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The Woovs bring distinctive rock sound

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The Woovs may be Barberton's best kept secret.

Listen to this homegrown band's songs on Spotify or iTunes, and their distinctive sound becomes apparent.

These guys are producing something special: melodious original compositions with thoughtful lyrics and catchy musical hooks.

On Friday, Nov. 30, the Woovs bring their brand of rock 'n' roll to Block 7 Bar & Grill, 524 W. Tuscarawas Ave. The show, which begins at 9 p.m., will introduce the audience to music from their new album, "Information Blues," set to be released at the end of the year.

Also distinctive is the name, the Woovs. A lot of thought went into the name, which is a play on words based on the concept of a wolf pack. Lead vocalist



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The Woovs include band members (Left to Right) Dave DiBello, Brant Novak, Adam Lengel, Kevin Hamric and Bryan DeLauder.

and rhythm guitarist Adam Lengel said, "We like to call the Woovs 'the brotherhood.'" His bandmate, lead guitarist Kevin Hamric, "defines a Woov as someone

adrift in the wind who found something they can hang onto."

The band was formed in 2008 by Lengel and Hamric, along with Bryan

DeLauder, who are all from Barberton and knew each other through school. While performing as a trio at the Harbor Inn in Portage Lakes, they

met two musicians from Medina, bassist and guitarist Brant Novak and drummer David DiBello.

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Employee steals \$19K

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A former employee of PSC Metals and a customer are accused of conspiring to steal from the company after a manager discovered the situation.

According to police, Juaquene Donnie, 51, of W. Tuscarawas Avenue, paid customer Mark Sielaff, 60, of Norton Avenue, for copper when Sielaff was actually turning in cheaper metals. The fraud, which amounted to about \$19,000, reportedly began in October of 2017 when Donnie approached Sielaff with the deal to make money from scrap, and continued until Nov. 7 of this year when Donnie was fired.

Both have been charged with F5 theft and were taken to the Summit County Jail. The case was to be presented to the Grand Jury, Nov. 27.

Taxi service closes

led them to shut down. The couple briefly mentioned how it has become hard for them to compete with ride-sharing apps like Uber and Lyft.

They had a vehicle involved in a bad accident and Audrey said it was hard for them to deal with because people ended up in the hospital. Their insurance rates skyrocketed from there. She also said they had another car that needed repair. "When you're a small business, those things make it hard," she said.

Gary is a retired Barberton police officer. He said he enjoyed his taxicab business and the success they've created. They also have a self-storage unit in Barberton and look forward to possibly building another.

He said he is excited to start traveling around the U.S. with his wife now that they have the time.

"Barberton is full of good people," said Gary

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Fire chief suspended

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Barberton Fire Chief Kim Baldwin has been suspended after a determination that he retaliated against a captain who complained of harassment.

Safety and Human Resources Director Elizabeth Daugherty said Baldwin was suspended two weeks without pay with an additional two weeks of what is called a paid record of suspension. Daugherty explained the second suspension can be considered if future claims are made.

According to Daugherty, Baldwin lowered two evaluation grades of the captain and told the captain one grade was lowered because a complaint of continued harassment was taken directly to human resources instead of going through Baldwin.

A special meeting of the Civil Service Commission

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Women testify for Monica's Law

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Sandy Parker, registered nurse, and Shannon Conrad-Wokojance, Barberton City Council member, gave testimonies at the Ohio Statehouse for Senate Bill 207, also known as Monica's Law.

If passed, Monica's Law would amend the current domestic violence law making strangulation and suffocation a second degree felony with mandatory jail time. There are 47 states that have already passed similar legislation.

Monica's Law is referred to as such because of the death of Monica Jeter who died at the hands of her husband. He had a history of strangling her and received a minimal punishment.

Wokojance and Parker learned about Monica's Law during victim assistance training where the two would talk and brainstorm ways they could navigate the political system to

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Shannon Conrad-Wokojance and Sandy Parker display a photo of Monica Jeter in the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

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HERSELF

by Margaret Frost

**White Lies**

tering when, in fact, quite the opposite is true.

I once noticed a structure that was visible out in Lake Erie. It looked like a boat and was called "The Crib." I asked my daddy what it was. He said, "It's where the baby boats are born, of course."

There are big boats and little boats. Ore carriers and row boats. His explanation made perfect sense although the crib is, in fact, a water intake point channeling water for the Cleveland area.

As a child I found thunder terrifying. One rainy night, my window was open and loud thunder punctuated the rain. Daddy came into my room to close the window. "Surely you are not afraid," he said, "It's only the angels bowling."

I told the same story to my children. Though I have the feeling I might also have told them the story of Thor throwing his hammer across the heavens as they grew old enough to understand myths and fairy tales.

There are many times Himself has told a fib or two. Particularly when we are getting ready to go out somewhere and he's a tad tired of waiting. I have been known to go through several clothing changes to decide the right thing to wear.

"That looks wonderful," he'll say finally. "The perfect thing to wear to a prize fight. Everyone will be wearing sequins." I doubt that, but I'm not going to argue. (Note: I've never been to a prize fight.)

This time of year the question of a particular white lie often looms on the verbal horizon. When a child comes to you and asks, "Is there really a Santa Claus?" What will you answer? Does honesty demand you stick to the truth? Or maybe, just maybe, a little white lie will cross your lips.

Law

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better serve victims. They worked to put pressure on the political aspect within the communities.

Wokojance has a background in victim assistance advocacy and Parker provides examinations to victims of sexual assault, suffocation and strangulation.

Wokojance said she is a feminist and this is why she is passionate about preventing and helping

those experiencing domestic violence.

Most people who are killed in a domestic violence incident have been strangled by their partner. On average, 35 percent of sexual assault cases involve strangulation.

As an advocate, Wokojance has served over 2,000 individuals. In her testimony she told a story about a time she was called to the hospital for a victim who was bitten, strangled and suffocated by her boyfriend. The abuser was charged with a misdemeanor.

In Parker's testimony she explained the health risks involved with being strangled. She said there are hidden dangers followed by suffocation that may arise days or months later, for example; brain injury, seizures, stroke and ruptured arteries or vein in the neck.

Wokojance explained a person can die 72 hours after being strangled.

In Parker's testimony she wrote, "The message needs to be sent to law enforcement, court officials, health care providers and victims that strangulation and

suffocation are serious crimes worthy of serious punishment."

"If we can prevent one death, then it's worth it," said Wokojance.

Wokojance said the committee is set to vote on the legislation this week.

This legislation is sponsored by Sen. Stephanie Kunze.

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FROM THE FRONT

WooVs

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They knew immediately the band was more than the sum of its parts. "When we played with the other guys, I kind of knew, and they knew, it was a special thing," said Lengyel.

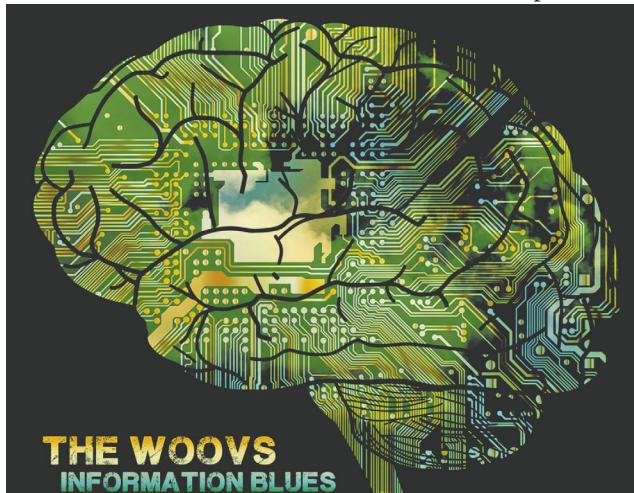
After releasing two albums, "WooVs" in 2009 and "Entertainment in the City" in 2011, "We stuck it out for a while. We played a lot of really good gigs," he said, including Akron's PorchRokr Music and Art Festival in Highland Square.

Then life intruded upon art, and the band took a break for a couple of years. "You know how bands are, they should never last," he said. And yet, after dealing with marriages, births, divorces and kicking various addictions, the WooVs defied the odds.

They wrote new material and tracked down recording engineer Matt Curry, now living in St. Louis, who was previously at Cleveland's Ante Up Audio recording studio, and had mixed their last album. His claim to fame was engineering Ozzy Osbourne's "See You on the Other Side."

Now that the band members are older, and have families and regular jobs, "We like to call it a working man's band," said Lengyel.

The WooVs have been performing the new material for about a year and a half, and played PorchRokr in August, as well as Canton's Little C Music Festival in September.



The WooVs will be performing songs from their new album "Information Blues" Friday night.

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