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April 1, 2019

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Columbus, OH 43255-0573

Re: Case No. 18-218-GA-GCR  
*In the Matter of the Regulation of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause  
Contained Within the Rate Schedules of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Related  
Matters.*

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Attached please find the newspaper notices and affidavits from the newspaper publishers verifying publication of Duke Energy Ohio's legal notice in this case.

The notice was published as follows:

<b><u>Newspaper</u></b>	<b><u>Publication Date</u></b>
The People's Defender- Adams County	March 6, 2019
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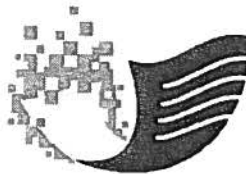
Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dianne B. Kuhnell

Dianne B. Kuhnell  
Senior Paralegal

cc: Parties of Record



### Proof of Publication

I, Joshua Park, do hereby attest that the Duke Energy Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

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Hillsboro Times Gazette	3/7/19
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West Union, The Peoples Defender	3/6/19

  
Joshua Park  
3/12/19  
Date

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County of Franklin

On this day, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 before me, Patricia A. Conkle, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Joshua Park, 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.

  
Notary Public



Patricia A. Conkle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 08-17-19

## COMMENTARY

# Final tally of destroying evidence: Politician keeps job, residents pay



**Politics Extra**  
Jason Williams  
Cincinnati Enquirer  
USA TODAY NETWORK

From his perch on Cincinnati City Council, Wendell Young has acted above the law and regularly thumbed his nose at the very taxpayers who pay his salary.

This has to stop.

Young is no longer fit to serve in public office after his attorney this week admitted the Democrat destroyed evidence in an open meetings court case. Young blatantly destroyed the public's trust, and the only way he can truly be held accountable is to be removed from office.

But can true accountability be achieved? Short of Young himself deciding to resign, I see no clear cut way to get him out of office before he's term-limited in December 2021. There is no recall provision in the city's charter.

That's so unfortunate for the more than 300,000 Cincinnati residents – and for the tens of thousands of others who live elsewhere but have their sewer bills and earnings taxes controlled by Young and City Council.

Young and his four progressive pals on City Council are scheduled to go before Judge Robert Ruehlman today after Young, P.G. Sittenfeld, Chris Seelbach, Tamaya Dennard and Greg Landsman all admitted in a settlement agreement to illegally holding secret meetings via text messages in 2018.

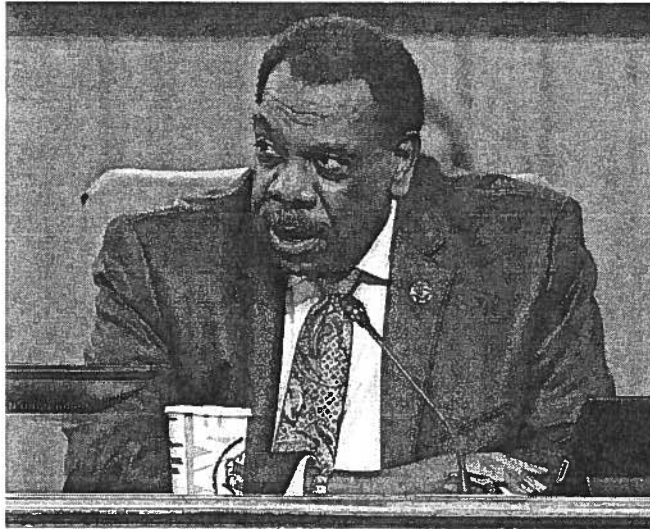
In addition, Young will have to answer for defying the judge's order to turn over text messages and instead destroying the evidence. Young, a former police officer, could be held in contempt of court and sentenced to a short jail term. Even still, the North Avondale resident wouldn't have to resign from City Council.

Young's role in violating open meetings law and destroying evidence will cost \$11,000 in fines and attorneys fees if Ruehlman approves the settlement. Not a dime of that money will come out of Young's wallet. Sorry for your luck, taxpayers.

But what's \$11,000 of your money to Young? This is the same guy who a few years ago said during a council meeting that "\$5 million, in the scheme of things, is not real money at all." You also pay Young's annual \$65,000 salary, pension and medical benefits – all for a guy who's achieved nothing of significance in three terms on council.

What's more, Young hasn't explained why he deleted the texts, nor has he expressed any remorse.

The Hamilton County Democratic Party has repeatedly endorsed Young in elections, and you'd think party leaders might put public pressure on



Wendell Young is not fit to serve after his attorney admitted the councilman destroyed evidence in a court case, the columnist says. ENQUIRER FILE

him to resign. Not so much.

I contacted the five most prominent local Democrats to ask whether they think Young should resign – Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley; Hamilton County Commissioners Denise Driehaus, Stephanie Dumas and Todd Portune; and county party Chairwoman Gwen McFarlin. I heard back from Driehaus, Portune and McFarlin. They all declined to comment.

As I posed the question to several local Democrats about whether Young should resign, one insider said: "Are you trying to start a race riot?"

Huh? This shouldn't be about race. This shouldn't be about Republican or Democrat. It's about right and wrong.

Think about this: If it were you or me, everyday citizens, men and women, black and white who destroyed evidence in a court case, what would happen? There's a good chance we'd go to jail, pay a hefty fine out of our own wallets and lose our jobs for committing a crime.

But the insider's response says a lot about the sad state of local politics, particularly at City Hall. Everyone's afraid to upset someone, and Democrats would rather protect their political futures and interests than call for Young to go.

That goes both ways, locally and nationally. How many Republicans decline to call out President Donald Trump for all the stupid things he says and does?

It'll be up to Republicans to hold Young accountable to some degree. Judge Ruehlman is in his final term, so he doesn't have to worry about his political future. We don't know yet whether Prosecutor Joe Deters will press charges. Deters' office did convene a grand jury to investigate

Young, finding that he deleted text messages.

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tor, but he's also facing a difficult reelection bid in 2020. It could be a big political risk for the Republican to prosecute a well-known African-American citizen ahead of campaigning in a Trump-resisting blue county.

Everywhere you turn, this whole thing is fraught with politics. The lawsuit itself was political, an attempt by conservatives to expose Sittenfeld and get some fodder on him ahead of the 2021 mayoral race.

But politics don't matter if a judge orders you to do something.

There's no excuse for what Young did.

Yet somehow he gets to keep his job – and the citizenry loses.

Listen to Jason's *That's So Cincinnati* podcast on iTunes. Email: [jwilliams@enquirer.com](mailto:jwilliams@enquirer.com).

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## FROM PAGE ONE

## OHIO POLITICS

## After hearing, billionaire runs ads against Jordan

Urbana lawmaker clearly not a fan of Trump critic Steyer.

By Jessica Wehrman  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Billionaire Tom Steyer, whose left-leaning politics have earned him the ire of Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Urbana, is now running ads against Jordan, according to a new report.

Politico reported that Steyer's "Need to Impeach" PAC has targeted Jordan and Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C. in a weeklong TV ad campaign. Both men are key defenders of President Donald Trump and are leaders



Rep. Jim Jordan



Tom Steyer

of the conservative House Freedom Caucus.

Both lawmakers were visible during the House Oversight Committee's hearing with Michael Cohen, Trump's former lawyer and fixer.

According to Politico, the group is spending \$75,000 in the two districts. Jordan has repeatedly criticized Steyer for pressuring Democrats to impeach Trump and even called him out by name during last week's

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hearing with Cohen. Specifically, he's angry Steyer is holding town halls in the home districts of the Democratic chairs of the House Ways and Means, Oversight and Judiciary committees, and suggested last week that the Cohen hearing was triggered by Steyer.

The 30-second ad, which can be seen here, features

an announcer intoning that "When the history of the Trump presidency is written, members of Congress will be sorted into two categories: The ones who let politics scare them out of holding Trump accountable and those who had the courage to stand up and defend our Democracy." While he speaks, images of Jordan and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., are featured. Later, the ad refers to those with the "courage to stand up." During that part of the ad, the late Sen. John McCain's face flashes on the screen. "Which side of history do they want to be on?" the announcer concludes. Jordan tweeted his response: "The citizens of OH-04 appreciate that President Trump is fighting for them and does what he says. There is zero evidence of any collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. TV commercials from @TomSteyer won't change that." The Sierra Club, meanwhile, has launched a 10-second statewide Facebook ad urging Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, to put forth a plan to act on climate change.

## Grocery

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But when people say they want to see a grocery store downtown, they usually mean they want a large, full-service grocery store like a suburban Kroger or Dorothy Lane Market, said Steve Seboldt, chair of the Downtown Priority Board.

The proposed store sounds like it will be convenient for downtown residents and visitors, but its fairly small size means it is unlikely to be the kind of grocery store some people have been clamoring for, Seboldt said.

The proposed market will occupy space in the Huffman Block building, which is four stories and takes up most of the northern portion of the 100 block of East Third Street.

The building has multiple storefronts that combined offer around 24,000 square feet of retail space. The group behind the bodega-like grocery store is local and recognizable, but this will be a new concept for downtown, VanZwieten said.

Residents and workers also can get fresh produce and other foods at the 2nd Street Market, which has expanded its hours of operation. Stop-N-Save two years ago finished \$75,000 in renovations to expand its produce section and other offerings.

The downtown CVS had one of the largest-grocery sections in the national

chain, Gudorf said.

The store will be convenient for residents and office workers in the district, as well as other downtown visitors, residents and employees, he said.

"This is going to be a place that people want to get their groceries — it's going to be the killer," VanZwieten said.

A grocery store in the Fire Blocks would be a welcomed amenity, adding to the grocery options already downtown, said Sandy Gudorf, president of the Downtown Dayton Partnership.

Gudorf said some people don't realize that downtown has places to get groceries, like Stop-N-Save on East Third Street, 2nd Street Market and CVS on Ludlow Street.

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It's also a short drive from downtown to get to large grocery store chains, like Kroger, he said.

Seboldt said a small market would be a nice addition, but he would still need to make trips to a large grocery store outside of downtown to satisfy all of his shopping needs.

"It would be fun to have, and I'll go there, but I don't think that it will supplant my going outside of the area for my other shopping," said Seboldt, who lives downtown.

Windor is working to line up tenants for the commercial spaces in the district. The building currently is renovating two buildings to create new loft-style apartments.

The founders of Gem City Social Sports hope to open a new entertainment destination next to the grocery store that has axe-throwing and other activities.

The bodega is not the only new grocery planned for Dayton. The Gem City Market is a new food cooperative that will be built in northwest Dayton in the 300 and 400 blocks of Salem Avenue.

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**21** Cassie B. Barlow, PhD, Author of Saluting Our Grandmothers: Women of WW II, St. Leonard Meet the Author Series, Franciscan Center, 6pm

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## OBITUARY

## GEORGE E. SEELEY

George E. Seeley, 83, of Greenfield, passed away Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at home, surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 21, 1935 in Bainbridge, the son of George Roscoe and Ahlene (Davis) Seeley.

He was a 1953 graduate of E.L. McClain High School and a U.S. Navy veteran. He was retired from automobile sales and was a former barber.

He is survived by two daughters, Rebecca (Bubby) Beatty of Greenfield and Kelley (Travis) Branson of Barboursville, W.Va.; five grandchildren, Joel Ballentine, Brittany Neely, Colton Branson, Malorie Branson and Cooper Branson; seven great-grandchildren, Heath Beatty Jr., McKenzie Ballentine, Payton Neely, Judah Branson, Rylee Neely and Emery Branson; one sister, Marlene (Wayne) Combs of Greenfield; numerous nieces and nephews including a special niece, Janet Pinkerton of Greenfield; and one sister-in-law, Rosemary Borden.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Seeley, on Jan. 6, 2011; one grandson, Heath Beatty;

five brothers, Ralph, Carl, Howard, Richard and Ray in infancy; three sisters, Hazel Carr, Helen Haas and Mildred Knisley; one sister-in-law, Donna Lou Penn; two brothers-in-law, Paul Penn and John Bob Borden; one nephew, Tony Combs; and both parents.

Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at the Murray-Retro Funeral Home in Greenfield beginning with veteran's appreciation service and then officiated by the Rev. Wayne Combs.

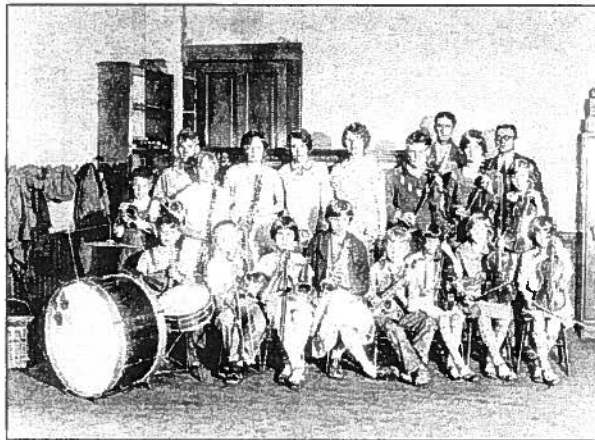
Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 11 at the Greenfield Cemetery with military rites provided by the Concerned Veterans of Greenfield.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

A special thanks goes out to caregivers, Janet Flowers, Lori Clouser, Megan Jackson and Elaine Williams, and the Hospice team. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Cincinnati Chapter, 644 Linn St., Suite 1026, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203.

Condolences may be sent at [www.murray-retro.com](http://www.murray-retro.com).

## Throwback Thursday: What can you tell us?



This photo, one of dozens of undated, unidentified pictures kept by the Highland County Historical Society, appears to depict a band, possibly at a Highland County school. There are no identifying markings on the photo. Do you know what's going on in this photo? Where it might have been taken? When it might have been taken? Who is pictured? We're interested. Call us at 937-393-3486, email us at [HTGInfo@timesgazette.com](mailto:HTGInfo@timesgazette.com) or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TheTimesGazette](http://www.facebook.com/TheTimesGazette).

## HCHS offering 2nd Gist Settlement program

Submitted meeting

Continuing the Highland County Historical Society's celebration of Black History Month, one program has been extended into March; that being the society's second program concerning the history of the Gist Settlement.

The presenter, Peggy Mills Warner, is a graduate of the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati and earned her master's degree in elementary education from the same university. Warner taught public school music education for more than 39 years and is still actively teaching private piano lessons as well as vocal coaching.

Warner has self-published a brochure "Ohio to Virginia" and writ-

ten a family book, "Well Digger's Legacy," inspired by her grandfather and her mother. For almost 20 years Warner and her sister have been researching the heritage that her grandfather always talked about, in honor of their mother's request. Warner is a trustee of Brown County Genealogical Society and has spent time researching the Gist Settlements for about 20 years. She hopes to have as many more years to continue her work.

Warner's program will be concerning her family roots. Many of her ancestors lived in one or both of the two Gist Settlements in Brown County. She will answer questions that anyone has about how the two settlements came about and what has happened to them, as well as how they are try-

ing to keep the story alive today.

"Believing as I do that everyone should know about his or her family history, I will be encouraging people to begin to collect and organize their own family histories to the benefit of those who come after them. African History is difficult to study and collect. I encourage everyone to make every effort to do so because someday someone will ask you about your family members and you want to be ready to answer their questions," Warner said.

This HCHS program, which will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at the Highland House, is presented at no charge and is open to the public.

Submitted by Vicki Knauft, director, Highland County Historical Society.

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## What's Cookin' Spaghetti Dinner

A What's Cookin' Spaghetti Dinner will be held starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the Brushcreek Community Center (Sinking Spring gym). The menu includes spaghetti, rolls, salad, homemade des-

serts, coffee, pop and water for a freewill donation.

## Hospital board, health department

The Joint Township Hospital District Trustees and Highland County Health Department will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13 in the boardroom on the second floor of the hospital.

## Barrera PERI speaker

The Highland County Chapter of the Public Employee Retirees Inc. will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 14 at the Highland County Senior Citizens Center, 185 Muntz St., Hillsboro. The speaker will be Highland County Sheriff Donnie Barrera. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

## Camp Meeting Sing at HHS

A Camp Meeting Sing will be held Saturday, March 16 at Hillsboro High School featuring Tammy Jones Robinette and Barry Rowland and Deliverance. The doors open at 4 p.m. The concert starts at 5 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted.

## Powell spaghetti fundraisers

A spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help get Ricky Powell to Europe with the Ohio Ambassadors of Music will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at 378 Chestnut St., Greenfield. Monetary donations can still be mailed to 555 Minibus St., Greenfield, Ohio 45123 or deposited at Fifth Third Bank in Greenfield in the Ricky Powell/Angela Gorton Europe savings account.

## First Presbyterian dinner

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield will serve dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17 in the church dining room. The menu will be bacon-wrapped pulled pork or BBQ pulled pork, roasted red potatoes, baked beans, a variety of salads, a variety of desserts, and drinks. The cost of the meal is a suggested donation of \$8 per person. Children 12 and under are free. Carry-out will be available.

## St. Patrick's Day Brunch

The annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17 at the Highland County

Historical Society Highland House Museum. The menu of home-cooked food includes sausage, gravy and biscuits, blueberry egg casserole, roasted red potatoes, pastries and drinks. Donations will be used for upkeep and expenses for the Highland House. Reservations are needed by March 11. Call Vicki at 937-393-3392 or Jean Pawley at 937-763-2657. Leave your name and the number in your group.

## Fruitdale Pancake/Sausage Supper

The Fruitdale United Methodist Church Pancake/Sausage Supper will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, March 23. The menu is pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, table snacks, choice of dessert. It will be available to eat in take out. The price is a freewill donation. This is a fund raiser for a new addition to the building. It is located on SR 41 about five miles south of Greenfield.

## Catholic Rural Life

The Catholic Rural Life of the St. Martin Deanery will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at St. Mary's church hall in Arnheim. Plans for the coming year will be discussed. The meetings are open to anyone who shares the goals of bringing a Christian perspective to life in rural areas, preserving rural heritage and working to promote dialogue between rural and urban leaders. For directions or more information, call Pat Hornschmeier at 513-752-0647.

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There was Earth Day poster contest judging going on inside the county courthouse Wednesday morning. County commissioners led the challenge to pick 10 winners among 140 recycling-themed posters created by local kindergartners through fifth-graders. In the right foreground is Clinton County Solid Waste District Coordinator Jeff Walls, while in the right background is Clinton County Commissioners President Brenda Woods.

## Woods

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certain expectations and he questions whether that bar of expectations was always met.

A News Journal phone message for possible comment left late in the business day and the 30-year-old architecture, planning and interior design firm was not immediately returned. Woods had indicated Wednesday she anticipates asking for a meeting with the firm's president to discuss a bill.

Clinton County Commissioner Kerry R. Steed didn't say during Wednesday's public session whether he's unhappy with the services. He said he would like to review Woods' highlightings a little bit more.

Steed last year encouraged the county to retain professional experts to provide guidance in reconfiguring existing office spaces



Gary Hufferberger / News Journal  
Clinton County Commissioners President Brenda Woods on Wednesday. "I for one have not been happy with the services that were provided."

for new occupants in a way that best utilizes the courthouse infrastructure that's already in place. Furthermore, spending some

money on design services can reduce the cost to remodel, said Steed.

The lump sum for the designing and planning services is \$7,850 according to an April 2018 News Journal report.

The idea for a "testing toilet" for drug-testing within the Adult Probation Department came up last spring when a Casler Design Group interior designer asked about a drug-testing area for Probation's reconfigured space, and the Clinton County Common Pleas judge and the director of the court's Adult Probation Department both immediately endorsed the idea. Presently, the drug-testing is done in a public restroom.

The Adult Probation Department and the Public Defender's Office are the two county government units being relocated at the courthouse.

Reach Gary Hufferberger at 937-556-5768.

## Wilson Homemakers share favorite books

By Wilson Homemakers

The Wilson Homemakers met at the Lighter house in Sabina for their February meeting. Esther Combs presided over the meeting as discussion was held on the upcoming Spring Enrichment Day.

Members were asked to bring a book, which could be a favorite from their childhood, a current read, or a special family item. Several children's books were shared as well as a member's grandfather's journal.

Sue Kenney read some poems from a childhood book of poetry. A 1948 Hallmark Card album filled with nursery rhyme character cards was also displayed. Retired teacher Esther

Combs showed several books she had shared through the years with her students.

Eleven "My Bag" bags had been completed and will be delivered to Clinton County Children Services. This is a project continued by the homemakers which fill bags with toiletries, books, flashlights, and age appropriate toys to be used when children are removed from their homes for various reasons by C.C.C.S.

Bonnie Starcher was the hostess and served Cinnamon cake, chocolates, hot cocoa, and tea from a Valentine decorated table.

Others present but not previously mentioned were Judy Laycock, Jean Luttrell, and Ruth Dawson.

## Port William-Lumberton Seniors gather

By Port William-Lumberton Senior Citizens

President Jim Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jim Ewing gave the blessing to open the monthly meeting of the Port William-Lumberton Senior Citizens on March 5.

The committee of Diane and Jim Ewing, Ruthanna and Ben Hargrave and Linda Ewing decorated the tables in a St. Patrick's Day theme with green shaped shamrocks on the desert and officers' tables, bouquets of white flowers with green edges, bursts of green and white sham-

rocks, and green and white placecards, napkins and a cut of candy at each place setting.

The March birthdays of Ruthanna Hargrave and Sally Orhood were recognized and the delicious carry-in meal was enjoyed by all. Then Mr. Ewing entertained with some funny stories.

Bingo was played after the business meeting with Marian Orhood being the big winner having won so many times. Door prizes were distributed to Ruth Ann Brandenburg, Susan Smith, Donna Borst, Dorothy Weidinger, Eva Botts and Mary Alice McConnell.

## Gas

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\$1.2 billion from DeWine's plan.

DeWine pushed his recommended tax increase during his State of the State speech on Tuesday and urged lawmakers not to reduce it. The governor noted his proposal a "minimalist approach"

that's necessary to fix the most serious problems as soon as possible.

DeWine repeated his support Wednesday for his proposal, calling the 18-cent increase "the bare minimum" needed to address needed repairs of poorly rated bridges, dangerous intersections and some new construction.

"Anything less than that, we're not going to be doing enough for

public safety," DeWine said.

House GOP members have indicated their plan would lessen the impact of a tax increase on consumers while still meeting road-maintenance needs. Republican Rep. Scott Odelager, chairman of the House Finance Committee, has described the plan as a "more equitable" distribution of the tax burden.

The House GOP budget version also includes \$70 million per year for public mass transit, compared with DeWine's recommended \$40 million, and a \$200 registration fee for electric vehicles. It also would impose a \$100 fee on hybrid vehicles and repeal the current requirement that Ohio vehicles have a front license plate in addition to one on the back.

## Cases

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• Inari Linton, 20, of Xenia, drug paraphernalia, fined \$150, assessed \$125 court costs. The paraphernalia was ordered to be destroyed.

• A marijuana possession charge was dismissed.

• Yasmeen Medley, 26, of Wilmington, drug possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court costs. Contraband was ordered destroyed.

A drug paraphernalia charge was dismissed.

• Zachary Trimble, 30, of Midland, drug paraphernalia, crossing a yellow lane, fined \$200, assessed \$125 court costs. A marijuana possession charge was dismissed.

• Christopher Greenup, 31, of Morrow, drug possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court

costs. The case was waived by Greenup.

• Drew Sachs, 18, of Wilmington, drug possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Sachs.

• Zoe Scanlon, 21, of Wilmington, marijuana possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Scanlon.

• Brian Carter, 39, of Wilmington, marijuana possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Carter.

• Dalton McCall, 26, of Waynesville, marijuana possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by McCall.

• Alanna Nelson, 21, of Bucild, marijuana possession, fined \$225, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Nelson.

• Briana Montgomery,

21, of Cincinnati, marijuana possession, fined \$100, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Montgomery.

• Regan Foust, 39, of Wilmington, having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, fined \$50, assessed \$250 court costs. A drug possession charge was dismissed.

• Corey Barrett, 24, of Lynchburg, driving under suspension-financial, fined \$250, assessed \$125 court costs. If Barrett gets a valid operator's license by his review date, the fine would be suspended.

• Brett Laymon II, 41, of Bowersville, driving under suspension-financial, fined \$250, assessed \$125 court costs. A seat belt violation was dismissed.

• Christopher Hertzler, 34, of Hillsboro, registration violation, driving under suspen-

sion-financial, driving under suspension-failing to reinstate, fined \$695, assessed \$385 court costs. The case was waived by Hertzler.

• Wilson Velasquez-Ramirez, 21, of Georgetown, going 93 in a 70 mph speed zone, fined \$105, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Velasquez-Ramirez.

• Morgan Rochler, 24, of Cincinnati, going 92 in a 70 mph speed zone, fined \$105, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Rochler.

• Mumtaz Khan, 75, of Cincinnati, going 92 in a 70 mph speed zone, fined \$105, assessed \$125 court costs. The case was waived by Khan.

• Jacob Helton, 35, of Cincinnati, going 93 in a 70 mph speed zone, fined \$105, assessed \$125 court costs.

## Extra Large Public Auction Shop and Wood Working Tools Tractors - Implements - Hand Tools

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**Wood/Metal Shop Power Tools:** Shop Fox 16" band saw #1673; JawsCraft HZ horizontal and vertical metal cutting band saw #G1346; Grizzly metal cutting band saw #G1010; Craftsman 12" band saw and sander; AMT 1" sander/grinder; Central pneumatic belt sander; Grizzly 3 HP shaper; Peterson metal tool lathe w/ attachment; Rockwell Delta gap bed lathe #6775; scroll saw as Delta ShopMaster; AMT #4600; and Craftsman w/ 2" throat; Rockwell 2HP wood thickness planer; Craftsman 1/2 saws; Craftsman 6 1/8" jointed planer; Craftsman 34" radial drill press; Guardian HD 16 sp. drill press; Rockwell drill press; Craftsman 9" radial arm saw and 10" table saw; B&D Quantum Pro compound miter saw; Buffalo HD bench grinder; Stone Viking grinder 10"x5"; Grizzly dust collector unit G1028 (the above tools have factory or good homemade bases); several shop and machine vises; Rockler and Irwin shop roller stands; 10 roller conveyors; wood/metal shop accessories as Irwin grip clamps and specialty Vice-Grips; (75) bar clamps from 18" to 60"; 1/2 selection of "C" clamps; Quality Craft textile seat; metal drill bits 1/8" to 1"; Microcraft template set; wonderful selection of power hand tools by Craftsman, Porter Cable, B&D, Milwaukee, and Makita incl. belt sanders, reciprocating saw, drills, disc grinders, hammer drill, jig and chisel saws, rotary grinders, die grinder, cut out tool, polisher, recharge drills and attachments; New In Box (being as Coleman screen lodge 12"x14"; Chicago power inverter and blade sharpener; Ryobi and Porter Cable brand nail guns; Ryobi 2HP plunge router; 1/2" sheet sander and 3/8" elec. drill; Craftsman multi-sander and 1/2" angle grinder; Schumacher charger; B&D and Irwin laser levels; 70 wd. router bits w/out, Irwin 4pc. Forstner bit set, wd. working chests, hole saw bits, 1/2" shop magnet, Triton power respirator, Craftsman 40V and cordless; Milwaukee router of set Irwin; Craftsman 7pc. nut driver set, Vice-Grips, Milwaukee lawn mower jack; Troy-Bilt press start; PitSaw 25pc. wrench set; Chicago elec. paint remover; new saw blades; 2-4-6 carpenter's levels; Denzel 400 series rotary tool; hand tools as scorp shovels, spades, wedge hammers, single/double bit axes, mauls, hammers including ad. claw, pry bars, bolt cutters, socket sets incl. impact, open and box end and wrenches; palmers, screw drivers; tool binders; tap straps; mechanic's creeper and stool; 55 metal and plastic cabinets filled w/ new nuts, bolts, screws, nails, metal hardware; 1/4 and 3/4 HP elec. motors; 20' Werner ext. ladder; wheel barrow; HD refrigerator/dish; tall rolling platform stein; scores of many sized castor wheels; Tri-Fecta 3 wheel bike; Enchanted wood gear clock set; Focal eye pc. w/ tripod and wood box; play wagons Berlin Flyer and Big Foot Panel; collections as old metal Shell and Mobilgas cans, fishing tackleboxes, Blackfoot smelter 10 gal. milk can, G.H.A.D. lantern, Case 5 1/2" two blade knife; MacGregor Don White left handed golf clubs; fire hose nozzles.

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# Using tax diversification Humane mole control

As an investor, you will have access to accounts that are taxed differently from one another. And it's possible you could benefit from tax diversification by owning accounts in these three categories:

**Tax-deferred** – Tax-deferred accounts include the traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. You also may get a tax deduction for contributions you make today. When you start taking withdrawals from these tax-deferred accounts, typically during retirement, the money is usually taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

**Taxable** – Taxable investments are those held in a standard brokerage account, outside your IRA or 401(k). While you can put virtually all types of investments into a taxable account, you may want to focus on those considered to be most tax-efficient. So, you could include individual stocks that you plan to hold, rather than actively trade, because you will not get taxed on the capital gains until you sell. You also might consider mutual funds that do little trading and generate few capital gains distributions. This is important not only in terms

of controlling taxes, but also because the taxes on these distributions can reduce your investments' real rate of return.

**Tax-free** – When you invest in a Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), you don't get an immediate tax deduction, but your earnings, as well as your withdrawals, are tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.



and you have had your account at least five years. (However, income restrictions do apply to Roth IRAs.)

So, given the difference in how taxes are treated in these accounts, how can you choose where to put your money? For example, when would you contribute to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), rather than a traditional, tax-deferred IRA or 401(k)? If you are in a high tax rate now and expect it to be lower in retirement, a traditional IRA may make more sense, as you potentially get a sizable benefit from the tax deduction. But if you are in a lower tax rate now, you have most of your retirement investments in tax-deferred accounts, and/or you can

afford to forego the immediate tax deduction, you might find that the Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), with its tax-free withdrawals and earnings, ultimately will make more sense for you. But since no one can predict where tax rates will go in the future, having money in different types of accounts – i.e., tax diversification – can be beneficial.

If you only focus on traditional, tax-deferred accounts, you could end up with larger tax bills than you anticipated when you retire and start tapping into these accounts, particularly when you must start taking withdrawals – called "required minimum distributions" – when you reach 70½. By having money in accounts with different tax treatments, you may have more flexibility in structuring your withdrawals during retirement, based on your year-to-year tax situation.

There's no formula for achieving an ideal tax diversification. You'll want to consider your own needs and circumstances in choosing the right mix of taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free accounts. Ultimately, taxes should not drive all your investment decisions – but they should not be ignored, either.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

They're back! Teillale cones of mud in your lawn are a signal that mole season is upon us, and if you do nothing, moles will take over your entire yard. Doing nothing is not an option. Over the years we've tried numerous ways to eliminate moles from our lawns, from traps of various kinds to the nasty 12-gauge, and only one has actually made a real difference.

Killing moles is NOT an effective way to get rid of them. Existing, empty tunnel networks are highly sought after by young moles, because it takes a lot of hard work for a mole to build his tunnel system. To protect this investment, moles "scent-mark" their tunnels daily as they travel through the system in search of food, warning other moles that the system is occupied. Moles are solitary and territorial and protect their tunnel systems fiercely. Young moles must start from scratch and build their tunnels in areas where other tunnels haven't settled, unless they can take over existing tunnels.

Female moles are promiscuous. They typically build their tunnels in such a way as to connect with the tunnel systems of several males. Their offspring easily have access to tunnels dug by others, when they mature and their mothers forcibly send them out into the world. This means that killing a mole simply creates a vacant tunnel system that is soon taken over by another mole. This takeover saves young moles a terrific amount of work. Unless you manage to kill the female and her entire litter, you are simply changing tenants and not really solving the problem long-term. Treating the infested area with castor oil-based repell-



As the weather warms, be prepared to deal with a mole invasion.

lent called makes their food taste bitter, causing them to leave the treated area. Called "Mole-Max", it comes in a granular form, and is easy to apply with a lawn spreader. Mole-Max is the easiest, neatest and longest lasting deterrent we've found. Once it soaks into the ground, by watering or normal rain, it gives earthworms and grubs a bitter taste. It isn't toxic to pets and won't hurt plants or lawn grass.

Pick a day when rain is expected. Starting close to the house, we spread the Mole-Max in ever-widening circles. We make a few passes, wait a few weeks, and make a few more, further away, gradually driving the mole population ever further from our house and gardens. If moles are invading your lawn from adjacent pastureland or woods, it helps to treat a "buffer strip" along the edge, but first make sure you've driven them out of your yard.

I admit to using a heavier dose than the label directions suggest. In our case,

the treated areas remain free of moles for several years thereafter. It's not nearly as satisfying and fun as trapping or shooting ugly, disgusting moles, but it solves the problem for much longer. The label directions suggest poking holes in the feeder tunnels and dropping a spoonful of Mole-Max into the tunnel itself. Moles are fastidious creatures, so stinking up their habitat is a nice touch.

You'll never get rid of moles permanently, any more than you can permanently rid your lawn of crabgrass or dandelions. It takes patience and persistence, year after year. Right now it's time for your annual mole-prevention ritual. Steve Boehme is a landscape designer/installer specializing in landscape "makeovers". "Let's Grow" is published weekly; column archives are on the "Garden Advice" page at [www.goodseedfarm.com](http://www.goodseedfarm.com). For more information is available at [www.goodseedfarm.com](http://www.goodseedfarm.com) or call GoodSeed Farm Landscapes at (937) 587-7021.

## Scholarships offered

By Margie Sims

Southern Hills Community Bank is pleased to announce it will be offering three scholarship awards for the 2018-2019 school year. Each scholarship is a non-recurring and will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00.

All eligible high school seniors in the counties of Adams, Brown, Clinton, High-

land and Ross who are planning to attend college and major in accounting, agriculture, business, economics, finance, or information systems and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, may apply for this award.

Application forms are available at all Southern Hills Community Bank offices located in Leesburg, Georgetown, Greenfield, Hillsboro, Lynchburg, Peebles, Ripley and West Union, or from your high school guidance counselor.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2019, and sent to the attention of Margie Sims at Southern Hills Community Bank, Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 220, Ripley, OH 45167.

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## 'The Gardener' at Lake Waynoka

To kick off the 2019 season, the Lake Waynoka Garden Club will present an exclusive showing of the award-winning "The Gardener", a documentary directed by Sebastian Chabot about Frank Cabot's Les Quatre Vents, aka Cabot Garden, a magnificent private garden in the Charlevoix region near Quebec City, Canada. This special viewing will take place on March 12th, 7PM, at the Lodge. Attendees will also be provided a headset for a virtual reality tour of the garden. Frank Cabot, an influential gardener, reflects on the meaning of gardening as he recounts his personal quest for perfection at his twenty-acre English style garden. This is a must-see for every gardener! Trailer: <https://youtu.be/Z78Mn7VKE>. This special showing at the Lodge is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. An open pass will be left at Security for guests. Call Louis Mays, club reporter, at (937) 305-7916 for more information.

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