

## Maumee Library Schedules Upcoming Events

To register for events at the Maumee Branch Library, located at 501 River Rd., call (419) 259-5360. Interpreters for the hearing impaired are available.

Requests must be made at least one week in advance of all programs by calling (419) 259-5360.

• **Concert: Wilson Lake and the Rock Bass, Tuesday, July 26, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** — Listen as the music rumbles across the waves and into the woods that surround the lake. This program made possible through the support of the Library Legacy Foundation and Directions Credit Union.

• **Money Sense, Monday, August 1, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., kindergarten through grade five** — Make sense of dollars and cents while playing the My Life and Money life-size board game. This program is presented by Directions Credit Union. Register for this program online or at the library.

• **Ciao Italy: Pizza, pasta and more, Thursday, August 4, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., grades six to 12** — Teens say hello to Italy by sampling pizza and creating your own pasta sculpture.

• **An Evening of Games Around the World, Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.** Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Club with an evening of games on the lawn.

• **Music by the River, Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.** — This free music program for all ages is provided by the Maumee Community Band on the lawn of the Maumee Library. Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.



Members of the Maumee Rotary Club participated in the MESA Tour, a bicycle ride through Ohio, which raised money to support the shipment of medical supplies to impoverished countries abroad. Pictured at the event are Maumee Rotarians (from left) Robbin Syrek, David Langendorfer, Dolly DeLucia and Bob Navarro.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBBIN SYREK

## Local Rotary Bike Fund-Raising Event Helps Send Medical Equipment To Nigeria

BY NANCY GAGNET  
MIRROR REPORTER

Local Rotarians covered several hundred miles on their bicycles to raise money for much-needed medical equipment in Abuja, Nigeria.

The MESA Tour, which took place July 9-14, took bicycle riders from the Rotary through Bryan, Defiance, Findlay, Perrysburg, Tiffin, Marion and Mansfield.

MESA, or Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad, is the international arm of the Rotary Club and is part of Rotary District 6600, which consists of Rotary clubs in Northwest

Ohio.

Some riders participated in the full tour, which covered 400 miles, and others rode portions of it, explained Robbin Syrek, who has participated in the event the past six years.

"It was important to help raise funds for MESA since they use the money to supply medical equipment to those areas in need," Syrek said.

Seven riders from the Maumee Rotary Club participated in the tour including Syrek his wife Jody, Mark Williams, Tom Cox, Dave Langendorfer, Bob Navarro and Dolly DeLucia.

The Maumee riders raised approximately \$2,000 for MESA, Syrek said.

"I did it for all of the good that MESA does in the world," he said.

The money raised by MESA funds the transportation of medical supply containers and equipment to the poorest areas of the world.

Rotarians also donate their time to accept the donations, catalog the goods, organize the warehouse, take inquiries regarding medical needs and coordinate the equipment and supply delivery with Rotary clubs near the shipment destinations.

## Toledo Seagate Foodbank Aids 48,000 People Each Month

BY NANCY GAGNET  
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Serving over 15 million pounds of food each year to those in need, the Toledo Seagate Foodbank of Northwest Ohio is committed to helping people get back on their feet.

Aggie Alt, community awareness director, addressed members of the Maumee Chamber of Commerce at their July 11 luncheon to offer more information about the organization.

"We offer assistance to people with the goal of having them learn to become self-sufficient," she said.

The organization, which was founded in the 1970s, serves 48,000 individuals each month in 18 northwestern Ohio counties.

The food is distributed annually to over 500 organizational programs such as food pantries, community resource centers, churches, soup kitchens, senior centers, and rehabilitation and low-income housing service agencies, she said.

"We served 5,200 senior boxes to senior citizens each month in 2010, up 200 percent

from 2009," she said.

In addition, approximately 7,000 meals were served to school-age children every month in the summer of 2010, an increase of 75 percent over 2009.

Several programs have been implemented to have a longer-lasting impact, she said.

For example, with a program titled G.E.M., or Good Eating for Mothers and Fathers Too, parents learn basic cooking skills such as making meals in a slow cooker, how to prepare vegetables such as squash as well as how to can food, she said.

"We're making a difference because those people are finding pride in what they can do for themselves," she said.

Utilizing the fresh fruits and vegetables grown by local farmers also takes place through gleaning, when volunteers pick the produce left behind after harvest.

"In 2010, 800,000 pounds of produce was gleaned and we believe that that is only a fraction of produce available in the fields," she said.

Grow Row, another program allows farmers to dedicate one row of produce to the

food bank, she said.

Food bank volunteers are also teaching individuals how to grow their own produce in an urban setting.

"We're teaching people how to grow a vertical garden, where they can grow 20 plants in a one-square-foot space," she said.

The food bank is also wrapping up its Milk Money campaign, in which over \$1,000 in change was collected by local businesses to purchase over 2,500 pints of milk for schoolchildren.

The Toledo Seagate Foodbank accepts monetary and food donations as well as volunteer help in putting meals together for senior citizens and distributing meals to military families.

Non-food items are also accepted and donated to other agencies for distribution.

Funding from the United States Department of Agriculture supports the eight individuals employed at the food bank, and 100 percent of all donations stay within the community, Alt said.

Additional information is available online at [www.theseagatefoodbank.org](http://www.theseagatefoodbank.org).

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## Attention: Maumee High School Fall Student-Athletes & Parents

### FALL SPORTS INFORMATIONAL PRESEASON MEETING

Wednesday, August 3

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center

The purpose of the preseason meeting is to make students and their parents aware of the obligations they must meet in order to have the privilege of participating in interscholastic athletics. Besides reviewing the school's essential eligibility standards, our athletic policies / code of conduct and reviewing policies and procedures related to topics like sportsmanship and health and sports medicine issues, attendees will also have the opportunity to break down into smaller groups to meet with the coaches of the students' particular sport.

Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for students and their parents who plan to participate in a fall sport at Maumee High School. Your child's coach will have a preseason meeting following the general session for all student-athletes and parents.

## New This Year:

Become a Booster member and be automatically entered to win a flat-screen television or one of 4 cash prizes!

Each ticket has valuable coupons to local restaurants and merchants!

Be sure to stop by our booth at the Lucas County Fair, NW Ohio Rib-Off and the Maumee Summer Fair!

Get your membership card early before raffle entry tickets are sold out!

Maumee student-athletes will be going door-to-door on Monday, August 29th beginning at 6:00pm so mark your calendar.

Booster memberships are only \$10 and meeting dates and locations are on the tickets.

Special thanks to the local businesses that sponsored our Booster Gold Cards: La Fiesta, Espresso Car Wash, Village Idiot, Jed's Barbeque & Brew, Little Caesars Pizza, Deet's BBQ, Smokey Bones, Vito's Pizza and Buffalo Wild Wings!



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For more information on how YOU can get involved with the Maumee Athletic Boosters, please visit [www.maumee.k12.oh.us/maumeeshs/boostertest.html](http://www.maumee.k12.oh.us/maumeeshs/boostertest.html) or email [athleticboosters@maumee.k12.oh.us](mailto:athleticboosters@maumee.k12.oh.us) to receive a personal phone call!

