



THE BLADE/ANDY MORRISON  
Toledo Walleye ice crew member Ian Graves loses his grip as he carries off a walleye thrown to the ice after Toledo scored against the Ft. Wayne Comets in an ECHL playoff game at the Huntington Center.



THE BLADE/JEREMY WADSWORTH  
St. John's Jesuit fans cheer prior to a basketball game against St. Francis de Sales. St. John's defeated St. Francis 74-47.



THE BLADE/AMY E. VOIGT  
A senior prays quietly while congregation members sing during Sunday morning service at Worship Center.



LEFT: Faith Kennedy tearfully hugs her dog, Luna, after Toledo firefighters rescued her from the fire at the Andover Apartments in the 2500 block of Eastgate Road.

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THE BLADE/DAVE ZAPOTOSKY

Peggy Grant, left, carved a career as both an artist and consultant in the Toledo area, representing her husband Adam and other local artists. While she was out traveling to different cities and galleries, she was buying up pieces to create her own collection. Now in failing health, she has decided to deaccession that collection.

BELOW: Brooke Robbins, 18, right in green tutu, holds a white lantern with other survivors during the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual Toledo Light The Night Walk.



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LEFT: Melody Halsey checks the surgery staples on her foster dog Mekos, a 7-year-old male Bulldog mix, at her home. Mekos came to the Halsey family through Planned Pethood.

RIGHT: Trevon Mathis, Toledo head coach Jason Candle, and quarterback Logan Woodside, who was player of the game, hoist the trophy after winning the MAC Championship football game against Akron.



THE BLADE/LORI KING

# Images of 2017

Blade photographers pick their favorites of the year

BLADE STAFF

Every day, editors decide which photos appear in the newspaper, which images best capture the thrust of a story or, standing alone, convey a heightened mood and context.

Today, we threw out the rule book and asked Blade staff photographers to choose one or two of their favorite photographs from 2017.

Did they focus on drama and tragedy? The struggle for existence? Hardly.

Most chose to zoom in on the small details of life, with an emphasis on inspiration and joy. Be it a mother swallow feeding her brood, cancer survivors brandishing lights against the night, or the exuberance of a woman discovering that her dog had survived an apartment fire, most reflected our capacity for hope.

Individually, each tells a small story. Collectively, they paint a larger portrait of Toledo.

## 2017 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



THE BLADE/KURT STEISS  
Young mud barn swallows open their mouths to receive food from their mother as she flies by the nest at Judith Learner's home.