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Tanowa Troupe
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing – 11th Floor
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: **Case Nos: 18-1720-GA-AIR, 18-1721-GA-ATA, 18-1722-GA-ALT**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to the July 11, 2019 Entry in the above-captioned cases, attached please find the newspaper legal notices, dates of publication, and affidavit verifying publication of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp.'s legal notice of the local public hearings in the above-mentioned cases. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ N. Trevor Alexander

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Free Press Standard	July 25, 2019 and August 1, 2019
Geauga County Maple Leaf	July 25, 2019 and August 1, 2019
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Proof of Publication

I, Walter Dozier, do hereby attest that the Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation legal notices attached hereto as Exhibit A appeared in the following newspapers. Each listed newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation in the county indicated.

Akron, The Beacon Journal (Summit) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
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Cambridge, The Daily Jeffersonian (Guernsey) - July 23 and July 30, 2019
Canton, The Repository (Stark) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Cleveland, The Plain Dealer (Cuyahoga) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Columbus, The Columbus Dispatch (Franklin) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
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Marietta, Marietta Times (Washington) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Marion, Marion Star (Marion) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Medina, Medina County Gazette (Medina) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
New Philadelphia, Times Reporter (Tuscarawas) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Kent, Record Courier (Portage) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Upper Sandusky, Daily Chief Union (Wyandot) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Warren, Tribune Chronicle (Trumbull) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Willoughby, News Herald (Lake) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Wooster, Daily Record (Wayne) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Youngstown, The Vindicator (Mahoning) – July 23 and July 30, 2019
Cadiz, Harrison News Herald (Harrison) – July 27, 2019 and August 3, 2019
Carrollton, Free Press Standard (Carroll) – July 25, 2019 and August 1, 2019
Chardon, The Maple Leaf (Geauga) – July 25, 2019 and August 1, 2019
Millersburg, Holmes County Hub (Holmes) July 27, 2019 and August 3, 2019

Walter Dozier
Walter Dozier

8/6/19
Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 6th day of August, 2019 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.



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Trump signs 9/11 victims' funding extension

By Jill Colvin and
Jonathan Lemire
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday signed a bill ensuring that a victims' compensation fund helping those impacted by the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks never runs out of money, ending years of legislative gridlock as the number of first responders dying of Ground Zero-related illnesses mounted.

Appearing in the Rose Garden with more than 60 first responders from the 2001 terrorist attacks, Trump signed into law an extension of the fund through 2022, essentially making it permanent.

"You inspire all of humanity," Trump said of the "true American warriors" who rushed to assist victims that day and searched for remains for months after.

The president said that the nation has a "sacred obligation" to care for the responders and their families.

The \$7.4 billion fund

had been rapidly depleting, and administrators recently cut benefit payments by up to 70%. The bill passed Congress on a bipartisan basis but only after delays by some Republicans exposed the legislative branch to brutal criticism from activists, including the comedian Jon Stewart.

Dozens of first responders, many gravely ill, would repeatedly travel to Washington to lobby lawmakers to extend the funding every time it needed to be reauthorized. Though their ranks shrunk, as emergency workers died of cancers and other diseases linked to the toxic fumes from the World Trade Center rubble, the fate of the fund had never been permanently guaranteed.

NYPD detective Luis Alvarez appeared gaunt and ill when he testified before Congress last month, urging lawmakers to pass the measure to help his fellow first responders even if it was too late for him.

"You made me come



President Donald Trump holds up the signed H.R. 1327 bill, an act ensuring that a victims' compensation fund related to the Sept. 11 attacks never runs out of money, in the Rose Garden of the White House, Monday (ALEXANDRON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

down here the day before my 60th round of chemo and I'm going to make sure that you never forget to take care of the 9/11 first responders," Alvarez said.

He died two weeks later. More than 40,000 people have applied to the fund, which covers illnesses potentially related to being at the World Trade Center site, the Pentagon or Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after the attacks. Stewart made the cause a personal passion project.

He tore into the lawmakers' inaction when

he testified alongside Alvarez, creating a moment that was frequently replayed on cable news.

"Hundreds died in an instant. Thousands more poured in to continue to fight for their brothers and sisters," Stewart said before the committee. "They did their jobs with courage, grace, tenacity, humility. Eighteen years later, do yours."

A pair of Republican senators, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Lee of Utah, voted against the measure this month, preventing its adoption from

being unanimous. Both cited the need to eliminate unnecessary spending and offset the measure with budget cuts.

Trump did not dwell on that division when he signed the bill. The bill signing prompted a round of applause from first responders in the Rose Garden as well as Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, who was mayor of New York City during the attacks and was widely praised for his leadership in the aftermath of the World Trade Center collapse.

Trump, whose real

estate holdings that day included some 20 buildings in Manhattan, played up his own personal connection on Monday to the World Trade Center site.

"I was down there also, but I'm not considering myself a first responder," the president said.

But a number of the president's recollections about his own personal experiences that day cannot be verified, including his claims that he sent construction crews to help clear the site, that he had "hundreds" of friends die at Ground Zero and that he witnessed television coverage of Muslims in the United States cheering the destruction of the iconic skyscrapers.

The ceremony was attended by a handful of lawmakers — all Republicans — though a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity to share planning details, said that all members of Congress had been invited to the event. The invitations went out Friday and Saturday.

Trump wants US Afghan drawdown by 2020 vote

President told aides to reduce troops before election, Pompeo says

By John Hudson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday that President Donald Trump ordered him to reduce the number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan by the 2020 election, in some of the clearest comments to date about Trump's intentions for winding down the nearly 18-year conflict.

"That's my directive from the president of the United States. He's been unambiguous: End the endless wars. Draw down. Reduce. It won't just be us," Pompeo said at the Economic Club of Washington.

Pompeo suggested that a troop withdrawal is connected to how the president views his job performance, saying a reduction of forces is "not only my expectation, it would be job-enhancing."

"We hope that overall the need for combat forces in the region is reduced," Pompeo added.

Trump has expressed



Afghan security forces on Monday inspect the aftermath of Sunday's attack in Kabul. (HAMMATH OUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

even as it explores a peace resolution with U.S. diplomats to end America's longest war.

The latest flare-up occurred Sunday with an assault on the office of the Afghan president's running mate and former intelligence chief, resulting in the deaths of at least 20 people and injuries to at least 50, according to The Associated Press. No one immediately asserted responsibility for the attack.

Military officials have said that the Pentagon has voiced its concerns about a precipitous withdrawal, but Trump has empowered his special envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, to reach a deal that allows for a reduction of forces in the country and the ability to continue counterterrorism operations, officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. Military officials have now accepted that

Trump, who ran on ending America's "endless wars," will demand at least a partial drawdown of troops.

In the first year of his presidency, Trump's advisers urged him to increase the U.S. troop presence in the country to prevent a total takeover by the Taliban, which controls about half the country. They also reiterated worries that the country could again become a staging ground for terrorist attacks on the United States. In heading his advisers' warnings, Trump increased troop levels but noted that it went against his instincts.

"My original instinct was to pull out, and historically, I like following my instincts," Trump said in an address on Afghanistan in August 2017. "But all my life I've heard that decisions are much different when you sit behind the desk in the Oval Office."

With little progress

to show in the country after more than two years in office, Trump has expressed frustration with his advisers. On Monday, Pompeo described a resolution the president was seeking concerning the war.

"We think there's a path to reduce violence, achieve reconciliation and still make sure that the American counterterrorism effort in Afghanistan has value and the potential to reduce risk in the United States," Pompeo said.

US: Afghan soldier kills two US troops

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Afghan soldier shot and killed two American service members in Kandahar, Afghanistan, U.S. officials said Monday.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak on the record about details that have not yet been made public.

U.S. Central Command confirmed that two U.S. troops were killed, but provided no details. It said

additional information is being withheld until 24 hours after notification of next of kin is complete.

According to officials, the Afghan soldier was wounded and is in custody.

The U.S. formally ended its Afghan combat mission in 2014 but still provides extensive air and other support to local forces battling both the Taliban and an affiliate of the Islamic State group.

U.S. and allied forces have faced increasing insider attacks in recent years.

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Mike D'Itri



ASHTABULA — Mike D'Itri, 84, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 21, 2019, at Silver Sands.

The beloved son of Celestino and Michelina (DiFalco) D'Itri, he was born March 10, 1935, in Isleria, Italy.

Mike immigrated from Italy to Montreal, Canada. Later he settled in America, where he met his wife, Diana DeGeorge. They married on June 6, 1957, and had three sons, for whom they had unwavering love.

Mike was very active with the Knights of Columbus and served as Grand Knight for six years and two years as Faithful Navigator.

In 1988, he retired from Rockwell Brake Division and worked eleven years with the City of Ashtabula.

Mike enjoyed spending time with his family. They took yearly trips to Montreal, Canada, visiting his family. His sports activities included bowling, golf, and bocce. His passion was gardening.

He is survived by his son, Charles (Tamm) D'Itri, of Ashtabula; three grandchildren, Carlo D'Itri, Melissa (Ian) Sharp, and Casey

(Dustin) Kaiser; brother, Mario (Stephanie) D'Itri; sister, Assunta (Mario) Melfi; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mike was preceded in death by his wife Diana in 2016; two sons, Lawrence and Christopher; sister, Nina; aunt, Antoinette DiLemmo; several uncles; and his parents.

Mike's family would like to thank Jane Stewart, of Silver Sands for the loving home she provided him. They would also like to thank Jennifer, Rebecca, Sue and Emily for their compassionate care.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019, at 10 A.M. at Our Lady of Peace, St. Joseph Church, 3312 Lake Ave., Ashtabula, with Rev. Fr. Raymond Thomas presiding. Entombment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, from 6-8 P.M. at the Zaback-Williams-Ducro Funeral Home, 500 W. Prospect Rd., Ashtabula.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his name to Silver Sands Shared Residency, 3418 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Online obituary condolences at www.ducro.com.



SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Patricia L. Ratliff



Patricia L. Ratliff, age 80, of Geneva, passed away 7/21/2019 at Geneva Village N.H. Calling Hours: 6-8:00 P.M. 7/24/2019 at Walker Funeral Home, 828 Sherman St., Geneva. Interment: Private family service Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, cwalkerfuneralhomegeneva.com.

Robert A. Berndt

ROAMING SHORES: Robert Arthur Brandt, Roaming Shores, died Sunday-7/21/19. Memorial services Sunday-8/4/19, 2:30PM-St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 89 E. Satin St., Jefferson. No flowers please. Contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Fleming & Biltman Funeral Directors-Jefferson. Fleming-Biltman.com.

Theresa Marie Sessler

PARKTON — Theresa M. Sessler, 88, died July 5, 2019. A Memorial Mass will be held at Friday, July 26, 8:31 a.m. at 12:00PM at Our Lady of Peace, Mt. Carmel. Complete obituary available at www.ducro.com.

Death notices, services announced, service pendings obituaries printed are paid notices, phrased in accordance with the wishes of families and funeral directors.

The Star Beacon assumes no responsibility for inaccurate information provided to us.

To reach the Star Beacon Obituary Department call (440) 998-0727.

Wilder family and friends reunion set

The Wilder Family and Friends Reunion will be 1 p.m. July 27 at 2414 W. Center St., North Kingsville.

The theme this year is Halloween. Costumes are not required. Sloppy Joes and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish and dessert to share.

Rain date will be July 28.

For more information, call 998-0152.

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Rex J. Knerr



ASHTABULA — Rex J. Knerr, 89, of Ashtabula, died Saturday, July 20, in the Hospice Unit at the Ashtabula County Medical Center. He was born June 7, 1930, in Ashtabula, the son of Monroe and Helen (Rex) Knerr and has a lifetime area resident.

He was a 1948 graduate of Ashtabula High School and was employed with Nelson Tree Service for 46 years as a tree trimmer and supervisor retiring in 1994.

He was an active member of Our Lady of Peace Parish. He enjoyed helping with communion at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home for many years. He was also a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Rex enjoyed trimming trees and especially being with his family.

Surviving him are his two daughters, Diane Miller of Columbia, and Laura McCormick of Ashtabula; five grandchildren, Melinda, Amber, Matthew, Joshua and Janelle; many great

grandchildren; a sister, Manette Nelson of North Kingsville; and a son-in-law, Douglas Atwell of Ashtabula.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary on Sept. 5, 2012; a son Robert Knerr in 2013; a daughter Cynthia Atwell; a brother, Monroe Knerr, Jr., a brother-in-law, John Nelson; and a sister-in-law Julie Knerr.

A memorial service will be Friday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashtabula Home of Fleming & Biltman Funeral Directors and Crematory, 526 W. Prospect Rd., Ashtabula, with Father David Brindling officiating.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, 1404 East 9th St. Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

The Fleming & Biltman Funeral Homes of Ashtabula, Geneva and Jefferson are honored to serve the Rex Knerr family. Guest book and obituary at Fleming-Biltman.com.

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Burglary was reported July 5 at 11:02 a.m. in the 2100 block of East 39th Street, Ashtabula Township.

A woman reported being assaulted by her roommate July 10 at 10:23 p.m. in the 3700 block of Route 322, Orwell Township.

A check book was reported stolen July 11 at 8:16 p.m. in the 2500 block of Sheffield Road, Sheffield Township.

Burglary was reported July 19 at 2:27 a.m. in the 4200 block of Route 307, Harpersfield Township.

A woman reportedly assaulted a co-worker after he made comments about her lunch which she didn't like July 19 at 12:37 p.m. at RTS Companies, Austintown.

A man reportedly overdosed July 19 at 8:31 p.m. in the 3200 block of Avondale Avenue, Ashtabula Township.

Domestic violence was reported July 19 at 9:21 p.m. in the 700 block of Garrison Road, Plymouth Township.

Domestic violence was reported July 20 at 9:53 a.m. in the 6200 block of Phillips Street, Ashtabula Township.

Domestic violence and an unruly juvenile were reported July 20 at 4:01 p.m. in the 5900 block of Root Road, Monroe Township.

A tractor was reported stolen July 20 at 8:45 p.m. in the 1600 block of Brockway Street, Lenox Township.

A woman's sister threatened to kill her and burn her camper down July 20 at 1:14 p.m. at Holiday Campgrounds, Ashtabula Township.

A boy, 8, was reportedly left alone July 21 at 2:22 a.m. in the 500 block of Shastar Drive, Ashtabula Township, while his mother went to a party and got drunk.

A woman's son, 4, got out of her home July 21 at 6:47 a.m. in the 3100 block of North Ridge Road West, Saybrook Township. Deputies suspected the woman of being high on a stimulant.

A man was arrested July 21 at 4:18 p.m. at Pilot, Austintown, after being accused of making a false robbery report.

ASHTABULA

A man was arrested for trespassing, disorderly conduct and theft in the 500 block of West 57th Street at

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OHIO EXTENDS PROGRAM HELPING DRIVERS GET LICENSES REINSTATED

COLUMBUS — A program that has helped more than 6,500 Ohio drivers get their licenses reinstated after suspensions is being extended until the end of the year.

Drivers can apply to have certain license reinstatement fees waived or reduced under the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.

Over 79,000 people have applied for amnesty in the program's first six months. Officials waived or reduced fees for roughly 71,000 people, eliminating nearly \$60 million in fees.

Eligible drivers must have completed any other court-ordered sanctions, and at least 18 months must have passed since any court-ordered suspension ended. Drivers' fees aren't eligible if their offenses involved drugs, alcohol or a deadly weapon.

LAWMAKERS TO VOTE ON \$1 BILLION RESCUE FOR STATE'S 2 NUCLEAR PLANTS

TOLEDO — Lawmakers are planning a final vote on legislation that would give Ohio's nuclear plants roughly \$1 billion through 2026 by adding a new fee onto electricity bills.

Backers say the financial lifeline for the plants is needed to prevent them closing within the next two years.

The Ohio House plans to vote on the measure Tuesday after lawmakers in the Senate approved the plan last week. Republican Gov. Mike DeWine has said he intends to sign it into law.

AMAZON WILL OPEN TWO NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTERS IN OHIO

ROSSFORD — Amazon says it will open two new distribution centers in Ohio.

The company announced Monday that the two sites in Akron and near Toledo will bring a combined 2,500 full-time jobs.

The new facility in Akron will be built on the site of a former shopping mall. The one in Rossford near Toledo is going up at the intersection of Interstate 75 and the Ohio Turnpike.

Each of the two distribution centers will cover more than 700,000-square-feet. Both centers will employ workers to pack and ship small items.

10:12 a.m. Friday.

A foot pursuit in the 1500 block of West Eighth Street resulted in the arrest of a man with felony warrants at 2:34 p.m. Friday.

An inmate was taken to Signature Health, 4726 Main Ave., for an appointment at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Menacing was reported in the 1700 block of West Seventh Street at 5:23 p.m. Friday.

Domestic violence was reported in the 100 block of Riverside Drive at 6:42 p.m. Friday.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 5300 block of Madison Avenue at 4:22 a.m. Saturday.

Fraud was reported in the 100 block of West 44th Street at 4:40 a.m. Saturday.

A disturbance was reported in the 5500 block of Washington Avenue at 5:09 a.m. Saturday.

An overdose was reported in the 1200 block of East Sixth Street at 7:12 a.m. Saturday.

Felony drugs and cash were seized by police during a traffic stop at Bridge Street and Morton Drive at 5:50 p.m. Saturday.

Vandalism to a vehicle was reported in the 3900 block of Station Avenue at 8:05 p.m. Saturday.

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Suspected drunken driver who crashed into building caught

BY SHELLEY TERRY
story@starbeacon.com

ASHTABULA — Police nabbed a suspected drunk driver shortly after he crashed his vehicle into a building Sunday afternoon.

Patrick Curtin, 52, of Ashtabula, who left the scene of the accident, was later arrested at Carlington Park Nursing Home on West Avenue, police said.

He was then transported to Ashtabula County Medical Center for minor injuries, according to reports. Police say he was found to be under the influence of alcohol and they arrested Curtin for operating a vehicle while under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident.

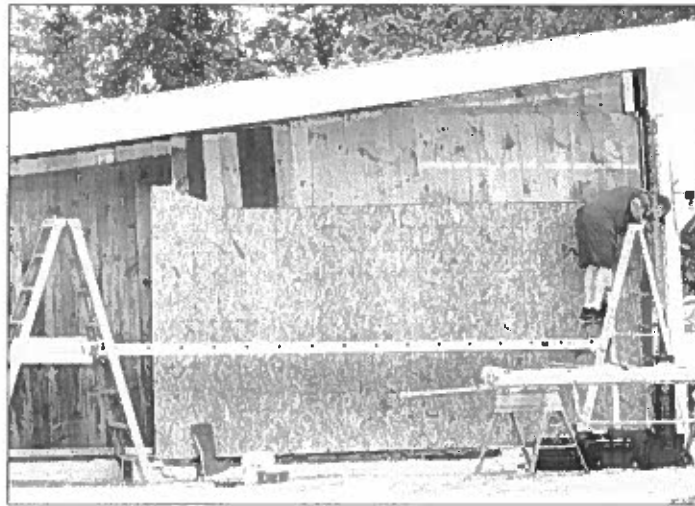
The crash happened at about 2 p.m. at Ashtabula Recycling, 1718 Lake Ave., according to police reports.

The business was closed at the time and no one but Curtin received any injuries.

On Monday morning, workers were repairing the damage to the wall that Curtin's vehicle struck, but the business remained open, an official said.

No estimate on the damage was available.

According to Ashtabula Municipal Court records, Curtin has a long criminal record. He recently pleaded not guilty to menacing by stalking, aggravated menacing and aggravated trespassing. He has a pretrial on those charges scheduled for Oct. 1.



Repair work was underway on Monday morning after a car crashed through a Lake Avenue recycling business on Sunday.

MULTIPLE: Shots fired into trailer at Geneva Mobile Home Park

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through a front wall and the living room area.

"If the resident had been in her kitchen,

hallway, or living room area when the shooting occurred she would have very likely been injured or killed," a deputy wrote in the report.

Deputies were able to speak with some residents in the trailer park who have a vehicle matching that description, but the man who was possibly out

driving in it with friends could not be located. All four tires of the person's vehicle whose home had been shot up were also flattened in a neighboring

driveway. The resident of the home reported having no problems with anyone and not knowing why someone would shoot her home or dam-

age her vehicle. The investigation is ongoing, according to the report. Court records do not indicate that anyone has been charged in the incident.

APARTMENT: Police say tenant is responsible for fire at Ashtabula Towers

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The building alarm and sprinklers did not activate, and as

firefighters made their way to the apartment, they found no smoke in the hallway. No one was injured.

When they arrived at the apartment, they found the door closed and locked, but not hot, according to

the report. When firefighters entered the apartment, they discovered heavy smoke and a small fire

on the living room floor. They extinguished the blaze with a water can and searched the

apartment. Fans were set up to ventilate the apartment, according to the report.

FAIR: Today is deadline for open class competition exhibits

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when handing in entry forms.

Items for exhibit must be brought to the fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 5, and tags may be picked up in the Grange Building. Judging goes on Monday evening and ribbons awarded.

Prize money will be mailed out after the fair.

Fair board member

Deb Platt recommends reading the guidelines and rules for every contest.

"Some of the rules have changed, specifically for wine, honey, and syrup categories," she said. "We had a judge two years ago who recommended the changes to make it more professional."

Fair Board Secretary Darla Vargo said while some events remain es-

entially the same from year to year, other areas see some change, such as events on the back midway.

This year, the back midway will feature a Ntnja experience and butterfly tent, as well as past favorites such as Jungle Terry and Swifty the Clown.

Fair Board President Brian Edelman said he's excited about this year's competitions.

A pallet wall art, joins two relatively new

competitions — Bucket of Junk and Garden in a Wheelbarrow.

Children's games will include bike races, egg-and-spoon contest, water balloon toss, watermelon eating contest and a scavenger hunt, she said.

After successfully adding a second day of harness racing two years ago, the fair board decided to do it again, said Sue Stockwell, fair board

member.

"Post time is 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday at the fair," she said.

Daily single admission to the fair is \$8 for ages 5 and older, and includes wrist band for free rides (except pony rides).

Admission for children ages 4 and younger is free every day. Ride bands are \$5.

Family Day on Wednesday is free to

children ages 14 and younger. Ride bands are \$5.

Senior citizens, ages 62 and older, are admitted for \$1 on Tuesday and Friday, grounds only.

Veterans Appreciation Day on Thursday gives veterans with proper identification free admission to the grounds.

For more information, go to www.ashtabula-fair.com.

RESCUED: Good Samaritans jump into lake to aide distressed boaters

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treading water and screaming, he said.

"We were trolling and fishing and we saw them," Kempinski said.

Kempinski and the others used rope, jumped into the water and pulled the people onto their boat. They then took the group to the Ashtabula Harbor where ODNR and an

ambulance were waiting.

"I don't think they would have made it much longer," Kempinski said. "They were exhausted."

The good Samaritans called the U.S. Coast Guard during the incident. Scott Sjöström, a boatswain's mate second class with the U.S. Coast Guard, said a rescue team from

Fairport Harbor was sent to the area after getting a call on the radio distress channel about a capsized boat from the good Samaritans.

"Those guys assisted within minutes," Sjöström said.

The Coast Guard met the group at the Ashtabula Harbor Coast Guard Station, which is currently undergoing

renovations and does not have a rescue unit on station, where a report was taken and the woman was transported.

The Ashtabula Station will return to having a standing staff in a few weeks when renovations are complete,

Sjöström said.

Marine Assist recovered and de-watered the capsized boat and was able to place it back on a trailer at Lake Shore Park.

There have been 68 deaths by drowning on the Great Lakes since January, Sjöström said.

With that in mind, Sjöström said the U.S. Coast Guard wants to remind people to always wear life jackets when boating.

"Almost all deaths on the water occur when someone is not wearing a life jacket," he said.

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Reds

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was placed on the 10-day injured list with a strained hamstring Monday, three days after suffering the injury while throwing his very last pitch in an outting against the Cardinals. RHP Sal Romano was recalled from Triple-A Louisville to replace Mahle on the roster while Lucas Sims will take Mahle's spot in

the rotation Wednesday against the Brewers. Brewers: Milwaukee put RHP Brandon Woodruff on the injured list Monday after an MRI revealed a strained left oblique, leaving him sidelined for at least six weeks. Woodruff suffered the injury Sunday in a start against the Diamondbacks. ... 2B Keston Hiura was scratched from the starting lineup before the game with a sore quad but appeared as a pinch-hitter in the

eighth, drawing a four-pitch walk before he was replaced by a pinch-runner.

Up next

The series continues Tuesday night with Reds RHP Tanner Roark (5-6, 3.97 ERA) facing off against Milwaukee RHP Zack Davies (8-2, 2.79). Davies has a 0.77 ERA over his last four starts while Roark is 1-0 with a 4.24 ERA in four starts against the Brewers this season.

Duncan

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Spurs' description of Duncan in the release was this: "Duncan, a 1997 Wake Forest graduate, played 19 seasons with the Spurs before retiring in the summer of 2016." No mention of his rings, his 15 All-Star nods, his three NBA Finals MVP awards, his two NBA MVP awards or anything else.

Duncan retired from playing three years ago,

but has worked at times with San Antonio's post players. He has long been one of Popovich's favorites, even going back to 1987 in the days leading up to San Antonio taking Duncan with the No. 1 overall pick in that year's draft.

Popovich went to the Virgin Islands before that draft to get to know Duncan, and was immediately sold.

"We lived on the beach for a few days and we swam and we talked," Popovich said at Duncan's retirement ceremony. "From that

moment I knew he was a special individual because he basically talked about everything but basketball. And we've been the recipients of that intelligence and that outlook on life since he's walked in here."

Duncan's hiring and Hardy's expanded role will help the Spurs replace former assistants Ettore Messina and Ime Udoka, who left earlier this offseason for new jobs. Becky Hammon and Chip Engelland are also returning as Spurs assistants.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed rate plan for the Cuyahoga County Public Utilities Commission. The proposed rate plan is available for review at the Commission's office, 1100 East 12th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2200. The proposed rate plan is also available for review at the following locations:

In its applications, NDO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and of an alternative rate plan. In its rate case, NDO requests a rate increase of \$3,524,933, an increase of 18.25 percent over current revenues. After its review of NDO's application, the staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$500,852 to \$3,777,542, which represents an increase between 1.39 percent and 2.44 percent over current revenues. NDO's application for an alternative rate plan includes the following two alternative rate plans to reduce revenues: the rate reduction in excess of the corporate rate established by the Tax Code and the rate of 2017; and the reduction of the rate of the Corporate Rate (CR) rider. The CRP would allow NDO to recover incremental costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipelines.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

D-League soccer fall registration

Registration is open for the fall D-League soccer program for children ages 3-14.

D-League soccer consists of a seven-week season running from Aug. 12-Sept. 28. Participants will learn the game through various games and activities from current division one college soccer players and coaches. All practices and games are located at the Dunbridge Soccer Fields.

The cost is \$60 for 3-4 year olds and \$80 for ages 5-14. Participants will also receive an official D-League t-shirt. Players will need to bring their own ball, shin guards and a water bottle. To register, visit www.bgoio.org/parks or call 419-354-6223.

Free turtle trapping workshop July 31

OAK HARBOR — Anyone interested in learning how to trap turtles can attend a free informational workshop on July 31 according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife.

The workshop will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Conservation Club located at 12055 West Trussard North Road. Experienced professionals from the Division of Wildlife and Oak Harbor Conservation Club will cover topics including net making, setting and pulling nets, and baiting. Season dates, regulations and turtle cleaning and cooking will also be covered.

The workshop is free of charge, but preregistration is required by July 29.

Participants can register at <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/education/registration/>. The workshop will take place partially outdoors and participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and wear outdoor clothes and sturdy footwear. Bug spray and sunscreen are also recommended.

Graves selected as All-American

PERRYBURG — Perryburg High School soccer player Brendan Graves was selected as an Allstate All-American. Graves will compete in the Allstate Cup match in Orlando, Florida, at noon on July 31 televised on ESPN.

Allstate Insurance Company in collaboration with MaxPreps identified the nation's top high school players in their junior year and awarded the "Allstate All-American" title. This elite group of 125 male and 125 female players are recognized as the country's rising high school soccer stars.

From the 250 high school players 40 males and 40 females were then selected for the opportunity to compete in the inaugural Allstate All-American Cup that will take place prior to the Major League Soccer All-Star Game.

Findlay Diamond Dawgs tryouts

FINDLAY — Tryouts for the Findlay Diamond Dawgs 14U travel baseball team will be held Aug. 4 at Marathon Diamonds (The Cube).

Contact Jeff Stutzman by phone (419-722-1045) or email (stutzmanj@aol.com) with any questions.

Lowry

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mind telling caddy Bo Martin that he was nervous, scared and worried he would mess up for a raucous, rickshaws crowd that wanted nothing more than to celebrate with him.

"I suppose I didn't even know going out this morning if I was good enough to win a major," Lowry said. "And look, I'm here now, a major champion. I can't believe I'm saying it, to be honest."

est."

So many others in the Irish golf community can. Graeme McDowell

recalls a story from famed swing coach Pete Cowen, who long ago traveled to Dublin to scout the Irish Boys golf team. They were curious about his views on the obvious star — a teenager named Rory McIlroy — except that Cowen saw more.

"The guy said, 'Who do you like?' And he said, 'Rory McIlroy looks pretty good, but that slightly overweight kid with the glasses on ... he looks good,'" McDowell

said. "So he's always been talented."

That kid was Lowry, so talented that he was still an amateur 10 years ago when he won the Irish Open at County Louth. McDowell remembers something else about that Irish Open, the first time he met Lowry.

"I just shot 61 at Ballynahinch, and he came in and shot 62," McDowell said. "And he didn't even introduce himself. He said, 'I can't believe you beat me by one out there.' And I'm like, 'Who's this kid?'"

That kid is now "champion golfer of the year."

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Governors push candidates to aid Great Lakes

By John Flasher
AP Environmental Writer

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Five Democratic governors of states in the Great Lakes region Monday urged the candidates in next year's presidential election to support a plan for safeguarding their shared waters by boosting federal spending on treatment plants and environmental cleanups.

Led by Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, the governors proposed a six-point platform dealing with longtime scourges such as invasive species and harmful algae blooms, as well as the emerging threat of toxic PFAS chemicals. It also seeks to boost commercial shipping by improving ports and other infrastructure in the world's largest freshwater network.

Whitmer told The Associated Press the plan's release was timed to draw attention to

issues affecting the lakes ahead of Democratic debates scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday in Detroit. But she said the governors also hoped for support from Republican President Donald Trump.

"These are not Democratic or Republican issues," Whitmer said. "This is about protecting this incredibly important resource that you can't live without."

In addition to Whitmer, the plan drew backing from Govs. Tony Evers of Wisconsin, Tim Walz of Minnesota, J.B. Pritzker of Illinois and Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania.

Whitmer said she had contacted the region's other three governors — Democrat Andrew Cuomo of New York and Republicans Mike DeWine of Ohio and Eric Holcomb of Indiana — but they declined to sign on.

Whitmer said DeWine's staff had provided "a lot of input" as the policy

was developed, despite his reluctance to endorse it publicly.

"I simply think it's a political concern," Whitmer said. "I know we've worked very closely on those policies and that's why I feel comfortable pushing this out. I know there is bipartisan support for this agenda."

Spokesman Dan Tierney said DeWine "did not feel it was appropriate to sign a document that would be used to vet Democratic presidential candidates during the Democratic presidential primary," adding that the Ohio governor "supports and appreciates President Trump's efforts to positively impact the Great Lakes."

He said DeWine had worked on related policy resolutions as vice chairman of the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers.

Trump's record on Great Lakes issues is



Rich Egan | The Salt Lake Tribune via AP, the Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer speaks last week during a session at the National Governors' Association conference in Salt Lake City. Five Democratic governors of states in the Great Lakes region want candidates in next year's presidential election, including President Trump, to back a plan for protecting their freshwater resources. Led by Whitmer, the governors on Monday proposed a six-point platform that seeks increases in federal spending on water treatment infrastructure and environmental cleanup.

mixed. His budget plans have called for slashing or eliminating funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a multi-year program to prevent species invasions, clean up polluted harbors

and river mouths, reduce nutrient runoff that feeds toxic algae and restore wildlife habitat. Congress has consistently rejected those proposals and maintained funding at \$300 million annually.

The president's latest spending plan in February proposed cutting the program's funding for the next fiscal year to \$30 million. But a month later, during a rally in Grand Rapids, he reversed course and pledged \$300 million.

He also has supported initial funding of a nearly \$1 billion expansion of navigation locks in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, a crucial link for vessels hauling iron ore and other commodities between Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

The governors' platform calls for incrementally boosting the restoration initiative to \$475 million a year, along with tripling federal funding for drinking water and wastewater treatment infrastructure.

"Too many children and families are exposed to unsafe drinking water," said Evers, chairman of the Great Lakes governors and premiers group.

Accused priests turned to under-the-radar group

By Martha Mendoza,
Juliet Linderman
and Garance Burin
Associated Press

DRYDEN, Mich. — The visiting priests arrived discreetly, day and night.

Stripped of their collars and cassocks, they went unnoticed in a series of tiny Midwestern towns as they were escorted into dingy warehouses and offices. Neighbors had no idea some of them might have been accused sexual predators.

For nearly two decades, a small nonprofit group called Opus Bono Sacerdotii has operated out of unmarked buildings in rural Michigan, providing money, shelter, transport, legal help and other support to hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Catholic priests accused of sexual

abuse.

And while powerful clerics have publicly pledged to hold the church accountable for the crimes of its clergy and help survivors heal, some of them arranged meetings, offered blessings or quietly sent checks to this organization that backed the abuses. The Associated Press has found.

Catholic leaders say the church has no official relationship with the group. But Opus Bono successfully forged networks within the church hierarchy.

The Associated Press unraveled the continuing story of Opus Bono in dozens of interviews with experts, lawyers, clergy members and former employees, along with hundreds of pages of documents obtained through

Freedom of Information requests.

In recent months, two of the group's founders, Joe Maher and Peter Ferrara, were forced out after Michigan's attorney general found Opus Bono had misused donated funds and misled contributors. A third co-founder, Father Edward Perrone, was abruptly removed from ministry earlier this month after the AP began asking about an allegation that he had sexually abused a child decades ago. Perrone denies the allegation.

Over the years, Opus Bono brought on as employees or advisers at least three clergymen accused of sexual abuse, and offered sympathizers a tax-deductible, anonymous method of sending money to specific accused priests.

When serial pedophile Jason Siger, a former priest, was sent to jail for abusing dozens of minors, Opus Bono was there for him, with regular visits and commissary cash, said a former employee. When another priest, Gregory Ingels, was criminally charged with abusing a teen, Opus Bono made him a legal adviser.

The group's current and former leadership did not respond to questions from the AP.

In 2003, the fledgling group was backed from influential Roman Catholics, including Father Richard John Neuhaus, the editor of a conservative Catholic journal who served as an unofficial adviser to President George W. Bush, and Cardinal Avery Dulles, the son of a former U.S. Secretary of State.

Docs say insurers increasingly interfere

By Tom Murphy
AP Health Writer

After Kim Lauerman was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, doctors wanted to give her a drug that helps prevent infections and fever during chemotherapy. Her insurer said no.

Anthem Blue Cross told Lauerman the drug wasn't necessary. She eventually got it after an infection landed her in the hospital, but that led to another problem: She ended up missing several chemo sessions.

"The insurance has been great until I got to a point that I really needed something for survival," Lauerman said.

Doctors say they worry about the growing influence insurers have over patient care. Some are finding that they need more approvals from insurance companies for routine things like medical scans or some prescriptions, which can postpone care for a few days or even weeks.

Insurers say advances in medical care are prompting them to review more cases before deciding on coverage. They say the checks are not meant to delay or stifle care, and they see them as a way to talk to doctors about the best approach and to guard against unnecessary treatment.

"It's not the end of the conversation," said

Kristine Grow, a spokeswoman for the insurer trade group America's Health Insurance Plans. Stuck in the middle are patients who may wind up with breaks in treatment. Those interruptions can stir anxiety and, in some cases, influence the success of their care.

Lauerman worries her advanced cancer may return because her treatment was cut short. Doctors wanted her to get chemotherapy and the drug Neupogen to boost infection-fighting white blood cells. But they had to end the second round of chemo early after she developed an infection.

The 57-year-old Alpharetta, Georgia, resident also had surgery and now gets regular scans and blood work to check whether her cancer has returned.

Federal privacy laws prevent Anthem from commenting on Lauerman's case. But spokeswoman Lori McLaughlin said the insurer does cover Neupogen. That decision can depend on several factors including the patient's health, the treatment plan and guidelines from cancer groups, she said.

No independent research tracks how frequently insurance issues delay or curtail care nationally, but doctors say they've seen a marked increase in difficulties over the last few years.

Royalty

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consists of Brynne Limes and Austen Nissen as first runners-up; Kylie Sabo and Sidney Grames as second runners-up; and Abby Gase and Sam Eiben as third runners-up.

Both Nissen and Sabo were on last year's court as well, both as second runners-up.

Dakota represents Otsego FFA while Gase represents Prime Cut Kids. She will be attending Loyola University in Chicago to pursue a degree in nursing. Gase will be attending Ohio State University, majoring in agriculture.

The runners-up represented the following

clubs: Limes, Prime Cut Kids; Nissen, Horses R Us; Sabo, Gold Medal; Grames, Sunset Saddlers; Abby Gase, the king's sister, the Wood County Leadership Board; and Eiben, Bowling Green FFA.

The parade was postponed due to the weather; the floats were judged earlier in the day.

Prime Cut Kids won first place, Portage Valley was awarded second, Tontogany Four Leaf Clovers was third and Blue Ribbon Rangers, fourth. Bowling Green FFA won the FFA division followed by Penta FFA in second.

This year's grand marshals were Bill and Betty Davies.

They have been active at the fair for most of their lives, with Bill

Davies taking a major role in auctioneering over the years. He has worked the livestock sales for both small animals, large animals and the catch-a-pig auction, as well as the baked goods including pie auctions. It wouldn't be a surprise that he has conducted more than 100 auctions over the years.

"I've attended the fair since I was a kid. I missed only two years when I was in the service," he said.

It was more than 40 years ago when he conducted his first auction at the fair.

"It's always the highlight of the year, selling at the fair," he said. "All of our kids have shown at the fair and all of our grandkids have shown at the fair."

Betty Davies was active in 4-H and showed sewing and clothing projects. The couple are both lifelong Wood County residents, having grown up just three miles apart. They have been married for 51 years.

"We both think this is such a great honor being named as the grand marshals," Bill Davies said.

Through the rain changed the plans, Davies said they were excited about riding in the parade in his '65 Chevrolet convertible.

Joe Hirschel was named as this year's inductee into the Wood County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

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Lake

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\$6.1 million for July 1, 2019-Sept. 30, 2019 were also approved.

Approved a one-time \$10,000 stipend to Mat Butler, for the position of special education director during the 2018-19 school year.

Approved continuing contracts for Thya Schaeffer and Amanda Michalek.

Accepted the resignation of third-grade teacher Kyle Sczublewski.

- Accepted retirement resignations from Kent Greenlow, maintenance (11 years), Vick Hubert, secretary (30 years) and Marsha Wolf, bus driver (33 years).

- Recognized girls track relay team state qualifiers Colette Askins, Ava Ayers, Olivia Hawyard and Mya Staczek.

- Recognized the boys basketball team, which was undefeated in the regular season, Northern Buckeye Conference champions and district runner-up.

- Recognized Jacob Boefkens, who was sec-

ond team all-state pitcher and NBC pitcher of the year.

- Recognized Harrison Jackson, first team all-state infielder and NBC offensive player of the year.

- Changed the date of the November board meeting from Nov. 20 to Nov. 19.

- Accepted donations of \$500 from James Bunkle for the veterans wall, \$200 in books for the library from Chantel Parrish, \$25 for Summer Soar from Betty Derr and \$180 in yearbooks from Jane Mang.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
New York	47	38	.552
Tampa Bay	46	39	.543
Boston	45	40	.529
Seattle	41	47	.463
Subtotal	12	29	.293

Team	W	L	Pct
Minnesota	41	43	.488
Chicago	40	44	.476
Los Angeles	39	45	.464
San Diego	38	46	.451

Team	W	L	Pct
Houston	37	47	.439
Los Angeles	36	48	.429
San Diego	35	49	.417
Seattle	34	50	.405

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	33	51	.395
San Diego	32	52	.384
Seattle	31	53	.373
Chicago	30	54	.362

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	29	55	.344
San Diego	28	56	.333
Seattle	27	57	.322
Chicago	26	58	.311

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	25	59	.299
San Diego	24	60	.288
Seattle	23	61	.277
Chicago	22	62	.266

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	21	63	.255
San Diego	20	64	.244
Seattle	19	65	.233
Chicago	18	66	.222

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	17	67	.211
San Diego	16	68	.200
Seattle	15	69	.189
Chicago	14	70	.178

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	13	71	.157
San Diego	12	72	.146
Seattle	11	73	.135
Chicago	10	74	.124

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	9	75	.107
San Diego	8	76	.096
Seattle	7	77	.085
Chicago	6	78	.074

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	8	76	.096
San Diego	7	77	.085
Seattle	6	78	.074
Chicago	5	79	.063

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	7	77	.085
San Diego	6	78	.074
Seattle	5	79	.063
Chicago	4	80	.052

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	6	79	.074
San Diego	5	80	.063
Seattle	4	81	.052
Chicago	3	82	.041

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	5	81	.063
San Diego	4	82	.052
Seattle	3	83	.041
Chicago	2	84	.030

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	4	83	.052
San Diego	3	84	.041
Seattle	2	85	.030
Chicago	1	86	.019

Team	W	L	Pct
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San Diego	2	86	.019
Seattle	1	87	.008
Chicago	0	88	.000

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	2	87	.019
San Diego	1	88	.008
Seattle	0	89	.000
Chicago	0	90	.000

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	1	89	.008
San Diego	0	90	.000
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Team	W	L	Pct
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Los Angeles	0	122	.000
San Diego	0	123	.000
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Chicago	0	125	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	42	41	.506
Washington	37	46	.445
Philadelphia	35	48	.420
New York	35	48	.420
St. Louis	31	52	.372

Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago	29	54	.349
St. Louis	28	55	.338
San Diego	27	56	.327
Philadelphia	26	57	.316

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	25	58	.305
San Diego	24	59	.294
Seattle	23	60	.283
Chicago	22	61	.272

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	21	62	.261
San Diego	20	63	.250
Seattle	19	64	.239
Chicago	18	65	.228

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Los Angeles	20	64	.250
San Diego	19	65	.239
Seattle	18	66	.228
Chicago	17	67	.217

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Los Angeles	19	66	.239
San Diego	18	67	.228
Seattle	17	68	.217
Chicago	16	69	.206

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Los Angeles	18	68	.217
San Diego	17	69	.206
Seattle	16	70	.195
Chicago	15	71	.184

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Los Angeles	17	69	.195
San Diego	16	70	.184
Seattle	15	71	.173
Chicago	14	72	.162

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	16	70	.184
San Diego	15	71	.173
Seattle	14	72	.162
Chicago	13	73	.151

Team	W	L	Pct
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San Diego	14	72	.162
Seattle	13	73	.151
Chicago	12	74	.140

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	14	72	.162
San Diego	13	73	.151
Seattle	12	74	.140
Chicago	11	75	.129

Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	13	73	.151
San Diego	12	74	.140
Seattle	11	75	.129
Chicago	10	76	.118

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1991-92 301-0	1991-92 4-1

MALL

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August the next year, the mall officially opened for business on Oct. 1, 1970, becoming for nearly five decades a key retail hub for Stark County for nearby and adjoining counties that fueled population and commercial growth in Jackson and Plain townships as the area's retail center shifted to the new complex from Canton.

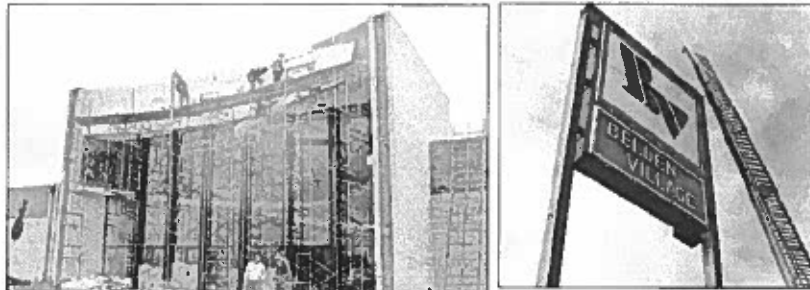
In person space

Karl Pekar, the mall's new director of marketing who started July 1, fondly remembers her days as a Hoover High School student in the late 1990s when she hung at the mall, where she later worked in college for the Bath and Body Works store.

She said the mall, which turns 50 next year, was relaunching its Live Free 500 initiative this week where "we want the mall to become the community hub of the area" where different groups could have exercise classes and dance classes at the mall.

"Making Belden Village Mall more than just a retail place," she said, adding that the mall's mix of retailers, its restaurants and central location attract shoppers from beyond Stark County. "I know there's a lot more people like me who they want to feel what they purchase before they purchase it. ... I think it really is the connection the community has to the mall. This has been a mall since I was a small child."

Pekar said Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. the Belden Village Mall would host a Hope and Healing Fair organized by the Life After Loss organization. The first weekend of August, the mall will



Belden Village Mall is shown prior to its opening on Sept. 20, 1970.



A look inside the mall before it opened in 1970. See more photos from the mall's history at cantonrep.com/photos.

promote the sales tax holiday on many items of clothing and school supplies. The mall will also have an event on Aug. 10 for Back to School called Be-YOU-tiful focusing on not only outer beauty but inner beauty where girls ages 13 to 20 would put on a fashion show. A Macy's MAC Cosmetics team will put on a makeup tutorial

and Dillard's putting on an eyebrow tutorial. And that's in addition to the Pilates sessions that weekend.

50 years ago

The Repository printed the day after the groundbreaking a picture of the architects' rendering of the mall. It would be the largest shopping center in Stark County. To be

constructed at a cost of more than \$20 million, it would host about 60 stores and services in six buildings and 820,000 square feet of space in addition to 4,500 parking spaces. Sears would occupy the anchor store at the east end and have a separate building that would be an automotive center. While Sears went through bankruptcy proceedings last year and has closed thousands of stores the past decade, its store, now one of the roughly 400 in the U.S. remaining, still survives in that space. The store is downsizing, and a Dave & Buster's sports bar will take over some of the vacated space.

• Neil's department

store would be in the south-end anchor space. It later became part of May Company Ohio then became Kaufmann's before being absorbed into Macy's. Halie Brothers specialty store would be on the north end, but that space no longer has an anchor store. Higbee's department store would be on the west end, which is now occupied by Dillard's. The Fisher's Foods, which would known as Fazio's in Stark County, would have a supermarket in the complex.

Tenants under lease, many today which are defunct or were acquired, included The C. N. Vicary Co., Thom McAn, Petrie Stores, Norman Shoes, Burrows Co. and Red Cross Shoes. "The mall interior will present a change of pace for shoppers' feet by a varied and decorative floor of terrazzo, brick, tile and other interesting floor materials," The Repository article said. "Natural light will come in through sky-lights to give one a sense of being outdoors."

After the groundbreaking, the mall's developers Jacobs, Visconti & Jacobs of Cleveland held a luncheon in a tent on the 66-acre construction site where executives discussed their plans for the new mall.

George Trotter, a zone manager for Sears in Dayton, declared that Belden Village Mall would be the most important shopping center in Ohio.

Multiple owners

As Mallet Mall, later Canton Centre Mall, faded in Canton after 2000, the Belden Village Mall was simply referred to as "the mall" especially for generations of teens for whom hanging out at the mall was a favored after-school activity. Eight years after it was opened, the developers renovated it in 1978.

The Australia-based retail chain Westfield Group bought the mall in 2002 from the Richard E. Jacobs Group, formerly Jacobs, Visconti and Jacobs. It was part of a \$750 million acquisition of nine retail properties including four Ohio malls. The mall became Westfield Shoppingtown Belden Village Mall.

In August 2002, Westfield brought in Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, to promote a charity program at the mall. She landed at the mall in a helicopter and four U.S. Marines greeted her along with a long line of fans.

In 2013, the mall's current owner Starwood Capital Group acquired the mall with six other malls from Westfield for \$1.84 billion. But Westfield kept a 10% stake in what became again Belden Village Mall.

The last couple of years, Belden Village Mall under Starwood's ownership, has sought to promote the mall as a public, community space to differentiate it from Amazon and other mega-online retailers.

In February 2018, the mall hosted an exhibition where people's handwritten, anonymous, nonfiction stories were displayed for shoppers to read. In April that year, local college students held a professional apparel contest in the mall.

About a year ago, the Build-A-Bear Workshop fixated the mall, when Build-A-Bear held a nationwide promotion where the price of a custom-stuffed plush animal, made in the presence of the child, was the age of the child whose parent was purchasing it. The line at the Build-A-Bear in the mall, which had at least a couple of thousand people, some who waited four hours, stretched outside past the Sears Automotive Center all the way to Chili's.

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Three local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County District Main Library, 219 North Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.
- Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Clinton City Council Chambers, 215 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor, Canton, Ohio 44701.
- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Hiram City Council Chambers, 501 South Sandusky Avenue, Hiram, Ohio 44220.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 1-4 in the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43261-3701. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43261-3701, by calling the Commission's toll-free 1-800-666-7924, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.ohioenergy.gov>.

HOTEL

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If developers buy the hotel, work would start this year. The property would close for four to six months while rooms were gutted, the restaurant and kitchen were redone, and all the electrical and mechanical systems were replaced.

When it reopened, probably in the late spring of 2020, the goal would be to charge an average daily rate of \$120 and grow the occupancy rate from 26% to 70%.

Paperwork about the abatement indicates the move would keep 35 jobs.

Developers have agreed to a flag, though it wasn't named Monday.

But to make all that possible, Crawford said, the Village needs a tax break.

So Canton City Council is contemplating a 15-year abatement on 75% of the increased property taxes that would result from the improvements to the hotel.

Canton City Schools still would receive the property tax it already gets from the current property, which is valued at \$4.5 million, plus a portion of the 25% of the increased property taxes.

During the "public speaks" portion of the council meeting, Canton City Schools Board of Education Vice President Eric Resnick expressed his

opposition to the proposal, saying it shouldn't be the district's responsibility to give up future potential revenue to make the hotel project happen.

"The financial health of the Canton City School District is in the interest of the city of Canton," he said.

Councilman Bill Smuckler, D-at large, shot back at Resnick at the end of the meeting. Council supports the schools, too, he said, but they "totally disagree" on how to go

about it.

"We're gonna make decisions for jobs," Smuckler said.

A vote on the abatement is scheduled for Aug. 12.

Plans for the downtown hotel are separate from plans for a hotel for the Village, which is located on the campus of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Developers, working under a different leadership team, broke ground on a four-star, Hilton-collection hotel at the

Village more than two years ago, but it never was built. Crawford said Monday that it's not going to be, at least not in that spot.

That land will be cleared, and a different hotel — indicated on the map as a Tapestry hotel, which also is the name of a Hilton collection — will be built adjacent to a planned water park.

Village update

As part of his presentation, Crawford also gave

an update on the overall status of the Village project and acknowledged the skepticism he knows people have about it coming to fruition.

Instead of trying to do everything all at once, the next phase of work will include the research and development Center for Excellence building, a field house with convention space, a hotel, retail and dining, the water park, and infrastructure for the project.

Ground could break this year, though construction isn't expected to start "in earnest" until early next year. Buildings will open as they finish, and everything should be done by the second quarter of 2022.

The price tag for the next part of the project is \$300 million, Crawford said.

At-large Councilman Smuckler asked where the Village was in the

process of actually raising the money.

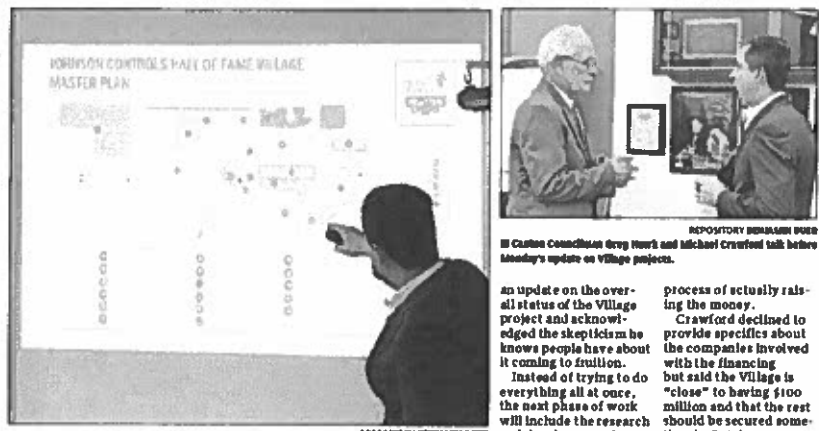
Crawford declined to provide specifics about the companies involved with the financing, but said the Village is "close" to having \$100 million and that the rest should be secured sometime in October.

The project won't build until the financing is there: "Here's what I promise everybody," Crawford said. "I don't want to have another false start."

Council President William Sherer II, who also holds a leadership position with Ironworkers Local 550, thanked Crawford for making this investment in Canton.

"It's a very big deal for us as well," Crawford replied. "We take it very seriously."

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Bill Smuckler, CEO of Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, gives Canton City Council an update of the Village progress and plans for the Midtown Grand Hotel on Monday.



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APPROVED
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The ordinance was designed to encourage investment in homes and keep property values up. It follows the recommendations of the city's comprehensive plan, which said the city's

population loss has led to disinvestment in property and caused value of real estate to fall. It suggested investment be encouraged in the neighborhood to improve quality of life for residents.

Talks about the expanded CRA began about six months ago, after seeing the success the program had in Akron.

The city's proposed CRA now moves to the Ohio Development Services Agency for approval.

The existing CRA, which was put in place in 2004, is located in downtown and parts of southeast Canton.

Also on Monday, council:

Approved on first reading an ordinance accepting a donation

of 1319 Woodward Place NW, following a heated discussion. The property has had code issues and has been a nuisance to people living in the neighborhood. Councilman John Marlot II, D-7, said, and obtaining ownership allows the city to split the cost of tearing it down while eliminating blight. The other option was to criminally charge the property owner's widow, but Law Director Kristian Bates Aylward said the woman wasn't involved with the property and under those circumstances the city might end up having to pay the full cost for the demolition.

Approved legislation that will allow the Canton City Health Department to use grant money to distribute 1,200 Naloxone kits in the community.

Heard about plans for the both the 11th Street SE improvement project and the Cleveland Avenue at Ninth Street improvement project, which is a joint effort with ArtsInStark.

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PRESERVATION

U.S. gives \$9M for Irishtown project

NOACA says stabilization project will take \$36 million to complete



The U.S. Department of Transportation announced a \$9 million construction grant that would shore up the Irishtown hillside, which threatens to slide into Cuyahoga River and halt shipping. COURTESY ARTIST AGENT, LANDSTUDIO

STEVEN LEE / AP/INPHOTO.COM

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced on Monday it had awarded \$9 million for stabilization of Irishtown Bend, a hillside that threatens to slide into the Cuyahoga River and disrupt shipping.

The grant came through the department's INFRA program, or Infrastructure For Rebuilding America, and will go to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

U.S. Sen. Bob Portman's office issued a news release saying the money would enable installation of roughly 1,600 feet of sheet steel bulkheads along the river's edge as part of a larger project to prevent a potential landslide into the river.

"It's a historic landmark," said Grace Galucci, NOACA's executive director. "Once the site of a 19th-century Irish immigrant settlement, Irishtown Bend is largely vacant and covered with weeds and brush. In recent years, the earth has slipped enough to split roads and put chimneys in a sewer line."

Stabilizing the hillside will make possible construction of a 17-acre park with views of the river and the downtown skyline, and regional trails connecting Lake Erie to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and points south on the 107-mile Towpath Trail.

Partners in the combined project last week announced significant progress for the project, for which nearly \$9 million in government and charitable grants have been committed and another \$4.5 million worth of land donated.

In addition to NOACA, the partners include Cleveland Metroparks, the city of Cleveland, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, West Creek Conservancy, LANDstudio and Ohio City Inc.

"This is a really big day," Tom McNair, Ohio City's executive director, said Monday.

He said that so many people in Cleveland have campaigned so long and hard for the grant that seeing it awarded was "survival."

Galucci said last week that NOACA, which oversees federal and state spending on transportation infrastructure in the region, expected to hear any day on a \$15 million INFRA grant application, the second time it applied under the program for Irishtown Bend funding.

The \$9 million awarded Monday was less than NOACA sought, but Galucci said her agency was confident the rest could be raised. She also said NOACA has committed \$3.5 million in local matching funds.

The \$17.5 million in funding announced Monday, plus the \$9 million already committed, means that some \$32.5 million has been earmarked for the project, most of it so far dedicated to stabilizing the hillside. Galucci said NOACA estimates the cost of stabilization at \$36 million.

On Friday, the Port of Cleveland awarded a contract not to exceed \$3.3 million to the Cleveland firm of Osborn Engineering to design bulkheads, plus the re-grading of the hillside, and other solutions. That design work is expected to take 18 months.

West Creek Conservancy, which owns most of the 17-acre site for the future park, will co-manage the design project with the port.

Meanwhile, Ohio City Inc. and LANDstudio have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay for designing the park, a project that will run concurrently with Osborn's assignment.

There are no estimates yet for the cost of the park or the timing of its construction, but NOACA has already identified \$3.3 million in funding for a trail along the river's edge, which will become part of the Cleveland Foundation's Contingent Lake Link Trail.

By the big numbers

2,600

Feet of sheet steel bulkheads planned to stabilize Irishtown Bend.

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Millions of dollars in government and charitable grants committed for the project.

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Millions in funding for a trail along the river's edge.

INDICTMENT

Suspect in slayings of 4 could be facing the death penalty

CORY SHAFER / CLEVELAND.COM

A Cleveland man accused of shooting his ex-girlfriend to death, setting a fire that killed his 6-year-old son and the boy's 2-year-old sister and killing a neighbor could face the death penalty if he's convicted of the crimes.

A grand jury on Monday handed up a 26-count indictment charging Armond Johnson Sr. with multiple counts of aggravated murder, aggravated burglary, aggravated arson, kidnapping and endangering children in the July 9 slayings of Takyia Collins, Armond Johnson Jr., Aubree Stone and David Cousins.

Johnson, 36, is also charged with tampering with evidence and weapons offenses. He is being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail on \$5 million bond.

Armond Johnson Sr. has been charged with four people including his own son. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael O'Malley said in a statement, "His callous actions along with his extensive violent criminal history demands that he receive the ultimate punishment."

Johnson shot Collins, his 25-year-old ex-girlfriend, in the stomach and back at her home on East 63rd Street near Fleet Avenue in the city's Slavic Village neighborhood, court records say.

He went to the home using an ex-girlfriend in an attempt to cover up the slaying, court records say, then ran from the house, leaving the two children inside.

Johnson later returned to the scene and encountered Cousins, a neighbor coming home from work who went to Collins' house to see what was going on. Johnson shot Cousins in the head and chest in a field next to the house, police said.

Cousins had nothing to do with the family and was killed "simply for being there," Cleveland police Lt. Adam Pellow said at a news conference the day of the slayings.

Cleveland police were investigating Cousins' killing when they smelled smoke coming from Collins' house and discovered the fire, police said.

Investigators found the bodies of 6-year-old Armond Jr. and his 2-year-old sister, Aubree, in the house. Both died from smoke inhalation, the Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office said.

FEDERAL COURT

Bedford will stop using ordinance that got city sued

EVAN MACDONALD / CLEVELAND.COM

BEDFORD — The city of Bedford has agreed to stop enforcing a nuisance ordinance that is the subject of a federal lawsuit claiming it is used to discriminate against and harass housing unavailable to minorities, women and people with disabilities, court records say.

The suit, filed Feb. 20 by the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio and the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, says Bedford's Ordinance of Civil Activity Nuisance Ordinance violates the First Amendment by penalizing people for calling the police for help. It also says Bedford's ordinance is one of the harshest in the country and targets black residents, the majority of whom are renters.

A federal judge must approve the stipulation, doing so would end a preliminary injunction to keep Bedford from enforcing the ordinance while the lawsuit is pending.

An ACLU of Ohio staff attorney said Monday that the stipulation is a phased Bedford is suspending its enforcement, but that the group is still fighting for its repeal.

"A call for help should never result in eviction. No one's housing should be at risk simply because they called 911," ACLU staff attorney Elizabeth Bonham said in a news release.

Under Bedford's ordinance, someone can be designated a nuisance after the ordinance is broken twice on a property or in the city. But it does not distinguish between an offender and a complainant, meaning that someone can be penalized for calling the police, the suit says.

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CRIME

One of women stabbed, set on fire reported 2015 attack by suspect

ADAM PETERSON / AP/INPHOTO.COM

WILLOUGHBY HILLS — A Cleveland man accused of stabbing two women, blinding them with duct tape and setting them on fire before kidnapping three children had been charged in a 2015 attack against one of the women, records say.

Allen Crawford, 27, is charged with two counts of attempted murder and two counts of kidnapping in the Sunday attack at the Wiloughby Hills Towers apartment complex. He was being held without bond in the Lake County Jail.

Both of the women remain hospitalized, police said. A 24-year-old woman was in critical condition at Blodgett Medical Center, and her 12-year-old sister was in stable condition at FRHC West Hospital.

Crawford was also accused of attacking the 34-year-old woman, who is the mother of his three children, on Aug. 8, 2015, in Cleveland. He was arrested and charged with domestic

violence, but prosecutors dropped the misdemeanor charge when the woman failed to show up for court hearings, court records say.

In Sunday's attack, Crawford stabbed the woman and her sister several times in the woman's Wiloughby Hills apartment and tied them up with duct tape, investigators said. He then poured lighter fluid over the women and set them on fire, police said.

The 22-year-old sister called 911 about 5:45 p.m. She said little during the call, but told a dispatcher her sister had been set on fire and that the four-year-old sister might be dying.

She told dispatchers that she and the 24-year-old woman were burned on their faces and backs.

Crawford later turned himself in at the Cleveland police department's Fourth District station.

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Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose said he expects to list about the list of affected voters soon to groups who have asked for it as part of an effort to encourage them to re-register. Rick Jordan, Columbus Dispatch

OHIO VOTER ROLLS

Another 235,000 Ohioans are about to be purged

Rick Jordan, Columbus Dispatch

County boards of elections are mailing last-chance notices to 235,000 Ohioans who are at risk of being purged from state voter rolls.

In June, Secretary of State Frank LaRose sent a directive to all 88 county boards of elections to notify them that they must submit a list of inactive voters to his office by mid-July and send notices to those voters that their registration could be canceled Sept. 6.

LaRose said Monday at the Ohio State Fair that he expects "in the next day or so" to distribute the list of affected voters to community groups and individuals who have asked for it as part of an effort to find voters and encourage them to re-register. That list includes duplicate registrations, deceased voters and people who have moved out of state, he said.

"A large majority of these really do need to be removed but we want to try to find everyone that we can," he said.

The U.S. Supreme Court last summer upheld Ohio law that requires elections officials to remove voters from the rolls if they have not voted during a six-year span nor responded to the mailed last-chance notice.

The purge scheduled for Sept. 6 will be the second since that decision. Local boards of elections sent 176,200 last-chance notices to voters who could be removed in January under a directive from then Secretary of State Jon Husted, now the lieutenant governor.

Husted did not require local boards to submit their lists of voters to his office. LaRose changed that under his June directive to create what he has called the "Registration Reentry List."

Community groups, such as the League of Women Voters, and individuals, including several clergy members, have requested the list.

CLEVELAND

Cleveland man charged, teen arrested in deadly shooting

A Cleveland man is charged and a 16-year-old boy has been arrested in a deadly shooting that happened in a bathroom at South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library.

Pavel D. Gendler, 38, is charged with aggravated murder in the July 23 killing of Brandon Cutner, according to court records.

Detectors arrested Gendler about 8 p.m. Sunday on West 4th Street near Memphis Avenue in Cleveland, which is listed in court records as his home address, police said.

The family of a 16-year-old suspect turned him in last week at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center, police said.

Heroin sale led to arrest of man wanted in shooting

A 19-year-old man wanted in a suspected shoplifting incident that resulted in a police officer opening fire outside Beachwood Place was arrested when he tried to sell heroin in Cleveland, court records say.

Cleveland police officers moved to arrest Jaquan Jones after they caught him selling a bag of heroin Thursday afternoon on Clinton Boulevard near West 130th Street.

according to court records. Jones then rammed four police officers, resulting in a shattered window that cut an officer's hand, police said.

Jones, of Cleveland, is charged with felonies assault and attempted drug traffic sale in the incident. He is being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail on \$100,000 bond, court records say.

AKRON

Deer goes through windshield, man killed, wife hospitalized

A deer struck by a car in western Pennsylvania on Sunday sent a woman and crashed through the windshield of an Akron man's SUV, killing the driver and injuring his wife, according to Pennsylvania state police.

Officers responded to a two-car crash just after 4 p.m. Sunday on Route 44 in Cosqueque Township, about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, KDKA reported.

Investigators said a 55-year-old Pennsylvania man was driving eastbound when he hit a deer. The animal was flung into the air and crashed into the windshield of an SUV on the westbound lane.

The driver, Michael Modahl, 73, of Akron, died from his injuries. His passenger, 70-year-old Lucas Modahl, of Akron, was hospitalized with undisclosed injuries.

FEDERAL COURT

Suit can proceed for man who created parody Facebook page

Kirk Heisig, cleveland.com

A federal appeals court has ruled that a Parman man prosecuted for creating a parody Facebook page about the city's police department can proceed with most of his lawsuit that said officers retaliated against him for exercising his First Amendment rights.

A three-judge panel from the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Monday that Anthony Novak can proceed with several claims against the suburb and officers Thomas Connor and Kevin Riley. The panel said the officers were not immune from the claims Novak made against them for his arrest and criminal trial.

While not ruling on the merits of the case itself, the judges said the case was enough to proceed. Reading the 10-page opinion made it clear that the judges were moved by the facts of the case.

Apple pie, baseball, and the right to ridicule the government. Each holds an important place in American history and tradition," Appeals Judge Annul Thapar

wrote. Novak, 30, created the Facebook page in March 2016 and was arrested that month. The fake Facebook page was live for less than a day and gathered more than 800 followers before he took it down, according to his lawsuit.

He and his attorneys contend that the page was an obvious parody. In the "about" section, Novak replaced the slogan "We know crime" with "We are crime." He put up a fake job posting on the page and rewrote a section to "strongly" encourage minorities not to apply.

Another posting advertised a "pedophile reform event," in which people convicted of sex crimes against children would receive necessary police community help.

The decision to charge him with a crime drew fire from online supporters and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio. A day later, acquiesced him of a charge of disrupting public service, a fourth-degree felony.

SENTENCING

Akron brothers get life without parole for shootings that killed 2

Kirk Heisig, cleveland.com

AKRON — Two Akron brothers were sentenced on Monday to life in prison without the possibility of parole for a series of random shootings in July 2018 that killed two people.

A jury earlier this month found Donny Tynes, 30, and Orlando Tynes, 32, guilty of felony charges including murder and aggravated murder, which carry specifications, felonies in law and having weapons under disability.

Early on July 2, 2018, the Tynes brothers drove a round Akron with the intent of killing random people, according to Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Byers Walsh.

The motive was possibly to include themselves in a new crime, Walsh said.

"These men terrorized several Akron neighborhoods and killed two men for no reason," Walsh said in a statement. "There were innocent victims who were minding their own business when confronted by two evil men."

On Feb. 13, James pleaded guilty to a charge of felonious assault, a second-degree felony.

The Plain Dealer's Investigative Reporting Team wants to hear from you

The Plain Dealer is dedicated to watching your back, guarding your wallet, and exploring solutions to our community's problems.

Our Investigative team and our editor, George Rodriguez, will be meeting readers throughout August, at a series of conversations across Cuyahoga County.

If you've got questions you'd like us to answer, stories you'd like us to pursue, or worries you'd like us to address, please come and share them.

We'll be meeting at the following places and times:

- East Cleveland Library, 14101 Euclid Avenue, Thursday, August 1, 5-7 pm
- Cleveland Heights Library, 2345 Lee Road, Thursday, August 15, 6-8 pm
- North Olmsted Library, 27403 Lorain Road, Thursday, August 22, 6-8 pm
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DEPORT

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The stated targets of the change are people who sneaked into the United States and do not have an asylum case or immigration court date pending. Previously, the administration's policy for "expedited removal" has been limited to migrants caught within 100 miles of the U.S. border and who have been in the country for less than two weeks. The new rule would apply to immigrants anywhere in the United States who have been in the country for less than two years — adhering to a time limit included in the 1996 federal law that authorized the expedited process. Immigrants would

have to prove to immigration officials that they have been in the United States continuously for the past two years or they could end up in an immigration jail facing quick deportation. And it could be relatively low-level immigration officers — not officers of a court — making the decisions.

President Donald Trump has promised to deport millions of immigrants and has threatened enforcement raids targeting those in as many as 10 major cities.

Nearly 300,000 of the approximately 11 million unauthorized immigrants in the United States entered the country illegally and could face expedited removal, according to the non-partisan Migration Policy Institute. The

typical undocumented immigrant has lived in the United States for 15 years, according to the Pew Research Center.

Though border apprehensions have fallen in June and July as the U.S. and Mexico intensify their crack-down on the southern border, acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan said in a draft notice Monday that "the implementation of additional measures is a necessary response to the ongoing immigration crisis." He said the new rule would take effect upon publication in the Federal Register, which is scheduled for Tuesday.

"DHS has determined that the volume of illegal entries, and the attendant risks to national security and public safety presented

by these illegal entries, warrants this immediate implementation of DHS's full statutory authority over expedited removal," McAleenan said in the notice.

Immigration lawyers said the expansion is unprecedented and effectively gives U.S. agents the power to issue deportation orders without bringing an immigrant before a judge or allowing them to speak with a lawyer.

"Under this unlawful plan, immigrants who have lived here for years would be deported with less due process than people get in traffic court," Omar Jadwat, director of the Immigrants' Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, said in a statement. "We will sue to end this policy quickly."

Advocates warned that the policy could ensnare longtime legal residents or even U.S. citizens who have been deported in error before. Vanita Gupta, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, said she fears the rule will lead to increased racial profiling and turn ICE into a "show me your papers militia."

"This new directive flows directly from the racist rhetoric that the president has been using for the last week and indeed months, but this new rule is going to terrorize communities of color," said Gupta, who was head of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division under President Barack Obama.

David Leopold, a Cleveland immigration

lawyer and former president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, said expanding the expedited removal program shifts the decision-making to immigration officers who might not have much experience with such a policy and means that many immigrants who might have the right to remain in the country won't be given the opportunity to show it.

ICE, which enforces immigration law and makes arrests across the United States, estimates that "a significant number" of undocumented immigrants would be eligible for expedited removal, including at least 20,500 migrants the agency apprehended last fiscal year and more than 6,400 it arrested this year, as of March 30.

IRAN

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British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced on Monday the formation of a joint

European "maritime protection mission" to ensure safe transit in the strait, a key waterway for global oil shipments.

Iran last week seized a British-flagged oil tanker that it said had "violated maritime rules," following the

detention of an Iranian vessel off the coast of Gibraltar earlier this month.

Speaking to lawmakers in the House of Commons, Hunt said his government will ask that all British-flagged vessels intending to

navigate the Persian Gulf, near the Strait of Hormuz, give notice so they can be protected in the passage.

Hunt also announced that Britain has raised the maritime warning to Level 3, "advising against all passage in Iranian waters and, for the moment, in the entire Strait of Hormuz."

At a news conference in Tehran, an Iranian counterintelligence official said his forces uncovered a network of spies recruited by CIA agents to monitor vital infrastructure in Iran, including its military and nuclear sites. The

official, who was not identified, gave few specifics on the nature of the alleged spying.

He claimed that the suspects were arrested in cities on the border, where they had traveled to meet their foreign intelligence handlers. They met Iranian counterintelligence officers instead, he said.

He did not give the names of the suspects, and it was unclear which were sentenced to death or why.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who formerly served as CIA director, also called the reports false.

"The Iranian regime has a long history of lying," Pompeo said in an appearance Monday on Fox News' "Fox & Friends" program.

Also Monday, the State Department said it will sanction China's chief trader in Iranian oil, state-owned Zhuhai Zhenrong, citing U.S. restrictions on Iranian oil sales.

China has continued to import Iranian oil despite U.S. pressure campaign to deprive Iran of its main source of foreign income. Most other countries have acquiesced to U.S. demands to end Iranian oil imports.

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Stakes rising for 2020 Dems ahead of 2nd presidential debate

By Sara Burnett
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Democrats gathering in Detroit for a pivotal presidential debate will have to decide, once again, how to respond to President Donald Trump while presenting their own vision for the country.

Candidates are sure to use the high-profile setting Tuesday and Wednesday to blast Trump's recent string of racist and incendiary tweets and comments, first about four congresswomen and more recently about Baltimore, a racially diverse U.S. city that, like Detroit, has faced challenges. But they'll also be under pressure to provide specifics about how they would improve the lives of Americans by lowering the cost of health care or protecting jobs at a time when the economy is showing signs of sputtering.

The second debate of the Democratic primary has higher stakes for a historically large field of more than 20 candidates, 10 of whom will face off each night. For several candidates, the debates offers a last chance to be considered a serious contender for the party's nomination. Tougher rules set by the Democratic National Committee

are expected to winnow the race. To qualify for the next debates in September, candidates must raise money from more donors and hit higher polling thresholds — a bar more than half of the candidates are at risk of missing.

"Everything's at stake," said Jill Alper, a Democratic strategist who has worked on seven presidential campaigns. She had simple and direct advice for the White House hopefuls confronting questions about Trump: "protest and ... pivot quickly" to what they can offer American families.

The two leading progressives in the field, Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, will be at center stage on Tuesday. Warren's campaign has gained ground in recent weeks, partially at the expense of Sanders. The debate could offer a high-profile chance for Warren to prove to Sanders' supporters that she's worthy of their consideration.

The night will also provide a contrast with more moderate candidates, such as South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, poised to offer themselves as alternatives to

the liberals.

Also on stage will be former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, who has repeatedly said Sanders' brand of democratic socialism is bad for the party and the country, as well as Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan, former Maryland Rep. John Delaney, author Marianne Williamson and Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, who joined the race late and did not qualify for last month's debate.

Wednesday will provide a rematch between former Vice President Joe Biden and California Sen. Kamala Harris, who went after Biden during the June debate for not supporting federal busing orders as a means of desegregation when he was in the U.S. Senate in the 1970s, prefacing her comments by saying, "I do not believe you are a racist."

Democratic strategist Jamal Simmons said the intramural fight among Democrats is necessary to get a battle-tested nominee who is ready to face Trump on all topics, including race.

"People argue over whether we are beating up the ultimate nominee, but if we don't, Trump will," Simmons said. "People are testing each other. How you stand up under pressure is part of what the judgment is of who's the best candidate."

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In its applications, NEO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and of an alternative rate plan. In its rate case, NEO requests a rate increase of \$3,526,053, an increase of 10.25 percent over current revenues. After its review of NEO's applications and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$500,052 to \$877,542, which represents an increase between 1.39 percent and 2.44 percent over current revenues. NEO's application for an alternate rate plan seeks to implement the following two elements: a mechanism to refund customers the rates collected in excess of the corporate tax rate established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and the creation of the Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) rider. The IRP would allow NEO to recover incremental costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipelines.

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Tokyo

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National Gymnasium and its suspension roof — and showcased dozens of consumer brands that became household names around the world.

Ambitions are more modest this time. Organizers are emphasizing the rebuilding of the Fukushima area northeast of Tokyo, which was devastated by a 2011 earthquake, tsunami and the meltdown of three nuclear reactors. Some baseball and softball is being played there, a gesture to convince the world the area is safe.

Tokyo appears to be a watershed for the International Olympic Committee, which is recasting the Olympics and its bidding process as "cost-sensitive" after years of coaxing cities to splurge on white elephant sports venues. Rio de Janeiro is the last example, still littered three years later with money-sapping arenas, bribery trials and an organizing committee facing bankruptcy.

The IOC already has awarded the

next two Summer Olympics to Paris and Los Angeles, cities that promise to control costs and use existing venues.

"The Olympics have become more sponsor and television-driven," David Walchuk, president of the International Society of Olympic Historians, told the AP. "In Rio it was a mess, yet on television it looked fine. Let's face it, 99% of the people who follow the Olympics do so on TV. So whatever you present them on TV is reality, despite those of us on the ground see a different reality."

The games will open on July 24, 2020, at the height of Tokyo's hot, humid summer. Events like the marathon will start just after dawn. Beating the heat is a worry, which it wasn't in '64 when the Olympics were held in October. That was before the demands of television.

Tokyo is building eight new venues. The other 35 venues are defined as "temporary" or older buildings being reused, which Tokyo organizers say has saved billions. The centerpiece is the \$1.25 billion National Stadium, and the Olympic Village for more than 10,000 athletes.

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frigerator until the next morning.

Nightcrawlers are even easier to catch. If you live in an older house with a lawn of rich, dark soil, there'll very likely be hundreds hiding in the grass. Or you can hunt cemeteries, golf courses, and other places with permission. You'll need a flashlight with a weak battery just strong enough to spot the dark, shiny pencils among the blades, and move the light immediate-

ly since the crawlers are sensitive to light and will zip back underground. Then you pinch the worm just where it enters the soil and gently pull it out. Hunting after a good rain is best, and you can place your catch in a container with damp sphagnum moss and refrigerate them until use.

I've done this since I was just a kid, and caught thousands of the juicy morsels. It's a lot cheaper to catch your own, and the fish like them fine.

Dick Martin is a retired biology teacher who has been writing outdoor columns for over 20 years. You can reach him at richmart@me.com.

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Those guys include veteran Ben Watson, who also was ready for retirement before opting to come back to New England. But Gronk's absence is the most critical difference for last season's champions.

Coaching carousel

When the spinning stopped, new head coaches landed in Tampa, Miami, Green Bay, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Arizona, Denver, and New Jersey.

Bruce Arians, Buccaneers: One of two hires with previous head coaching experience (Adam Gase is the other), Arians is charged with developing the talent and instilling maturity in Jameis Winston.

Brian Flores, Dolphins: For a while, it looked as if Miami were ready to tank this season as it reorganizes from top to bottom. But this is not the worst roster in the league. Still, Flores has to prove a Belichick protégé can succeed as a head coach.

Matt LaFleur, Packers: Aaron Rodgers isn't the easiest superstar passer to work with, so keep an eye on the transition in Cheesehead Land. The offense should be pretty good if A-Rod is healthy.

Zac Taylor, Bengals: Good luck, Zac. The Bengals have the weakest talent group in the AFC North, with even their stars such as A.J. Green and Geno Atkins carrying big question marks.

Freddie Kitchens, Browns: The idea here is that Kitchens, QB Baker Mayfield and wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. will blend their skills and personalities to create a dynamic offense. And, yes, a winner on the shores of Lake Erie. Of all the new hires, Kitchens might be under the most pressure.

Kliff Kingsbury, Cardinals: Perhaps the strangest hire of this group because Kingsbury had a mediocre record at Texas Tech and was fired. But he specializes in the kind of offense top draftee Kyler Murray favors, and he is innovative.

Vic Fangio, Broncos: A career assistant who has built strong defenses for years — including in Chicago last season — Fangio is the latest sideline boss hired by John Elway. He has some studs on D with Von Miller, Chris Harris Jr. and Bradley Chubb, so improvement is pos-

sible.

Adam Gase, Jets: Developing Sam Darnold into the franchise QB the Jets believe he will become is Gase's responsibility. While there's been substantial turmoil in New York's front office, the roster has been upgraded with the likes of RB Le'Veon Bell and LB C.J. Mosley.

Who are those guys?

New addresses for veterans now with the Jets, Browns, Raiders, Broncos and Jaguars on offense could have huge impacts. Defensively, the Cowboys, Chiefs, Cardinals, Rams and Redskins made major moves.

Le'Veon Bell, Jets: Bell will get plenty of work as a runner and receiver, and critical to turning Darnold into a dangerous quarterback — and the Jets into a contender.

Odell Beckham Jr., Browns: If the histrionics and selfish attitude disappear, Beckham could link with Mayfield for the best pass-catch combination in football.

Antonio Brown, Raiders: If the histrionics and selfish attitude disappear, Brown might make Jon Gruden and Mike Mayock look very wise with this trade.

Joe Flacco, Broncos: Flacco gets a fresh start in the Rockies, but his receiving group is very questionable.

Nick Foles, Jaguars: The most intriguing move of the offseason. Foles was perfect for Philadelphia's offense, and the Jaguars want to be more of a running team.

Earl Thomas, Ravens: Baltimore gets a somewhat better player who should become a leader in the secondary and locker room, and will never give less than his all.

Frank Clark and Tyrann Mathieu, Chiefs: Had the Chiefs boasted any sort of defense in '18, they probably would be NFL champions. Now they can boast a little bit, with Clark supplying a pass rush and Mathieu playmaking everywhere.

Terrell Suggs, Cardinals: This is Suggs' last stop in a Hall of Fame-caliber career. He might get a lot of sacks, but the end game is the Cardinals won't contend even if he does dominate blockers.

Eric Weddle, Rams: Savvy and versatile, though a bit beyond his prime, Weddle joins an already stout defense.

Landon Collins, Redskins: It was bad enough the Giants allowed their best defender to leave to free agency. Then he goes to a division rival.

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In its application, NBO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and of an alternative rate plan. In its rate case, NBO requests a rate increase of \$3,324,051, or an increase of 10.35 percent over current revenue. After its review of NBO's application and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$500,052 to \$577,542, which represents an increase between 1.39 percent and 2.44 percent over current revenue. NBO's application for an alternative rate plan seeks to implement the following two elements: a mechanism to refund customers the rates collected in excess of the corporate tax rate established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and the creation of the Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) rate. The IRP would allow NBO to recover incremental costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipelines.

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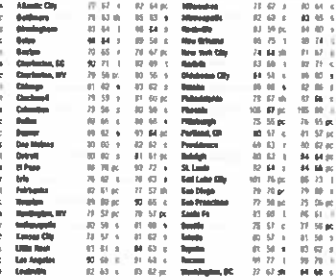
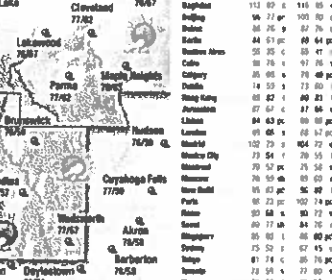
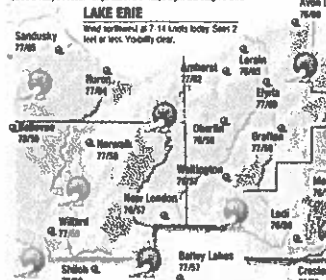
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Laura Neergaard
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of people who take aspirin to prevent a heart attack may need to rethink the pill-popping, Harvard researchers reported Tuesday.

A daily low-dose aspirin is recommended for people who already have had a heart attack or stroke and for those diagnosed with heart disease.

But for the otherwise healthy, the advice has been overturned. Guidelines released this week ruled out routine aspirin use for many older adults who don't already have heart disease — and said it's only for certain younger people with heart disease.

How many people need to get that message?

Some 23 million people 40 and older were taking an aspirin a day despite having no known heart disease in 2017, the latest data available, according to a new study from Harvard and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

After all, for years, doctors

doing so on their own — a doctor never recommended it.

And nearly half of people older than 70 who don't have heart disease — estimated at about 10 million — were taking daily aspirin for prevention, the researchers reported in *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

"Many patients are confused about this," said Dr. Colin O'Brien, a senior internal medicine resident at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. "After all, for years, doctors

argued people to leverage aspirin's blood-thinning properties to lower the chances of a first heart attack or stroke. Then last year, three surprising studies emerged that casted doubt on that dogma. Those studies were some of the largest and longest to test aspirin in people at low and moderate risk of a heart attack, and they only marginal benefit if any, especially for older adults. Yet the aspirin users experienced markedly more digestive-tract problems with some other side effects."

In March, those findings prompted a change in guidelines from the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology.

■ People older than 70 who don't have heart disease — or those at low or moderate risk of bleeding — should avoid daily aspirin for prevention.

■ Only certain 40- to 70-year-olds who don't already have heart disease are at high enough risk to warrant a low-dose aspirin.

■ People older than 70 who don't have heart disease — or those at low or moderate risk of bleeding — should avoid daily aspirin for prevention.

"We hope that more primary care doctors will talk to their patients about aspirin use, and more patients will talk to their doctors," O'Brien said.

Nothing has changed for heart attack survivors: Aspirin still is recommended for them.

But there's no way to know how many other healthy people got the word about the changed recommendations.

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Jim Carbone
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Jim Carbone is the owner of Elyria's Gutter Cover Company.

A merger of sorts

**Pfizer to spin off unit
to join generic firm**

Linda A. Johnson
The Associated Press

Pfizer, the country's largest drugmaker, is creating a hybrid new drug company by combining its off-patent branded drug business with the generic pharmaceutical company Mylan.

Pfizer's Upjohn, which sells one-time blockbuster like Viagra and Lipitor that have lost patent protection, will be spun off and then it will combine with Mylan, a \$10 billion company.

The complex deal, expected to close in the middle of next year, will create a company with estimated 2020 revenue in excess of \$19 billion, with sales in more than 165 countries. The name for the new company has yet to be determined.

The two companies have worked together for years. Pfizer manufactures Mylan's EpiPen, an auto-injector used to halt life-threatening allergic reactions. Mylan was heavily criticized, and its CEO Heather Bresch was brought before Congress two years ago, to answer questions about the price of the EpiPen, which had jumped five-fold to \$600 for two EpiPens. They have been in short supply for more than a year because of quality problems and upgrades at a Pfizer factory.

Upjohn, the name of one of the companies Pfizer gobbled up during a spate of acquisitions in the 1990s and 2000s, sells off-patent and generic drugs that include the stars that drove Pfizer's growth: painkillers Celebrex and Lyrica, Norvasc



Pfizer CEO Heather Bresch takes her seat and arranges EpiPens prior to testifying Sept. 21, 2018, on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Oversight Committee.

for high blood pressure, Efforx for severe heartburn, Xanax for anxiety and Zoloft for depression.

Those products and others had been part of Pfizer's "essential health" business, but were peeled off in January to create Upjohn as a precursor to the combination plan.

"We believe that this transaction checks all the boxes," said Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla. The executive, who took over in January, said in an interview that Pfizer's

huge sales force in China will be able to boost sales there of products made by Mylan, which has a limited presence in that huge market.

Mylan is primarily a generic drugmaker, selling a broad mix of pills and shots for infectious diseases and heart conditions. Bourla said Mylan also has a strong pipeline of drugs in development, mainly complex generics that are difficult to manufacture and biosimilars, near-copies of expensive biologic drugs.

ROUNDUP

Hacker seizes Capital One info

SEATTLE — A hacker gained access to personal information from more than 100 million Capital One credit applications, the bank said Monday as federal authorities arrested a suspect in the case.

Paige A. Thompson — who also goes by the handle "erotic" — was charged with a single count of computer fraud and abuse in U.S. District Court in Seattle. Thompson made an initial appearance in court and was ordered to remain in custody pending a detention hearing Thursday. The hacker got information including credit scores and balances plus the Social Security numbers of about 140,000 customers, the bank said. It will offer free credit monitoring services to those affected.

Capital One, based in McLean, Virginia, said Monday it found out about the vulnerability in its system July 19 and immediately sought help from law enforcement to catch the perpetrator.

Drug companies to pay \$70M to settle

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Four pharmaceutical companies collectively are agreeing to pay California nearly \$70 million to settle allegations that they delayed doctors to keep prices high, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said Monday.

The bulk of the money will come from Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and its affiliates for paying to delay a generic narcolepsy drug, Provigil, from entering the market for nearly six years.

Teva is paying \$65 million, which Becerra says is the largest pay-for-delay settlement received by any state. Such agreements let the developer of brand name drugs keep their monopolies over the drugs after their patents expire, thereby letting them continue to charge consumers higher prices. The drug developer pays the generic manufacturer to keep the cheaper version of the drug from entering the marketplace for an agreed period of time.

Stock markets down ahead of Fed move

Major U.S. stock indexes closed mostly lower Monday as investors turned cautious ahead of a key Federal Reserve interest policy announcement and other potentially market-moving developments on tap for this week.

Banks, retailers and communications companies took

the brunt of the selling. Those losses were partially offset by gains in health care and household goods makers. Utilities and real estate stocks also rose, as traders shifted funds into less risky assets.

Traders are expecting that the Federal Reserve will announce on Wednesday that it is cutting interest rates for the first time in a decade to help ease U.S. economic growth in the face of trade uncertainty.

The S&P 500 index slipped 4.89 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,722.97. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 28.90 points, or 0.1 percent, to 27,221.35.

The Nasdaq composite fell 35.88 points, or 0.4 percent, to 8,233.33. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies slid 9.34, or 0.6 percent, to 1,563.02.

Uber laying off staff in marketing dept.

NEW YORK — Uber is laying off 400 employees in marketing, about a quarter of the marketing team's global workforce of 1,200 people.

The move, announced Monday, follows a leadership shake-up in June when CEO Dara Khosroshahi combined the company's marketing, communications and policy teams.

The ride-hailing company has struggled to prove it can become profitable and its stock has traded mostly below its IPO price since its debut in May. Uber has blamed its losses partly on its costly promotions to attract riders and drivers. Those promotions are crafted by its marketing

department. Khosroshahi installed Jill Haselbein to lead marketing and public affairs in June.

On Monday they announced a more centralized structure for marketing and said they want to build a consistent brand narrative across audiences, products and regions.

Mass. gas explosion lawsuit settled

LAWRENCE, Mass. — A series of class action lawsuits stemming from the natural gas explosions in Massachusetts have been settled for \$143 million, the utility blamed for the disaster and lawyers for the plaintiffs announced Monday.

The settlement is subject to the approval of a judge, according to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, and its parent, NISource Inc.

"Today marks another important step forward, as we continue to fulfill our commitment to residents and businesses," NISource President

Joe Hamrock said in a statement.

The explosions and fires in the Merrimack Valley communities of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover on Sept. 13 killed one person, injured about 25 others, and damaged or destroyed more than 100 buildings.

Many people were forced into temporary shelter, and thousands of homes and businesses went without natural gas service for weeks and even months during the winter.

Treasury expects to borrow \$433B

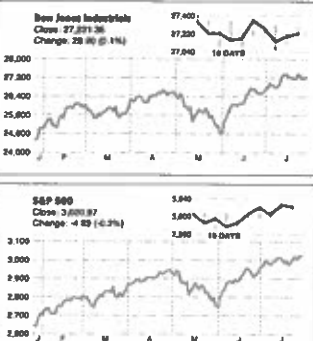
WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department said Monday it expects to borrow \$433 billion in the current July-September quarter.

That would be the largest quarterly borrowing total since early 2018, as the government replenishes its cash reserves after the expected resolution over raising the debt limit.

— from wire reports

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

STOCK MARKET INDEXES



52-Week High	Low	Open	High	Low	Change	% Chg	YTD % Chg	1-Month % Chg
27,221.35	26,712.83	27,221.35	-88.58	+11	+10.00	+0.37		
11,802.50	6,680.79	11,802.50	-1,119.71	-37	-0.31	-17.31	-1.64	
527.50	601.30	527.50	-73.80	-20	-3.80	-0.72	-1.32	
13,291.27	10,720.00	13,291.27	-1,571.27	-10	-0.08	-42.07		
5,200.00	4,100.17	5,200.00	-1,099.83	-10	-0.19	-42.07		
1,365.00	1,041.00	1,365.00	-324.00	-10	-0.74	-42.07		
5,827.00	4,545.00	5,827.00	-1,282.00	-10	-0.21	-42.07		
2,803.00	1,850.00	2,803.00	-953.00	-10	-0.36	-42.07		
97,140.00	81,135.00	97,140.00	-16,005.00	-10	-0.01	-42.07		
1,742.00	1,380.00	1,742.00	-362.00	-10	-0.58	-42.07		

Gainers (25 or more)				Losers (25 or more)				Most Active (51 or more)			
Symbol	Name	Last	Chg	Symbol	Name	Last	Chg	Symbol	Name	Last	Chg
Intrepid	2.15	+0.15		Intrepid	1.00	-0.10		Intrepid	1.00	+0.10	
Intrepid	1.10	+0.10		Intrepid	1.10	-0.10		Intrepid	1.10	+0.10	
Intrepid	1.10	+0.10		Intrepid	1.10	-0.10		Intrepid	1.10	+0.10	
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Intrepid	1.10	+0.10		Intrepid	1.10	-0.10		Intrepid	1.10	+0.10	

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST											
Symbol	52-Week High	Low	Open	High	Low	Change	% Chg	YTD % Chg	1-Month % Chg	3-Month % Chg	6-Month % Chg
AT&T	2.64	2.58	2.64	-0.06	-0.03						
AT&T	2.64	2.58	2.64	-0.06	-0.03						
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COMMODITIES											
Symbol	52-Week High	Low	Open	High	Low	Change	% Chg	YTD % Chg	1-Month % Chg	3-Month % Chg	6-Month % Chg
WTI	68.00	67.00	67.00	-0.50	-0.50						
WTI	68.00	67.00	67.00	-0.50	-0.50						
WTI	68.00	67.00	67.00	-0.50	-0.50						
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MUTUAL FUNDS											
Symbol	52-Week High	Low	Open	High	Low	Change	% Chg	YTD % Chg	1-Month % Chg	3-Month % Chg	6-Month % Chg
Fidelity	1.00	0.99	1.00	-0.01	-0.01						
Fidelity	1.00	0.99	1.00	-0.01	-0.01						
Fidelity	1.00	0.99	1.00	-0.01	-0.01						
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Fidelity	1.00	0.99	1.00	-0.01	-0.01						
Fidelity	1.00	0.99	1.00	-0.01	-0.01						
Fidelity	1.00	0.99	1.00	-0.01	-0.01						

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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

Peach Amber Russet Khaki Auburn

SOLUTION UNDER: GARAGE SALES

LEGAL NOTICE

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Theft from page 1

Store surveillance cameras showed an older white male riding a bicycle to the store and stopping near the dark blue Chevy Silverado pick-up truck. The man then placed the bicycle in the bed of the truck, got into the cab and drove off.

"This morning, at 9:30 a.m., we posted the photos on Facebook. Within 10 minutes, we received four phone calls identifying the man and where he lives," the chief said. "So we immediately went to the guy's house in Hiram Township and the truck was in the driveway. It had different plates, but it was the same truck."

Bainbridge Township Police Sgt. Kurt Dreger told the Geauga County Maple Leaf Tuesday that he and his partner drove to the address, which was in Portage County.

"We saw a blue Silverado parked in the driveway and checked the VIN number, which matched the stolen vehicle. So we called Portage County for back-up," he said.

When police went to the door, they recognized the man from the store video, who told them that a friend had dropped the truck off in his driveway.

"I told him, 'We have you on video,' and he finally said, 'Yeah, I did it,'" Dreger said.

Arrested was Howard Scott Long, 50, of Hiram Township, who was charged with grand theft auto, a fourth-degree felony, Bokovitz said.

Long reportedly told Dreger he had recently lost his job and had ridden his bicycle to Aurora looking for work. He was en route to Solon for more job hunting and had stopped at Walmart to cool off on a hot day, when he noticed the truck with its keys inside.

Dreger said that, after the arrest, Long located a number of tools and other items that had been in the back of the truck and police recovered them.



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Bainbridge police were able to locate the alleged pick-up truck thief within minutes of posting the surveillance footage on their Facebook page.

"He was pretty cooperative," Dreger said. Long was taken to the Geauga County Safety Center and will be arraigned in Chardon Municipal Court within the next few days.

"It was a crime of opportunity, as most thefts are," Dreger explained. "We were just glad we were able to solve it so quickly, with the help of social media."

"It was amazing that because of Facebook, we were able to solve it within minutes of posting," Bokovitz told trustees. "Almost everyone now has video cameras, so committing a crime these days is really dumb."

*** ATTENTION: Plugging of Oil and Gas Wells ***

Orphan Well Program Public Notice

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management
July 25, 2019

-This notice will run for five (5) days-

Do you have a valid interest in one of the oil and gas wells listed below, or the equipment attached to, or used in, any of these wells?

The Orphan Well Program is responsible for plugging improperly abandoned oil and gas wells when no owner or other responsible party can be located. Additional information may be found at <http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/citizens/orphan-well-program>

If you believe that you have a valid interest in an oil and gas well or the equipment attached to, or used in, a well listed below, contact the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management within 10 days of the posting of this notice. Claims of ownership, along with proper documentation demonstrating a valid ownership interest, should be sent to the following:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management
2045 Morse Rd., Bldg. F-3
Columbus, Ohio 43229
614-265-6866

The wells listed below are being considered for plugging by the Division:

API Number	Township	County	Well Name	Well #	Well Location Address	Well GPS Coordinates
34055201050000	Auburn	Geauga	Brown M 1	1	18266 Thorpe Rd	41.371382, -81.262337
34055201120000	Auburn	Geauga	Dohnal F&R 1	1	0 Taylor May Rd	41.380113, -81.262847
34055200920000	Auburn	Geauga	Vrabel J 1	1	10929 Bartholomew Rd	41.362275, -81.250096
34055211340000	Claridon	Geauga	Pounds Unit 1	1	13745 Mayfield Rd	41.531377, -81.149901

Help Me Learn 2019 Introduces Mobile Dental Bus Aug. 7

By CLAIRE MILANO

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Geauga County Job and Family Services will hold Help Me Learn 2019, a school supply drive program for low-income children in Geauga County, Aug. 7 and Aug. 9.

Help Me Learn 2019 will offer new supplies for kids and teens in grades kindergarten through 12th, as well as free haircuts, eye exams and dental cleanings for the coming school year. The first event will be held at the Geauga County Job and Family Services office in Chardon Aug. 7 and the other will be held at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center Aug. 9.

"I remember when I was in school and how much fun we had shopping for supplies and clothes," said Sara Shiningier, when asked why the program was created. Shiningier is the community support coordinator for JFS.

Shiningier said shopping for school supplies should be a fun experience for the family. For some, it can be a burden due to lack of finances set aside for the upcoming school year. To help out, Shiningier and JFS created Help Me Learn around 13 years ago.

"I wanted to create an event to help (the kids) feel engaged and excited to go back to school," Shiningier said.

New this year is a mobile dental bus provided by University Hospitals Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. Along with free eye exams courtesy of Dr. Bianca Kostranchuk and Dr. Marilyn George, glasses will be provided by Chardon Rotary. LaBarberia Institute of Hair and stylists from Marci's Hair on the Square will provide haircuts.

All supplies are provided by donation. JFS accepts donations of new school supplies — "anything and everything," from backpacks and pencils to headphones and crayons — as well as monetary donations, Shiningier said, adding those who wish to make school supply donation can bring it to the JFS office in Chardon.

She said for monetary donations, checks should be made out to Special Services of Geauga County, with "school supplies" as the memo and brought to JFS.

Help Me Learn Day

Aug. 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Geauga County JFS office

Aug. 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chagrin Falls Community Center

Registration is required:

440-285-9141

Help Me Learn started out simply as a school supply drive. Since then, with the help of service clubs and churches in the area, the program has grown into something much more, she added.

"I see my job as community support coordinator as a conduit between those who need help and those who want to help," Shiningier said.

Partnering with Morningstar Friends Church, JFS have collected gently used clothing to distribute during the Help Me Learn events, and volunteer organizations have stepped up to offer free services to these families.

Help Me Learn has reached 500 to 600 kids in Geauga County, including their families, Shiningier said.

The program has also aided kids in every school district in the county.

To attend one of these events, families must preregister and demonstrate financial need to qualify.

The haircuts, clothes shopping and dental and vision exams will be held Aug. 7 at Morning Star Friends Church, 12550 Ravenna Road in Chardon. Vouchers from JFS are required to participate.

For more information on making a donation, registering or volunteering to set up or pass out supplies, call Sara Shiningier at 440-285-9141, ext. 1263.

Monetary donations are used to purchase needed supplies. Checks may be made payable to "Special Services of Geauga Co." and mailed to Geauga County Job and Family Services, 12480 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, OH 44024.

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Russell's Citizens Park District Levy Withdrawn from Ballot

By ANN WISHART
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The Russell Township Citizens Park District commissioners encountered a steep learning curve in its efforts to become a fiscally correct government entity.

Although the district has a balance of less than \$6,000 showing in its budget, the board cannot spend any money until their accounting practices and annual budget submittal are approved by the Geauga County auditor.

They also have to show a need for the funds a levy would yield — about \$267,000 a year — before they can place a 1-mill levy on the November ballot.

At a special board meeting July 24, the three-commissioner board voted to withdraw its 1-mill levy from the ballot, which means the citizens park district will not be able to afford to purchase property for township parks.

Commissioner Perry Howland said he met recently with county Auditor Chuck Walder and was told the district needed to create a computer-generated spread sheet detailing its last two years of revenue and expenditures and its projected balances for the next year.

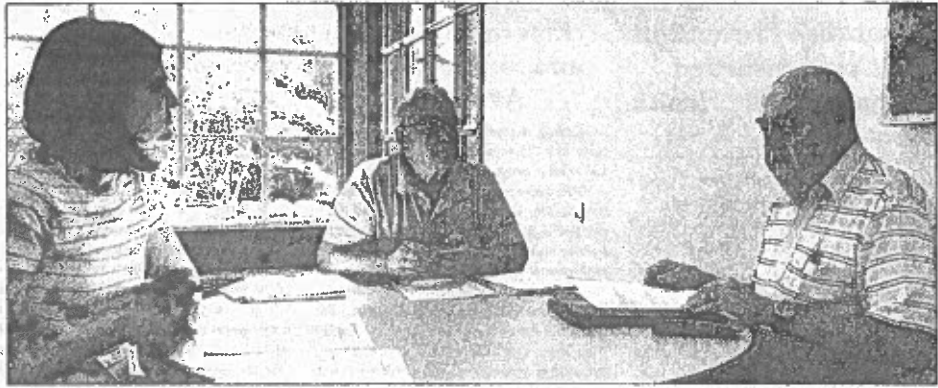
"We can't write checks until we are compliant," he told fellow commissioners Roy Podojil and Stephanie Senevel.

The three approved a budget that shows the park board had no funds in 2017, and revenues of \$3,621 from a grant from Russell Township Trustees in 2018 with expenditures of \$425 for administrative costs.

In 2019, the district received \$2,328 in local government funds and spent \$867 for administration, leaving a balance of \$4,657.

The spreadsheet shows an estimated cash balance of \$5,707 by the end of 2020.

Howland said he would deliver the approved budget to the auditor that afternoon, and would attend an auditor's budget meeting Aug. 5.



The Russell Township Citizens Park District commissioners met at Geauga West Public Library at noon July 24. They voted to withdraw the district's 1-mill levy from the November ballot. Commissioners are, from left, Stephanie Senevel, Perry Howard and Roy Podojil.

The next step will be to get the budget approved Aug. 19 by the county budget commission, he said.

But, even if the levy passed in November, the yield would not be available to the board because the district doesn't have a plan to spend it, Howland said.

The commissioners had completed and sent to the Geauga County Board of Elections all the necessary forms to place the levy on the ballot.

Under the circumstances, Howland recommended commissioners withdraw the levy until they are clear on all the budget requirements.

"When that's okay, we can ask again," he said.

Senevel, who is new to the board, asked what would happen to the funds if the levy passed and the board couldn't use the money.

"They won't hold it," Podojil said, adding the county would take the millage off the tax

duplicate and put the funds back in the general fund.

"We have to retract our formal request for a levy," he said.

All three signed a letter to the board of elections asking for the levy to be withdrawn.

"Now we're back to the starting point," Podojil said. "This time, we'll start much earlier. It breaks my heart to do this, but we have no choice."

Howland said he would find out if there is a cost associated with running the levy on the primary election ballot in May 2020.

In an email, Walder said he explained the budget requirements to Howland.

"During the meeting, we recommended that the board have a formal forward plan in place to adequately demonstrate their need for levy revenue," he wrote. "Ohio law requires government entities to certify resources prior to appropriating and expending funds."

His office had not received the district's certification of its beginning balance in 2019 so they could review its budget submission, Walder said.

"As a new government entity, the 511 (park district) is learning the requirements of government accounting," he said. "I believe the 511 board's decision, to temporarily delay their levy until they get their fiscal house in order, is well considered and appropriate."

The citizens park district was created by

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a township referendum vote in November 2017 and township trustees appointed park commissioners.

The 1545 township park board that currently controls more than 400 acres of township parkland, dates back to 1984. Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1545 put the county probate judge in charge of appointing members.

Ten years later, ORC Chapter 511 was passed, allowing township trustees to appoint park boards to control township park districts.

Both boards placed levies on the 2018 ballot and both failed.

Podojil's press release reads:

"The Russell Township Board of Commissioners of the Russell Township Citizens Park District 511 Board has decided to withdraw its 1-mill levy from the Nov. 5, 2019 Russell Township ballot. The board is working with the county auditor's office to become compliant with its budget and desires to be completely transparent with the voters before asking the voters to support a levy."

*** ATTENTION: Plugging of Oil and Gas Wells ***

Orphan Well Program Public Notice

Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management
July 25, 2019

This notice will run for five (5) days.

Do you have a valid interest in one of the oil and gas wells listed below, or the equipment attached to, or used in, any of these wells?

The Orphan Well Program is responsible for plugging improperly abandoned oil and gas wells when no owner or other responsible party can be located. Additional information may be found at <http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/citizens/orphan-well-program>.

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Columbus, Ohio 43229
614-265-6866

The wells listed below are being considered for plugging by the Division:

Well Number	Township	County	Well Name	Well ID	Well Location Address	Well's Coordinates
34055201050000	Auburn	Geauga	Brown M1	1	18266 Thorpe Rd	41.371382, -81.262337
34055201120000	Auburn	Geauga	Doherty F&R 1	1	0 Taylor May Rd	41.380113, -81.262847
34055200920000	Auburn	Geauga	Vrabel J1	1	10929 Bartholomew Rd	41.362275, -81.250096
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Tippecanoe Homecoming Festival coming in August

TIPPECANOE — August 3 will see Tippecanoe hold their annual Homecoming Festival. The event is sponsored by the Washington Township VFD & EMS.

There will be fun, food, games and entertainment along with a parade and floats. First place prize is \$200 and second place is worth \$100 and businesses are welcome.

Parades: Furthest distance traveled; oldest fire truck in service; best appearing grass unit; best appearing pump; best appearing over 1,000 GPM

pumper with judges choice. There will also be a raffle stand with games, chicken, fish, a flea market and craft tables. The kiddie and senior pedal tractor pull begins at 1 p.m.

For info, please call: 740-658-3779 or 740-491-6163. Serving starts at 11 a.m. with afternoon entertainment by Paul Reynolds and evening entertainment following the parade, which starts at 6:30 p.m. and line up at 5:30 p.m. at the south end of town.

Breakfast will be served at the Tippecanoe United Methodist Church from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

"We, the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Department Inc., are soliciting Donations and items to be used for Raffle Prizes at our Annual Fireman's Celebration. This will be held Aug. 3. Any and all donations are accepted and greatly appreciated as this allows us to provide Fire and EMS protection to the many great people of our community. We thank you in advance for the generous donation and hope that you will join us in August for an enjoyable time." Assistant Chief, Doug Crabtree.



Pictured left to right: Cora Pulley (two years old), Arlie Pulley (four months) with mom, Sara Pulley, Emma Smith (five years old) with mom Megan Smith, Jasmine Garabrandt (12 years old), Cheyenne Haddon (three years old), Emma Hines (six months) with mom Brittany Hines. The queen contestants are: Jasmine Garabrandt, Cheyenne Haddon and Emma Smith. The Penny-A-Vote baby contestants are: Cora Pulley, Arlie Pulley and Emma Hines.

18 Ohio State parks to hold Duck Blind Lotteries

COLUMBUS, OH — The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is holding a lottery for more than 280 permits to hunters wishing to construct a blind to hunt ducks and geese on select state park lakes this waterfowl hunting season. All but one of the drawings will be held the morning of Saturday, Aug. 17. Portage Lake State Park will hold its lottery on Thursday, Aug. 15. At all parks, applications will be taken locally with the lottery drawings following registration.

Interested applicants must appear in person at a participating state park office with proof of a 2019 Ohio hunting license, Ohio wetlands habitat stamp endorsement in the applicant's name and a signed 2019 federal duck stamp. Applicants under the age of 18 are encouraged to have a parent or legal guardian present to sign the permit contract and provide the required license and stamps.

Each hunter can apply for only one duck blind permit, and no one can apply or draw for another person. There is a \$50 non-refundable permit fee for the state park lottery winners. Most locations accept cash, check or credit card for payment, except Portage Lakes where payment is by cash (exact change) or check only. Lottery winners have 45 days to construct their blinds, and all blinds must be dismantled by March 15, 2020.

Participating state parks include Portage Lakes and West Branch in northeast Ohio; East Harbor in northwest Ohio; Adams Lake, Caesar Creek, Cowan Lake, East Fork Huron Woods Lake Lorain and Rocky Fork in southwest Ohio; Shawnee in southeast Ohio; and Alum Creek, AW Marion, Buck Creek, Buckeye Lake, Deer Creek, Delaware and Indian Lake in central Ohio.

2019 Duck Blind Lottery Location Information
Adams Lake State Park (Adams County) will offer 25 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. at Rocky Fork State Park campground amphitheater, located at 9800 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro 45133. Call 937-393-4284 for more information.

Alum Creek State Park (Delaware County) will offer 24 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 8 a.m. with the drawing at 8:30 a.m. at

3305 S. Old State Road, Delaware 43015. Call 740-548-4631 for more information.

AW Marion State Park (Pickaway County) will offer three blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the drawing at 9 a.m. Meet at the Deer Creek State Park office, 20635 State Park Road 20, Mt. Sterling 43143. Call 740-869-3124 for more information.

Buck Creek State Park (Clark County) will offer 19 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. Meet at the park office at 1976 Buck Creek Lane, Springfield 45502. Call 937-323-5284 for more information.

Buckeye Lake State Park (Fairfield/Licking counties) will offer 13 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. Meet at the park office at 2905 Liba Island Road, Millersport 43046. Call 740-467-2690 for more information.

Caesar Creek State Park (Jefferson/Columbus counties) will offer 21 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. Meet at the main beach house at 8570 E. State Route 73, Wayneville 43084. Call 513-997-3055 for more information.

Cowan Lake State Park (Clinton County) will offer 10 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. at the park's campground commissary at 1750 Osborn Road, Wilmington 45177. Call 937-382-1096 for more information.

Deer Creek State Park (Pickaway/Fayette counties) will offer 14 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the drawing at 9 a.m. Meet at the park office at 20635 State Park Road, Mt. Sterling 43143. Call 740-869-3124 for more information.

Delaware State Park (Delaware County) will offer 25 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 8 a.m. with the drawing at 8:30 a.m. at the park marina at 5202 U.S. Route 23 North, Delaware 43015. Call 740-548-4631.

East Fork State Park (Cherokee County) will offer 25 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. at 3294 Elklick Road, Bethel 45106. Call 513-734-4323 for more information.

East Harbor State Park (Onawa County) will offer six blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. at 1169 North Buck Road, Lakeside-Marblehead 43440. Call 419-734-4424 for more information.

Huron Woods State Park (Pike/Butler counties) will offer 14 blinds and two permits for early goose season. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. at 6301 Park Office Road, College Corner 43003. Call 513-523-6347 for more information.

Indian Lake State Park (Logan County) will offer 35 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 8 a.m. with the drawing at 8:30 a.m. at the campground office at 13156 State Route 235 North, Lakeside 43351. Call 937-843-2717 for more information.

Lake Lorain State Park (Shelby/Auglaize counties) will offer 19 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. at 4401 Fort Lorain-Sherwood Road, Minster 45865. Call 937-295-3900 or 419-394-3611 for more information.

Portage Lakes State Park (Summit County) will offer 24 blinds. The drawings will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m. at Wingfoot Lake State Park, located at 993 Goodyear Park Blvd., Salford 44260. Call 330-644-2293 for more information.

Rocky Fork State Park (Highland County) will offer 16 blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing at 8 a.m. Meet at the campground amphitheater at 9800 North Shore Drive, Hillsboro 45133. Call 937-393-4284 for more information.

Shawnee State Park (Scioto County) will offer three blinds. Applications are accepted beginning at 8 a.m. with the drawing at 9:30 a.m. at 4404 State Route 125, West Portsmouth, 45663. Call 740-858-6652 for more information.

West Branch State Park (Portage County) will offer 8 blinds (east of Rock Spring Road bridge). Applications are accepted beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the drawing upon completion of registration. Meet at the campground office at 5570 Ewerth Road, Ravenna 44266. Call 330-654-4989 for more information.

Jones ruled competent for 2nd time

By JO LONG
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CADIZ — Armani L. Jones, facing a rape charge, which is a felony of the first degree, was ruled competent to stand trial as well as being competent when allegedly committing the crime, Judge T. Shawn Hervey announced in Tuesday's common pleas courtroom.

Jones had been tested back in December of last year where he was deemed competent but his attorney Steven Stediles had requested another evaluation. Jones has been incarcerated since last August and a final pre-trial hearing will now commence, which is scheduled for Aug. 27 and a trial date set for Sept. 24.

Escape, Jason Groff also appeared Tuesday and was arraigned where bond was set at \$250,000. Groff, who fled from the Harrison County Jail last month and was on the run for two weeks after stealing a Cadillac village truck, could face as much as 36 months in prison if convicted, and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Groff provided a Burnsville address if released on bond when in his previous appearance he could provide no address. Judge Hervey entered a not guilty plea on his behalf since he was unrepresented at the



Armani Jones, facing a first degree felony rape charge, appeared Tuesday to hear that he was ruled competent to stand trial and that he was of competence when committing the alleged crime. A trial date is set for Sept. after one final pre-trial hearing. The Stediles also appeared earlier this month in a Kentucky courtroom where both have early August and September appearances scheduled.

moment but asked for assistance. Public Defender C. Adrian Piscala, who had been representing him in his previous case for failing a drug test, would probably represent him on the escape charge, according to Hervey.

Regarding the Stediles case, not much has taken place in the past several months. Both Ty and her husband Ron did appear in Elliot County court earlier this month where Ron Stediles had asked for a bond modification hearing,

which is scheduled for Aug. 2. His bond is currently at \$500,000, which was raised up from \$250,000 after he was indicted on additional counts bringing the total charges to 48. Ty Stediles also appeared where her attorney filed a motion for discovery. She is expected back in court on Sept. 9. The former Harrison County schoolteacher is facing two felony counts (first degree) of complicity to commit criminal abuse.

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Alvin 'Al' O. Musselman Jr.

1942-2019

SHREVE — Alvin 'Al' O. Musselman Jr., 76, of Shreve passed away Sunday July 14, 2019 at Majors Lane Rehab Center in Millersburg, following a period of declining health.

Al was born Sept. 26, 1942 in Wooster, OH to the late Alvin O. and Donna (Yockey) Musselman Sr. Al was a 1960 graduate of Shreve High School. He married Sharon L. DeMoss Spaid on April 8, 1973. She survives.

He retired from The Timken Co. after 40 years of service due to the closing of the Wooster plant. Timken sent Al to maintenance schooling where he learned the trade of being a millwright.

Flying was a passion of Al's and in the 1970's he received his pilot's license, bought an air coupe plane and flew out of the Wayne

County and Holmes County Airports, there was something special about being up in the open sky, flying free.

Al lived his entire life in Shreve and loved his little town. He also loved his family and especially enjoyed get-togethers and BBQ's, when everyone could be together.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Holly (Jeff) Rickert of Lakeville and Stacy Glaus of Shreve; two step daughters, Brenda Spaid and Michelle Spaid both of Wooster; six grand children, fourteen great-grand children; a brother, Barry (Sally) Musselman of Wooster; two nephews, Chris and Matt of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a number of aunts and uncles.



Friends called Thursday, July 18th from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Schlachbach Funeral Home, Shreve. Funeral services started at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Christopher P. Stewart officiating. Private burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, Shreve. Online condolences may be shared with the family at schlachbachfh.com

Robert R. Thompson

1941-2019

LOUDONVILLE — Robert R. Thompson passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital surrounded by his family. He was 78.

He was born July 3, 1941 to parents Robert D. & Eleanor A. (Marmet) Thompson in Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from Loudonville High School with the class of 1959 and attended college at Tri State University in Angola, Indiana.

Robert later joined the family business and retired as co-owner from Thompson Paper.

Robert was a great outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting of all sorts. He also collected and rebuilt guns in his spare time, was an avid reader of westerns, and loved to travel out west, to Wyoming. Robert

was a tender-hearted man who was generous to his family and friends, who loved to share his expertise on nutritional health.

He is survived by his siblings Thomas (Cheryl) Thompson of Loudonville and Sherri (John) Zimmerman of Liberty Hill, S.C.; his nieces and nephews Jay T. Zimmerman of Rockhill, S.C., Julie K. Harmon of Rockhill, S.C., Staci (Mick) Fry of Loudonville, Erik (Danielle) Thompson of Loudonville, and Ryan (Christine) Thompson of Loudonville; 5 great nieces and nephews; numerous cousins; and special caregivers Anita Nickels and Ann Kirk.

In addition to his parents, Robert is preceded by his long-time special companion Gloria Gongwer.

Family and friends gathered on Saturday, July 20,

2019 in Lindsey Funeral Home, 123 N Market Street, Loudonville with a memorial service following immediately at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Kathleen Walkerow officiated. Burial in Loudonville Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Contributions in Robert and his mother's memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Loudonville may be made at the funeral home or 225 E. Main Street, Loudonville, OH.

Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve Robert's family and encourage you to share a fond memory or condolence to them at www.beyer-lindsey.com.



Millersburg man killed in vehicle v. pedestrian crash

Staff Report

HARDY TOWNSHIP — A 19-year-old Millersburg man was struck and killed by a car early Friday morning, July 19, while walking on State Route 241 between the Millersburg village limits and County Road 203, according to a news release from the Holmes County Sheriff's Office.

Preston S. Phillips, of 76 N. Crawford St., was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the news release. Deputies responded to the call at 4:24

a.m. July 19.

Phillips was trying to get off the roadway on State Route 241 when a northbound 2014 Jeep Compass, driven by Douglas J. Biro, 57, of Loudonville, hit him, according to the release. Biro was attempting to avoid hitting another pedestrian when he struck Phillips, authorities said.

The crash remains under investigation. Personnel from Holmes Fire District 1 and Holmes County coroner Dr. Robert Anthony also responded to the scene, according to the release.

Esther Schonauer

1928-2019

KILLBUCK — Esther Zaugg Schonauer, age 91, of Killbuck, Ohio passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, Ohio following a short illness.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Alexander Funeral Home, Millersburg, Ohio with Pastor Clifford Beck officiating. Burial was at Killbuck Cemetery.

Family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Michael J. Fox

foundation (to help speed a Parkinson's cure) P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.

Esther was born July 16, 1928 in Holmes County Ohio and was the daughter of Lloyd and Jane (Gray) Brink. On April 4, 1950 she married Jack Zaugg and he preceded her in death in 1983. She later married David Schonauer, he survives.

Esther was a homemaker all her life. She was a member of the Killbuck Church of Christ. Esther enjoyed

gardening and she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by four children and their spouses, Gary (Verla) Brink, Carl (Deh) Zaugg and Ron (Denise) Zaugg all of Millersburg and Donna (Rick) Greenough of Loudonville; two stepchildren, Chris Schonauer and Michael Schonauer; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Mary Lee.

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MILLERSBURG - Ruth M. Miller, age 88 of Millersburg, Ohio passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the Holmes County Home, surrounded by family, following an extended illness.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at Alexander Funeral Home, Millersburg, Ohio with Pastor Tom Nye officiating. Burial was at Oak Hill Cemetery, Millersburg.

Those wishing to share a memory or make online condolences may do so by visiting www.alexanderfhinc.com.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions be made to LifeCare Hospice or to the Holmes County Home.

Ruth was born June 30,



Together Again

1931 in Glenmont, Ohio and was the daughter of Bernard Hamilton and Lula (Clark) Martin. On June 30, 1949 she married Marvin Miller and he preceded her in death on July 6, 1995.

Ruth retired from Central Heating where she was co-owner along side her husband. She was a

member of the First Baptist Church of Berlin and had attended Community Bible Church. Ruth enjoyed sewing, gardening, canning, cooking, baking and making "Grandpa's Famous" Beef Jerky.

She is survived by three children, Kathy (Barl) Klay, Blaine Miller and Tammy (Brant) Shaffer. Ruth was "Grandma Chicken" to 12 grandchildren, Stacey Miller, Danielle (Chad) Miller Weeks, Monique Miller, Jeremy (Yoon Hee Kim) Stitzlein, Jon (Shea) Stitzlein, Jamie (Joe) Aufrance, Joshua Carsner, Brooke Klay, Marshall Klay, Stephanie (Brian) Yoder, Nicholas (Ashley) Gerber, and Nathan Shaffer; and 13 great-grandchildren, Aubree and Haven

Weeks, Kenley Nieman, Micheal and Grace Stitzlein, Conar and Jacobi Stitzlein, Mia, Brynley and Nash Aufrance, and Lillian, Aurora and Daphne Yoder. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; husband; 8 siblings and their spouses; a son, Tony L. Miller; and a great-grandson, Cameron Carr.

The family wishes to express a heartfelt thank you to the staffs at both the Holmes County Home and LifeCare Hospice and also to Ruth's special nieces, Wanda Christopher - Finn, Ginger Purdy and Judy Allison for all the love and continuous care they had given to Ruth.

RELIGION BRIEFS

SPECIAL WORSHIP AT WOOSTER MENNONITE WOOSTER — Brothers and sister trio from Youngstown and Canton, Eric, Janeen and James, along with keyboardist Sara Wakefield, will present sacred music in three-part harmony on Sunday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Wooster Mennonite Church, 1563 Beall Ave., Wooster.

'VICTORY NIGHT' TO BE AUG. 5 — Both guys and gals are invited to a "Victory Night" dinner and program on Aug. 5 at Des Dutch Essenhaus in Shreve.

The event, beginning at 6 p.m., is sponsored by the Wooster After Five Christian Women.

Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Gajda will be the featured speaker. William Rotar will present the keynote message, "Victory through Adversity." Logan Hostetler will entertain with a medley of woodwind tunes.

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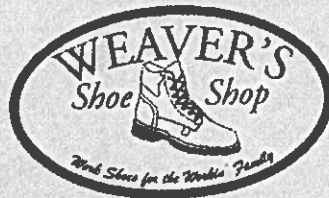
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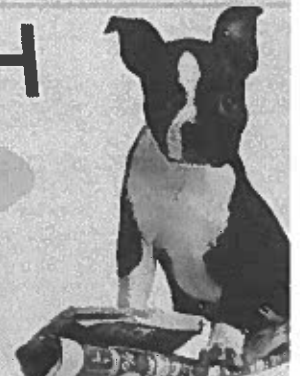
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Three drug busts result in six indictments

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NEW LEXINGTON — Six individuals were indicted in Perry County from three separate busts.

Kyle B. Wickham, 33, and Roberts S. Osborn, 33, both of Crooksville, are accused of conspiring to sell heroin and other drugs to an agent working with the Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force in late 2018.

Wickham is further alleged to be a member of and participating in the affairs of the Real Riders gang.

Wickham was charged with two counts of trafficking heroin, felonies of the fourth-degree, trafficking fentanyl, a third-degree felony, trafficking heroin, possession of heroin and possession of fentanyl, felonies of the fifth-degree, and participating in a criminal gang, a second-degree felony.

Osborn was charged with complicity to trafficking heroin, a fourth-degree felony, and permitting drug abuse, a fifth-degree felony.



Wolfe

Ratliff

Wickham

Cochran

Whitehouse

Osborn

Both are currently incarcerated on unrelated charges.

Bryan Wolfe, 58, of Crooksville, is alleged to have packaged and sold bulk quantities of methamphetamine to a CODE agent. Through information obtained during this investigation, agents initiated a traffic stop and found Michael W. Whitehouse, 62, of Zanesville was transporting two ounces of methamphetamine from Zanesville to Perry County with the purpose of selling the methamphetamine to Wolfe.

Wolfe was charged with aggravated trafficking in methamphetamine, a third-degree felony, and illegal manufacturing of drugs, a second-degree felony.

Whitehouse was charged with aggra-

vated trafficking in methamphetamine with forfeiture specification, and aggravated possession of methamphetamine with forfeiture specification, felonies of the second-degree.

Both remain in custody.

Michael W. Cochran II, 41, of New Lexington and James W. Ratliff Jr., 41, of New Lexington are alleged to have traveled to Columbus and obtained both heroin and methamphetamine with the intent to transport it back to Perry County to package and distribute. The vehicle that they were traveling in was equipped with a hidden compartment where the narcotics were found at the time of the stop.

Cochran II was charged with trafficking heroin and possession of heroin, fel-

onies of the third-degree, aggravated possession of methamphetamine and permitting drug abuse, felonies of the fifth-degree, operating a vehicle with hidden compartment and illegal manufacture of drugs, felonies of the second-degree.

Ratliff Jr. was charged with complicity to trafficking heroin and complicity to possession of heroin, felonies of the third-degree, complicity to aggravated possession of methamphetamine, a fifth-degree felony, and operating a vehicle with hidden compartment, a second-degree felony.

Ratliff is further accused of escaping from probation officers during a preliminary hearing before the Perry County Municipal Court on these charges. He was apprehended by probation officers and task force agents a few blocks from the Perry County Courthouse.

Charges relating to his escape are pending.

BRIEFS

FAIRHOPE offers Teen Support Group Tuesdays

LANCASTER — FAIRHOPE Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. is offering Teen Support Group Tuesdays this summer. The drop-in sessions are offered every Tuesday through Aug. 13 and run from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Anyone can attend and no registration is required.

"We offer this service at several area schools throughout the school year, but wanted to provide an opportunity to continue to reach students over the summer," Grief Support Manager Tracey Miller said. "We want to support teens in the community who need someone to talk to and understand their emotions."

The summer drop-in sessions are hosted at the Anita M. Turner Center,

which is located at 282 Sells Road in Lancaster.

Clearcreek Road to close

LANCASTER — The Fairfield County Engineer's Office announced that Clearcreek Road will be closed Monday, Aug. 5 until Saturday, Oct. 5, for a bridge replacement project. This closure will be between Revenge Road and Rich Hollow with construction taking place between 1754 and Rich Hollow Road.

Public forum series on opioids comes to Pickerington

PICKERINGTON — Ohio's opioid crisis has affected people in every part of the state. A new book edited by two Ohio medical school faculty members aims to

foster a frank and open discussion of this epidemic and its community impact, by sharing stories, pictures and poems of Ohioans from 20 counties. On Saturday, July 27, a public forum will bring that discussion to Pickerington.

"Not Far from Me: Stories of Opioids and Ohio," was edited by Berkeley Franz and Daniel Skinner, both social medicine faculty with Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, and published by The Ohio State University Press. Learn more about the book in this video.

The July 27 forum will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Pickerington Public Library, 201 Opportunity Way in Pickerington. The forum is part of a statewide series of public discussions, which is supported by the Ohio Humanities Council, and has an accompanying

website with resources for those who wish to organize such events in their own communities. Learn more about the forum series in this video.

Schaffer to hold district office hours in Lithopolis

COLUMBUS — State Senator Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) invites local residents to attend district office hours from 10 a.m. to noon July 27, at the Wagnall Memorial Library.

"Office hours are an opportunity for us to hear constituents' concerns," said Schaffer. "It's also a chance for us to update the public on recent policy changes and receive feedback on legislative priorities."

No appointment is necessary. Office hours for Senator Schaffer will be held:

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- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bucyrus City Council Chambers, 508 South Seneca Street, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.

The extraordinary hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the office of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3799. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3799, by calling the Commission's toll-free at 1-800-446-7826, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

Lynd Fruit Farm celebrates 100 years

Craig McDonald
Herald-Examiner
USA TODAY NETWORK

For 100 years, the Lynd family has grown apples and sold fruit and other farm produce from their location at 9393 Morse Road.

Fitting that century mark is a considerable achievement for any family business. But the Lynd apple-growing legacy extends even further back.

Her father Mitch Lynd is the eldest of three brothers representing the sixth generation, according to daughter Debbie Lynd Patton, and there is now an eighth generation of Lynds.

Driving around like orchards in a Buick sedan (the Buick and Lynd brands have a long history together), explaining the science of apple growing, Mitch shares his hope the Lynd Fruit Farm legacy will continue on for a long, long time.

When the Lynd family bought 80 acres of land on Morse Road in March of 1919 ("Bought with apple money," as Mitch puts it), they peddled produce off a wagon at the front of the property.

Today the Lynd family, through various acquisitions, have hundreds of acres along Morse Road, much of it lined with an uncountable number of apple trees — some grown for seasonal sale, others for research purposes toward potential mass cultivation and marketing down the road.

The Lynd family sell fruit and other produce — and particularly apples — from a large, open air market structure on Morse, these days.

But never mind websites and social media demands, among other things that are relatively new to the business.

What really strikes Mitch Lynd about the trade now versus then, is the size of the apple trees.

No big trees

In the day, as Mitch explains it on a late morning in July, an apple tree looked like, well, a tree.

"Before the Lynd family started up on Morse Road, it was already a working orchard, first planted by Tom Carter in 1841," Mitch said. "This was an orchard 40 years before the Lynds bought it.



A few members of the Lynd family pose for a portrait in the apple orchard behind their market on Morse Road. Lynd Fruit Farm is celebrating 100 years at the Morse location. Pictured from left are Angie Lynd-Wilcox, Cody Wilcox, Debbie Lynd Patton, Nash Lynd, Mitch Lynd and Penny Lynd. JESSICA PHELPS/THE ADVOCATE

We've been in the orchard business ourselves for 200 years."

But if one of those founding Lynds returned and saw the way most apples are grown along Morse Road now, their heads would be left swimming, Mitch said.

"The biggest change to me is the size of the trees," he said. "My grandfather and great grandfather grew apples the same way: 27 trees to the acre. In those days, when trees got to be 25 years old, their canopies were touching each other in all directions. That's 40-feet between trees."

Driving through the orchards by Buick on July 25, 2019, you don't see big old trees with closed canopies. What you see reminds you more of grape vines, or even tomato plants.

"Today, we plant them 30-inches apart," Mitch said. "Soon as a limb gets as big around as my thumb, we cut it off. The trees today now look more like tomato plants. Today's apple trees are not a lot bigger than what people would have a staked tomato plant."

Looking at the trees planted and dated to 2018 or 2019, you see something that looks more like a vine, supported by a framework made from wood beams and connecting wires.

Some plants may top out over six feet, but you can see they'll never have a

canopy like the kind the preceding generations of Lynds would recognize.

The family business

Mitch's father was named Arnold Lynd. Arnold's father was Alton Tecumseh Lynd. "We're all descended from a Cherokee woman, Mitch said.

"My great grandfather realized fruit," he continued. "Apples, peaches, blackberries, plums, down on the Ohio River. But he also shipped barrels and barrels of apples through merchants, from Pittsburgh to St. Louis. My great grandfather shipped apples up and down the Ohio river on steamboats."

According to Mitch, that Lynd eventually married the daughter of the steam boat captain.

On the wall of the Morse Road market hangs a picture of the then-Lynd family. Each of the men in the picture had their own orchard. One early Lynd carried a "leather bound book by William Lawson," Mitch said. "That book was first written in the English language in 1614 and was filled with practical details for growing apples."

Andrew Carnegie famously observed most family businesses struggle to survive past three generations. Yet the Lynds have successfully evaded that trap, despite many challenges over the

years.

Twice in his life, Mitch said, he's faced the specter of bankruptcy. One of those times was in the wake of an act of nature. After a particularly challenging crop year, in 1978, with a fresh and bountiful crop of apples coming up, the entire lot of them was destroyed by a monster hailstorm, requiring an emergency loan.

The quieter, more constant battle, is one waged against another force of nature: Waves of insects.

Bug wars

"People think that in the old days, they didn't have to spray," Mitch said. "Well, they did in 1919, and you do now. People don't want wormy apples then, any more than now."

There are over 400 insects native to Licking County that eat apples, Mitch said.

He said, "One of more frequent things I hear (from home or amateur apple growers), is 'I don't understand why my apples are so bad.'"

It's because pest control isn't a one-and-done endeavor, he said.

"You're always waging war against different things," he said.

Different plants have different weaknesses to, or attractions for, insects.

Spraying is one option. There are other approaches: Some of the trees growing along Morse Road are painted at the base with simple latex paint at their lower trunks as a preventative measure against blight.

Mitch rattles off a list of insects that plague the apple growing business:

"You have," he says, your "Red-banded leaf rollers, aphids, spiders and plum curculio, to name but a few."

That last kind of pest? "It's a weevil, and it happens right at petal fall. They're nocturnal. You'll never see one in daytime. You'd swear they're not in the orchard, but there's millions of them. It's a very specific weevil that belongs to the beetle family. Two weeks go by, and here come the codling moths. Three weeks after that, comes a little black and white fly called the Eastern apple maggot fly."

"This is the battle," Mitch says. "And we have to protect the fruit from all that stuff. Spraying it once means nothing."

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OBITUARIES

Ruby M. Ford

Belleair, Florida — Ruby M. Ford, 69, formerly of the East Palestine and New Waterford areas, passed away 10:52 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at Suncoast Hospice in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Ruby was born June 16, 1930 in East Liverpool, Ohio, a daughter of the late Harry R. and Bertha L. (Jones) Wise. She had been employed as a clerk with the former Morris Golden Dawn until retirement when she then worked part time in the office of Rogers Auction.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in East Palestine, as well as an affiliate member of the Anona Methodist Church in Belleair, Florida.

On June 16, 1948 Ruby married William F. Ford. He preceded her in death on January 17, 1995. Ruby was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Howard Wise, as well as three sisters, Mildred Hartzell, Betty Frederick, and Thelma Lower.

Ruby is survived by her daughter, Sherrie Tuchman and her son-in-law Saul Tuchman of Belleair, Florida, with whom she resided, her three step-grandchildren, Ariana, Mari, and Celina; and a brother, Raymond Wise of Tiffin, OH and a sister, Bonnie Camp of New Waterford, Ohio.

The funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2019, at the Linsley-Royal Funeral Home in East Palestine, Ohio, with visitation one hour prior to the time of service. James Ostick of the First Church of Christ will officiate. Burial will be in Crest Haven Memorial Gardens, New Waterford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice North Pinellas Brookside, 164 West Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684.

View Ruby's memorial web page and express condolences online at www.linsley-royal.com

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Ford

OBITUARIES

Elise Nadine Buttermore

Elise Nadine (Steer) Buttermore, 91 of Damascus passed away at her home on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Elise was born on May 16, 1928 in Canton to the late Edwin "Ted" & Ana (Denton) Steer. She worked as a clerk at the Friends Bookstore.

A lifelong area resident, Elise was a member of the Damascus United Methodist Church, and a member of the United Methodist Women. At the church, she was a member of the choir, taught Sunday School, was a leader in the children's music ministry and sang in various small groups. She also was a member of the Damascus Magazine Club and loved the Cleveland Indians.

Elise is survived by a daughter Paula (Kevin) Warfield of Damascus a son Jim (Linda) Buttermore of Columbus, grandchildren Abigail (Marty) Sweeney, Elizabeth (Duke) Reagan, Shelby (Ross) Ullman, Julie (Christopher) Sell and Arnsa (Amanda) Warfield; great-grandchildren Malachi, Claire, Corinne and Colleen Sweeney, Delaney and Emery Sell, Elise and Miles Ullman and Lance Warfield. She is also survived by her brother Edwin (Shirley) Steer. Besides her parents, Elise was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Paul Werner Buttermore, who she married December 23, 1945 and who passed on November 15, 2018.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday July 25, 2019 at 12:00 pm at Damascus United Methodist with Pastor Matt Wilson and Marty Sweeney officiating. Friends will be received two hours prior to the service from 10 am - 12 pm at the church. A private interment will take place at Damascus Cemetery. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Elise's honor to Damascus United Methodist Church (Church Building Fund) 300 Valley Rd. Damascus, OH 44619. Friends can sign the online guest register and view the full obituary online at www.grfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gedretz-Rutzel-Brown Funeral Home, Sebring, 30-938-2526.

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Buttermore

ELO school board approves cuts through attrition

By STEPHANIE LIPHELY Staff Writer

EAST LIVERPOOL —

During July's regular meeting, East Liverpool school board streamlined operations by reducing five teaching positions. One each second-grade and fourth-grade teaching positions will be eliminated at LaCroft Elementary School, while Westgate will lose one fifth grade teacher and East Liverpool Junior-Senior High School one science teacher and one intervention specialist.

According to Randy Taylor, who wrapped up Monday with his last meeting as school superintendent before turning over the reins, this reduction in force is being implemented through attrition and will not result in any contract suspension of any current employee. No programs will be eliminated by this action, which was made in accordance with the board's contract with the East Liverpool Education Association.

Additionally, the board approved reduction of one monitor at each the junior high and high schools as well as one paraprofessional library aide at each the North and LaCroft elementary schools. He explained these staff positions will be abolished, so displaced employees will be able to bump into another positions under the master agreement with the Ohio Association of Public School Employees.

On other personnel-related issues, the resignations of Angeline Shannon, a third-grade teacher at LaCroft Elementary School for two years; Gary Blake, a two-hour cafeteria worker who took a position as an eight-hour custodian at Westgate Middle School; and John B. Kiger, associate principal at East Liverpool Junior-Senior High School for 33 years.

Kristen Crish was appointed as a speech pathologist for the district, and Barbara Jeffries as a fourth-grade teacher at North Elementary School. Elizabeth Connor also will serve as the district's varsity assistant basketball coach.

The following substitutes also were hired: Kim Allen, Valerie Barker, Gary Blake, Kathleen Blake, Jack Crossall, David Freeman, Tracy Hall, Mary Lee Ludwig, Tammie Reed and William Thorn as bus drivers; Linda Allen, Valerie Barker, Gary Blake, Kathleen Blake, Jack Crossall,

Mary English, Cassandra Feleky, David Freeman, Kelly George, Tracey Hall, Leigh Headley, Mary Lee Ludwig, Tammie Reed, William Thorn, Gloria Williams, Tammie Wolfe and Michael Woodard as bus aides; Chadwick Kelly as a mechanic; and Mary English, Natalie Harrison, Jackie Hyde, Rebecca Jordan, Debra Schmidbauer, Jenna Six, Amy Swager and Cheryl Wright as secretaries.

As requested by Treasurer Kathy Jo Laughlin, board members approved all the financial reports and appropriations as well as a resolution proceeding with the renewal of an existing emergency levy.

Board members unanimously voted against paying the 50 cents per pupil to participate in the coalition, as they said that they have not seen any results from it. Richard Wolf voiced his belief that it was "a waste of taxpayer money," while Board President Sarah Porter agreed that the district has had no need to utilize the lobbying group.

The treasurer's requested transfer of \$2,700 for the Westgate field trip to Camp Pitch also was approved.

In other action, members approved:

- Step increases for teachers Kylie Shuman and Gerald Bartlett as well as development stipends for Karen Hazel, Suzanne Hoppe, Pam Schiefel, Mary Shaw, Danica Stott, Sandra Walgate and Amber Gill.

- Colin Loonenmore as a volunteer soccer coach.

- The purchase of reading materials from Great Minds, which will provide uniform targeted resources to improve reading in context with science and social studies standards for K-4 students.

- Creation of the position of electronic/alternative education teacher.

Replacement of three chiller at the junior senior high school campus totaling \$30,108 and two natural gas water heaters at Westgate for \$24,901.16.

The board met briefly in executive session at the meeting's conclusion to consider employing exiting superintendent Randy Taylor in an administrative role, which will be finalized at 9 a.m. Aug. at the Westgate Administrative Building. The board's regular meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 22.

Kelly Hanlon

Kelly Hanlon, 40, of East Liverpool, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Born in East Liverpool, Ohio, on August 5, 1978, he was the son of Leonard Hanlon II of East Liverpool and Vicki (Phillips) Hanlon of East Liverpool.

Kelly graduated in 1996 from East Liverpool High School.

Kelly is survived by his loving wife Tina (Ritbeck) Hanlon of East Liverpool; two sons, Kelly Hanlon II of Salem and Kaleb Hanlon of East Liverpool; three daughters, Adria Virden of Ohio, Chrissy Hanlon of Ohio and Hanley Hanlon of East Liverpool; three step-daughters, Aria Ritbeck of Pittsburgh, Katelyn Ritbeck and Alyssa Ritbeck of East Liverpool; two grandchildren, Carson and Greyson; and two brothers, Chad Hanlon and Mike Hanlon of East Liverpool.

Visitation is Friday, July 26, 2019, from 1-3 and 5-7 PM with services following at 7PM at the Nixon Funeral Home, Newell, WV.

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Hanlon

Washingtonville will put three levies on fall ballot

By KEVIN HOWELL Staff Writer

WASHINGTONVILLE — Village council will put three new levies before residents in November to battle a lack of general fund money.

Council recently agreed to place on the November ballot three separate 2.5-mill, five year levies for police, roads and general operation.

Village Council last year enacted a .5 percent income tax after residents rejected several operating levies, but residents then voted in November 2018 to remove the tax. Talks among council members regarding reinstating the income tax was met with threats of council member recalls and initiatives to dissolve the village.

Mayor Herman Frank said of the new levies that residents will now have the chance to vote how their increased taxes would specifically be spent.

"We're listening to the public," he said. "There were residents who said if we put levies on the ballot and be specific about where that money would be spent, they'd back it. So now we'll see."

Frank said the council is seeking the police levy because officers are not being paid competitive wages and that leaves the department's roster constantly in turnover. He said the roads fund is too low to properly maintain the streets and the operating fund will always be low due to costs continuing to increase.

"It's specific areas within the budget, not the overall budget," Frank explained. "But if you don't have money, you can't operate a village."

Frank has repeatedly noted the village is operating on an outdated levy that is over 20 years old.

Several attempts to contact Fiscal Officer Dale Davis for an explanation of the levies were unsuccessful.

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

— David Hedison, who starred in the original sci-fi classic "The Fly" and appeared in two James Bond films, has died. He was 92. He is also known for his role as Capt. Lee Crane in the long-running sci-fi television series "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" and as Spencer Harrison on the series "Another World." Hedison played scientist Andre Delambre who turned into an insect in the 1958 film "The Fly." He played CIA agent Felix Leiter in Bond films "To Live and Let Die" and "License to Kill."

LOTTERY

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

— Yukio Amano, the Japanese diplomat who led the International Atomic Energy Agency for a decade and was extensively involved in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program and the cleanup of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, has died at 72, the agency announced Monday. Amano, who had wide experience in disarmament, non-proliferation diplomacy and nuclear energy issues, had been chief of the key U.N. agency that regulates nuclear use worldwide since 2009. As head of the IAEA, Amano also dealt with the aftermath of Japan's devastating 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant accident, where three reactors went into meltdowns after a tsunami.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 18-1720-G-A, 18-1721-G-A, 18-1722-G-A, 18-1723-G-A, 18-1724-G-A, 18-1725-G-A, 18-1726-G-A, 18-1727-G-A, 18-1728-G-A, 18-1729-G-A, 18-1730-G-A, 18-1731-G-A, 18-1732-G-A, 18-1733-G-A, 18-1734-G-A, 18-1735-G-A, 18-1736-G-A, 18-1737-G-A, 18-1738-G-A, 18-1739-G-A, 18-1740-G-A, 18-1741-G-A, 18-1742-G-A, 18-1743-G-A, 18-1744-G-A, 18-1745-G-A, 18-1746-G-A, 18-1747-G-A, 18-1748-G-A, 18-1749-G-A, 18-1750-G-A, 18-1751-G-A, 18-1752-G-A, 18-1753-G-A, 18-1754-G-A, 18-1755-G-A, 18-1756-G-A, 18-1757-G-A, 18-1758-G-A, 18-1759-G-A, 18-1760-G-A, 18-1761-G-A, 18-1762-G-A, 18-1763-G-A, 18-1764-G-A, 18-1765-G-A, 18-1766-G-A, 18-1767-G-A, 18-1768-G-A, 18-1769-G-A, 18-1770-G-A, 18-1771-G-A, 18-1772-G-A, 18-1773-G-A, 18-1774-G-A, 18-1775-G-A, 18-1776-G-A, 18-1777-G-A, 18-1778-G-A, 18-1779-G-A, 18-1780-G-A, 18-1781-G-A, 18-1782-G-A, 18-1783-G-A, 18-1784-G-A, 18-1785-G-A, 18-1786-G-A, 18-1787-G-A, 18-1788-G-A, 18-1789-G-A, 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OBTUARIES

Virginia Cowan Morris Vale

NEW WATERFORD — Virginia Cowan Morris Vale, age 96, of New Waterford, died on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at Covington Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, East Palestine.

She was born on January 14, 1923 in Youngstown, a daughter of the late Roy C. Newton and Bertha A. Povey Newton.

Virginia was a member of New Waterford United Methodist Church and had worked as a cook for New Waterford Schools for twenty years. She enjoyed cooking and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Her husband, William Vale, whom she married on October 13, 1950, preceded her in death on August 10, 1998.

She is survived by a daughter, Sally Cowan of Columbiana; two sons, Gary (Natalie) Cowan of Columbiana, and Paul Cowan of New Waterford; stepdaughters, Caroline (John) Stepien of East Liverpool; nine grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Virginia was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Weaver, and Phyllis Newton; brother, Richard Newton and a grandson.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Warnick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home, Columbiana.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Charles Hamilton officiating.

Burial will be at East Carmel Cemetery, Rogers. Donations may be made in Virginia's name to the New Waterford United Methodist Church, 46925 South State Street, New Waterford, OH 44445.

Family and friends may view this obituary and send condolences at www.familycarefunerals.com

7/30/19

Gregory Leland Pickens

SALINEVILLE — Gregory Leland Pickens, 68, of Nectar Road died at his home Sunday night July 28, 2019.

He was born January 1, 1951 in East Liverpool, Ohio a son of the late Leland Robert and Ruby Jewel Brown Pickens.

Gregory lived all his life in this area, graduating from Carrollton High School. He then graduated from Kent State College and worked as an engineer/conductor for Conrail Railroad until his retirement in 1996. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving from 1969 to 1973 where he served as a supply technician. He attended the Salineville Assembly of God Church. He was a past member and past Grand Master of the Salineville Masonic Lodge 348. Gregory also belonged to the Ohio Auctioneers Association and the Ohio Cattleman's Association.

Gregory will be sadly missed by his wife, Linda Pickens at home; three sons, Matthew (Amy) Pickens of Columbus, Ohio, Leland (John) Pickens of North Carolina, Ronald Hyndman of Delroy, Ohio, one daughter, Angela Criner of Carrollton, Ohio; one brother Robert Jeffrey Pickens of Columbus, Ohio; one sister Mary Luan Pickens of Minerva, Ohio; eleven grandchildren, Jackson and Bridget Pickens of Columbus, Ohio, Jordan, Leland, and Jack Pickens of North Carolina, Natasia Hyndman of Mechanistown, Ohio, Thomas and Tyler Bradley of Carrollton, Joseph Criner of Carrollton, Nicole and John Hyndman of Delroy, Ohio, and one great grandchild Zahra Bambert of Mechanistown, Ohio.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 12:00 p.m., August 2, 2019 at the Kerr-Pastore Funeral Home in Salineville, Ohio with the Pastor Diana Ruoff of the Family Worship Center in Carrollton, Ohio officiating.

Burial will be in Chestnut Grove Cemetery where full military honors will be accorded by the Salineville John Adams Post 442 Honor Guard.

Family and friends may visit the funeral home from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2019 and one hour prior to service.

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DEATH NOTICES

Diane Clapsaddle

USION — Diane Kaye Clapsaddle, 67, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Salem Regional Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 7, 1951 in Salem, she was a daughter of the late Leonard R. and Virginia (Allard) Fitzsimmons. She worked as a French and English teacher at East Palestine High School before retiring.

She was Catholic by faith.

Survivors include her husband, Brian Clapsaddle; two children: Jamie Martin of Austintown and Derek Clapsaddle of Columbiana; a granddaughter and her siblings Sandra McCaffa of South Carolina and Jerry Fitzsimmons of Arizona.

A memorial service officiated by Pastor Lyn Houze of Community Hospice will be held at 5 p.m. Friday at the Weber Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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Parma Silberman

SALEM — Parma (Peggie) Silberman, 91, of Salem, died at 5:18 p.m. Monday, July 29 at Salem East Healthcare Center. Arrangements are pending at Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenstein & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, Salem.

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LOTTERY

Ohio
Day: 369 and 7785
Pick 5: 08967
Evening: 673 and 6318
Pick 5: 16387
Cash 5: 7-15-26-31-36
Classic Lotto: 8-22-27-35-41-45

Pennsylvania
Day: 95 and 327

0935 and 04406
Evening: 27 and 795
9028 and 32716
Cash 5: 7-18-21-24-35
Match 6: 1-11-23-31-44-48
Treasure Hunt: 3-4-14-22-28
West Virginia
Daily 3: 203
Daily 4: 7767
Cash 25: 6-13-16-17-21-22

OBTUARIES

Shawn Alan Ketchum Jr.

SALINEVILLE — Shawn Alan Ketchum Jr. passed away on July 28, 2019 due to an ATV accident in Brush Creek Township, Ohio.

Shawn was born on March 12, 1991 in Akron, Ohio. He was married to his high school sweetheart Kimberly Ketchum on October 11, 2014. Shawn and Kimberly have a precious son, who is their pride and joy as well as best friend, Tyler Alan Ketchum.

Shawn was a welder for MAC trailer and was a volunteer firefighter for the Salineville Fire Department. In his free time, he loved to spend time with his family and friends. Shawn loved nothing more than singing, dancing, coaching football, drinking beer, riding four wheelers and just about anything his wife and son wanted to do.

Shawn is survived by his Son, Tyler Alan Ketchum, his wife, Kimberly Ketchum, Father and Step-Mother, Shawn Alan Ketchum Sr. and Deanna Campi, Mother, Joy Elizabeth Marie Ingledale, Father and Mother In-law, Pete and Phyllis Walter, Paternal Grandparents, Dave and Curiene Ketchum, Maternal Grandmother, Agnes Plinkerton, Step Grandmother, Anna Campi, Sisters, Kristany, Stephanie, Sarah and Hannah Ketchum, Brothers, Timothy Ketchum and Christopher Melott, Sister In-law, Ashley Walter, Nephew, Carter Gimbas, Nieces, Abbianna Bates, Jordan Walter, Zayleigh Gimbas. He is also survived by many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

He was preceded in death by his Grandfather and best friend Heide V. Plinkerton.

Services officiated by Pastor Mark Blackley of Wellsville First Christian Church will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the Weber Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Calcutta Cemetery. Calling hours begin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family or the funeral home to defray expenses.

View this obituary and leave condolences at www.weberfh.com

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DEATH NOTICES

Brenda Hawkins

SALEM — Brenda Jean Hawkins, 80, died at 11:50 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Salem, Ohio, the daughter of the late Francis and Margaret (Groush) Hawkins. She last worked in the office of Stratton Chevrolet.

Survivors include her sister Joyce Jensen (Salem) and brother, Francis "Bud" Hawkins (Charlotte, NC).

She was a member of Winona United Methodist Church, and a 1957 graduate of Salem High School. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at Winona United Methodist Church with reception to meet family following service. The Rev. Tom Scott will be officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Stark Memorial Funeral Home.

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Herschel Morris

SALINEVILLE — A memorial service celebration for Herschel Dean Morris who passed away on June 5, 2019 will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019.

The celebration will be held 2 p.m. at the Salineville Church of Christ, 55 West Main Street, Salineville, Ohio 43945. Proceeding the memorial there will be a graveside service held at Chestnut Grove Cemetery.

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690-mile annual yard sale

GADSDEN, Ala. (AP) — A nearly 700-mile yard sale is about to span several states from Alabama to Michigan for its 32nd straight year. The Gadsden Times reports the 4-day event known as 127 Yard Sale returns Thursday. It runs from Nockahula Falls Park in Gadsden, Alabama, through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio before winding down in Addison, Michigan. The event's website says the yard sale was founded in 1987 by a man who wanted travelers to bypass interstate highways in favor of scenic routes that took them through rural communities. Most of the event follows Highway 127 and dozens of vendors will set up shop in certain spots, such as Nockahula Falls Park. Sales will be set up all along the route. The event recommends attendees bring cash, sunscreen and rain gear.

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COUNTY BRIEFING

Tri-State Antique Car Club

The Tri-State Antique Car Club meets at 8 a.m. the last Wednesday of every month at Adele's Place in Salem. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to join them.

Lencyk to speak at library

Amanda Lencyk, the Trauma Injury Prevention and Outreach Coordinator with St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital, will be guest speaker 2-3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at Columbiana Public Library. She will lead a discussion about the things that can contribute to falls and exercises that can be done to strengthen muscles and improve balance. There will be a Q&A after the presentation. Free program open to all ages, registration requested by calling the library at 330-482-5569.

Smith to speak at Nature Trail

Join experienced outdoorsman Mark Smith at the Nature Trail at Salem's Waterworth Memorial Park on Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. to learn the Leave No Trace principles for respecting outdoor life and land. By learning and practicing these principles a healthier ecosystem can be preserved for future generations.

To participate in the program please meet at the trailhead of the park's Nature Trail located on Sunset Boulevard near the entrance to Salem Community Center's parking lot. Watch for the sign near the trailhead.

The program is open to the public, family-friendly, and free of cost to attend. Please register online at www.salem.lib.oh.us or call the library at 330-332-0042 or Salem Parks and Recreation at 330-271-8913 for registration assistance.

Program presenter Mark Smith has enjoyed backpacking, hiking, camping and other outdoor adventure activities for over fifty years. He has taught "Leave No Trace" principles to state government, Native American tribal members and reclamation officials.

'Village Comes Alive'

Friends of Beaver Creek State Park hosts Village Comes Alive, noon - 3 p.m. at Pioneer Village, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019. Canal display. Working grist mill. Blacksmith demonstrations. Historical talks. Quilters, weavers. 330-853-9940.

Capital One target of massive data breach

SEATTLE (AP) — A hacker gained access to personal information from more than 100 million Capital One credit applications, the bank said Monday as federal authorities arrested a suspect in the case.

Paige A. Thompson — who also goes by the handle "erotic" — was charged with a single count of computer fraud and abuse in U.S. District Court in Seattle. Thompson made an initial appearance in court and was ordered to remain in custody pending a detention hearing Thursday.

The hacker got information including credit scores and balances plus the Social Security numbers of about 140,000 customers, the bank said. It will offer free credit monitoring services to those affected.

The FBI raided Thompson's residence Monday and seized digital devices. An initial search turned up files that referenced Capital One and "other entities that may have been targets of attempted or actual network intrusions."

A public defender appointed to represent Thompson did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

Capital One, based in McLean, Virginia, said Monday it found out about the vulnerability in its system July 19 and immediately sought help from law enforcement to catch the perpetrator.

According to the FBI complaint, someone emailed the bank two days before that notifying it that leaked data had appeared on the webhosting site GitHub.

And a month before that, the FBI said, a Twitter user who went by "erotic" sent Capital One direct messages warning about distributing the bank's data, including names, birthdays and Social Security numbers.

"I've basically strapped myself with a bomb vest, (expletive) dropping capital ones dox and admitting it," one said. "I want to distribute those buckets I think first."

Capital One said it believes it is unlikely that the information was used for fraud, but it will continue to investigate. The data breach affected about 100 million people in the U.S. and 6 million in Canada.

Capital One Financial Corp., the nation's seventh-largest commercial bank with \$373.6 billion in assets as of June 30, is the latest U.S. company to suffer a major data breach in recent years.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Cuyahoga, 18-1720-GA-ALT, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates; 18-1721-GA-ATA, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for a Rate Approval; and 18-1722-GA-ALT, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan.

In its applications, NDO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and of an alternative rate plan. In its rate case, NDO requests a rate increase of \$3,526,953, an increase of 10.25 percent over current revenues. After its review of NDO's applications and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$500,052 to \$877,542, which represents an increase between 1.39 percent and 2.44 percent over current revenues. NDO's application for an alternative rate plan seeks to implement the following two elements: a mechanism to refund customers the rates collected in excess of the corporate tax rate established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and the creation of the Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) rider. The IRP would allow NDO to recover incremental costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipelines.

Three local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County District Male
- Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Canton City Council Chambers, 218 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor, Canton, Ohio 44701.
- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bucyrus City Council Chambers, 500 South Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 190 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 110 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, by calling the Commission's hotline at 1-800-656-7878, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

NEIGHBORS

All-inclusive women's cancer screenings set

Mobile clinic to be in Laurelville July 30

LAURELVILLE — Through its Breast Education Screening & Navigation Program, the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine Community Health Programs (CHP) has long provided mobile women's cancer screening clinics around southeastern Ohio as part of its mission to improve women's health in the region.

In collaboration with OhioHealth Mobile Mammography, the Heritage College CHP will also offer same-day mammography at the next Hocking County

mobile clinic. The mobile clinic is Tuesday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Young's Family Market and Pharmacy, 1598b Ohio Rt. 56 in Laurelville. Services are available to all women, uninsured, underinsured or insured. Appointments are required and women should call 740-593-2432 or 1-800-844-2654 for an appointment. Services offered through CHP mobile clinics include breast health education, PAP tests, breast and pelvic exams, navigation through the

continuum of care & Susan G. Komen Columbus grant funding for mammograms. In addition to the mobile clinics, services are also provided at the college's Heritage Community Clinic on the Ohio University Athens campus. The most current dates, times and locations for upcoming clinics to area counties are located on the CHP online events calendar — <https://www.ohio.edu/medicine/community-health/community-clinic/calendar.cfm>, or call 740-593-2432 or 800-844-2654.

Distillery seeks to become staple of Athens' west side

BY HEATHER WILLARD FOR THE LOGAN DAILY NEWS

ATHENS — A new distillery has quietly been in the works on the Athens' west side for over a year now, but the owner and operator, Kelly Sauber, hopes to have the business open this fall. Sauber is well known in the Athens community as a master brewer, with experience working for O'Hare's and Brew Masters in Cincinnati, both of which he helped start. In 2011, he founded Fifth Elements Spirits in Meigs County.

More recently, Sauber brews the ciders served at the West End Ciderhouse, which he co-owns with primary owner Dyanne Schwartz. Sauber has produced the ciders and liquors sold in the Ciderhouse and at local grocery stores for years, but he's aiming to make that endeavor a bit easier — and provide a staple business for that area of town.

To that end, Sauber moved his distillery and brewery to be only a short walk across Shafter Street, located in what used to be a train yard. It is also going to be under a new name: the West End Distillery.

Sauber showed off the new location in a distillery tour, as part of Ohio Brew Week.

He spoke in-depth about the processes he uses to create liquors, ciders and beer, as well as what he is currently involved in brewing.

Sauber produces hundreds of gallons of product at the



HEATHER WILLARD FOR THE LOGAN DAILY NEWS
Kelly Sauber stands in front of his cider tanks, which he uses year-round. In a recent tour of his new distillery on the Athens west side, he explained the intricacies of creating cider and detailed some of his techniques.

distillery each year, brewing with local apples and other sugar sources, seeking to keep preservatives out of his product to have exactly the taste he is looking for.

The new location will be mostly a production area, but there is an area for customers to purchase some of the products made in the facility. Thinking at the new location will be limited — due to various legal requirements, only a certain number of samples can be sold to each customer within a 24-hour time frame.

There is already a bar installed, customer seating and a lofted area to allow for more comfortable frequenting of the shop. The "tasting room," as Sauber has dubbed it, will allow patrons to sample pin, bourbon, vodka and brandies that are made on-site.

Sauber said only part of the

building is in use for the tasting room and distillery, with about 2,500 square feet to be rented out. What will be in there is yet to be decided.

At one point, Sauber entertained the idea of a restaurant in the space. A few local producers have also discussed joining forces and making a "producers market" of things like coffee beans, meat, liquor and other bulk goods, to complement the Athens-Farmers Market.

There is still time to decide these details, as interior work is still continuing and the business liquor license has not yet been secured.

Heather Willard is a staff journalist for The Athens Messenger, an affiliate publication to The Logan Daily News.

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Anything Goes holds fifth meeting

The fifth meeting of the Anything Goes 4-H Club was held Tuesday, July 2 at the Logan-Hocking Library.

President Josie Reggs called the meeting to order. Victoria McCarty led the 4-H pledge, while Emily Hood led the Pledge of Allegiance. McCarty took Roll Call. Breanna Sams read the minutes from

the previous meeting, and Jacob Sams gave the Treasurer's report.

Five new business, the club talked about the upcoming skill-a-thon, and for old business, club shirts were handed out.

Demonstration reports were given by Emily Hood on How to Make Cloud Clay,

and McCarty gave one on How to Make a Paper Fort Teller.

Safety reports were given by Lexis Pickel on Outdoor Fire Safety, while Brooklyn Bowman did hers on Swimming Safety.

Hood served refreshments, and Jacob Sams and McCarty adjourned the meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings on case No. 18-12-026(A)-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates, 18-12-026(A)-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Tariff Approval, and 18-12-026(A)-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan.

In its application, NEO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates, and of an alternative rate plan. Its rate case, NEO requests a rate increase of \$3,526,953, an increase of 10.25 percent over current revenues. After its review of NEO's application and receipt of the staff of the Commission's recommendation, a revenue increase in the range of \$5,616,525 to \$47,547,542, which represents an increase between 1.59 percent and 2.43 percent over current revenues. NEO's application for an alternative rate plan calls to implement the following two elements: a commitment to refund customers on the rates collected in excess of the competitive rate established by the Tax and Local Gov. Act of 2017, and the reduction of the infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) rates. The IRP would allow NEO to recover its estimated costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipeline.

Three local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- (a) Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County Courthouse, 1100 E. Main St., Fairfield, Ohio 43024.
- (b) Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Canton City Courthouse, 218 E. Main St., Canton, Ohio 44701.
- (c) Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dayton City Courthouse, 201 South Ludlow Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45420.

The regulatory hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at Hearing Room 11-C in the offices of the Commission, 140 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43260-1570. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 110 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43260-1570. It is calling the Commission's hotline at 1-800-486-7628, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

46th annual Griffin-Beouger reunion

BAITIMORE — The 46th annual Griffin-Beouger Reunion was held June 22 at the Christ United Methodist Church in Baltimore with 61 attendees. This was the first year the reunion was held at this location. We were able to empty air conditioning, a full kitchen and nice restroom facilities. There was also a playground for small children to enjoy.

This year's reunion began at 1 p.m. with Harold Johnson asking The Lord's blessing for our meal and time together.

After the meal, a Chinese Auction was held. The children especially had a great time with it as they waited anxiously to see what treasures they would win.

Following the Chinese Auction, there was a short business meeting led by President Karla Hammer, and Secretary-Treasurer Kendra Shull. It was decided to have next year's reunion at the same location on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 1 p.m.

The officers were unanimously voted to remain the same, with the exception of a co-president added, due to the health of the standing president.

Officers are: Hammer and Robbing Johnson as co-presidents; Shull as Secretary-Treasurer and Sam and Amy Taubke for the Chinese Auction.

It's always a blessing to be able to see and spend time with family that we don't get to see other times throughout the year. Thank you to Robin and Mary Johnson for making the arrangements at the church, and to the church for allowing us to use their facility.

Those in attendance were: Dale and Lew Griffin of Wilbergh, Janice, Mark, Judy, Sam, Amy and Hannah Taubke of Logan; Dorothy and Duane Beouger of Hebron; Lynda Beouger and Joe White of Newark;

Tim and Tina Beouger of Pataskala; Jim, Linda, Donna, Karen and Debbie Condit of Logan; Danny Beouger and Betty Doyle of Stoneboro, Pa.; Beverly (Beouger) Thompson of Sandy Lake, Pa.; Debbie (Beouger) Mott of Franklin, Pa.; Lisa (Beouger) Brandt and Doreen Slater of Sheldaleville, Pa.; Dolores and Curt Starr of Pataskala; Kendra and Danny Shull, Danielle and Colt Smith, Lucas Clark, Amy Brian, Cameron, Delaney and

Elissa Cyrus of Simeret; Chad and Tine Shull plus grand children, Marilee and Bradley; Karla, Erik, Carrie, Sawyer, Miles and June Hammer of Simeretville; Candice (Starr) Holdreth of New Albany; Harold and Betty Johnson of Logan; Rick and Victoria Johnson of Cape Coral, Fla.; Robin, Mary, Renee, Isaac and Isaiah Johnson of Baltimore; and Karl, Amy and Kurtis McQuade of Logan.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Science with Mr. Turtle — 7:23 Tue — 3-4:30 p.m. — Every Tuesday — Explore the world of science. Every age is the right age to learn! — Logan-Hocking County Thurgood Library, 290 E. Main St.

Parkinson's Wellness Program — 7:23 Tue — 2:30 p.m. — Every Tuesday — An evidence-based fitness program created by Ohio Health, led by certified "Deliver the Disease" instructors designed to empower people with Parkinson's disease by optimizing their physical function and helping to delay the progression of symptoms. — Seneca Hills Senior Center, 187 S. Spring St.

Free to Fight Back — 7:23 Tue — 7 p.m. — Every Tuesday — Public invited — Red Men Lodge, 2205 S. St. 69-L South Bloomsburg, OH.

Quilt Therapy — 7:24 Wed — 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 p.m. — Every Wednesday — Open all day for anyone who wants to come and sew. Bring a project, even one you are having struggles with, and one of our folks will be happy to help you. — Kalamazoo Quilt Company, 32 W. Washington St., Niles, OH — 740-753-3343.

Story Time at the Library — 7:24 Wed — 10:30 a.m. — Every Wednesday — All ages welcome! — Logan-Hocking County District Library, 290 E. Main St.

Hocking Hills Recovering Angels — Narcotics Anonymous — 7:24 Wed — 6:30 p.m. — Open meeting every Wednesday — Integrated Services of Lobby, 31 W. Second St.

"Good Grief" A support group for widows — 7:24 Wed — Noon — Six weeks of workshops — A place for women to share their grief, sympathy, support and stories with each other. — Seneca Hills Senior Center, 187 S. Spring St.

Hungry Hummers — 7:25 Thu — 1 p.m. — Hand fed ruby throated hummingbirds using small tubes of sugar water. — Large feeders are out all of the time so everyone is welcome to come watch the humming birds feed during daylight hours. — Meet at the Nature Center — Lake Hope State Park, 27331 N. Rt. 278, McArthur, OH.

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Health Talk with Harry — 7:25 Mon — 2 p.m. — Every Monday — Harry Gads, MD retired, will lead an informal group discussion. Everyone is welcome. — Logan-Hocking County District Library, 290 E. Main St.

Public Invited — 7:25 Tue — 7 p.m. — Every Tuesday — Public Invited — Home Tavern, 801 Galagher Ave.

Van Levers Unite — 7:25 Thu — 1 p.m. — Every Thursday — Anyone who rents, crashes or sees

is invited to attend. All are welcome regardless of experience and ability, so that is a chance to share and learn. — Logan-Hocking County District Library, 290 E. Main St.

Find Your Family! — 7:25 Thu — 6-7 p.m. — Last Thursday of each month — Genealogy help is available at the library. — Logan-Hocking County District Library, 290 E. Main St.

Story Time at Kachelmeier Park — 7:25 Thurs — 10 a.m. — Every Thursday — All ages welcome! — Kachelmeier Park, St. Rt. 925.

Music In The Park — 7:26 Fri — 6-8 p.m. — Enjoy a free concert by "The Wayfarers" — Worthington Park, Mounton Logan.

Hungry Hummers — 7:27 Sat — 1 p.m. — Hand fed ruby throated hummingbirds using small tubes of sugar water. — Large feeders are out all of the time so everyone is welcome to come watch the humming birds feed during daylight hours. — Meet at the Nature Center — Lake Hope State Park, 27331 N. Rt. 278, McArthur, OH.

New Hope Breakfast — 7:27 Sat — 8:30-11 a.m. — Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, home fries, sausage gravy & biscuits, coffee, hot tea and OJ. — Donations — New Hope U.M.C., 8025 Glen Church Rd.

Hocking County Historical Society Museum — 7:27 Sat — 1-3 p.m. — View numerous displays of Hocking history including a model of office, military uniforms & equipment, toys, coal mining, local day & back industry and Hocking Canal & bridge history. — 64 N. Culver St.

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VALLEY & STATE

It's almost fair time!

BY EMILY MOORE
LOGAN DAILY NEWS REPORTER

LOGAN — Although a month away, the Hocking County Fair will be here before you know it. Now is the time that the fair board members are busy preparing for the upcoming event, as well as the 4-H members prepare their projects.

As the fair draws near, board members are busy with entries. Friday, Aug. 2, multiple entries will be accepted at the fair office from 1 until 7 p.m., including all art hall exhibits, senior fair beef, fancy and breeding rabbits, fancy and broiler poultry, and turkey; all breeding sheep, goats and cattle; horses and small animals.

The above entries will also be accepted Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 9, from 1 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rosally applications will also be taken during these times, and entries for all listed are to close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Exceptions include beer, wine and labels for them, which must be made prior to Thursday, Aug. 1.

Entries for market sheep, swine, steers, feeders, goats and rabbits are to be done at their tattooing, or tagging.

Showmanship entries must be made during this time as well. While the official kick-off day is Sept. 9, the Garden Tour Pull will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8.

The animal shows will begin Monday morning, Sept. 9, with small animals during the day, and larger animals in the evening.

Hocking County Fair Board Secretary and Director Nancy Vermillion reported the strategic idea to schedule larger animal shows in the evening is because it draws more of a crowd.

"The beef show is the most popular because it has the biggest animals," she said.

The beef show is to occur on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Hocking County Fair Arena, partially to attract family members to come to the show.

"The animal shows are most popular with the grandparents and parents," Vermillion added. "The major animal shows are all at night so the grandparents that work can be there."

Although the beef show offers the larger animals, the smaller animal shows offer the most animals.

Vermillion reported the biggest animal show throughout the week is the rabbit show, occurring this year on Monday, Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. at the

DQ of Logan Show Arena. Although no new events entertainment-wise are coming to the grounds this year, the attendance is not expected to change.

The week starts off with the Tough Truck at the Moose Family Fun Center Grandstands on Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 10, Logan High School Marching Chiefs will perform at 5 p.m. in the Eagle's Shelter House, and the Dynamic Stars Twirlers will perform following the band.

Also Tuesday evening, Sept. 10, an Auto Cross event will be the main attraction in the grandstand, followed by the sounds of the Coal Cave Hollow Boys in the Eagle's Shelter House.

The band, 3 Chords and a Beer will be the Thursday night, Sept. 12, performance, as they bring the classic rock genre to Logan.

With motocross, tough truck events and music, none of these come close to the attendance as the Demolition Derby attracts.

According to Vermillion, more people visit the fair the night of the derby over all the other nights.

"The derby, mud run and running events bring in the most popularity with people," she stated. "It's always been



PHOTO BY BARRY MILLER

Last year's Truck and Tractor Pull drew a crowd as smoke roared in the grandstand area.

like that in the past too, and the music events don't bring in nearly as many people."

The music entertainment is expensive to book, and with little popularity they get at the Hocking County Fair, Vermillion said she felt more obliged to put emphasis and money toward the other events.

"We have the lowest attendance on music nights," Vermillion remarked.

The Demolition Derby is one of the main attractions on Friday evening, Sept. 13. The derby will begin at 8 p.m. in the grandstand.

To close out the fair, a Truck and Tractor Pull will

end the week on Saturday evening, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. in the grandstand.

The most exciting animal show occurs all day Saturday, as it is the final event of the fair and the last of the annual sale.

Entertainment that doesn't include animals, tractors or vehicles can be found on mechanical rides.

Vermillion reported the ride

company would be the same as last year's fair because of the great response the fair board received.

"We got a lot of compliments last year, so they will be back," she noted. "We just try to keep it as hometown as possible, and keep it nice for the kids."

Contact the fair board for ticket pricing information at 740.385.6704.

News in brief

Road closure

LOGAN — Beginning Monday, state Route 678 between state Route 664 and state Route 180 will be closed for culvert repairs. Motorists are asked to detour using state Route 678 to state Route 374 to state Route 180. Weather permitting, state Route 678 will reopen at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 9.

Cat spay/neuter clinic slated

LOGAN — The Pet Orphanage is sponsoring a cat spay/neuter clinic. Pre-registration and pre-pay (cash only) will be Saturday, Aug. 10, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce building, 96 W. Hunter St.

Those planning to attend are reminded they should arrive early, as spaces are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. The line forms as early as 8:15 a.m. Cost is \$40/female and \$30/male. The cut clinic will be held Sunday, Aug. 18.

Hemlock Forests and Night Sounds program offered

SOUTH BLOOMINGVILLE — While hiking through the Hocking Hills, it might seem like you've stepped into an unfamiliar world. This is largely due to the role of hemlock forests in the ecosystem.

On Aug. 9th from 2 - 9:30 p.m., folks can travel into the hemlock forests. This program will consist of an afternoon session, where participants immerse themselves in the hemlocks to learn about a range of topics including geology of the Hocking Hills, wildlife and stream ecology, and what natural resource professionals are doing to combat hemlock woolly adelgid, an invasive insect species.

After dinner, participants will become nocturnal creatures sharing an interactive presentation from Kevin Dodge from Garrett College in Mt. Airy, Maryland. After

learning and becoming familiar with the night sounds of Appalachian forests, there will be a short night hike to listen and learn.

This event will take place at Camp Otis in South Bloomingville, near the Hocking Hills State Park. A small registration fee entitles participants to dinner and program materials.

Spots are limited so be sure to RSVP quickly but no later than Aug. 5th. Register by mailing a registration form, calling 740.596.5212 (OSU Extension Vinton County) or emailing Dave at apley@osu.edu. For more information about this program including a map with directions visit: <http://osu.edu/seohwwoods>.

The first half of this event will include a short hike with moderate elevation changes but low difficulty. "A Day in the Woods"

and the "2nd Friday Series" are sponsored by the Education and Demonstration Subcommittee of the Vinton Furnace State Forest with support from Ohio State University Extension, ODNR-Divisions of Forestry and Wildlife, USDA Forest Service (Northern Research Station, State and Private Forestry) and the Wayne NS, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Vinton-Hocking-Athens Soil and Water Conservation District, Central State University Extension, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Piselle Specialty Solutions, Ohio Tree Farm Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hocking College, the Rutledge Grange Society and Ohio's 541 Implementation Committee.

Since 2012, "A Day in the Woods" has offered more than 60 programs with more than 100 presenters for woodland owners and enthusiasts just like you. For brochures and more details about our full slate of programs for 2019, visit <http://osu.edu/seohwwoods>. Be sure to mark your calendar so you do not miss any of these opportunities to spend "A Day in the Woods."

*Hemlock Ecosystems and Night Sounds, Aug. 9, Camp Otis/Otis and Hocking State Forest

*Timber Harvesting Things to Consider, Sept. 13, Zaleska State Forest-ODNR Complex

*Family Day in the Woods, Saturday, Sept. 14, Vinton Furnace State Forest

*Woodland and Wildlife Research, Oct. 11, Vinton Furnace State Forest

*Winter Tree Identification, Nov. 8, Zaleska State Forest-ODNR Complex



The small plaque provides a plethora of history, most unknown, to the lives of seven slaves who found freedom and death in Ohio's small Village of Rushville.

DEDICATION

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She told about Joe and Nellie discussing the idea of running away together to find freedom in the north, and on one occasion when Joe went to meet Nellie to begin their journey, he discovered that she had been sold.

He returned to running away alone in hopes of finding a job to earn money to purchase Nellie from her new owner; however, he had a deadly price in Rushville.

"He was terribly ill when he arrived and was given a proper burial in the cemetery," Nelson said. "Dr. Simon Hyde and Rev. William Hanby assisted him in his final moments of

life. Over the years, it was learned that more enslaved people were buried there as well, and they deserve to be remembered."

The plaque tells the story of the unnamed seven, and brings about history of the past that no one wants to repeat. The plaque is located next to Selby's marker.

The gravestone marker represents more in history than just a memory or dedication. It represents current events and how they mirror the past. Nelson said the marker also represents the good character of people in a time

this country is being divided between races.

She also noted the marker represents a voice, the unified voice of the seven slaves.

"We gave the freedom seekers a voice, and we honor their existence with the beautiful marker plaque," she stated. "It will forever serve as a testament to their struggle and sheer perseverance to live free from bondage. Now they may all rest in peace."

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utility Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings on Case Nos. 18-1724-A, 18-1724-B, 18-1724-C, 18-1724-D, 18-1724-E, 18-1724-F, 18-1724-G, 18-1724-H, 18-1724-I, 18-1724-J, 18-1724-K, 18-1724-L, 18-1724-M, 18-1724-N, 18-1724-O, 18-1724-P, 18-1724-Q, 18-1724-R, 18-1724-S, 18-1724-T, 18-1724-U, 18-1724-V, 18-1724-W, 18-1724-X, 18-1724-Y, 18-1724-Z, 18-1724-AA, 18-1724-AB, 18-1724-AC, 18-1724-AD, 18-1724-AE, 18-1724-AF, 18-1724-AG, 18-1724-AH, 18-1724-AI, 18-1724-AJ, 18-1724-AL, 18-1724-AM, 18-1724-AN, 18-1724-AO, 18-1724-AP, 18-1724-AQ, 18-1724-AR, 18-1724-AS, 18-1724-AT, 18-1724-AU, 18-1724-AV, 18-1724-AW, 18-1724-AX, 18-1724-AY, 18-1724-AZ, 18-1724-BA, 18-1724-BB, 18-1724-BC, 18-1724-BD, 18-1724-BE, 18-1724-BF, 18-1724-BG, 18-1724-BH, 18-1724-BI, 18-1724-BJ, 18-1724-BL, 18-1724-BM, 18-1724-BN, 18-1724-BO, 18-1724-BP, 18-1724-BQ, 18-1724-BR, 18-1724-BS, 18-1724-BT, 18-1724-BU, 18-1724-BV, 18-1724-BW, 18-1724-BX, 18-1724-BY, 18-1724-BZ, 18-1724-CA, 18-1724-CB, 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OBITUARIES



Cooksey

Karen Lee Cooksey

Karen Lee Cooksey, age 75, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2019, after an extended battle with Alzheimer's disease. Karen was born on April 10, 1944, to parents Dale and Bernice Wagner. As she sometimes proudly remarked, Karen was a farm girl, raised near Marietta, Ohio. After graduating from Marietta High School in 1961, she earned a bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University in 1965 and a master's degree in home economics from Eastern Michigan University in 1983.

She and Bill, her husband of 51 years, met and married in McArthur, Ohio. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Michigan, where they raised two sons, Brad and Greg, first in Plymouth and then in Grosse Pointe Woods where they resided for 21 years. Looking forward to retirement, they downsized to a condo in Fraser in 2001.

Karen was a devoted mother and consummate homemaker and wife. She was an outstanding cook and expert seamstress. She rarely sat down, always involved in some project or activity. She served ten years as the girls tennis coach at Grosse Pointe North High School, and 16 years was in charge of food service at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The latter included overseeing the preparation of meals for many special events and a weekly communal breakfast attended by upwards of 100 men.

Karen was happiest when associating with her many tennis and golf friends. She was a past member of Plum Hollow Golf Club, Lochmoor Club, Sealewaga Golf Club and Colonial Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida. Later, she found her greatest joy in life, participating in numerous activities with her three grandsons, who especially relished her pancakes and live-by-Golf games in Florida.

Karen is survived by her husband and life partner, Bill; two sons, Brad and Greg (loving daughter-in-law Kalli); grandchildren Will, Charlie, Niko and Jasmine; siblings Faye Patrick and Alan Wagner, and by many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Ferne Henthorn and brother Daryl Wagner.

Her memorial service will be at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 27th. Friends and family will gather at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m., together with a reception after the service. Interment will occur at a later date in the church's columbarium.

Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ Wejck-Lacalera.com

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association (http://alzal.org/donate).

William S. "Billy" Danford

William S. "Billy" Danford, age 31, of Caldwell, Ohio, died Sunday, July 21, 2019, at S.E. Ohio Regional Medical Center in Cambridge. Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at McVey-Perkins Funeral Home in Caldwell, where the funeral service

will be observed Thursday at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Halley's Ridge Cemetery.

M. Lorena Nicholas Haught

M. Lorena Nicholas Haught, 85, of Marietta, Ohio, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2019, at her residence. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 2019, at the Lambert-Tatman Funeral Home, Vienna. Interment will follow at the Riverview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



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Oliver

Martha Lee Oliver

Martha Lee Oliver of Pflugerville, Tx, formerly of Marietta, Ohio, died on July 2, 2019. Martha was 94 years old she was preceded in death by her daughter Patricia Lynn Oliver and husband James R. Oliver. She was survived by son Dennis Lee Oliver, daughter in law Barbara Ann (Brown) Oliver of Pflugerville, Tx. Grand children Dustin Hadley Oliver of Austin, Tx and Ashley Elizabeth (Oliver) See of Pflugerville, Tx. Great grand children Dillon Lee Tocason, twins Taylor Shay See & Skylar Rae See, all of Pflugerville, Tx. Small grave side viewing at East Lawn Cemetery will be held Wed July 24th at 10:00 AM.



Rauch

Ruth Mary Rauch

Ruth Mary Rauch, 89, of Churchtown, passed away Monday, July 22, 2019 in Marietta, Ohio. She was born May 23, 1930, in Marietta, to the late Francis A. and Louise Lang Schilling.

She was a graduate of Marietta High School. She retired in 1995 as a bookkeeper. Ruth was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Catholic Women's Club, Washington County Farm Bureau, Senior Citizens and had volunteered at Marietta Memorial Hospital. Ruth also cherished the time spent with her grandchildren.

Ruth is survived by two daughters: Nancy Russell (Dave) of Sidney, OH; Sandy Huck (Mark) of Lowell, OH; one son, Bob Rauch (Janet) Penn Knost of Waterford, OH; three grandchildren: Casey Rauch, Zachary Rauch (Janet Megan Blevins) and Courtney Huck; one great-granddaughter, Raelynn Rauch; three brothers, Frank Schilling (Gladys), Norbert Schilling (Shelia), Kenneth Schilling (Janet) and one sister, Gertrude Bradley all of Marietta and a number of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold Lawrence Rauch, whom she married May 23, 1951, an

infant daughter Cheryl; son Gary; brother Carl Schilling and sisters Janice Schilling and Dorothy Rauch.

Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be 10:00 am Thursday, July 25, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2-8 pm at the Barlow Chapel of Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home, where a Vigil Service will be 7:30 pm. The family suggests memorial donations may be made to the St. John School Foundation, 17654 St. Rt. 676, Marietta, OH 45750.

Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home is honored to serve Ruth's family, offering online condolences and many other resources by visiting www.cawleyandpeoples.com.



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Samuel D. Smith

Samuel D. Smith, 48, of Belpre, passed away on Sunday July 21, 2019, at the Camden Clark Hospital in Parkersburg. He was born on April 14, 1971, in Marietta to the late Guy (Sonny) and Shirley Cordie Smith. He was a retired truck driver and served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife, Mary Scarberry of Belpre, 2 step-sons, Joshua Estep and Skylar Scarberry, 2 step-daughters, Sabrina and Savannah Estep, a sister, Sara Smith and a grandchild, He is preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 12:00-1:00 P.M. at the Bethel Wesleyan Church near Belpre. The Stone-Matheny Funeral Home in Chesterhill is handling the arrangements. To send a note of condolence to the family go to www.mathenyfuneralhome.com.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Iris Treadway - Funeral, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Marietta Church of God, College Drive, Belpre, East Lawn Memorial Park. Visitation, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, McClure-Schaefer-Lankford Funeral Home.

LOTTERY

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Belpre

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Miller assured residents that the issue would not be ignored and that it would be addressed at the next meeting on Aug. 12.

"We need time to prepare to address this appropriately," Miller said.

Mayor Michael Lorentz has concerns about allowing golf carts to operate on the streets.

"We have this issue and people want to ride these golf carts and I'm not sure it's a good idea," Lorentz said. "In some parts of Belpre they would have to pass through major roadways like Route 618, and that could be unsafe."

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Glendale house fire Sunday night is under investigation

FROM STAFF REPORTS
A house fire which shut down Glendale Road in Marietta Sunday night is still under investigation. Marietta Assistant Fire Chief Rodney Scott said the call came into the fire station around 8:30 p.m. for a fire at 763 Glendale Road.

"It was basically contained to a bedroom upstairs," he said. "It was a room and contents fire and there was some smoke damage upstairs." Scott said there were multiple people at the residence at the time of the fire and they were all able to get out before the fire

department arrived. He said paramedics from the Devola Volunteer Fire Department were called in to transport an adult female to Marietta Memorial Hospital as a precaution. "She was having some trouble breathing," Scott added.

POLICE

Reports/Washington County

A deputy responded to Dodd Run Road, Marietta, on July 14 for a report of a possible stolen vehicle. On July 15, a deputy began an investigation in Newport Township in reference to stolen property.

A deputy assisted a resident in Barlow Township regarding possible missing items on July 16. During a traffic stop Wednesday on Ohio 550 driver Jacob S. Roush was found to have a suspended license. A citation was issued to Roush, of 2420 McDonald Road, Vincent, for marked lanes and driving under suspension.

On Thursday, a deputy met with Angela Johnson, of 100 Del Ray Court, Marietta, in reference to a Chevy Sonic she loaned to her husband that had not been returned. This case remains under investigation.

On Thursday, the dog warden received a complaint of a large dog belonging to Sasha Villegas and Brandon Murphy running loose from the property at 16000 State Route 821, Macksburg. The dog was loose and on another person's property and they were extremely fearful of this particular dog as it had shown aggression towards their dog. Summons for failing to restrain and failure to register will be requested for Brandon J. Murphy, 41, and Sasha Nichole Villegas, 37.

A deputy responded to First Lane, Belpre, on Friday where a motorcycle had been recovered and found to have been stolen from Parkersburg. Contact was made with the Parkersburg Police Department and the motorcycle was released to the owner.

A deputy responded to 21 Chris St., Belpre, on Friday in reference to a burglary. This case remains under investigation.

On Friday, the dog warden received a complaint advising Sasha Villegas and Brandon Murphy, of 16000 State Route 821, Macksburg, had recently obtained an additional dog, which was running loose from their property on this date. She made contact with Villegas and Murphy and advised them of a recent complaint(s). Villegas confirmed they had another dog and stated they recently adopted it from the Zanesville Humane Society.

Summons for failing to restrain will be requested for Brandon J. Murphy, 41, and Sasha Nichole Villegas, 37. On Saturday, a deputy, while working at the Washington County Jail, was

advised of an inmate needing to see a nurse. Inmate Ryan Matheny was contacted and his right hand appeared to be red and swollen, with lacerations. Matheny stated he had lost his temper and punched the wall. A short time later the Kiosk, which was located in the dorm where Matheny was housed, was found to have a broken screen. In further investigating it was determined that Matheny had punched the Kiosk screen, causing it to break.

Ryan Graham Matheny, 33, of 122 Kentucky Ave., Marietta, is being charged with criminal damaging. Dispatch received a call Saturday regarding a woman dancing in the middle of East Branch Road, Lowell. A deputy observed a female, later identified as Lisa Joy, standing in the middle of the road near the 400 block of East Branch Road. She was very unsteady on her feet, sweating profusely and wearing no shoes. Joy was making comments and gestures toward subjects, not present, in a wooded area adjacent to the roadway. Joy was placed into custody to be transported to the Washington County Jail. Joy continued with her comments and became belligerent, kicking the partition between the front and back seat of the cruiser. Joy was told to cease her actions, and lightly kicked the partition a few more times. Lisa Marie Joy, 44, of 1220 E. Branch Road, Lowell, was charged with disorderly conduct.

On Sunday, deputies met with Karissa Carroll at 159 Second Lane, Belpre, regarding a domestic incident with Karissa's husband, Joshua Carroll. During the early morning hours Karissa and Joshua had been drinking and at some point, he began assaulting her by striking her in the face with a closed fist. Joshua also grabbed her around the neck. Joshua Levi Carroll, 34, of 159 Second Lane, Belpre, was located in the residence and was placed under arrest for domestic violence.

A deputy, along with the Little Hocking and Dunham volunteer fire department, responded to 412 Cross Road, Belpre, on Sunday for a mobile home fire. Deputies responded to Barnett Ridge Road and Veto Road on Sunday for a report of a male and female walking in this area. Upon speaking with both individuals, they identified themselves and stated they had been arguing very loudly about having to walk to Coolville. It was determined that nothing physical hap-

pened between the two and deputies advised they would give them a ride to a gas station in Little Hocking to help them find a ride to Coolville. The female, Tessa McGrath, was advised that a deputy would have to search her purse for any weapons before she could get in the cruiser and she stated she understood and agreed to this. McGrath stated there were no weapons in the purse, however there may be drugs, as in marijuana and possibly meth. McGrath stated if the deputy found any meth it would belong to her. The deputy did locate a small baggie with a white crystal-like substance, and a baggie with a green leafy substance. Also recovered were three glass smoking pipes. Tessa Dee Robbins, 22, of 24755 Brimstone Road, Coolville, was placed under arrest and charged with two counts of possession of drugs, illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possessing drug abuse instruments, and transported to the Washington County Jail.

The following people were recently processed at the Washington County Jail: Frank William Amos, 28, of 430 Douglas Ave., Marietta, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, a misdemeanor. Robert Barton Lydy, 62, of 240 Hillcrest Drive, Apt. 40, Marietta, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, a misdemeanor. Colton Ryan Balderson, 30, of 17184 Muskingum River Road, Waterford, was arrested for possession of drugs, a felony, and improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, a misdemeanor. Angus, 42, homeless, was arrested for breach of recognizance, three counts, all felonies. Shannon Leann Wolfe, 31, of 5 Tonya Ave., Parkersburg, was arrested for illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possessing drug abuse instruments, both misdemeanors. Andrew Dustin McGestern, 19, of 3220 Thek Ridge Road, Lower Salem, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, a misdemeanor. Adrienne Elizabeth Ball, 23, of 11111 Seneca Lane, Bylesville, was arrested for possession of drug abuse instruments, breach of recognizance, both misdemeanors.

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OBITUARIES

Linda Sue Christopher

Linda Sue Christopher, 83, of Zanesville, Ohio, died Monday, July 29, 2019, at The Oaks at Bethesda in Zanesville. Friends may call Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home in Zanesville, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at McVay-Perkins Funeral Home in Caldwell, where the funeral service will follow visitation Friday at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Olive Cemetery.

Roger L. French

Roger L. French, 85, of Marietta, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2019. He was born June 19, 1934, in Marietta a son of Laurence French and Audrey Matheny Sewell.

Roger was employed by B. F. Goodrich Company in the United States and Canada until his retirement. He was a member of Army National Guard and a member of Masonic Lodge #390.

On November 2, 1951, he married Kathleen West who survives with one son, Jeffrey L. (Melanie) French of Marietta and daughter Kristina (Dean) Propp of Panama City Beach, FL; 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, daughter-in-law Norma French and son-in-law David Thacker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Steven French and daughter Cheryl French Thacker.

A special thank you to Marietta Home Health and Hospice for the care they gave Roger.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday (Aug. 1) at 11:00 a.m. at East Lawn Memorial Park Chapel. Family will greet friends at McCure-Schaefer-Lankford Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 4:00 until 6:30 with Masonic services at 6:30. Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.Lankfordfh.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Marietta Home Health and Hospice, 2788 State Route 7, Marietta, OH 45750.

David Wayne Gilliland

David Wayne Gilliland, 60, of Chesterhill, Ohio, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Services will be held on Friday, Aug. 2, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Matheny Funeral Home in McConneville with Pastor Kevin Rowland officiating. Friends may call on the family on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. To send a note of condolence to the family go to www.mathenyfh.com.

Lauren "June" Green

Lauren "June" Green, 89, of Caldwell, Ohio, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2019 at The Beckett House in New Concord, Ohio. She was born June 25, 1930 in Washington County and was raised by her Uncle Harry & Aunt Clara VanDyne. The family will receive friends Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 609 West St., Caldwell, OH 43724. A Memorial Service will conclude visitation at 1 p.m. in the Chandler Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Copley officiating. Inurnment will be held in Sharon Cemetery at a later date.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Barbara Campbell - al, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Visitation, 2-to-4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today, McVay-Perkins Funeral Home, Visitation, 2-to-4 p.m. today, Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home, Funeral 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday, visitation also one hour before the funeral, South Harbor Baptist Church, Burial, East Lawn Memorial Park, Rhea C. Dennis - Funer-

Reports/Washington County

On Friday, the dog warden requested a summons be issued for James R. and Deloris G. Jackson of 606 Florence St., Belpre, on a charge of failing to restrain four dogs and failure to register three dogs.

On Wednesday, four dogs belonging to the Jacksons were loose from their property and attacked and killed a cat belonging to a neighbor. These four dogs are registered. However, during the investigation, it was found the Jacksons actually own seven dogs, and the other three dogs are over three months of age and are not registered. Deloris admitted they had these dogs for "years" and she was aware she should have registered them but did not.

On Saturday, a lieutenant responded to Marietta Township in reference to a domestic incident. In speaking with all parties, this was determined to be unfounded.

A deputy responded on Saturday to Marietta Township in reference to a littering complaint. This case remains under investigation.

A deputy responded on Sunday to 1920 Roberts Road, Amesville, to a possi-

ble domestic violence incident between Erica Kidder and Vincent Roberts. Kidder pushed her down during an argument. Kidder did not sustain injuries, however has been in fear for her safety due to Roberts pushing her around. The area was checked for Roberts, however he was not located. A warrant is being requested through Marietta Municipal Court for Vincent E. Roberts, 38, on a charge of domestic violence.

A lieutenant and sergeant responded on Sunday to 4570 Laurel Ridge Road, Lowell, to meet with Cassidy Hogue. Hogue reported that she and her boyfriend, Corey J. Dugan, had been in an argument in the camper they live in. Hogue reported being in fear for her safety when Dugan showed her and broke a television. Two holes were observed in the camper wall, along with the broken television. Dugan admitted to the argument and throwing the television, however denied shoving Hogue or punching the wall that evening. Corey James Dugan, 23, of 4570 Laurel Ridge Road, Lowell, was placed under arrest for domestic violence and transported to the Washington County Jail.

On Sunday, a deputy arrived at 150 Camelot Road, Lot 31, Belpre, regarding a missing juvenile, possibly being at that location. Robert and Susan Trezza denied seeing the juvenile or having contact with the juvenile. A consent to search the residence was obtained and the juvenile was located hiding in a closet in the rear of the residence. Robert and Susan Trezza did not seem shocked that the child was in the residence, nor did they ask any questions of the child. A summons is being requested for Robert J. Trezza, 50, of 150 Camelot Road, Lot 31, Belpre, and Susan Renee Trezza, 45, 807 Virginia Ave., Parkersburg, for interfering with custody and obstructing official business.

POLICE

A deputy responded to Marietta Township on Sunday to a complaint of a juvenile leaving home, and his/her whereabouts were unknown. The child was eventually located and a summons is being requested through Juvenile Court for the child on a charge of unruly juvenile.

On Sunday, a deputy, while working at the Washington County Jail, began an investigation into an assault inside the facility during the investigation it was determined that inmate Brian McKinney was

assaulted by inmate Eric Hardman, while McKinney was watching television. Hardman exchanged words with McKinney and then struck McKinney in the left side of the face with an open hand. Hardman admitted to striking McKinney. A charge of assault was filed on Eric Zachariah Hardman, 27, of 606 Jamean Ave., Parkersburg, through Marietta Municipal Court.

Arrests/Washington County

The following people were recently processed into the Washington County Jail.

Kenneth Lee Hamhart, 39, of 10274 State Route 550, Vincent, was arrested for contempt of court and possession of drugs, both felonies, and possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, misdemeanors.

Hunter Triphers Platt, 28, of 749 Mary St., Belpre, was arrested for receiving stolen property, two counts of aggravated possession of drugs, improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle and having weapons while under disability, all felonies; and obstructing official business, driving under suspension and breach of recognizance, all misdemeanors.

Kevin Hale Richards, 30, of 3372 S. Caldwell Highway, Granville, W.Va., was arrested for fictitious plates, and expired plate, all misdemeanors.

Damian Scot Leisler, 23, of 779 Wells Road, Waterford, was arrested for possession of drugs, a felony.

Kenneth Edward Faulkner, 24, of 1382 Railroad Hollow Road, South Webster, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under suspension and improper lane usage, all misdemeanors.

Corey James Dugan, 23, of 4570 Laurel Ridge Road, Lowell, was arrested for domestic violence, a misdemeanor.

Dominick Joseph Ry Haught, Sr., age unknown, of 215 Bela Vista Drive, Marietta, was arrested for criminal trespass, a misdemeanor.

Justin Everett Bledsoe, 36, of 611 1/2 Elm Street, Apt. A, Belpre, was arrested for nonsupport of dependents.

Samantha Jo Kuhn, 28, of 9390 State Route 550, Vincent, was arrested for probation violation, a misdemeanor.

Daren Michael Craig, 24, of 615 Daltell Road, Whipple, was arrested for domestic violence, a misdemeanor.

Senate bows to Trump vetoes, allows Saudi arms sales

By Matthew Daly Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate failed Monday in a bid to override a veto by President Donald Trump, allowing the administration to move forward with plans to sell billions of dollars of weapons to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Trump's decision to sell the weapons in a way that would have bypassed congressional review infuriated lawmakers from both parties. In a bipartisan pushback, Democrats and Republicans banded together to pass resolutions blocking the \$8.1 billion weapons sales to the U.S. allies in the Persian Gulf.

Votes to override Trump's vetoes failed, 45-40, 45-39 and 46-41. A two-thirds vote

was needed in each case.

The White House argued that stopping the sales would send a signal that the United States doesn't stand by its partners and allies, particularly at a time when threats from hostile countries such as Iran are increasing. Saudi Arabia has long been a regional rival to Iran. Its strategic importance has grown as tensions with Iran have mounted after Trump unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from a 2015 accord that restricts the Iranian nuclear program.

The Senate vote came as the House Oversight Committee released a report criticizing the Trump administration over its apparent willingness to allow the president's friends and allies to exert undue influence over U.S. policy toward Saudi Arabia.

New documents obtained by the committee "raise serious questions about whether the White House is willing to place the potential profits of the president's friends above the national security of the American people and the universal objective of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons," the report said.

The report "exposes how corporate and foreign interests are using their unique access to advocate for the transfer of U.S. nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, who has repeatedly targeted the Trump administration in a series of investigations, came under sharp attack from Trump this weekend, when

the president called the congressman's district a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess" where "no man being would want to live."

The 50-page Oversight report, released Monday, says Trump's longtime personal friend, campaign donor and inaugural chairman, Tom Barrack, negotiated directly with Trump and other White House officials to seek positions within the administration, including special envoy to the Middle East and ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

At the same time, Barrack was promoting the interests of U.S. corporations seeking to profit from the transfer of nuclear technology to Saudi Arabia; advocating on behalf of foreign interests seeking to obtain U.S. nuclear technology; and taking steps for

his own company, Colony NorthStar, to profit from the proposals, the report said.

One of the companies leading efforts to build nuclear plants in Saudi Arabia, IP3 International, repeatedly pressed the Trump administration not to require Saudi Arabia to commit to a rigorous "gold standard" in any agreement with the U.S., complaining it would lock them out of lucrative nuclear contracts, the report said.

IP3 officials had "unprecedented access" to the highest levels of the Trump administration, including meetings with Trump, his son-in-law Jared Kushner and Cabinet Secretaries Rick Perry, Steven Mnuchin, Mike Pompeo, Rex Tillerson, James Mattis and Wilbur Ross, the report said.

Festival

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New this year are the RiverWorks Discovery and the Mid-Ohio Valley Drag-

Council

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"What these granting agencies all have in common though is they want to

"A lady comes from Indiana and she has a gift with children," she added.

New this year are the RiverWorks Discovery and the Mid-Ohio Valley Drag-

on Boat Team. "We aren't just showing pictures or videos; we are providing experiences and bringing our river heritage to life," said Hoff

"People can see how a hand-operated lock operates. They get to see the types of fish that live below the waterline. They can tour a 100-year-old sternwheel-

er. They can listen to stories about the early days on the rivers." Michelle Newbamb can be reached at mnwamb@mariettatimes.com

Frontier

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One of those positions remains open, he said, and a teacher will need to be hired before school resumes.

In other matters, the board:

- Approved a 75 cent per hour raise for OAPSF

LOTTERY

Ohio: Day Pick 3 3-4-9, Pick 4 7-4-4, Pick 5 9-8-8-7, Night Pick 2 6-3, Pick 4 9-5-1-8, Pick 5 1-6-3-4-7, Rolling Cash 5 7-15-26-31-38, Classic Lotto 6-22-27-35-41, Ohio 6-40-48-7.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Indigent Driver Fund to pay for additional ignition interlocks and electronic monitoring, \$69,613.04.

Court Capital Improvement Fund to replace and repair masonry damage to the courthouse, \$17,890.

And council will intro-

duce a \$29,542 transfer within the general fund to pay for four seasonal labor positions already authorized by the administration to hire within the public facilities and cemeteries crews.

Jeffrey Patterson can be reached at jtpatterson@mariettatimes.com

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Nation & World

Equifax to pay \$575M for breach

Affected individuals will be compensated

Nathan Bomey
USA TODAY

Americans will now get compensation for losses tied to one of the biggest data security failures ever. Credit-reporting company Equifax has agreed to pick up the tab in a proposed deal with the Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and 50 states and territories to settle allegations that it did not implement sufficient security measures to protect its network. The settlement still must be approved by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

The deal calls for Equifax to pay at least \$75 million, including \$300 million for free credit monitoring services, \$75 million to states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and \$100 million in penalties to the CFPB.

The company could be forced to pay another \$125 million if the initial amount is not enough to cover consumer losses, bringing the total tab to up to \$700 million.

What happened?

Equifax is accused of failing to adequately patch a security flaw that enabled hackers to swipe about 147 million names and dates of birth, 145.5 million Social Security numbers and 209,000 payment card numbers and expiration dates in 2017.

The FTC also said Equifax had stored network credentials and passwords, Social Security numbers and other consumer data in plain text files, which makes them more susceptible to criminal activity.

"This settlement requires that the company take steps to improve its data



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security going forward and will ensure that consumers harmed by this breach can receive help protecting themselves from identity theft and fraud," FTC Chairman Joe Simons said in a statement.

As part of the deal, the company must also implement internal measures to ensure it has adequate security systems and protocol.

"This comprehensive settlement is a positive step for U.S. consumers and Equifax as we move forward from the 2017 cybersecurity incident and focus on our transformation investments in technology and security as a leading data, analytics, and technology company," Equifax CEO Mark W. Begor said in a statement.

What you can get

Depending on how you were affected by the breach, you could be eligible for several types of compensation under

the proposed settlement.

Starting in 2020, all U.S. consumers will be entitled to six free Equifax reports each year for seven years. This can help you to monitor for any suspicious activity.

All Americans are entitled to get free identity theft recovery services for seven years.

If you were affected by the breach, you can get up to 10 years of free credit monitoring of your three credit reports at Experian, TransUnion and Equifax by an independent third-party service determined by the court. Or, you can receive \$125 if you already have a credit monitoring service and won't enroll in the free one.

If you spent time or money dealing with an ID theft issue that occurred after the hack and involved personal data that was exposed by the breach, you can get compensated up to \$20,000 per person. You can be reimbursed for the following:

- Losses from unauthorized charges on your accounts
- Cost of freezing or unfreezing your credit report
- Cost of credit monitoring
- Fees you paid to professionals like an accountant or attorney
- Other expenses like notary fees, document shipping fees and postage, mileage, and phone charges

You're also eligible to get \$25 per hour for time spent dealing with the breach's aftermath, up to 20 hours. For the first 10 hours, you just need to certify that you spent this time. For the additional 10 hours, you may need to provide documentation.

The claims process will open up after the settlement is approved by the court. In the meantime, it's best to gather documents, emails, receipts and other information to support your claim. You can find more information on the FTC's website.

Contributing: Jenna Herron

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Buehler's lecture voluntary salad recall

Buehler's Fresh Foods announced Monday it is voluntarily recalling 206 pounds of Buehler's Gourmet Pea Salad with Bacon and 360 pounds of Buehler's Garden Ranch Salad that was found to have foreign material in one of the ingredients used to make the product, creating a potential hazard.

The Buehler's Gourmet Pea Salad with Bacon was produced on July 10 and July 17, and sold to several stores in the area including the River Sox location in Monroeville Township and 275 Forest Meadows, Medina. Other affected locations include Wooner, Akron, Cochrane, Ashland, Canton and New Philadelphia.

Employees performing quality control checks during production discovered the problem.

There have been no confirmed reports of

adverse reactions due from anyone eating either salad product, the grocery chain said.

Patrol and Brunswick police work on safety detail

The State Highway Patrol and Brunswick police are partnering for a safety enforcement detail in from 9-10 a.m. today in and around Interstate 71.

The enforcement detail will focus on crash-causing violations, in addition to safety belt usage in the midsummer vacation travel period. The enforcement efforts will also focus on distracted driving behaviors and the dangers that may result in these types of driving behaviors.

Education classes for hunters in August

A hunter's education class will be from 6-9:30 p.m. Aug. 12, 13 and 15 at the Orville

Farmers' and Sportsmen's Club, 18473 Shilferry Road, North Lawrence. To register, call (800) 945-3543 or visit www.wildohio.com.

Zoo's Asian Lantern Festival

Due to popular demand, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo announced it is extending the Asian Lantern Festival presented by Cleveland Clinic Children's for two additional weeks through Sunday, Aug. 11.

More than 75,000 guests have already enjoyed this year's Asian Lantern Festival begun in late June. This year's festival expanded on the success of last year's event with all new lantern displays, additional live performances on the Fifth Third Bank Stage and expanded options of culturally inspired cuisine.

—from staff reports

COURTHOUSE

From A1

"A lot of people have an emotional attachment to the new courthouse," CJC member Skip Barran said. "There are 50 years of memories in that facade."

At-Large Councilman Bill Lamb, executive director of the CJC, said the courthouse has a rich heritage.

"To me, I'm against losing the front of that courthouse," he said.

He wants the adjacent prosecutor's office to be spared, as well.

In the feasibility study done in February, Sumner said three questions must be answered.

Can the municipal court and the common pleas courts share the facility? How big does it need to be? How much will it cost?

She said Brandtetter Carroll has built around 40 courthouses over the years in communities like Medina.

"This is completely in our wheelhouse," Sumner said.

Save Your Courthouse attacks did was change the way the courthouses are built with construction at the forefront of construction.

"We have to make public buildings safe," she said. "Things can happen, anywhere."

Homeland Security and the U.S. Supreme Court set certain requirements now in courthouses.

The courthouse design currently has about 127,000 square feet, including 38,000 square feet of shared space, with a cost of \$38 million.

"We still have work to do," Sumner said. "It's not a ride much. We're tasked with filling all these people's needs and bringing the cost down."

She said her staff has photographed all the old buildings around the Historic District. It's vitally important to keep the Victorian look of the Square, she said.

Attorney Jeff Bramley said it would be a shame to tear down the new courthouse.

"I can't see why they'd demolish it," he said.

LAMB

From A1

"We are now engaged in important projects and issues that speak to both our continued prosperity and the welfare of those who live, work or visit Medina."

"The reality about tomorrow is determined by the choices we make today — what buildings we decide to preserve or demolish, who is or isn't equal — these choices will be our story."

Lamb quoted American social philosopher Eric Hoffer, who wrote, "The only way to predict the future is to have the power to shape the future."

He said he is committed to continuing Medina's "awe-



Attorney Jeff Bramley shows a painting of the "new" courthouse that was built in 1969 on Public Square. He said he can't figure out why anyone would think of demolishing the structure.

Resident Mark Friedrich commended Brandtetter Carroll for its "beautiful presentation."

"But I don't want to see a waste of my tax dollars," he said. "It's a lot of money going out the window."

Save Your Courthouse spokesperson Pat Walker said the commissioners have been having meetings about the courthouse for months.

"Tonight we heard promises, but no binding commitments," she said. "A vote of the people will ensure that we are heard."

Sumner said construction will take at least 18 months and the full duration of the project will take about two years.

Once it's done, however, Hoxson said it should last 30 to 50 years.

In other news

The Finance Committee tabled an ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a design-build contract with any of the three companies in line to build the \$3.8 million city hall parking structure.

Desmond Construction, the city's consultant, recommended Ruhlman Construction of Sharon Township. CPS Construction Group, which used the city after it was bypassed when bids were opened, the first time, complained about the decision.

inspiring story" and is committed to shaping a future of continued prosperity and tolerance.

"To that end, I have organized my campaign to highlight what we have accomplished, how we are addressing current issues and concerns and how our accomplishments will advance the greatest possibilities," Lamb said.

Contact reporter Bob Fivern at (202) 721-4048 or bfivern@medina-gazette.com.

BRUNSWICK

From A1

Jones was also able to provide an update on the \$11.4 million North Carpenter Road project, which began in March.

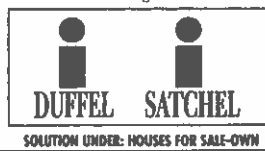
"Certainly, if you live in that area you've been impacted by it but the good news is that project is on schedule," Jones said.

Construction pavement installation on the south end of the construction zone will begin soon. The construction project is scheduled to end in 2020.

Contact reporter Alyssa Allen at (202) 721-4043 and aallen@medina-gazette.com.

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings to Case No. 18-1720-CA-AIR, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for an increase in Gas Distribution Rates; 18-1721-CA-AIR, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Tariff Approval; and 18-1722-CA-AIR, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan.

In its applications, NEO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and of an alternative rate plan. In a rate case, NEO requests a rate increase of \$3.56/100, or increase of 18.25 percent over current revenues. After an review of NEO's applications and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$300,952 to \$472,542, which represents an increase between 1.39 percent and 2.44 percent over current revenues. NEO's applications for an alternative rate plan seeks to implement the following two elements: a mechanism to refund customers the rates collected in excess of the corporate tax rate established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and the creation of the Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) rate. The IRP would allow NEO to recover incremental costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipelines.

Three local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County District Male Library, 119 North Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.
- Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Canton City Council Chambers, 215 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor, Canton, Ohio 44701.
- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bucyrus City Council Chambers, 300 South Second Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio 44620.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 160 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 160 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, by calling the Commission's toll-free 1-800-486-7636, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

EQUIFAX

From A1

"Companies that profit from personal information have an extra responsibility to protect and secure that data," said Federal Trade Commission Chairman Joe Simons. "Equifax failed to take basic steps that may have prevented the breach."

Equifax CEO Mark Borge said in a statement that the settlement "reinforces our commitment to putting consumers first and safeguarding their data."

Consumer advocates were generally positive on the settlement, but had concerns about its timeliness. Claims can only be filed for the next four years, but the thieves stole personally identifiable information like Social Security numbers and birthdates, the data could be used for decades to commit identity theft.

"What happens if a consumer is the victim of ID theft in the fifth year resulting from the breach, which costs the consumer tens of thousands of dollars?" said Chi Chi Wu, staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center.

Shares of Equifax, which plunged 30 percent following disclosure of the breach, have since made up that drop. On Monday, Equifax stock price closed at \$137.84 — not far from its price of \$141.45, where it was trading just before the breach was disclosed on Sept. 7, 2017. Business analysts say the settlement will remove a cloud of uncertainty over Equifax's business.

It also, however, underscores that U.S. consumers are still at the mercy of the credit-reporting companies when it comes to protecting their crucial personal details. Two years after the breach, Equifax, along with its competitors TransUnion and Experian, remain the primary repositories of the data that banks use to make credit decisions.

They face little regulation and disclose few details about their operations, despite promises to tighten security and rebuild consumer trust. Ordinary people have no easy way to opt out of the data collection that links their personal details

in corporate databases.

Equifax's CEO said he has seen zero evidence the stolen data has appeared for sale on the so-called "dark web" and no evidence of an increased identity theft because of the breach. The company did not provide evidence to back up that claim.

Security experts said there's really no way to know, especially in the absence of third-party validation. "You cannot determine with certainty that the information will never wind up in the hands of people who are going to use it," said Ryan Cole, a law professor at the University of Washington.

"It is a lifetime risk exposure," said Rich Mogull, CEO of the security firm Securosis, who added that the data might be useful for surreptitious uses beyond direct identity fraud.

Settlement payments will flow through a number of complex channels. Equifax will initially pay \$380.5 million into a fund to cover identity theft resulting from the breach, as well as any costs related to credit monitoring. The company will pay an additional \$125 million if victims' out-of-pocket expenses deplete the initial fund. Should all 147 million victims sign up for credit monitoring services, Equifax could potentially be on the hook for \$2 billion.

Equifax will offer victims of the breach free credit monitoring services for up to 10 years, identity-restoration services for seven years, and six Equifax credit reports annually for the next seven years. That's on top of the five report all credit-reporting companies must offer U.S. residents every year.

Victims can also seek up to \$125 as a reimbursement for the cost of a credit-monitoring product of their choice. Consumers must submit claims for free credit monitoring or cash reimbursements. The settlement received preliminary approval from a federal judge Monday, and claims can start processing Tuesday.

Equifax will have to spend at least \$1 billion over five years to enhance its cybersecurity practices and will owe a \$100 million fine to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and tens of millions of dollars to states and territories to settle their lawsuits.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Today

Orange Township Board of Zoning Appeals, regular meeting, 7 p.m., administration building, 3717 Ridge Road.
Madura County commissioners, regular meeting, 6:30 a.m., commissioners' conference room, administration building, 144 N Broadway St., Medina.

Wednesday

Madura City Archive Commission, regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., second floor, Town Hall and Engine House Museum, 50 Public Square.
Madura City Council, special meeting to pick city hall parking structure, 6 p.m., council rooms, city hall, 132 N. Elmwood Ave.
Madura County Home Advisory Council, regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Madura County Home, 6144 Wedgewood Road, Lafayette Township — canceled.

Thursday

Quilford Township Board of Zoning Appeals, regular meeting, 8 p.m., township hall, 3800 Greenview Road.
Hickory Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting to discuss preliminary site plan reviews for an industrial building on Center Road and Hickory Elementary School on Ridge Road, 7 p.m., administration building, 1410 Ridge Road.
North Coast Regional Council of Park Districts, regular meeting, 8:30 a.m., Lorain County Metropolitan Park District, Schoepfle Garden, 11105 Market St., Birmingham.
York Township Zoning Commission, regular meeting, 7 p.m., fire station, 6800 Norwalk Road.

Friday

Lafayette Township trustees, special meeting to discuss the Safety Services Building construction and any other business, 2:30 p.m., town hall, 6778 Wedgewood Road.

WEATHER WATCH

TODAY: Showers, T-storms. **80/63**
WEDNESDAY: Showers, T-storms. **78/60**
THURSDAY: Sunny. **81/59**
FRIDAY: Sunny. **83/62**

KID'S VIEW



Tessa M. Schmitt
Granger Elementary School

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Midday Pick 4: 7-6-8. Pick 5: 4-3-1-8.
Midday Pick 5: 0-9-9-8-7. Pick 6: 1-4-3-9-7.
Rolling Cash 6: 7-15-38-31-26.
Classic Lotto: 6-22-27-36-41-45. Kicker: 5-0-4-9-7.
Next Rolling Cash 6 Jackpot is \$150,000.
Next Classic Lotto Jackpot is \$1.1 million.

Mega Millions

FRIDAY: 4-8-11-43-48. Mega Ball: 11. MegaMillion: 3.
Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated \$46 million.

Powerball

SATURDAY: 1-18-31-48-61. Powerball: 5. Power Play: 2.
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2020 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Great Lakes governors push candidates for shared-water safeguards

John Fleisher
The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Five Democratic governors of states in the Great Lakes region Monday urged the candidates in next year's presidential election to support a plan for safeguarding their shared waters by boosting federal spending on treatment plants and environmental cleanups.

Led by Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, the governors proposed a six-point platform dealing with long-term ecological issues as well as the emerging threat of toxic PFAS chemicals. It also seeks to boost commercial shipping by improving ports and other infrastructure in the world's largest freshwater network.

Whitmer told The Associated Press the plan's release was timed to draw attention to issues affecting the lakes ahead of Democratic debates scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday in Detroit. But she said the governors also hoped for support from Republican President Donald Trump.

These are not Democratic or Republican issues, Whitmer said. "This is about protecting this incredibly important resource that you can't live without."

In addition to Whitmer, the plan drew backing from Gov. Tim Wiers of Wisconsin, Tim Walz of Minnesota, J. Brian Heit of Illinois and Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania.

Whitmer said she had contacted the region's other three governors — Democrat Andrew Cuomo of New York and Republicans Mike DeWine of Ohio and Eric Holcomb of Indiana — but they declined to sign on.

Whitmer said DeWine's staff had provided "a lot of input" as the policy was developed, despite his reluctance to endorse it publicly.

"I simply think it's a political concern," Whitmer said. "I know we've worked very closely on those policies and that's why I feel comfortable pushing this out. I know there is bipartisan support for this agenda."

A message seeking comment was left with DeWine's office.

Trump's record on Great Lakes issues is mixed. His budget plans have called for slashing or eliminating funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a multi-year program to prevent species invasions, clean up polluted harbors and river mouths, reduce nutrient runoff that feeds toxic algae and restores wildlife habitat. Congress has consistently

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rejected those proposals and maintained funding at \$300 million annually.

The president's latest spending plan in February proposed cutting the program's funding for the next fiscal year to \$30 million. But a month later, during a rally in Grand Rapids, he reversed course and pledged \$300 million.

He also has supported initial funding of a nearly \$1 billion expansion of the Soo Locks, a crucial navigation link for vessels hauling iron ore and other commodities between Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

The governors' platform calls for incrementally boosting the restoration initiative to \$475 million a year, along with tripling federal funding for drinking water and wastewater treatment infrastructure.

It also requests funding of a plan to strengthen defenses against invasive Asian carp at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Illinois and help with curbing nutrient pollution of the western Lake Erie basin 40 percent by 2025.

Another proposal seeks stepped-up federal funding and standards to deal with perfluorinated and polyfluorinated substances, or PFAS, which are thousands of toxic chemicals used in products ranging from nonstick cookware to stain-resistant fabrics and firefighting foam. The compounds, which federal toxicologists have linked to health problems, have been detected in many drinking water systems.

"The Great Lakes are a vital natural resource to our entire nation, and ensuring American families have access to clean drinking water and a safe waterway system that supports our economy should be a priority for our next president," Prizker said.

"At 11:11 on the clock, that is the moment you're supposed to make your greatest desires known. It's a connection with the higher energy of the universe to let your desires be known. We thought that was a good connection to have in naming our group."

Tammy Craig, about her nonprofit Eleven Eleven: Giving Love

UGANDAN

From A1

Craig, O'Connor and others traveled to Uganda in June to view the orphanage and get logistics of what it would take to build the school. The group has formed Eleven Eleven: Giving Love, a nonprofit that has so far brought in more than half of a \$40,000 fundraising goal for the school.

Craig said an additional 20 percent to 30 percent could be added to final costs. The group has finalized its purchase of the land and work is now underway to secure access to clean water at the site.

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"We want this to be (a) sustainable school where kids can actually go out and work on the land and learn how to sustain themselves, not only in education but in life. We're hoping to provide them with that and maybe even more into eco-friendly initiatives down the road like putting solar panels on the school."

An anonymous donor recently stepped forward with an additional \$25,000 donation to Craig, with some of that meant to go toward the school and the remainder for her other initiative, Empower YOUTH Retreats. Craig and her sister, fellow Wedgewood grad Debbie Bard, invite Medina County students to participate in activities including yoga, meditation, and nutrition seminars.

Since 2003, Empower YOUTH Retreats has handed out annual scholarships to students that have amounted to \$1,000 or more each year.

"Now that we've got this donation it will really help with the scholarships and with sponsoring costs for kids going on the retreats," Craig said. "We both wanted to find as many ways as possible to give back to this community that's been so kind to us."

Craig and her colleagues in Uganda hope to have the school up and running within the next year. If you'd like to donate to the project or to the student retreats, contact her at tgraig254@yahoo.com or at (330) 703-4826. More information on donating and retreat activities can be found at www.whatsupdc.com.

Contact reporter Jonathan Delator at (330) 721-4050 or jdelator@medina-gazette.com

LEGAL NOTICE

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- Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Tiffin City Council Main Library, 179 North Broad Street, Tiffin, Ohio 43150.
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- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bucyrus City Council Chambers, 500 South Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.

The evidentiary hearing on these proceedings will commence on August 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1901. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-1901, by calling the Commission's toll-free 1-800-686-7878, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

ALMANAC

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 30, the 211th day of 2019. There are 154 days left in the year.

Today in history

■ In 1619, the first representative assembly in America convened in Jamestown in the Virginia Colony.

■ In 1725, Baltimore, Maryland, was founded.

■ In 1792, the French national anthem "La Marseillaise," by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, was first sung in Paris by troops arriving from Marseilles.

■ In 1916, German saboteurs blew up a munitions plant on Black Tom, an island near Jersey City, New Jersey, killing about a dozen people.

■ In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill creating a women's auxiliary agency in the Navy known as "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" — WAVES for short.

■ In 1945, the Portland class heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis, having just delivered components of the atomic bomb to Tinian in the Mariana Islands, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine; only 317 out of nearly 1,200 men survived.

■ On July 30, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure making "In God We Trust" the national motto, replacing "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of many, one).

■ In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a measure creating Medicare, which began operating the following year.

■ In 1975, former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappeared in suburban Detroit although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

■ In 1980, Israel's Knesset passed a law reaffirming all of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

■ In 2001, Robert Mueller, President George W. Bush's choice to head the FBI, promised the Senate Judiciary Committee that if confirmed, he would move forcefully to fix problems at the agency. (Mueller became FBI director on Sept. 4, 2001, a week before the 9/11 attacks.)

■ In 2002, WNBA player Lisa Leslie of the Los Angeles Sparks became the first woman to dunk in a professional game, jamming on a breakaway in the first half of the Sparks' 82-73 loss to the Miami Sol.

■ In 2003, President George W. Bush took personal responsibility for the first time for using discredited intelligence in his State of the Union address, but predicted he would be vindicated for going to war against Iraq.

■ In 2009, Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Sgt. James Crowley, the Cambridge, Massachusetts, police officer who arrested him for disorderly conduct at his home, had been with President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden at the White House to discuss the dispute that unleashed a furor over racial profiling in America.

■ In 2014, the House overwhelmingly approved, 420-5, a landmark bill to refurbish the Veterans Affairs Department and improve veterans' health care. Three Israeli artillery shells slammed into a United Nations school in Gaza crowded with some 3,300 people; the shells, which Israel said came in response to mortar fire nearby, killed 17 people.

Today's birthdays

Movie director Peter Bogdanovich is 80. Feminist activist Eleanor Smeal is 80. Ginger Paul Anka is 78. Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is 72. Actor Kim Clin is 65. Actress Debra Burtis is 63. Law professor Anita Hill is 63. Slanger writer Kate Bush is 61. Movie director Richard Linklater is 59. Actor Laurence Fishburne is 58. Actress Lisa Kudrow is 55. Actress Vivica A. Fox is 55. Actor Jerry O'Connell is 51. Actor Simon Baker is 50. Movie director Christopher Nolan is 49. Actor Tom Green is 48. Actress Christine Taylor is 48. Actress Hilary Swank is 45. Olympic gold medal beach volleyball player Misty May-Thomas is 42. Soccer player Hope Solo is 38. Actress Gina Rodriguez is 35. Actress Joey King is 20.

Today's thought

"An efficient bureaucracy is the greatest threat to liberty."

— Sen. Eugene McCarthy (1918-2005)

Local

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Federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds now available

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The local Tuscarawas County EFSN board will meet to review applications and determine recipients of the funding. Per guidelines set by the National EFSN Board, the local board is composed of representatives from the American Red Cross, Dominion East Ohio Gas, Friends of the Homeless Shelter, the Greater Dover/New Philadelphia Food Pantry, GuideStone of OH, HARECRUIS, Job and Family Services, Journey's End, OSU Extension Service, Salvation Army, Tuscarawas County Council on Research and Community (TCRC), Tuscarawas Co. Family and Children First, Twin City Christian Service Center, United Way, and representatives from various religious communities.

Local agencies who submit applications and are chosen to receive funds must:

- Be private voluntary non-profit or units of government
- Be eligible to receive federal funds
- Have an accounting system
- Practice nondiscrimination
- Have a DUNS number and a valid e-mail address
- Demonstrate the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and
- Have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Any public agency wishing to receive an application and be considered for funding from the EFSN should contact local board chairperson Louise Worsham, Director of TCRC, at 330-343-6012 or emailing her at lworsham@tcrcinc.net. Deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019. Applicants must meet with the local board on that date as part of the application process.

SUBMITTED BY LOUISE WORSHAM

Dover Public Library to host mini-lock-in for teens

The Dover Public Library, 535 N. Walnut St., will host a mini-lock-in for teens entering grades 6-12 from 6 to 11 p.m. Aug. 9.

The event will include icebreaker games, pizza, a gaming hour with board and video games and a crafting hour. Registration is limited to 24 teens and requires a completed permission slip.

For information, visit doverlibrary.org.

SUBMITTED BY DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

'Mine'-ding Midvale's History Royalty seeking history queen, attendant

The "Mine"-ding Midvale's History Royalty is currently seeking its 2019-20 Midvale history queen and attendant.

A contest for the roles will take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 5 at Midvale United Methodist Church in Midvale. Applications are due Sept. 1.

For applications, call 330-340-1044; btis@roadrunner.com.

SUBMITTED BY "MINE"-DING MIDVALE'S HISTORY

Ohio Lottery

MONDAY'S PICK 3

Midday: 1-1-4

Evening: 1-2-7

MONDAY'S PICK 4

Midday: 1-4-4-9

Evening: 2-9-5-1

MONDAY'S PICK 8

Midday: 4-1-4-7-4

Evening: 3-8-8-1-9

MONDAY'S ROLLING CASH 5

1-18-13-29-35

Jackpot: \$152,000

MONDAY'S CLASSIC LOTTO

8-11-26-28-31-44

Extra: 2-6-8-1-4-1

Jackpot: \$18.6 million

ESTIMATED JACKPOTS

Mega Millions: \$165 million

Powerball: \$63 million



■ Makerspace Community Day will be July 29 at Kent State University at Tuscarawas.

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Makerspace Community Day is July 29

Times-Reporter staff report

NEW PHILADELPHIA Kent State University at Tuscarawas will hold Makerspace Community Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 29 in the Academic Learning Commons in Founders Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Makerspace Community Day will feature workshops and activities, including Makerspace tours, sign painting, soldering and button making workshops, and card making with the Cricut. Learn how to use the Makerspace equipment to craft and create. The event will also include free popcorn and activities for children.

"Our Makerspace is an area that provides students and the community with many types of high-tech equipment they can use

to create and expand their imagination," said Maria Feik, Kent State Tuscarawas equipment lab technician and event coordinator.

Kent State Tuscarawas increased digital and entrepreneurial literacy in Tuscarawas and surrounding counties by providing a Makerspace, where state-of-the-art equipment and support services meet. Makerspace is used to develop ideas and entrepreneurial skills with professional business support.

"Our campus is in a unique position to offer students and the community support for the innovative ideas created in the Makerspace," said Cherie Bronk, Kent State Tuscarawas library director. "Our programs provide education, while the Makerspace provides inspiration

and the means to test and apply education in ways that create new business ventures and marketable products."

Along with offering various workshops, Makerspace offers support to develop small business ideas. Support extends to services offered through Blackstone Launchpad, the Office of Business and Community Support and the Ohio Small Business Development Center.

Use of Makerspace equipment is free to residents of Tuscarawas County. Materials can be provided at a cost through the Academic Learning Commons or materials may be brought in.

For more information on Kent State Tuscarawas Makerspace, visit <http://libguides.tusc.kent.edu/makerspace>.

Little Free Library comes to Franklin Park in Strasburg

STRASBURG Children or adults in the village will be able to take advantage of the Little Free Library that has been erected at Franklin Park by The Tuscarawas County Public Library System.

A little free library is a "take a book" from the small purple wooden box located near the Boy Scout building and pavilion #1 in Franklin park. The book exchange has been given a personal touch and anyone may take a book or bring a book to place inside to share with others.

Little Libraries have been referred to as "mini-town squares."

The library box weighs about 40 pounds and is 21 inches wide by 23.5 inches tall and 18.5 inches deep and is made from plywood and plastic. It includes a metal roof and treated post on which it is

mounted. There are about 50 books inside the Little Library depending on the size of the boxes.

The Little Library boxes are painted by the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and labeled by Better Banner Printing.

This is the seventh Little Free Library placed in the county and the first in the Strasburg service district. The first Little

Library was erected at Tuscarora Park with the help of the Rotary and County BDD in 2016. The goal is to place one to two Little Free Libraries each year, at a location for children and adults to enjoy.

The Little Library will be maintained by the County Public Library System staff, and includes books for all ages.

Some other locations are Ballik Community park, Beklen Community park in West Washington, SEB New Philadelphia, and Warrenton Community Center in New Cumberland.

For questions about

the Little Free Library contact Megan Kovalski-Grimm, Public Relations Associate at 330-364-4474 ext. 221 or makovalsk@tusclibrary.org.

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Three local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- (a) Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County District Public Library, 210 North Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.
- (b) Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Cuyahoga County District Public Library, 215 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor, Lakewood, Ohio 44130.
- (c) Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Tuscarawas County District Public Library, 300 South Sandusky, in Cress, Ohio 43024.

The evidentiary hearing on these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 114 at the offices of the Commission, 140 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3791. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 140 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3791, by calling the Commission's hotline at 1-800-485-7576, or by visiting the commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

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Uhrichville City Council

July 24 meeting
Resolution Trubel, Inc., presented new natural gas rates for the city's natural gas aggregation program. The new rate would be .295 cents per KW hour with Constellation Energy. That rate would be effective Oct. 1. Residents always have the option to opt out.

Trubel received a renewed contract with the city to represent them on the natural gas and electric aggregation programs.

The City Museum renovations have been completed. One air conditioner unit will be replaced at a cost of \$3,900.

ODOT inspected gravel spilling out of a joint on the overhead bridge, the city will handle the repair. It was not structural in nature.

The Moose Lodge and Johnson's Printing are requesting the vacation of an alley between E. Fourth and E. Fifth streets. Part of the alleyway has already been vacated.

The first reading of the ODOT Bridge Inspection contract was read.

Revenue is unchanged from 2018.

HB 166 was signed with an increase in local government funding of 1.66%.

Wes Odo reported that the new ambulance has already been used to transport 10 patients.

UP NEXT meets at 7 p.m. on Aug. 6 in Council Chambers.

TAMARA YAGGART

United Mine Workers of America to meet

United Mine Workers of America local chapter 1104 will hold a regular meeting at 10 a.m. Aug. 3 at Capra's Restaurant & Lounge, 135 E. Main St., Hopedale.

The United Mine Workers of America is a diverse union with membership that includes coal miners, manufacturing workers, clean coal technicians, health care workers, corrections officers and public employees throughout the U.S. and Canada.

For information: umwa.org.

SUBMITTED BY UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA

Kimbolton Community Center to host country music

The Kimbolton Community Center, 210 Main St., will hold a country music event from noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 4.

The band lineup is to be determined. The kitchen will open at noon to serve hot food and children's dinners and an assortment of sandwiches and desserts. Carpooling will be available. The event will include cake walks and a 50/50 drawing. Free admission.

SUBMITTED BY

KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY CENTER

Plenty of action at annual Corn Festival

By Mark Linbacher
Times-Reporter correspondent

STRASBURG The weather was perfect and attendance just as good for the 38th annual Corn Festival held at Franklin Park this past weekend.

Friday evening the corn fest visitors enjoyed a car show, music by Ben and Electric Mud, a 5K race and fun run and plenty of food.

Saturday featured plenty of activities. The day featured 5-on-5 basketball tournament, softball games, children's games, library story time, a corn eating contest, a tractor pull, New Town Chuggers, a rubber duck race, a Metro Life Flight helicopter appearance, food and music by Wacky Country and Back to Back.

Over 400 dozen ears of corn and 600 barbecued chicken halves were consumed during the two-day event, along with other food provided by local organizations.

Event winners:

■ Rubber Duck race — Cathy Wiggs, Melanie Holsinger, Robyn Burdett, all of Strasburg. Proceeds are used toward the girls' youth basketball program.

■ Antique car show and cruise-in sponsored by the Strasburg Lions Club (144 cars registered) — Jerry Bechtel was best of show, \$50 and a trophy for a 1991 Harley Davidson



■ Caden Windsor (left) and Caden Windsor were the top finishers in the 7-10 year-old age group in the corn eating contest at the Strasburg Corn Festival. To see more photos of the event, check out a gallery at TimesReporter.com.

Heritage So Real; Becky Hinehart won the Participants Choice with a 1956 Plymouth Fury; Jerry Seibert won best motor cycle for a 1906 Big Dog.

Those winning first place in different divisions were: Steve Williams, 1954 Ford F-100 truck; Elise Clausen, 2009 XLR Cadillac convertible; John Seapos, 1967 Chevrolet Supersport (historic); Dean and Cindy Miller, 2017 Chevrolet Camaro (Post 1994); Don Stephen, 1937 Ford Coupe (post class).

Other winners selected by participation were: Rick Miller, Massillon, 1949 Ford Truck F-1; Herb Jackson, 1949 Studebaker PU; John Dadds,

1969 Oldsmobile 442 Convertible; Rick and Patty Maheswe, 2003 Chevrolet Corvette 50th Anniversary; Pam Seapos, 1972 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; Ron and Lorna Wispah, 1946 Ford Coupe; Kyle Mattrel, 2013 Chevrolet Grand Sport; Ryan Yoss, 2001 Ford Mustang GT; Randy Chantz, 1969 Camaro SS; Dave Althoff, New Philadelphia, 1964 Chevrolet Nova.

Trophies were supplied by Willandale Golf Cart Sales and the Strasburg Lion's Club. ■ Corn eating contest winners — Ages 8-10: Caden Windsor, seven ears; Caden Windsor, six ears. Both are from New Philadelphia, 11-15: Chayann Day, of Bolivar, 12 ears; Brayden Windsor

of New Philadelphia, eight ears. Men's Division: Jeremy Sloan, New Philadelphia, 14 ears; Justin Miller, Beach City, 12 ears. Women's Division: Kate McCaffrey, Strasburg, nine ears; Stephanie DeVault, Dover, nine ears.

Contestants consumed over 300 ears of roasted corn. ■ 3-on-3 basketball tournament: Holly's Bar and Grill, boys' 12-under: Bern 2 Hoop, boys' 13-15: Team Meitz, boys' 17-18: White Meantins, 19-over: Team Secret, girls' 12-under: Quaker Hoops, girls' 13-15.

No results were available for the 5K race and fun run or the tractor pull.

Dover Library to host investment program

The Dover Public Library, 525 N. Walnut St., will host the program Investing in Your Future at 10 a.m. Aug. 10 in the Community Room. Participants will learn about the various aspects of investing, managing a portfolio, the eight levels of risk and fund management. The presenter will be William Storti.

To register: 330-341-0423.

SUBMITTED BY DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dover Public Library to offer bingo game for students, parents

The Dover Public Library, 525 N. Walnut St., will hold a back-to-school bingo game for students and parents at 2 p.m. Aug. 3.

Participants will play to win various school supplies. This event is a sponsor of a 21st Century After-school Learning Grant with Dover High School.

SUBMITTED BY DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Barbour Books to hold 2019 book sale benefit

Barbour Books, 1810 Barbour Drive, Uhrichville, will hold its 2019 book sale benefit from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 2 in the front parking lot.

Hot dogs, chips, water and soda will be available. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Community Hospice. For information: barbour-books.com.

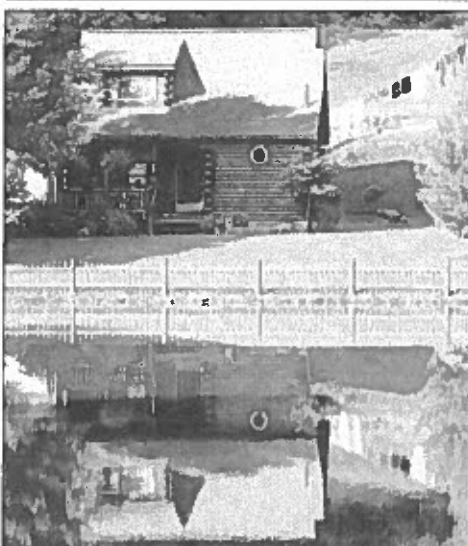
SUBMITTED BY TWIN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Camp Buckeye to host annual pig roast

Camp Buckeye, 10055 Camp Road NW, Beach City, will host its annual pig roast fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 24.

The dinner will include roasted pig, mashed potatoes, smothered steak, dessert and a drink.

Cost is a donation. For information: 330-350-1350; info@campbuckeye.org.



REFLECTING ON A SUMMER'S DAY

■ The sunlit shared this photo of a cabin located just south of Baltic reflected on a lake. It was a good day to hang the wash on the line. Do you have a photograph you think our readers would enjoy seeing? Share it by emailing a jpg image to Interactive Editor Joe Wright at joewright@timesreporter.com. Include a short bio about the photo, along with your name and hometown. We might see your photo in an upcoming edition of The Times-Reporter.

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- (c) Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson City Council Chambers, 301 North Sandusky Avenue, Baymen, Ohio 44320.

The evidentiary hearings in these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 1801 44th Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43211-3783. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 1801 44th Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43211-3783, by calling the Commission's toll-free number at 1-800-486-7626, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

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Twins turn triple play in win over Yankees

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"Those are the teams that you're going to have to play at the end of the season if you want to look up there and play," said Garver, who has 18 homers in just 181 at bats. "These are the games that are really good for us, because we're playing against the top level."

Jorge Polanco, Nelson Cruz and Max Kepler also went deep, giving the Twins their eighth game with five or more homers this season. All but Garver's second solo shot came off starter CC Sabathia (5-5), who lasted only four innings.

Just like our lineup, it's a tough lineup to face," Sabathia said, "so you've got to be sharp, and I wasn't."

Martin Perez was hit just as hard, serving up home runs to Oio Urbani in the third, Luke Voit in the fourth and Al batting leader DJ LeMahieu in the fifth, a two-run drive that cut the deficit to 7-5.

Nine of the last 13 batters against Perez reached, with 14 total bases, and he left after failing to get out in the fifth. LeMahieu went 3 for 4 to raise his batting average to .338, and the Yankees hit multiple homers for the 20th time in 29 games.

The deciding factor, then, was those sharp grounders, starting with Edwin Encarnacion after back-to-back walks drawn by LeMahieu and Aaron Judge. The ball went straight to third baseman Luis Arraez, who stepped on the bag and deftly whipped the ball to second baseman Jonathan Schoop in the same motion to barely get Judge. Schoep's razor-sharp relay to first baseman Miguel Sano beat Encarnacion by a step.

"You've got to give Arraez all the credit, because he just gave me a perfect throw," Schoep said.

Gary Sanchez grounded into an inning-ending double play in the third. Judge did the same in the sixth against rookie Lewis Thorpe

(1-1), who carried his first major league win with 2 2/3 scoreless innings.

Taylor Rogers got his 15th save despite allowing singles to Judge and Encarnacion.

"We could have very easily got double digits tonight," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "They made some plays when they had to."

After the Twins lost four of their first six games on this home field, with the bullpen blowing late leads multiple times, their long-time nemesis arrived at an inopportune time.

No opponent ever has angsty like the Yankees, who always have thousands of their own cheerers in attendance to boot.

Of the set in a picture-perfect, 78-degree evening in front of 34,627 ticket buyers, the Twins improved to just 37-59 against the Yankees since 2009, including a 2-13 record in the postseason.

MORE ON THE MASHING

The Twins became only the second team to hit at least five home runs in eight games during the same season, joining the 1977 Boston Red Sox.

Minnesota has 187 homers in 99 games, on pace to reach 308. The Yankees set the record with 287 home runs last year, and they're one of five teams that are on track to top that mark.

THREE'S A CROWD FAVORITE

The triple play by the Twins was their first in more than two years, since Sano went around the horn to Brian Dozier and Joe Mauer against the Los Angeles Angels on June 1, 2017. Since becoming the only team in history to turn three twice in the same game, in 1990 against the Red Sox, the Twins have logged only one triple play.

This one came against Encarnacion, whose 16 homers at Target Field are the second-most by a visiting player. He has 91 RBIs

in 92 career games against the Twins.

The Yankees had also gone two years without hitting into a triple play. Todd Frazier was the last entry party, on July 25, 2017, against Cincinnati.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees' LF Brett Gardner was on the bench for the second straight game because of inflammation in his left knee, and Boone said Gardner would be available in a pinch but that he'd prefer to give him more rest. ... During a three-run third inning for the Twins, Gary Sanchez forced in a run with a catcher's interference error when Cruz swung and clipped his mitt with the bases loaded. The bat hit Sanchez on the side of the head, but he stayed in the game.

Twins: Just five days after being reinstated, 1B C.J. Cron returned to the injured list with inflammation in his right thumb, an injury that has hampered him for more than a month.

CF Byron Buxton was eligible for activation, and manager Rocco Baldelli said Buxton's concussion-like symptoms had cleared, but the Twins opted for caution and more time. Thorpe came up from Triple-A Rochester.

Instead, RHP Cody Stashak joined him on the shuttle. RHP Zack Littell was sent down.

UP NEXT

Yankees' RHP Domingo German (12-3, 3.38 ERA) pitches Tuesday night, potentially aiming to become the first 15-game winner in the majors pending Stephen Strasburg's outing for Washington. German is 3-0 with a 1.50 ERA since returning from the injured list for a strained left hip flexor.

Twins: RHP Kyle Gibson (9-4, 4.02) takes the mound for the middle game of the series. Gibson is 6-1 with a 3.71 ERA and a 210 batting average against in 10 appearances at home this season.

Goldschmidt's grand slam in 10th lifts Cardinals

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals spent the opening months of the season sputtering in tight situations. Now, they're soaring, keeping their chances in the wild-card NL Central slot in the process.

Paul Goldschmidt hit his fifth career grand slam in the top of the 10th and right fielder Jose Martinez threw out the tying run at the plate in the bottom of the inning to help the Cardinals beat the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates 6-5 on Monday night.

Goldschmidt took an offering from Clayton Kershaw (1-1) and sent it to the concourse that runs behind the wall in right-center field with the bases loaded in the 10th as the streaking Cardinals moved to 9-5 since the All-Star break.

Goldschmidt's 19th home run of the season was just enough after St. Louis reliever Carlos Martinez nearly let a four-run cushion get away.

"We've got to find a way to win the close ones," Goldschmidt said after his team improved to 14-15 in one-run games, including a 3-1 mark since July 12. "I felt like we haven't done that. There was a month or two in there, that's where the record was really bad. We weren't finding a way to win those close ones, whether it was a high-scoring game or a low-scoring one. Now, at least recently, we've won a few of these close games, come from behind. And that's what it's going to take. The division's so tight."

Pittsburgh drew within a run in the bottom of the 10th on an RBI single by Josh Bell and a two-run homer by Jung Ho Kang. The Pirates put the tying run at second base with no outs but couldn't pull even.

Martinez threw out Pittsburgh's Kevin Newman on a sharp single to right by Jacob Stallings for the second out. The cut stood after the Pirates challenged and Carlos Martinez retired Adam Frazier on a fly ball to right to collect his ninth save.

"I just threw the ball as hard as possible," Jose Martinez said. "I was trying to make that throw low. We're still in the game. That's a tight ballgame."

Newman thought his left leg touched home before catcher Andrew Knicker got the tag

down and threw his hands up in exasperation when home plate umpire Mike Eastbrook rang him up.

Definitely a tough one to not go our way," Newman said.

Matt Wieters hit his eighth home run for the Cardinals — and fourth this month — and added a sacrifice fly. Chasen Johnson (1-0) picked up his victory since last August by escaping a two-out, two-out jam in the ninth.

Starting Marte had three hits for Pittsburgh. Bell, Carlos Morán and Bryan Reynolds all drove in runs but the Pirates left 11 runners on base to fall to 2-8 since a 12-5 surge peaked them within two games of first in the NL Central at the break.

"I don't think we are doubting ourselves as a team," Pittsburgh starter Trevor Williams said. "I never thought that last inning was something special. Looney hurt but a low line tonight is a tough one to swallow."

Williams looked crispier with a few extra days to prepare for his 14th start thanks to a bout with flu-like symptoms that forced the Pirates to skip his normal turn in the rotation over the weekend.

Williams allowed two runs, one earned, in five innings with two walks and tied a season high with seven strikeouts in his most effective outing since returning from a month-long stay on the injured list in May and June due to a strained right side.

St. Louis rookie Daniel Ponce de Leon was roughed up by the Pirates last week, getting tagged for eight hits and four runs in less than four innings of work. The 27-year-old wasn't any sharper in the rematch. He labored through three innings while battling his command, allowing three hits and four walks while needing 86 pitches to record nine outs.

Still, Ponce de Leon managed to surrender just a single run as Pittsburgh's hitless offense — the Pirates came in averaging just 2.7 runs since the break — failed to take advantage.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cardinals: 3B Matt Carpenter (right foot contusion) is scheduled to begin a rehab assignment at Triple-A Memphis on Tuesday night. Carpenter is eligible to come off the 10-day injured list on

Friday. ... Jedd Ojeda (right wrist surgery) is "doing baseball stuff" according to manager Mike Shildt and is slightly ahead of schedule but there remains no timetable for his return.

KELLS SUSPENDED

The Pirates activated reliever Keane Kela from the 60-day injured list after suspending him for two games for an unspecified violation of his contract. Kela went on the injured list on May 6 with right shoulder discomfort. The Cardinals recently completed a rehab assignment with Triple-A Indianapolis, allowing five runs in 3 1/3 innings across four appearances with the Indians.

UP NEXT

Cardinals: Dakota Hudson (9-4, 3.57 ERA) is 5-1 in his last six road starts heading into Monday's game.

Pirates: Chris Archer (3-8, 5.38) will try to pick up his first win since June 6. Archer has a no-decision in each of his last six starts. He gave up three runs in six innings to St. Louis last Wednesday.

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- (a) Monday, August 12, 2019, at 8:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County District Main Library, 210 North Broad Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43139.
- (b) Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 8:00 p.m., at the Canton City Council Chambers, 218 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor, Canton, Ohio 44701.
- (c) Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bucyrus City Council Chambers, 500 South Sandusky Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, or by calling the Commission's toll-free at 1-800-646-7324, or by visiting the Commission's website at www.puc.ohio.gov.

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Contenders need pitching help

(Continued from page 8) manager Rose Atkins said Monday after defeating Stroman, a first-time All-Star, to the New York Mets for a pair of pitching prospects. The younger players seem to be really increasing in value."

Major League Baseball's deadline for trades without waivers was June 15 from 1923 through 1989, and has been July 31 or Aug. 1 each year since. Players who cleared waivers could be dealt after the deadline, but they had to be in an organization by Aug. 31 to be eligible for the postseason.

That changed in March, when MLB and the players' association agreed to a rules change that prohibits trades from Aug. 1 through the World Series. The only way a player can change clubs during that period is to be claimed on waivers or get released and sign with a new team.

"I think one of the things we're going to find in the next couple of days as a result of there being no August trades anymore, there's going to be a lot of teams looking to make moves to fortify their depth," Philadelphia general manager Matt Denton said Monday, when he acquired

left-hander Jason Vargas from the Mets.

In a season of record home runs, most contending teams they'll need more pitching to survive the pennant races and the postseason. With the season about two-thirds over, about half have just completed games entering Monday — only slightly ahead of the pace that led to a record-low 42 last year. That's down from 104 in 2015, 208 in 2009 and 302 in 1998, a sign of just how much the sport has transformed in two decades. Managers want plenty of power arms available during the season, leading rebuilding teams to sell off their veterans to clubs hoping to win now.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees and Houston Astros have large leads and the Atlanta Braves are comfortably atop their division. But the Yankees' season 104 in 2015, 208 in 2009 and 302 in 1998, a sign of just how much the sport has transformed in two decades. Managers want plenty of power arms available during the season, leading rebuilding teams to sell off their veterans to clubs hoping to win now.

Houston is looking for a starter to join a rotation headed by Justin Verlander,

Wade Miley and Gerrit Cole. The Dodgers have been seeking relievers from a market that may include Joe Blundin, Ian Kennedy, Ken Giles, Myles O'Leary, Shane Bieber, Francisco Lirio and Seth Lugo.

About a half-dozen teams in each league are competing to reach the wild card playoffs, forcing some to them to make critical decisions whether to go for it or give up and stock for the future.

Even though the Mets are 50-55, first-year general manager Brodie Van Wagonen's approach is win now.

"Brodie understands that I know we can win now. He knows that we can win now," manager Mickey Callaway said. "We both feel like we can win and get on a run and get into this thing."

With so many teams still contending or at least thinking they are contending — some GMs might push for a later trade deadline to be considered for 2020. Already there will be one big change next year — the active roster limit from Sept. 1 on will be 28, down from 40. In exchange, the maximum from the start of the season through Aug. 31 will increase from 25 to 28.

Protests might come up' with Jones

OXFORD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas defensive end Robert Quinn says he chose his new team before an offseason trade from Miami because it felt like the right fit when he visited the Cowboys.

There remains one issue unaddressed with owner Jerry Jones: protesting during the national anthem.

Quinn raised his fist during the anthem while he was with the Rams and the Dolphins. Jones has always taken a hard stance against such displays by his players, saying a year ago at training camp, "If we're just going to, again, like I said, peace love and happiness within yourself, just try to make the best out of every day. But that didn't change his strong views about the flag."

"As sorry as it is, the type of Jones we live in, we're just got to, again, like I said, peace love and happiness within yourself, just try to make the best out of every day. But that didn't change his strong views about the flag."

Quinn told The Associated Press on Sunday when asked if he planned to discuss it with Jones. "Right now, it's not on my mind. I'm here to play football right now. Focus on my new journey."

Asked if he and Jones had to get on the same page on the issue before the season, Quinn told the AP, "I don't know. You'll have to talk to Jerry about that one." Jones declined to comment Monday.

The Cowboys open the regular season at home against the New York Giants on Sept. 8. Their preseason opener is Aug. 10 in San Francisco.

Since Colin Kaepernick sparked the debate in 2016 by kneeling during the Star-Spangled Banner, players have been kneeling, sitting or raising fists during the anthem to protest police brutality, social injustice and racial inequality.

Quinn said he grew frustrated with the reporting on the issue during his time with the Dolphins because he thought the message getting out was too much about "war and prison."

They weren't disciplined. Neither player is still with the Cowboys, but their departures weren't related to issues over the anthem.

When the anthem issue flared again early in the 2017 season following strong criticism of the players by President Donald Trump, the Cowboys decided on a show of unity before a game in Arizona. Before the game, Jones said, "I want Jones knelt with the players in a long line of locked arms. They stood before the anthem started."

Jones has said he understands the point of view of players who have said they weren't protesting the flag or the military.

But that didn't change his strong views about the flag.

The priority is about the flag, and he real clear about that," he said last year.

Quinn chose the Cowboys over the New Orleans Saints after the Dolphins tried to clear payroll in a youth movement under new coach Brian Flores.

The 29-year-old Quinn was due for a base salary of \$11.8 million with Miami this year, the last season of a \$57 million, four-year deal he signed while still with the Rams. He agreed on an \$8 million, one-year deal with Dallas, with \$6 million guaranteed.

"Literally, it was the feeling I got when I just walked in both buildings," Quinn said. "I don't think I could have went wrong either way. There's a reason why I brought me here. Clearly it's my destiny."

Quinn, a first-round pick by the Rams in 2011 out of North Carolina, has 89 sacks in eight seasons.

Dolphins fire 1st-year offensive line coach Pat Flaherty

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins first-year offensive line coach Pat Flaherty has been fired and replaced by Dave DeGuglielmo, who had been an analyst for the

coaching staff.

The changes Monday came after four days of training camp drills.

Flaherty was hired in February by new head coach

Brian Flores and was entering his 20th year of coaching in the NFL.

He coached the offensive line for the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2017-18.

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case No. 18-072-GA-AR. In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates, 18-172-GA-ATA, In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Tariff Approval, and 18-072-GA-ATX, In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency County Executive Charlotte Schmachtenberger recently announced Wyandot County is authorized for emergency haying and grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program acres outside of the primary nesting season. Emergency haying is permitted from July 16 through Aug. 31. Emergency grazing is permitted from July 16 through Sept. 30.

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For more information or to request approval for emergency haying or grazing use of CRP acres, contact the Wyandot County FSA office at 419-294-2127.

OSU Extension starts FAQ webpage

HARDEN COUNTY — The unrelenting rains this spring and summer have created many challenges that the farming community is now sorting through. In order to help with decisions, OSU Extension has created an "Addressing 2019 Agricultural Challenges" Frequently Asked Questions webpage.

This page provides the most up-to-date answers to questions about topics, ranging from Market Facilitation Program and disaster payments to cover crops, forages, livestock concerns, management of crops that are out of sync with normal planting dates, as well as answers to more questions as information becomes available.

There is also an option to submit questions. Webinars with more detailed information will

also be shared at this location.

The page is available at go.osu.edu/AgCrisis. Since the situation farmers are facing is constantly evolving, be sure to check back for the latest information available.

Resources that are available to farmers at this location include 2019 Ag Crisis FAQs and webinars; Farm Stress for both individuals and people serving the farm community; C.O.R.N. Newsletter for agronomic crop farmers; Buckeye Daily News for dairy producers; Ohio Beef Cattle Letter and Ohio Ag Manager for livestock producers; Ohio Fruit News for fruit producers; Veggie Newsletter for vegetable growers; and Buckeye Appellation for wine grape growers.

DeWine encourages farmers to seek relief

COLUMBUS — Ohio governor, Mike DeWine Monday encouraged farmers in 40 Ohio counties to seek potential relief from the U.S. Department of Agriculture following the USDA

Secretary's disaster designation in their counties or contiguous counties due to rain, flooding or other weather conditions.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, in letters dated July 25, 2019, designated several counties as primary natural disaster areas due to production losses caused by extreme weather events that occurred during the 2019 crop year.

"This has been a very tough year for farmers," Gov. DeWine said. "We appreciate the Secretary's actions in reviewing the information about production losses in these counties and making

these natural disaster designations."

In June, Gov. DeWine requested a USDA Secretarial disaster designation for Ohio and met with farmers about the effects of heavy rainfall this year.

"Inclement weather conditions have caused farmers across our state to make tough economic decisions that will have a long-term impact on the agricultural industry," Ohio Department of Agriculture Director Dorothy Pelanda said. "Secretary Perdue's assistance is greatly appreciated."

According to the USDA, a Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency, which may include FSA emergency loans.

The following counties were designated by the Secretary either as primary counties or contiguous counties affected by natural disasters: Allen, Athens, Auglaize, Coshocton, Crawford, Defiance, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Hocking, Huron, Knox, Licking, Logan, Lucas, Marion, Meigs, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ottawa, Paulding, Perry, Pickaway, Putnam, Ross, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Wayne, Washington, Wood and Wyandot.

Farmers should contact a local FSA office for additional information. Additional information on USDA's disaster assistance program can be found at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Driver in court for assault

By RAYMOND L. SMITH
Tribune Chronicle

NEWTON FALLS — A 56-year-old Garfield Heights motorist accused of beating a woman with a metal cane on U.S. Route 422 in Southington is scheduled to appear today in Newton Falls Municipal Court on charges of felonious assault and disrupting service.

Tommy Lawson, 56, 13625 Maplerow Ave., Garfield Heights, was arrested July 19 by Trumbull County sheriff's deputies on accusations that he beat Pamela F. Fort, 50, 3288 Arla St. NW, Warren, according to sheriff's office reports.

Deputies were dispatched just after 7 p.m. to the area of 5406 U.S. Route 422 after receiving multiple calls that a woman was being beaten by a man with what appeared to be a golf club, the report states.

A deputy said when he arrived, Fort crawled toward him, yelling, "Help me, please."

Deputy Dennis Carito said mean-while, Lawson stood there holding

his car keys and a metal cane in his right hand.

Lawson told officers he traveled from Cleveland to pick up Fort. Lawson said on the drive back, he was on the phone arguing with his fiancée when Fort grabbed the car's steering wheel and ran them off the road, the report states.

Lawson told deputies that when they got out of the car, Fort "all of sudden just started hitting me, so I fought back."

Lawson told deputies he called 911, according to the report. However, Trumbull County 911 did not have a record of a call from Lawson or from his telephone number.

Fort claimed that Lawson lost control of the vehicle when he pulled out a bottle of alcohol while driving. He drove the Jeep back on the roadway, but then it was no longer able to operate, according to the report. Lawson began blaming her for the incident, yelling various obscenities, she told deputies.

Once she realized he was not going to take her home, Fort said she

threatened to call the police. He grabbed her phone and attempted to smash it on the ground, according to the report.

He then "lost it" and attacked her, she claimed.

Fort was treated at a hospital for multiple cuts, bruises and swelling, the report states.

"Victim was highly emotional, as she was crying uncontrollably and difficult to understand," Carito wrote in his report. "A bruise on Pamela's right forearm arm had the identical marking and shape to the end of the cane handle."

The cane was bent and had stress-like marks, according to the report. Deputies said they found an empty bottle of Patron and an empty can of Miller Lite nearby. Lawson admitted having at least one beer, the report states.

Lawson, according to court documents, was arraigned Monday, assigned a \$25,000 bond and ordered to have no contact with Fort.

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Sheila C. Barker

1930-2019

VIENNA — Sheila C. Barker, 88, of Vienna, formerly of Warren, passed away Sunday evening July 28, 2019, in the emergency room of St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital.

She was born Nov. 26, 1930, in Carbondale, Pa., a daughter of John and Mabel Connelly Finan.

Sheila was an alumna of Kent State University, from where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education. She began her teaching career at the former St. Plus X School in Warren and would go on to work for Warren City Schools for more than 30 years as a substitute teacher before her retirement.

Sheila was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was a current member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church and was a former member of St. Plus X in Warren, where she had been a member of the Altar and Rosary societies and had been active in the R.C.J.A. program with her husband for many years.

Mrs. Barker was an avid card player, and had also enjoyed playing bingo, working jigsaw puzzles and taking camping trips.

Sheila was the proud mother of Michael (Theresa) Barker, Kathleen (Scott) Perry, Sister Debbie Barker, Steven Barker, Colleen (Michael) Barker-Williamson, Maureen (Bill) Shreve and Nancy Barker; proud loving grandmother to 23 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; and beloved sister of Carolyn (Donald) Hutchins.

She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 45 years, Robert F. Barker, whom she married Aug. 23, 1952, and who passed away May 22, 1996; two daughters, Cynthia Knickley and Susan Jaskowicz; and by her brothers Jerome and Dick Finan.

Friends may pay their respects from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at the Dillon & Santucci Funeral Home, 4471 Warren Sharon Road, Vienna. The Very Rev. Frank Zani V.P. will celebrate a Mass of Christian burial on Thursday morning beginning at 10 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Vienna. Friends may visit with the family in the church from 9:30 to 9:50 a.m., prior to the start of Mass.

Burial will follow in All Souls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the donor's favorite local charity in Sheila's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dillon & Santucci Funeral Home, 4471 Warren Sharon Road, Vienna, OH 44173.

To sign the guestbook for Sheila's family, friends may visit www.dillon-santucci.com.

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Liberty bank robbery suspect assigned a \$1 million bond

By RAYMOND L. SMITH
Tribune Chronicle

GIRARD — The man accused of exchanging gunfire with an off-duty Liberty police officer during an attempted bank robbery in Liberty was assigned a \$1 million bond and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing a.m. Wednesday.

Dabraylin T. Hawkins, 23, 64 Duncan Lane, Youngstown, appeared Monday before Judge Jeffrey Adler in Girard Municipal Court.

Hawkins was arrested in the parking lot of Jimmy's Italian Specialties, 3530 Belmont Road. He was treated for what police called gunshot wounds to the lower extremities, then placed in Trumbull County Jail.

Bednar, a 33-year veteran officer, was praised for his actions during the bank robbery. He is on paid administrative leave while the shooting is investigated. This is standard procedure within the department.

Hawkins remains in Trumbull County Jail in connection with the attempted robbery at the Home Savings Bank, 3500 Belmont Ave., Liberty.

Police said when a would-be robber entered the bank, he was confronted by George Bednar, a Liberty police officer working a side job, who saw the man's weapon. Both Bednar and the man fired shots.

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Man asks high court to hear appeal

Tribune Chronicle

WARREN — An attorney for a man sentenced to 47 years for killing Brandon Sample, 26, in June 2017, and robbing a pizza at a gunpoint is asking the Ohio Supreme Court to review his client's failed appeal.

The 11th District Court of Appeals in May denied the appeal filed by attorneys for Austin Burke, 21.

Burke was sentenced by Trumbull County Common Pleas Court Judge Andrew D.

Logan to a life sentence with his first possibility for parole after 30 years. He received an additional three years in prison for using a firearm in the commission of the crime. Logan also sentenced him to 11 years for the June 20, 2017, aggravated robbery of the Cortland Pizza Joe's, with another additional three years for using a firearm in that crime.

In a separate case, Burke was given 11 years in prison for fashioning a weapon while he was in the county jail awaiting trial on the murder and robbery charges.

Burke will be eligible for parole in 2075, according to

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction records.

After the conviction, the defense argued the robbery at Pizza Joe's and the murder should have been tried separately and asked the judge for a new trial, which Logan denied.

Burke's attorneys appealed to the higher court, arguing Logan shouldn't have tried the robbery with the murder, the court shouldn't have allowed cellphone tower evidence seized without a warrant, and the jury returned a verdict against the "manifest weight of the evidence," among other claims.

Reneville District judges

found the arguments from Burke's attorneys were without merit.

Appeals Judge Timothy P. Cannon wrote the opinion, with Judges Matt Lynch and Mary Jane Trapp concurring.

The notice of appeal does not outline the arguments his attorneys want the Ohio Supreme Court to consider, but states it is a "matter of great public and / or general interest that involves a substantial constitutional question."

The Ohio Supreme Court created the docket July 5. No date has been set for entries made since the original paperwork was filed.

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Champion honors longtime superintendent

By BOB COUPLAND
Tribune Chronicle

CHAMPION — Pamela Hood has served the Champion Local School District for the past 25 years. Her last day before retirement is Wednesday.

On Monday, the Board of Education honored her contributions and projects by renaming the high school auditorium as the Pamela S. Hood Auditorium.

Board President John Pitts said when Hood was hired in 1994, the district had faced a levy defeat, staffing had been reduced and the district had pay-to-play sports.

"Mrs. Hood worked hard to fix our district, making tough decisions to get us back on track," Pitts said. "She worked diligently and made sure the community knew what was taking place by always having community members involved. She is a very hard worker and truly dedicated to the school district."

He said through her efforts, a bond issue was passed years later to construct a \$31 million PK-8 School, which opened in 2018.

"This was one of her proudest moments when the district voted to construct a new school. She is leaving for retirement knowing we have a new



Tribune Chronicle / Bob Coupland

The Champion Board of Education on Monday named the high school auditorium the Pamela S. Hood Auditorium, honoring the retiring superintendent for her 25 years with Champion Local Schools. From left with the plaque to be placed outside the auditorium are board members Patricia Fisher, Jim Scher, John Pitts, Hood, and board members Kelly Boyle and David Mahan.

school, are in good financial stability and have a promising future," Pitts said.

Former board member John Mahan, who was on the board when Hood was hired, said Hood started as an interim superintendent and was hired as superintendent in 1994.

"When she started, she jumped right in and secured many grants for the district, including for the \$11 million stadium project. She established many community engagements, including the Senior Citizen Advisory Council and Champion Pride Council," he said.

Current board member David Mahan said "dedi-

cated" is the main word to describe Hood.

"She has given countless hours, way beyond her regular business day. What she did was what was for the best for the students, schools and community," he said.

"What I am leaving is in great hands," Hood said of incoming Superintendent John Grabowski and district administrators.

Hood said she was honored to be part of the school district and having the auditorium named for her.

"I adore the teaching staff here. They are phenomenal. I have been here 25 years, so I have probably

burnement for his voluntary payment," he states in Sherbourne's counterclaim.

Sherbourne argues that Snyder's lawsuit is frivolous, vexatious and is an abuse of the court's process.

She asks for her attorney fees and court costs to be paid by Snyder, damages for the trauma brought on from the domestic violence incident and for the judge to dismiss the case.

The lawsuit also contains a letter from a counselor — JoAnne Carwithen at Oakwood Counseling Center — attesting to the poor psychological state Snyder has been in since July 2018, describing fits of uncontrollable crying, anxiety, isolation and an inability to focus. The letter states Snyder feels he was falsely accused in the domestic violence / sexual imposition case.

Sherbourne argues through Keating that Snyder entered a plea of no contest and so cannot base a claim on "false accusations."

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Lawsuit

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\$2,744 on legal fees.

"Many of the listed items are apparently for dinner dates — a defense filing states.

Sherbourne states in filings that she reimbursed Snyder for certain things like travel expenses and things for her house, but he never asked and the two never had an understanding that Sherbourne would pay for the other things, court documents state. And, the two lived together five days out of the week, an affidavit states.

Sherbourne's attorney, Daniel Keating of Warren, argues that Snyder is a "jilted boyfriend" trying to take "revenge" by seeking money for every date and every meal the two shared.

In the course of their relationship, Snyder "voluntarily paid for certain expenses and entertainment" and until Snyder filed the lawsuit, he never requested "reim-

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KIRTLAND

Holden Arboretum seeks to certify volunteers

Ohio State University Extension program starting up again in September for volunteer naturalists

By Betsy Scott
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Stuart and Jeanne Pearl got more than an education when they became Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists through Holden Arboretum's training program. "Our fellow students were wonderful, fascinating, friendly people," said Stuart Pearl, who was certified in 2017. "We find we have a lot in common; we have formed ongoing friendships."

Although the Lyndhurst couple has volunteered in Cleveland Metroparks for 15-plus years, they find they are more capable of giving the public thorough and complete information, thanks to the OCVN program.

"It really filled in a lot of background gaps that maybe we haven't thought about," said Pearl, one of the guides on the Kallender Emergent Tower at Holden.

Applications now are being taken for the program, being offered again this fall.

Participants are required to attend sessions at the Arboretum in Kirtland from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 6 through Oct. 12. Cost is \$225.

The program is a science-based natural resource education program coupled with community-based volunteer service.

The program is administered by the Ohio State University Extension in conjunction with local partners.

The Arboretum has offered certification since



Stuart Pearl of Lyndhurst is an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist at Holden Arboretum. He serves as a guide at the emergent tower.

2010 and had nearly 200 people go through the training.

"OCVN is an incredibly popular program and we usually get many applications each year," said Holden Forests and Gardens Interpretive Services Manager Rya Rodriguez, noting that each class size is limited to 20 people.

Participants receive formal training on a wide range of natural resource topics.

To become certified, the trainee must complete the training component, pass the required exam and volunteer for 40 hours.

The volunteer commitment may be fulfilled in a number of ways, either at Holden or with other nature-related organizations.

"An OCVN is a trusted resource to many organizations who are in need of passionate people who care about the environment and their community," Rodriguez said.

goes said. "It can be a start to a meaningful volunteer tenure with an environmental-focused organization, a career in natural sciences or a bridge into community leadership. OCVNs are trained and qualified educators as well as lifelong learners and dedicated community members."

After completing volunteer time, volunteers are encouraged to continue to assist with natural resource program delivery. Certification is maintained by completing eight hours of advanced training and 20 service hours annually.

"We need more people willing to serve the community through volunteer service and passion to inspire a connection and love for the environment and plants," Rodriguez said. "And we love having OCVNs help us achieve our mission."

For more information, contact Rodriguez at 440-602-8014 or visit ocvn.osu.edu.



Jeanne Pearl of Lyndhurst is an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist at Holden Arboretum in Kirtland. She also volunteers at Cleveland Metroparks.

Bond

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medical helicopter from University Hospitals Richmond Medical Center in Richmond Heights to MetroHealth in Cleveland.

An investigation by Willoughby Hills police re-

vealed that Crawford allegedly entered the apartment with a handgun.

He bound each woman's hands with duct tape, stabbed them both multiple times, doused them with lighter fluid and set them on fire.

He then took the children and fled in an unknown di-

rection, the news release stated.

"Officers weren't aware of the kidnapping of the children until later in the incident when that information was relayed to police by one of the victims," Willoughby Hills police stated in the news release.

About an hour after leav-

ing the apartment, Crawford called Lake County Central Dispatch and said he had dropped the children off at his parent's house on Muskoka Avenue in Cleveland. Crawford also said he was sitting on a bench at Euclid Beach. Cleveland and Willoughby Hills police officers checked

that location, but didn't find the suspect.

At about 9 p.m., July 21, Crawford turned himself in at the Cleveland Police Department Fourth District station at 9333 Kinsman Road. During the search for Crawford, police found the three children safe at their grandparents' house.

The children are now staying with a family member, the news release stated.

On July 22, the Euclid woman injured in the incident was listed in critical condition at MetroHealth.

The Willoughby Hills woman was listed as stable at Hillcrest, according to the news release.

Thomas

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used a swimming pool analogy to explain Y-STR.

"Imagine you have a swimming pool full of water and you put a drop of dye in that swimming pool," she said. "What are the odds you're going to see the color change? There's far too much water in the pool. The dye is diluted out and you can't visually see that at all. That's what happens with samples such as vaginal samples or rectal samples coming directly from an individual. There's an abundance of their DNA. I can't see what is foreign

to them.

So the Y-STR testing allows us to ignore the female DNA when the abundance of DNA is coming from a female. So it's like instead of looking at the swimming pool of water, I'm just looking at that drop of blue dye."

Vaginal samples collected from McSweeney detected no DNA foreign to her in traditional STR DNA testing, Dreyer said. However using Y-STR testing, Dreyer detected a single male DNA profile that was consistent with Thomas.

That male profile was compared to the profiles of the other 46 men who had DNA swabs submitted in the McSweeney investigation.

"Every male I compared

to with the exception of Mr. Thomas is excluded as the contributor to the male DNA," Dreyer said.

She added that every time she makes an inclusion such as Thomas's, she makes a statistic to tell her how common or rare the profile is in the general population.

Using the U.S. Y-STR database, which has 2,092 available profiles, has zero matches to her evidence profile, giving her a frequency of 1 in every 699 unrelated male individuals.

The U.S. Y-STR database is now defunct, Dreyer said. BCI now uses the YHRD database. Dreyer said the switch happened because the prior database was de-

commissioned on Jan. 30, 2019.

"Not for errors, not for mistakes, simply for a term of resources," she said. "There was a larger database that could incorporate all of this data. That data was moved to the new database and we're now using it."

A partial male DNA profile was also developed for fingerprints on McSweeney's right hand. Dreyer said that profile was consistent with Thomas. The other 46 males (which included other bar patrons present on the night of the murder) were again excluded from the sample. The profile was compared to the database where two other observations of this partial DNA have been made, so that profile can be found in 1 of

"Every male I compared to with the exception of Mr. Thomas is excluded as the contributor to the male DNA."

Hallie Dreyer, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations

every 333 unrelated males, Dreyer said. Palm and finger samples from McSweeney were also tested. A single male profile was developed that was consistent with Thomas and all the other males the profile was compared to were excluded. The profile is found in 1 in every 699 unrelated males, Dreyer said.

Rectal swabs collected from McSweeney were also tested. A partial single male profile was developed that was consistent with Thomas and all the other males tested could be excluded. The partial profile occurs in 1 in 443 unrelated males, Dreyer said.

The results do not mean that Thomas is the contributor to the foreign DNA found in McSweeney's samples. It means he cannot be excluded.

"DNA evidence cannot answer the when, the how, in any case, in any circumstance," Dreyer said. "So our job as DNA analysts is to determine if there DNA? Can we compare to H? Can that individual be included or excluded? Aside from that we do not know the circumstances."

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SE-L-SCHOOLS

School district welcomes new treasurer

Currently under contract for Lorain City Schools, board may challenge ability to leave

By Richard Peyerchin
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It appeared Lorain City Schools Treasurer Joshua Hill may be leaving the district.

But Lorain Schools board of education President Mark Ballard said he does not want Hill to leave — and the board may not let him out of his work contract.

The situation was developing July 29 when South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools announced Hill was hired as the district's new treasurer by a unanimous vote at a special meeting the same day.

"The S-E-L Schools formally welcomes Mr. Hill as the new treasurer of our district," said South Euclid

Lyndhurst Schools Board President Stefanie Rhine. "His experience as treasurer, professionalism and eagerness to join our team best suited Mr. Hill for this position."

Hill's photo and a board statement was posted at <http://www.sel.k12.oh.us> on July 29.

"I'm excited about the direction of the District," Hill said. "I look forward to bringing a positive, goal-oriented imprint to the treasurer's office."



Lorain City Schools Treasurer Joshua Hill, left, shakes hands with Courtney A. Nazario after administering her oath of office at the school board meeting of July 23.

In his capacity, Hill also is legal record keeper for the actions of the school board and works as Har-

dy's chief strategy and innovation officer.

Hill remains under contract with the school board,

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— Joshua Hill, treasurer of S-E-L school district

in place for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year, Ballard said.

Hill is the "MVP," or most valuable player, in the district, Ballard said.

"Let's our LeBron James in the locker room, he's been consistent with everybody," Ballard said about Hill.

On July 29, Hill and Hardy were not available for additional comment on the situation.

It was unclear whether Lorain Schools would have another chief financial officer.

On June 26, the CEO approval of agenda included the hiring of a new finance director to work in the district's administrative center effective July 22.

Exact details about that position were not available late July 29.

ARTS

Fine Arts Association hosting free open house 'pARTy'

Staff report

On Aug. 3, The Fine Arts Association is hosting a free open house "pARTy" starting at 1 p.m.

The pARTy is a celebration and showcase of the art programs offered by FAA, according to a news release.

The party seeks to offer

something for everyone — a dance party, mini arts workshops, open studios and Chilli Con Comedy improv student performances. Visitors also can try out instruments, chat with faculty, attend live student performances, play games and win prizes.

Don't miss the youth im-

prov performance by Chilli Con Comedy on the Corn-

Kelly McMann from Q104 Radio will be broadcasting live and bringing along a prize wheel.

Dessert prizes will be part of the Monopoly-themed cake walk and participants may win play

money for a chance at raffle prizes and coupons including a chance to win a \$200 voucher for classes or theatre performances at PAA.

Free hot dogs, ice cream and beverages are provided by Mickey Coyne and family. Some marketing support was provided by Prince

Tires in Willoughby, the release stated.

Willoughby's Parks and Recreation Department has donated a free bus to take families to downtown Willoughby at 4 p.m. to pick up a quick dinner and return to PAA by 6:30 for the free post-party Cals Crew performance on the Marous

Brothers Stage.

Under one roof at 38660 Mentor Ave. in Willoughby, PAA serves visual arts, music, dance, theatre and creative therapies.

Annually, over 60,000 people come through PAA's doors and weekly there are over 1,400 students, the release stated.

Civil

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the government to formulate recommendations that could potentially assist the community.

The meeting came about after 2006 Harvey High School graduate Captain Chaz Deering reached out to his hometown and sought to facilitate the in-

teraction.

"He contacted us to see if we would be interested in working with them to assist in issues we may have," explains community development Director Doug Lewis. "They asked what type of issues we would like to work with them on."

"They will deploy four civic affairs teams consisting of four people apiece," he added. "They have foreign language skills, plan-

ning skills, and expertise in inter-agency environments. They will work with people in the community to get a better sense of what the issues are and get a better sense of how we may approach it to get better results."

Painesville leaders narrowed their visit to four main topics.

A focus on "outreach/social service/health services" that seeks to inves-

tigate what problems does the city face in regards to the homeless population and how can the city work to reduce that impact on local businesses.

A "public safety" theme will address how to increase recruitment for emergency/protective services and to identify initiatives to deter crime and promote public safety.

"Community integration" is another topic USACAT

will be targeting during their Painesville visit. According to the news release, "Painesville has a thriving Hispanic population. How can the city better reach/incorporate the Hispanic population in community initiatives, civil administration, and businesses?"

The fourth theme is environmentally minded, seeking initiatives to foster an environment that encourages the community to par-

take in city beautification/Keeping Painesville Clean.

For Bragg Civil Affairs Team members will research topics, interact with the community and share findings and analysis with Painesville city leaders at the end of their week.

In turn, USACAT will utilize the insight and deeper understanding they gain in Painesville as they travel abroad assisting foreign nations during instability.

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Wreaths

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Together, they raised over \$3,500 to put toward the December event, according to Daughters of the Revolution member Debby Kocals.

"It gives us a way to give back to our community," she said. "My son, standing right behind me, is in the National Guard. It means a lot."

Kocals opened the ceremony, offering a brief history of the December tradition. She credited the late-July fundraiser's creation to Bob and Sue Prantino. The couple hosts WINT radio program "They Sacrificed for Us," and both were on hand helping to facilitate the event.

Cyclist and DAR member Michelle Zayabosky said of



A color guard takes its place at Evergreen Cemetery on July 29.

her experience, "It was something I never thought I could do. To be able to have done that and still be standing here is amazing. It was very meaningful for me to provide a wreath for a veteran."

Several members of

Painesville local government were on hand in addition to state Sen. John Eklund who spoke briefly before those gathered at Evergreen Cemetery.

"Everyone can volunteer and it's right to do so, but to get up and go the way these men and women did is inspirational as is the legacy of all of those who we are asked to honor and to remember and to teach about," Eklund said. "Honor them we should, and honor them we always will."

Several memorial wreaths were placed at graves throughout Evergreen Cemetery of fallen veterans. American Legion Posts 336 and 214, and Auxiliary Unit 336 presided over the presentation of colors and provided a playing of "Taps" to conclude the service.

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BROWN

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Youngstown Mayor Jamael Tito Brown, an association member, also lamented the closing of *The Vindicator*, adding that the loss of 144 employees in the downtown area is a concern.

After the meeting at the City Centre One building, Brown visited *The Vindicator* to meet with employees and offer words of encouragement.

The newspaper's closure comes a few months after GM ended production in March of the Chevrolet Cruze at the 53-year-old Lordstown plant, eliminating about 1,600 jobs left at that facility. As recently as January 2017, there were 4,500 workers there.

The association's mayors said they're seeing GM workers in their communities putting their houses up for sale as they leave the area for jobs at the automaker's other plants.

Brown said he's heard nothing new about the future of the idled Lordstown facility.

"I'm continuing to push

(GM CEO) Mary Barra and her management team to look at the electric vehicles," he said. GM plans to build "20 new electric vehicles by 2023. A number of them, we assume, they don't tell us, would be sedans, so they should easily fit into what this incredibly productive workforce of 4,500 [that] knows what to do in the Valley, in Lordstown. There's no reason they can't retool for that use."

He added: "I'm still concerned that GM takes these dollars that it gets from shut-downs, from layoffs and moves too much to Mexico and takes too much themselves in stock buybacks."

GM has been in discussions for a few months with Workhorse Group Inc. and an affiliated, newly formed entity to sell the Lordstown plant to the production of electric vehicles there. Workhorse hasn't provided details of the new company, but has said it plans to hire about 400 people over the next three years if it buys the Lordstown facility.

Brown said he will "keep looking for others to work in this plant if we can't get GM

to do an electric vehicle in there."

When asked about President Donald Trump's tweets that four Democratic members of Congress should "go back" from where they came — three were born in the United States and one is a naturalized citizen — Brown said, "It's un-American because of the racism involved. But it's also un-American because we're a country of immigrants."

Brown said, however, he's "not interested in impeachment" of Trump because "that would just tear the country up."

"But if there's a whole lot more evidence, we proceed and whatever direction we go. But most likely that's all about the 2020 election, and the voters will choose: Do you want to keep this divisive name-calling president who, where the White House looks like a retreat for Wall Street executives, do you want that kind of White House or do you want a kind of White House that fights for workers? This president has betrayed workers in the Mahoning Valley. He's betrayed workers all over this country," Brown said.

KINSMAN

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feet of the roadway, guardrail, electric and gas lines.

The concrete dam, which controls the outflow of water downstream, suffered relatively little damage. The dam's gate no longer works, but Smith said he doesn't think that failure was a significant cause of the wash-out.

"My estimation from everything I've seen, the weather reports, suggests there was 7.8 inches over a 24-hour period, according to the radar. We know that amount of rain occurred over a much shorter time span, at least the heaviest concentration."

"At the end of the day, I believe there was just debris that probably blocked the dam ... the lake was rising. Heavier material was coming in toward the overflow of the dam. The dam became restricted. The water continued to rise. It crested over the road. Once it crested over the road, the erosion of the embankment ensued, and then it just failed."

Smith hopes to provide state officials with a cost estimate to fix the damage shortly as state officials search for funding. A repair plan has been formulated, but Smith's office wants to discuss it with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before moving forward.

At Monday night's Kinsman Township trustees meeting, Trustee Linda Miller said she has spoken with officials in hopes that a state of emergency will be declared by the state and federal governments.

One woman who attend-



Kinsman residents attend the Kinsman Township trustees meeting Monday night, with many of them complimenting the community and the response to the flooding Saturday in various areas of the township.

ed is among those displaced in the Lakeland neighborhood. The woman, who did not want to be identified, was hoping to know what method the township would use to communicate with the Lakeland residents.

Miller said she is collecting cellphone numbers from everyone, and there will be communications soon about getting back to their homes to dispose of destroyed food in refrigerators and freezers. Trustee Greg Leonhard said Lakeland residents with questions should call the trustees.

Others expressed thanks for the numerous fire departments that responded with help and community members who brought food and water for the firefighters. One woman was hoping for a way to donate to the people who have been displaced. "I didn't lose access to my home, but I feel terrible for the ones who did," said Ryndel Miller.

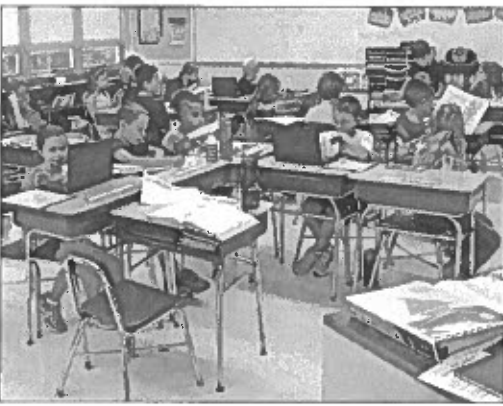
It's premature to discuss the cost or how long the repair will take, but Smith

said he believes an interim fix to get people back in their homes can be made "in relatively short order."

He met Sunday in Kinsman with several state legislators and the local and state emergency management agencies. State Sen. Sean O'Brien of Bazetta, D-32nd, is trying to secure funding, and the congressman representing Kinsman, David Joyce of Geauga County, R-14th, will tour the area Wednesday.

The dam is owned by the private Kinsman Lakeland Association. The bridge above the dam is owned by the county. The roadway belongs to Kinsman Township, which maintains it.

The county engineer's office worked throughout the weekend to repair flood-related damage to 12 other Kinsman locations. Erosion-related repairs are finished in Gustavus and Greene townships. Other work will continue another couple weeks on a washed-out bridge and culvert on Kinsman-Pymatuning Road in Kinsman Township.



Shown here are Poland Middle School third-graders in class. Poland Local Schools, like nearly all public school districts in the Mahoning Valley, lost eligible students from within its boundaries between 2014 to 2018.

SCHOOLS

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tol Local and Bloomfield-Mespo Local each lost more than 21 percent.

"Looking at this, you should be able to see this system as currently designed is not sustainable in the long run," Meacham told *The Vindicator*. "I think we have to look at how we're providing education to children in Mahoning County now and look for long-term, sustainable options."

Alex Geordan, Canfield superintendent, gave much of the credit for the district's retention to its all-day kindergarten program, established six years ago to follow through on a levy campaign promise. When students grow up in the district, their families tend to stay, he suggested.

"By doing that, now our [enrollment] numbers have stabilized," Geordan said. "Every time a district loses somebody, that [state] money follows the child. Any time we can retain those at-risk youngsters ... that's retaining not only the population, the enrollment, but tax dollars as well."

This coming school year, the Canfield district expects to have the largest kindergarten class in several years — more than 100 pupils at each elementary, Geordan said.

Austintown Local Schools has the second-highest enrollment in the county, 4,458 students in fiscal year 2018, behind Youngstown City Schools' 5,528 students.

When comparing superintendent salaries included in the summary, former Austintown Superintendent Vince Colalucci was the highest-paid in Mahoning County before his retirement in June, when he was making \$120,814 a year. But that district also reported the lowest average salary for classroom teachers in the county in 2018, \$46,883.73.

"We have a very young group of educators in our district, which is great, I think," said Don Sherwood,



Mahoning County Auditor Ralph Meacham, left, and staff accountant Alex Geordan review a spreadsheet that summarizes financial statistics for all 14 public school districts in Mahoning County.

school board president, adding the district has hired more than 20 teachers since 2014.

Though the Austintown district also spent the least per student in 2018, \$9,748.78, that figure's impact with similar-sized districts such as Boardman Local or districts with a larger property tax base such as Canfield Local, said district Treasurer Blake Karlovic.

"In a nutshell, we receive less tax dollars per student, yet spend the same if not more per average on direct student instruction than our neighbors," Karlovic said. Using the auditor office's methodology, *The Vindicator* also pulled the same figures for 17 of Trumbull County's 20 school districts. Representatives from only three districts — Niles City, Newton Falls Exempted Village and Maplewood Local — did not respond to repeated requests for administrator and teacher salary information.

Another statistic highlighted in the ODE summary is each district's unreserved fund balance, or how much money remains unspent at the end of the fiscal year.

Girard City Schools, which had a \$17.6 million budget in fiscal year 2018, and McDonald Local Schools, \$7.5 million, carried a respective 70.84 percent and

70.41 percent of their budgets into the 2019 fiscal year. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends all government entities maintain "no less than two months of regular general-fund operating revenues" to ensure schools have cash flow for future or unexpected expenditures.

Canfield Local's 2018 budget was about \$27.4 million, nearly \$15.3 million or 56 percent of which was carried over. Geordan said the district is preparing for pricey updates to aging buildings and also must price repairs after flooding damage during the May 28 storm.

"Many districts have expenses that outpace their revenue," Geordan said. "Part of our strategic plan — was we need to live within our means, and we need to have a balanced budget in Canfield."

Meacham said if residents make use of the financial summaries, he'll release annual updates. To view the full spreadsheet containing financial summaries of all the Mahoning Valley's 34 school districts, visit this story on Vindy.com. More Mahoning County tax transparency documents are also available on the auditor's website at mahoningcountyoh.gov. Staff reporter Samantha Phillips contributed to this report.

DAMAGE

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still have lane restrictions or are closed completely.

The Mahoning Valley had 8.15 inches of rain last month, making it the fourth-wettest June on record for the area, according to the National Weather Service. The average June rainfall for the Mahoning Valley is 3.88 inches.

Official weather data for the area is tracked at the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport in Vienna. There were parts of the Val-

ley that received 10 to 12 inches of rain last month.

"Continued heavy rains on top of the saturated ground and flash flooding caused significant damage to roads all over the state,"

DeHoff said. "This emergency proclamation will allow the Ohio Department of Transportation and local governments to access federal emergency relief funds that are needed to help fix road damage caused by these weather events."

Other counties included in Monday's proclamation are: Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Bel-

mont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Geauga, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Jackson, Jefferson, Knox, Lake, Lawrence, Licking, Lorain, Madison, Marion, Medina, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Stark, Summit, Tuscarawas, Union, Vinton, Warren, Washington and Wayne.

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Man arrested at least 26 times says he was never given a chance

By JOE COBMAN
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A man who has been arrested or cited at least 26 times in 15 years told a Mahoning County Common Pleas Judge that he never gets a break.

Alexander Blandon Jr., 34, told Judge Anthony D'Apollito on Monday that drugs have made him the person he is, and he does not want to go to prison for a long time.

"I'm not a violent person. It's all drugs," Blandon said. "I never get a break. I got a daughter right now that's 15 years old. I can't go away for a long time."

Blandon was in court pleading

guilty to 11 charges involving three incidents between Sept. 27 and Feb. 14. Prosecutors are recommending he get six years in prison. Sentencing is set for Sept. 30.

There was a Sept. 27 arrest by city police on the South Side in which Blandon was stunned during a foot chase when police tried to pull over a car he was in for a traffic violation. Blandon pleaded guilty to charges of intimidation, possession of fentanyl and operating a vehicle while under the influence. Reports said police found 688 painkillers in the car. Another man also was arrested in the same incident. Blandon was able to post a \$40,000 bond, which he was free

on when he was arrested.

In December, Blandon was arrested after a bullet riddled car with no license plate he was driving through an OVI checkpoint in Boardman was pulled over. Reports said a passenger told officers: "Don't shoot him; he's just drunk." Reports said Blandon also threatened police. He pleaded guilty to charges of failure to comply, trafficking in drugs and trafficking in cocaine. He was given a \$60,000 bond, which was later amended to \$30,000 that he was able to post as well.

On Feb. 14, an Ohio State Highway trooper pulled Blandon over on Hillman Street for a traffic vio-

lation and he appeared to be drunk and was handcuffed. Reports said he threatened the trooper and opened a cage in the back of the trooper's cruiser. He tried to grab the trooper's vest. He had to be taken to the jail in a city police cruiser because they have bars in the back and Blandon would not stop kicking the cage, reports said. He pleaded guilty that case to possession of heroin, possession of cocaine, OVI, intimidation and retaliation. Police also found



Blandon

168 painkillers in the car, reports said.

Despite being able to post bonds, he was given court appointed counsel in all three cases because he claimed he could not afford a lawyer.

Municipal court records show that Blandon has been arrested or cited 26 times since 2004.

"This time around I'm 35 (sic) years old, and I'm way past tired," Blandon told the judge. "I still can believe right now I'm in front of you."

Judge D'Apollito told Blandon when he comes back for sentencing, he will be able to explain why he should not have to go to prison for a long time.



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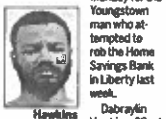
New Cafaro sports field takes shape

Work continues on the new Cafaro Family Field, an intramural sports field just north of the WATTS facility on the Youngstown State University campus on Elm Street on the city's North Side. The Cafaro family donated \$1.5 million for the field, which will be used for various student recreational activities including soccer, lacrosse and ultimate frisbee. It is expected to be completed next month.

METRO digest

Bond set in robbery case

Bond was set at \$1 million at the Girard Municipal Court on Monday for the Youngstown man who attempted to rob the Home Savings Bank in Liberty last week.



Hawkins

Dabrayn Hawkins, 23, of Youngstown, attempted to rob the bank while armed with a handgun Tuesday. He did not succeed in taking any money. He was shot by the security officer twice and fled.

Once he was apprehended, he was taken to the St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Hawkins is charged with aggravated robbery, felonious assault and carrying concealed weapons.

His pretrial is set for Wednesday. He is in the Trumbull County Jail.

One of Top 5 is caught

The U.S. Marshals on Monday captured the fourth member of their Top 5 Most Wanted Fugitives list.

Michael Irigoyen, 33, was arrested earlier Monday at a South Side home on a federal warrant for drug charges.

With Irigoyen's capture, the only fugitive left on the list is

Sean Bishop, 39, who is wanted for aggravated robbery, being a felon in possession of a firearm and a parole violation in a federal weapons case.

Anyone with information can contact marshals by calling their tip line at 1-866-4-WANTED, or by texting the keyword WANTED to 774111 (847411). Tipsters may remain anonymous and a cash reward may be available in some cases.

Ex-police chief's son will be sentenced

YOUNGSTOWN The son of former city Police Chief Jimmy Hughes is scheduled to be sentenced today in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court.

Jared F. Hughes, 30, faces two felony charges including discharging a firearm on or near prohibited premises and improperly handling a firearm in a motor vehicle, according to a report by 21 WTAJ-TV. The Vindicator's broadcast partner.

The charges stemmed from a shooting that left an 18-year-old woman with a bullet wound after a bullet pierced her car door.

A 17-year-old female was also in the car at the time.

21 News reported in June that Hughes already has agreed to plead guilty after reaching a deal with the family's consent.

Mika Vaccaro, an assistant county prosecutor, recommended a five-year sentence for Hughes shortly after his indictment.

Sentenced to prison

WARREN Charles R. Ellis, 36, of Oak

Knoll Avenue Southeast, was sentenced to eight years in prison Monday in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court after pleading guilty to injuring a 2-month-old boy in January.

A police report says a city police detective was called to Akron Children's Hospital in Akron on Jan. 16 because the boy had suffered a major injury.

Gun, drug arrests made

COITSVILLE Two men are expected to be arraigned in Campbell Municipal Court after township officers found a gun and drugs in their car during a traffic stop just after midnight Monday.

Braelyn Douglas, 23, and Robert Allen, 19, are both in the Mahoning County Jail on drug and weapon charges. They were arrested at Libby Avenue and Rutledge Drive on Youngstown's East Side after a township officer pulled them over for a traffic violation in Coitsville.

Police said Douglas tried to swallow some drugs found in the car. A loaded handgun was found in the trunk.

Agenda Wednesday

● Mahoning Valley Sanitary District board of directors, regular, 4 p.m., assembly room, 1181 Orlow-McDonald Road, Mineral Ridge.

● Poland Township Board of Trustees, special, 6 p.m., government center, 3335 Dobbin Road.

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Residents: ODOT removed tree barrier

By JUSTIN DENNIS
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AUSTINTOWN Residents whose homes are totally exposed to state Route 11 after a recent state project removed several trees learned their area might not qualify for sound barrier construction.

"The trees are the only barrier I have from my house to Route 11. My backyard is Route 11 now. ... It changed everything where I'm living," Angel Rodrigo, of Penny Lane Court told township trustees during a Monday afternoon meeting.

Rodrigo said Ohio Department of Transportation workers told him the tree removal was in response to concerns about drainage

in the area — though both Rodrigo and trustees said they haven't heard those complaints before.

Darren Crivelli, township zoning inspector, said he reviewed ODOT criteria for sound barrier construction and learned several areas wouldn't qualify since they were built after Route 11 was laid. One qualifying area would be along South Inglewood Avenue, between Mahoning Avenue and Willow Crest Drive, but any wall would stop too far north of Penny Lane Court.

"Penny Lane — there's not enough properties to spread out the cost of the wall," he said.

Trustee Ken Carano met with Rodrigo and another Penny Lane resident after

the meeting.

In other business, police Chief Bob Gavalier said his agency received a complaint about a solicitor from Houston-based Direct Energy doing door-to-door canvassing residents to sign them up for utility services while claiming they represented the township.

Crivelli said he learned that person's solicitation license actually expired last week. Carano reminded residents though the township does offer its own utility consortium, it doesn't solicit door to door.

"If they say they're representing us, then call us because we'll throw them out of Austintown," Crivelli said.

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 15-1720-GA-AIR, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for an increase in Gas Distribution Rates; 16-1721-GA-AIR, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Tariff Approval; and 18-1722-GA-AIR, in the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan.

In its applications, NEO requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and of an alternative rate plan. In its rate case, NEO requests a rate increase of \$3,526,000, an increase of 10.25 percent over current revenues. After a review of NEO's applications and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$300,000 to \$475,000, which represents an increase between 1.39 percent and 7.44 percent over current revenues. NEO's application for an alternative rate plan seeks to implement the following two elements: a surcharge to refund customers on the rates collected in excess of the corporate tax rate established by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017; and the creation of the Infrastructure Replacement Program (IRP) rider. The IRP would allow NEO to recover incremental costs of replacing approximately 24 miles of aging pipelines.

Three local hearings are scheduled to provide an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County District Main Library, 219 North Broad Street, Lakewood, Ohio 44133-2030.
- Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Canton City Council Chambers, 218 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor, Canton, Ohio 44701.
- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 4:00 p.m., at the Bucyrus City Council Chambers, 500 South Seneca Avenue, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.

The evidentiary hearing in these proceedings will commence on August 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, by calling the Commission's toll-free at 1-800-484-7826, or by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.ohio.gov>.

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