:00 pm Heir Force Community School, 2000 N. Cole St., Lima.

**Art Night**

6:00 pm Wassenberg Art Center, 214 S. Washington St., Van Wert.

**FRI OCT 23, 2015**

**Disney Winnie the Pooh Kids**

7:30 pm Encore Theatre, 991 North Shore Drive, Lima. Ages 10 & under \$5 All others \$10.

**SAT OCT 24, 2015**

**Monthly Breakfast**

8:00 am Lima Masonic Center, 2165 N. Cole St., Lima. \$6.

**Murder Inn**

7:00 pm Van Wert Senior Center, 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. \$28.

**Disney Winnie the Pooh Kids**

7:30 pm Encore Theatre, 991 North Shore Drive, Lima. Ages 10 & under \$5 All others \$10.

**SUN OCT 25, 2015**

**Murder Inn**

1:00 pm Van Wert Senior Center, 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. \$28.

**Disney Winnie the Pooh Kids**

2:00 pm Encore Theatre, 991 North Shore Drive, Lima. Ages 10 & under \$5 All others \$10.

**MON OCT 26, 2015**

**Financial Peace University**

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

**TUE OCT 27, 2015**

**Kiwanis Club of Lima**

11:45 am Milano Caf, 2383 Elida Rd, Lima. The speaker will be Cynthia Scanland, the executive director of Children Services.

**Sertoma Club**

12:00 pm Old Barn Out Back, 3175 W. Elm St., Lima.

**Financial Peace University**

6:00 pm The Church at Allentown,

4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

**Prayer Meeting**

7:00 pm Lima Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1976 Spencerville Road, Lima.

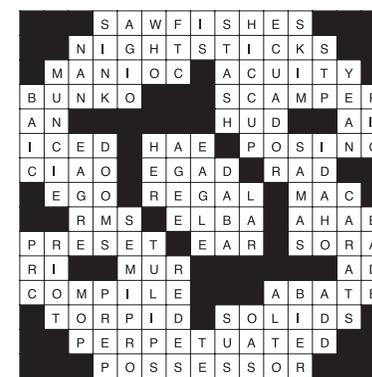
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**Toenail Clinic**

1:00 pm Adult Day Care Center,

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by John  
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## The vintage Rosarian year of 1951

It's always difficult for students to return to school. After all, who wants to trade in all those lazy, sun-drenched summer days for the disapproving looks of teachers and the drudgery of homework?

But for those returning to St. Rose High School in 1951, especially the athletes like John Zerante, Bill Bourk and Ernie Bonanno, there was still some residual giddiness after they contributed to a Class B state title in baseball in the spring, a season in which the Cardinals were a perfect 15-0.

It was indeed a new year, however, so it was time to put the memories of diamond success aside and turn their attention to football. One of the key figures on that state champion baseball team, John Zerante, who had five of the team's 15 total wins, at that point, had only played baseball.

Recalls Zerante, "In my first couple of years in high school, I really hadn't filled out physically. You see, I was a full year younger than my classmates because I started school early when we were living in Chicago Heights. So, even going into my senior year, I was still only 16.

"As a freshman and sophomore, I was only about 5'3" and around 130 pounds. But, during my junior year and over the summer before my senior year, I'd grown seven inches and gained 50 pounds, so I started thinking at the end of the summer that maybe I wanted to give football a try."

Zerante knew, as most at St. Rose who saw him pitch, that



John Zerante wears No. 29, first row, first from left, in this St. Rose Cardinals photo from 1951.

Courtesy of John Zerante

he had a strong arm. Additionally, everyone also knew that the quarterback position was open since Dick Finn, the 1950 quarterback as well as top pitcher on the baseball team with ten wins, had graduated and moved on to Columbus to play baseball there at Ohio State.

In the fall of '50, Finn, who Zerante calls one of Lima's best schoolboy players of all time, had guided to Cardinals to an outstanding 8-1 record, with just one blemish against Shawnee keeping Finn from playing

on two undefeated teams his senior year.

Zerante recalls, "The head coach was Allen Willoughby and his assistants were Bill Arthur and Tom Hannan, who was also the school's athletic director. Both Willoughby and Arthur were really just starting out in coaching, fresh off the campus at Ohio Northern.

"Well, I went to Arthur and told him I thought I could play quarterback. Now, Arthur knew I'd never played before, so he asked me why I thought I could

start at quarterback without ever having played. I told him that I could throw a football 50 yards, and he said, 'Show me.'

"I threw the first one 45 yards and the second one 50 yards. He looked at me and said, 'I think we just found our quarterback.'"

Donning the pads for the first time, Zerante did indeed win the job and led the Cardinal squad onto the Cardinals' home field at Lima Stadium and also onto visiting fields throughout the region.

Like many teams of that era, Willoughby and his assistants installed the spinner T offense, which was designed to allow a running back in motion to receive the ball at full speed. The "spin" part of the offense referred to the spinning the quarterback would do to add deception to the sets.

Despite never having played a high school down to that point, Zerante ran the offense flawlessly and was aided greatly by

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two of the best backs in the city that year — Bill Bourk and Jim Stolly — who shared Lima's scoring title that year with 11 touchdowns each.

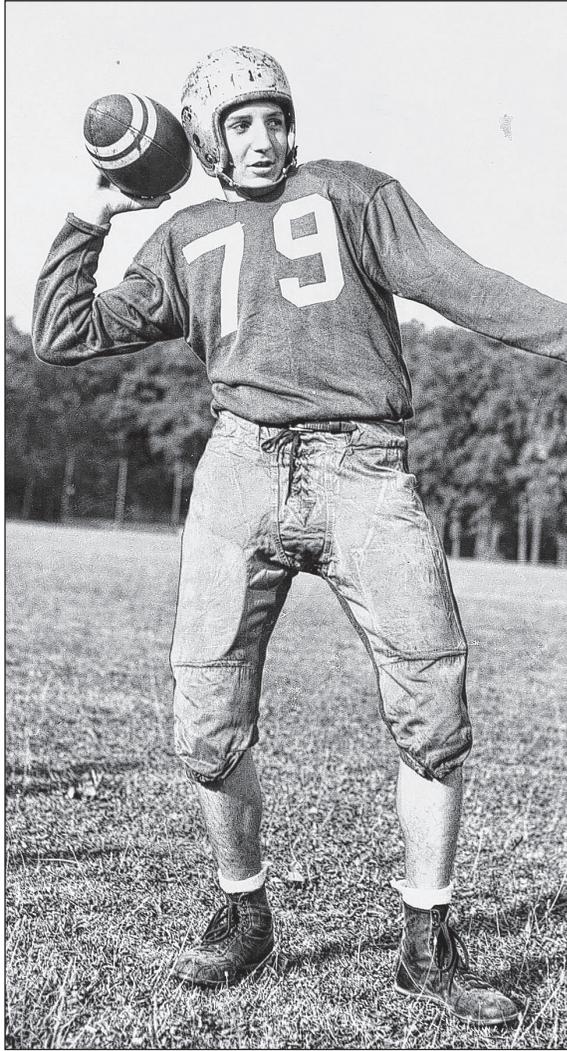
On the road in the opener, the Cards rolled over Coldwater, 31-0 behind a stout defense, three Bourk TD runs and an 11-yard TD pass from Zerante to Kevin O'Connor.

Week 2 was another convincing win, 25-7, against Carey. Bourk again was the big horse, with 256 yards rushing and three more TD's.

Two more wins followed in the next two weeks, 13-6 at Marion St. Marys, and then a more comfortable 26-7 in Columbus against Columbus St. Marys. Zerante was locked in that night, tossing three TD passes, one to Bob Williams, one to Jim Stolly and another to Bill Bourk.

Then St. Rose ran roughshod over Ada, 58-20, and stood a perfect 5-0 heading into the revenge game against Shawnee, the team that spoiled the Rosarians' perfect season in the fall of 1950. At that time, the St. Rose-Shawnee game was approaching the South-Central game as Limaland's best football rivalry.

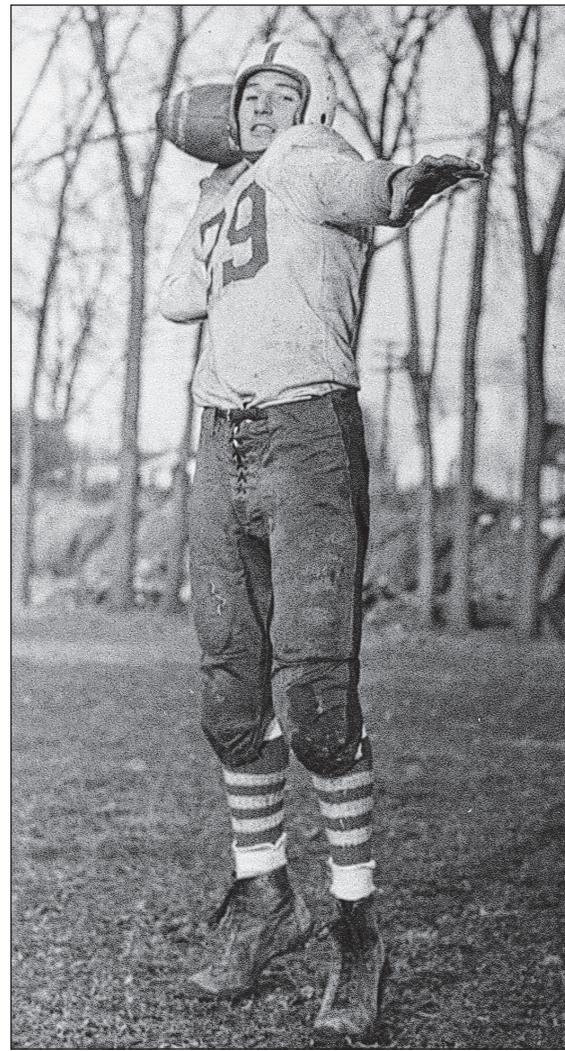
St. Rose headed into the contest winners of seventeen of its last eighteen football games, and Lima football fans flocked



John Zerante shares photos from his high school football career.

to Lima Stadium that night. Recalls Zerante, "The stadium was electric, and the place was packed, over 5,000 fans."

Despite the advantages that were supposed to come playing at home, St. Rose quickly fell behind 14-0, the score carrying



Courtesy of John Zerante

into halftime. However, a strong second half by Ernie Bonanno, who scored on TD runs of 58 and 22 yards, and two all impor-

tant points after touchdowns by Zerante, who fulfilled another key role as a first-year player, knotted the score at 14-14, which is the way it ended.

St. Rose ran the rack from there, 39-12 over Columbus Holy Cross in week seven, 48-7 in week eight over Waynesfield, and in the ninth and final week, 34-0 over Rockford. Zerante played well in all three games and certainly saved his best game for the last two. In the Waynesfield win, the man many know as "Z" had a 40-yard TD run from scrimmage, returned a punt 45 yards for a second TD and threw a 45-yard TD pass to Bonanno.

In his final game, the first-year quarterback who had to audition by proving he could throw a football a half a football field had perhaps the best game of that 1951 fall of any area quarterback. He threw four touchdown passes and kicked four extra points.

The team with just 33 boys on the roster was 8-0-1, the best record in school history. And, it was time to store the football pads and look to the gym for another season.

Please join me next month for a look back at the St. Rose basketball campaign of 1951 in a final installment of the best athletic year ever for the McKibben Street Cards.

1151 Westwood Dr, Van Wert. \$10.  
**TOPS Club**  
4:00 pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 301 W. Market St., Lima.  
**Financial Peace University**  
6:00 pm The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.

**THU OCT 29, 2015**

**Financial Peace University**

10:00 am The Church at Allentown, 4900 Allentown Road, Elida.  
**Trunk or Treat 2015**  
6:00 pm Calvary Chapel of Praise, 1601 Rebecca Drive, Lima.  
**Art Night**  
6:00 pm Wassenberg Art Center, 214 S. Washington St., Van Wert.  
**Annual Elida Village Halloween Costume Contest and Party**  
7:00 pm Elida High School-OH, 401

E. North St., Elida.

**FRI OCT 30, 2015**

**Murder Inn**  
7:00 pm Van Wert Senior Center, 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. \$28.

**SAT OCT 31, 2015**

**Meals 'til Monday 5k & Half**

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**Marathon Race Fundraiser**  
9:00 am Elida Elementary School, 300 Pioneer Road, Elida. All ages are welcome to register and walk, jog, or run in the 6th annual race fundraiser for Meals 'til Monday. Please visit mealstilmonday.org and click on the events tab to read all the details. Register online at active.com or download a form to mail in from the website. \$20-\$50.

**8th Annual Craft Show**  
9:00 am Ottawa-Glandorf High School, 630 Glendale Ave., Ottawa.  
**Murder Inn**  
7:00 pm Van Wert Senior Center, 220 Fox Road, Van Wert. \$28.  
**Autumn Harvest of Crafts Show**  
All Day Ottawa-Glandorf High School, 630 Glendale Ave., Ottawa. By The Friends of the Putnam County District Library.

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### Quick Hearing Survey....

1. I look directly at people to understand what they are saying.

YES     NO     SOMETIMES

2. I turn the TV up loud.

YES     NO     SOMETIMES

3. I have trouble understanding conversation in a crowd.

YES     NO     SOMETIMES

If you answered yes to any of these, it could be due to a common hearing loss. Hearing is one of your 5 senses and it is important to keep it functioning. Sometimes maintaining your independence depends on it.

	<u>Competitors:</u>	<u>OHP:</u>
Comprehensive Hearing Evaluation	\$125	<b>FREE</b>
Cleaning (new or current aids)	\$25	<b>FREE</b>
Disposable Parts for RIC aids	\$50	<b>FREE</b>
Batteries (Up to 1 Yr. w/purchase)	\$90	<b>FREE</b>
Check ups (Unlimited)	\$35	<b>FREE</b>
In house services	\$150	<b>FREE</b>
Adjustments/ reprogramming	\$50	<b>FREE</b>
Remote	\$150	<b>FREE</b>
Veterans: service	\$25	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>FREE</b>

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