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About the Cover:

Lorain's Justin Sturgill became the 52nd recipient of the Lorain County Golden Helmet Award last season. The Titans' quarterback helped lead Lorain to a 8-3 record and a playoff berth in 2017 by completing 104 of 175 passes for a total of 1,424 yards and 22 touchdowns. On the ground, he carried the ball for another 293 yards and crossed the goal line three times. Sturgeill is the first Golden Helmet winner for Lorain since 1987 when tailback Dennis Washington earned the honor. Sturgill will continue his academic and athletic career at Mont Union as a member of the Purple Raiders this season.

Welcome to another edition of FORECAST!

Yes, it's time for another season of outstanding high school football on AM 930 WEOL, www.weol.com and the WEOL mobile app. Whether it's a single game on Thursday, three games on Friday, or multiple games on Saturday, you can count on us for wall to wall, in-depth team coverage of high school football.

Once again this year, AM 930 WEOL will be your home for The Ohio State University Buckeyes, a team that for the first time in recent years won't feature a quarterback named J.T. Barrett.

We hope FORECAST will help you enjoy the 2018 seasons of OSU and your favorite high school teams.

Look for our feature on the 2018 edition of the Cleveland Browns; a new season, a new front office and yet another new starting quarterback.

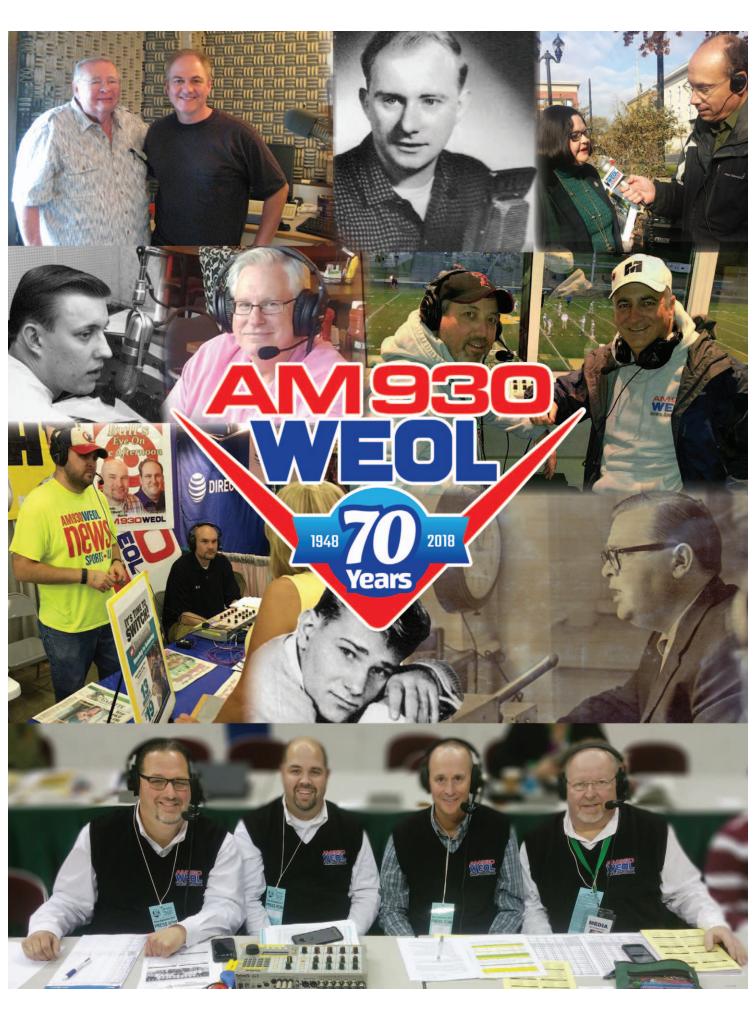
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2018 Lorain County High School Football Preview

By: Tim Alcorn

High School football is unique. Unlike all the other high school sports, the beginning of the high school football season has a special distinction because it's so highly anticipated. That first game of the season is a cause for celebration. Football season is here! We feel the same way at AM930 WEOL. We are ready to kick off the '18 campaign! Let's look at the Lorain County teams and find out why this years' season is one to be excited about.

Lorain fans are excited about the football season for several reasons. Dave McFarland has established a winning program, and the Titans come off another playoff season, so success is now the norm in Lorain. While the Titans need to replace 2017 Golden Helmet winner in quarterback Justin Sturgill, they have a bevy of skill players returning, including playmakers such as running backs Daylin Dower and Savon Chavis and wide receiver Tyshawn Lighty, a group that helped an offense score over 40 points per game last year. Defensively, the Titans will be led by outstanding linebacker Cairo Smith. The entire city of Lorain is also excited about the new home turf at George Daniel Field, donated by the Cleveland Browns. It looks incredible, and will be a true sense of pride for the district and the entire community.

Speaking of community pride, it doesn't get any bigger than



Amherst's Khennedy Scagliozzo shakes a tackle against North Olmsted.

what's in store for Elyria. The Pioneers will not only have new turf, but an entire new stadium and athletic complex for 2018! As the Chronicle-Telegram's Tim Gebhardt recalls in this edition of Forecast, Ely Stadium had some incredible moments, but it was time for a change and the new complex is remarkable. Head coach Sean Arno is hoping the new digs will provide some stimulus for winning football too. Elvria comes off a 1-9 season, but with returnees such as offensive linemen Nate Bryant. Chris King, and Nick Arno; and Aaron Frost, Iziah Thomas, and Adaveon Drummer in the backfield, the Elyria offense should



Fireland's Blake Ruffner runs past a Buckeye defender.

be formidable. On defense, Elyria will rely on veteran linemen Joe Emerson and Lewis Aguilar, as well as returnees Mike Knapp, Sinquae Grant, Noah France, and Ty Allgood.

In the SWC, Avon has had a beautiful complex, winning football, and community pride for quite some time. Coming off an incredible 2017 in which the Eagles went through an unbeaten regular season and advanced all the way to the state semifinal round, Mike Elder's team will reload for another great campaign in 2018. With outstanding quarterback Ryan Maloy returning, the high octane offense should pick up right where it left off last November. Also offensively the Eagles bring back running backs Nick Perusek and Mark Steinmetz, receivers Tommy Purcell and Jake Parker, and linemen Matt Schuler and Jack Roesch. Steinmetz and Roesch will play defensively as well, and will be joined on that side of the ball by returnee Rvan Jones in the secondary. The

Midview Middies have had their share of success the past few seasons and look to keep things rolling in 2018. Coming off a playoff year in '17, head coach DJ Shaw did lose a multitude of key players from that senior laden team. A couple of three year starters at wide

receiver in Seth Sanders and Isiah Johnson will play key roles this year, as will returning lineman Daniel Bucknavich. Defensively, Zac Gill will add a veteran presence to a team that will be young on that side of the foot-. ball.

At North Ridgeville, the Rangers will look to build off a strong second half of the season last year. Coming back from that 3-7 squad are defensive veterans Cael Bright and Tyler Richmond at linebacker and Patrick Casselberry in the line, while on offense, the Rangers will rely on Matt Steinmetz at quarterback and Cade Riley at running back, with center Jacob Mozny anchoring the guys up front.

Avon Lake had a respectable 6-4 campaign in '17 but will look to take it up a notch with returnees on offense like 1,000 yard rusher Konner Riggs, quarterback Jack Mikolich, wide receivers Cole Schraff and Luke Fedders, and lineman Ryan Beckman, as well as defensive veterans Nick Marsh, Noah



Elvria Catholic new coach Brian Fox.

Welsh, and Matt Sanders. The Shoremen could be primed for a memorable season. It was a turnaround campaign at Amherst last fall, as first year head coach Mike Passarello led the Comets to a 6-4 finish, their first winning campaign in a while.

Amherst features the outstanding Khennedy Scagliozzo at running back, one of the best in the area. Joe Tomaro will play a key role at wide receiver and Jared Prete anchors the line at center. Defensively, the Comets

Judd Smerglia



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have terrific some veteran linebackers in Aidan Johnson, Christian Velez, and Nathan Soto. Elsewhere in the SWC, Olmsted Falls comes off another great year which resulted in a deep postseason run. The Bulldogs will be formidable as always. North Olmsted finally moves into their sparkling new facility and will finally play true home games. Westlake, Berea-Midpark, and Lakewood round out the conference.

The Vermilion Sailors put together a solid 5-5 year in 2017, but the shocking passing of their first year head coach Matt Kobal shortly after the season concluded stunned the team and the community. Brett Colahan, who had been the Sailors Offensive Coordinator, was named head coach in January. While Coach Colahan understands the circumstances are difficult, the silver lining is that he was on the Sailor staff and knows the play-

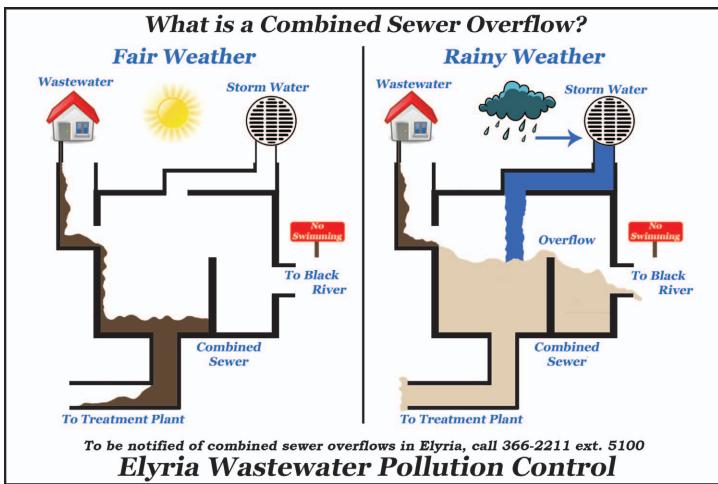


Lorain's Daylin Dower catches the ball in the endzone.

ers very well. Vermilion has a strong returning cast, which includes two-way standouts quarterback and defensive back Seth Hurd, receiver and defensive back Jonah Pfeil, and receiver and defensive lineman Luke Pena. The Sailors will face rugged competition every week in a very competitive Sandusky

Bay Conference. At Elyria Catholic, the Panthers welcome new head coach

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FOOTBALL

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Brian Fox. Fox brings an extensive resume to the job, most recently as an assistant at Heidelberg University. EC slipped to 3-7 last year, so some work is in order. The good news is the Panthers have some talented athletes back including quarterback Cam Engrish, all-around skill player Gavan Hrobat, and lineman Jack Decker offensively; and David Griffin, Leighton Banjoff, and Griffin Davies on the defensive side. EC competes in the tough Great Lakes Conference so the likes of bigger schools such as Bay, Rocky River, Holy Name and Parma as well as Normandy and Valley Forge provide some stiff competition.

The Patriot Athletic Conference may be winding things down as a league, but they will crank it up for action on the gridiron again this fall. In the Stars Division, the **Buckeye** Bucks will look to continue their impressive string of success, coming off a 10-0 regular season and yet another playoff appearance last season.

Black River had only one regular season setback last year and that was to the Bucks, so head coach Alan Young will once again reload the Pirates for another stellar campaign.

First year head coach Ryan O'Rourke had a rousing debut as the head coach at **Firelands**. The Falcons come off a tremendous 8-2 season in which they just missed the playoffs. A Firelands offense that averaged 33 points per game returns running backs Donald Crawford and Blake Ruffner, wide receiver Alex Angle, and center JP Mullins. Defensively, Ruffner holds down a linebacker position while Matt Kovach returns in the secondary.

Keystone will look to build off a 4-6 '17 season in which a slew of young players gained valuable experience. Don Griswold welcomes back quarterback Jacob Shackelford, as well as wide receivers Cory Hartle and Karson Cendrosky on the offensive side, while defensively, the Cats return lineman Jarod Febel, linebacker Dalton Weber, and safety Dylan Naylor.

Brookside took some lumps in



New Elyria Athletic Complex.

a 2-8 year in 2017, but head coach Paul Ferguson is excited about the return of key veterans Malachi Sheffield and Adam Borgmann on defense and Tim Borgmann and Ravin Anderson on offense to start the turnaround of the Cardinal football fortunes.

At Wellington, the Dukes named Rob Howells their new head coach in December after struggling through a winless year last season. Howells most recently had been the offensive coordinator at North Ridgeville. Coach Howells will attempt to re-establish the once proud tradition of the Dukes. Key returnees for Wellington will be quarterback Ben Higgins, as well as numerous two-way players including running back and free safety Mason McClellan, wide receiver and cornerback Parker Adler, tight end and linebacker Nick Laposky, as well as guard and linebacker Jayson Keenan.

On the Stripes side of the PAC, **Clearview** found their winning ways again in '17, posting a 9-1 regular season mark and a return to the post-season. Mike Collier now looks to sustain that taste of winning division championships and playoff football. The Clips are returning some standout players, including several players who perform on both sides of the ball. Drew Engle and David Renftle are both running backs on offense while Drew plays in the secondary on defense and David is a linebacker. Jordan Reed is a wide receiver and free safety. Avrey Cruz is an offensive lineman and linebacker and Julian Colbert is tight end and defensive lineman for the Clippers. It looks like a promising season is in store at Clearview.

A real feel good story in 2017 was the nice season fashioned by Oberlin. The Phoenix finished at 5-5 overall and just one game behind the Clippers in the Stripes Division. Head coach Mike Akers will look to build off that .500 season with several standout two-way players returning. Aaron Arnold is a veteran wide receiver and defensive back, while the trio of Riley Horning, Ravon Eisom, and Devin Randleman are running backs and linebackers. Sam Thompson is a wide receiver who also plays on the defensive line, and a two way lineman for

the Phoenix is Alex Rucker.

Columbia was also 5-5 last year, but struggled after losing sensational multi-dimensional player Brandon Coleman to a knee injury. Word is, Coleman is fully recovered, which indicates a big bounce back season for the Raiders, and big trouble for their opponents because when healthy, Coleman is unstoppable. Not only is Coleman back, but head coach Jason Ward also will see veteran quarterback Jared Bycznski return, as well as tackle Nick Milluzzi on offense, while Logan Wos at tackle, Danny Snakovsky at linebacker, and Bailey Coleman in the secondary will return on defense for the Raiders. Columbia would love nothing more than another Stripes Division championship and a return to post-season football in 2018. Fairview, Lutheran West, and Brooklyn are the three remaining teams in the Stripes.

The wait is always worth it and our anticipation is about to be satisfied with the kickoff of the 2018 season. There is nothing like northeast Ohio high school football. Let's hope the upcoming season is as great as we think it will be.



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8/31	Midview @ North Ridgeville	10/11 Lorain @ Maple Heights
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9/14	Keystone @ Columbia	10/18 Ely Catholic @ Normandy
9/21	Olm. Falls @ No. Ridgeville	10/19 TBA
9/28	Amherst @ Olmsted Falls	10/26 TBA
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8/31	Brookside @ Vermilion	8/24 Highland @ Brunswick
9/7	Avon @ Avon Lake	8/31 Highland @ Medina
9/8	Lorain @ Elyria 1:30pm	9/7 Ontario @ Black River
9/14	Midview @ Amherst	9/14 Coventry @ Cloverleaf
9/21	Fairview @ Firelands	9/21 Columbia @ Buckeye
9/28	Ely Catholic @ Parma	9/28 Green @ Highland
10/5	Warrensville @ Lorain	10/5 Black River @ Buckeye
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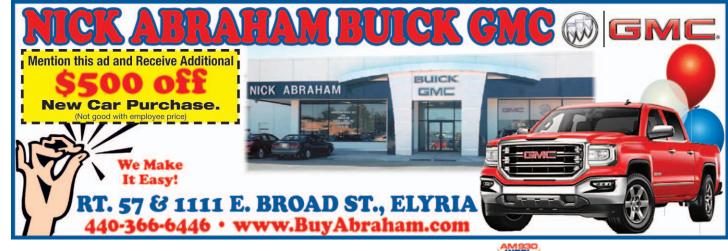
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Paying it Forward

By Tom Evans

I had a unique experience take place this spring that I, as a fan of high school football and all things associated with it, feel obligated to pass it along. I received a phone call from our guidance office that one of our students was receiving a scholarship and the group presenting was stopping by after school and could I be there on behalf of the district to thank the group presenting the scholarship.

As I arrived in our library for the presentation it was no surprise to me that the recipient was **Lexi Martin**, the senior class valedictorian and three sport athlete who will continue her education in South Bend at Notre Dame. What surprised me was the scholarship and the presenters. Their story is little known, but truly one born out of a passion for high school football and those associated with it.

Please understand, Lexi is not a high school football player, or cheerleader, or even band member but a large portion of her life has revolved around high school football as her father, Al Martin is our football and girls basketball coach as well as an outstanding math teacher for the district. Her mother Kathy also works for the district in the Treasurer's office and both of her brothers were football and multi-sport athletes before her at Cuyahoga Heights.



Alexis Martin, Cuyahoga Heights Scholarship winner.

The scholarship is named Field of Learning and its mission is to encourage Ohio high school students to appreciate and write about their learning experiences related to high school football, and to reward as many of them as possible with financial aid to assist in continuing their education. The scholarship is not limited to football players, cheerleaders, and band members, and if you look through the past winners the number of actual football players is minimal.

Applicants are encouraged to write essays describing their personal learning experiences that involve high school football. The rules for the essays are simple; 700-1500 words, a true story in your own words, nothing illegal, profane or sexual in nature, and it should not defame or cast anyone in a bad light. Ok, very interesting but certainly not unique, what is unique are the people who formed the scholarship and their passion for high school football.

This is not a former coach, player, band member, or cheerleader. This a father, his wife, and his two daughters who take on the task of reading hundreds of essays and deciding on winners based on the story the essay writer tells. Their passion of high school football goes deeper than that.

Beginning in 2004 Bruce Ferguson, his wife, and two daughters set out to visit every high school football stadium in the state of Ohio. That's every stadium where high school football is played in Ohio. I con-

sider myself a fan of high school football, but estimate in my time as a fan, coach, and WEOL broad-

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caster to have visited somewhere in the vicinity of 120 stadiums. I quickly realized I'm not in this guy's league.

Bruce and his team have visited **725 high school football stadiums** and have pictures to verify every visit. It took the Ferguson family 11 years to complete the task ending up at Manchester on the Ohio River in 2015.

Since that time, as new schools and fields are constructed, they make a point to get there for a game. When asked why they would take on such a venture the answer was "just because we wanted to." When I asked Mr. Ferguson his favorite field he quickly answered Tank Stadium in Ironton, built in 1926 and a large part of the rich football tradition in Ohio. Their website has a map of the state of Ohio marked with every stadiums location they have visited.



George Daniel Field

The Ferguson family has roots in Lorain County as well. His daughter Lacy, Vice-President of the group, teaches English in the

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The Fields of Learning Scholarship website.

Elvria School system and daughter Merritt, who serves as the group's Treasurer, resides in Avon Lake and is a Principal in the Lakewood school system. The fourth member of the team is Bruce's wife Catherine, who serves as Director of Awards. Fields of Learning has been awarding scholarships since prior to 2010 and to date has awarded \$47,000 in scholarships to students throughout Ohio. When I quoted the \$47,000 amount Bruce responded "I guess so, I never really counted," telling you just how humble the Fergusons are.

Bruce states on the website

that "if we can make a difference for students by sharing the abundance we have been graced with, then Fields of Learning will have achieved its goals." Believe me Bruce; you have achieved your goals. Fields of Learning and the Ferguson family truly "Pays it Forward".

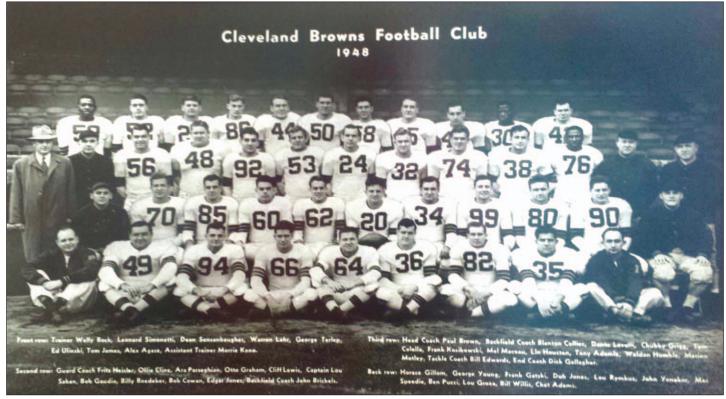
Here's to hoping that every school in Lorain County has a submission this year. For more information on the scholarship you can visit their website at www.fieldsoflearning.org.

Let's strap on the helmet and get ready for another exiting and entertaining year of high school football in Lorain County.





Cleveland Professional Sports in 1948



1948 Browns team.

By: Craig Adams and "Z" Zoltai

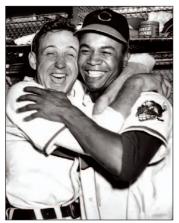
1948 was a banner year for Cleveland's professional baseball and football teams. The Cleveland Indians won their first World Series since 1920, and the Cleveland Browns won the All-America Football Conference championship.

The Cleveland Indians were hard at work during the off-season of 1948, the Cleveland Indians signed then-recent St. Louis Browns manager Muddy Ruel as a coach to join player-manager Lou Boudreau and coach Bill McKechnie, the latter of whom was also a long-time manager. This gave Cleveland a very experienced staff to forge its major league roster into a winning group of ball players.

In addition, there were four notable player transactions during the '48 season including the history making mid-season signing of Satchel Paige from the Negro League.

On July 9th, down 4-1 to the St. Louis Bornws, Tribe Manager Lou Boudreau pulled his starting pitcher, Bob Lemon and brought the legendary Paige into the game. Paige became the oldest rookie in Major League baseball history, and the first black pitcher. He ended the year with a 6–1 record with a 2.48 ERA, 45 strikeouts, and two shutouts.

By August 20th, the Indians were in a heated pennant race and by the end of the season, the Indians and the Boston Red Sox were tied for first place. This led to the first-ever one-game playoff in the American League.



Lary Doby and Steve Gromek.

In that game, the Indians defeated the Red Sox 8–3. Knuckleballer Gene Bearden was given the start for the Indians. Ken Keltner contributed to the victory with his single, double, and 3-run homer over the "Green Monster" in Fenway Park.

After defeating the Red Sox, The Indians would move on to the 1948 World Series against, ironically, another team from Bean Town, the Boston Braves.

The Tribe defeated the Braves 4 games to 2 to win the World Series. Stat-wise, both teams scored 17 runs apiece but the Braves actually outhit the Indians 48-35.

For a series that was a pitching dominated affair, Larry Doby led the Indians in hitting with a .318 batting average. In game four of the series, he also became the first black player to hit a home run in a World Series.

After winning the series, a picture of Doby embracing teammate Steve Gromek was used as the cover of the Plain Dealer. The New York times would call this image, " a signature moment in the integration of Major League Baseball."

What would Sinatra Say: This was the only World Series from 1947 to 1958 not to feature a New York team, and also the last World Series until 1957 not won by a New York team. The two teams would meet again in the 1995 World Series won by the relocated Atlanta Braves.

TV and Radio: In 1948 the radio play-by-play broadcast team fans listened to consisted of Jack Graney and Jimmy Dudley.

It was the first World Series to be televised beyond the previous year's limited New York-Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington network and was announced nationwide on TV by famed sportscasters Red Barber, Tom Hussey (in Boston), and Van Patrick (in Cleveland).

It's interesting to note the '48 season was Patrick's first as a major league TV announcer. Up to then he had worked in the minor leagues. Game 2 of the series made television history. Telecast live from Braves Field in

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Boston, it was shown on televisions aboard the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's Marylander passenger train travelling between Washington, D.C. and New York City. An Associated Press reporter observing the demonstration said, "Technically, it was surprisingly good." (I have told Tim Alcorn that he and I should one day broadcast the Saturday Sport Wrap up from a moving train.)

Why the World Series Drought: The pennant from the last time the Cleveland Indians won the World Series in 1948 has been missing for almost 70 years, prompting some fans to blame the missing memorabilia for the Tribe's lack of championship wins since it was last seen.

The whereabouts of the pennant is a legendary topic. On Sept. 23, 1949, after the Indians were knocked out of contention for that year's World Series, then-owner Bill Veeck thought up the an idea to take advantage of the "lovely championship hangover" and boost revenue by staging an elaborate funeral for the flag.

The pennant was placed in a casket and had a horse-drawn funeral hearse from the 1800s. The 14-by-20-foot pennant was buried behind the fence in the outfield at Cleveland Municipal Stadium, with Indians players serving as pallbearers.

For years, there was a mock grave for the pennant that stood that even had a headstone that said "1948 Champs," As time went on, Indians fans began to forget about the pennant. No one has seen it since it was



buried. One theory is the pennant could have been dug up in the 1990s and mistaken for garbage when ground broke for First Energy Stadium or who knows, maybe it's in the basement of a fan who's just waiting for the "right time" to unveil it.

It was an amazing year for the Cleveland Indians. More than two and a half million fans passed through the gates of Cleveland Municipal Stadium, including more than 86,000 for Game Five of the World Series.

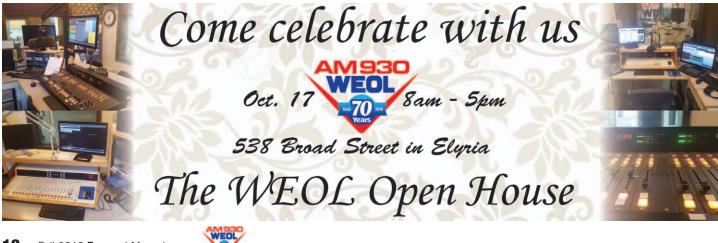
The team featured two pitchers who won 20 games, Bob Lemon and knuckleballer Gene Bearden, and Bob Feller who won 19 contests. Player-Manager Lou Boudreau celebrated his 31st birthday by batting .355 and shagging the American League Most Valuable Player award on his way to being inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1970.

1948 was also an incredible year for the Cleveland Browns, winning every game they played including three in nine days late in the season. The Browns won the AAFC crown for the third consecutive year, beating the Buffalo Bills in the championship game, 49 to 7.

Attendance was up and down...just over 28,000 fans turned out for a game in October, but nearly 83,000 watched the Browns beat the San Francisco 49ers in November.

The Browns were led by the innovative head coach Paul Brown and featured numerous future Pro Football Hall of Famers: Otto Graham, Lou Groza, Dante Lavelli, Bill Willis, Frank Gatski and Marion Motley. The core of the 1948 team entered the NFL in 1950, won their first game against the defending champion Philadelphia Eagles, 35 to 10, then went onto win the NFL championship by defeating the Los Angeles Rams, 30 to 28.

1948 was truly a remarkable year in Cleveland professional sports.





Ely Stadium - 90 Years



Ely Stadium final game.

By Tim Gebhardt

It was Saturday afternoon, October 8, 1927, when the much anticipated opening of Ely Stadium took place on the south side of Elyria. It was lauded as one of the finest football stadiums in the country in accounts written prior to its opening. Lakewood spoiled the debut with a 14-6 win. Lights were not installed until 1930. Over the years, Elyria High has accumulated nearly 600 victories on the football field. The stadium also was home through the history of Elyria West and hosted a number of Elvria Catholic games before K of C Field installed lights.

Ely Stadium has been home to 38 All-Ohio football stars that included Vic Janowicz, Bill Mrukowski, Walt Rock, Les Miles, Hubert Oliver, Steve Tovar and most recently, Chase Farris and Tracy Sprinkle.

The stadium survived a serious fire on April 1, 1970. Children playing with matches under the stadium were blamed in igniting some piles of foam rubber being stored under the bleachers causing about \$25,000 in damages.

The press box went through several updates and refurbishments over the years. Eventually, it was elevated above the stands giving occupants an excellent view of the activities and fans below some protection from rain and wind. Overflow crowds estimated at 8,000 or more were reported by The Chronicle-Telegram over the years as Elyria High would tangle with its big rivals - Lorain High, Admiral King and Sandusky. The stadium hosted a number of playoff games involving area teams. Both Clearview and Wellington were among those that played at Ely Stadium for playoff appearances.

Of course, the stadium also was home for the women's track team that finished runner-up in 2002 and **state champion in 2003** led by Olympic Gold Medalist Tyanna Bartoletta as she is known today. She was Tyanna Madison in her high school days. Other notables were state record high-jumper Mark Cannon and champion pole vaulter Jerry Klyop.

Here are some Memorable Games at Ely Stadium

November 7, 1947 Elyria 7, Lorain 6

Vic Janowicz's last game at Ely Stadium. Janowicz scored the only touchdown and kicked the winning point after to secure Elvria's undefeated season. Janowicz's legend would grow as he won the Heisman Trophy in 1950 at Ohio State. His teammates on that 1947 team included Tony Curcillo, who followed Janowicz to Ohio State, Don Gliesner, who went on to play at Vanderbilt, and Ollie Glass who would play at Bowling Green. The team was coached by Dwight "Ike" Truby.

November 8, 1957 Elyria 7, Lorain 6 Jack Bolinski picked up a bad snap at quarterback and scored on a 63-yard run and then kicked the winning point for first victory over Lorain since 1951. The photo in the next day's Chronicle showed Elyria's most successful coach Bill Barton holding up the toe of Bolinski to celebrate the victory over the Steelmen.

November 2, 1962 Elyria 20, Sandusky 20

The Pioneers hadn't won a game all year and were 0-7-1 with state ranked Sandusky coming to Ely Stadium. Elyria trailed 20-0 entering the final quarter against the mighty Blue Streaks but scored three times and converted a two-point conversion on the final one to tie the game and stun Sandusky, coached by Earle Bruce. Jim Skaggs' diving catch in the end zone on Bob VanValkenburg's two-point conversion tied the game with 2:40 left to play. The Pioneers started their rally with a 5-yard run by Nate Hagins.





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Two 11-yard touchdown passes – one to Skaggs and the other to Marty Frankiewicz set up the twopoint conversion.

November 13, 1964 Elyria 23, Lorain 14

The fired up Steelmen were determined to ruin Elyria's great season and surprised the Pioneers by scoring twice for a 14-0 lead in the first quarter but the Pioneers bounced back to take the lead in the second quarter and added a final touchdown in the third to hang on to win. Bill Alley's 68-yard TD run got things going. Houston Love added the two-point conversion and scored the second TD. Lowell Cavin's point-after kick gave Elyria the lead and Al Campbell's touchdown and two-point conversion secured the win. Love, Campbell and Jim Westbrook were named All-Ohio. Elvria had lost its opener to Barberton but finished with nine straight wins to win the Buckeye Conference and were ranked third in the state behind



Steve Manheim Les Miles speaking at the 2012 Elyria High Commencement. Massillon and Canton McKinley. It was an era prior to the state playoffs.

November 5, 1966 Lorain St. Mary 8, Elyria Catholic 6

Elyria Catholic annually played a few games at Ely Stadium prior to installing lights at K of C Field. In 1966, the Panthers hooked up with arch-rival Lorain St. Mary to decide the North Central Conference title. Both teams were unbeaten. The Irish's Ken Dobosy returned the opening kick 87 yards for a score and caught the two-point conversion pass from Mike Flynn to give St. Mary an 8-0 lead. St. Mary would not register a first down and finished with one vard rushing and four vards passing but managed to still win the game. Elyria Catholic scored in the second quarter on Dave Verhoff's 1 yard plunge. The extra point attempt failed when EC fumbled the attempt. The Panthers couldn't score again although they picked up 153 vards rushing, 50 passing and had 14 first downs to 0 for St. Mary. Verhoff and Charlie McHugh both had over 50 yards on the ground. Dave Gidich completed five of nine passes.

October 17, 1969 Elyria 13, Sandusky 12

Trailing 12-7 with only 4:47 left, Elyria drove from its own 18-yard line to score the winning touchdown and preserve an undefeated season. The Pioneers scored on a 12-yard pass from Brad Barton to Mac Thomas for the winning score with just 56 seconds left. Fullback John Husband gained the bulk of yardage on the final drive. Elyria finished rated second in the state.

November 3, 1972 Elyria 7, Lorain 0

Only long-time rival Lorain

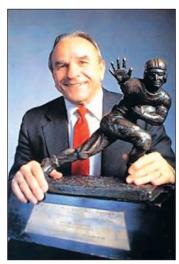
stood between the Pioneers and a share of the Buckeye Conference championship with Fremont Ross. It was a huge gamble on a fourth down early in the game that won it. Gary Stevenson hooked up with Craig Schumacher for a 30-yard TD pass in the first quarter. Elyria's defense, a downpour and muddy field took over from there. It was the final game played at Ely Stadium as the only public high school in town as Elyria West was set to open the next fall.

October 11, 1974 Elyria West 22, Youngstown North 20

The fledging Elyria West football program finally got its first Elv Stadium win by holding off a late rally by Youngstown North. The Wolverines had a 22-14 lead with just 5:14 remaining but North drove 68 yards in six plays to close within 22-20 and appeared to tie the game with a successful 2-point conversion run. However, the Bulldogs were called offside and the conversion was nullified. West's Tom Moyer stopped North's next attempt at the one-yard line and the Wolverines managed to run out the final two minutes of the game to preserve the win. Greg Jones rushed for 209 vards and scored three touchdowns to lead the way. Andy Henderson ran for two of the conversions to give Elyria West its margin of victory.

September 8, 1989 Canton McKinley 10, Elyria 7

State power Canton McKinley made its only appearance at Ely Stadium and the Pioneers nearly pulled the shocker. Tony Godbolt's seven yard touchdown run in the first quarter capped an 80yard, 15-play drive that stood tall until the Bulldogs managed to get a safety early in the fourth quar-



Vic Janowicz

ter. On the ensuing free kick, McKinley managed to turn a bobbled kick return into a nice gain to the E-33 and scored two plays later to secure the victory.

October 28, 1995 Elyria West 28, Brookside 9

No one knew it at the time but it turned out to be the last time Elyria West would play a football game at Ely Stadium. The decision to close the school and consolidate with Elyria High was made later in the school year. Cameo Bright raced 83 yards on the first play of West's second possession of the game to give the Wolverines the early advantage. Bright scored twice. Jason Woodyard scored on a 62-yard pass play from Daimion Mahone and Marcus Trice returned a fumble 48 yards for the final touchdown. Kicker Chris Tomanek converted all four extra points.

October 21, 2005 Elyria 55, Normandy 15

A close battle was expected as

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once-beaten Normandy invaded Ely Stadium to take on P.J. Mahone and the Pioneers. The Invaders made one very huge mistake when they collectively jumped on the mid-field "E" at Ely Stadium prior to the opening kickoff. The Pioneers, under Mark Solis, felt disrespected and put on a memorable performance in routing Normandy. Mahone started things with a 35-yard fumble return. By halftime, Mahone and his sidekick Jaa'rome Williams had each scored twice and Elyria led, 28-7. It only got worse for Normandy as Mahone added two more scores and Williams one in the third quarter as the Pioneers extended the lead to 49-7. The win put Elyria in position to clinch its first playoff spot in school history with a win against Medina at Brunswick the following week.

September 10, 2010 Elyria Catholic 56, Elyria 35

The much anticipated first-ever game between the Panthers and the Pioneers became a feast for Danny Reaser, Zach Rogers, Joe Dempsey and Brandon Graham as EC rolled to an easy victory. Reaser threw for 508 yards to set a Lorain County passing record. He had six touchdown passes. EC coach Ben Malbasa's gutsy call on a fourth down deep in his own territory finally swung the game as Reaser hooked up with Graham on a hitch pattern for a 78yard touchdown and a 35-21 halftime lead.

October 3, 2014 Elyria 26, Brunswick 21

Down 21-20 with just 21 seconds left, the Pioneers pulled off a Franco Harris-like finish as Hunter Parsh tried to connect with Kyle Ringer down the middle. Ringer couldn't quite manage to make the catch but the ball bounced high in the air after hitting either his helmet or shoulder pads where teammate Mikah Price alertly grabbed it and took off for the end zone to stun the Blue Devils.

October 30, 2015 Elyria 27, Mentor 24

With only 11 seconds left, Chris Atkinson bulled his way into the end zone to give the Pioneers an improbable 27-24 win over Mentor. The win gave Elyria a 6-4 record – good enough to qualify



for the playoffs. Sept. 28, 2017 Elyria 31,

Shaker Heights 28 Elyria's final season at venerable Ely Stadium didn't have much success but on a rare Thursday night game against Shaker Heights, the Pioneers put on a memorable rally to win their lone game of the season. Elvria trailed 20-0 with 1:32 left in the first half but came from behind to win 31-28. Two scores late in the first half triggered the comeback. Dontae Beckett found Deviian Williams for a 7-yard TD with 32 seconds and Caleb Lewis kicked the point after to trim the deficit to 20-7. Elyria's Ty'John Allgood caught Carter Hyde's onside kick at the Shaker 42 with 30 seconds left. Beckett hooked up with

Williams again for 35 yards to the S-7. A personal foul penalty on the next play gave Elyria a first and goal at the 3 where Tristan Arno ran it in to slice the lead to 20-14 after Lewis' kick. The Pioneers than took the lead on their first possession of the second half on Beckett's 7-yard run. Lewis' kick made it 21-14. Elyria extended the lead on a Beckett to Scott Ethington 16 yard TD pass early in the fourth quarter and Lewis added a 23 yard field goal for a 31-20 lead. Shaker managed to score and add a 2-point conversion for the final score. Elvria recovered the onside kick and successfully ran out the clock to give first-year coach Sean Arno his first win as head of the Pioneers

There you have it – just a few of the more memorable games played at the old Ely Stadium. This year the Pioneers move about 1,000 yards south of the old stadium to start providing more memories as they open the new version of Ely Stadium.

Elyria High and Elyria West All-Ohio

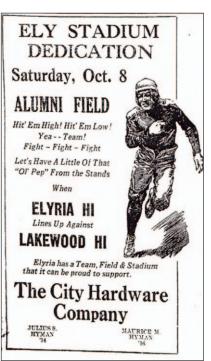
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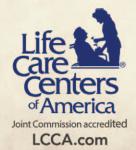






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2018 Ohio State Football Preview

By Rob Polinsky

Ohio State went 12-2 in 2017 including a five game winning streak to end the campaign. The Buckeyes once again defeated Michigan they won the Big Ten Championship game over Wisconsin and had a bowl victory by dumping USC 24-7.

Urban Meyer begins his seventh season in Columbus with an overall record at Ohio State of 73-8. OSU will open the 2018 season by hosting OSU...no, this isn't the spring Scarlet and Gray game. Ohio State hosts Oregon State on Labor Day weekend Saturday September 1st at noon.

The highlight of the nonconference schedule is a trip to Dallas area where the Buckeyes will play Texas Christian University at the home of the Dallas Cowboys on Saturday September 15th at 8pm.

After a week two meeting with Rutgers on September 8th, The Bucks get into the full swing of conference play with a trip to Happy Valley and a tilt with Penn State on September 29th. The following Saturday, Ohio State will



Nick Bosa

host Indiana University on October 6, that game will serve as homecoming. November has always been a big month in col-



lege football and OSU has some great matchups this November. They include hosting Nebraska November 3rd, going to MSU on November 10th, and hosting Michigan to end the regular season on November 24th. The Big Ten championship game will be played Saturday December 1st at 8pm in Indianapolis.

Kevin Wilson returns as the offensive coordinator along with seven starters from a year ago. During his first season in Columbus, Wilson's offense averaged over 500 yards per game and 41 points per game. However, a key cog to that offense, quarterback JT Barrett, has graduated and it appears his replacement is still up in the air. Currently Dwayne Haskins and Tate Martell are battling to for the starting quarterback position. Earlier this year Joe Burrow, who was seen as a possible contender to take over as the play calling duties, decided to transfer to LSU.

Back at wide receiver this year are Parris Campbell and KJ Hill. The Buckeyes should also be strong in the backfield, returning JK Dobbins, Mike Weber, and North Ridgeville's own Demario McCall at running back. On the line, Michael Jordan and Isaiah Prince are expected to be two of the team's top offensive leaders.

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Greg Schiano





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Greg Schiano returns to his seat as the team's defensive coordinator despite nearly leaving for Tennessee over the off-season. The Buckeye defense could be one of the team's biggest question marks with just four starters returning from a year ago. Last season this group allowed 300 yards per game and 19 points per game. The defense has to replace a ton of talent including five starters who were drafted this past spring in the NFL draft. Six of last year's top ten tacklers are gone. The good news, one of the nation's top defenders returns in Nick Bosa on the defensive line. The secondary will be young; Jordan Fuller who is the leading returning tackler should lead that group. Some of the issues for the defense appear to be that they are very young; they have to replace seven starters. They will have to get good in a hurry with two big road tests in the month of September at Texas Christian and Penn State.

If Ohio State survives September the schedule gets easier in October. Football fans will want to circle the calendar for November 10th. That is the day the Buckeyes make the trip to East Lansing to take on the Michigan State Spartans. That game might just decide who represents the Eastern Division and goes to Indianapolis to contend for the Big Ten Championship Trophy. Last November

the Buckeyes J were upset by the

Hawkeyes in Iowa in a 55-24 loss that essentially cost the program a playoff spot. This year Iowa is off the schedule, but Ohio State will play at Purdue on October 20th and the Buckeyes must



avoid that upset if they want to have a championship season in 2018.

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It couldn't get any worse, could it?

By: Andy "Bull" Barch A year ago, in the opening paragraph of the fall Forecast Magazine Browns Preview, I mentioned that mathematically, things could get worse for the Browns. While I wasn't expecting them to go winless in the 2017 season, I can't say I was totally surprised by what I saw.

The good news for Browns fans is that mathematically, this time, I can confidently say, that it cannot get any worse. You'd like to think that 2017 was rock bottom for a franchise that has toed that line many times over the last two decades. However, if last year was not rock bottom, then Browns fans might want to make other plans for Sundays this fall.

While the Browns spent a good chunk of free agency in 2017 trying to build their offensive line, they decided to focus more on the skill positions this off season. Prior to drafting Baker Mayfield first overall to hopefully be the quarterback of the future, the Browns made many other moves that should give fans hope for a few victories this year.

All eyes will be on Mayfield, of

course, but prior to making him the first overall pick, the Browns made a trade for another signal caller, as they parted ways with a third round draft pick in exchange for Tyrod Taylor, a three year starter for the Buffalo Bills. In 2017, Taylor led the Bills to the playoffs, marking Buffalo's first playoff appearance since 1999.

2018 will be Taylor's eighth in the NFL, but his fourth as a starting quarterback. Throughout his career, he's completed 62.4 percent (793-for-1,271) of his passes, while throwing for 9.056 yards, 51 touchdowns, and only 18 interceptions over 42 career starts. Taylor has been effective as a rusher as well, running for 1,711 yards in his career, averaging 5.5 yards per carry, and he has 15 rushing touchdowns as well.

While the wide receiving corps has been routinely scrutinized in recent years, new Browns General Manager John Dorsey decided to upgrade that position by making a trade for Jarvis Landry. The Browns traded a fourth and seventh round draft pick to the Miami Dolphins for Landry. Browns fans have plenty of reasons to be excited about the NFL's leader in receptions in 2017. Landry is entering his fifth NFL season, and he's been very productive throughout his career. Landry has caught at least four touchdown passes in every season, and hauled in nine last year with the Dolphins. He's also tallied a pair of 1,110-plus yard receiving seasons, and has not missed a single game over the last four seasons. Landry has caught 400 passes in his career for 4,038 vards, 22 touchdowns and he's been selected to the Pro Bowl three times

In 2017, the Browns averaged 122 yards per game on the ground, and averaged 4.5 yards per carry. However, they will replace last year's leading rusher, Isaiah Crowell, who left via free agency. To fill part of the void, the Browns signed former Ohio State tailback Carlos Hyde. Hyde comes to Cleveland after spending the last four seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. He's coming off one of his finer seasons, where the ran for 940 yards, eight touchdowns-a career high, and more importantly, he registered a career high 240 carries without fumbling once.

In addition to Hyde, the Browns will also rely on Duke Johnson, who was one of their lone offensive playmakers a season ago. Johnson recently signed a threeyear contract extension through the 2021 season. In 2017, not only was he the Browns' second leading rusher with 348 yards, finding the end zone four times, but he was also the team's leading receiver. He caught 74 passes for 693 yards and caught three touchdown passes as well.

Defensively, the Browns showed some signs of improvement last year under Defensive Coordinator Greg Williams, but there's still a lot of room to grow. The Browns allowed just 97.9 yards per game on the ground, seventh best in the NFL, but their 25.6 points per game allowed average was second to last.

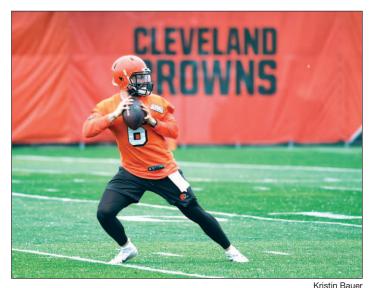
There's a lot of hype surrounding

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Baker Mayfield

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the return of 2017 first overall pick Myles Garrett. Garrett, when healthy, was a force up front. While injuries limited him to just 11 games last season, he made his presence felt with 31 tackles and had seven sacks.

Veteran linebacker Jamie Collins will return in 2018 for the Browns, after missing 10 games last season due to injury as well. 2018 will be his seventh year as a pro, and big expectations await the former Pro Bowler, who signed a four-year, 50million dollar contract with the Browns after the 2017 season. In the secondary, the Browns

have experienced quite a bit of

turnover in recent years. In April, the Browns used their second top-5 pick on Ohio State cornerback Denzel Ward. Ward is expected to make an immediate impact on a secondary that struggled a bit against the pass last season. The Browns surrendered 28 touchdown passes last season, only five teams in the NFL allowed more in 2017.

Ward, a native of Macedonia, Ohio, saw a significant amount of snaps as an underclassman before becoming a starter his junior year. The 5-11, 183-pound cornerback had a terrific junior season, with 37 total tackles, defended 15 passes and came away with a pair of interceptions. He was a First Team All-Big 10 selection and a consensus All-American.

What might be difficult for Browns fans in 2018 is the idea that they'll have to wait to see their first overall pick, Baker Mayfield, make an impact on the field. Mayfield, who faced some scrutiny in his college career for some of his off-the-field antics, did nothing but produce between the lines. A three-year starter at Oklahoma, Mayfield posted gaudy numbers as the Sooners signal caller. In three years at the helm with the Sooners,

he threw for 12,005 yards, 117 touchdowns, and just 20 interceptions. Mayfield showed the ability to make plays with his feet as well, rushing for 893 yards and 18 touchdowns as a three-year starter at Oklahoma.

The off-season has become so incredibly exciting for Browns fans over the last two decades, simply because once the season starts, their hopes fade quickly. With another new General Manager on board, and an experienced group of assistants along with him, Browns fans have been filled with hope yet again since the end of 2017 season.

However, expecting a gigantic turnaround is probably unrealistic. Very few know how thin the patience may be running with ownership and the front office in regards to Head Coach Hue Jackson, who is 1-31 as the Browns' sideline sergeant. Last year, I thought he needed to win at least five games to keep his job. He went winless, and kept his job, so that shows you how much I know. This year, I'd like to think he needs to win at least four games, perhaps two before the bye week in week 11 if he's going to be retained.

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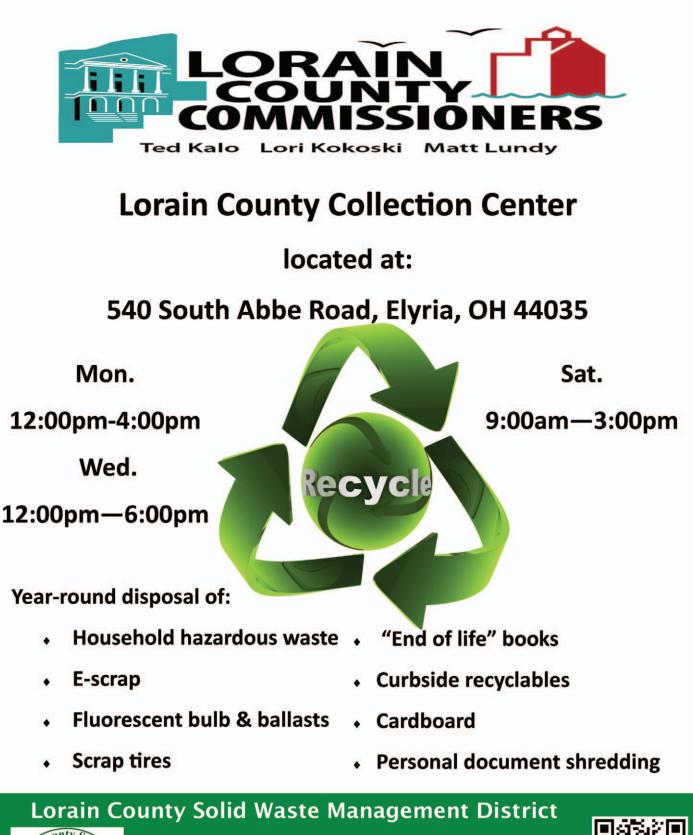
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