

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Vectren)
Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., for Approval) 18-0049-GA-ALT
of an Alternative Rate Plan)

In the Matter of the Application of Vectren)
Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of) 18-0298-GA-AIR
an Increase in Gas Rates)

In the Matter of the Application of Vectren)
Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., for Approval) 18-0299-GA-ALT
of an Alternative Rate Plan)

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) has published the required legal notices in accordance with the May 23, 2018 Entry in this proceeding, and hereby files proof of publication as follows:

County	Newspaper	Dates of Publication
1. Auglaize	Minster Community Post	June 14 & 21, 2018
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4. Butler	Hamilton Middletown Journal News	June 13 & 20, 2018
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7. Clark	Springfield News-Sun	June 13 & 20, 2018
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13. Greene	Fairborn Daily Herald	June 13 & 20, 2018
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28. Pickaway	Circleville Herald	June 13 & 20, 2018
29. Preble	Eaton Register Herald	June 13 & 20. 2018
30. Shelby	Sidney Daily News	June 13 & 20, 2018

Also filed herein are affidavits regarding the publication of the notices. Copies of the notices and affidavits are attached collectively as Exhibit A.

Dated: August 23, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Proof of Publication was served by electronic mail, to the following this 23rd day of August, 2018:

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EXHIBIT A

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.
Case Nos. 18-0298-GA-AIR and 18-0299-GA-ALT
Legal Notice Publication Dates - Publication Week 1 of 2

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Notes:

- (1) Auglaize County Newspapers St. Mary's Evening Leader and Wapakoneta Daily News bill as one charge for both.
- (2) Montgomery County Newspapers Germantown Press and Miamisburg West Carrollton News bill as one charge for both.



Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the Vectren Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Bellefontaine Examiner	6/13/2018
Circleville Herald	6/13/2018
Dayton Daily News	6/13/2018
Fairborn Daily Herald	6/13/2018
Greenville Advocate	6/13/2018
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Yellow Springs News	6/14/2018

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

6/21/18
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 21st day of June, 2018 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walter Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 06-17-19

Patricia A. Conkle
Notary Public

Our Old Book Case



Auglaize County 1 Prehistoric artifact exhibit June 24

By **JOYCE L. ALIG**
President, Mercer County
Historical Society

The Mercer County Indian Relic Collectors will be hosting their 38th Annual Prehistoric Artifacts Exhibit on Sunday, June 24, at the Mercer County Historical Museum, 130 East Market St., Celina. For responses to your questions about this exhibit,

contact Paul Leasor of St. Marys. This exhibit will be held on the lawn of the Mercer County Historical Museum and is free to the public.

The Mercer County Historical Society President Joyce Alig, may be contacted at 3054 Burk-St. Henry Road, Saint Henry, OH 45883, or histolig@bright.net or (419) 678-2614.

Do you recognize the exhibitors at these past photographs of the Mercer County Indian Relic Collectors? Attend the Sunday, June 24, exhibit at the Mercer County Historical Museum and you'll identify them.

Country Fest ride tickets on sale at area locations

Presale ride tickets for the Maria Stein Country Fest, held June 22 - 24, are available at a 50% savings, Ride all weekend wrist bands are also available for \$55.

Otterbaccher Shows will be providing a wide variety of rides for all ages again this year.

Advance ticket purchasers are eligible to win one of two bicycles to be given away at the Country Fest.

The tickets are available at the following businesses: In Maria Stein, Scotts Carry-Out, Leugers Insurance, The Headquarters, Maria Stein Grain, Thobe TV, The Shrine and The St. Henry Branch Bank; in Chicasaw, The Osgood State Bank Branch, MVP Sports and More, and the Library; in Osgood, The Osgood State Bank; in Minster, The Minster Bank and The Branch in Wagner's IGA; in St. Henry, The St. Henry Bank and the Shell Branch. For more information go to mscountryfest.com.

Wrist bands on sale on the Country Fest Grounds on Saturday from 1 'til 5 for \$15. On Sunday they are on sale from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. for \$20.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS GAS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AND FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE RATE PLAN VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. PUCO CASE NOS. 18-0298-GA-AIR & 18-0299-GA-ALT

In accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. hereby gives notice that on March 30, 2018, it filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates and charges for natural gas distribution services to its customers. VEDO has also applied, under Section 4929.05, Revised Code, for approval of an alternative rate plan including four elements.

This notice describes the substance of the Application. Any interested party, however, desiring complete, detailed information with respect to any affected rates, charges, regulations, and practices may inspect a copy of the Application and supporting schedules at the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or at the business office of VEDO at 1335 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Road, Fairborn, Ohio 45324, during normal business hours. The Application and supporting documents may also be viewed by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 18-0298 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the Application was filed.

A notice of intent to file this Application to increase rates and a copy of the proposed rates were filed with the Commission and also mailed to the mayors and legislative authorities of the communities located within the areas served by VEDO on February 21, 2018.

The Application, which contains proposed revisions to VEDO's Tariff for Gas Service, affects the rates and charges for, and various terms and conditions applicable to, natural gas service to all customers of VEDO served within all or portions of Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby and Warren Counties in Ohio. The Application states that the current rates and charges do not provide a just and reasonable rate of return on VEDO's used and useful property as of December 31, 2017, the date certain in this case. The Application states that VEDO requires the proposed revenue increase to provide an opportunity to earn a fair return on its assets and to recover its costs of operation.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Revised Code, an objection to such proposed increased rates by alleging that such proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable. Recommendations that differ from the Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

VEDO is proposing that base rates include \$5.6 million per year dedicated to energy efficiency programs to assist customers. VEDO is also proposing various revisions to non-rate terms and conditions contained in its Tariff for Gas Service, including modifications to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service and its Choice program.

The increase in the operating revenue requested by VEDO for its various rate schedules is as follows:

Rate 310 – 11.41 percent inclusive of gas costs
Rate 315 – 24.44 percent exclusive of gas costs
Rate 321 – 17.66 percent exclusive of gas costs
Rate 345 – 15.14 percent exclusive of gas costs

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VEDO is also seeking approval of an Alternative Rate Plan that includes the following four elements.

Distribution Replacement Rider. VEDO proposes continuing and expanding the accelerated replacement of bare steel, cast iron, and other targeted infrastructure at least until the end of 2023, along with the annual recovery of associated costs. VEDO proposes that fixed DRR charge per month applicable to its residential customers be capped in each annual DRR filing at the following levels:

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Residential Rate Cap (per customer, per month)
\$2.50
\$5.00
\$7.50
\$10.00
\$12.00
\$13.75

Multi-Family Housing Pilot Program. To increase the opportunity for residents of multi-family housing units to enjoy the benefits of natural gas, VEDO proposes an incentive to qualifying developers and owners of multi-family buildings to cover certain costs related to natural gas piping and venting in those buildings.

SFV Rate Design. Under straight fixed variable (SFV) rates, a utility's costs of distributing natural gas are recovered through a fixed monthly charge, and are not based on the amount of gas consumed. VEDO's residential customers have been subject to SFV rates for nearly 10 years, and this will not change under VEDO's base-rate proposal. VEDO proposes in the alternative rate plan to expand SFV rates to small non-residential customers. VEDO proposes a fixed monthly charge of \$46.19 per meter, regardless of usage, for Group 1 Customers served under Rate 320, Rate 321, and Rate 325.

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Senator Sherrod Brown talks Farm Bill

By **DEB ZWEZ**
Publisher

Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown held roundtable discussions throughout the state, across the spectrum of Ohio agriculture, and the results of those meetings formed the basis of key provisions the legislator insisted be a part of the 2018 Farm Bill.

The senator stepped out of the conference room Wednesday afternoon to host a media conference call touting his support of the bill, which had just passed through the committee with a 20-1 vote, Brown said.

The bipartisan farm bill should really be called a “food bill,” Brown said, as well as an economic development bill, a research bill and a protect Lake Erie bill he listed.

He said the bill helps “pro-



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vide food to hungry people” and helps “connect farmers to new markets for their products,” among other things.

“This bipartisan bill is good for farmers, good for families, good for taxpayers, good for jobs, and good for Lake Erie,” Brown said. “This bill is big win for Ohio, and it’s the product of a long, bipartisan process, working with farmers and stakeholders over the past year.”

Wednesday’s call also included Dr. Cathann Kress, dean of The Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

She said the farm bill is “critical to the future of all Ohioans,” as well as her college at OSU, and their land grant mission.

“The Farm Bill is more than a farm bill- it’s about farms and agriculture but

it’s also about the entire food system and food safety, economic development, conservation, education and important research and innovation. It’s critical to the future of all Ohioans, and it’s critical to the future of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at The Ohio State University and our ability to continue to implement our land grant mission of serving the people of Ohio. Our goal is to ensure that we have viable production agriculture, food security and safety, and environmental sustainability simultaneously- passage of the Farm Bill is key to our ability to do that,” said Dr. Kress.

In a press release issued after the call, Brown’s office outlined several key provisions in the bipartisan Senate Farm Bill that the senator introduced and fought to secure, including:

- Brown’s Local Food and Regional Market Supply

(FARMS) Act:

This bill would help farmers sell their products directly to consumers, create rural jobs, and invest in local and regional food economies.

“Of course Ohioans want to buy Ohio products,” Brown said during the call. We want to help them sell directly to their customers.”

- Provisions from Brown’s water quality improvement bill, the Give Our Resources the Opportunity to Work (GROW) Act. This legislation will improve water quality in Lake Erie and across Ohio by refocusing federal investments to improve water quality and soil health. These efforts will improve federal conservation programs and better support Ohio farmers by reforming the three largest conservation-funding programs to protect waterways while expanding access to quality farmland. On the call Brown said providing incentives to farmers to participate

in conservation programs helps keep rivers and Lake Erie clean.

- Provisions that would make improvements to dairy programs in order to better target support for small- and medium-sized producers. The Farm Bill replaces the Margin Protection Program (MPP) with the Dairy Risk Coverage program, which invests an additional \$100 million to improve affordability, flexibility, and effectiveness for Ohio dairy farmers.
- Provisions that protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for hungry families in Ohio. Brown pushed to help protect families in need by helping avoid harmful eligibility changes that would force working families to jump through unnecessary bureaucratic hoops.

Brown is the first Ohioan to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee in more than 40 years.

Ex-Rep. Gabby Giffords speaks against gun violence in Ohio

CINCINNATI (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords called Wednesday for political action against gun violence, during an Ohio appearance for a Democratic congressional candidate.

She was introduced by Abbie Youkilis, the aunt of 14-year-old Jaime Guttenberg, who was among 17 people killed in the February school shooting in Parkland, Florida. The girl’s grandparents sat just in front of Giffords.

“We must stop gun violence,” said Giffords, a Democrat who was severely wounded in a 2011 mass shooting in Tucson, Arizona, that killed six people. “Protect our children, our future. Let them lead the way ... make our country a safer place, a better place.”

She told people if they “have the courage to fight, stand with me” and use their votes.

She and her husband, retired astronaut Mark Kelly, have campaigned for tightened gun restrictions.

Giffords and more than 100 other women gathered at a Cincinnati home for the launch of “Women for Aftab,” backing Aftab Pureval’s 1st House District challenge to veteran Republican Rep. Steve Chabot.

Pureval pledged to support equal pay for women and to protect health care coverage and paid family leave.

“You are the difference,” he said, saying female voters can lift him past his opponent in November.

Chabot is seeking a 12th term in the traditionally Republican district. Democrats are hopeful about their nominee, who is coming off an upset victory in 2016 for the Hamilton County clerk of courts job.

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Showing steers: A family hobby

I’ve written about how much my Dad and I love to raise and show steers, but the love of the hobby didn’t start with us. My Papa Larry used to show steers when he was younger too. Papa isn’t as old as dirt yet, but a lot has changed since he used to show at the County Fair.

Our steers are a year long project and we love taking the steers to all the Open shows and other County fairs. When Papa was young, there were not many Open shows or any at all. There was the County fair and that was about it. Having only the County Fair to show at, this didn’t give the steers many chances to get used to crowds and the show arena noise.

We have to break our steers when we get them as feeder calves so they will be tame enough in the show ring. In Papa’s showing days, he said usually kids wouldn’t work with them until close to the fair. When I asked Papa how anyone could manage breaking a steer to halter at the size cattle are at fairtime, he said they would tie the steers to the back of a tractor and let the tractor do all the leading.

Back when he showed, most people went to the feed lot and picked out a



Learning as we go

A blog about raising my steer
By Jack Fisher

steer they thought the judge would like. He didn’t make a weekend of “shopping for steers” like we have fun doing. The things judges look for have changed the most from his time to ours, I think. We like them hairy, big in size, around 1350 pounds and finished with a little fat on them. In Papa’s showing days, the judges would pick champions that were around 1150 to 1200 pounds, lean in mass and they had taller frame.

We rinse steers and brush their hair everyday to get ready for fair. In Papa’s day, steers were rinsed maybe once or twice before the fair and once on show day. The past steer shows didn’t work much with hair like we do either. A bar of saddle soap and a scotch comb are all that was used to get the hair ready.

Today’s show steers use

more product in their hair than my mom does getting ready in the morning. Half of our showbox is full of the canned moisturizer and volumizer we use on the steers. We use our chutes to get the steers ready at every show. Papa had never even seen a grooming chute until 1976.

Even feeding was different. Corn was usually used in Papa’s day. Today, we feed corn along with other fillers depending on how we want the steer to grow. Steamed, rolled oats, Barley and cottonseed hulls are some examples of what we can choose from today. Papa calls it “fluff”.

So much has changed from Papa’s showing days to now, but one thing hasn’t. We love to be in the barn working cattle and love the hobby of showing steers. And we wouldn’t have it any other way.

Real cost of soybean tariff

COLUMBUS — An Ohio farmer could lose more than half of his or her annual net income if the threatened 25 percent tariff is imposed on U.S. soybeans and corn in China, a study from The Ohio State University has found.

Researchers with the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) have projected a 59 percent loss in annual net farm income based on historical trends in yields on corn and soybeans and projections for price drops in both commodities.

For the study, the researchers compiled data from six Ohio corn and soybean farms of similar size and created a representative Ohio farm comprised of 1,100 acres split evenly between corn and soybeans. They used the representative farm to determine the financial toll a tariff could take on an Ohio farm.

Net annual income on that representative Ohio farm was projected to drop from \$63,577 to \$26,107 under the proposed tariff, according to the study performed by Ben Brown, manager of CFAES’s farm management program and Ian Sheldon an agricultural economist, who serves as the Andersons Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade and Policy in CFAES.

Across Ohio, the loss of soybean exports to China would be an estimated \$241 million annually.

The study is the first to

show the financial impact a 25 percent tariff on China’s imports of U.S. soybeans and corn could have on an Ohio farmer and on the entire state.

“There are farmers who are struggling across the state,” Brown said. “If the proposed tariffs go into effect, we’re going to have farmers who will have to exit the industry.”

The financial losses stem from an expected drop in Chinese demand for U.S. soybeans and corn and in the world price for both crops.

“The biggest impact will be on profits from soybeans, however corn is affected too,” Brown said.

Soybeans are Ohio’s largest crop and the state’s top agricultural export. In April, China announced it would impose a 25 percent tariff on U.S. soybeans, corn and over 100 other American products. That was in response to the tariffs that the administration proposed on a range of Chinese imports valued at \$50 billion. Other international trading partners, including Canada, the European Union, and Mexico have recently announced retaliatory tariffs in response to U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum imports as well, that could also dip into the profits of Ohio farmers.

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NATION & WORLD

CANADA



Angel Gurría, secretary general of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, hides a folder at the G7 Summit last week in Canada. President Donald Trump said he is retaliating against Canada with countervailing tariffs. NEIL HALL/GETTY IMAGES

Trump scolds Trudeau, says policies will be costing Canada ‘a lot of money’

By Philip Rucker
Washington Post

SINGAPORE — President Donald Trump reprised his criticism of Canada’s prime minister here Tuesday, threatening that Justin Trudeau’s tough exchanges with him over trade policy would “cost a lot of money for the people of Canada.”

The president said he departed the Group of Seven summit that Trudeau hosted in Quebec late last week on “very friendly” terms with his six counterparts, including the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Britain.

“When I got on to the plane, I think that Justin probably didn’t know that Air Force One has about 20

televisions,” Trump said. “And I see the television, and he’s giving a news conference about how he will not be pushed around by the United States. I say, push them around? We just shook hands. It was very friendly.”

Trump said he was retaliating against Canada with countervailing tariffs, saying of Trudeau: “He learned that’s going to cost a lot of money for the people of Canada. He learned.”

Trump made his comments in a wide-ranging news conference in Singapore following his historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump was asked about the contrast between the respect he accorded Kim

here Tuesday and the hostility he showed Trudeau in recent days, and what he would say to those who worry he is treating America’s longtime friends, such as Canada, as enemies and its longtime enemies, such as North Korea, as friends.

“I think it’s a very fair question,” Trump said. “I had a very good meeting with the G-7. And I left the meeting, and I’ll be honest, we’re being taken advantage of by virtually every one of those countries very seriously.”

Trump said a photograph released by German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s spokesman that went viral captured a friendlier mood than what the snapshot conveyed to many analysts.

MAINE

George H.W. Bush becomes 1st U.S. president to turn 94

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE — George H.W. Bush enjoyed a relaxing birthday on Tuesday as he became the first former U.S. president to turn 94.

The nation’s 41st president was receiving calls and taking it easy at his seaside home eight days after being released from a hospital where he was treated for low blood pressure, said Chief of Staff Jean Becker.

Several of his children were in town, including former President George W. Bush. Another son, Neil Bush, called on people in a newspaper opinion piece to volunteer and “to become a point of light.”

As president, Bush encouraged others to be “points of light,” reflecting his belief that people need to help out in their communities.

Bush became the oldest U.S. president months ago and is the first to celebrate a 94th birthday, said spokesman Jim McGrath.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter isn’t far behind, at age 93, and he’ll celebrate his 94th on Oct. 1. Two other former U.S. presidents made it to 93: deceased Republicans Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford.

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CIA director and another about his farewell visit to the agency employees in January 1993, the final month of his presidency.

Related to that visit is a copy of a schedule for a briefing over lunch to discuss Iraq, Bosnia, Somalia, counter-intelligence, counter-narcotics and “CIS Ops,” an apparent reference to former Soviet states.

After dessert, the briefs included presentations on Russia, North Korea and “Clansig Operations,” an agency acronym for clandestine signals intelligence.

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Summit

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Singapore accord largely amounts to an agreement to continue discussions, echoing previous public statements and commitments. It does not, for instance, include an agreement to take steps toward ending the technical state of warfare between the U.S. and North Korea.

Nor does it include a striking concession by Trump, who told reporters he would freeze U.S. military “war games” with ally South Korea while negotiations between the U.S. and the North continue. Trump cast that decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises “inappropriate” while talks continue. North Korea has long objected to the drills as a security threat.

It was unclear whether South Korea was aware of Trump’s decision before he announced it publicly. U.S. Forces Korea said in a statement Tuesday it was unaware of any policy change. Trump phoned South Korean President Moon Jae-in after leaving Singapore to brief him on the discussions.

Trump also said he’d obtained a separate concession from Kim to demolish a missile engine testing site, though it was just one site of many connected to the nuclear program.

As Trump took a victory lap on the world stage, experts and allies

I have long called for a direct dialogue between the U.S. & #NorthKorea, and I have supported this summit with the goal of achieving a peaceful solution that includes North Korea giving up its nuclear weapons. I am hopeful that the negotiations can achieve these goals. In the past, however, #NorthKorea has used talks to stall while continuing its nuclear and missile programs. Empty promises cannot buy any more time. For nearly 18 months I worked to help secure the release of Otto Warmbier. Nearly one year ago I joined Fred and Cindy Warmbier in #Cincinnati as they welcomed Otto home from #NorthKorea, and it's a constant reminder to me about the evil nature of this regime. Following this summit I remain skeptical but hopeful that this new dialogue can translate into meaningful progress. #POTUS' maximum pressure campaign must remain in place until #NorthKorea truly changes course & ends its dangerous nuclear weapons program.

— U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, (R-Ohio) via Twitter



“We all want these negotiations to succeed, and I’m glad the President had a positive meeting with Kim Jong Un. But we’ve heard empty promises from the North Koreans before, so we must continue to hold them accountable with tough sanctions until we see proof the North Koreans are taking real steps to dismantle their nuclear weapons program.”

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high-tech fortifications, Trump sought to build a personal connection with Kim and said they have a “very good” relationship.

The U.S. president brushed off questions about his public embrace of the autocrat whose people have been oppressed for decades. He added that Otto Warmbier, an American who died last year just days after his release from imprisonment in North Korea, “did not die in vain” because his death helped bring about the nuclear talks.

In the run-up to Tuesday’s historic face-to-face with Kim, Trump has appeared unconcerned about the implications of feting an authoritarian leader accused by the U.S. of ordering the public assassination of his half brother with a nerve agent, executing his uncle by firing squad and presiding over a notorious gulag estimated to hold 80,000 to 120,000 political prisoners.

In their joint state-

ment, the two leaders promised to “build a lasting and stable peace regime” on the Korean Peninsula. Trump has dangled the prospect of economic investment in the North as a sweetener for giving up its nuclear weapons. The longtime property developer-turned-politician later mused about the potential value of condos on the country’s beachfront real estate.

The formal document-signing, which also included an agreement to work to repatriate remains of prisoners of war and those missing in action from the Korean War, followed a series of meetings at a luxury Singapore resort.

Ahead of the meeting Trump had predicted the two men might strike a nuclear deal or forge a formal end to the Korean War in the course of a single meeting or over several days. But in the hours before the summit, the White House unexpectedly announced Trump would depart Singapore earlier than expected — Tuesday

evening — raising questions about whether his aspirations for an ambitious outcome had been scaled back.

Aware that the eyes of the world were on a moment many people never expected to see, Kim said many of those watching would think it was a scene from a “science fiction movie.”

Critics of the summit leapt at the leaders’ handshake and the moonlight stroll Kim took Monday night along the glittering Singapore waterfront, saying it was further evidence that Trump was helping legitimize Kim on the world stage.

“It’s a huge win for Kim Jong Un, who now — if nothing else — has the prestige and propaganda coup of meeting one on one with the president, while armed with a nuclear deterrent,” said Michael Kovrig, a northeast Asia specialist at the International Crisis Group in Washington.

Trump responded that he embracing diplomacy with Kim in hopes of saving as many as 30 million lives.

The North has faced crippling diplomatic and economic sanctions for years as it has advanced development of its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Pompeo held firm to Trump’s position that sanctions will remain in place until North Korea denuclearizes — and said they would even increase if diplomatic discussions did not progress positively.

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From the Pulpit

By Pastor Marc Frey

The Coming of Jesus Affects the Life of the Christian

There are those who see this life as their entire existence. They don't know any other life. They may have a vague hope that there is something after death, but it is so vague and uncertain that it has no effect on the way they live. To them this life is everything. They operate on the assumption that the world will keep on going pretty much as always with the possibility of some improvements. They know that they will not always be here, but since they don't know anything else they try to put thoughts of death out of their minds.

So they concentrate on their homes, ambitions, and their goals in this life. Their one aim

is to get as far as possible in life and enjoy it as much as they can.

Even though Christians may at times get caught up in some of those things, they look at life differently. They know that Jesus could return at any time. Then everything will be changed. Things as they are now will come to an end. Believers will be with Jesus forever in a new and perfect life.

And so instead of devoting themselves to this life, they direct their thoughts to Christ's return. That is the big thing that affects their hopes and plans and the way they live.

They know what will be theirs so they do not allow themselves to be distracted by everything they see. They watch out for people and things that might mislead them.

Knowing that Jesus will return gives Christians a different

outlook on life than they would otherwise have. To them, this life is something that they are merely passing through on the way to a permanent life with Christ. And so instead of running after everything, they use this life as a time of preparation for a timeless life with God.

And since they are constantly being tempted to adopt the view of the world which concentrates on this life as though Jesus is never coming back, they live with the end of the world in mind.

People are naturally concerned about themselves. "Self" characterizes the life of most people. They think that this life is the only life they are ever going to have so they try to get out of life all that they can. If you miss out life is not worth living. If someone gets in your way, you come first. That is the way most

people are.

Christians are to live differently, not because we are trying to earn a place in heaven, but because God loves us and in that love has already paid for our sins. That love is what gives us hope.

The Christian's live is connected to Christ. Christ is their Maker and the giver of all their gifts. Christ is their Savior through whom they have the promise of eternal life. Christ is their Lord in heaven who now rules over all things and they look forward to the time when Christ returns. Those things affect everything they think and do.

(Pastor Marc Frey is the pastor at Peace of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool (WELS) New Carlisle, OH www.peaceofoursavior.net)

OBITUARY

Thomas Westley Newton

60, of New Carlisle, Ohio passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2018. He was born October 11, 1957 in Saranac Lake, New York the son of Thomas Newton & Elizabeth (Martin) Sutphen. Thomas was a devout Christian. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Sutphen; his wife, Leanna Newton; three daughters, Meagan (Jud) Avila, Sarah (Jacob) Glick, Deborah (Josh) Chapleski; a son, Kenneth (Melissa) Bailey; seven grandchildren, a brother, Ken (Cathy) Newton; five sisters, Kristine Peterson, Lisa "Kathryn" (Bob) Simpson, Christine (Steve) Ginter, Jenny (Mike) Novak, Karen (John) Magyer; several beloved nieces & nephews; other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Newton. Private services at the convenience of the family.

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CANADA



Angel Gurría, secretary general of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, hides a folder at the G7 Summit last week in Canada. President Donald Trump said he is retaliating against Canada with countervailing tariffs. NEIL HALL/GETTY IMAGES

Trump scolds Trudeau, says policies will be costing Canada ‘a lot of money’

By Philip Rucker
Washington Post

SINGAPORE — President Donald Trump reprised his criticism of Canada’s prime minister here Tuesday, threatening that Justin Trudeau’s tough exchanges with him over trade policy would “cost a lot of money for the people of Canada.”

The president said he departed the Group of Seven summit that Trudeau hosted in Quebec late last week on “very friendly” terms with his six counterparts, including the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Britain.

“When I got on to the plane, I think that Justin probably didn’t know that Air Force One has about 20

televisions,” Trump said. “And I see the television, and he’s giving a news conference about how he will not be pushed around by the United States. I say, push them around? We just shook hands. It was very friendly.”

Trump said he was retaliating against Canada with countervailing tariffs, saying of Trudeau: “He learned that’s going to cost a lot of money for the people of Canada. He learned.”

Trump made his comments in a wide-ranging news conference in Singapore following his historic summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump was asked about the contrast between the respect he accorded Kim

here Tuesday and the hostility he showed Trudeau in recent days, and what he would say to those who worry he is treating America’s longtime friends, such as Canada, as enemies and its longtime enemies, such as North Korea, as friends.

“I think it’s a very fair question,” Trump said. “I had a very good meeting with the G-7. And I left the meeting, and I’ll be honest, we’re being taken advantage of by virtually every one of those countries very seriously.”

Trump said a photograph released by German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s spokesman that went viral captured a friendlier mood than what the snapshot conveyed to many analysts.

MAINE

George H.W. Bush becomes 1st U.S. president to turn 94

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE — George H.W. Bush enjoyed a relaxing birthday on Tuesday as he became the first former U.S. president to turn 94.

The nation’s 41st president was receiving calls and taking it easy at his seaside home eight days after being released from a hospital where he was treated for low blood pressure, said Chief of Staff Jean Becker.

Several of his children were in town, including former President George W. Bush. Another son, Neil Bush, called on people in a newspaper opinion piece to volunteer and “to become a point of light.”

As president, Bush encouraged others to be “points of light,” reflecting his belief that people need to help out in their communities.



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Bush became the oldest U.S. president months ago and is the first to celebrate a 94th birthday, said spokesman Jim McGrath.

Former Democratic President Jimmy Carter isn’t far behind, at age 93, and he’ll celebrate his 94th on Oct. 1. Two other former U.S. presidents made it to 93: deceased Republicans Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford.

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Related to that visit is a copy of a schedule for a briefing over lunch to discuss Iraq, Bosnia, Somalia, counter-intelligence, counter-narcotics and “CIS Ops,” an apparent reference to former Soviet states.

After dessert, the briefs included presentations on Russia, North Korea and “Clansig Operations,” an agency acronym for clandestine signals intelligence.

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an alleged call to children services being made about his sister, who lives with the victim. Police looked at a text conversation between the two where the suspect made threats to the victim. Police attempted to make contact with the suspect but he would not answer his door. A warrant for the suspect's arrest was requested by the court.

• At 8:56 a.m. on June 5, police responded to the 100 block of Woodland Drive on the report of a disorderly male. According to the report, officers spoke with two males, ages 47 and 78, who advised that a 40-year-old male accused the 47-year-old of stealing his phone. The 47-year-old said the

suspect hit him in his right shoulder but was not injured. The victim said he was taking the 78-year-old, who resides with the suspect, to his house for the evening. The suspect said they were free to go. The suspect suddenly became irate, screaming and yelling obscenities at the victim. An officer warned him for disorderly but the suspect continued to yell and curse at the victim. The suspect was issued a citation for disorderly conduct.

• At 12:52 a.m. on June 7, police responded to the 400 block of Florence Avenue on the report of a male subject who appeared to be under the influence. The caller said they pulled into Florence Avenue and the subject came up to his truck window, appeared to be taking pictures and holding a lighter. Police located the

male who gave his last name and said he lived on Forest Lake Drive. He also said he lived in Port Williams, Xenia, and Dayton. He also told police "he had fought in the Civil War, discovered Mercury (the element), had been to several other countries and other confusing things" and "he had recently talked to people that had died many years ago." Dispatch was unable to find anyone with the subject's last name who lived on Forest Lake Drive. He told authorities the Clinton County Sheriff's Office had taken him to Clinton Memorial Hospital earlier that day and he was later discharged. Dispatch said the Sheriff's Office hadn't taken anyone to CMH that day that match the subject's description. Officers ended up taking the subject to CMH.

• At 1:50 a.m. on

June 7, police assisted the Ohio State Highway Patrol with a traffic stop on West Locust Street. The trooper told the responding officer that he could detect an odor of marijuana in the vehicle. The officer also detected a marijuana odor and when the passenger, a 49-year-old male, was removed from the vehicle along with a dog, caps containing white powder were seen in plain view on the side of the passenger's seat. No other contraband was located in the vehicle. The officer assisted the trooper by transporting the passenger and the dog to the patrol post without incident.

• At 8:23 p.m. on June 7, police received reports of a shirtless white male who was "covered in tattoos" and had no hair being disruptive. The first report came in saying he was

walking east on Rombach Avenue going in and out of the roadway swinging what appeared to be a broomstick at passing cars. At 8:27 p.m. the subject was reported by a nearby gas station. The subject, a 32-year-old male from Wapwallopen, Pennsylvania, was advised to stay out of the road by police. At 9:13 p.m., police received another report that the male was by the golf course on Rombach Avenue harassing people. The officer was advised "(the subject) was talking out of his mind" and was swinging a broom around. Officers spoke with him and he said, "He was just looking at the clouds." He also kept touching the ground and say "it needed to rain, because it was very dry." Police got in contact with the subject's father who said the subject

was in town visiting his mother and that he needed to get to the VA. Police were able to get the subject to CMH.

• At 1:47 p.m. on June 8, a 62-year-old female reported a breaking and entering at her residence on the 1100 block of Brownberry Driver. Items stolen include a tricycle from 1983, a 4-foot end table with white knobs, trash cans with toys and blankets, storage containers, a memory foam mattress topper, and a push broom.

• Emergency services responded to the 100 block of Doan Street on a report of a heroin overdose at 7:46 p.m. on June 8. A female subject was found not breathing. Authorities seized two bundles and a bag of powder.

Reach John Hamilton at 937-382-2574

Policy

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enrollment students may go up, then I have the discretion to meet with my building administrators to see what capacities we can incur," Baker said after the Monday special board meeting.

The 13 students impacted by the new policy will either be in kindergarten, first grade or fifth grade, with only two in fifth grade.

Baker estimates the 13 students, if they stay with Massie through

their senior years, will yield \$667,080 in net revenue throughout the span of their K through 12 school years.

By hiring a new elementary teacher for kindergarten and first grade, the student-teacher ratio in those grades and second grade will be about 20:1, rather than 24:1 without the 13 added students and the extra teacher, according to Baker.

The school board approved the new policy 5-0, with board member Mike Goodall calling it a "no-brainer" decision.

A key reason for the

new policy is the revenue it generates. The superintendent and district treasurer also have been looking into the rental cost the school charges the YMCA which reportedly has not gone up in a decade.

Baker expects to ask for an increase in the YMCA's rental cost.

A list of proposed cuts was recited during May's regular board meeting so that voters can better understand what is at risk if Clinton-Massie schools do not obtain additional funds from district taxpayers within the next couple elec-

tions, school officials have said.

Teaching positions and high school busing are two of the areas at risk. The list also includes the elimination of field trips beginning July 1 (the start of a new fiscal year), but the board Monday discussed the possibility of having three exceptions — one field trip from each building.

No board vote was taken, but it sounds as if the costs of the possible exceptions will have to be covered by something other than Clinton-Massie funds, be it a PTO, the

student's family or so forth.

Baker said advocates for the annual fifth-grade trip to Camp Joy and the annual seventh-grade Project Trust experience have met with him since hearing about the planned no-field trip rule. Then there also is the annual sophomores' trip to Laurel Oaks to learn more about what Oaks offers for high school juniors and seniors in career and technical preparation.

In another budget-related matter, the board approved a training program so that certain

school personnel can be permitted to dispense medications. The program will train building administrative assistants (secretaries), building principals, and an administrative staffer as a substitute.

This action was taken as a result of losing a health aide and passing one of the aide's responsibilities onto others on-site at the Clinton-Massie campus, said Clinton-Massie Board of Education President Jeremy Lamb.

Reach Gary Huffenberger at 937-556-5768.

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Power of Past set for July 5-8

GREENVILLE – The Greenville Farm Power of the Past will sponsor its 19th annual at the Darke County Fairgrounds from July 5-8.

This year the show will feature Buckeye Oliver Collectors and the Cast Iron Seat Collector’s Association Summer Meet, Case and Oliver Tractors, Michigan-built gas engines and Oil Field Engines.

The event will again include flea markets, camping, food vendors, threshing, chainsaw carving, antique auto, truck and motorcycle displays, kiddie tractor pulls, kiddie coin scramble, women’s activities and Sunday Church Services at 9:15 a.m. July 8.

Also on Sunday, the event will feature a car show and cruise-in.

Job & Family Services to see wage increase

BY SUSAN HARTLEY
STAFF WRITER
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DARKE COUNTY – Some Darke County Job and Family Services’ employees will be getting a 3 percent wage increase.

Following an executive session after their regular Wednesday meeting, Darke County Commissioners reconvened to unanimously approve the proposal by the bargaining employees’ union, AFSCME, Council 8, AFL-CIO Local 3225.

The new contract will be in effect from July 1 of this year through June 30, 2021.

The Job & Family Services contract is renewed every three years, explained Commissioner Mike Rhoades.

There are currently 57 employees at Darke County Job & Family Services, with 33 eligible for the wage increase.

Also Wednesday, commissioners approved two appointments for the county’s animal shelter, including Britton T. Morris as the chief animal control officer and Dennis Robinson as an animal control officer.

Morris, who has worked with the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office as well as a School Resource Officer in Shelby County, is licensed to carry a weapon, which Rhoades said, was one of several reasons he was offered the position.

CADC hosts annual barbecue fundraiser

GREENVILLE – The Cancer Association of Darke County is holding its annual BBQ Chicken/Marinated Pork Fundraiser. To participate in this, mail your order today along with your check for \$7.50 for each dinner, or call 548-9960 with any questions.

You can pick up your meals on July 14, at Greenville City Park, Shelter 3, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Drive up and they will bring the meals to your car.

Orders must be received no later than July 5.

Your meal will contain: BBQ Chicken or Marinated Pork Chop, dinner roll, bag of chips and a cup of apple sauce. Bottled water will be available.

Proceeds will be used to benefit cancer patients living in Darke County.

If you are able to help your friends and neighbors that are battling cancer, call the office (937-548-9960) and order or send your name, address, phone number, number of dinners you would like to order and indicate whether your choice of chicken or pork chop, and a check (payable to Cancer Association of Darke County) for the total number of dinners to CADC, PO Box 781, Greenville, Ohio 45331.

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Band shell to host concerts in Greenville

GREENVILLE – The Greenville Municipal Concert Band is proud to announce its 2018 concert schedule. The season will begin on Sunday, July 1 with their “Celebration of Independence” concert. All concerts will begin at 7 p.m., in the Greenville City Park at the new Marlin Band Shell. Each concert is free and open to the public and there is plenty of seating available or you may bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the show.

July 1, 8, 15, Aug. 5, 12, and Sept. 2 - Concert Band

July 22 and Aug. 26 – Jazz Band

There will be no concerts on July 29 or Aug. 19.

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DAYTON – Community Blood Center will join blood service organizations around the globe in the celebration of World Blood Donor Day on Thursday.

The 2018 theme focuses on blood donations as an act of solidarity with the slogan, “Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life.”

WBDD is an opportunity to thank blood donors for helping save lives and strongly encourage more people to donate.

CBC is a member of America’s Blood Centers, the nation’s largest network of independent blood centers.

America’s Blood Centers has taken the theme of solidarity to heart this year by securing congressional support for blood donations on the one-year anniversary of the shooting at a congressional baseball practice. U.S. House of Representatives Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) was severely injured and required several blood transfusions. He credits blood donors for saving his life.

Members of the Republican and Democrat congressional baseball teams have sent a letter to fellow members of Congress encouraging them “to visit their local community blood center during the recess the week after June 14 to learn more about the continuous need for blood donation and to support their life-saving work.”

ABC is helping connect members of congress with their district’s blood centers and offering assistance with arranging visits.

Rep. Stephen Huffman (R-Tipp City) is a regular visitor to CBC because he is a life-long blood donor. He is also an emergency room physician and chairman of the House Health Committee. In 2017 he introduced House Bill 252 to designate January as “Blood Donor Awareness Month” in Ohio.

Gov. John Kasich signed it into law on Feb. 8.

Rep. Huffman will join CBC in a campaign recognizing the first celebration of Ohio Blood Donor Awareness Month in January 2019.

The World Health Organization chose the 2018 World Blood Donor Day theme of solidarity to highlight the fundamental values of altruism, respect, empathy and kindness, which underline and sustain voluntary unpaid blood donation systems. The goal is to draw attention to the roles that voluntary donation systems play in encouraging people to care for one another and generate social ties and a united community.

Connect with Community Blood Center for the latest information and services at www.GivingBlood.org. Get fast and complete answers on how to make your first donation, organize a blood drive or bring Community Blood Center’s education program to your school. Get all the updates in the CBC/CTS newsroom, find quick links to Community Blood Center’s social media pages or schedule an appointment to donate by connecting to www.DonorTime.com.

Donors are required to provide a photo ID that includes their full name. Past CBC donors also are asked to bring their CBC donor ID card. Donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 years old with parental consent: form available at www.givingblood.org or at CBC branch & blood drive locations), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds (donors may have to weigh more, depending on their height) and be in good physical health. The Food and Drug Administration changes blood donor eligibility guidelines periodically. Individuals with eligibility questions are invited to email canidonate@cbccts.org or call 1(800)388-GIVE. Make an appointment at www.DonorTime.com.

Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services is an independent, not-for-profit organization. Community Blood Center provides blood products to 25 hospitals and health centers within a 15-county service area in the Miami (Ohio) and Whitewater (Indiana) Valleys.

For more information about Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services, visit www.givingblood.org.

Summit

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ally South Korea while negotiations between the U.S. and the North continue. Trump cast that decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises “inappropriate” while talks continue. North Korea has long objected to the drills as a security threat.

It was unclear whether South Korea was aware of Trump’s decision before he announced it publicly. U.S. Forces Korea said in a statement Tuesday it was unaware of any policy change.

Trump phoned South Korean President Moon Jae-in after leaving Singapore to brief him on the discussions.

Trump also said he’d obtained a separate concession from Kim to demolish a missile engine testing site, though it was just one site of many connected to the nuclear program.

As Trump took a victory lap on the world stage, experts and allies struggled to account for what Trump and Kim had agreed to — and whether this agreement could actually be the first of its kind not to be broken by the North Koreans.

North Korea is believed to possess more than 50 nuclear warheads, with its atomic program spread across more than 100 sites constructed over decades to evade international inspections. Trump insisted that strong verification of denuclearization would be included in a final agreement, saying it was a detail his team would begin sorting out with the North Koreans next week.

The agreement’s language on North Korea’s nuclear program was similar to what the leaders of North and South Korea came up with at their own summit in April. Trump and Kim referred back to the so-called Panmunjom Declaration, which contained a weak commitment to denuclearization but no specifics on how to achieve it.

Between handshakes, a White House invitation, and even an impromptu tour of “The Beast,” the famed U.S. presidential limousine known for its high-tech fortifications, Trump sought to build a personal connection with Kim and said they have a “very good” relationship.

The U.S. president brushed off questions about his public embrace of the autocrat whose people have been oppressed for decades. He added that Otto Warmbier, an American who died last year just days after his release from imprisonment in North Korea, “did not die in vain” because his death helped bring about the nuclear talks.

In the run-up to Tuesday’s historic face-to-face with Kim, Trump has appeared unconcerned about the implications of feting an authoritarian leader accused by the U.S. of ordering the public assassination of his half brother with a nerve agent, executing his uncle by firing squad and presiding over a notorious gulag estimated to hold 80,000 to 120,000 political prisoners.

In their joint statement, the two leaders promised to “build a lasting and stable peace regime” on the Korean Peninsula. Trump has dangled the prospect of economic investment in the North as a sweetener for giving up its nuclear weapons. The longtime property developer-turned-politician later mused about the potential value of condos on the country’s beachfront real estate.

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Thurs., June 14, 4-7pm; Fri.
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**IN THE COMMON PLEAS
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IN THE MATTER
ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE FOR
JERRY MEANS
CASE NO. 18CVT00253
NOTICE OF HEARING**
TO: Shaun Ginter, or
other persons having any
interest in the following
described motor vehicle:

You will take notice that
an application for Issuance
of title has been filed by
Jerry L. Means for the fol-
lowing motor vehicle: Year:
2005; Make: Chevrolet;
Model: Malibu; Serial No.:
1G1ND52F25M182754.

TO: Thomas R. Burden,
or other persons having any
interest in the following
described motor vehicle:

You will take notice that
an application for issuance
of title has been filed by
Jerry L. Means for the fol-
lowing motor vehicle: Year:
1999; Make: Mercury;
Model: Sable; Serial No.:
1MEFM53S7XA618900.

The application will be
considered by Judge Jona-
than P. Hein, Darke County
Common Pleas Court on
July 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
Any persons having an
interest in said motor ve-
hicle should appear at the
hearing and prove their
interest therein or the title
issuance will be granted as
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Jerry L. Means
Applicant
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Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Village of Versailles
Greenlawn Cemetery
Board is scheduled to meet
on Tuesday, June 19, 2018
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lawn Cemetery Office
located at 546 Greenlawn
Avenue.
All interested parties are
welcome to attend.
Kathy Ording
Fiscal Officer

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VERSAILLES, OHIO
NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR
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Funds are available from the Ruth and Emerson
Booher Committee Advised Fund for Versailles, Ohio
for 501©3 tax-exempt nonprofit organizations whose
programs benefit citizens within the Versailles, Ohio
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Successful applicants will be expected to
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in all publicity and advertising and within 90 days after
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and how the success measurements are being
addressed.

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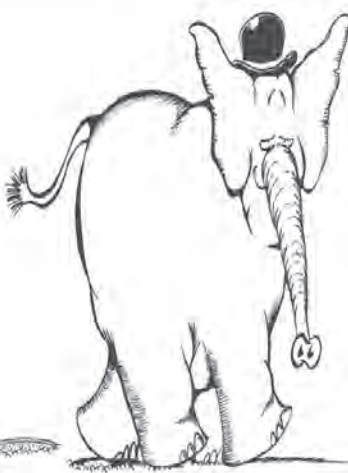
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LOCAL BRIEFS

Washington Cemetery cleanup planned

The 2018 Memorial Day Cemetery Cleanup for Washington Cemetery will begin on June 13 this year, weather permitting, and continue throughout the week, until completed. If anyone has decorations, wreaths, planters, free standing vases, etc. that they wish to keep or re-use, they must be picked up prior to the 13th or the items will be discarded. Please keep in mind, solar lights and shepherd's hooks are not permitted. If they are picked up by staff, they will be labeled and stored until the owners can retrieve them. Inquire at the cemetery office.

Senior Farmers' Market coupon distribution

Senior Farmers' Market coupons will be distributed on Thursday, June 14 from 9-11 a.m. at the Fayette County Community Action Commission, 1400 US 22, in Washington C.H. Individuals at least 60-years-old and meeting income guidelines may pick up \$50 worth of farmers' market coupons for fresh produce and honey on this date only. Questions may be directed to David Persinger, Fayette County Farmers' Market, at 740-606-3467.

Pic-A-Fay Fire District to hold budget meeting

The Pic-A-Fay Joint Fire District will hold a budget meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 5:45 p.m. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at the firehouse, 17 N. Church St. in New Holland.

Fayette County Republicans to meet

The Fayette County Republican Central Committee will meet June 14 at 7 p.m. at the Center for Economic Development, second floor, in Washington C.H.

Signature HealthCare to host movie night

Join Signature HealthCare of Fayette County for a free, fun family movie night, "Movie on the Lawn," on

Friday, June 15 at Signature HealthCare, 375 Glenn Ave. in Washington C.H. at 9 p.m. Popcorn will be provided, and the movie will be located on the right side lawn, outside of 100 hall. Bring your lawn chairs, blanket and drinks.

Road closure planned for June 16 in WCH

The City of Washington Court House will be closing North Main from Court to Market, and South Main from Court to East on Saturday, June 16 at 4 a.m. Please have all vehicles removed within the announced areas before this time. Any vehicles remaining will be towed by the police department at the owner's expense.

Genealogical Society to meet June 18

The Fayette County Genealogical Society will meet Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Carnegie Public Library. Please use the side entrance. Harry Wright will be the speaker, talking about local veterans. The public is invited.

Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at hospital

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Thursday, June 21 at Fayette County Memorial Hospital's Medical Arts Building 2 from 1-6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, contact Stephanie Campbell at 740-333-5186, email scampbell@fcmh.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS, or visit the website at RedCrossBlood.org.

Fayette's Compassionate Friends group to meet

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EDUCATION DIGEST

Niemeier makes list

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Local graduates from college

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While a senior affordable rental development would most directly meet the needs of older villagers, it would also meet other local needs, according to Seibel. When seniors have more housing options and a chance to downsize, their current larger homes would be available for families to purchase. And more housing units means more people in town to help lessen the tax burden.

“This is a public good that meets not only the needs of seniors, but others’ needs as well,” she said.

The former Wright State site is a prime location for senior housing, according to Seibel. Only a block and a half from the Antioch College Wellness Center, it’s also across the street from Friends Care Community. After the new fire station is constructed, it will be across a parking lot from the fire department, where emergency health care is available. It’s also on the Greene CATS yellow bus line, providing easy access to downtown. And there are few land parcels in town large enough for a development of this size. It was identified as the first choice for the project by the Senior Housing Working Group sponsored by Home, Inc., she said.

“The group looked at every property in town, and this was determined to be the best property,” Seibel said.

If the project comes to fruition, it will be the culmination of at least 10 years of effort toward providing more affordable senior housing in the village. The effort began in 2007, when the Morgan Family Foundation purchased what was then called the Barr property downtown, gifting the land to Friends Care Community with the stipulation that it be used for affordable senior housing.

While the FCC moved forward with plans to develop the housing, the project later stalled as a casualty of the recession. Not long after, Home Inc. joined with the

Columbus nonprofit Buckeye Community Hope with a plan to develop about 33 below market-rate apartments for seniors on the site, pending financing from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency tax credit program. However, that project was not awarded funding. Later, the land was sold to the Hammond family for the development of the Mills Park Hotel.

One who has been involved in the Senior Housing Working Group for at least a decade is Suzanne Patterson. The group is currently looking to assemble a list of those who would be interested in the senior rentals, she said, and interested persons should contact her at 767-9242.

While the long delay has sometimes been discouraging, it’s exciting to see the effort to address the senior housing needs move forward, according to Patterson, who cited the involvement of the Morgan Family Foundation as critical in getting the project rolling again.

“It’s huge that the Morgan Foundation came back in to help,” she said.

Several years ago, the foundation announced that it was suspending grants in Yellow Springs following a grant to Antioch College for \$6 million dollars. Previously, the foundation had awarded almost \$10 million in funding over a 10-year period to local nonprofits, along with consistent grants to Home, Inc. The five-year hiatus in funding is up in 2019, according to Kuhn, and when Seibel of Home Inc. approached the foundation for a loan, the foundation decided to move ahead.

“Housing is a critical need in the community,” Kuhn said. “This was a good opportunity for the foundation to make a difference.”

For Seibel, the current effort is the result of a extensive multi-year effort to meet the needs of seniors in the village.

“We stand on the shoulders of extraordinary efforts made over a decade to bring this project to fruition,” she said.

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Inaugural YS sports hall of fame

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dition “was much needed, much overdue” in Yellow Springs.

The Athletic Department and Boosters club worked together to establish a timeline for nominations and put together a 10-person committee comprised of former players, coaches and administrators to make the selections.

Their goal was to name 10-12 people for the first year’s class, Baker said.

But sticking to those numbers proved difficult.

“When you are selecting from 100 years of history, it is very tough to narrow down,” he said.

The committee aspired to represent an overview of “different eras, different demographics, different sports ... to get a good, whole perspective looking back,” Baker said.

At the same time, they focused on pre-2000 graduates in an effort to honor athletes while they or their immediate families can accept the award.

Three of this year’s inductees are deceased: In addition to Coles and Hughes, who died in 1996, Leroy Bondurant died in 1999 at the age of 60.

Bondurant’s children, Tyson Bondurant, an All-State football player, and Teresa Bondurant Wagner, who “played everything,” according to 1975 graduate and fellow honoree John Gudgel, are also among the 2018

inductees.

Baker said that the Hall of Fame organizers developed “a five-year plan” in which each subsequent class of honorees will reduce in number by two, until after five years, when the Hall of Fame will settle on two new inductees a year, with more recent graduates also included.

He foresees no difficulty in naming new recipients.

“We got over 100 nominations” this year, Baker said.

Sterling Wright said he was honored to be included in the inaugural class.

At 6-feet, 8-inches tall, he might seem like a natural to play basketball. But Wright said he didn’t make the varsity team until his senior year of high school. He hadn’t yet reached his full height, but was still 6’4” or 6’5”, he said in a telephone interview this week.

His college career began as a walk on at Lincoln University, but two years later he was named an All-American player.

“I stayed with it,” he said of the work he put into becoming an expert player.

Inducted into Lincoln’s Hall of Fame three years ago, he noted that he was the first and only basketball player to go pro from both Yellow Springs and Lincoln University.

Professionally, he played first with the ABA’s New York Nets and then with the NBA’s Philadelphia 76’ers, before continuing his career in France.

Wright, whose family goes back five generations in Yellow Springs to the Conway Colony, returned to the village in 2008 to help care for his mother, who has since died.

At the time of his return to town he was working as a coach and consultant with the FIBA, and so “could live anywhere,” he noted. He’s remained in the village ever since, and his two daughters graduated from Yellow Springs High School.

He said he tries to give back locally, serving on the Friends Care Board, among other civic activities.

Fellow inductee and Yellow Springs native John Gudgel chose to stay in his hometown, making his career as an educator. Retired as principal at McKinney Middle School/Yellow Springs High School, Gudgel is currently a guidance counselor and track coach.

He said his athletic experiences in high school helped shape him as a person and an educator.

The winner of the 440-yard dash at the state level his senior year, Gudgel was also part of the track team that won the state title

that same year.

“It was the first Yellow Springs team to win a state title,” he recalled in a phone interview earlier this week.

As a junior he was also part of the school’s now defunct football team, which surprised everyone by going undefeated that year.

While those wins were stand out moments at the time, Gudgel said the lasting lessons of playing on a team continue to influence him.

“Not everybody was a gifted athlete, but everybody had different strengths” that contributed to the team, he said, adding that he sees “a lot of parallels” to that understanding in the educational setting.

What’s more, “You have to get along with so many different people,” he said. Players come from diverse backgrounds and experiences, but you still have to come together as a team.

Like Gudgel and the Bondurant siblings, many of the inaugural Hall of Fame inductees played multiple sports. And many have served over the years as coaches for aspiring younger players.

Bill Hardman has been a longtime local soccer coach, Shirley Cummins has coached a variety of sports, and Sarah Lowe retired as the middle school health and physical education teacher in 2013, following a high school and college career filled with sports.

At the time of her retirement, she said she was inspired to become a PE teacher by the teachers she had growing up in Yellow Springs.

In her own classes she liked to introduce students to new sports, to give young people a range of possibilities for staying active, and she taught games and activities they might continue playing the rest of their lives.

““These are things you can do your whole life,” she told the News.

Recognizing the full contributions of our local athletes is important, Athletic Director Baker said. The purpose of the June 30 banquet is to celebrate their accomplishments as a community.

“This is a huge event for our community and for those being inducted,” Bakr said.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with a cash bar, and hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m. Desert and coffee will wrap up the evening at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and may be purchased at Nipper’s Corner gas station during regular hours or online via PayPal to YS_Booster-sclub@yahoo.com.

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Fife earns two degrees at OU

Submitted story

William Casey Fife, a 2014 graduate of the Hillsboro Christian Academy, received two bachelor's degrees from Ohio University on May 5.

Fife graduated cum laude (3.69 GPA) with a bachelor's of sports ,anagement as well as a bachelor's of business administration, majoring in sports management, business analytics, and management information systems. During his time at OU, Fife was able to contribute to various consulting projects with organizations such as the Chicago Bulls, Centric Consulting and Hyland Software. Additionally, he completed a yearlong internship with OU football in their equipment room, where he assisted with all day-to-day operations for the team, including both practice and game-day responsibilities. He was also able to travel to all of the team's away games, including a 41-6 victory over UAB in the Bahamas Bowl.

In the fall, Fife will find himself



Submitted photo

William Casey Fife graduated from Ohio University on May 5.

back in Athens, pursuing master's of business administration degree and potentially a master's of business analytics degree. He hopes that these degrees, along with the

experiences associated with them, will land him a future job in a front office of a sports organization.”

Submitted by William Fife.

COLLEGE EDUCATION NEWS

Submitted story

OU Chillicothe Dean’s List

Ohio University Chillicothe has announced its dean's list for the spring semester of the 2017-18 school year. To achieve this, students need to earn at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit earned, including at least 12 hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

Local students named to the list include: Samantha Cassady, Bainbridge; Jensen Daulton, Hillsboro; Mackenzie Jones, Bainbridge; Beth Kegley, Greenfield; Jenna Perie, Greenfield; Madison Shoenleben, Peebles; Caleb Smith, Bainbridge; and Nicholas Winland, Bainbridge.

Pickering on dean’s list

Hannah Pickering, of Leesburg, was named to the dean's list at Capital University for the spring 2018 semester. In order to be named to the dean's list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5.

Larrick provost’s list

Capital University has announced that Grace Larrick, of Leesburg, has been named to the provost's list for the spring 2018 semester. To be named to the provost's list, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.70.

This story was compiled from several news releases sent to The Times-Gazette.

Craft items wanted for lifestyle magazine

AIM Media Midwest

Are you a maker? Show us what you're up to.

We're interested in learning about what our Ohio neighbors are making in their free time for a feature in Salt magazine, distributed via The Times-Gazette. There's so much creativity happening outside of the 8 to 5, a way for folks to help with the household budget or just express themselves in a way their jobs don't ask of them.

Send a photo of a



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finished item, cost, social media info and your contact info to amcgeesterrett@aim-mediamidwest.com.

IN BRIEF

Man falls into cops’ hands

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio man who ran from a traffic stop and then found himself clinging by his hands to a window ledge has been literally caught by police waiting below.

The (Youngstown) Vindicator reports Youngstown police say 21-year-old Dai'ryon Mitchell jumped out of a car and fled on foot Sunday afternoon when officers responded to a report of mul-

tiple gunshots having been fired.

Police say officers chased Mitchell into a home and, while hanging by his hands from a window ledge, tried to pull himself inside when he saw two officers beneath the window. Mitchell instead lost his grip, fell into the officers' arms and was arrested after a brief struggle.

Mitchell has been charged with felony fleeing and eluding. Court records don't indicate if he has an attorney.

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NOTES

CAMPS

**BELLEFONTAINE #Phenomenal
WRESTLING CAMP**

Bellefontaine Wrestling is hosting a camp Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1. The camp will feature Ohio State all-American Joey McKenna and Buckeye teammates Kaleb Romero and Chase Singletary. Cost is \$75 per wrestler and is open to all ages and schools. Saturday's camp sessions are from 12-2 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. and Sunday's session is from 2-4 p.m. Camp will be held in the multi-purpose building next to the baseball field.

BHS CHIEFS SOCCER CAMP

The Bellefontaine boys and girls soccer programs are hosting a camp July 23-26 at Southview Park. The camp is Monday-Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the soccer fields and is

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the Lakeview Athletic Association is Wednesday, June 27 at Emil Davis Park at 6 p.m. in Lakeview. For more information, contact Terry Brentlinger at 441-8598.

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The Percheron capital of the United States

By Rosemary Anderson
Plain City Times

No matter how much we love our home town, it is hard for most of us to imagine Plain City as the national center of anything. But there was a time in the latter half of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th, when it was just that. It all began with a Welshman named Thomas Jones.

Thomas Jones was born in Brecon, South Wales on July 29, 1823. When he was nine years old he came with his father to America. They settled in Columbus. In 1847 he was married to Miss Ninian (or Ann) Newton. He began as a dealer in cattle and sheep, and in the mid-1850s he bought land just to the north of Pleasant Valley (as the town was then named). Jones called his property the Pleasant Valley Stock Farm.

The Percheron draft horse breed originated in the French province of Le Perche near Normandy. Although attempts were made in the 1830s and 1840s to introduce the breed to the United States, it was not until 1851 that two stallions were imported who were to become the foundation sires of



The Pleasant Valley Stock Farm and some of its horses in 1912. Charles Jones is the man in the white shirt and hat.

the Percheron horse in America.

One of these, Louis Napoleon, was imported by Erastus Martin of Woodstock and Charles Fullington of Milford Center. He was later sold to A. P. Cushman of DeWitt County, Illinois.

The other stallion, Normandy, was originally owned by Dr. Marcus Brown of Circleville. He was eventually purchased by Thomas Jones, who owned him for the final 26 years of his life. During his time at the Pleasant Valley Stock Farm he

was known as Pleasant Valley Bill. He stood about 15.3 hands high (a hand equals four inches), weighed nearly 1,400 pounds, and was entirely white. (Percherons are born black and may turn gray or white as they age.) It is claimed that Normandy sired as many as 110 colts in a single season, and averaged 60 colts a year for 18 years. He average selling price of



these colts was \$200.

As farmers began to realize the advantages of the Percheron horse, its popularity spread across the country and into Canada and other countries. The Pleasant Valley Stock Farm thus became the center of a very active business. Thomas Jones died at his home on Feb. 18, 1908, at the age of 85. His son Charles had



Thomas Jones (1823-1908), founder of the Pleasant Valley Stock Farm and first successful Percheron breeder in America.

been his father's partner for many years. He was born in Pleasant Valley on June 9, 1850. The family legend is that when Thomas Jones purchased Normandy in 1863, the transaction took place at or near Camp Chase in Columbus, and Charles rode the stallion home.

Charles graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1873 and became the supervisor of the farm, continuing his father's breeding program. He became secretary of the national Percheron Horse Association, which held its first national Percheron Horse Show at the Ohio State Fair in 1936. He was also active in local affairs, including the Corn Carnivals, the



Charles McCloud Jones (1850-1937), son of Thomas who carried on his work.

Methodist Church, the Masons and the Plain City Board of Education.

Charles was married on Oct. 29, 1879, to Ida S. Snider of Mt. Gilead. They had one daughter, Bertha, who married Pearl Crabill of Springfield. Charles held a dispersal sale in 1919 at which he sold off most of his stock, and retired from active business in 1924. Ida died on Nov. 4, 1935, and Charles died at his daughter's home of pneumonia on Jan. 12, 1937.

The Pleasant Valley Stock Farm was subsequently purchased by the Hofbauer family and remains their home to this day.

Rosemary Anderson is the vice president of the Plain City Historical Society.

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Secret pond is deceiving in looks

The pond is located a quarter-mile from the road, at the far side of a vast and long-neglected field. It's been decades since the land was last worked. During those intervening years, the fallow ground became a nearly impenetrable tangle of rank weeds, snarly blackberry briars, and volunteer cedars.

On a sunny summer day, just getting from the black-top to the water's edge will cost you a gallon of sweat and a pint of blood from multiple scratches. You'll be covered in burrs, coughing from all the dusty chaff and pollen in your lungs, and certain to have at least a dozen hungry ticks creepy-crawling about your nether parts.

Not an adventure for the faint of heart or anyone whose mind is too sound. No, it takes suffering and fortitude to reach this secret pond — an urge driven by optimistic lunacy. But then, all gonzo fishermen are eternally hopeful and a little crazy.

Having survived the ordeal and made it to the pond's willow-fringed banks, a first-time visitor will be sorely unimpressed. It doesn't appear very big, very deep, or very fishy.

But looks can be deceiving — especially first looks.

This is maybe the oddest shaped pond I've ever encountered. It's neither rounded nor elongated, but instead, a sort of free-form Rorschach blot. Several water-filled blobs of vary-

ing size connected to one another by channels.

Sometime back in the early 1950s, a fellow with a backhoe apparently drove his recently invented machine into the far edge of the field and proceeded to dig a dozen holes. One here, one there, another over to this side, a couple more off that-a-way. Then, just for fun, he joined these willy-nilly holes via a series of short trenches.

There's no rhyme nor reason to their layout, no pattern. The holes and trenches — all surprisingly deep — soon filled with water. I'd guess their combined surface area might add up to a couple of acres.

Technically speaking, I suppose I should refer to the place in the plural. But since all parts connect, I've always viewed it as one weirdly-configured pond.

It's been decades since I've noticed any indication of other visitors. No newly-trampled paths near the water's edge, or footprints in the soft mud along the bank. Not a single discarded bait container or wadded skein of monofilament line.

When I recently visited, the pond slumbered peacefully in the morning sun — a shimmering latent secret.

I stood at the water's edge. Low-angled sunlight washed golden across the surface. The clear, deep

water glowed with a soft emerald luminescence.

When folks ask why I fish, I wish I could show them such moments. I'd love to share the sense of wonder and magic. Words aren't enough — or maybe I'm just incapable of

choosing and stringing them together so's to adequately describe and thus recreate the actuality in their mind's eye.

A writer is forever bound by the alchemy and limitations of their talent.

For me, there's way more to fishing than catching fish. Yes, the fish are important, even necessary — at least occasionally. But going fishing is like going out to eat with your dearest friends...the meal has importance, but it's only an oblique impetus for what truly matters.

I fish to catch fish, but the fishing isn't predicated merely on catching.

Which may be a rather roundabout way of admitting the secret pond is not a super-duper hotspot chocked full of trophy fish. Not even close. Resident bluegill and bass are numerous, and generally willing to bite—but aren't likely to set any records.

My best largemouth might have weighed five pounds on a friendly scale. The average bass seldom exceeds two.

Bluegill are my primary focus. It's not too difficult to stringer a couple of dozen ranging from six-

to-nine chunky inches. Respectable fish — though you have to cull your way through a lot of junior-sized sunfish to reach this goal.

Still, as ponds go, this one is no more than a small cut above mediocre. There are plenty around its equal, and considerably better ones to be found.

No, what draws me to return to the pond year after year is its seclusion. Invisibility from the distant road and the difficulty required to cross the intervening terrain insure the pond's continued isolation.

The pond is a shared secret—mine in a way no land deed could ever convey. Both blessing and treasure. You have to pay a price to get here. But its fish are gullible, so I don't have to pay much attention to angling.

Instead, I can watch turquoise dragonflies swooping above the cattails. Or nod at the muskrat who sometimes comes swimming by, beads of water flecking shiny sable fur. There are painted turtles and harrumphing bullfrogs. Jewel-like goldfinches flit about the adjacent weeds.

Writer Robert Ruark once observed how fishing is a “state of mind.” This secret pond is where my state of mind unspools into tranquility.

For that, I'm glad the old field has long kept its secret.

Jim McGuire resides in Englewood, and can be reached at naturalrambler@gmail.com



Jim McGuire
Contributing columnist

MIAMI COUNTY'S MOST WANTED

Heather Brown

Last known address: Troy
Date of birth: 05/10/90
Height: 5'4
Weight: 175
Eyes: Blue

Brown

Hair: Brown
Wanted for: Aggravated possession of drugs

Adoulphus Coleman

Last known address: Troy
Date of birth: 07/25/84
Height: 6'0
Weight: 215
Eyes: Brown

Coleman

Hair: Black
Wanted for: Robbery

Lisa Colston

Last known address: Troy
Date of birth: 10/18/79
Height: 5'7
Weight: 135
Eyes: Brown

Colston

Hair: Red
Wanted for: Possession of drugs

Matthew Link

Last known address:



Link

Brown

Hair: Blond
Wanted for: Aggravated possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia



McDade

Last known address: Houston
Date of birth: 07/26/91
Height: 5'3
Weight: 175
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blonde
Wanted for: Receiving stolen property

• This information is provided by the Miami County Sheriff's Office. These individuals were still at-large as of Friday.

• If you have information on any of these suspects, call the Miami County Sheriff's Office at 440-6085, or anonymous tips can be left on the Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.miamicountysheriff.org/contact-us-1/tips>

• Location identifies the last known mailing address of suspects.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today

• **BRAIN BUILDERS BOOK CLUB:** Join staff at the The Oakes-Beitman Memorial Library in Pleasant Hill on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. for the annual youth summer book club, Brain Builders. Enjoy reading, book discussions, and crafts. For children in third grade and up. For more information, call 676-2731.

• **BABY & ME:** Join the Troy-Miami County Public Library during the Summer Reading Challenge for Baby & Me Laptime on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. During this six-week summer session, children from birth to age 2 and their caregivers will enjoy 30 minutes of one-on-one time and interact through stories, songs, and playtime. The emphasis of this program is on early literacy and parent/caregiver interaction. For more information, call 339-0502, Ext. 121 or visit www.tmcpl.org.

• **YOGA:** Betsy Shellhaas of the Tapestry Healing Arts Center will present “Yoga Rocks” for all levels, from beginners to the more advanced, at 6 p.m. at the Troy-Miami County Public Library. Please bring your own mat and water. Registration required at the library, online, or by calling (937) 339-0502, Ext. 117. Space may be limited.

• **ESSENTIAL OILS:** Join Lesli Raines on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Milton-Union Public Library for an intro-



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ductory course on the science behind oils, different uses for oils, how to use oils safely, and how to choose the correct oil for certain ailments. All materials, as well as light refreshments, will be provided. No registration is necessary.

• **KIWANIS:** The Piqua Kiwanis will meet at noon at Grace Methodist Church, 9411 N. County Road 25-A, Piqua. This will be an appreciation lunch for Kiwanis Club sponsored youth groups. Reservations are required by noon on the Monday prior to each meeting. For more information, call Brian Phillips (778-1586) or visit the website: www.piquakiwanis.org.

• **SLIDERS:** The Tipp City American Legion Post 586 will offer two sliders with toppings and chips at 6 p.m. for \$2.

• **LINE DANCING:** The Tipp City Seniors will have line dancing at 10 a.m. at the center, 320 S. First St., Tipp City.

• **KIWANIS:** The Kiwanis of Troy will host receive an update from Tony Trapp from the Upper Valley Career Center at noon at the Troy County Club.

• **BOOKMOBILE:** The Miami County Park District will host

the Troy-Miami County Bookmobile: “Rockin’ the Falls” from 2-3 p.m. at Charleston Falls Preserve, 2535 Ross Road, south of Tipp City. In addition to story time with the Bookmobile, enjoy an activity with a park district naturalist. Check out books for summer reading with a valid library card. All ages are welcome. Register for the program by sending an email to register@miamicountyparks.com, going to the program calendar at www.MiamiCountyParks.com or calling (937) 335-6273, Ext. 104.

• **STEAK DINNER:** The Troy Fish & Game, 2618 Lefevre Road, Troy, will serve New York strip at 6 p.m.

Thursday

• **T-SHIRT MANIA:** Drop in anytime from 1-6 p.m. for the annual T-Shirt making day at the Oakes-Beitman Memorial Library in Pleasant Hill. Bring a clean white or light shirt; library staff will provide other materials. For all ages. No registration required. For more information, call 676-2731.

• **LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY:** Join Troy-Miami County Public Library staff for Lunch

at the Library at noon. Meet at Brukner Park behind the library. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket; library staff will provide the drinks and activities. All ages are welcome. No registration required. For more information, call 339-0502, Ext. 133 or visit www.tmcpl.org.

• **CAREGIVER CONNECTION:** Ohio’s Hospice of Miami County’s Caregiver Connection, a program of support and sharing for those caring for a loved one, will be from 2-3 p.m. at Upper Valley Community Church, 1400 Seidel Parkway, Piqua.

• **GARAGE SALE:** Hoffman United Methodist Church, 201 S. Main St., West Milton, will have its annual garage sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Most items will be 25 cents. The church is handicapped accessible. Proceeds will go to local missions.

• **DINNER:** Corn dogs, hot dogs, chips, French fries and onion rings will be offered at the Tipp City American Legion Post 586. Servings are individually priced and begin at 6 p.m.

• **EUCHRE:** Euchre at the Tipp City American Legion Post 586 starts at 7 p.m. for \$5.

• **BOARD MEETING:** The Tipp City Seniors will have a board of trustees meeting at 10 a.m. at the center, 320 S. First St., Tipp City. A carry-in luncheon will be at noon, followed by Ohio Life bingo.

Long-serving
Tipp City
fire chief dies

TIPP CITY — Tipp City Fire Chief Steve Kessler, who spent 50 years with the department, died Saturday, June 9.

He was honored by the department for his years of service to the community in March, along with several other longtime members of the volunteer fire department. He had the most years of service of those honored.

Kessler was a native of Tipp City and a graduate of Tippecanoe High School. He graduated from Otterbein College and served in the U.S. Navy before returning home.

He was in his 50th year as a member of the Tipp City Fire Department and served as chief for 20 years.

A post to the Tipp City Police Department’s Facebook page described Kessler as a “city icon and hero.” The city offered condolences online as well.

Police Chief Eric Burris remembered Kessler as a “genuinely good person.”



Kessler

“You couldn’t ask for a better partner on a scene, whether it’s an accident or any kind of emergency. He was fantastic,” Burris said. “He would do just about anything you asked of him.”

Burris, who has worked for the city for more than 20 years, said that Kessler had a huge influence on the culture of the department over the years.

“They’re a great partner and I think that’s because of his leadership,” he said.

Kessler was retired from Tip Top Canning, where he had worked for 38 years. He was also a member of the American Legion and VFW in Tipp City, the Montgomery County Chief’s Association and the Miami County Chief’s Association.

A service is planned for 4-7 p.m. on Friday, June 22, at the Monroe Township Building at 4 E. Main St., Tipp City. Arrangements have been entrusted to Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home.

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Voters

From page 1

Democrats and voting rights groups have expressed concern that other states will be emboldened by the ruling and adopt more aggressive tactics to kick voters off the rolls. In addition to Oklahoma, Georgia, Montana, Oregon, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have laws similar to Ohio's.

But even Republican-led states where officials are concerned about voter fraud may be wary when it comes to following the Ohio model.

One hurdle is likely to come from local governments, where election administrators would have to deal with disgruntled voters and manage an increase in the number of people placed on inactive voter lists, said Myrna Perez, who has studied voter list practices in her role as deputy director of the Brennan Center's Democracy Program.

"Using one election as an indicator is going to lead to a whole lot of false positives," she said. "There are plenty of states that clean their voter rolls successfully without being as aggressive as Ohio."

West Virginia is more lenient in targeting inactive voters than Ohio. Among other things, it requires coun-

WHAT IS THE RULING'S LOCAL IMPACT?

Miami County Board of Elections director Bev Kendall said the board hasn't received notification from the Secretary of State about how the Supreme Court decision will impact the county's voter registrar.

Following the interview, Ohio board of elections received an email from Assistant Secretary of State Matthew Madschroder. The email stated: You are hereby advised to take no action until further notice regarding Ohio's supplemental process that has been on hold since this litigation began in 2016.

Once additional information and instructions are available we will provide it to you.

Finally, it is important to remember that even though the Court clearly said

Ohio's longstanding supplemental list maintenance process did not conflict with the National Voter Registration Act, the other requirements of the NVRA prohibit list maintenance cancellations prior to this November's general election.

Ohio has one of the "fastest" voting purge schedules, which starts after a voter misses one federal election.

Most states begin the process after two missed federal elections.

Kendall said local voters are notified by the board of elections when they move to keep their information current.

Residents are sent notification by the board of elections when they move each time they file a change of address form through the U.S. Postal Service.

If a voter doesn't participate in one federal election, they will be notified. If they fail to respond and choose not to vote after four years, they are considered inactive.

After a third federal election without participation and the voter fails to return an address confirmation card, the voter is purged from the roll, according to reports.

Kendall also said Miami County didn't receive any complaints from voters in the May primary concerning voter registration, although they received feedback about the reduction of voting centers from 29 down to 22.

Kendall said if there were issues with voter registration, each voter is given a provisional ballot so their vote would count.

Kendall shared how she sees a benefit to the purge rolls to help the board of elections determines how many voting machines to have available at each precinct and cost savings to help determine how many ballots to order for the county for each election.

— Melanie Yingst

ties in the year following a presidential election to mail an address confirmation to people who have not voted in any election during the previous four years.

Julie Archer of the watchdog West Virginia Citizen Action Group said the process appears to be working as it should.

"There is not a need to do something more aggressive," she said.

The controversy over Ohio's law arose from apparently conflicting mandates in the National Voter Registration Act, which became law in 1993. It requires states to maintain accurate voter regis-

tration lists but also says they should protect against inadvertently removing properly registered voters.

Ohio has used voters' inactivity to trigger the removal process since 1994. Yet groups representing voters did not sue over the policy until 2016, after Republican Secretary of State Jon Husted tightened the approach of his predecessor, Democrat Jennifer Brunner.

Brunner's policy was to wait for two missed federal elections — not just one — before sending the address notification to voters.

In Pennsylvania, the process isn't triggered unless people

have failed to vote for five years. The state has no plans to change that, Department of State spokeswoman Wanda Murren said.

The existing system hasn't been drawing complaints, said Ray Murphy, a spokesman for Keystone Votes, a liberal coalition that advocates for changes to Pennsylvania election law. But he said the group will watch the Legislature closely for any signs that lawmakers will want to follow Ohio's more stringent method.

Ballot access is a frequent battleground for Democrats and Republicans, but it's not always a neatly partisan issue.

In Oregon, for example, Republican Secretary of State Dennis Richardson last year expanded the period for removing people from the rolls from five years of non-voting to 10 years.

"A registered voter should not lose their voting rights solely because they haven't participated recently," he said in a written statement following Monday's Supreme Court ruling.

Associated Press writers Tom James in Salem, Oregon; Sean Murphy in Oklahoma City; John Raby in Charleston, West Virginia; Julie Carr Smyth in Columbus, Ohio; and Mark Scolloro in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, contributed to this report.



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Police Reports

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Anyone listed in this column as being charged with an offense is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Brookville Police Department

May 30 – Report of vandalism in the 800 block of Kimmel Trail.
May 31 – Report of criminal damaging in the 400 block of North Wolf Creek Street.
June 1 – Christopher J. Ford, 58, possession of drugs,
June 1 – Report of theft in the

200 block of Main Street.
June 1 – Report of theft in the 0 block of West McKinley Street.
June 1 – Report of a hit-and-run accident in the 700 block of Arlington Road.
June 2 – Jessica A. Gere-Brad-dam, 40, charged by warrant.

June 2 – Tamara L. Broyles, 64, possession of marijuana and illegal cultivation of marijuana.
June 2 – Report of found property in the 500 block of Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road.
June 4 – Report of found property in the 400 block of Market Street.

June 4 – Jeffrey J. Harowski, 23, no operators license.
June 4 – Micah D.G. Lelson, 19, no operators license.
June 5 – Heather Reineke, 45, charged by warrant.
June 5 – Brian L. McNichols, 43, possession of marijuana.

Obituaries

Fun facts about Father’s Day offered



Kevin R. Walter

Kevin R. Walter, age 60, of Brookville, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2018.
He was preceded in death by his mother, Sharie Walter and brother, Brian Walter.
Mr. Walter was the owner and operator of Link-O-Matic. He loved his family, riding his Harley and all of

his trees.
He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Donna Walter; children, Taylor and Landon Walter; father, Donald (Pat) Walter; siblings, Tami Walter, Sheila (Albert) Dick, Dan (Lana) Walter, Tim (Jennifer) Walter, and David Walter; uncle, Paul Walter; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.
Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, June 16 at Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home, 950 Albert Road, Brookville.
A funeral service will be at noon Saturday at the funeral home with interment to follow in Dayton Memorial Park.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Dayton or Victory People Church. E-mail condolences may be sent by going online to www.gilbert-fellers.com.

Father's Day is one of the most awaited holidays in the world.
It represents the day when we tell our dad how much he means to us and how lucky we are, to have him in our life.
Though you don't need a special occasion to convey all this to him, telling it on Father's Day can make your daddy feel all the more special.
While all of us know that Father's Day is a day dedicated to dads across the world, not many people are aware of the fact that it originated in the United States of America, that too owing to the efforts of Sonora Smart Dodd.
Apart from this, there are many other interesting facts related to Father's Day, almost all of which have been listed in the lines below.
Go through them and increase your knowledge

about the special day!

Interesting Trivia On Father Day

- In most of the countries around the world, like USA, UK, India, Canada, China, France, Greece, Japan and even Hong Kong, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June.
- The person credited for inventing the concept of Father's Day is Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd, an American whose father had raised his six children single-handedly.
- The first American president to support the concept of Father's day was President Calvin Coolidge, who did so in 1924.
- It was in the year 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation that resulted in the declaration

of the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.
• The declaration of third Sunday of June as Father's Day was signed as a law, and made permanent, by President Richard Nixon, in the year 1972.
• Father's Day originated in America. The first Father's Day celebration (unofficial) was held in Spokane, Wash., on June 19, 1910.
• One of the most common gifts associated with Father's Day comprises of a necktie, followed by flowers.
• Rose is the official flower for Father's Day. Wearing a red rose signifies a living father, while white one represents deceased father.
• It has been claimed by Hallmark, the renowned greeting card maker, that Father's Day makes up the fifth-largest card-sending holiday in the world.

- Greeting cards make up the number one gift item on the occasion of Father's Day.
 - It has been estimated that more than one-third of the cards sold on Father's Day are funny in nature.
 - A study came up with the fact that female shoppers spend approximately 50 percent more than men, while buying gifts for their dad.
 - It is believed that the word "Dad" dates back to as early as the sixteenth century.
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But Trump said economic sanctions against the North would remain in place until the North did more.

Trump’s decision to suspend the war games – which he described as “very expensive” but also “very provocative” given the negotiations – appeared to take South Korea by surprise.

It was the latest twist in the international drama over the fate of the North’s nuclear program and a complete reversal by the Trump administration, which had previously said the exercises were important to defend an ally and not negotiable. It was also a remarkable bet by Trump that he can persuade Kim to follow through on pledges to surrender his nuclear weapons that are almost identical to those the North has made – and

broken – in the past.

“We’re very proud of what took place today,” Trump said. “I think our whole relationship with North Korea and the Korean Peninsula is going to be a very much different situation than it has in the past.”

In a televised ceremony in which the two leaders signed a joint statement, Kim thanked Trump for making their face-to-face talks possible. “We had a historic meeting and decided to leave the past behind,” he said, adding that “the world will see a major change.”

In the statement they signed, Trump “committed to provide security guarantees” to North Korea, and Kim “reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”

But the statement did not go much further than previous ones and was short on details, including any timeta-



President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un of North Korea sign documents in Singapore. DOUG MILLS / THE NEW YORK TIMES

ble or verification measures.

Asked if Kim had agreed to denuclearize, Trump said, “We’re starting that process very quickly – very, very quickly – absolutely.”

The joint statement said the two nations would hold “follow-on negotiations” led by Secretary of State Mike

Pompeo and a high-level North Korean official “at the earliest possible date, to implement the outcomes” of the summit meeting.

It also said the two countries would “join their efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime” on the divided peninsula, meaning

FOUR MAIN POINTS OF THE AGREEMENT

Convinced that the establishment of new U.S.-DPRK relations will contribute to the peace and prosperity of the Korean Peninsula and of the world, and recognizing that mutual confidence building can promote the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong Un state the following:

1. The United States and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) commit to establish new U.S.-DPRK relations in accordance with the desire of the peoples of the two countries for peace and prosperity.
 2. The United States and the DPRK will join their efforts to build a lasting and stable peace regime on the Korean Peninsula.
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talks to reduce military tensions that could eventually lead to a formal peace treaty to end the Korean War.

Reaction

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worries about Trump’s abrupt decision to cancel planned military exercises between the United States and its South Korean allies, saying the move “blindsided our principal ally in the region and some of our own military commanders.”

“Americans welcome the fact that President Trump has begun



Portman



Brown

discussions with” Kim, Kasich said. “But we must remain vigilant.”

Portman, R-Ohio, said he remains “skeptical but hopeful” the summit will “translate into meaningful progress” in convincing Pyongyang to eliminate its nuclear weapons program.

But, Portman said, “In the past, however, North Korea has used talks to stall while continuing its nuclear and missile programs, and empty promises cannot buy any more time.”

Brown, D-Ohio, said, “We want these negotiations to succeed” but warned: “We’ve heard empty promises from the North Koreans before, so we must continue to hold them accountable with tough sanctions until we see proof the North Koreans are taking real steps to dismantle their

nuclear weapons program.”

Warmbier case

Kasich, Portman and Brown also cited the tragic death of Otto Warmbier of Wyoming, Ohio, who died in Cincinnati last year shortly after being released by North Korea, where had been held in prison for more than a year. Portman on Tuesday described the Kim regime as “evil.”

Trump, in a news conference following his historic meeting with North Korea’s Kim Jong Un, said the death of Warmbier was crucial to Tuesday’s talks.

The parents of the 22-year-old from Cincinnati, who was detained in North Korea and died of severe brain damage shortly after he was released one year ago, said: “We appreciate President Trump’s recent com-

ments about our family. We are proud of Otto and miss him. Hopefully something positive can come from this.”

Impact on November election

How important is this for voters in the upcoming midterm elections? Depends on which voter, said Donna Schlagheck, former political science chair at Wright State University.

“The Trump base, they are going to love this. And they are going to love this because they will willfully choose to be ignorant of the significant details. He looked great. They had a summit. Handshakes were made. History was made,” she said.

However, polls show that a majority of Americans support Trump’s meeting with Kim following news that Pyong-

yang had successfully produced a miniaturized nuclear warhead and was considering a plan to fire missiles at Guam.

Schlagheck thinks voters better understood the weight of the G-7 summit, held in Canada just before the North Korea summit, where Trump and his advisers made headlines for lashing out at the leaders of other large industrialized nations and longtime U.S. allies.

“Quebec City probably speaks most to voters. Jobs. Tariffs,” she said.

Tony Hall, a retired longtime congressman from the Dayton area, has visited North Korea seven times and used that experience to help free a Dayton-area man, Jeffrey Fowle, who was jailed in North Korea four years ago for leaving a Bible in a pub-

lic place.

Hall said at this point, it’s hard to tell what the details of the agreement will be, but he thinks the summit is “a very, very good step.”

“Anytime you have a peace agreement, there’s nothing bad about that,” Hall said.

Since retiring from Congress in 2002, Hall has focused on hunger issues and said one of his top concerns is that so many North Koreans are starving and in need of assistance.

“There’s been very little information come out about that in the past few years, but a lot of their people are very malnourished. Hopefully this peace agreement will bring about a restoration of food and some humanitarian work and to restoring a good part of their people to better health,” Hall said.

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Participants can participate as solo or as a two-person team. Solo participants need to bring

their own kayak or rent one by calling Barefoot Canoes at 937.698.4351. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, August 15 at 5:00 PM.

Rules of the road and helmets are mandatory for the bike portion of the race. Proceeds benefit the Miamisburg Youth Scholarship Fund. There will be plenty of free parking available. Each participant registered before August 1st is guaranteed a shirt. Awards presented to all finishers. For more information, call (937) 866-8999, or register online at www.speedy-feet.com.



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West Carrollton Police Chief marks 30 years

On Friday, June 1, West Carrollton Police Chief Doug Woodard quietly reached 30 years of service with the department. He began serving as a police officer in the city at age 28, after starting his career in Madison Township. “This is where I lived. My family had moved here when I was in the sixth grade, and I knew West Carrollton was hiring,” he said about applying for the job in 1988.

Woodard graduated from West Carrollton High School in 1978 and attended the police academy at the Montgomery County Joint Vocational School, now known as the Miami Valley

Career Technology Center, in 1985.

In 1991, Woodard was promoted to K-9 officer, serving with his dog Nero, for four years. He said one case that stands out in his memory was tracking a prisoner who had escaped from Southview Hospital for 3-4 miles through neighborhoods, traffic and wooded areas, before apprehending the escapee near the corner of Mad River and Alex Bell Roads.

Woodard was promoted to sergeant in 1995 and Nero was retired. Woodard became the deputy chief in 2005 and interim chief in 2013, before being named the chief in March

2014.

He earned an associate’s degree in 2002 from Sinclair College, a 2006 bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, and a 2012 master’s degree in strategic leadership, both from Mountain State University. Woodard also earned certifications from the Police Executive Leadership College and Certified Law Enforcement Executive program as well as the FBI National Academy Program in March 2016.

Woodard said he enjoys his job and being able to have a positive influence on peoples’ lives.



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SPORTS



The team following the championship match. Pictured from left to right are (front row): Elena Whitlock, Juliana Yoss, Ella Sines, Joelle Sens, Caroline Allen, Kathleen Conrath, Meyah Haywood (leading scorer for the team during the tournament), Ella Waldspurger, Jessica Brunner, Eva Lyon, Lesh Patel, Lily Elfert, Kristi Campbell, Meighan Scarpino, Paige Senkiw, and Phoebe DuPuy. Back row: Coaches Vipal Patel and Alfred DuPuy. Not pictured are Coach Matt Schuermann and players Lucy Schuermann and Caitlyn Porter.

Oakwood United U17 team runner-up at Petoskey Summer Invitational Tournament

The Oakwood United Soccer Club U17 girls team finished as runner-up in the high school division of the Petoskey Summer Invitational soccer tournament held June 8-10 in Michigan.

Oakwood United started the tournament with an exciting 2-1 win over a team from Ontario, Canada, followed by a 3-1 win over the host Petoskey club. Sunday started with a 2-1 vic-

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Oakwood Board of Education signs 2018-19 athletic staff

The Oakwood Board of Education on Monday approved several coaching contracts for the district for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

The school board approved a renewal contract for Meghan Elving as assistant junior high field hockey coach. Mike Stever was renewed as the pun-

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Multi-sport Camp at Old River

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The camp, sponsored by the Oakwood Community Center, is designed to introduce young athletes to a number of different sports in one camp. Sports sampling allows aspiring athletes to learn, have fun and begin to form a passion for a particular sport.

The camp also is designed to motivate children to lead a healthy, active lifestyle while giving them the fundamental skill sets needed to succeed and grow in whichever sport they choose.

The participant-to-coach ratio is approximately 12-to-1. All campers will receive a t-shirt and a merit award at the end of camp.

Fees are \$139 for OCC members, \$209 non-members and \$278 non-resident.

Participants should bring appropriate clothing, shin guards, lunch and a snack, water bottle, running shoes and sunscreen.

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			2		1		5	
6	3	7					8	
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	9	5				2	1	
		1			8			7
	5					6	7	1
	2		4			8		
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Directions:
The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow.
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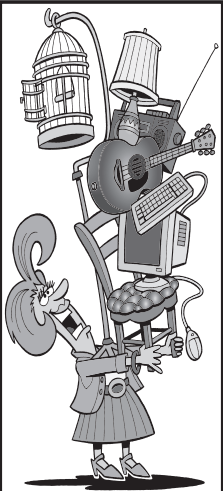
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Sudoku Solution #3930-D

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Alisha Rader, 17, Eaton, representing the All-Star Livestock 4-H Club and the Eaton MVCTC FFA. Alisha is the daughter of Kenny and Rebecca Rader. Alisha is also running for Lamb and Wool Queen.

Kelsie Shafer, 17, West Alexandria, representing Spic-N-Span Pots-N-Pans 4-H Club. Kelsie is the daughter of Jeffrey and Susan Shafer. Kelsie is also running for Nutrition, Textiles and Arts Queen.

Macel Stowers, 17, New Paris, representing Monroe Better Livestock and the National Trail MVCTC FFA. Macel is the daughter of Kandi Stowers of New Paris and Mark Stowers of Middletown. Macel is also running for Pork Queen.

Candidates for Livestock/Non-Livestock Royalty are:

Beef Queen:
Leslie Burger, 18, Camden, representing Somers Super Beef 4-H Club. Leslie is the daughter of Rodney and Gail Burger.

Alyssa Earich, 15, West Alexandria, representing Preble County



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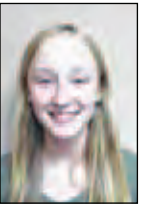
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Livestock 4-H Club. Alyssa is the daughter of Jed and Serena Earich.

Jamie Grill, 15, West Alexandria, representing Monroe Better Livestock 4-H Club. Jamie is the daughter of Larry and Charity Grill. Jamie is also running for Lamb/Wool Queen.

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Audra Burger, 16, Camden, representing Somers Super Beef and Preble Shawnee FFA. Audra is the daughter of Rodney and Gail Burger.

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Kara Burton, 18, Camden, representing All-Star Livestock 4-H Club. Kara is the daughter of

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Faith Estep, 16, Lewisburg, representing Lewisburg Blue Ribbon 4-H Club. Faith is the daughter of Rick and Sheri Estep. Faith is also running for Pork Queen.

Hannah Farley, 17, Germantown, representing Poultry Pride and Livestock 4-H Club. Hannah is the daughter of Terry and Nichole Johnson. Hannah is also running for Horse Queen.

Goat King:
Austin Baker, 16, West Alexandria, representing Preble County Livestock

4-H Club. Austin is the son of Amber and Jimmy Kimball.

Horse Prince:
Haven Johnson, 11, Germantown, representing Blazin Saddles 4-H Club. Haven is the son of Terry and Nichole Johnson.

Kaleb Mabry, 12, Camden, representing Just Horsin' Around 4-H Club. Kaleb is the granddaughter of Jay and Kathy Mabry.

Horse Princess:
Bailey Garnett, 8, Somerville, representing Camden Saddle Pals 4-H Club. Bailey is the daughter of Tim and Ashley Garnett.

Izzie O'Connor, 11, West Alexandria, representing Just Horsin' Around 4-H Club. Izzie is the daughter of Brian and Joni O'Connor.

Horse Queen:
Lakota Bradley, 15, West Alexandria, representing Preble County Cowboys 4-H Club and the Twin Valley South MVCTC FFA Chapter. Lakota is the daughter of Beau Bradley and Miranda Gofarth.

Deborah Tombragel, 14, Camden, representing Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats 4-H Club. Deborah is the granddaughter of Daryl and Deborah Bundy.

Nutrition, Textiles and Arts Queen:

Kacy Osswald, 15, Eldorado, representing Monroe Better Livestock 4-H Club and National Trail MVCTC FFA Chapter. Kacy is the daughter of Bambi and Lane Osswald.

Madeline Wright, 14, Eaton, representing Spic N Span Pots N Pans 4-H Club. Madeline is the daughter of Bryan and Beth Wright.

Pork Queen:
Cheyenne Baker, 15, West Alexandria, representing Preble County Livestock. Cheyenne is the daughter of Amber and Jimmy Kimball.

Harlie Turpin, 16, Eaton, representing Preble County Livestock 4-H Club and the Preble Shawnee FFA Chapter. Harlie is the daughter of Robert Turpin and Wendy Buckley. Harlie is also running for Rabbit Queen.

Poultry Queen:
Sonja Friend, 13, Eaton, representing Busy Bees 4-H Club. Sonja is the daughter of Brad and Necoleia Friend.

Rebecca Wright, 16, Eaton, representing Spic N Span Pots N Pans 4-H Club and the Eaton MVCTC FFA Chapter. Rebecca is the daughter of Bryan and Beth Wright. Rebecca is also running for Rabbit Queen.

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education’s community meeting room.

Cheryl Ryan, director of Board and Management Services for the Ohio School Boards Association, conducted both forums. The local board of education has contracted with the OSBA to manage the superintendent search.

Ryan said she had been in town conducting forums and the BOE decided it needed additional forums to get community input on the search.

Various questions were posed to attendees during both forums.

Describe the ideal superintendent:

- Experience. “This is too big of a district to be the jumping point for someone new,” said one participant at the 6 p.m. forum. The earlier group disagreed. “Do not hire a person who has ever been connected with the Sidney school district. There’s too much inbreeding,” an attendee said.
- Experience is good if the person is coming from a district that’s successful.
- A new superintendent could also excel — it depends on the person.
- Works well with the community, staff and administration.
- Everyone needs to work together.
- Have a fresh perspective, new ideas.
- Be professional.
- “Someone who is already here and knows us could have a shorter learning curve,” said one participant.
- Have a sense of ownership
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comments in the other forums,” said Ryan. “People want the superintendent to understand Sidney, know Sidney and possibly have Sidney experience. Some would like it if it was someone who didn’t know anything about the district. Someone brand new.”

- The superintendent should live in the district. If he doesn’t already live here, he should move here. And his children should attend Sidney City Schools.

What are some of the issues facing the school district?

- “The population of where the kids come from,” said one person. “They come to school for three meals a day, safety and for someone to pay attention to them.”
- Must have compassion for the students. “I’m OK with my child sitting next to a student we have to give a notebook to,” said one mother.
- Parents, said a participant, don’t understand how the district is inside out.
- Administrators have to back the superintendent. There’s too much of a buddy system now.
- Communication between

the school district and the community must be improved. “It’s a huge issue,” someone said. “People in town don’t know what’s happening here,” another added. They don’t understand school finances or the value of teachers, which results in resentment of their salaries; there should be an annual “state of the schools” that’s open to the public; the new leader should get the community and the schools to work together.

- Parent involvement with their kids at school must be increased.

- The superintendent should talk to the staff — all the staff, not just principals and teachers; he should ask questions and solicit opinions and listen to the answers.

What are the characteristics of a good leader?

- Is a genuine person; real. “Some people can pull the wool over your eyes.” “Honest, doesn’t blow smoke, doesn’t lie to people.”
- Money does matter, but that’s not why they are here. Put students first, ahead of self.
- Lead by example. “We want to see them as part of

the team and not dictating.”

- Visibility: Be part of the team. Visit the schools every day.
- Be open to questions and concerns from staff and parents.
- Have the ability to say “no,” but share the big picture and explain “why.”
- Gain respect by consistency.
- Objectivity and being fair.
- Don’t change things solely on test scores.
- Don’t micromanage.

What are the best things about Sidney?

- The staff. “As a parent and a special education teacher, I teach with all kinds of teachers. Their skills are amazing. It’s amazing what the teachers will do for their students.”
- Diverse community and population. “That’s good and bad.”
- Sidney alumni are still here. They are very involved with groups and organizations. “There’s a reason why we stayed. We need to get the other parts of the population involved.”
- Academics. Lots of opportunities for students

including dual enrollment, post secondary classes, Workforce Academy, extracurricular activities such as sports and clubs.

What challenges does the district face?

- Improve test scores.
- Tax levy. Fresh ideas on passing a new levy. The new tax laws may result in higher income taxes for many people. That could negatively affect their willingness to add to their property taxes.
- Accountability of the staff, parents and anyone in the district. Assure that the staff is following the chain of command.
- Have a school nurse in the district for a longer time.
- Provide mental health support for students.
- Student and staff safety should be paramount. It’s hard to keep older building safe, secure and well-maintained. Money for the best security is a must. The new superintendent should work with school resource officers.

Other comments?

- Want a superintendent who will interact with the community.
- New policy for hiring or administrators.
- A need for an assistant superintendent. “Other districts our size have an assistant superintendent. This is a large job for one person. Make sure the person who gets hired knows that.”
- Every school system-owned vehicle should be branded in such a way that it can’t be used for personal travel at the district’s expense.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS GAS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AND FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE RATE PLAN VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. PUCO CASE NOS. 18-0298-GA-AIR & 18-0299-GA-ALT

In accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. hereby gives notice that on March 30, 2018, it filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates and charges for natural gas distribution services to its customers. VEDO has also applied, under Section 4929.05, Revised Code, for approval of an alternative rate plan including four elements.

This notice describes the substance of the Application. Any interested party, however, desiring complete, detailed information with respect to any affected rates, charges, regulations, and practices may inspect a copy of the Application and supporting schedules at the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or at the business office of VEDO at 1335 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Road, Fairborn, Ohio 45324, during normal business hours. The Application and supporting documents may also be viewed by visiting the Commission’s website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 18-0298 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the Application was filed.

A notice of intent to file this Application to increase rates and a copy of the proposed rates were filed with the Commission and also mailed to the mayors and legislative authorities of the communities located within the areas served by VEDO on February 21, 2018.

The Application, which contains proposed revisions to VEDO’s Tariff for Gas Service, affects the rates and charges for, and various terms and conditions applicable to, natural gas service to all customers of VEDO served within all or portions of Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby and Warren Counties in Ohio. The Application states that the current rates and charges do not provide a just and reasonable rate of return on VEDO’s used and useful property as of December 31, 2017, the date certain in this case. The Application states that VEDO requires the proposed revenue increase to provide an opportunity to earn a fair return on its assets and to recover its costs of operation.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Revised Code, an objection to such proposed increased rates by alleging that such proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable. Recommendations that differ from the Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

VEDO is proposing that base rates include \$5.6 million per year dedicated to energy efficiency programs to assist customers. VEDO is also proposing various revisions to non-rate terms and conditions contained in its Tariff for Gas Service, including modifications to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service and its Choice program.

The increase in the operating revenue requested by VEDO for its various rate schedules is as follows:

Rate 310 – 11.41 percent inclusive of gas costs	Rate 311 – 24.49 percent exclusive of gas costs
Rate 315 – 24.44 percent exclusive of gas costs	Rate 320 – 3.54 percent inclusive of gas costs
Rate 321 – 17.66 percent exclusive of gas costs	Rate 325 – 17.95 percent exclusive of gas costs
Rate 345 – 15.14 percent exclusive of gas costs	Rate 360 – 10.30 percent exclusive of gas costs

VEDO is also seeking approval of an Alternative Rate Plan that includes the following four elements.

Distribution Replacement Rider. VEDO proposes continuing and expanding the accelerated replacement of bare steel, cast iron, and other targeted infrastructure at least until the end of 2023, along with the annual recovery of associated costs. VEDO proposes that fixed DRR charge per month applicable to its residential customers be capped in each annual DRR filing at the following levels:

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