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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case No. 20-585-EL-AIR; *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Tariff Approval*, Case No. 20-586-EL-ATA; and *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval to Change Accounting Methods*, Case No. 20-587-EL-AAM

Dear Examiners:

Consistent with Paragraph 16 of the January 14, 2021 Entry in the above-referenced cases, Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) directed publication of the required notice of the February 8, 2021 public hearing. The notices and proof of publication, including a supporting affidavit, are attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

//s/ Steven T. Nourse

cc: parties of record

Rising

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facilities late last year, state health officials said. The facilities were in Portage, Cuyahoga, Lucas and Sandusky counties.

After administering the first doses, the company had 890 doses remaining and sought to transfer them to another vaccine provider, but discovered "they had failed to appropriately monitor temperatures in their refrigerator and freezer."

DeWine said the spoiled vaccines never should have happened. SpecialtyRx was suspended as a vaccine provider while the state pursues an investigation.

"That infuriated me," DeWine said. "Each one has the ability to save someone's life."

To date, at least 500,176 people have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Ohio, which amounts to 4.28% of the state's population.

The state hasn't yet shared how many people have completed both doses of the two-shot regimen, but an ODH spokeswoman said that data would be available online soon.

Ohio's largest teachers unions, meanwhile, denounced DeWine for using life-saving vaccinations as a "bargaining chip" to force districts to return to in-person classes by March 1.

Schoolteachers and staff are slated to receive vaccines starting Feb. 1 with the goal of returning students to in-person lessons on March 1. But DeWine has acknowledged that might be too tight of a turnaround for all teachers to receive both doses in the two-shot regimen.

"Our members, our students and their families, and our cities will face dire consequences if schools are pressured to reopen before it is safe to do so,"

By the numbers

Here is Thursday's Ohio Department of Health coronavirus report for the area.

Ohio: 849,704 reported cases (7,271 new), 44,315 hospitalizations (306 new), 10,518 deaths (109 new). The 21-day average is 7,111 for new cases, 285 for hospitalizations and 74 for deaths.

Summit: Level 3 with 34,405 cases (255 new), 2,851 hospitalizations (16 new), 754 deaths (11 new).

Stark: Level 3 with 25,443 cases (181 new), 1,487 hospitalizations (12 new), 429 deaths (one new).

Portage: Level 3 with 9,163 cases (68 new), 495 hospitalizations (three

new), 107 deaths (unchanged).

Medina: Level 3 with 11,439 cases (75 new), 543 hospitalizations (four new), 167 deaths (unchanged).

Wayne: Level 3 with 6,954 cases (57 new), 348 hospitalizations (three new), 169 deaths (two new).

Note: Level 1 (yellow) = active spread; Level 2 (orange) = increased spread; Level 3 (red) = very high exposure and spread; Level 4 (purple) = severe exposure and spread. Levels are updated on Thursdays. All numbers are cumulative unless noted. New cases and deaths were just reported in the past day and could be many days older.

the unions from Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Columbus and other cities wrote in a Thursday statement.

Parents now have unrealistic expectations for a March 1 reopening that simply will not be possible in many school districts, the union leaders said. "In some districts, these expectations are already pushing superintendents to announce and plan for reopening before it is safe."

As of Thursday, 44% of Ohio students were attending in-person classes, up from one-third earlier in the month.

Eye on hospitals

In the final weeks of 2020, hospital leaders warned that Ohioans had to change their behavior or risk overwhelming health care workers. The potential burden on hospitals was one of

the reasons DeWine cited for ordering a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew Nov. 19 and renewed it for the first time Dec. 10. It had been set to expire Saturday until DeWine announced its renewal Thursday.

The length of the latest extension was not immediately announced. DeWine has said the curfew has reduced COVID-19 spread, but that's a difficult claim to prove. During the first weeks of the curfew, new cases and hospitalizations continued to spike.

Statewide, 3,406 people were hospitalized for COVID-19 Thursday, which amounts to 1 in 6 patients. Of those, 845 were in intensive care units, according to Ohio Hospital Association figures.

But in recent weeks, the number of COVID-19 patients in Ohio's hospitals has declined, dropping from 1 in 4 patients to 1 in 6, according to Ohio Hospital Association data.

"We have seen a bit of a decrease happening statewide," said Ohio Hospital Association spokesman John Palmer, adding that intensive care unit capacity is still a problem in southeastern Ohio.

Akron-area hospitals' coronavirus patient count Thursday was 195, an increase of four from a day earlier but significantly lower than a month ago. The local count stood at 266 on Dec. 22.

One good sign, Palmer said, was that influenza hasn't hit Ohio's hospitals as hard as it has in past years. Preventative measures, such as hand washing and cleaning surfaces, are likely factors in fewer flu patients.

Ohio to purchase 2 million at-home COVID tests

Ohio is purchasing 2 million at-home COVID-19 tests from Abbott and eMed.

Ohio will spend \$50 million in federal stimulus money to purchase the tests, which will be available to local health departments and cost about \$25 a piece, DeWine said.

Local health departments could use the tests to detect hot spots or potential outbreaks.

"The testing will be more accessible than ever," DeWine said. "This is fulfilling a need."

DeWine said rapid tests have a role even though he had a false positive from an antigen test before meeting with then-President Donald Trump.

Technology has improved since then, said Ohio's chief medical officer, Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, adding that false negatives are more common than false positives on rapid tests.

"My false positive was an oddity," DeWine said.

Ohio bureau chief Jackie Borchardt and reporter Randy Ludlow contributed to this article.

Virus

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port the data to the state. The most current data, when adjusted for differences in population size, suggests that the virus is killing Summit County residents 30 times faster than Franklin County residents.

"So, mortality data from the past 2-3 months is going to be largely incomplete, making it very difficult to draw firm conclusions that Summit County is 30 times higher," Amato said. "They [Summit County] may be reporting deaths a lot faster than other counties."

The state doesn't expect to have a final tally of 2020 deaths until July because "it can take up to six months for the finalized death certificate," Amato said.

For now, reporting that Summit County has more deaths than more populous counties like Hamilton or Franklin would be premature and probably inaccurate. The numbers are too far out of whack to make that assumption.

Take the December death counts reported by the Ohio Department of Health.

Cuyahoga County, which leads the state in overall COVID-19 deaths, lost 225 people. Summit County lost 253. Franklin County? 17. Hamilton County? 37.

The Ohio Department of Health updates a spreadsheet daily with the age range and gender for each person with COVID-19. If they end up dying, a "date of death" is entered.

In another column, the database records "death due to illness" for cases in which the virus killed the patient. If, however, a person dies of a heart attack, car accident or something else then tests positive for COVID-19 at the emergency room, that person is still given a "date of death" but not recorded as a "death due to illness," Amato explained.

So far for January, the Ohio Department of Health has reported a "date of death" for 90 people in Summit County (including four who died of something other than the virus), 64 in Franklin County (including 62 who died of something else) and 28 in Hamilton County (including 14 who died of something other than the virus).

The death count reported by the governor includes cases recorded as "death due to illness," which is a lagging indicator, especially in counties that are slow to report their data to the state. If, for example, the public considered the most recent report, more people would appear to be dying of COVID-19 in Summit County than Franklin County, which has 2.4 times as many residents and, during the peak of this third COVID-19 surge, 2.5 times as many people infected, according to local health department reporting.

Despite not covering the cities of Columbus or Worthington, Franklin County Public Health alone is reporting 106 deaths since Nov. 1. That's 70 more than the state has confirmed died from the virus in that time.

The artificially low count reported by the state comes during the sharpest uptick in new daily cases. Despite a positive trend in the last week, new daily cases as of this week were still higher than on any day prior to Nov. 1.

And this latest surge, which slammed into the Midwest, didn't miss Franklin County.

Columbus Public Health, which includes the cities of Columbus and Worthington, reported its highest number of new daily cases in early November. The surge peaked on Dec. 5 with new probable and confirmed cases reaching 910, which is more than three times higher than during the summer surge and nearly five times greater than during the first wave in the spring. The countywide health department reported another 365 new cases that day.

But this unprecedented surge in cases is mysteriously not translating to deaths. And the lower-than-expected death tolls differ from one agency to the next, or from either agency and the state's accounting.

As of Thursday morning, the Ohio Department of Health put the cumulative COVID-19 death count in Franklin County at 706. The Columbus Health Department is reporting 284 deaths in Columbus and 44 deaths in Worthington. Combined with the 341 deaths reported by Franklin County Public Health, that's 669 deaths total, or 37 less than the Ohio Department of Health has tallied for the entire county.

"Franklin County Public Health's jurisdiction includes some areas within other counties (Delaware, Licking, Fairfield, and Union Counties)," explained spokeswoman Amber Breedlove in an email. "As a result, our count of deaths may be different than the Ohio Department of Health's or Columbus Public Health due to the way the data is extracted from the Ohio Disease Reporting System."

"We pull by our jurisdiction to ensure we include and represent our service area, and the Ohio Department of Health pulls by county of residence."

Without counting deaths that occurred in another county, Breedlove said the Franklin County death count since Nov. 1 — excluding Columbus and Worthington — is 126, or 90 more than what's reported to or by the Ohio Department of Health.

To further complicate matters, the city's health department does its own countywide accounting, which puts the total number of deaths in Columbus, Worthington and across Franklin County at 736, or 30 more than the state is reporting.

The delay in reporting more accurate

and timely information on how many people are dying of COVID-19 or how it's spreading in this latest surge is partly due to some health departments being overwhelmed by the virus.

Contact tracing by the Columbus Health Department is less successful in the past four weeks than at any point in the pandemic, not just because of "delayed information reporting and collection" but the sheer volume of cases, according to the agency's COVID-19 data dashboard.

"When community-wide spread in-

creases and numbers of new cases exceed the capacity to investigate cases, knowing if a person with COVID-19 is linked to another person with COVID-19 decreases," the department's reporting states.

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 trends in Summit County, visit the local health department's dashboard at <https://bit.ly/3skC2Qx>.

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Judge

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Summit County Common Pleas Court started a new process in November that delegated initial appearances to the Legal Defender's Office. The common pleas judges — who ultimately handle felony cases — then took over the appointment of private attorneys to handle these cases.

The Akron and Barberton judges, however, continued making attorney appointments to felony cases that start in their courts. The Stow judges agreed to adopt the new method.

The Barberton judges asked the Ohio Supreme Court to intervene in mid-November, saying the municipal judges have the authority to appoint attorneys and that the new process has led to "mass confusion" about which attorneys are representing defendants.

Akron judges David Hamilton and Annalisa Stubbs Williams recently joined the Barberton judges in their Supreme Court challenge.

Andy Mayle, an attorney representing the Akron judges, called the new process unnecessary, confusing and "extra strange."

"Municipal court judges have a duty to appoint qualified counsel," he said. The Ohio Supreme Court tried to solve the dispute through mediation but that process failed. The Common Pleas judges have until Feb. 8 to file their response with the high court to the municipal judges' complaints.

Amy Corrigan Jones, the administrative judge in Common Pleas Court, has said the new process is aimed at improving oversight and helping ensure the attorneys appointed to felony cases are qualified to handle them. She said the change is part of a larger effort to improve the county's justice system.

Critics, however, have questioned whether campaign donations from attorneys who are appointed to felony cases are at the heart of the dispute.

The judge dispute was apparent during the recent discussion of legislation before Summit County Council for a \$1.3 million contract with the Legal Defender's Office. The legislation included the switch to the commission handling initial appearances for felony indigent defendants — an expansion for an office whose main role has been to oversee misdemeanor cases.

The county's contract with the commission last year was for \$869,500.

Brian Nielsen, chief of staff for Summit County Executive Irene Shapiro, told council members the increased amount reflects an agreement by the county to the state public defender to boost how much it spends on indigent defense. He said the county was able to do so because the state significantly increased its reimbursement rate to counties for indigent defense to 70%.

County Council previously approved legislation that raised the rates paid to private attorneys who handle indigent defense in felony cases. The new rates are tied to Ohio's reimbursement level, so they could go up or down based on the state's commitment.

Akron and Summit County judges spoke during a recent council commit-



Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Amy Corrigan Jones listens during a trial in November. PHIL MASTURZO, AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

tee meeting, offering their views on attorney appointments. Akron Judge Williams and Barberton Judge Jill Flagg Lanzinger urged council to hold off on the legislation or remove the language about the public defender handling initial appearances.

"I would like for this body to wait and see what the Ohio Supreme Court states on that," Williams said. "This is asking us to go against our local rules — not appointing the most qualified people to handle felony cases."



Summit County Common Pleas Judge Joy Malek Oldfield said the new process has been working "seamlessly" in Stow. She said the Common Pleas judges are notifying the Stow court within 24 hours of the attorney appointed in felony cases.

Jones said all 10 common pleas judges support the new appointment process. County Council voted 9-2 Monday to approve the legislation. Council members Bethany McKenney, the wife of Judge McKenney, and Anthony DeVitis voted no.

Andrea Whitaker, the new public defender recently appointed to replace Joe Kodish who retired after 47 years in this role, was pleased that County Council approved the contract. She said the attorneys in her office are qualified to handle initial appearances in felony cases.

Besides the initial appearances, the contract also outlines other expansions of the commission's duties, including representing indigent defendants in police interviews involving misdemeanor charges, parents whose children are put up for adoption in probate court and parents in child support hearings in domestic relations court.

Whitaker, a long-time criminal defense attorney, said she is excited about her new position. She plans to require public defenders to be present for initial appearances in misdemeanor cases, a step that wasn't being done. She also has been talking regularly with public defenders in other large Ohio counties and looking for potential new approaches that might be a good fit for Summit County.

"There are great things to come," she said.

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economists describe as a K-shaped recovery, in which wealthier professionals continue to work remotely while lower-paid workers in service jobs suffer higher rates of unemployment.

That may explain somewhat conflicting credit card trends, Rossman says. Even though his company's survey found 51% of Americans overall say they have added to their credit card debt since the pandemic began, the nation's total credit card debt and delinquencies declined, Rossman says.

"Higher-income folks have saved a lot because they are commuting less, going out to eat less — they can bank those savings," Rossman says. "People in lower-income jobs, more service-oriented jobs, those are the people that are struggling the most and least equipped to handle a crisis like this."

The two rounds of relief checks Congress approved helped many households weather the pandemic. Without that aid, it's likely that even more Americans would have accrued new credit card debt, Rossman says.

Unfortunately, it's harder to secure a balance-transfer credit card than it was before the pandemic, as credit card companies have tightened their standards, Rossman says. His advice to consumers who want to pare their debt: Consider transferring debt to a lower interest-rate personal loan, or work with a nonprofit credit counselor to develop strategies to pay off debt.

"They can help you negotiate a lower rate and hold your hand through the consolidation process," he says.

Proud Boys leader was government informant

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The leader of the Proud Boys, who was arrested in Washington shortly before the Capitol riot, previously worked undercover and cooperated with investigators after he was accused of fraud in 2012, court documents show.

Henry "Enrique" Tarrío helped law enforcement in a variety of investigations nearly a decade ago by providing information and going undercover, the records show.

The Proud Boys is a far-right, male chauvinist extremist group that seized on the Trump administration's policies and was a major agitator during earlier protests and the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6. The Proud Boys have rallied against a "deep state" and work to break down the current government system, and so the revelations of Tarrío as a federal informant came as quite a surprise.

The details of Tarrío's cooperation, which was first reported Wednesday by Reuters, were found in a transcript of a 2014 hearing in federal court in Florida regarding his sentence for participating in a scheme involving the resale of diabetic test strips.

The prosecutor and Tarrío's defense attorney both cited Tarrío's extensive cooperation in arguing that his sentence of 30 months should be cut.

The judge agreed to reduce his sentence to 16 months, the records show.

"Your Honor, frankly, in all the years, which is now more than 30 that I've been doing this, I've never had a client as prolific in terms of cooperating in any respect," said Tarrío's lawyer at the time, Jeffrey Feiler, according to the transcript.

An email seeking comment was not immediately returned from a lawyer representing Tarrío in his current case. In an interview with Reuters, Tarrío denied ever cooperating with authorities.

After Tarrío's 2012 indictment, he helped the government prosecutors more than a dozen other people, the federal prosecutor told the judge, according to the transcript.

Tarrío's lawyer said he was the first defendant to cooperate in the case and was also involved in a variety of police undercover operations involving things like anabolic steroids and prescription



Proud Boys leader Henry "Enrique" Tarrío was accused of vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church last month. ALLISON DINNEN/AP FILE

narcotics.

"From day one, he was the one who wanted to talk to law enforcement, wanted to clear his name, wanted to straighten this out so that he could move on with his life. And he has in fact cooperated in a significant way," the prosecutor said, according to the transcript.

Tarrío was arrested in Washington on Jan. 4, two days before the pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol in a bid to overturn President Joe Biden's victory.

He was accused of vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church during an earlier protest in the nation's capital. The banner was ripped from Asbury United Methodist Church property, torn and set aflame in December.

Tarrío was seen with the sign in video of the incident posted on YouTube, according to a police report. When police pulled Tarrío over, officers found two unloaded magazines emblazoned with the Proud Boys logo in his bag, that had a capacity of 30 rounds each, authorities said.

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Millennial

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a CreditCards.com industry analyst. Millennials suffered a double whammy: The generation trailed in wealth creation in the years before the pandemic, and roughly 6 in 10 say they or a household member lost income from mid-March through mid-December, according to census data.

By comparison, 5 in 10 people ages 55 to 64 say they lost income during the same period, census data found.

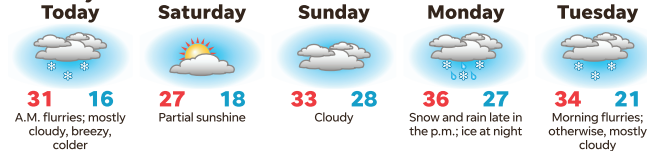
"It really comes back to those two big factors: Millennials are the most likely to have had their income compromised and least likely to have adequate emergency savings," Rossman says.

In the years leading up to the pandemic, the millennial generation fell behind by the yardsticks often used to measure economic progress, such as homeownership and wealth. That placed many of them in a more vulnerable financial position when the pandemic hit.

Though the generation as a whole has trailed older Americans in building wealth, there is a divide between millennials with and without college degrees. A Federal Reserve of St. Louis study found that college-educated millennials had about 6% less wealth than older generations at the same age, but those who had only high school degrees had 44% less wealth.

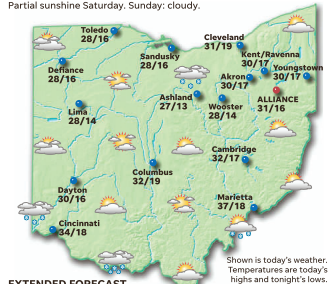
The pandemic has caused what some

Five-Day Forecast for the Alliance Area



Local Weather in Detail:

A couple of flurries during the morning; otherwise, mainly cloudy and breezy today. Low clouds and breezy tonight with a flurry around. Partial sunshine Saturday. Sunday: cloudy.



EXTENDED FORECAST

City	Sat.	Sun.	City	Sat.	Sun.
Alcon	26/16/c	30/26/c	Defiance	30/21/c	33/28/c
Cambridge	30/20/c	36/29/c	Marietta	31/19/c	39/32/c
Cincinnati	33/24/c	36/34/c	Sandusky	27/18/c	32/26/c
Cleveland	24/19/c	31/26/c	Toledo	29/22/c	31/27/c
Columbus	30/22/c	33/30/c	Wooster	25/17/c	29/25/c
Dayton	30/22/c	34/31/c	Youngstown	24/16/c	29/23/c

Alliance Area Forecast:

TODAY

High 31
Low 16

*RealFeel high/low 16/-3

Chance of precipitation 55%

Relative humidity (4 p.m.) 59%

Wind Chill (4 p.m.) 16

Wind (4 p.m.) WNW 10-20 mph

Barometric pressure (4 p.m.) 29.99

Visibility (4 p.m.) 10 miles

*The potential AccuWeather.com

RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive

index of effective temperature

based on eight weather factors.

Alliance Area Almanac:

Temperature records

High 69 (1906)

Low -24 (1985)

Canton Regional airport through 5 p.m.

Temperatures

High/Low Average

Thursday 42/25 33/19

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 5 p.m.

Thursday 0.00

Month to date -0.40

Year to date 1.40

Departure for month -0.40

Departure for year -0.40

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Alliance Area UV Index:

8 a.m. 0 2 p.m. 1

10 a.m. 1 4 p.m. 0

Noon 1 6 p.m. 0

The higher the AccuWeather.com

UV index number, the greater the

need for eye and skin protection.

0-2, Low; 3-5, Moderate; 6-7, High;

8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

In the Sky:

SUN AND MOON TODAY

rise set

Sun 7:43 a.m. 5:30 p.m.

Moon 12:42 p.m. 2:14 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Full Jan 28

Last Jan 28

New Feb 11

First Feb 19

Lake Erie Forecast:

Wind from the west-northwest

at 12-25 knots today. Seas 3-6

feet. Visibility less than 3 miles in

snow. Water temperature: 37.

River Stages:

Readings at 7 a.m. Thursday in feet

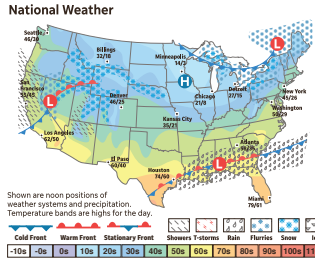
Ohio River Flood stage set.

Pittsburgh 25 16.70

Portsmouth 50 16.90

Cincinnati 52 27.40

National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day.

Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

Shower/Tornado Rain Hail Snow Ice

10s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

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Los Angeles 62/70/c 60/45/c

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Philadelphia 45/26/c 35/23/c

Phoenix 68/54/c 60/49/c

Pittsburgh 31/18/c 25/17/c

Portland 35/19/c 38/33/c

Salt Lake City 47/32/c 39/24/c

San Antonio 78/53/c 67/62/c

San Francisco 55/45/c 56/45/c

Seattle 46/30/c 43/28/c

Washington, DC 50/29/c 38/26/c

Weather (W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, r=rain, i=ice, sn=snow, ft=freezing rain, etc.

Lake Levels:

Readings at 7 a.m. Thursday in feet above sea level

Current Level Full Pool 24hr Change

Berlin 1016.05 1032.0 up 0.03

Ohio River Flood stage set.

West Branch 980.53 993.0 down 0.01

Mosquito 899.13 904.0 down 0.06

Pymatuning 886.59 903.0 up 0.09

Son-in-law's distraction may be more than forgetfulness



Dear Abby
Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby: I'm responding to the letter from "Open-and-Shut Case in Virginia" (Oct. 20), who complained her son-in-law was "disrespectful" because he didn't close cupboard doors, cereal boxes, etc. My guess is that "Kirk" is displaying classic symptoms of Adult Attention Deficit Disorder (AADD). Multitasking may be difficult for him to complete because he is easily distracted.

My husband has this. (It was not diagnosed until he was in his 50s, and I had nearly torn all my hair out.) He still

occasionally leaves cabinet doors and drawers open. I tease him that he can't remember to walk from one side of the room to another if he forgets to take his medication.

I strongly recommend that Kirk be evaluated by a behavioral psychologist for AADD. Treatment may save the relationship between Kirk and his in-laws. — *Wife of A Man With AADD.*

Dear Wife: Thank you for your letter. I received a deluge of responses about the letter from "Open-and-Shut Case in Virginia," and the vast majority of the writers mentioned ADD, ADHD and AADD. Many of them recommended patience on the part of the in-laws and volunteered that Kirk may be able to manage the disorder if he is diagnosed.

Dear Abby: I am a 73-year-old retired woman who still maintains contact with

a number of old and new friends for movies, dinner, museum visits, etc. Until the COVID virus, we did things often. Now, not so much.

Someone in this group told me that on a couple of occasions, a few of them were not very nice when my name came up. ("Why doesn't she see her grandkids more often?" "She goes out more than most, yet doesn't want to eat in certain restaurants.") My husband and I have a good marriage, but many of these ladies are widowed or divorced. How do you handle backstabbing at this age?

— *Mystified in New York*

Dear Mystified: Try not to take it personally. Obviously, these gossips have less to occupy their minds than one would hope. You might also consider seeing these particular individuals even less often than you already do in the age of COVID. If you do, it may give them less ammunition concerning what you do (or don't do) with your time.

Dear Abby: I began using a wheelchair two years ago. Since then a dear friend of roughly 40 years has become fixated on my disability. While we once shared a deep, close "BFF" relationship, she now speaks to me in baby talk and only shows an interest in my physical

limitations. I feel objectified, hurt and disappointed.

I have mentioned to her that I prefer to focus on other things in life, and she responds with platitudes like, "The body is just a shell," and "All that matters is the heart," but her actions tell me otherwise. I hate to end this friendship, but I am at the end of my rope. Any advice? — *Patronized in Arizona*

Dear Patronized: If you haven't done it already, tell this person that you no longer wish to discuss your disability and you prefer she stop raising the subject and treating you differently. Period. If she continues to pursue the subject after that, make your visits less frequent, if they happen at all.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing in Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, In the Matter of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods. AEP Ohio seeks a rate increase, including miscellaneous charges, that would generate approximately \$36.2 million of additional revenue, or an increase of 2.96 percent over current total base distribution revenue. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month, AEP Ohio seeks an increase of 1.80 percent on the total bill for the Ohio Power Company rate zone and an increase of 1.81 percent on the total bill for the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zone. After its review of AEP Ohio's records and application, the staff of the Commission recommends a decrease of 2.92 percent on the total bill for a 20-585-EL-AIR, et al. -5- residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month for the Ohio Power Company and the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zones.

A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. via Webex.

Interested persons who are not a party to these cases and wish to provide testimony must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on February 5, 2021, at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/events/case-no-20-585-EL-AIR-et-al-ph> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Commission's consideration, a copy of the document, along with a reference to Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, must be provided to the Commission by February 5, 2021, if possible, but no later than February 16, 2021, by electronic mail to contactThePU-CO@puco.ohio.gov or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Interested individuals who merely wish to attend the hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 179 414 7650. The public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PU-Ohio. Additional information is available by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

An evidentiary hearing, where counsel for the parties to the cases may present evidence and cross examine witnesses, will commence on March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., by Webex. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. 20-585-EL-AIR, et al.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Commission's website at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to contactThePU-CO@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference the case numbers for this matter.

Arians warns Bucs about looking ahead

Jori Epstein
USA TODAY

The road to the NFC Super Bowl berth goes through Green Bay.

But, whether the Buccaneers or Packers win Sunday afternoon, it will end in Tampa.

That means if the Bucs can upset the Packers, they would become the first team to play the Super Bowl in their home stadium. That's not insignificant since this will be the 55th title game. Players and coaches are aware of the implications. They're also intent not to focus on them.

"We don't play that game this week — that's the message to everybody," Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians said Wednesday. "We play the Packers in the NFC

Championship game.

"If you start thinking about the Super Bowl, you get your ass beat and you'll be packing your bags on Monday."

Technically, the Buccaneers will be staying home in February regardless. But they hope their time in Tampa includes training for the game's biggest stage and a chance at the Lombardi Trophy on Feb. 7. It's a stage quarterback Tom Brady has played on nine times since the Patriots drafted him in 2000. His new franchise, in contrast, hasn't won a playoff game since its Super Bowl victory after the 2002 season.

"We've been losing for a long time," said receiver Mike Evans, who weathered five losing seasons in his first six with the

franchise. "We didn't take the easy road [and] we saw some bad days. We're happy to be in the position we are now."

The Bucs know their 38-10 Week 6 dismantling of the Packers and disruption of likely MVP Aaron Rodgers proved they have the ingredients for a winning recipe. But Arians reminds his team that the Saints had beat them twice in the regular season — and once handily at 38-3 — before Tampa snatched a divisional win last Sunday in New Orleans. The Buccaneers arrive in Green Bay riding a seven-game road winning streak.

"Let's keep that streak going — that would be pretty sweet," Brady said Wednesday. This is one of the coolest stadiums in the league to play in. I know they're excited, we'll be excited, and it will make for a great football game."

And if the Bucs take that road winning streak to eight and return home to battle for the Lombardi?

"I'm not blocking it out," Evans said. "I'm a fan of the game. It's in our city, too, so I'm not trying to block it out."

"It's extra motivation if anything."

AREA BASKETBALL STANDINGS AND LEADERS

BOYS BASKETBALL

STANDINGS

EBC

Salem 5-1, 8-4

Minerva 4-2, 6-5

West Branch 3-5, 11-4

Canton South 4-3, 8-6

Alliance 1-5, 1-7

Marlington 3-6, 4-11

Carrollton 1-5, 4-9

MVAC

McDonald 6-0, 12-0

Waterloo 6-2, 7-3

Springfield 8-1, 1-3

Jackson-Milton 5-8, 8-7

Lowellville 3-3, 8-5

Mineral Ridge 3-4, 3-6

Western Reserve 2-6, 6-7

Sebring 0-10, 4-13

PTC

Mogadore 6-2, 7-7

Southeast 4-1, 8-3

Garfield 1-5, 5-5

Lake Center 3-5, 3-10

Rootstown 3-5, 4-10

Louisville 7-5

St. Thomas 3-4

LEADERS

Scoring (Games-Points-Avg)

Kyle Shockley, Waterloo 9-287-21.9

Noah Saldaña, Minerva 11-181-16.5

Zach Warty, St. Thomas 10-215-15.4

Brandon Clint, Southeast 12-124-17.7

Jason Hendershott, West Branch 13-175-13.5

Casey Miller, Marlington 14-182-13.0

Dru DeChicko, West Branch 12-159-12.5

Aidan Fischer, Southeast 10-128-12.8

Bradley Costea, Minerva 1-140-12.7

Chris Aubrey, St. Thomas 8-98-12.3

Will Aljanic, Louisville 13-149-11.5

Gage Ford, Alliance 14-158-11.3

Rome Sims, Marlington 14-158-11.3

Brandon Alexander, Alliance 12-123-11.2

FG shooting (Made-Attempted-Pct)

Minimum 2 attempts per game

Stephen Gales, Alliance 44-67-65.7

Moses O'Neal, St. Thomas 27-44-61.4

Broc Pickers, Louisville 35-63-55.8

Aidan Fischer, Southeast 51-88-58.0

Adam Burt, St. Thomas 26-48-54.2

Josh Gregory, West Branch 23-25-53.7

Julius Kimbrough, St. Thomas 22-42-52.4

Corey Noble, Louisville 48-93-51.6

Brandon Alexander, Alliance 94-51

Diego Allen, Alliance 27-53-50.0

Cam Haynes, Alliance 33-108-49.1

Casey Miller, Marlington 12-127-47.0

Bradley Costea, Minerva 53-107-46.7

Brandon Zurburg, Alliance 42-91-46.2

Noah Saldaña, Minerva 56-72-45.2

Rome Sims, Marlington 59-135-43.7

Kyle Shockley, Waterloo 69-163-42.3

Gage Ford, Alliance 54-142-38.0

3-Point FG shooting

(Made-Attempted-Pct)

Minimum 2 attempts per game

Cam Haynes, Alliance 27-57-47.4

Bradley Costea, Minerva 17-37-45.9

Kole Mayle, Minerva 20-45-44.4

Owen Snoger, Minerva 17-39-43.6

Casey Miller, Marlington 36-95-42.3

Diego Allen, Alliance 27-49-40.0

Brandon Zurburg, Alliance 25-63-39.7

Chris Aubrey, St. Thomas 18-46-39.1

Tyler Boldon, Louisville 18-47-38.3

Zach Warty, St. Thomas 20-56-37.7

Kyle Shockley, Marlington 9-32-30.4

Rome Sims, Marlington 14-46-30.4

Ben Yoder, Marlington 18-69-27.5

Drew Denham, Marlington 9-32-24.3

FT shooting (made-attempted-pct)

Minimum 2 attempts per game

Brandon Clint, Southeast 10-22-88.0

Dakota Hoffman, Louisville 12-28-79.3

Casey Miller, Marlington 22-28-78.6

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Carson Dunn, Southeast 10-36-3.6

Casey Miller, Marlington 14-37-2.6

Bradley Costea, Minerva 15-25-2.6

Macagey Laure, Marlington 12-29-2.2

Ben Yoder, West Branch 14-29-2.1

St. Thomas 7-6

Louisville 5-9

Girls Basketball

Enma Whaley, Sebring 14-77-13.3

Jenna Cassidy, Minerva 13-73-13.3

Sherrilyn Mullett, Louisville 13-73-13.3

Chelsea Ewanch, Marlington 15-187-13.3

Paige Cole, Louisville 13-142-10.9

Allison Lacher, Marlington 15-138-10.7

Coletta Miller, Minerva 15-131-10.3

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Jackson-Milton 7-4, 9-6

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Commissioners approve bids for courthouse upgrades

Barry Fortunie

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USA TODAY NETWORK

KEY ACTION: Ashland County Commissioners at its Thursday, Jan. 21 meeting approved advertising to accept bids until 9:15 a.m. on Feb. 11 for work necessary for the county courthouse HVAC system. The project also will remove all current window air conditioners.

OTHER ACTION:
— Authorized Tiller & Now certifications and payment of warrants for the sheriff, health department, engineer and commissioners.

— Approved the appointment of Aaron Meherg to provide apiary services for the county, effective Jan. 1, at the rate of \$10 per hive inspection, up to a maximum of \$3,000 for 2021.

— Approved and entered into a contract with Meherg for apiary services for 2021.

— Approved and entered into a contract with the Adult Parole Authority, a bureau in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the County Court of Common Pleas for the provision of supervision services to the court.

FOR YOUR INFO:

— Kathy Thiemeis, executive direc-

tor of the Ashland Church Community Shelter Services (ACCESS), gave an update on the program.

"ACCESS is the program for homeless women and families," Thiemeis said. "Last year we served 60 people. 29 of them were children."

— Commissioner Denny Bittle gave an update on the COVID-19 vaccine procedures and explained the need for county residents to make just one appointment at the various locations.

"Please only sign up for one (location)," Bittle said. "Don't sign up for all of them. The vaccine is only good for six hours once opened."

— Ashland County Dog Shelter Kennel Manager Krissy Fussner, Safe Haven Program Director Rebecca Jentes and Program Advocate Kelly Van Driest were presented with items for their individual programs from the annual "Maintain, No Gain" Wellness Contest sponsored by county employees. Also, \$83 was collected and donated to ACCESS.

UP NEXT: The commissioners will meet Thursday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. in the commissioner's conference room on the second floor of the County Office Building. The meetings are open to the public, but also live-streamed on the Ashland, OH County Government Facebook page.

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and with the help of Lloyd and Norma Wygant's generous donation to the city, new multi-occasion pavilion was constructed, and vinyl siding was also put up, Miller added.

Stan and Mary Miller contributed to renovate the cart paths for the golf course as well, Miller said. Volunteers from the high school golf team, their coach and volunteers from the Friends of Brookside Golf Course, under the leadership of Gene Haberman, painted the outside of the clubhouse.

Last year, rounds of play at the course were up and finished \$48,000 in the black, according to the mayor.

"The golf course has a wonderful future, and we did that with a lot of community support," Miller said. "Most all of these improvements that we're making to the city, the transformation that's underway is made possible by public-private partnerships."

Public being city resources and tax dollars, and private being businesses, nonprofits and individuals donating their personal money, Miller said.

Office of Commercial Building Inspection and Permitting

Last year was the first full year Ashland operated the new Office of Commercial Building Inspection and Permitting, and Miller said he is happy with how successful it has been.

"It has been a marvelous success," Miller said. "Everywhere we go, we get accolades from contractors about how quick the process is."

Previously, the city hired Richland

County to do the inspection of commercial construction in Ashland. Now, this service is in Ashland's City Hall to help with special needs, turnaround times and overall efficiency, Miller said.

Ashland's City Engineer serves as the Chief Building Plans Examiner, advancing the turnaround time from plans to a week or two, Miller added.

"This is a boost to our economic development effort," Miller said. "When we meet with business prospects and our city engineer is there, I can say 'Shane [City Engineer] is the gentleman you'll be working with on all your permits and inspections,' they go 'are you kidding me?' They can get all their answers in one stop."

Economic development

A big part of Miller's State of the City dealt with economic development.

"I'm including housing development as well," Miller said. "One of the things we hear over and over again locally is, 'we need more places for people to live,' and at all price points."

On George Road, crews are preparing land for 192 market rate apartments and townhouses. Vision Development will invest \$44 million in building this new complex that will feature outdoor swimming, 12 different apartments buildings, walking trail, dog park and a clubhouse.

This is expected to be complete in 2022, Miller said.

OhioHealth recently invested \$14.5 million in the new Ashland Health Center as well.

"That is true economic development," Miller said. "That is bringing outside financial resources into our community and investing and upgrading the value of our area."

Next to the health center are two new-

ly constructed apartment buildings called Montgomery Crossing by Woda Cooper from Columbus, with 50 apartments. They are a \$10 million investment, Miller said.

Behind Home Depot, Union Lofts (48 affordable workforce housing apartments) was a several million dollar investment, Miller added.

Behind Aldi's, a local investor is building high-end apartments called Latitude 40.

"Between now and next year at this time, we will have added close to 400 more places to live in our community," Miller said. "Each of those is outside money being invested here in our community."

The city also extended utilities, water and sewer, under Interstate 71 to the east side, where Fin Feather and Fur and Grandpa's Cheesebarn are located, opening that side for more development.

In 2020, the Pump House Manufacturing Facility was finally removed. The flat, green, 4.5 acres will be the new Urban Meadow: a quiet, modern, oasis where people can go to walk or meditate, Miller said.

Demolition of the Hess & Clark building will start next week, said Miller, who added that funding for removal and rebuilding the site came from a developer.

An 85,000-square-foot data center was the original idea to take place of the building. Now, the developer is planning something bigger and more beneficial: multi-story housing, said Miller, who added that more details are to come.

Another project is 45 single family homes off of Mifflin Ave. X L Builders have

started clearing the site and will start construction when weather allows, according to the mayor.

Also on Mifflin Avenue, the water tank was restored, inside and out, Miller added.

The mayor said that local businesses are expanding: Schoonover Industries is adding to its facilities; J&H has added to its building; Ohio Electric Control is in the process of adding to its building; Lippert Enterprises is building a new 122,000-square-foot warehouse and Jerry Baker is adding a 210,000-square-foot warehouse to serve Packaging Corporation of America.

The city's police and fire divisions were the last item on Miller's State of the City list. Thanks to the safety services levy, which funds the staffing and equipping of police officers and paramedics, the Fire Department is fully staffed at 37 firefighters and City Police Department is fully staffed at 32.

For the last decade, the Police Division has been understaffed.

"Our police officers have waited a long time to be fully staffed," Miller said. "When they're not staffed, they have to work a lot of extra overtime."

Over the last year, one challenge the Police Division faced was the unexpected passing of Lt. Garry Alting during a routine surgery.

"He was loved by not only his colleagues, but the entire community," Miller said. "He had a childlike spirit and very easygoing, yet very professional."

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AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS

The following area high school boys standings are based on league records. Each team's overall record is listed first with its conference record listed second.
Note: Standings are as of Jan. 26.

FIRELANDS CONFERENCE
 Western Reserve (12-1, 10-0)
 South Central (12-2, 8-2)
 St. Paul (8-4, 7-3)
 Crestview (10-4, 6-3)
 Monroeville (7-1, 4-0)
 New London (2-9, 2-7)
 Plymouth (3-11, 1-9)

Mapleton (3-11, 0-9)
LODARI COUNTY B
 Keystone (10-1, 10-1)
 Columbia (8-2, 8-2)
 Firelands (7-2, 7-2)
 Oberlin (5-4, 5-4)
 Clearview (5-6, 5-6)
 Black River (2-8, 2-8)
 Brookside (1-10, 1-10)
 Helliington (0-5, 0-5)
WID-BUCKEYE CONFERENCE
 Lucas (9-5, 6-4)

Loudonville (8-7, 5-2)
 Crestline (8-6, 4-3)
 Central Christian (6-7, 3-4)
 Mansfield Christian (6-10, 3-4)
 St. Peter's (0-11, 0-11)
OHIO CARDINAL CONFERENCE
 Wooster (5-1, 6-0)
 Ashland (12-2, 6-9)
 West Holmes (10-3, 4-3)
 Mansfield Senior (4-4, 2-2)
 Mount Vernon (4-10, 3-5)
 Lexington (4-6, 0-5)

Madison (10-10, 0-6)
WAYNE COUNTY ATHLETIC LEAGUE
 Dalton (10-1, 8-9)
 Waynedale (10-2, 7-2)
 Norwye (10-3, 7-2)
 Smithville (4-5, 3-4)
 Northwestern (5-7, 4-5)
 Rittman (3-6, 2-5)
 Hillsdale (2-9, 0-7)
 Chippewa (0-9, 0-6)

H.S. BOYS BASKETBALL STATS

Note: Stats are as of Jan. 26.

SCORING

(Players ranked by average, min. 13.7)

Player-Games-Pts-Avg.

L. Denbow, AHS - 14-314-22.4

G. Heileman, NL - 11-222-20.2

J. Gessner, LOUD - 14-270-19.3

E. Hamilton, CV - 13-250-19.2

D. Lamoreaux, SC - 14-252-18.0

G. Steury, AHS - 14-248-17.6

E. White, AHS - 14-232-16.6

M. Carlson, NW - 10-150-15.0

W. Schaad, NW - 7-161-14.3

J. Shaver, NL - 11-151-13.7

3-POINTERS

(Players ranked by made 3s, min. 17)

Player-3PM

J. Gessner, LOUD - 44

E. White, AHS - 35

L. Denbow, AHS - 32

G. Steury, AHS - 28

H. Kash, CV - 27

A. Golek, NW - 26

E. Gibbs, CV - 23

E. Hamilton, CV - 19

C. Mutchler, HD - 18

C. Grundy, MAP - 17

M. Carlson, NW - 17

REBOUNDING

(Players ranked by average, min. 4.3)

Player-Games-Reb-Avg.

D. Jenke, BR - 10-110-11.0

L. Lamoreaux, SC - 14-155-9.6

J. Shaver, NL - 11-102-9.3

L. Huffman, LOUD - 15-105-17.7

J. Ziegler, MAP - 13-99-7.6

P. Jenke, BR - 10-78-7.6

B. Barker, CV - 14-102-7.3

E. White, AHS - 14-100-7.1

C. Sinnett, HD - 11-73-6.6

E. Hamilton, CV - 13-82-6.3

B. Galtbratt, MAP - 12-75-6.3

ASSISTS

(Players ranked by average, min. 2.6)

Player-Games-Ass.

L. Denbow, AHS - 14-100-7.1

M. Carlson, NW - 10-61-6.3

S. Seidel, SC - 14-60-4.3

E. White, AHS - 14-53-3.8

J. Ziegler, HD - 10-34-3.1

C. Grundy, MAP - 13-38-2.9

G. Heileman, NL - 11-32-2.9

J. Shaver, NL - 11-30-2.8

E. Siders, NW - 10-27-2.7

J. Ziegler, MAP - 13-34-2.6

P. Jenke, BR - 10-26-2.6

STEALS

(Players ranked by average, min. 23)

Player-Games-Stl-Avg.

L. Denbow, AHS - 14-46-3.3

S. Seidel, SC - 14-44-3.1

J. Gessner, LOUD - 14-37-2.6

J. McCormack, SC - 14-33-2.4

Z. Fast, NW - 10-24-2.4

W. Schaad, NW - 7-16-2.3

A. O'Neil, BR - 7-16-2.3

M. Carlson, NW - 10-22-2.2

D. Lamoreaux, SC - 14-30-2.1

G. Steury, AHS - 14-29-2.1

C. Grundy, MAP - 13-27-2.1

J. Shaver, NL - 11-23-2.1

B. Alberts, NW - 10-21-2.1

BLOCKS

(Players ranked by average, min. 0.7)

Player-Games-Blk-Avg.

M. Carlson, NW - 10-14-2.4

C. Stanton, LOUD - 13-25-1.9

J. Ziegler, MAP - 13-18-1.4

L. Jurjicvic, AHS - 14-18-1.3

D. Lamoreaux, SC - 14-17-1.2

L. Huffman, LOUD - 15-16-1.1

C. Sinnett, HD - 11-13-1.2

J. Shaver, NL - 11-9-0.9

M. Albright, NW - 10-9-0.9

C. Grundy, MAP - 13-9-0.7

Notebook

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a game set by former Redbird and two-time All-Ohioan Celeste Rymen.

"I think most teams when they look at us they start with Grace," Loudonville coach Tyler Bates said after a 90-32 win over New Hope Christian Academy on Tuesday. "She is one of the best post players we've had at Loudonville ever. So to have a shooter like Shalen on the floor with her, it makes it tough to double Grace. It provides that spacing that we were missing at times last year."

Guilliams leads the area with a whopping 68 3-pointers on the season — nearly 30 more than any other area player.

"Shalen has adjusted so well since her and her family moved here [in July]," Grace Vernilya said. "From day one she was shooting open gym with us in the summer [and] putting in time, so we got very close with her. She puts in the work. She deserves everything she's doing this season."

Through 18 games, Guilliams is averaging 15.1 points, 2.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and an area-best 4.3 steals per game.

"Although Shalen is such a good shooter, it's amazing to watch how many things that girl does on the floor to impact games," Bates said. "She played point guard tonight for long stretches, she's always in the right spot defensively and in help side, and she's a great passer. ... We love her shooting, but I don't want to put her in a box as just a shooter because she does so many other things well for us."

'Mamba Mentality'

Tuesday marked one year since NBA legend Kobe Bryant, his daughter Giana and seven others tragically died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, Calif.

It goes without saying that Bryant was a beloved athlete not only in the NBA, but in the world of sports as a whole. His drive and determination to work harder than his opponent and to be the best he could be is referred to as the 'Mamba Mentality,' which is something that athletes and coaches across every corner of the sports world have emulated — especially in this last year.

Bates and his Loudonville girls team have taken that same approach to their daily activities.

"When you talk about the 'Mamba Mentality,' you talk about being never satisfied and always wanting to improve," Bates said. "The most successful groups regardless of the sport — and even outside of athletics and the real world — they always have more work to do. And that's what the 'Mamba Mentality' is. And we always preach that with our girls."

"We'll tell them tomorrow at practice that we haven't won anything yet. We're 18-0, but we haven't won anything yet. We have to get better today. We have to get ready to work."

Arrow girls making strides

After starting the season 0-6, the Ashland High girls basketball team, under the lead of first-year coach Renee Stimpert, has won four of its last six games to improve to 4-8 on the season.

In fact, the Arrows' three-game winning streak entering their Thursday night matchup with Wooster is their longest since winning four straight in 2017-18. In addition, one more win for the Arrows will equal the program's total number of wins in the previous two seasons combined (5).

Crestview's tough upcoming stretch

Although the Crestview girls sit atop the Firelands Conference standings with an 8-0 league record, the Cougars haven't played since Jan. 14 due to a COVID-19 quarantine.

As a result of the quarantine, Crestview will not return to action until Feb. 4. From there, the Cougars will play six league games in 10 days, including home games against St. Paul (8-1 in FC) on Feb. 4 and Western Reserve (7-3) on Feb. 13.

BOYS BASKETBALL
SC's Lamoreaux thriving as No. 1 option

David Lamoreaux has been a key player for the South Central boys basketball team over the last three seasons. But in previous years, Lamoreaux was leaned on more for his defense and rebounding and was often a second or third option offensively.

With the Trojans losing a handful of key players to graduation, including the program's all-time leading scorer in Simon Blair, Lamoreaux has embraced the opportunity to be the team's top option on offense this season.

The senior big man is averaging 18.0 points per game on 55% shooting from the field. He has also knocked in 12-of-26 3-point tries (46%). Lamoreaux is second in the area in rebounding per game at 9.6 to go along with averages of 1.2 blocks and 2.1 steals.

"Obviously, he's a tough matchup for anybody," SC coach Brett Seidel recently said. "He is long, athletic. He's got skill. He can put it on the floor, and he can shoot it from deep. He's just a tough matchup."

Ashland trio shining

Ashland High has not only one of the best backcourts among local teams, but also three of the best players in the area in senior Eli White, junior Luke Denbow and sophomore Grayson Steury.

The trio makes up three of the top six scoring averages in the area. Denbow leads the area in scoring at 22.4 points per game, while Steury (17.6 ppg.) and White (16.6) are fifth and sixth, respectively. Denbow also leads the area in assists (7.1) and steals (3.3) per game.

The trio's outside shooting has been impressive as well, combining for 95 3-pointers. White is second in the area

with 35 3-balls, with Denbow third (32) and Steury fourth (28).

With this talented trio, it's easy to see why the Arrows are 12-2 entering their matchup with Massillon Washington this Friday.

Cougars reach 10 wins

John Kurtz's return to the Crestview boys basketball program has been a welcome one.

The veteran coach has the Cougars playing their best basketball in years, as they currently sit at 10-4 on the season. Tuesday's 64-35 win over Mapleton gave Crestview double digit wins for the first time since 2016-17, and for only the third time in the last nine seasons.

If the Cougars were to reach 13 wins this season, it would be their most wins in a season since the 2010-11 squad went 17-6.

WRESTLING
Low numbers not a problem for SC

Although South Central only has three wrestlers — Jayden Strickland (132 pounds), Brandon Smith (170) and Hayden Berry (182) — the team has been making the most of its time on the mat.

The pandemic has prevented the Trojans from competing in numerous

tournaments, duals and tris, leading to the three SC grapplers often competing against each other at practice.

While Strickland is certainly the smallest of the bunch, the 2020 state qualifier holds his own against his bigger teammates, according to SC coach Ken Johnson.

"Jayden has a rough road, but he holds his own and does a really good job on those guys," Johnson said. "For a matter of fact, they get frustrated because they don't score on him too often."

Strickland won the title at his weight at the Dave Rohr Classic on Saturday, with Berry placing second at 182.

"It's nice to get out of the room and get some real competition and a chance to prove yourself," Johnson said Saturday. "They did a nice job today, and we can't be prouder of them."

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PREP ROUNDUP

Redbirds fall to Golden Bears

Staff Report

Wednesday, Jan. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Waynedale 68, Loudonville 51

The Redbirds dropped a non-league

tilt with the Golden Bears.

Leading Loudonville in the loss was Jacob Gessner with 17 points. Kyle Maltrich added 15 points.

SPORTS

NELSONVILLE-YORK

VINTON BASKETBALL

Vikings power past Buckeyes, 69-35

FROM STAFF REPORTS

McARTHUR — The Vinton County Vikings continued their unbeaten run through the Tri-Valley Conference Ohio Division.

The Vikings rolled to a 69-35 victory on Thursday against the Nelsonville-York Buckeyes.

Vinton County, the No. 5 ranked team in the Associated press Division II poll, improved to 15-1 overall and 8-0 in the Tri-Valley Conference Ohio Division.

Morgan Bentley recently became the Vikings' all-time leading scorer, and she added 19 more to her total on Thursday. She made six 2-point field goals, a pair of 3-pointers and a free throw. Bentley scored 12 points in the first half.

Myriah Davis and Tegan Bartoe each scored 15 points for the Vikings. Davis sank three 2-pointers and three 3-pointers in the win, while Bartoe made three 3-pointers, a pair of 2's and 2 of 4 free throws.

Cameron Zinn gave Vinton County four in double figures as she added 12 points. She



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Vinton County's Morgan Bentley (21) is introduced before a game against Alexander on Jan. 4. Bentley, Vinton County's all-time leading scorer, tallied 19 points in a 69-35 win over Nelsonville-York on Thursday.

made three 2-pointers, a 3-pointer and all three of her free throw attempts.

Rylee Ousley added five points for the Vikings, while Lacie Williams scored three points.

Brooklyn Richards led Nelsonville-York (4-12,

2-6 TVC-Ohio) with 10 points. She made four 2-pointers and two of her four free throw attempts.

Airah Lavy followed with nine points, making three 2-pointers and a 3.

Alivia Speelman tallied seven points for

the Buckeyes, Kalina Hernandez six points and Kyleigh McWilliams three points.

Vinton County led 24-8 after one quarter, as Davis made three 3-pointers. Vinton County's lead was 37-21 at halftime, and 49-30 going to the fourth.

OHIO BASEBALL

Ohio's Smith announces retirement

Rob Smith announced his decision to retire from coaching on Thursday after serving as the Ohio baseball head coach for the last eight seasons.

"It's been an incredible time here at Ohio," Smith said. "I have appreciated my time with the players and coaches that have been a part of this program. It's something I will keep with me forever. I want to thank Julie (Cromer) during this process as I navigated this decision. I want to thank everybody at Ohio that help us progress forward and those that supported us within the athletic department. I have been very fortunate to have great assistant coaches, and as I have chosen to depart I know the program is in great hands with the current staff. They have been a huge part of what we do."

Smith finishes his career at Ohio with two Mid-American Conference Tournament titles and two NCAA Championship appearances. Ohio had made the NCAA Tournament just twice since 1972 before Smith arrived at OU.

"Rob Smith provided outstanding leadership for the Ohio baseball program throughout his tenure," athletic director Julie Cromer said. "He raised the bar for Ohio baseball and led us through many great moments, including two MAC titles. He will be remembered not only for his work on the field, but also for his positive influence on the lives of our student-athletes. We are incredibly grateful for his

contributions to Ohio University and we wish him well in his future endeavors."

Associate head coach Craig Moore will assume interim head coaching duties for the rest of the season. Moore will enter his ninth season at Ohio and served on Smith's staff for his entire tenure at OU.

Moore spent two years as an assistant coach with Creighton before arriving to Ohio, specializing with outfielders and catchers. During his time at Creighton, the Bluejays won back-to-back Missouri Valley Conference titles. Moore has previous head coaching experience, as he served as the Western Texas College head coach for four seasons before arriving at Creighton. Moore graduated from Nebraska, where he was a four-year letter winner and Academic All-Conference performer on the baseball team.

Smith coached three MAC Player of the Year winners, one MAC Pitcher of the Year and one MAC Defensive Player of the Year. Rudy Rott was the first player to win the MAC Player of the Year award twice in league history, while Mitch Longo won the award in 2015. Logan Cozart was MAC Pitcher of the Year, while he and Rott were All-Americans. Tyler Finkler became the first Bobcat to garner MAC Defensive Player of the Year recognition under Smith's guidance.

Four Bobcats — Rott, Longo, Cozart and

Brett Barber — were all drafted in the MLB First-Year Player Draft. Rott was the highest selected Bobcat under Smith after being selected with the 270th pick in the ninth round by the Philadelphia Phillies.

"In coaching the relationships and interactions with players is what drives most coaches, myself included," Smith added. "It takes effort, hard work and commitment to win two MAC championships. It's a difficult thing to do and it's not done without the effort of the players. I have been lucky to work with some tremendous student-athletes and I look forward to continuing those relationships. I am indebted to them."

Smith won his first MAC title in his third year at OU after engineering an unprecedented turnaround in his third season as head coach of the Bobcats in 2015. Under his watch, the Bobcats posted an NCAA-best 25-win improvement en route to capturing the 2015 MAC Championship — Ohio's first league title since 1997. Ohio's 36 wins in 2015 rank as the second-most in a single season in school history.

Smith's 2017 title came by defeating No. 3-seeded Eastern Michigan, 7-4, in the 2017 MAC Championship. Ohio earned its third MAC tournament title with the victory. The Bobcats took down No. 4-seeded Ball State and No. 1-seeded Kent State the following day before defeating EMU. After missing

and Bowling Green (6-2 MAC) over Wednesday.

Ohio is scheduled to travel to Western Michigan on Saturday for a 12 p.m. tip off. The Broncos are 2-7 overall, and 1-6 in the MAC.

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ATHENS BOYS BASKETBALL

Whiting leads Athens to win at Wellston

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WELLSTON — Brayden Whiting had another big night, and the Athens Bulldogs picked up another key Tri-Valley Conference Ohio Division win.

The Bulldogs were 53-42 winners on Tuesday at Athens High School.

The victory kept Athens alone in first place in the TVC-Ohio standings. The Bulldogs are 8-6 overall and 6-0 in the TVC-Ohio.

Athens remains a game ahead of Vinton County (5-1) in the league standings.

Wellston fell to 4-5 overall and 0-4 in the TVC-Ohio after the loss to the Bulldogs.

Whiting poured in 29 points to lead the Bulldogs to the road win. He made a trio of 3-point shots, also cashing in on eight of his 11 trips to

the free throw line.

Whiting also grabbed five rebounds.

Will Matters hit double figures for Athens with 10 points, getting four steals and two assists.

Derrick Welsh contributed six points, 10 rebounds, three steals and two assists for Athens. Jake Sayers had four points, six rebounds and three steals, while Trey Harris and Will Ginder each scored two points. Harris also had three assists and five rebounds.

Cyan Ervin led Wellston with 19 points, while Hunter Smith added 12 points.

Athens led 15-4 after one quarter, and 32-16 at halftime. The lead was 46-29 going to the fourth. Wellston won the final frame 13-7, but it wasn't enough.

TOMCATS

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"We had a sour taste in our mouth, especially me, last year when they beat us at their place, taking the TVC title," Guffey said. "So we knew this was going to be the biggest game. We've been preparing for the longest time."

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FEDERAL HOCKING 55 (5-2, 2-1 TVC-Hocking)

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TRIMBLE 74 (9-2, 6-0

TVC-Hocking

Tucker Dixon 3 0-0 6, Blake Guffey 10 2-2 24, Tyler Weber 4 0-0 8, Austin Wisor 3 2-2 10, Bryce Downs 9 2-2 20, William Freeborn 0 0-0 0, Clarence Jones 3 0-0 6, Brandon Burdette 0 0-0 0, TOTALS 32 6-6 74; 3-point field goals 4 (Guffey, Wisor 2 apiece)

TEAM STATISTICS/

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Field goals — Federal Hocking 22-63 (34.9), 3-point field goals 4-22 (18.2); Trimble 32-60 (53.3), 3-point field goals 4-17 (23.5); Free throws — Federal Hocking 7-16 (43.8), Trimble 6-6 (100.0); Rebounds — Federal Hocking 36 (Lucas 11), Trimble 39 (Guffey, Wisor 9 apiece); Assists — Federal Hocking 10 (Cottrell, Lucas 3 apiece), Trimble 23 (Dixon 6); Blocks — Federal Hocking 3 (Massie 2), Trimble 4 (Downs 3); Turnovers — Federal Hocking 21, Trimble 18; Steals — Federal Hocking 12 (Lucas 4), Trimble 7 (Weber 4); Team fouls — Federal Hocking 15, Trimble 15; JV game — Trimble 47; Federal Hocking 38.

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BOBCATS

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The Bulls finished the game with 23 turnovers.

Ohio now has consecutive wins against two of the top teams in the

Athens Area Five Day Forecast

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
36 28	41 31	36 24	32 17	39 26
Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 100%	Precip Chance: 95%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 5%

Athens Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 36°, humidity of 39%. East wind 2 to 7 mph. The record high for today is 67° set in 2002. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 100% chance of snow, overnight low of 28°.

Yesterday's Statistics

Temperatures	
High	31
Low	16
Record High	67 in 2002
Record Low	-9 in 2000
Precipitation	
Amount	0.00"

Data reported from Ohio University Airport

Hocking River Level

Location	Flood Stage	Today 24hr Change
Athens	20	3.91 -0.16

For latest weather updates: www.UUpdatedWx.com/AM

Today's Regional Weather

City	High/Low
Toledo	31/21
Cleveland	31/21
Akron	31/25
Dayton	36/30
Columbus	36/28
Cincinnati	39/33
Athens	36/28
Parkersburg	37/29
Frankfort	44/36
Lexington	43/36
Charleston	43/33

3 Tips to Managing COVID-19 Related Stress

- Get information** from a trusted source, such as www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- Reduce stress** by eating healthy foods, exercising, keeping in touch with loved ones, and participating in hobbies that you enjoy.
- Get help** by calling the National Disaster Distress Helpline at 1.800.985.5990. Hopewell Health Centers' Behavioral Health Hotlines are also answered 24/7 using the numbers below.

Athens, Hocking, & Vinton
1-888-475-8484
 Gallia, Jackson, & Meigs
1-800-252-5554

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FOR THE RECORD

Athens County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday, Jan. 27

12:19 a.m., The Plains – Deputies responded to Union Lane, in The Plains, for a report of a suspicious person. The complainant stated that he observed a male going through the trash and was scared to retrieve his groceries from his vehicle. Deputies assisted the male with obtaining his groceries from his car to his residence. Units resumed patrol.

1:40 a.m., Athens – Deputies responded to O'Bleness Hospital, in Athens, for a report of a stabbing that had allegedly occurred on Chase Road, outside Albany. The complainant stated that he got into an altercation with a friend, and the friend then stabbed him in the arm. The incident is under further investigation pending contact with possible witnesses.

7:13 p.m., Jacksonville – Deputies were patrolling the Jacksonville area and located what appeared to be a vehicle possibly stuck in a ditch in a residents front yard. Deputies approached the vehicle and found the driver to be asleep behind the wheel. Upon further investigation, deputies observed drugs and paraphernalia in plain view in the vehicle and a probable cause search was conducted. The driver was found to be in possession of narcotics and paraphernalia. This case is pending further investigation and lab results.

2:38 p.m., Athens – Deputies responded to S. Canaan Rd. in Athens, in reference to a third party report of an unknown issue. Once on scene, it was determined to be a dispute over an alleged theft of four hundred dollars.

3:51 p.m., Athens – Deputies responded to OH-550, in Athens, for a report of a dispute and property damage. Deputies investigated the scene and determined that probable cause for domestic violence and criminal damage was met. Threats were made to the victim and a windshield was damaged in the dispute. The suspect was charged and transported to SEORJ.

4:28 p.m., The Plains – Deputies responded to Union Lane, in The Plains, to speak with a male in regards to an unknown issue. Deputies arrived on the scene and spoke with the caller. He stated that his neighbor was bothering him. When asked how his neighbor was bothering him, he could not explain how. Deputies knocked on the neighbor's door negative con-

tact was made. Deputies resumed patrol.

5:10 p.m., Athens – Deputies responded to S. Canaan Road, in Athens, in regards to a dispute. Once on scene, it was determined no physical violence occurred, and no threats were made. No further action was taken.

Deputies responded to US 33 near Rainbow Lake Road, for a report of a two vehicle traffic accident with no injuries. Deputies arrived on scene and took a report. No further action taken.

11:20 p.m., The Plains – Deputies responded to East First Street, in The Plains, for a report of a suspicious person. Deputies patrolled the area for some time, and did not locate any person in this area. Units resumed patrol.

11:36 p.m., Athens – Deputies responded to a suspicious person / possible provider complaint on Beechwood DR, in Athens. Made contact with homeowner and discussed the situation. Upon looking into the situation, it was determined a vehicle had slid off the road and was stuck in the callers lower yard. It appeared the driver had attempted to notify the homeowner, but was unable to make contact. No damage to vehicle or yard. Vehicle was unoccupied and secured. No further action taken. Return to patrol.

Thursday, Jan. 28
 12:17 a.m., Athens – Deputies responded to Beechwood RD, in Athens, for a prowler complaint. After tracking footprints in the snow it was determined that someone had slid off the roadway and was stuck in the homeowners yard. The driver apparently attempted contact at the residence, but was unsuccessful. The vehicle sustained zero damage and was secured. Homeowner was notified of findings. No further action taken. Return to patrol.

1:14 a.m., The Plains – Deputies responded to Pepper Lane, in The Plains, for a report of a suspicious vehicle. Deputies made contact with the driver, who was sleeping, the driver stated that he had some friends in the area. With no criminal activity observed, deputies resumed patrol.

VACCINE

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The week of Feb. 1, residents age 70 and older and employees of K-12 schools become eligible. The following week of Feb. 8 anybody age 65 or older can receive a vaccine.

Who becomes eligible after the week of Feb. 8?

Phase 1B of the state's distribution plan is scheduled to end following the week of Feb. 8 and it's not clear which groups of people will be prioritized next.

"The Governor has only discussed phase 1A and 1B, all decisions regarding eligibility and distribution are made by the Governor and his team," Athens City/County Health Department Administrator Jack Pepper said. "We will continue to offer vaccine, as it is available, to the identified phase 1A and 1B recipients."

Where do I schedule an appointment?

There are many providers in Athens County carrying the vaccine. Below is a list of them all with additional details on how they're managing distribution since each is independently responsible for scheduling and appointments.

Are there any costs associated with receiving the vaccine?

At the ACOCHD vaccination site, as well as at Shriver's, Kroger, and Hopewell Health Centers, there is no cost for the patient to get their vaccine. Shriver's Pharmacy asks recipients to bring their insurance card so the pharmacy can ask for an administrative fee from insurers, but never from patients.

The Athens City-County Health Department

The Athens City-County Health Department, located 278 W. Union St. (740-592-4431), has said that people interested in receiving the vaccine should call the number listed to schedule an appointment. Shots will be administered in partnership with OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital at the new Ohio University Heritage College of Medicine building located 191 W. Union St. in Athens.

"Our vaccination site is very efficient and user friendly. Upon arrival there is a short medical screening check to ensure you are well that day, a quick stop at our registration table to verify your consent form is filled out properly, onto the actual vaccination station to receive your vaccine and finally a required 15 minute stop for observation," health department Administrator Jack Pepper said.

"All told, people should expect 25 to 30 minutes from start to finish. The Heritage Hall site offers ample parking, full ADA access, and plenty of

space for observation and social distancing; not to mention a staff that has been preparing for mass vaccination events for decades."

Is there any benefit to getting my shot through the health department as opposed to other providers?

No. Where you get your shot is based solely on preference and availability.

Do I have to be an Athens County resident to get my vaccine through the Athens City-County Health Department?

No, but the Athens City-County Health Department strongly encourages out of county residents to check their local department's vaccine availability first.

Shrivers Pharmacy
 Shrivers Pharmacy and Wellness' Athens and Nelsonville locations are combining their vaccine allocation and holding clinics each week at the Athens Community Center, located 701 E. State St. The clinics' location may change in the future, but the first several will be at the community center, Shrivers Co-Owner Ben Holter said.

Patients can register

online to get their shot from Shrivers starting each Sunday at 10 a.m. If you're unable to register, the pharmacy is allowing people to call 470-447-9201 to request assistance with registration. Registration is first come, first serve with no priority waiting list among those who qualify.

Once registered, patients should get a confirmation email with details regarding their appointment. After receiving the first dose, Shrivers will instruct patients to return four weeks later for the second.

Shrivers Pharmacist Steve McCandlish, said Shrivers receives around 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine are distributed to the pharmacy each week, and doses are rationed to ensure everyone scheduled for a second dose receives one.

Hopewell Health Centers Athens

People looking to schedule an appointment at Hopewell Health Centers Athens, located 90 Hospital Dr. (740-592-3091), can do so by calling the phone number listed and ask for Madison Sprankle, who will help schedule an appointment or place them on the waiting list.

Patients can schedule an appointment for their second dose after receiving the first.

Hopewell Health Centers Nelsonville

Those looking to schedule an appointment at Hopewell Health Centers Nelsonville, located 1950 Mt. Saint Marys Dr. (740-797-2352), can do so by calling the phone number listed and select dial tone option 0. Patients can schedule an appointment for their second dose after receiving the first.

Kroger

Kroger is offering vaccine appointments at locations all across southeast Ohio, including the Athens, Nelsonville and Trimble stores. Outside of Athens County, the New Lexington and Logan stores are also offering shots if you're willing to make the trip.

Appointments must be made online or by calling the grocery chain's coronavirus line at 866-211-5320. Kroger will contact patients to notify them when the date for their second dose is approaching, a company spokesperson said. Beginning in February, the store will allow patients to schedule both the first and second doses.

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State: Columbus vaccine provider mishandles, spoils 890 doses

Randy Ludlow
Columbus Dispatch
USA TODAY NETWORK

An investigation of a Columbus vaccine provider is underway after nearly 900 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were wasted by failing to properly monitor their storage temperatures.

The Ohio Department of Health announced Wednesday it has suspended SpecialtyRx as a vaccine provider while seeking an investigation by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, which confirmed an investigation has been started.

SpecialtyRx's Columbus branch was given 1,500 doses of Moderna vaccine to administer shots to residents in eight long-term care facilities late last year, health officials said. The facilities were located in Cuyahoga, Lucas, Portage and Sandusky counties.

After administering first doses, the company had 890 doses remaining and sought to transfer them to another vaccine provider, but discovered "they had failed to appropriately monitor temperatures in their refrigerator and freezer."

Noting the health department requires virus vaccine providers to check and record minimum and maximum storage temperatures each day, health officials said it was ultimately determined 890 doses were not viable and could not be used.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the Moderna vaccine can be safely stored in a refrigerator at between 36 and 46 degrees for up to 30 days.

The long-term care centers that received first doses from SpecialtyRx will need to arrange for second doses from another provider, likely local health departments, officials said.

The first-shot doses given to long-term care residents were properly refrigerated and there is no concern they had spoiled, said Department of Health spokeswoman Melanie Amato.

The facilities identified as being handled by SpecialtyRx are:

- Aristocrat Berea Healthcare and Rehabilitation;
- Candlewood Healthcare and Rehabilitation, East



Rose Baker gives second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to Julie Baker at Ohio State University East on Jan. 5. BARBARA J. PERENIC/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Cleveland;

- Cityview Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Cleveland;
- Suburban Healthcare and Rehabilitation, North Randall;
- Astoria Place of Waterville;
- Kent Healthcare and Rehabilitation;
- Astoria Place of Clyde and
- Braevue Manor, Euclid.

The Ohio Department of Health has halted the shipment of further vaccine doses to the company.

A message seeking comment was left Wednesday with SpecialtyRx officials. The company's headquarters are located in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

Pharmacy board spokesman Cameron McNamee said the board could not comment on an open investigation.

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Experts expect kids under 12 to get COVID-19 vaccine trial

Terry DeMio
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

The novel coronavirus hasn't stricken children as forcefully as it has adults. But kids are getting COVID-19, and even those who aren't having breathing trouble, high fevers and that persistent cough can spread it.

As vaccine trials continue for children ages 12-16, leading infectious diseases experts around the world are discussing COVID-19 vaccination trials for younger children – and are confident it will happen.

"We definitely will be doing trials in kids under 12. The only discussion point is the lower age limit cut-off," said Dr. Robert Frenck, who's headed Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine trials at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center since late April on adults and continued heading trials when the center started inoculating adolescents in October.

Frenck is director of the National Institutes of Health-funded Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit and Gamble Program for Clinical Studies at Cincinnati Children's.

He and other leading vaccine colleagues in the United States, Frenck said, have been suggesting that 2 years old be the lowest age threshold because most of routine childhood vaccines are done by then. "In Europe, the regulatory agencies are advocating enrolling down to infants."

Even before the FDA approved the 12-16 age group trials, Frenck was a proponent of the COVID-19 vaccine trial to include children, both to protect them from the virus and to protect others.

He points to facts that children get the illness, some are hospitalized for COVID-19, and some die.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, which collects the novel coronavirus data on children, reported these cumulative case numbers as of Jan. 7.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Walk-in clinics scheduled

The Belmont County WIC Program will sponsor walk-in clinics the first Friday of each month. The hours are from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Bellaire WIC office is located in the Chase Bank building on the fourth floor, Room 402. New clients need to bring proof of address, proof of income, proof of pregnancy, and photo identification for themselves. Crib cards will be accepted for newborns. Clients needing to be recerti-

fied should bring photo identification, proof of income, and proof of address.

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program that encourages breastfeeding and provides nutrition education to its clients. Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, infants, and children up to the age of 5 years old qualify. Working families are encouraged to apply. For information, call 740-676-2232.

Union Local FFA accepting unused vehicles, farm equipment

Union Local FFA would like to present the opportu-

nity to get rid of unused vehicles and farm equipment while benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). Through April 1, Ohio FFA chapters are ridding their communities of unneeded vehicles and equipment. At no cost to you or the Union Local FFA Chapter, RMHC will pick up the vehicle.

By participating in this program, your donation will keep RMHC families with sick children near each other while receiving the care that they need. Have the Union Local FFA chapter code ready (OH0274) when calling 800-332-8201. The Telhio Credit Union and Ohio FFA Foundation will award \$10,000 to the FFA chapter with the most vehicles donated!

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Area students on WLU dean's list

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USA TODAY NETWORK

WEST LIBERTY, W.Va. – West Liberty University recently announced its dean's list for outstanding academic performance during fall semester 2020. Students must attain a 3.50 grade-point academic average and

complete a minimum of 12 semester hours to qualify for this honor.

Area students who achieved dean's list honors included:

- Barnesville: Jonathan Burkhart, Luke Powell, Zackery Meade
- Beallsville: Paisley Crum
- Belmont: Baylee

Snyder

- Bethesda: Grace Dean, Hannah Kemp, Skylar Lucas, Kyle Turley
- Flushing: Austin Koscoe, Olivia Merritt
- Jacobsburg: MaKen-na Berka
- Lewisville: Lacey Platt
- Woodsfield: Jocelyn LeMasters, Sydney Yoho

Food drive benefits rebranded thrift store, food pantry

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USA TODAY NETWORK

A December food drive spearheaded by the

Barnesville Middle School and Village Hardware and Rentals for The Thrift Store and Food Pantry of Barnesville was

a huge success.

The January newsletter of the Barnesville Area Chamber of Commerce notes the thrift store and food pantry at 116 S. Gardner St. is now named The Thrift Store and Food Pantry of Barnesville.

A Facebook group for the store states the name change occurred mid-July 2020.

Established here in 1981 as the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, associated with the society affiliated with the Catholic Church, the local operation was later renamed St. Vincent's of Barnesville when it became an independent operation.

The thrift store and pantry opened in a new facility located near the Assumption Church in February 2018.

The food pantry/thrift store accepts good and monetary donations throughout the year.

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First Baptist Church,
94 Shady Lane, Barnesville
 740-425-2231 Pastor Joe Thornton
www.fbcarnesvilleohio.com

Assumption Catholic Church
(Saint Mary's Church,
Temperanceville)
 306 W. Main St., Barnesville;
 740-425-2181
 Fr. Dave Cornett
 Office Administrator: Mary Anne Stephens
 Weekend Mass Schedule:
 Saturday: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 11 a.m.
 (Sunday: 9:30 a.m., at St. Mary's, Temperanceville).
 Parish School of Religion (during school year): Sunday 9 to 10:30 a.m.
 Choir Practice: Sunday 10 a.m.
 Coffee Talk Fellowship after Tuesday morning Mass
 Knights of Columbus meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
 Catholic Women's Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
 Kiwanis meets every Monday morning at 11:45 a.m.

First Baptist Church SBC
 First Christian Church, 219 W. Church St., Barnesville, OH 43713
www.fcbarnesville.org and 740-425-2480
 Pastor Edward D. Eberhart, Senior Minister (740-310-4138)
 Alexander S. Davidson, Youth and Children's Minister
 Don Eberhart, J.B. Holliday, Mike Lucas, and Tim Reynard, Elders
 Church Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon
 Sunday Schedule:
 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School for youth of all ages: 9:15 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship and Refreshment in the New Life Center: 10 to 10:20 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service (with nursery and Children's Church and Junior Church services available): 10:30 a.m.
 Junior Youth Group (grades 3-6) on the last Sunday of each month from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
 "Sunday Night Praise!" worship service (contemporary music) on the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m.
 Monday: Bible Discussion Study Group in the Builder's Classroom: 11 a.m.
 Wednesday: Choir Practice: 6 p.m.; "Family Night at the Church" (meal served in the New Life Center, followed by Bible Study and youth groups): 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.
 The Gabriel Project Ministry for infants, toddlers, children, and families in need of diapers, wipes or cloth-ing. Call 740-582-1916.
 The Five Loaves Food Ministry for families in need of food. Call 740-425-2480.

First Presbyterian Church,
123 N. Chestnut St.; 740 425-3144
 Interim Pastor J. Robert Willits
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.;
 Communion each first Sunday.
 Children's Sunday School during the worship service. Adult Bible Study Wednesday at 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church
 123 W. Church St., Barnesville
 Church Office: 740-425-3245; 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Van Fisher
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Minor Miracles Jr. Church: 10:45 a.m.
 Noah's Arc Nursery available
 Wed. Evening Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.
 AA: Sundays at 8 p.m.
 Boy and Girl Scouts: Meeting days vary by age group. Contact church office for details.
 Our doors are open to all people.

Main Street United Methodist Church
 230 W. Main St. Barnesville
 Pastor Jean Cooper
 Sunday services: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Weekly Services: Wednesday — "Grace

Notes" choir practice at 4 p.m. at the church.
 Youth R.O.C.K. group at 5:30 p.m.
 Evening Prayer Meeting at 7 p.m.
 Stillwater Friends Meeting
 The Religious

Society of Friends (Quakers)
 61480 Olney Lane (the same location)
 61830 Sandy Ridge Rd.
 Sunday Services: Sunday School classes for children and adults at 9:30 a.m. and meeting for worship at 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday: Mid-week meeting for worship at 6:30 p.m. held in the red Activities Building back of the Meetinghouse.
 Monthly meetings for business are held on the Sunday after the third Saturday each month following wor-ship.
 A covered dish meal is shared afterward.
 Visitors are welcomed at any or all of these occasions.

Barnesville Church of the Nazarene, 124 S. Lincoln Ave.
 Pastors Cheryl and Guy Norris
 Service 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study, Wednesday and Sunday at 6 p.m.

Cornerstone Assembly of God, 517 Shamrock Drive
 Rev. Robert Kester
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Church, 32365 Leatherwood Pike, Barnesville
 Pastor Jeff and Donna Eschbaugh
 Wednesday Evening Worship Service 7 p.m.

Solid Rock Church (Pentecostal), 980 Shamrock Drive, Barnesville
 Pastor Chris Durbin
 Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.

Shekinah Christian Fellowship, 145 E. Main St., Barnesville
 Phone: 740-624-0612
 Abba's Heart Ministries
 10 a.m. — Worship (contemporary music)
 10:45 a.m. — Communion
 11 a.m. — Worship and children's church
 7 p.m. — Wednesday night worship

Batesville United Methodist Church, 115 Main Pike, Batesville
 Rev. Van D. Fisher
 Sunday services: Worship services at 9 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Belmont United Methodist, 129 W. Market St., Belmont
 Pastor Andrew Thompson
 Worship services at 11:15 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Mount Zion Church, 59254 Pleasant Ridge Road
 Rev. Barry Peters
 Sunday services: Sunday School for all ages, 9 a.m.; Service at 10 a.m.
 Directions: Rt 26 S., Rt 92, at church sign turn left on Rt 86, go 1 1/2 miles.

Bethesda United Methodist Church, 233 N. Main St., Bethesda
 Pastor Tom Detling
 Sunday services: Worship service at 9:30 a.m., church service at 10:45 a.m.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 309 Oak St.
 Pastor Brian J. Bee
 Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m., evening service at 7 p.m.
 Weekly services:
 Tuesday: Pro Teens at 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Prayer meeting at 7 p.m.; Ebenezer Baptist Soldiers Kids Club (K-6th) 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Bethesda Nazarene Church
 Service from 11 a.m. to noon
 Bible Study Wednesday and Sunday, 6 p.m.

Bethesda Christian Church, 40601 Bethesda/Belmont Rd., Bethesda
 Minister Tim Snyder
 Sunday Services: 9 a.m., coffee fellowship; 9:30 a.m., Sunday School (nine different age classes); 10:30 a.m., morning worship with nursery and junior church (three groups for kindergarten through fifth grade); 6 p.m., evening worship.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m., adult prayer meeting and Bible study.

Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church
 Pastor Jean Cooper
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Worship: 9 a.m.
 Bible Study — Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Real Life Community of Faith United Methodist
 Pastor Karen Elliott
 Meets at the Epworth Center, 301 Main St. (behind the United Methodist Church) in Bethesda
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Bridgeport

Assembly of God Church, 56040 National Road, Bridgeport — www.important2God.com or 740-498-6547
 Lead Pastor Brent Heishman
 Regular Sunday Service Times — 10 a.m. in the Family Life Ministry Center.

Centerville Christian Church, 46447 Main St., Centerville
 Minister Don Eberhart
 Sunday services: Worship at 9 a.m. and Sunday School for both youth and adults at 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday: Choir practice at 7 p.m.
 Adult Bible study and youth group at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Concord Presbyterian Church, 46880 Main St., Centerville; 740-484-4173
 Pastor Karen Byrne
 Worship, Sunday at 10 a.m. Nursery provided. Preaching God's Holy Word. Christ's Crusaders Youth Group, Debbie and Kevin McFarland, directors.
 Weekly Bible Study Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Centerville Senior Center led by Pastor. Church choirs for men and women. Preschool Fun Shop 3-5 year

old, meet at the Smith Township Community Center, during school year, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 Director is Mrs. Peggy Heslop. Call 740-686-2194 for information.

Fairview United Methodist Church
 Rev. David Janusik
 Corner of Third and Oxford streets
 Sunday services: Worship service at 11 a.m.

Flushing Trinity Gospel Fellowship Church, 71101 Morristown Flushing Road, Flushing

Jerusalem United Methodist Church
 Pastor Jean Cooper
 Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.
 Church service and junior church at 9:30 a.m.

Morristown United Methodist Church, 209 Church St.
 Pastor Richard Cox
 Sunday services at 9 a.m. with social hour following the services.
 Every Tuesday is Bible study at 1 p.m. Bring your Bible and join us. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you.

Quaker City Mt. Zion Church, 57196 Mt. Zion Hill Road Quaker City; 740-679-3449, church
 Pastor Jeff and Donna Eschbaugh
 Sunday School at 10 a.m.
 Worship Service at 11 a.m.
 Bible Study Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Quaker City Baptist Church, Barnesville Street
 Larry L. Jellison
 Sunday services: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; worship at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
 Weekly services: Wednesday: Prayer at 6:30 p.m.; Bible study at 7 p.m.

Salesville Salem Baptist Church, 59907 Salem Rd., Salesville
 Pastor Jeff & Donna Eschbaugh
 Sunday Evening Worship Service 5 p.m.
 Singspiration Sunday is the first Sunday night of each month.

Somerton United Methodist Church, 55400 Washington St., Somerton; phone 740-526-1354
 Rev. Dale Warrick
 Worship service at 10 to 11 a.m.; Sunday School (for children and adult) at 11:10 a.m.
 Warnock Community Presbyterian Church, 64517 Main St., Warnock
 Sunday services: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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■ OBITUARIES

Wilda Ladene (Ward) Baughman

Wilda Ladene (Ward) Baughman went to her rest on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at home in Cameron Park, Calif. Wilda was born in DeGraff, Nov. 29, 1930, to Stanley and Alma Ward. She was the beloved wife of Paul Baughman for 70 years. In addition to her husband, Wilda is survived by daughters Melissa Jones and Barbara Noble, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also leaves brothers Marvin Ward (Carole), Vincent Ward and sister Verna Fielder. Sister Shirley Kerr predeceased her.

Inurnment will be at a later date at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.

Mary Rebecca 'Becky' Burney

Mary Rebecca "Becky" Burney, 62, of Lakeview passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021 at OSU

Wexner Medical Center, Columbus.

Mary was born on Jan. 19, 1959 in Bellefontaine, a daughter of the late Paul and Betty Kennaw Kennedy.

On April 4, 2014, Becky married Robert Burney in Lakeview, and he survives. She is also survived by a son, Terry L. Rhyann, Godchildren, Reiley and Amaya, five siblings, Letty Runkle, Mike (Lorna) Brunson, Paul (Cindy) Kennedy, Kimsey Kennedy, and Dusty Kennedy, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Becky attended Indian Lake High School. She was a life member of Doyle R. Miller Amvet Post #39 Auxiliary. Becky enjoyed playing volleyball with her family, playing cards, watching criminal investigation shows, reading, being outdoors and adored her two dogs.

Pastor Debbie Ketcham will begin funeral services at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St., Lakeview with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Due to state Covid-19 pandemic guidelines, attendees are asked to be symptom free, maintain social distancing and wear a facial covering.

Memorial Contributions may be given to her family.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview. Condolences may be expressed at shoffstallfuneralhome.com.

Mabel Lucille (Campbell) Freese

Mabel Lucille (Campbell) Freese was welcomed into the arms of her heavenly Savior.

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021, at Green Hills Center in West Liberty. She was born on Aug. 5, 1930, in Lewistown, to the late Roy and Dorothy (Armentrout) Campbell.

On July 15, 1948, Mabel married her high school sweetheart, John Myron Freese, and they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary. He preceded her in death in 2019. She is survived by her four children, Kathy (Dave) Peabody of Xenia, Sherry (Joe) Jankowski of Culpeper, Virginia, Mike (Kathy) Freese of West Liberty, and Jeanie (Mike) Wall of Centerville; seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; John (Bobyn) Freese and children Ashley, Ben, and Journee of Hilliard, Josh (Angie) Freese and children Joda and Sophie of Cecil, Abbey (Peter) Taylor and children Jayden and Isaiah of Columbus, Brad (Lindsay) Jankowski and children Remington and Barrett of Locust Grove, Va., Kurt Jankowski and children Hunter, Brooke, Paige, Bailee, and Kendyl of Linden, Va., Chris (Amanda) Wall and children Gavin and Landon of Springboro, and Matt (Haleigh) Wall of Valparaiso, Ind.; two brothers, Robert (Carol) Campbell of West Liberty and Richard Campbell of St. Paris; a sister-in-law Sandy Campbell of Colorado Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mabel was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Olive (Walter) Engle; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Clifford (Dixie) Campbell, Bill (Lucille) Campbell, and Roger Campbell; and a sister-in-law, Janet Campbell. Mabel was a cashier for Mohr's Market for 10 years. She was the produce manager at Fuson's IGA (and later Forest's IGA) in DeGraff for 25 years. She was a member of the DeGraff United Methodist Church and served as a Sunday school teacher and was active with the United Methodist Women. In later years, she was a member of Grace Chapel in West Liberty and served on the hospitality committee and was also involved in Bible studies. She was a co-leader with DeGraff 4-H Sewing Club.

She was dearly loved by her family and friends. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were the dearest blessings of her life along with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She was a very well-respected mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend who loved deeply in word and deed, placing others above herself.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at Grace Chapel Church, 500 Linden St. in West Liberty, where Pastor Zach Dudenhofer will officiate a funeral service at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25. Burial will follow in Greenwood-Union Cemetery in DeGraff.

Due to current pandemic orders, please be symptom-free, practice social distancing and wear a mask.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 740 Lakeview Plaza Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio, 43085, in honor of her great-grandson Barrett Jankowski.

Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, DeGraff, is honored to serve the Freese family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.

Betty Louise Brunke Murray

Betty Louise (Brunke) Murray, 77, was called home to be with the Lord on a better place Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, in the Springfield Regional Medical Center.

Betty was born on Feb. 24, 1943, in Columbus, to the late Ellis and Mary Ellen (Jacky) Brunke.

Betty loved her life in Urbana and Champaign County. She graduated from Graham High School Class of 1961. In 1968 she married Harold Gene Murray and had 51 wonderful years together. He passed March 27, 2020. They had one son Matthew Alan Murray who died at birth.

Betty worked for Pooler's Pastry Shop where she decorated many wedding cakes for local brides. Betty was employed by CTS of West Liberty as a Factory Clerk and Personal Clerk until it closed in 1982.

She is survived by her sister, Carolyn Organ; sisters and brothers-in-law, Vonda Shewberry, Joann (Richard) Young and Bill Murray; her nieces and nephews, Lisa McMullen, Diane (Carl) Gresse, Angela (Bobby) Maloney, Kim Buttermore, Richard (Whitney) Organ; great nieces, Shelly (Casey) Fannin, Maddy (Timothy) B-Jesus, Hanna Organ; great nephews, Ryan (Sara) Gresse, Kyle (Hannah) Gresse, Avery Buttermore, Alex Fielder, Arion (Laurie) Organ; step-great nephew, Aiden Sabo; great-great

nieces Anna Simpson and Chandra (Corey) Hanes; nephews Noah Fannin and William Leopold; aunts, Ruth Wilcoxson, Maxine Brunke and Janet Brunke; as well as good friends, John and Gretel Gresse and several cousins.

Guests are respectfully asked to wear masks and attendance will be monitored to ensure safety for everyone attending.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Vernon Funeral Home, Urbana. Funeral services to celebrate Betty's life will follow at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with Paul Keener officiating. Live Stream will be available on the Vernon Funeral Home Facebook page starting at 10:45 a.m. In addition, the service will be recorded and posted on the funeral home's Facebook.

Burial will follow at Concord Cemetery. Memorial Contributions will be made in Betty's memory to the National Kidney Foundation, 1373 Grandview Ave., Ste 200, Columbus, Ohio 43212. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.vernonfh.com.

Sheryl S. 'Sherri' Thompson

Sherri S. 'Sherri' Thompson, 76, of Lakeview, and formerly of Bellefontaine, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, in Green Hills Care Center, West Liberty.

She was born in Bellefontaine, on Feb. 13, 1944, the daughter of the late Merely Revel Oglesbee and Martha Louise (McWade) Kessler. She is also preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas C. and John Earl Sheeley. She is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Scott) McClain of Lakeview and son, Dan (Kristal Moore) Thompson of Columbus, four grandchildren: Jordan

Aldo, Jenna (Derek) Welch, Alexandra (Corey) Hanes; Thompson, and Sierra Thompson, two great grandchildren, Carter Hanes and Landry Welch, a brother, Sam (Sue) Sheeley of Bellefontaine, sister-in-law, Diane Sheeley of Bellefontaine, a daughter-in-law, Stacy Thompson of Columbus, and several nieces and nephews.

Sherri worked for Honda Transmission (HTM) from 1986 until her retirement in 2008. She loved any and all babies and children, enjoyed giraffes and collecting all things giraffe related. Most of all she loved the time she spent with her family, especially the time with her grandchildren.

Pastor Bryan Meadows will officiate a funeral service on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main St., Bellefontaine. Visitation will be on Sunday two hours prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 31 West Whipp Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459.

Due to current pandemic orders, please be symptom-free, practice social distancing and wear a mask.

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Kay A. Wroten

Kay A. Wroten, 80, of Bellefontaine, passed away Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, 2021, at The Ohio State

University Wexner Medical Center.

Kay was born in Bellefontaine on Jan. 17,

1941, to the late Robert J. and Vesta Merrell (Murphy) Kindell. She married C. David Wroten on Aug. 17, 1963, and he preceded her in death on May 2, 2017. She was also preceded in death by a brother William Kindell.

Kay is survived by a son Greg Wroten of Bellefontaine; brothers: Jerry (Barb) Kindell of Phoenix, Ariz., and David Kindell of Kennett, Mo.; several nieces and nephews; and special friends Craig and Wendy Rutan and family, and Cathy Burnmaster.

Kay was a homemaker and enjoyed playing cards with her friends.

Friends may call on Monday, Jan. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center. Due to current pandemic orders, please be symptom free, practice social distancing, and consider wearing a mask. Kay will be interred at Fairview Cemetery, Belle Center, at a later date.

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■ **DEATH NOTICES**

FREY, Mary Wanda, 100, of West Liberty, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at home; funeral arrangements pending, Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Bellefontaine.

■ **PALLBEARERS**

Pallbearers for the funeral of Robert F. Griffith were Andy Boyd, Christian Griffith, Nate Boyd, Jacob Griffith, Isaac Griffith, Zac Griffith, Ethan Griffith and Koby Griffith.

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2 protesters accused of causing hearing loss with megaphones

CLEVELAND — Two people accused of causing permanent hearing loss to a Cleveland restaurant employee while using megaphones during a coronavirus protest outside the eatery are facing felony assault charges.

Josiah Douglas, 25, of Cleveland, and Sydney Yahner, 21, of Willoughby were indicted last week by a Cuyahoga County grand jury, Cleveland.com and Scene Magazine reported.

Both have pleaded not guilty. Their attorney, Peter Pattakos, called the charges an "outrageous attack" on the pair's First Amendment right to engage in peaceful protest.

"Being subject to a baseless felony prosecution is one of the worst things that happen to a person at the hands of the government," Pattakos said.

Douglas and Yahner were among a small group of protesters near an outdoor patio at a restaurant in July to protest what they said was the lax response to pandemic protocols there and at other restaurants owned by the same man.

An undercover detective wrote in a police report that Douglas and Yahner repeatedly blasted the megaphones in the employee's face.

Pattakos previously said there is no evidence the employee suffered from hearing loss in one ear, as the woman has claimed.

Painter charged with kicking, smashing U.S. Capitol window

COLUMBUS — A painter from Ohio accused of kicking in a window during the assault on the U.S. Capitol while wearing a jacket with his company's name on the back appeared in court on Friday to face two felony charges.

Troy Faulkner, 39, of Whitehall, was charged with destruction of government property and obstruction of an official proceeding along with two misdemeanor charges of entering a restricted building and violent entry or disorderly conduct on the Capitol grounds.

A video of the mob storming the Capitol on Jan. 6 showed Faulkner smashing a shattered window while wearing a jacket with "Faulkner Painting" on the back along with a phone number for the business, federal investigators said in a criminal complaint.

Faulkner later turned himself in to authorities by calling an FBI hotline, investigators said.

A few days after the riot, Faulkner posted on Facebook that "we weren't fighting against antifa we were fighting against the government," according to the complaint. Faulkner did not say anything in his

defense during a brief hearing on Friday in U.S. District Court in Columbus. A detention hearing for him was scheduled for Monday.

His court-appointed attorney declined to comment.

GOP's Rep. Jim Jordan won't seek Portman's US Senate seat

CINCINNATI — Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, a fiery Donald Trump supporter, won't run to succeed Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, who announced this week he isn't going to seek a third term in 2022.

"Mr. Jordan believes at this time he is better suited to represent Ohioans as a member of the House of Representatives, where as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee, he can advance an America first agenda, promote conservative values, and hold big government accountable," said Russell Dye, speaking for Jordan's congressional campaign.

The eighth-term congressman's name surfaced soon after Portman's announcement as a potential strong contender in what's expected to be a crowded GOP field.

The former star college wrestler's style doesn't reflect that of Portman, a career establishment Republican with a reputation for bipartisanship. Portman on Monday cited a political climate that has made it "harder to break through the partisan gridlock and make progress."

Trump rewarded Jordan, 56, for his steady support by giving him the Presidential Medal of Freedom before leaving office this month. Jordan has opposed both of Trump's impeachments.

Six-term Rep. Bill Johnson, from heavily pro-Trump southeast Ohio, former Rep. Jim Renacci from central Ohio and former state Treasurer Josh Mandel are viewed as potential GOP candidates along with state Attorney General Dave Yost and Secretary of State Frank LaRose.

Renacci lost a bid to unseat Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown in 2018.

Republicans have 20 seats up for reelection in 2022, compared to 14 for Democrats. Those GOP seats include presidential battlegrounds Wisconsin, where Trump narrowly lost in November, and Florida, where he won by more than 3 percentage points.

Ohio, a perennial battleground for decades, has become more reliably Republican, carried by Trump by more than 8 percentage points in 2016 and 2020. Portman twice won election to the Senate by wide margins.

Tim Ryan, a 10-term Democratic representative from blue-collar eastern Ohio who ran unsuccessfully for the 2020 presidential nomination, said Monday that he is weighing a Senate campaign. Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, a rising star who lost a 2018 primary for governor, is among others considering it.

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EXAMINING OUR Files

A look back into the headlines...

75 YEARS AGO
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, 1946

Communication between the earth's continents via the moon was predicted in New York today. It was explained that radar signals from New York directed at the moon could be picked up in Paris free of interference from sunspots, radiation, magnetic storms or other frequent obstacles to earthbound radio communications.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carter, east Columbus avenue, left by motor and trailer for Arizona on Jan. 10, reached Desert Village Camp at Tucson on Jan. 25 and are now located there.

50 YEARS AGO
SATURDAY, JAN. 30, 1971

Winds gusting to 60 miles in Bellefontaine between 10 p.m. and midnight Friday, played havoc with tree limbs, signs and roof tops. Two camper trailers at Wilson Camp-A-While Trailer sales in Hantsville, a third of the roofing was blown off the Logan County Youth Center, large tree limbs littered many streets and roadways throughout the county, and numerous and small out buildings were either cracked or completely blown apart by the severe winds. The wind followed a snow storm that made driving extremely hazardous.

Richard Vicario, 1300 Milligan road, Friday filed as a candidate seeking the Republican nomination as president of Bellefontaine City Council. A former councilman and onetime Bellefontaine police patrolman, Mr. Vicario presently operates a shoe store and is co-owner of the Holland Theatre. He is seeking the office vacated by Lewis Ratleff in his bid for the GOP's mayoralty toga.

■ LOCAL NOTES

BHS hosts scheduling sessions for incoming freshmen

Bellefontaine High School counselors host two scheduling sessions for parents/guardians of current eighth-graders on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m., at the BHS Distance Learning Center at Bellefontaine High School.

The guidance counselors will discuss graduation requirements for the Class of 2025 and scheduling for the 2021-22 school year.

All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend one of these meetings. This is a major transition in your student's school career and your support encourages their success.

Contact Bellefontaine Middle School counselor, Julie Kurtz, at 593-9010 with questions.

American Legion Auxiliary hosts Jan. 29 dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary hosts a dinner that is open to the public Friday, Jan. 29, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., or as supplies last, at the 120 Colton Ave. facility.

The meal includes broasted chicken, broasted potatoes, coleslaw and dinner roll for \$10.

C.R. 18 to close for bridge maintenance

Crews from the Logan County Bridge Department will be performing bridge maintenance on County Road 18 between Township Road 45 and Township Road 30, through 3 p.m. Feb. 3.

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Bowling Green's Myla Hampton, left, reaches for the ball next to Akron's Kendall Miller Wednesday night at the Stroth Center. Visit www.sentineltrib.com to view a photo gallery.



Bowling Green's Angela Perry (55) shoots the ball past Akron's Colleen Neitzel.

Falcons earn sixth MAC victory

By Jack Carle

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Bowling Green's women's basketball team was able to hold off Akron, 66-57, Wednesday evening at the Stroth Center.

The Falcons are now 10-3 overall and 6-2 in the Mid-American Conference while the Zips are 4-6, 1-5.

It looked like it might be a runaway as BG was ahead 38-25 at halftime. The Zips out-scored the Falcons 32-28 in the second half, but Bowling Green played well enough to secure the win.

"The cool thing about this team is that we are really excited for each other no matter what roles people are playing," said senior Madisen Parker. "We are putting in

a lot of time after practice and a lot of doing the little things that kind of make a difference.

"Winning is awesome. Any game you can win in this conference is a great win because the MAC is just so strong," Parker continued. "Every year and every team you play is a great game. When we get a win it's just like winning a championship all over again because every game is a big game. For us it's a really cool experience to celebrate to all the wins and celebrate little victories along the way."

There were several positives for the Falcons, including 25 points off the bench, with Parker scoring 13 first-half points. The other off the bench scorers were Claire

Glowniak with eight points and Angela Perry with four points.

"Madisen Parker was really critical for us tonight, especially in that first half," BG head coach Robyn Fralick said. "Claire Glowniak gave our us incredible minutes and really gave us important minutes in that stretch when we got some momentum back (in the fourth quarter)."

In addition to Parker's 13 points, including a four-point play with a 3-pointer and a free-throw, Elissa Brett scored 13 points. Kadie Hempling added 11 points and Lexi Fleming scored 10 points.

"Our whole team did a good job of stepping up," Fralick said. Defensively, Akron

senior Jordyn Dawson scored only three points. Dawson came into the game averaging 18.2 points per game, but played only 18:29 due to foul trouble.

"She is a really, really good player in our league," Fralick said about Dawson. "Obviously she got a lot of our attention. I thought Elissa Brett did a good job. But she is a player that really your whole team has to do a good job. We were fortunate tonight for that."

Another positive was Hempling's assist total. She picked up her 300th career assist in the fourth quarter and is now the second player in school history with 500 rebounds and 300 assists.

"Kadie Hempling is an incredible basketball

player. She can do so many things in so many positions," Fralick said. "She has the ability to rebound, create, score. ... She is a kid that everybody wants on her team because of who she is. She is enthusiastic and always in a good mood."

"She has been with us since our first year here," Fralick added. "She is a kid that has always believed and always have brought her best. The Kadie Hempling you see on game day is the same Kadie Hempling I see every day at practice."

The other player was Kate Achter, who had 500 rebounds and 688 assists during her career. She is now the head coach for the women's team at Loyola-Chicago.

NOTES: The Falcons

had won only a total of five conference games in Fralick's first two seasons. Now BG have six MAC wins already this season ... Fleming was also in foul trouble, but with her 10 points she now has scored in double-figures in all 13 games. She started the game averaging 19.8 points per game ... Hempling is 10th in career assists with 302 ... Next up for the Falcons is a 1 p.m. game Saturday against Miami in Oxford.

AKRON	10	15	15	17	57
BGSU	21	17	13	15	66
AKRON					
Dawson, 11-3; Brewer, 4-0-8; M. Neitzel, 2-2-2-12; Miller, 3-1-7; Brown-Mitchell, 2-1-2-9; Jecca, 0-3-0-9; Stewart, 0-0-2; Martindale, 1-0-2; Ferrell, 1-1-0-5; C. Neitzel, 1-0-2. TOTALS: 57-15-57.					
BGSU					
Fleming, 3-1-10; Lewis, 0-1-1; Brett, 2-1-4-13; Hempling, 2-2-1-11; Hampton, 1-1-1-6; Parker, 1-3-2-13; Perry, 1-2-4-6; Glowniak, 2-2-8; Trice, 0-0-0. TOTALS: 34-8-34-66.					

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Poll picks BGSU volleyball to win MAC tournament

Bowling Green volleyball was picked to finish second in the East Division, as voted on by the 12 head coaches in the Mid-American Conference.

In the 2020-21 pre-season poll, which was released Thursday, the Falcons received the most first place votes in the East division with five. Bowling Green also received the most votes to win the MAC Tournament with five votes.

Miami was picked to win the East Division. Central Michigan was picked to win the MAC

West.

In the East, Miami received 62 points and four first place votes while Bowling Green tallied 60 points and five first place votes. Ohio also received three first place votes and a total of 55 points. In the West, Central Michigan collected seven of the first place votes and totaled 67 points with Ball State taking the other five first place votes with 64 points.

The Falcons also had one player, Katelyn Meyer, named to the Preseason All-MAC

Team. Meyer has ended the season as a member of the All-MAC First Team each of her first two years, both the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Last year, no Falcons were selected to the Pre-season All-MAC Team.

After falling short in the MAC Tournament Championship a year ago in five sets, the Falcons were selected to win the tournament this year with five votes. No other team received more than two.

Bowling Green begins the season this weekend, hosting Northern Illinois.

Mahomes takes snaps in practice

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Patrick Mahomes took the majority of first-team reps in practice Thursday, even though he remains in the NFL's concussion protocol, raising expectations that he will start in the AFC championship game against the Buffalo Bills.

Mahomes was initially listed as a full participant when he returned to practice Wednesday, but the Chiefs quickly corrected his status to limited because he remains in the protocol. He must be cleared by team physicians and an independent neural consult before full participation in practice.

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BG women roll past Western Michigan

Falcons have 12 wins, most since 2013-14 season

By Jack Carle

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After a sluggish start, the Bowling Green women's basketball team picked up their 12th win of the season, defeating Western Michigan, 77-53 Wednesday evening at the Stroth Center.

The Falcons are now 12-3, 8-2 in the Mid-American Conference. The Broncos fall to 2-9, 1-7.

The 12 wins are the most victories in the last seven years for the Falcon women's team. It was in the 2013-14 season the last time the Falcons had over 12 wins.

"I was proud of our team's ability tonight to sustain. ... We stuck with it and our best quarter was our fourth quarter," BG head coach Robyn Fralick said. "I was proud of our ability to keep with it out of a 40-minute game."

"We are still a team that's learning how to do that well. We are fortunate that we have that opportunity," Fralick added about the fourth quarter surge.

The Falcons were able to hold leads of 16-10 after the first quarter, 39-29 at the half and 56-47 after three quarters.

Bowling Green then put the game away in the fourth quarter, outscoring WMU, 21-6 with a 12-0 run to end the game. The Broncos were 2-of-12 shooting in the fourth quarter while the Falcons were 8-of-18.

"I think it was just picking it up on defense with like little things ... on rebounding, not giving them second



Bowling Green's Kenzie Lewis, left, knocks the ball away from Western Michigan's Hannah Spitzley Wednesday night at the Stroth Center.



Bowling Green's Lexi Fleming, left, drives to the basket past Western Michigan's Gabi Saxman.

chances," BG sophomore Elissa Brett said about the final three quarters. Brett led the Falcons with game-highs of 17 points and eight rebounds. She scored eight points in the open-

ing quarter to help the Falcons get started.

"Elissa Brett was awesome. I thought she really impacted the game on both sides," Fralick said. Lexi Fleming recorded her 15th double-digit scoring game with 15 points. Nyla Hampton scored 12 points and Angela Perry came off the bench to score 11 points.

With different players stepping up for the Falcons, Fralick said the trick to have success and have balance "is that you don't have to count on the same one or two people every night to have a good outcome. That's something that we are continuing to build. We are excited about our balance. We are excited about the different sort of players that we have."

"On different nights we have different kids really step up," she added. Sydney Shafer led WMU with 18 points and added seven rebounds.

The Falcons now get ready to play Toledo Saturday at the Stroth Center with a noon start. BG posted a 69-57 win over the Rockets on Jan. 16.

"We just didn't play them that long ago so it's going to be a quick turnaround. We are going to see a lot of things from that game that we think we can do better moving forward," Fralick said about the UT game. "We are just going to have to prepare for a very good basketball team in Toledo."

NOTES

Brett's 17 points tied her for her most points

as a Falcon.

- BG had an outstanding game going 12-of-26 on 3-pointers with Hampton going 4-of-7 on triples.
- BG out-rebounded WMU 35-31.
- The Falcons scored 32 points in the paint, 10 points on fast breaks and 22 points from players off the bench.

STATS

BGSU 77, WESTERN MICHIGAN 53
WHL 10 19 18 6 - 53
BGSU 16 23 17 21 - 77

WMU
Jacobson, 3-4-10; Williams, 7-0-14; Spitzley, 2-2-9; Wagner, 1-0-2; Shafer, 2-3-15; Watters, 0-0-0; Kunkle, 0-0-0; Saxman, 0-0-0; Brooks, 0-0-0. TOTALS: 16-49-53.

BGSU
Brett, 4-3-0-17; Lewis, 3-0-6; Fleming, 2-3-2-15; Hempling, 2-1-5; Hampton, 0-4-0-12; Parker, 0-2-6; Perry, 5-1-11; Glowinski, 2-1-5; Trice, 0-0-0; Spellman, 0-0-0; M. Hill, 0-0-0; Clerksey, 0-0-0; Dwyer, 0-0-0. TOTALS: 18-12-5-77.

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Kent State downs BGSU men in high-scoring game

By Sentinel-Tribune Sports Staff

KENT - The implosion continues for the Bowling Green men's basketball team.

The Falcons got off to a very good start this season, winning nine of their first 11 games.

On Wednesday — even with scoring 91 points — it wasn't enough as Kent State posted a 96-91 victory.

Bowling Green has now lost four of their last five games and falls to 10-6 overall and 6-4 in the Mid-American Conference. Kent State is 8-4, 5-3.

"We played extremely hard. We competed from start to finish. We gave ourselves a chance to win the game. We just didn't get those stops at the end that we needed in order to get over the hump," BG head coach Michael Huger said. "My guys did a really good job of fighting. We competed. This is what I want to see from here on out."

"This was a hard one, because we competed so hard and I wanted this one bad, but they all don't fall

our way," he added.

Bowling Green held a 43-41 lead at halftime, but the Golden Flashes outscored BG 55-48 in the second 20 minutes to get the victory.

The game was tied at 59 on a layup from BG's Jacob Washington with 14:25 to play.

Kent State's Michael Nuga then drilled a 3-pointers with 13:28 remaining and the Golden Flashes never trailed.

BG freshman Josiah Fulcher hit a 3-pointer with 3:38 left to pull to within 84-83, but Kent State outscored the Falcons 12-8 the rest of the way to secure the win.

Danny Phippen was the main offensive weapon for the Golden Flashes, scoring 34 points and adding 11 rebounds coming off the bench. Phippen was 6-of-10 on 2-pointers, 5-of-9 on 3-pointers, and 7-of-9 from the free-throw line.

"Phippen was great. He was really good. He won the game for those guys," Huger said.

Fulcher came off the bench to score 23 points for the Falcons. Justin

Turner scored 22 points and had eight rebounds and four assists. Daegwon Plowden added 18 points.

"He played really well and he defended really well. That's what I was most impressed with was how well he defended," Huger said about Fulcher.

NOTES

- Bowling Green plays Toledo at the Stroth Center Saturday with a 5 p.m. start
- BG held a 44-30 edge in the paint and a 17-12 advantage in second chance points, but Kent State held a 23-10 edge on fast-breaks on 46-31 on scoring off the bench.
- Washington and Trey Digs each made their first starts of the season for the Falcons.

STATS

KENT STATE 96, BGSU 91
BGSU
Washington, 2-3-7; Digs, 1-2-0-8; Plowden, 5-3-0-19; J. Turner, 7-1-5-22; Metheny, 2-0-4-4; Young, 1-1-3-3; Fulcher, 6-3-2-23; C. Turner, 1-1-0-5. TOTALS: 25-10-11-91.

Kent State
Beck, 1-2-3-11; Hamilton, 2-2-6; Nuga, 6-11-16; Santiago, 1-4-0-14; Hernandez, 1-1-3-3; Phippen, 6-5-7-34; Jordan, 0-1-0-3; Jacobs, 2-3-7-0; O'Neal, 1-0-2-0. TOTALS: 20-13-17-56.

O'Neal hosting SHAQ Bowl on Super Bowl Sunday

Associated Press

Fans looking for pre-game entertainment before the Super Bowl will have another option

this year. Shaquille O'Neal will be holding the virtual SHAQ Bowl on Feb. 7. It's one of the few events taking

place in Tampa, Florida, since many parties during Super Bowl week have been canceled this year due to the pandemic.

Biden to review Trump's changes to monuments

Brady McCombs and Patrick Whittle
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY – President Joe Biden said Wednesday he plans to review the Trump administration's downsizing of two sprawling national monuments in the American Southwest, including one on lands considered sacred to Native Americans who joined environmental groups in suing when the boundaries were redrawn in 2017.

The new Democratic president also plans to ask the Department of the Interior to reassess a rule change that allowed commercial fishing at a marine conservation area off the New England coast.

The land monuments Biden will reassess are the Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments in southern Utah. President Bill Clinton created Grand Staircase in 1996, and President Barack Obama created Bears Ears in 2016. The cuts made by President Donald Trump paved the way for potential coal mining and oil and gas drilling on lands that used to be off limits, though activity was limited because of market dynamics.

The marine monument is called the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, the first national marine monument in the Atlantic Ocean and one of just five marine monuments nationwide. Obama issued the order establishing the conservation area in 2016.

Trump acted in December 2017 to shrink the Utah monuments on the recommendations of then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who was tasked with reviewing 27 national monuments

around the country.

Trump's decision to downsize Bears Ears by 85% and shrink Grand Staircase-Escalante by nearly half earned him applause from Utah's Republican leaders, who considered the monuments an example of federal government overreach.

Pat Gonzales-Rogers, executive director of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, said the group has told the Biden transition team the monument should first be restored to the size Obama created and later to a larger size tribes originally requested.

The lands are sacred to tribes in the coalition: Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Indian Tribe, he said. The area includes thousands of archaeological sites on red rock lands including cliff dwellings. The Bears Ears buttes that overlook a grassy valley are particularly sacred.

"The Bears Ears is a church and the place of worship for many of our tribes," Gonzales-Rogers said. "It should be viewed with the same type of gravitas and platform that you would view the Cathedral of Notre Dame."

Bruce Adams, who stood next to Trump cheering at the Utah Capitol in 2017 when he signed the declaration shrinking the monument, said Wednesday he thinks it's a foregone conclusion Biden will restore Bears Ears to the size Obama created, if not make it larger.

"I don't think it's fair for the federal government to come in and do a huge land grab," Adams said. "I just wish they would attach some dollars so the country can deal with the impact."



President Joe Biden plans to review the downsizing of two national monuments in Utah. FRANCISCO KJOLSETH/THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE VIA AP, FILE



Union workers at the GE Lighting facility in Bucyrus are calling on the company to cooperate with a joint labor-management study to try to save jobs.

ZACH TUGGLE/TELEGRAPH-FORUM

GE

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"We have spent a tremendous amount of resources — money, time, energy — on trying to get the cost down," Sabol told the Telegraph-Forum in an interview earlier this month. "We just haven't been able to crack the code, and the high cost isn't sustainable."

Union representatives were meeting with GE-Savant management Thursday, a spokesperson for the union said.

According to the news release, the two planned to discuss the union's proposal to retain the jobs by bringing in an outside expert from Michigan State University "to seek ways to improve efficiency, productivity, and profitability through a joint labor management review of all of the current work processes."

Michigan State University's School of Human Resources and Labor Relations has conducted dozens of successful studies with major U.S. corporations including General Motors, Kraft Foods, Nestle, Catholic Health Hospitals, Bridgestone Tires and Coca-Cola, the release states.

The WARN letter states that under terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the company and IUE-CW — the Industrial Division of the Communication Workers of America — the union can request a 30-day decision bargaining period in an effort to save the jobs.

"This is a process," Sabol said earlier this month. "So we only announced our intent to transfer; we didn't announce that anything is imminent. The union now gets a chance to negotiate with us, to see if they can come up with any ideas, plans, as to how we could go about potentially keeping the work in Bucyrus."

If that process fails, the layoffs would take place in early March, 60 days after the WARN notice was issued, he said.

On Thursday, Sabol declined to comment on the union's proposal. "We do not want to upset the decision bargaining process that is now in progress by sharing any details or commenting on speculation about those negotiations externally," he said in an email.

"I have worked at this plant for nine years," employee Patricia Horsley said in the news release. "My job is essential to put food on the table for my family. If these jobs leave, it will hurt my family, my co-workers and our entire community. We just want GE-Savant to do the right thing and keep these jobs here."

Bucyrus community members have been asked to support the union's effort, the release states. Buttons, signs and an online petition are being distributed, urging the company to keep the plant and the jobs in the community.

"Valentine's Day is around the corner; we are saying to GE/Savant, 'Love us, don't leave us!'" the petition states. ggoble@gannett.com
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Gloria's 'secret sister' surprises

Gloria Yoder
The Amish Cook

Last night I was the recipient of the absolute kindness of the dear youth girls in our church. Really now, they all made a huge splash for us married ladies. For the past six months, they each had one of us married ladies as a secret sister, giving gifts every month or two.

Last night, they hosted the most memorable Valentine supper and revealed which girl had which married lady. We were all ushered downstairs to the basement upon our arrival, where tables were set and attractively decorated. A long elegant runner was placed in the tables' center with candles, chocolates and a large bouquet of flowers. No, not flowers; a closer look revealed the secret.

It was a bouquet of cupcakes, frosted with swirl white filling resembling flowers. Between the cupcakes were folds of pink tissue paper. It was beautiful — in fact stunning. Thanks to the very talented girls who took the time to add all these little touches, making the occasion special for everyone.

And the veggie trays: you most likely haven't seen the likes. It looked like a flower basket, only it was filled with edible veggies. Using a head of lettuce in the bottom of a basket, they stuck toothpicks in it, which had slices of peppers, fancy cut radishes, celery,

cherry tomatoes, broccoli and carrots on the other end of the toothpicks. Next to each basket was a bowl with the most delicious bacon dip.

Each place-setting had an individual cup with seasoned pretzels and homemade heart-shaped candy. It is noteworthy to mention that these candies were made by my friend who suffered a broken bone in the accident we were in a few months ago.

Using two candy canes and placing them on a flat surface facing each other, she poured chocolate in the center, holding the two together. Each candy was then placed on black paper with a white doily with our names written on it. These were placed on the tables, showing us where to sit at the table.

It was the first time for Julia to be among the girls who had secret sisters. To say the least, she relished her evening as one of the big girls. Hosanna was delighted to go along since it was a girls' party. Baby Joshua also went along to be with mama, and Daddy stayed home with the three other boys.

When everybody was seated, one of the girls led a prayer, thanking God for the food and the occasion. The girls served each of us with a homemade soft tortilla, shaped like a bowl, with layered hot taco salad in the center. Beside it were dabs of guacamole, sour cream and diced tomatoes. Absolutely delicious and completely feminine is the best way I can possibly

describe it.

The fun part of guessing who your secret sister was came next. The girls all stood in a group while we ladies took turns guessing who may have had our name. Now, I thought I had a good idea of who had my name, but they did outsmart me. Knowing that I was suspicious of the one who had me, they worked together, detouring my ideas.

Come to find out, it was Julia's teacher, Carolyn, who has been showering me with gifts and acts of kindness these past months. Laughing, I told Rhoda that, since I was thinking it was her, I really had so many loving thoughts about her! "Well, it now all gets shifted to Carolyn!" she said, chuckling.

There were even items for the children on several occasions, such as bubbles, little boxes of raisins and little cookies. The children were also impressed with a cookbook she gave me with pictures to go with each recipe. Julia was especially intrigued with the healthy lotion, body spray and body wash. She'd like to make some of her own.

Now, this time Carolyn personally handed me a gift bag. In it, I found a travel pillow, something I've been wanting for quite some time, three cleaning cloths, and a card that I now have on the kitchen table, reminding me of her kindness.

I want to be that way. What could I do to bless others, as I have been blessed? I don't know exactly where; may God

point the way as he ministers to my heart.

Tortilla Bowls

1 tortilla bowl*
½ cup chopped lettuce
½ cup hamburger, fried and seasoned with taco seasoning
2 tablespoons black beans
½ cup shredded cheese
taco sauce (see following recipe that may be used)

If desired, warm tortilla bowls in microwave or oven, then layer remaining ingredients in order given. The amount used may be varied to suit your taste. Serve with sour cream, diced tomatoes, and guacamole.

*The girls used homemade bowl tortillas, but a regular soft tortilla or taco shell may be used instead.

Homemade taco sauce

1 cup salad dressing
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon vinegar
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon taco seasoning
1 tablespoon salsa sauce
2 tablespoons pickle relish
Combine all ingredients and serve over taco salad bowls or taco salad.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Rotary Club cancels Pancake Day

BUCYRUS - Due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions, and out of an abundance of caution, the Bucyrus Rotary Club has made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the 2021 Rotary Pancake Day breakfast that had been scheduled for Feb. 13.

Pancake Committee Chair Tami Tima said to completely change their operation to a drive-through only event simply wasn't feasible — especially for just one year. "The layout of the kitchen at Bucyrus High School, where the event is held annually, works well for dine in and take-out orders, but to move to a 100% drive-through format would require too many adjustments to the process," Tima added.

Rotary President Ronda Scott points out Pancake Day is the club's second largest fundraiser of the year. Individuals or businesses that still wish to donate towards the projects that Rotary offers may simply send donations marked "cancelled pancake day 2021" to: Rotary Club of Bucyrus, PO Box 1214, Bucyrus 44820.

The Bucyrus Rotary Club plans to return with the 49th annual Pancake Day on Feb. 12, 2022, at Bucyrus High School.

City council seeks input on downtown lighting

BUCYRUS - Bucyrus City Council is seeking public comments regarding downtown street lighting brightness. The current lighting is a 2900 kelvin col-

or. A test block between Rensselaer and Warren has already been switched over to 4000 kelvin lighting for several months now.

Anyone wishing to comment on the change to newer whiter lights in the test block should call Council Clerk Todd Hill at 419-562-6767, Ext 238, or email Councilclerk@cityofbucyrusoh.us.

Collection displays sought for Crestline library

CRESTLINE - The Crestline Public Library is looking for collections to display in ITS secure display case. Each display is shared for a month.

Anyone with something to share is asked to call the library at 419-683-3909.

BBB offering scam text alerts

TOLEDO - Consumers are invited to sign up for free BBB scam alerts by text. Just text the word START to 95577. You will be immediately signed up to receive BBB Text Alerts on the latest scams and frauds. The service is free and the information is completely confidential. It is not shared with or sold to anyone else.

BBB serves an 18-county area from Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Monroe Counties in Michigan to all of Northwest and West Central Ohio. This includes the cities of Findlay, Monroe, Bowling Green, Bucyrus, Defiance, Adrian, Bryan, Watseon, Sandusky, Fremont, Fostoria, Upper Sandusky, Norwalk, Hillsdale, Galion and all of the NW Ohio area.

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Caldwell Public Library Acquires Book Sanitizer and Expands In-person Service



Belinda West putting books in the Self Cleaning Book Sanitizer Machine.

Though Caldwell Public Library is continuing to operate with limited services, we are happy to announce we will be adding an additional day for in-person browsing and computer use. Beginning Jan. 29, 2021, we will be open to the public on Fridays, in addition to Mondays, for inside service (with some restrictions). Other days are lobby-only.

We are able to expand our services due to the purchase of a book sanitizer we began using in late December. The ILS Book Sanitizer eliminates the need to quarantine items for days. It uses ultraviolet light technology to sanitize books, DVDs, and other items in 30 seconds. According to the company website, pikinc.biz, these sanitizers are "COVID19 Tested & Proven." The sanitizer and upgrades to the workspace were made possible by a Grant from the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

We understand the current situation is challenging and frustrating at times, but we are trying to do what we can to keep both patrons and staff safe. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Our hours are:

Mon.	Library open	10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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Sat.	Lobby only	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Masks are required at all times, and a staff member will ask some basic health questions.

Beginner's Beekeeping Class -2021

Guernsey Noble Beekeepers has joined a pilot program with the Ohio State Beekeepers in providing a zoom beginner's bee school. The Pilot Program will include 10 clubs throughout Ohio who will be teaching a portion of the beginner's beekeeping program on the first Saturday of each month starting on February 6, 2021 through November.

Objective: The internship will break down each beekeeping skill on a month-by-month schedule as to what the beginner beekeeper should be doing in your apiary. To assist, we will present live-recorded videos to demonstrate step by step procedures. All classes will be recorded and hosted on a private YouTube channel. If a student would miss a live event, they would be able to view these recordings at any time. There will also be a private Face Book group for class participants, showing all of the active Zoom links, YouTube recordings, and information throughout the year. Not only will you learn the skills of beekeeping but will obtain mentoring through the Guern-

sey Noble Beekeepers

Instructors: Each class will consist of two speakers from an Ohio club/association, presenting Zoom PowerPoint webinars. In the last half hour, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of seasoned beekeepers. Various individuals from the 10 clubs will be the instructors. Don Crock, President of Guernsey Noble Beekeepers will also host individual zoom discussion for individuals who are in the Guernsey Noble Beekeepers' club.

At the Apiary: Don Crock will tentatively provide an on-hands demonstration of beekeeping at his Apiary in Noble County.

Cost: \$20 for the entire education which includes a one-year membership in the Guernsey Noble beekeepers and a one-year membership in the Ohio State Beekeepers.

To enroll: please email Don Crock at doncrock@yahoo.com of your interests. Include your phone number and email. Or call Don at 740-581-1883.

Website: guernseynoblebeekeepers.com

High Speed Chase Ends on I77 in Noble County

Pursuit and Standoff Ends in Arrest of McGuffey Man

Emerson Jeffery, 30, of McGuffey, Ohio was arrested last week following a pursuit and standoff ending in Noble County. The incident started just before 11 p.m. on January 20 near milepost 46 on I-77 when a state trooper stopped Jeffery for operating a vehicle with defective equipment. When the trooper approached the vehicle and spoke with Emerson, Emerson reportedly sped off and a pursuit ensued.

Troopers and Guernsey County Sheriff's deputies pursued Emerson south on I-77. The pursuit came to an end when Emerson ran his vehicle over spike strips deployed by troopers near milepost 35 in Noble County. His vehicle was reportedly stuck in a tree line, and he refused to exit, telling law enforcement he was armed with knives and threatening "suicide by cop."

Troopers and deputies from both the Guernsey and Noble County sheriff's offices, including both Noble County Sheriff Jason Mackie and Guernsey County Sheriff Jeffrey Paden were on the scene as officers negotiated with Emerson, trying to get him to surrender. They were reportedly able

to speak with him on the phone after obtaining his number from a law enforcement source.

Emerson exited his vehicle, but then reportedly became agitated and pulled two knives on officers. At that point, a special response team from the Guernsey County Sheriff's Office approached Emerson and deployed non-lethal tactics in an attempt to subdue Emerson, but he reportedly would not give up.

After what a press release from the Ohio State Highway Patrol calls a "brief and tense confrontation," a deputy was reportedly able to deploy a Taser, incapacitating Emerson long enough to take him into custody without anyone being seriously injured.

Emerson received minor injuries, and no one else was harmed in the incident.

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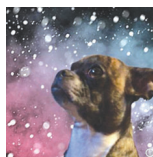
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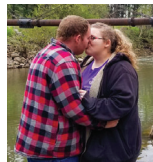
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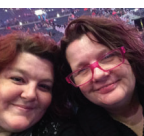


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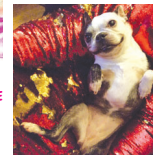
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Caldwell Historic District Series

FEATURING RESOURCE 41, 309 MAIN STREET
THE JOURNAL-LEADER OFFICE



Editor's Note: Since The Caldwell Historic District got the nod from the federal and state governments, and encompasses 69 properties in the downtown area, The Journal will do a running series featuring a different one of the 69 properties each time. This will allow our readers to appreciate the wealth of architectural history we have in Caldwell alone, let alone in the rest of the county. The building descriptions are presented largely as they appear in the official historic district application filed with Ohio History Connection. Where else would we begin than with our own building? Enjoy this little bit of history, and those to come.

The building housing the Journal & The Noble County Leader was constructed in 1951. It anchors the block at the northwest corner of Main Street and the alley between Cumberland and East Streets. The long, narrow building has yellow brick bearing walls, with sandstone coping at the parapets that step gradually down to the rear (south) along the western elevation. The facade has a recessed entry in the western corner and two paired windows in the remaining

thirds. Above is a flush band of three rows of architectural glass block spanning nearly the entire width. The second story has two wide-set, metal-cased, four-pane awning windows and a centered name/date plaque reading "JOURNAL-LEADER JULY-1951." Another narrower band of glass block is between the second story and the simple brick-work cornice. Brick patterning surrounds apertures and defines story plates in bands. The western lateral elevation

shows four window bays in the forward half, and a slightly wider rear with four first story windows evenly spaced. The upper half of this portion appears to have had the brick re-laid, potentially repairing fire damage. The only exterior alterations to the building are the in-kind brick repairs to the upper part of the building. Though it is not stylized, the brick color and patterning as well as the use of architectural glass block are characteristic construction

practices from the mid-twentieth century. It retains historic integrity and conveys its historical function through its original appearance. It contributes to the district as a unique example of a printing office building that has continually served Caldwell since 1951.

Head Start Pajama Day!



Pictured is Grayson Burnside showing off his tattoo.

GMN Caldwell Head Start is back in session after the holiday break. Ms. Melissa and Ms. Tresa's class had pajama day. The children had a great time painting their nails, getting tattoos and having their faces painted. The children were excited to be back to school.

We are still accepting applications for the 2020/2021 school year Head Start and Early Head Start. If you would like to apply for enrollment or you have any questions, please call: Barb M. Clark at 740-732-2388 for the Caldwell Center; and Beth DeLancey at 732-4722 for the Noble Learning Center.

Souper Bowl of Caring: Skins vs. Zeps Feb. 1-5

By Lori Harris, SNAP-Ed Program Assistant, Noble County OSU Extension

These unprecedented times have increased the need to help tackle hunger in our community. 14 billion meals will be needed to feed those facing food insecurity in 2021. The Souper Bowl of Caring uses the energy around football's biggest celebration to inspire youth to tackle hunger across the country. Students develop a strong sense of connection to their communities as they show care and compassion for others by collecting canned food for

their neighbors in need.

To help fight hunger in Noble County, the OSU Extension Office is organizing "Souper Bowl of Caring, Skins vs. Zeps." During our Souper Bowl of Caring, students from the Caldwell Exempted Village and Noble Local School Districts will collect canned food that will be given to the Samaritan House in Noble County. It will be a friendly competition between the schools to see which district can collect the most cans of food. Canned foods, such as soups, fruits and veggies, will be collected from Monday, February 1 thru

Friday, February 5. Shopping carts will be placed near the front entrances to each school building so students can easily make their donations. The winner of the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring will be announced on Monday, February 8. The number of cans collected will be reported and added to the total number of cans collected nationally for Souper Bowl of Caring. Students and staff will be part of the solution and help us transform the big game into the largest celebration of giving and serving. Go to TacklingHunger.org to learn more and be part of a winning team.

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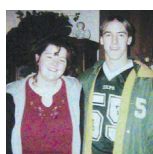


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Today

Clouds and sun; breezy, colder

34 18

Saturday

Mostly sunny and chilly

29 18

Sunday

An afternoon rain or snow shower

34 31

Monday

Cloudy and becoming rainy

42 31

Tuesday

Remaining cloudy with snow showers

37 23

National Forecast for Today

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day.

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Local Weather in Detail

Breezy today with clouds and sun. Areas of low clouds tonight. Mostly sunny and chilly Saturday. Sunday: cloudy with a rain or snow shower in spots in the afternoon. Monday: cloudy and becoming rainy. Tuesday: remaining cloudy with snow showers.

Cambridge Area Forecast: TODAY

High/Low 34/18
 *RealFeel Temp. high/low 28/13
 Chance of precip. 15%
 Relative humidity (4 p.m.) 55%
 Wind Chill (4 p.m.) 26
 Wind (4 p.m.) WNW at 6-12 mph
 Pressure (4 p.m.) 30.01"
 Visibility (4 p.m.) 10 miles

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Travelers' Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Atlanta	51/35/f	58/40/s	
Boston	43/25/p	31/19/s	
Buffalo	31/19/s	24/16/sf	
Dallas	58/49/c	59/55/sh	
Denver	47/25/p	46/22/c	
Detroit	27/15/sf	28/20/s	
Erie	32/21/sf	26/21/sf	
Honolulu	81/72/p	82/71/p	
Houston	73/60/c	70/62/c	
Kansas City	37/23/p	43/25/c	
Las Vegas	63/45/p	54/39/c	
Little Rock	55/31/p	48/41/s	
London	44/33/p	39/29/p	
Los Angeles	62/49/c	59/46/sh	
Louisville	41/22/p	38/29/s	
Miami	79/61/s	80/65/s	
Montreal	29/11/c	16/4/p	
Moscow	36/35/c	37/34/c	
Nashville	51/28/p	47/32/s	
New Delhi	68/51/p	68/50/p	
New Orleans	69/55/r	61/56/sh	
New York	45/27/s	32/5	
Orlando	75/60/p	71/59/c	
Paris	46/37/r	42/32/r	
Philadelphia	46/26/s	34/22/s	
Phoenix	67/55/p	61/49/c	
Pittsburgh	31/19/sf	26/17/p	
Raleigh	59/31/p	46/27/s	
Rio de Janeiro	86/74/p	86/74/s	
St. Louis	36/20/s	38/33/s	
Seattle	63/53/s	59/46/s	
San Diego	46/30/s	43/37/p	
Tokyo	55/47/p	51/42/r	
Toronto	34/27/s	22/14/s	
Washington, DC	50/29/s	39/26/s	

Weather (W) = sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, r-rain, f-fog, s-snow, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow/flurries

River Stages

Readings through 7 a.m. Thursday

(in feet)	Flood Stage	Thursday
Ohio River		
Pittsburgh	25	16.70
Portsmouth	50	16.90
Cincinnati	52	27.40
Muskingum	25	10.16
Zanesville	25	10.16
Wills Creek	15	3.79
Cambridge		

Lake Forecast

Wind from the west-northwest at 12-25 knots today. Seas 3-6 feet. Visibility less than 3 miles in snow. Water temperature: 37.

Lake Levels

Readings through 7 a.m. Thursday (in feet above sea level)

	Current Level	Full Pool	24 Hour Change
Cleanderling	893.09	896.0	down 0.01
Dillon	734.55	737.0	down 0.06
Medina	908.12	935.6	down 0.03
Wills Crk Res	743.35	779.0	down 0.15
Senecaville	825.37	842.5	down 0.05
Tappan	894.39	919.3	down 0.02

Temperatures

Zanesville airport through 3 p.m. Thursday

High/Low	47/26
Average	36.5
Lowest wind chill	19
Normal high/low	37/20
Record high	65 in 1959
Record low	-19 in 1994

Today's Ultraviolet Index

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9 a.m.	1
Noon	1
3 p.m.	1

0-2, low; 3-5, moderate; 6-7, high; 8-10, very high; 11+ extreme

Sun & Moon

Sunrise today 7:43 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:24 p.m.
 Moonrise today 12:46 p.m.
 Moonset today 2:14 a.m.

Moon Phases

Abuse

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Republican, voted against it.

Violation of the law will be a fourth-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$250.

Ahead of the new rule, Dempsey said her organization is working on materials to help educate members about the new expectations.

Dr. Rustin Moore, dean of Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, said the same is true for veterinarians.

"Veterinarians have always and will always take animal abuse and neglect

very seriously. We didn't need a law to make us do that," Moore said. "Having said that, this law is very helpful, so they can feel comfortable moving forward, particularly in cases where things might not be crystal clear."

Students have learned about the connections between animal abuse and family violence well before House Bill 33, Moore said.

But in light of the new law, he said the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association is working to extend that effort statewide, to help vets recognize warning signs, ask questions and document evidence. Moore is a nonvoting member of the 3,000-plus member association's board of directors.

"A lot of the time, people say, 'I sus-

pect something, but I don't know where to start," Moore said. "Making sure all that information is readily available is really important."

Leaders of Licking County Humane Society and Columbus Humane, the agencies tasked with investigating animal cruelty in their respective counties, said an influx of new reports could occur once the law takes effect, but they're prepared to respond.

Lori Carlson, president of the Ohio Animal Welfare Federation, said her group will be offering educational training on the law.

As the Licking County Humane Society's executive director, Carlson said she has experienced the issue from both sides.

Before she took on that role in 2012, Carlson had worked for 26 years in child welfare. She's happy that House Bill 33 focuses on ensuring reporting is occurring in both directions, she said.

"The connection between violence

toward animals and violence toward people, we've known that for a long time. It's always been one of our indicators," she said.

"If we see animal abuse, there are probably other things happening in the home regarding the people."

Some abusers use pets as leverage to get victims to stay, or they hurt pets to exert control, she said.

"It's a red flag," Carlson said of animal abuse. "It speaks to empathy. It speaks to all of those things that can contribute to also hurting people."

Studies have found that 49% to 71% of domestic violence victims reported that their pets had been threatened, harmed or killed by their partners, according to the Animal Welfare Institute, based in Washington D.C.

Across surveys, between 18% and 48% of victims said they delayed leaving a dangerous situation out of concern for their pets' safety, because most shelters don't accept pets.

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Today

Mostly sunny and chilly

30 15

Saturday

Periods of clouds and sunshine

35 27

Sunday

Snow, 1-3" early, then rain

35 33

Monday

Cloudy with snow showers, 1-2"

35 28

Tuesday

Low clouds and a couple of flurries

32 17

National Forecast for Today

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

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Cambridge Area Forecast:

TODAY

High/Low

RealFeel Temp. high/low

Chance of precip.

Relative humidity (4 p.m.)

Wind Chill (4 p.m.)

Wind (4 p.m.)

Pressure (4 p.m.)

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Buffalo	18/11/f	20/10/c
Dallas	60/53/p	70/44/p
Denver	56/32/s	49/24/s
Detroit	26/12/s	28/23/p
Erie	24/20/sf	48/20/c
Honolulu	80/70/sh	81/71/s
Houston	63/56/p	73/55/c
Kansas City	47/39/s	47/32/f
Las Vegas	52/37/sf	53/35/s
Little Rock	52/41/p	58/44/r
London	52/39/f	47/33/r
Los Angeles	67/43/r	69/44/s
Louisville	38/27/s	46/38/r
Miami	70/59/p	73/66/p
Minneapolis	19/4/p	34/5/s
Moscow	35/24/n	28/20/c
Nashville	47/30/s	54/44/r
New Delhi	63/44/p	64/44/c
New Orleans	60/50/s	71/62/c
New York	23/15/p	28/18/s
Oakland	63/44/p	71/44/c
Paris	53/45/c	54/40/r
Philadelphia	28/17/s	32/21/s
Phoenix	64/44/s	61/43/p
Pittsburgh	24/18/p	28/23/c
Raleigh	40/21/s	42/29/p
Rio de Janeiro	91/79/p	91/78/s
St. Louis	49/31/s	43/39/r
San Diego	60/47/r	61/44/s
Seattle	46/40/p	48/43/h
Tel Aviv	40/21/s	43/39/r
Toronto	18/6/c	20/9/s
Washington, DC	36/24/p	40/26/s

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River Stages

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(in feet)	Flood Stage	Thursday
Ohio River		
Pittsburgh	25	17.00
Portsmouth	50	28.30
Cincinnati	52	34.10
Maskingum	25	9.77
Zanesville	25	9.77
Wills Creek		

Lake Forecast

Wind from the west-northwest at 8-16 knots today. Seas 2-4 feet. Visibility generally unrestricted. Water temperature: 36.

Lake Levels

Readings through 7 a.m. Thursday

	Current Level	Full Pool	24 Hour Change
Clarendon	893.01	898.0	none
Dillon	734.62	737.0	down 0.02
Piedmont	908.05	935.6	none
Wills Crk Res	742.47	779.0	up 0.03
Senecaville	825.57	842.5	up 0.04

Today's Ultraviolet Index

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Time	UV Index
9 a.m.	1
Noon	3
3 p.m.	2

0-2, low; 3-5, moderate; 6-7, high; 8-10, very high; 11+ extreme

Sun & Moon

Sunrise today: 7:38 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 5:42 p.m.
Moonrise today: 6:45 p.m.
Moonset today: 8:31 a.m.

Moon Phases

Study finds 'alarming' drop in oceanic shark populations

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The predators of the seas are in trouble.

Shark populations in the world's oceans have declined by an "alarming" 71% since 1970, according to a study published Wednesday in the British journal Nature.

"The last 50 years have been pretty devastating for global shark populations," said Nathan Pacoureau, a biologist at Simon Fraser University in Canada and a co-author of the study.

"We document an alarming, ongoing, worldwide decline in oceanic shark



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populations across the world's largest ecosystem over the past half-century,

resulting in an unprecedented increase in the risk of extinction of these species," the authors wrote.

The research looked at rays as well as sharks: Of the 31 oceanic species of sharks and rays analyzed in the study, 24 are threatened with extinction.

Three species of shark (the oceanic whitetip, the scalloped hammerhead and the great hammerhead) have declined so sharply that they are classified as critically endangered — the highest threatened category in a list produced by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The risk of extinction is primarily caused by overfishing, study authors said. Although sharks are sometimes intentionally caught by fishing fleets, more often they are reeled in incidentally as "bycatch" in the course of fishing for other species such as tuna and swordfish.

"You drop a fishing line in the open

ocean, and often it's sharks that are there first — whether or not they're the primary target," said marine biologist Stuart Sandin, who works at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

The number of fishing vessels trolling the open ocean has risen steeply since the 1950s as engine power expanded ships' range. Although climate change and pollution also imperil shark survival, increased fishing pressure is the greatest threat for every oceanic shark species.

The authors said relative fishing pressure — a measure of the proportion of sharks and rays caught relative to their global population — is 18 times higher than it was 50 years ago. They argued that immediate action is needed to prevent collapses in shark and ray populations. They called on governments to implement catch limits to help promote recovery of the threatened species.

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing in Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, In the Matter of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods. AEP Ohio seeks a rate increase, including miscellaneous charges, that would generate approximately \$36.2 million of additional revenue, or an increase of 2.96 percent over current total base distribution revenue. For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month, AEP Ohio seeks an increase of 1.80 percent on the Ohio Power Company rate zone and an increase of 1.81 percent on the total bill for the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zone. After its review of AEP Ohio's records and application, the staff of the Commission recommends a decrease of 2.92 percent on the total bill for a 20-585-EL-AIR, et al. -5- residential customer using 1,000 kilowatts per month for the Ohio Power Company and the Columbus Southern Power Company rate zones.

A public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The public hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m. via Webex.

Interested persons who are not a party to these cases and wish to provide testimony must pre-register with the Commission before 12:00 p.m., on February 5, 2021, at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/events/case-no-20-585-EL-AIR-et-al-lph> or by calling the Commission at 1-800-686-7826. If individuals wish to supplement their testimony with an exhibit for the Commission's consideration, a copy of the document, along with a reference to Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-EL-AAM, must be provided to the Commission by February 5, 2021, if possible, but no later than February 16, 2021, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Interested individuals who merely wish to attend the hearing remotely and not offer testimony can do so by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering the access code 179 414 7650. The public hearing will also be live streamed for viewing at www.youtube.com/user/PUCOOhio. Additional information is available by contacting the Commission's Consumer Call Center at 1-800-686-7826.

An evidentiary hearing, where counsel for the parties to the cases may present evidence and cross examine witnesses, will commence on March 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., by Webex. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. 20-585-EL-AIR, et al.

Public comments can be provided in writing on the Commission's website at <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puco.ohio.gov, or by mail to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference the case numbers for this matter.

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