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Women’s basketball wins first playoff game

The Allegheny women’s basketball team began its quest for a NCAC championship on Tuesday night with a first-round home matchup against Oberlin College. Before the game, Head Coach Kate Costanzo mentioned how exciting it is to host a playoff game on your home court.

Even with this playoff win, Costanzo still focuses on improving team effort.

See BASKETBALL page 8

Playshop brings post-electric world to Vukovich stage

For the next three days, post-apocalyptic surrealists will double as Simpsons characters in a theater company after a machine fell out.

Plastics, Allegheny Playshop Theatre's performance of “Mr. Burns, a post-electric play,” is underway.

The running of “Mr. Burns” is currently written by Anne Washburn, who kicked out of the Gladys Maloney Black Theatre on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The “Mr. Burns” plot is rooted in post-apocalyptic United States, in a world where nuclear power plants have gone haywire and experienced a large amount of the population.

The play’s characters are a group of survivors who, in an effort to distract from their dire reality, turn towards focusing on easier, familiar times watching the Simpsons.


All the candidates who participated in the debate have served on ASG in some capacity. However, concerns were raised regarding the current and prior service of Hopf and Caslin tickets. ASG senator Tyler Kowalski, ’16, who identified himself as a member of the rules committee, raised concerns about the events that led to Hopf’s impeachment as a sophomore and concerns surrounding Caslin’s current job performance during the question section of the debate. He said many within ASG feel she has been less than effective in her current position. Hopf said he was glad to have a chance to speak to concerns regarding his impeachment and said he felt the system within ASG was at fault. “Sophomore year I had to attend a funeral and during another meeting I had a letter of 103. Before I was given a chance to explain either of these absences, I was called in and unceremoniously let go,” Hopf said. Hopf admitted that he was bitter with the organization following his resignation, but now feels he is ready to return.

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The Year of Medeville concludes first half of reading series

BY BRITTANY ADAMS/staff writer/bradams16@allegheny.edu

The Year of Medeville reading series of "The Town that Food Saved," by author Ben Woman 2010, has been ongoing since Friday, Feb. 19. A mix of 40 Allegheny students and local Medeville residents had been gathering to discuss the book since the week of Jan. 18. Hoeffe came to Ford Chapel at the conclusion of the series to speak.

The book discussions took place once a week and for a total of nine weeks. It was provided by the Rainhart-Found Endowment Fund from the Allegheny provost office.

AmericanCorps VISTA Lead Autumn Vogel, '15, helped facilitate the book group and discussed it as a chance to connect people from different backgrounds.

"My group had such a diverse background," Hoeffe said. "We had local farmers from Conneaut Lake, to food sales representatives, students, community mem-
ber," said Scandinaro. "It really built our knowledge because everyone had different specialties in food."

Scandinaro was a part of a discussion about the Year of Medeville sub theme for the month of February—Food.

"It's food and health, so everyone had a lot to contribute," Vogel said. "We had health educators, people from the college, " Scandinaro said.

"It's easy for us to promote the food we see in the classroom, but this was a platform for people to talk about our food system in Medeville, but also in the college," said Vogel.

Vogel and Scandinaro agreed that the book was a chance to start local food systems and was an opportunity to start small and think bigger.

"When you have a chance to start something, you do not have to do it all at once," Scandinaro said. "You can start slow and let it grow."

The three tickets for Allegheny Student Government presidential and vice presidential elections debate in the campus center were provided by the Judicial Review Board. The debate discussed by all candidates what they are expecting to achieve this year and what change they see in the college.

"I want everything to be open as possible," Myers said. "I wanted everything to be as open as possible," Myers said. "I wanted to involve the college and the students the best way that they can be involved.

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EVENTS CALENDAR CONT.

Playshop Theater: "Mr. Burns, a post-electric play"
Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26 and 27 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m.; Gladys Mallenix Black Theatre

Life Music by Fiery Gizzard
Friday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m., Grounds for Change
Enjoy free admission to this concert by Ben Ayers and Greg Singer.

Late Night Event: Friendship Bracelets for Bethesda Children's Home
Friday, Feb. 26, 5-11 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Join Lambda Sigma in making friendship bracelets: make a bracelet for yourself and one for a boy or girl at Bethesda Children’s Home. A bond between Allegheny and the youth in our community String, beads and hemp bracelet-making materials will be provided.

Service Saturday
Saturday, Feb. 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon, meet at Pelletier Library
Students, faculty and staff are invited to work on service projects in the Crawford County community. This monthly service opportunity begins with refreshments at 8:30 a.m. in Pelletier Library.

Recital by the Northwest Passage Trumpet Trio
Saturday, Feb. 27, 3:15 p.m., Ford Chapel
Trio members Josh Boudreau, Jennifer Dearden and Timothy Winfield will perform with pianist Douglas Jurs.

Script Workshop: Meadville Community-Based Play
Sunday, Feb. 28, 10-10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Meadville Council on the Arts
The Year of Meadville is sponsoring a community-based play, an original piece based on story circles held with Meadville residents, to be performed in April.

Chapel Service
Sunday, Feb. 28, 11 a.m., Ford Chapel
This service continues a series of sermons on the parable of the Prodigal Son that will run throughout the season of Lent. All are welcome.

Recital by Daniel Kerschner '17
Sunday, Feb. 28, 3-12 p.m., Ford Chapel
Saxophonist Daniel Kerschner will present a recital.

Auditions: Community-Based Play
Sunday, Feb. 28, 3-7 p.m., Art Theatre
No experience is required. A second audition will be held on Monday, Feb. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Meadville Council on the Arts.

African Students’ Association HIV/AIDS Awareness Fashion Show
Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7-8:30 p.m., in Ford Chapel
Students from the HIV/AIDS epidemic and raise funds to donate to the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force. The event showcases members of the African community in four clothing categories (casual, business, accessory and cultural).

Catholic Mass
Sunday, Feb. 28, 8:40 p.m., Ford Chapel
Mass is celebrated by Catholic Campus Minister Father Jeff Lucas.

Dinner and Concert with Alexander String Quartet
Monday, Feb. 29, 4:30 p.m., Ford Chapel
Students are invited to join the Alexander String Quartet for music and a meal as part of the quartet’s residency. The quartet will play a brief concert and then have dinner with students. For more information, contact rellife@allegheny.edu or 332-2800. On March 3, at 7:30 p.m., in Ford Chapel, the award-winning Alexander String Quartet will close their residency concert with a concert.

Phil Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Michael Bérubé: Presentation on "Disability and Narrative: Self-Awareness"
Monday, Feb. 29, 7 p.m., Quigley Auditorium
Michael Bérubé, former president of the Modern Language Association, is the author of eight books, including "Life as We Know It: A Father, a Family, and an Exceptional Child," which was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year.

Work Local Networking Night
Tuesday, March 1, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tippie Alumni Center
The Year of Meadville and the Office of Career Education and Alumni Affairs invite students to meet, socialize and network with alumni who live and work in Meadville. Business casual dress is required.

Work Local Job and Internship Fair
Wednesday, March 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Campus Center Lobby
Business attire is encouraged. Check the Office of Career Education website for a list of local companies that will be sending representatives.

Talk by Caryn Hunt: "A Field Guide to the Feminist Movement in Pennsylvania"
Wednesday, March 2, 5 p.m., Tillotson Room of the Tippie Alumni Center
Feminist writer and activist Caryn Hunt is president of Pennsylvania NOW (National Organization for Women). A reception will follow her talk.

International Film Festival
Wednesday, March 2, 7-9 p.m., The Movies at Meadville
The Department of Modern and Classical Languages continues its annual international film festival with "Barbara" (Germany, 2015; in German with subtitles). Free shuttles for Allegheny students depart from North Main Street at Brooks Walk at 6:10 and 6:30 p.m.

Single Voice Reading Series: Sara Levine
Thursday, March 3, 7:7 p.m., Tillotson Room of the Tippie Alumni Center
Award-winning author Sara Levine writes novels, short stories, essays, prose poems and aphorisms. She is the author of the novel "Treasure Island!!" and a book of short stories titled "Short Dark Oracles."

CRIME BLOTTER

February 20, 2016
534 Park Avenue
Disorderly conduct.

February 21, 2016
McKinley’s Underage drinking.

February 21, 2016
Campus Center
Theft

February 25, 2016
Café Hall
Underage Drinking.

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 19 issue of The Campus, the News section had a headline that read "CPP hosts second Agents of Change conference." The conference was organized by the office of Engagement with several CPP collaborators.

In the Feb. 19 issue of The Campus, the Sports misspelled Patrick Crawford. The correct spelling is Crawford.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Muslim Lunch and Prayers
Friday, Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m., PAM Retreat
All are welcome.

Shabbat Service and Dinner
Friday, Feb. 26, 5 p.m., Hillel House
All are welcome.

Ethereal Ball
Friday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Schulte Banquet Hall
ABC presents the formal Ebony Ball, themed "The Wa". Dance with your friends and enjoy finger foods, a photo booth and great music.
The simple things

Safety Walking Tips and a sensory fall flat

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Questions of religious freedom take off at NASA

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OPINION

What is the effect of the notice on the students? The notice has some effectiveness of these groupings of students that they wish to receive an invitation to send their club, JSC Praise Ministry to advocate at diocesan events following bigger storms. Perhaps the school needs to hire some students to clear walkways in the future. When students are busy or have other commitments, they can hire a professional service to clear the walkways.

THE SIMPLE THINGS

Safe Walking Tips and a sensory fall flat

By RAY GOODMAN
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Over the years, NASA has hosted a variety of non-

SA-affiliated organizations and group conferences in its buildings, so long as NASA employees hold these meet-

ings and events on their own time.

These groups might cover things such as outings, recre-

ation and religion. Religious, specifically Christianity, has always had a place with the NASA corporation. Employ-

ees, on faith and in space, have freely practiced Christi-

anity since NASA was found-

ed in 1958. Since then, there has never been a problem with using the name "Jesus" until May 2015. The NASA commandment involves a set of rules and procedures that the organization follows to ensure that employees on the NASA campus can freely practice their religious beliefs. The commandment involves the following:

The commandment states that "There shall not be law that has abso-

utely no relation to both the innocent and the guilty." He said.

The Holy Year began on Dec. 8, when Francis opened the Holy Door of Mercy and launched the Holy Year of Mercy. This year-long celebration of mercy is known as the Jubilee Year. Francis has called for a "Year of Mercy," during which the pope has encouraged Catholics to show mercy to others, especially to those who have been marginalized or excluded from society. Francis has also emphasized the importance of forgiveness and the need for individuals to reflect on their own actions and seek to make amends for any wrongs they may have committed.

The pope's call for a "Year of Mercy" is rooted in the Christian belief in the power of forgiveness and the importance of reconciliation. Francis has said that the theme of the Jubilee Year is "to be open to the Lord's mercy for all of us, and to show the mercy of the Lord to all those who are in need of it." The pope has also encouraged Catholics to reach out to those who are suffering and to offer them comfort and assistance.

The Jubilee Year is intended to be a time of reflection and renewal. Francis has called on Catholics to take part in the spiritual discipline of the Jubilee Year by engaging in prayer, reflection, and acts of charity. He has also encouraged Catholics to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and to let themselves be moved by the Spirit of Jesus.

The pope has said that the Jubilee Year is a "mission of mercy," and he has asked Catholics to make a "mounting of mercy," or a commitment to do something to help others. Francis has said that the mission of mercy is not only about helping others, but also about helping ourselves. He has said that the mission of mercy is a "mission of self-renewal," and he has encouraged Catholics to make a "commitment of mercy," or a promise to renew our commitment to love and to serve others.

The Jubilee Year is coming to an end, but the pope has said that the mission of mercy is ongoing. He has asked Catholics to continue to live in a spirit of mercy and to continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Questions of religious freedom take off at NASA

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NASA is a federal agency that is responsible for conducting research and development in space science, and it is an equal opportunity employer. The agency has a policy of providing reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities, and it prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability. The agency also provides training and development opportunities for employees, and it encourages diversity and inclusion in its workforce.

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case of Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc. that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) did not apply to the contraceptive mandate in the Affordable Care Act. The court held that the mandate did not constitute a substantial burden on the religious beliefs of those who objected to it. The court also held that the government had not met its burden of proof in showing that the mandate was the least restrictive means of achieving its goal. The ruling was seen as a victory for the Hobby Lobby stores, which are Christian-owned businesses.

In 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the case of Little Sisters of the Poor v. Sebelius that the government could not require religious nonprofit organizations to provide contraceptive coverage to their employees. The court held that the government had not met its burden of proof in showing that the mandate was the least restrictive means of achieving its goal. The ruling was seen as a victory for the Little Sisters of the Poor, which are Christian-dominated nursing homes.

The religious freedom cases have been closely watched by advocates for religious liberty and by those who oppose the mandate. The cases have raised important questions about the proper role of the government in regulating religious practices and about the limits of the government's power to regulate religious groups.

The cases have also raised questions about the role of the Supreme Court in deciding cases involving religious liberty. Some have criticized the court's decision in the Hobby Lobby case, arguing that it went beyond the scope of the RFRA and that it did not fully consider the religious objections of those who objected to the mandate.

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Peer mentoring offers remedies for culture shock

By DALTON FINNELL

Allegheny’s chapter of Amnesty International is the only active chapter on campus and was founded in 2015. This program was created to help in combatting death penalty practices worldwide. The club meets bi-weekly in order to spread awareness.

"It is very important for people to learn about the death penalty," said Byrom Williams, a member of the club. "We want people to understand what it is and why it is still happening today."

Amnesty International is a global organization that campaigns to end the death penalty and campaigns on numerous issues, including human rights and workers’ rights. According to Amnesty International, the death penalty is not the most effective method of punishment and that the world should work towards abolishing it.

"The United States is one of the few countries that still use the death penalty, but it is not as effective as other methods," said Williams. "We need to work towards ending the death penalty and finding alternative ways to punish those who commit crimes.

Amnesty International has been campaigning against the death penalty for over 50 years. "We have had a lot of success in recent years," said Williams. "Countries have started to rethink their use of the death penalty and are looking for alternative forms of punishment."
The Major Events Committee and Gator Activating Programs will be bringing these music artists to campus for this year's major concert.

Hip-hop artist Husky Allen will headline the show, which will take place Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in Shaffer Auditorium.

GAP-sponsored major concert brings three artists to campus

February 26, 2016

GAP-supported major concert brings three artists to campus, including singer-songwriter Yonas. The concert will take place Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in Shaffer Auditorium.

The Major Events Committee and Gator Activating Programs are excited to bring Yonas, a multi-talented artist, to campus. Yonas is known for his impressive vocal range and emotive performances. This concert is sure to be a highlight of the spring semester.

Yonas will be joined by two other artists, who will be announced soon. The concert is free for all Allegheny students, and tickets are available for purchase at the Student Center.

For more information on the new edition of the Allegheny Student Life, visit Drogon and Tuck's Facebook page at facebook.com/Drogontuckcafe/pho- tos_stream.

New, local cafe becomes go-to for students

Drogo and Tuck, located in the Market House, is the new, local cafe that students are flocking to. The cafe offers a variety of menu items, including sandwiches, soups, and desserts.

Drogo and Tuck is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is located at 1100 Fifth Avenue in the Market House. The cafe is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

For more information on the cafe's menu and hours of operation, visit their website at drogoandtuckcafe.com.


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Playshop presents an ‘off the wall and wacky’ spring production of ‘Mr. Burns, a post electric play’


Mary Lyon, ’17, and Alison Celigoi, ’19, dress up as Lisa and Marge from “The Simpsons” for dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016.

the monk of “The Simpsons” most notable character, Homer. “This is my first show with them.” Marshall-Hallmark said. “I play a guy named Matt Lewis. He’s sort of a nerd. I turn into Homer as the play goes forward. You watch as this post-apocalyptic crew transforms into a theater company.”

The popularity of the workings of the play is a central feature of the enthusiasm of those involved. “It’s definitely the most bizarre play that I’ve ever read but it’s a lot of fun,” Marshall-Hallmark said.

Rachael Robertson, ’17, one of the eight on-stage performers of Playshop’s coming production, said “Mr. Burns” is different than previous Playshop productions. “[The play is] phenomenally off the wall and wacky. It’s truly entertaining to see a show that combines “The Simpsons,” a nuclear apocalypse, early 2000’s pop punk music and a Greek tragedy,” Robertson said.

The production is under the direction of Mark Cosdon, associate professor of communication arts/theater. “Mr. Burns” is a play about the apocalypse, the primacy of storytelling, environmental catastrophe, the immediacy of technology and the fall of civilization as we know it, ” Cosdon said.

Condon lead the effort of bringing “Mr. Burns” to the Allegheny stage. “I decided that I would direct it approximately a year ago, in February or March of 2015,” Condon said. “I wanted to challenge a company of student performers with a piece that blow me away. It made sense in terms of our season that ‘Mr. Burns’ would be a good piece that would provoke both our audiences and give our student performers something...real-ly pretty significant to work on.”

Though “Mr. Burns” is a tall order, Condon is confident with his disposal of talent for the performance, noting his previous experience with the cast involved. “It’s a company with eight performers, and that’s a supple-mentary by about 15 folks who are working backstage and in the booth, ” Condon said. “And then I have a student choreographer, whose name is Leah Kelly, and Allen Reash is the music director. So they’re my col-leagues that I work with constantly.”

Condon had especial-ly high praise for the “Mr. Burns” design teams. “I think that audiences will be blown away by what my Playshop colleagues Myriam Patterson and her student design teams have done in terms of the costumes and masks for “Mr. Burns,” Condon said.

He also noted the work done by a special guest designer, Patrick Rizzotti, who has been involved with Allegheny Playshop Theatre previously. “We’ve also joined for this particular production by a professional, New York, de-signer, whose name is Patrick Rizzotti. He’s a designer who we’ve worked with before. He was with us in the spring of 2013 when he designed ‘The Foreigner.’ It’s nice to wel-come Patrick back to campus. As you’ll see, for ‘Mr. Burns’ his stage design is pretty fan-tastic.”

All signs point to a mea-sured, artful, off-the-wall per-formance that should be any-thing but ordinary. “‘Mr. Burns’ will run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., as well as a Sunday matinee showing at 2:30 p.m. Call (814) 332-3414 to reserve tickets.

Playshop presents an ‘off the wall and wacky’ spring production of ‘Mr. Burns, a post electric play’
In order to move on, we need to rebound well, force turnovers, and value each possession. "This year we have the same energy and intensity that we've played with all season, so we will go in good shape," Costanzo said.

Madrin Cautella, SF, guard, said the team needed to focus on winning. "We need to win these next two to overcome Oberlin during the regular season."

"We are facing Oberlin, whom we swept during season, so the most important thing is to focus on what we did both of the times we played them. Just as important is to not go into the game thinking it is going to be easy just because we won them twice already," Cautella said.

"I think my attitude is the best competition we are going to face and step up to the plate. With that mindset and the execution of our offense and defense, we can score a few more points," Cautella said.

Luteran said that the team is ranked 15th in our conference, which leads to the turnovers which led to many of Oberlin’s points. "Our defense is one of our components," Uwazie said. "We take great pride in our defense and it will definitely feed off the energy and it showed in our defensive intensity, so a big thanks to everyone who supported us and helping us to push past the first round.

"Kate Costanzo Head Coach"

The team has already lost two tough matchups against Denison earlier in the regular season but look forward to another shot at the Big Red. "We are excited for our next two semi-final matchup with Denison," Costanzo said. "We have five seniors leading the way and we will stick to our game plan of playing fast and valuing each possession. The team is really looking forward to another shot at a very strong Denison team," Costanzo said.

That was the best crowd I ever played, " Mrdjenovich said. "It was a really close match but we are ready with all the support."

Demedioshchuk, SF, guard, said the team is ready for the double overtime. "It’s very hard to beat a team as this three times and I think that all of our requirement and confidence in our abilities, which could lead to this match up ending in our favor," Uwazie said.

"We need to focus on putting on the team enough for their mind set and we are ready to do that," Manning said.

"Kate Costanzo Head Coach"

The women’s basketball team celebrated a 58-50 win in the first playoff game against Oberlin College with fans on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016.


Men’s tennis kicks off season with preview match

Men's tennis team started off their 2016 spring season on Sunday, Feb. 14, against John Carroll University at the Westwood Racquet Club in Cleveland, Ohio. The Gators ended up losing the match 4-5. Although the team lost, Head Coach Jared Luteman has high hopes for the rest of the season.

"It didn’t go as well, that was a big loss against John Carroll in a really long time," said Luteman.

"We lost key seniors in the end last year who are tough to re-place, but we have a lot of new freshman that need to step up".

Thomas Manning, ‘16, the only captain of the men’s tennis team, is ranked 50th in the country and 15th in the central region, which consists of the NCAC, University Athletic Association and Ohio Athletic Conference at the start of the 2016 spring season.

"It was a really close match that could have gone either way, but not enough came together," said Manning. "We have had to be able to adjust and live with what we get."

"We hit a little speed bump, but we are ready to have a good season."

"Samarth Gopal Class of 2016

Manning said that they are lucky to have indoor courts, but it is an adjustment to get used to the fast surfaces.

"In a way we help get ready faster because we have to be able to shorten our swings and get to the ball fast," said Gopal.

"The Gators have worked hard this week to prepare for the season with Randy Moore, director of peak performance and fitness. "We are working really hard with Coach Randy in the weight room this past week and we are going to get better as the season goes on," said Manning. "It’s good to have a professional like Randy to help us get stronger and faster on the court."

Luteman said that the team has been practicing hard as they are preparing for a long and tough season.

"This is the toughest schedule we have had in years," said Luteman. "We play four matches against four very good teams in Hilton Head for spring break so we will have to lean on our depth and we are down when we are down."

Manning looks forward to playing the good competition in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

"Spring break is going to be great this year," said Manning. "It is going to be a great season and we will be fine because those matches will be our first matches outside this season." The Gators will continue a tough schedule after break with a lot of conference play.

"Hilton Head will be good for us because when we come back we will be right in the thick of our season," said Luteman. "Right now our men’s team is ranked 15th in our central region, which is one of the toughest regions in the country."

The men’s team is preparing for their next two matches with a full week of practice ahead.

"We are practicing out side on the courts... while the weather is nice to prepare for a long day of tennis on Saturday," said Luteman.

Manning and Gopal are excited to have a chance to get their first wins of the season this weekend.

"We are ready for the double header this Saturday and we are looking forward to taking on Wabash first who is one of the best teams in our conference," said Manning.

Gopal is even eager after starting their season with a loss to get back out on the court and prepare for these next matches this week.

"We are all really pumped for a big weekend," said Gopal.

The Gators will play their next two matches on Saturday, Feb. 27, against Wabash College at 12:30 p.m. and Case Western Reserve University at 4:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Racquet Club in Cleveland, Ohio.