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1,000 boards for Vuletic

Western Reserve senior Danielle Vuletic grabbed her 1,000th career rebound in the Blue Devils 52-33 win over Jackson-Milton on Thursday. She is pictured with Western Reserve girls basketball coaches Jeff Brogan and Steve Miller. (Submitted Photo)

JUNIOR HIGH

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Southern vs. United

8th Grade: Southern won 39-26 on Thursday. Southern: Katy Brewer 11, Gigi Rodgers 11; United: Grace Wilson 9.

Salem at West Branch

7th Grade: West Branch won 24-19 on Thursday. Salem: Karlie Sampson 6.

TV SCHEDULE

3 p.m. (GOLF) Golf: PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Second Round, Torrey Pines South Course, San Diego

5 p.m. (ESPN2) College gymnastics: Louisiana State at Auburn

6 p.m. (BTN) College hockey: Minnesota at Ohio State

6 p.m. (ACCN) College wrestling: North Carolina State at North Carolina

6:30 p.m. (ESPN2) College basketball: St. Louis at Richmond

6:30 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Xavier at Butler

7 p.m. (ESPN) College basketball: Ohio at Buffalo

7 p.m. (MyTV) High school basketball: LaBrea at Crestview

7:30 p.m. (FOXSO) NBA: Cavaliers at Knicks.

7:45 p.m. (ESPN) NBA: Bucks at Pelicans.

Emilee Lewis 4, Maddy Andros 4.

8th Grade: Salem won 30-25 in OT.

Salem: Reese Davidson-Chuck 11, Mui-rin Lesko 7.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Columbiana at Heartland

8th Grade: Heartland won 32-24 on Thursday.

West Branch at Salem

7th Grade: West Branch won 33-19 on Thursday. Salem: Gavin Colbert 5.

Cletis Monroy 5.

8th Grade: West Branch won 66-24.

Salem: James Cibula 6.

8 p.m. (CBSSN) College hockey: North Dakota at Nebraska (Omaha)

8 p.m. (NHLN) NHL: Jackets at Blackhawks.

8:30 p.m. (ESPN2) College basketball: Coastal Carolina at Georgia Southern

8:30 p.m. (BTN) College hockey: Minnesota at Maryland

9 p.m. (ESPN) College basketball: Robert Morris at Wright State

9 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Iowa at Illinois

10:05 p.m. (ESPN) NBA: Mavericks at Jazz

10:30 p.m. (ESPN2) X Games Aspen 2021: Night 1, Aspen, Colo.

11 p.m. (ESPN) College basketball: California State (Fullerton) at California State (Bakersfield)

11 p.m. (FS1) College basketball: Boise State at Colorado State

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Third Period—5, Boston, Bergeron 5 (McAvoy, Marchand), 1:40 (pp). Penalties—Marto, PIT (Interference), 0:55. Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh, 6-5-6-17. Boston 9-7-4-20. Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Boston 1 of 2. Goals—Pittsburgh, Jarry 2-3-1 (20 shots-16 saves). Boston, Hialek 2-0-1 (17-16). Referee—Ghislain Hebert, Tim Peel. Linesmen—Ryan Daisy, Brandon Schrader.	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Super Bowl notes
Brady's parents survived COVID-19 TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady says his parents are doing well after recovering from COVID-19 early this season and will be among family in the stands to root for him and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in next week's Super Bowl. "They're doing great, so I think that's the best news I could hear at this time," he says. "I'm sure it's the same for other fans who've got it," added the 43-year-old quarterback who won six Super Bowls with the New England Patriots before joining with Tampa Bay as a free agent last winter. "I still obviously love going out there and competing. But on the other side of that, there's a lot of family things that are very important to me," Brady says. "The health of my parents is very important. Although I was far away, I had three sisters who were being taken care of by the time the doctor told me they were OK." Brady's father, Tom, Sr., recently revealed that he and his wife, Gayle, battled COVID-19 in September. "It'll be exciting to know my parents will be in the stands for the game on (Super Bowl) Sunday. They only made it to one game this season," he says. "I was in the locker room, the Saints game that was, which was pretty rough for all of us." Brady said, referring to a 38-31 loss to New Orleans on Nov. 8. "But I'll have a full contingent all coming in to watch on (next) Super Bowl Sunday, ready to cheer the game cheer."
Brady appeared in nine Super Bowls, winning six, during a historic two-decade run with the Patriots. The 38-year-old quarterback has won \$50 million contract with the Bucs last March and has helped transform them from a team that missed the playoffs 12 consecutive seasons into conference champions.

PGA Tour results
PGA Tour Farmers Insurance Thursday At Torrey Pines San Diego, Calif. Purse: \$7.5 million North Course Yardage: 7,265; Par: 72 1. Scottie Scheffler 2. Collin Morikawa 3. Patrick Reed 4. Bryson DeChambeau 5. Justin Thomas 6. Cameron Smith 7. Adam Scott 8. Jon Rahm 9. Viktor Hovland 10. Matt Fitzpatrick 11. Xander Schauffele 12. Tyrrell Hatton 13. Daniel Berger 14. Webb Simpson 15. Rickie Fowler 16. Zach Johnson 17. Justin Verlander 18. Shane Bieber 19. Jacob deGrom 20. Gabe Lerner 21. Clayton Kershaw 22. Freddie Freeman 23. Mookie Betts 24. Bryce Harper 25. J.D. Davis 26. Kris Bryant 27. Trevor Story 28. Nolan Arenado 29. Mike Trout 30. Shohei Ohtani 31. Yohan Caballero 32. Carlos Correa 33. Jacob deGrom 34. Justin Verlander 35. Clayton Kershaw 36. Freddie Freeman 37. Mookie Betts 38. Bryce Harper 39. J.D. Davis 40. Kris Bryant 41. Trevor Story 42. Nolan Arenado 43. Mike Trout 44. Shohei Ohtani 45. Yohan Caballero 46. Carlos Correa 47. Jacob deGrom 48. Justin Verlander 49. 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Super Bowl notes

Brady's parents survived COVID-19

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady says his parents are doing well after recovering from COVID-19 early this season and will be among family in the stands to root for him and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in next week's Super Bowl.

"They're doing great, so I think that's the best part about all of it is they came through it," Brady said Thursday after the NFC champions held their first full-scale practice in preparation for the NFL title game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"There are a lot of things that happen in your life. Like all of us, as you get older there's more that you take on," added the 45-year-old quarterback who won six Super Bowls with the New England Patriots before signing with Tampa Bay as a free agent last winter.

"I still obviously love going out there and competing. But on the other side of that, there's a lot of family things that are very important to me. Certainly the health of my parents is very important. Although I was far away, I had three sisters who were doing everything that could help at home," he said.

Brady's father, Tom, Sr., recently revealed that he and his wife, Gail, battled COVID-19 in September.

"I'll be very excited to know my parents will be in the stands for the game on (Super Bowl) Sunday. They only made it to one game this year. It wasn't a very good outcome, the Saints game at home, which was pretty rough for all of us," Brady said, referring to a 28-3 loss to New Orleans on Nov. 8.

"But I'll have a full contingent all coming in, I think on (next) Saturday afternoon, ready to watch the game and cheer us up."

Brady appeared in nine Super Bowls, winning six, during a historic two-decade run with the Patriots. He signed a two-year, \$50 million contract with the Bucs last March and has helped transform them from a team that missed the playoffs 12 consecutive seasons into conference champions.

PGA results

PGA Tour Farmers Insurance

Thursday

At Torrey Pines

San Diego, Calif.

Purse: \$7.5 million

North Course

Yardage: 7,689; Par: 72

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First Round

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Gies said.

Ensmann added that with the U.S. Postal Service experiencing some service delays, Shelby utilities has been experiencing "a tremendous amount of calls" the past two months from Shelby customers requesting to use that automatic payment system known as "ACH" or automatic check holding.

Committee Chairman and Shelby City Council member Nathan Martin said the late-fee waiver proposal allows for some flexibility.

"Right now there is no flexibility," Martin said. "There are some good reasons why people are late. Unfortunately, people's hands are tied."

Discussions had occurred about a fee-waiver being discretionary in nature, but "that's just putting on undue burden on the utilities staff to kind of go through," Martin said.

With a one-time waiver, "it doesn't matter the reason, you don't have to come up with a good excuse, 'the dog ate my bill' or whatever," Martin said in his concluding remarks. "You can get a one-time per year (waiver). Everyone gets it, and it is what it is."

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the committee meeting was held via video conferencing. Check the Shelby Daily Globe for more from the meeting, including updates on the city's 2021 street paving program and a ditch petition involving the Black Fork River.

Lilly: Drug can prevent COVID-19 illness in nursing homes

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Drugmaker Eli Lilly said Thursday its antibody drug can prevent COVID-19 illness in residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care locations.

It's the first major study to show such a treatment may prevent illness in a group that has been devastated by the pandemic.

Residents and staff who got the drug had up to a 57% lower risk of getting COVID-19 compared to others at the same facility who got a placebo, the drugmaker said. Among nursing home residents only, the risk was reduced by up to 80%.

The study involved more than 1,000 residents and staff at nursing homes and other long-term care locations like assisted living homes. The vast majority tested negative at the start

of the study. Some were assigned to get the drug, called bamlanivimab and which is given through an IV, and others got placebo infusions.

The research was conducted with the National Institutes of Health. Results were released in a press release, and the company said it would publish more details in a journal soon.

Among the nearly 300 residents who did not have COVID-19, four later got the disease and died. Lilly said all of them had received the placebo.

The Food and Drug Administration in November allowed emergency use of Lilly antibody drug as a treatment for people ages 12 and older with mild or moderate cases of COVID-19 that do not require hospitalization. It's a one-time treatment.

Lilly said it plans to work with regulators to see about expanding the authorization to prevent and treat COVID-19 in long-term care facilities, where vaccinations are already underway.

Experts have said drugs like Lilly's could serve as a bridge to help manage the virus until vaccines are widely available.

Nursing homes and other long-term care locations have been hard hit by the pandemic. In the United States, they account for less than 1% of the population, but nearly 40% of deaths from COVID-19.

These long-term care locations have been given priority to vaccinate residents and staff with recently authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccinations started last month at locations around the country.

Obituary

Joyce Norris

Joyce Norris, 92, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 at Primrose Nursing Home in Mansfield. Private funeral services for the family at Barkdull

Funeral Home with interment at Oakland Cemetery-Tiro. www.barkdullfuneralhome.com for a full obituary.

World leaders cheer US return to climate fight under Biden

BERLIN (AP) — World leaders breathed an audible sigh of relief that the United States under President Joe Biden is rejoining the global effort to curb climate change, a cause that his predecessor had shunned over the past four years.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and French President Emmanuel Macron were among those welcoming Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris climate accord, reversing a key Trump policy in the first hours of his presidency Wednesday.

"Rejoining the Paris Agreement is hugely positive news," tweeted Johnson, whose country is hosting this year's U.N. climate summit.

Macron said that with Biden, "we will be stronger to face the challenges of our time. Stronger to build our future. Stronger to protect our planet."

The Paris accord, forged in the French capital in 2015, commits countries to put forward plans for reducing their emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, which is released from burning fossil fuels. Former President Donald Trump had questioned the scientific warnings about man-made global warming, at times accusing other countries of using the Paris accord as a club to hurt Washington. The U.S. formally left the pact in November.

"The United States departure from it has definitely diminished our capacities to change things, concretely

to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions," said Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

"Now we are dealing with an administration that is conscious of what is at stake and that is very committed to use the voice of the United States, a voice that is very powerful on the international level," she said.

Biden put the fight against climate change at the center of his presidential campaign and on Wednesday immediately launched a series of climate-friendly efforts to bring Washington back in step with the rest of the world on

the issue.

"A cry for survival comes from the planet itself," Biden said in his inaugural address. "A cry that can't be any more desperate or any more clear now."

Experts say any international efforts to keep global warming well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), ideally 1.5C (2.7F), as agreed in the Paris accord would struggle without the contribution of U.S., which is the world's second biggest carbon emitter.

Scientists say time is running out to reach that goal because the world has already warmed 1.2 C (2.2 F) since pre-industrial times.

Italy said the U.S. return to the Paris accord would help other countries reach their own climate commitments. "Italy looks forward to working with the U.S. to build a sustainable planet and ensure a better future for the next generations," Premier Giuseppe Conte tweeted.

The Vatican, too, was clearly pleased given the decision aligns with Pope Francis' environmental agenda and belief in multilateral diplomacy. In a front-page editorial in Wednesday's *L'Osservatore Romano*, Vatican deputy editorial director Alessandro Gisotti noted that Biden's decision to rejoin Paris "converges with Pope Francis' commitment in favor of the custody of our common home."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel was more muted in her reaction, noting on Thursday that her government would "probably have a more similar opinion" with Biden on issues such as the Paris climate accord, migration and the World Health Organization.

Youth activists who have been at the forefront of demanding leaders take the threat of global warming seriously said they now want to see concrete action from Washington.

"Many countries signed the Paris Agreement and they are still part of the Paris Agreement, but they make very free interpretations

of what that implies," said Juan Aguilera, one of the organizers of the Fridays for Future movement in Spain. "In many cases, signing it has become a show, because at the end of the day the concrete measures that are being taken, at least in the short term, are not satisfactory."

Biden has appointed a large team to tackle climate change both on the domestic and international front. Former Secretary of State John Kerry, named as the president's special climate envoy, on Thursday took part in a virtual event with Italian industry at which he touted the 'green economy' as an engine for jobs and said the U.S. planned to make up for time lost over the past four years.

Organizers of a meeting Monday on adapting to climate change said they hoped Kerry would take part too, and Biden himself has talked about inviting world leaders to a summit on the issue within his first 100 days in office.

Over the coming months the U.S. allies and rivals will closely watch to see by how much the administration offers to cut its emissions in the coming decade. A firm number is expected to be announced before the U.N. climate summit taking place in Glasgow, Scotland, in November.

Veterans of such gatherings noted the formidable diplomatic clout that the U.S. has managed to bring to them in the past.

Farhana Yamin, a British lawyer who served as adviser to the Marshall Islands in the Paris negotiations, said she left the climate talks in 2018 feeling "disillusioned" not only by the U.S. withdrawal but also by how other countries, including her own, were failing to live up to the agreed goals.

"I wish there were more progress here in the UK," she said, adding she hoped that the change in the White House would mean others would increase their ambition on climate, too. "The U.S. always has massive influence on its allies."

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Spotlight: Dog of the Week



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Meet Sunny. This handsome fella came in on 12-11-20 and guessing him to be about 3 yrs old. He passed with food aggression and dogs, but would need a calm dog to live with. He did NOT pass with cats. Sunny was so much fun to play with in the playroom. He gets excited when you grab a toy and wanna play. He knows sit and speak and likes to speak a lot. Come in and meet this handsome guy and fall in love. If you are interested in adopting Sunny, please contact the Richland County Dog Warden's office at 419-774-5892 or send an email to dogs@richlandcountyooh.gov

Tree sale at Crawford SWCD

The Crawford SWCD 2021 Tree Sale is now taking orders. This year we have a collection of evergreens, hardwoods, shrubs, a wildlife pack, a wildberry pack, and fruits. The last day to place an order is April 9th, 2021. Be sure to get your orders in sooner rather than later to ensure the trees you want are still in stock. Trees will be available for pick up on April 21st and 22nd. Planting trees is a great way to promote conservation for the future

generations to reap the benefits. Trees can reduce pollution, improve air quality, provide shade, and wildlife shelter. When planted in the proper location around your home, they can reduce heating and cooling costs. Trees can also improve the aesthetic of a home and increase the value of the property. To see the order form or tree descriptions go to www.crawfordswcd.org, or visit us on our Facebook page!

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Auditions for West Side Story

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Renaissance Theatre and Mansfield Symphony announce virtual auditions for the 2021 West Side Story in Concert which will take place live on stage March 20, 2021 at the Renaissance Theatre, 138 Park Avenue West in Mansfield, Ohio. Auditions are open to performers ages 16 or older. All diversities are encouraged to submit as the Renaissance maintains a policy of ethnically appropriate casting.

Seeking to fill the following roles:

Maria - Latina, late teens/early twenties, classical soprano - Bflat3-C6

Tony - Late teens/early twenties, classical tenor, B2-Bflat4

Anita - Latina, 20s-30s, mezzo, F3-D5

Bernardo - Latino, 20s-30s, Baritone/Tenor, Bflat2-Eflat4

Riff - Late teens/early twenties, Bflat2-G4 Ensemble of 3 Men/3 Women

All roles are paid and all safety, masking and social distancing policies are strictly enforced. Rehearsals will begin March 16-20, 2021. Performance is March 20, 2021 at 8:00 PM at the Renaissance Theatre in Mansfield, Ohio. Auditionees are asked to prepare 16 bars of a musical theatre song in the style of the show. Please submit a resume and video including an introduction and your audition to production@mansfieldtickets.com

Parties interested in submitting an audition should do so via an unlisted YouTube video link with the subject heading "[Your Name] - West Side Story Audition Submission" Please do not include a video file as an attachment in your email. The deadline to submit your audition is February 2, 2021.

The Renaissance Theatre is a performing arts theater located at 138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, Ohio. For more information about the Ren, visit rentickets.org or contact renaissance@mansfieldtickets.com

ONG completes mission

COLUMBUS -- Ohio National Guard members who deployed recently to support local, state and federal authorities have returned from duty.

The Ohio National Guard had about 500 members assisting local and state authorities in Columbus and at the Ohio Statehouse, and there were around 1,000 more providing security and other support services in the Washington, D.C. area during the presidential inauguration.

Dancer pines for partner who's devoted to another

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged divorcee. I recently took up ballroom dancing, which has been a long-held dream, and I'm enjoying my life. However, there are few single men my age around. Most of the available men are 20 years older or 20 years younger.

From Day One, I have had a crush on one of the few men my age in the dance group. We eventually became best friends, spending all our free time together. I soon learned that he is married, but separated and looking to divorce. However, he has a crush of his own, and he talks to me about her constantly. We have so much in common, but he only has eyes for her.

I realize it isn't healthy for me to pine away for someone who doesn't think of me the way I think of him. Yet walking away would mean losing my dance partner and best friend and going back to sitting out dances, watching from the sidelines, or worse, sitting alone at home.

Do I maintain the



Dear Abby

status quo and suffer in silence over his rejection? Or would it be healthier to move on, upend my life and isolate myself from him when I have no other circle of friends to support me? -- DANCING AWAY IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DANCING: Because of the pandemic, leave things as they are -- for now. However, as soon as it's feasible, find another dance group -- or two -- to join. If you do, you will establish other relationships with both women and men, and have a better chance of finding what you're looking for.

Over the last two

years, her interest has diminished, and they haven't seen each other at all. I've offered the halfway trip, even offered my couch if she came the entire way, especially around holidays. She hasn't taken me up on it.

Our son is now entering his teens, and I bought him a cellphone. She has his number, but doesn't call or text. She even missed his birthday. My problem is, he has started to recognize her lack of interest, and I can tell it hurts. I thought about changing his number and cutting her off altogether, like yanking off a bandage, but I don't know what's best. Please advise. -- SANE DAD IN MARYLAND

DEAR DAD: You are a loving and constant father. As you have realized, now that your son is getting older, he is becoming increasingly aware of his mother's emotional neglect.

I do not think you should change his number and cut her off from him. She's doing a good job of doing that herself, as kindly as you can.

Red

"We kept them in front as much as possible. We at least contested their drives, and that forced them into some second shots," New Philadelphia head coach Matt Voll said. "We run teams off the line all year long, but they presented that double edge. They have kids that can shoot it and carve you up."

"Our schedule's a gauntlet — there's no doubt about that. Our young kids are starting to understand they need to have good habits. You can't let your guard down. Against Steubenville, this is a heck-of-a win against a very good team."

This defeat could hurt Big Red for the draw. The cutoff date is today, so it does not have a chance for redemption. If Steubenville would have won, it most likely would have

earned the second seed in the Division II East district.

"It could drop us. I think we could go anywhere from a second seed to the fourth seed," Haney said. "We'll just play by ear and see what happens. It's very important to get a high seed, but it's more important to play better and take care of the ball."

As for the Quakers, they may be able to squeak out a sectional home game if it already was not in the works.

"We'll see where the chips may fall. I would argue anybody against our schedule," Voll said. "Come play our schedule, and we'll see where the records are. I'll leave it at that."

Focusing back to Tuesday, Phaeton Hill led Steubenville

with 17 points (five 3-pointers). Zion Sawyer, who fouled out late in the fourth, finished with nine points and six rebounds. Brenton Jones, starting for an injured Cade Kernahan, had eight points, eight boards and three assists. Quinn McCoy added nine rebounds.

Overall, Big Red committed nine more turnovers than the Quakers and grabbed 13 more rebounds (33-20). It did not get many foul calls but only shot 6 of 15 from the charity stripe when it had the opportunity.

"When they got it up to eight (in the fourth), that was it. We started trading baskets in the second half, but you can't do that when you're down 10 to a good team," Haney said.

For New Philadelphia, Michael Vickers led with 19 points

and three assists. Roth tallied 10 points and four rebounds. Carter Vandall produced nine points, seven boards and two dimes.

INJURY UPDATE

Kernahan suffered a lower body injury during Friday's contest at Martins Ferry. He is expected to be out at least for the next three weeks.

"It definitely makes a difference because he plays with a lot of heart and intensity. Guys rally behind that. We were definitely missing that," Haney said.

JV ACTION

The Quakers won the jayvee contest, 50-47. Brandt Wells paced New Philadelphia with 17 points, while Big Red's

Kyjhawn Hopkins scored 14.

UP NEXT

New Philadelphia: Tentatively travels to Vincent Warren on Friday.

Steubenville: Still seeking an opponent for Friday. Its next tentatively-scheduled game is Tuesday against River for senior night.

New Philadelphia 52, Steubenville 40
New Philly 11 31 17 25 — 52
Steubenville 4 9 10 14 — 40
NEW PHILADELPHIA (9-7): Roth 4 2-3 10; Vickers 6 4-5 19; Stoker 2 0-0 0; Vandall 3 3-4 16; Schoenle 1 3-4 6; Miller 0 0-0 0; Ku, Tetzloff 0 0-0 0; Lowery 1 0-0 2; Karl 0 0-0 0; Ku, Tetzloff 0 0-0 0; Loucheville 0 0-2 2. TOTALS: 17, 34-30 3.
STEUDEVILLE (10-5): Sawyer 31 4-9; Greko 10 1-3; Hill 12 2-7; Jones 32 5-8; McCoy 0 0-0 0; Zimmerman 11 2-7; Boggs 0 0-0 0; Roth 0 0-0 0; Jackson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 12, 61-52 40.
3-POINT GOALS: New Philadelphia 4 (Vickers 3, Schoenle); Steubenville 8 (Sawyer 2, Greko, Hill 5). REBOUNDS: New Philadelphia 20 (Vandall 10); Steubenville 33 (McCoy 9). ASSISTS: New Philadelphia 12 (Schoenle 6); Steubenville 10 (Jones 3). TURNOVERS: New Philadelphia 9; Steubenville 18.

Redskins

Shane Keenan collected a team-high 12 points to lead Toronto (6-13), while Nathan Chocie and Jay Hanlin each contributed nine.

The Redskins led 21-20 at halftime, and they came out strong to start the second half.

The visitors scored the first five points of the third. The hosts countered with a basket of their own, however, Indian Creek scored nine straight points and ended up building a 13-point lead before taking a 38-25 advantage into the fourth.

"Our depth continues to improve," Dunlevy said. "We are getting healthier, and we are getting more and more practice time. They were missing two kids that have caused problems for us the last few years. That

hurt their depth, and we were able to take advantage of it.

"That's the way it has been for Sean. It is not just the disease, but other stuff — injuries. They played well. They are getting better. They are playing some young kids. I know the type of program Sean runs. He does a real good job."

The Red Knights scored the first four points of the fourth to get back within nine, however, the Redskins regrouped and pulled away, as the visitors built a 46-31 lead before going on to win by 14.

"They controlled the 50-50 balls," Tucker said. "We didn't get on the floor. We did not get after it. We missed shots. Our rotations were not good. We did not rotate on defense."

"We have two freshmen

on the floor. They are gaining varsity experience. They are giving everything they have got. We have good senior leadership. We just ran out of gas. They were more physical. They were fundamentally sound. It took a toll on us. We could not get into an offensive rhythm. We were concerned about their aggressive defense."

Toronto tallied the first five points of the game before Indian Creek ran off the next nine. The Redskins led, 11-7, at the end of the first.

After Indian Creek opened the scoring in the second with a foul shot, Toronto ripped off a 9-0 run to take a 16-12 lead.

Indian Creek countered with a 6-0 sprint to regain the lead, and the Redskins took a four-point advantage into the locker

room at halftime.

"We played a lot of kids in the first half," Dunlevy said. "The kids we played, played well. They helped wear them down. They helped with our depth tonight."

Indian Creek was dealt a blow in the second quarter when Hunter Rothacker was injured with 2:44 left to play before halftime.

He left the court holding his wrist and did not return.

"I am concerned about Hunter Rothacker," Dunlevy said.

There is a lot of respect between Dunlevy, Tucker and their programs, as Tucker is a Creek graduate.

"Absolutely," Tucker said. "He is like a father to me. He is a hall of fame coach for a reason. He does a great job with

their program. Indian Creek is blessed to have him. I am blessed to have played for him."

JV ACTION

Indian Creek won the jayvee game, 41-30.

UP NEXT

Indian Creek: Tentatively hosts Edison tonight.

Toronto: Tentatively travels to River on Saturday.

Toronto 38, Indian Creek 29
Indian Creek 11 10 17 15 — 53
Toronto 7 13 5 14 — 39
INDIAN CREEK (4-9): Francis 2 0-3 4, M. Kuczykowski 1 0-0 1, L. Kuczykowski 3 0-0 6, Williams 12 5-5, Morelli 0 0-0 0, Vandorne 2 0-0 4, Pownell 0 0-0 0, Vandine 0 0-0 2, Schaffer 3 0-0 6, Rothacker 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 20, 10-17 31.
TORONTO (4-13): Schaffer 41 19, Baker 1 0-0 3, Karafa 0 0-0 0, Hanin 2 3-4 9, Reeves 2 3-3 7, Emmell 0 0-0 0, Close 0 0-0 0, Dickinson 0 0-0 0, Keenan 5 2-2 12. TOTALS: 14, 9-10 29.
3-Pointers: Indian Creek 3 (M. Kuczykowski, Williams, Vandine); Toronto 2 (Hanin 2).

Bid

Leading 56-39 heading to the fourth, the Crusaders cut the deficit to 13 before a 12-1 spurt — paced by eight points off of Bellaire turnovers — pulled the visitors to within a 62-60 with 3:38 showing. A pair of charity tosses from sophomore Jake Dowling put the hosts back up by four ahead of a Charles Miller hoop at the 3-minute mark.

The Big Reds scored the next five points (three from Ward and a basket from Andrew Littell) to

go up by a 69-62 count before a Vince Carapellotti deuce and a Ryan Gorman triple pulled Catholic Central back to with 69-67 with 59 ticks remaining. David Zwack made it a 62-60 with a free throw at 51 seconds, and the Crusaders got nice looks on 3-point attempts from Gorman and Miller in the final 23 seconds that were off the mark.

Littell nailed a pair of charity tosses with five seconds to play to cap off the victory.

"We turned the ball over in the fourth quarter, and they weren't turnovers that allowed us to get back on defense. They were right to them for layups," Battista said. "Credit them, they really made life difficult for us in the fourth quarter, and then we didn't help ourselves on the other end."

"Our kids played real well in the first half, actually, for the first three quarters, but they started getting second-chance points and forcing

turnovers and got right back in it. Luckily, we did manage to get a couple of stops at the end and made enough free throws to get a little space."

Ward hit three triples of his own in the first quarter, as the hosts built a 14-10 lead. Zwack added a pair in the second, finishing with 11 of his 14 points in the first half, as Bellaire led 34-25 at the break. After a Littell hoop to end the second, the Big Reds scored the first eight points of the third quarter to push the margin to 42-25.

Bellaire's biggest leads of the night came in the third frame at 50-31 and 52-34.

"I really wasn't pleased with our closeouts in the first half," Ogden said of the hosts dropping in six triples over the first two frames. "We did do a better job in the second half and boxed out very well, but while I am very proud of the effort, it all came around a little too

late. "They played more intense than we did in the beginning even though we were able to get after it late. Our missed free throws in the first half also allowed them to build a little bit of a lead, and our offense just didn't throw the ball around enough and look for good shots. We were able to force some big-time turnovers in the fourth quarter. It was a good game in the end, and hopefully when they come to our place we will have a better outcome. This is really a great atmosphere to play in and a great play to play overall."

Dowling added 12 points for the winners, while Littell chipped in 11 off the bench. Jaiden Kesterson and Cash each pulled down seven rebounds to lead the hosts, with Cash playing most of the night in foul trouble before picking up his fifth just 1:01 into the fourth quarter.

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Pins

Steubenville's Savier Faulks, unranked in the state, made some noise with an upset pin over C.J. Spencer of Indian Creek. Spencer, who is fourth at 138 pounds, rebounded with a major decision against Dover.

Big Red's Logan Hale went 1 for 2 on the night, ending his first victory of the season with a 10-0 decision. Nate King (195) and Cole Antill (145) also

went 1 of 2 for Big Red, as did Ostovich, who shook off his loss to Llewellyn with a pin against Dover. Heavyweight Javin Harper won in sudden victory over Indian Creek's Gavin Dondzila.

He also recorded a decision against Dover.

The Redskins' Daniel Ross flexed his muscles at 126, winning by a major decision and a pin.

Central

Rohde hauled down 11 rebounds, while point guard Morgan Green dished out five assists.

"We got ourselves in a hole early, but the girls never quit and they fought hard like they always do," Looman said. "I'm proud of them for that. Again, we hurt ourselves by not doing the little things well — boxing out, making good passes and forcing some shots."

"Shenandoah is a young, talented team. We played hard, but we didn't always play smart. The girls know what they need to do in order for us to keep getting better."

In the two-quarter

junior varsity game, Shenandoah posted a 15-11 win. Ella Maragos was Central's scoring leader with three points.

The Crusaders are scheduled to visit Carrollton today.

Shenandoah 32, Catholic Central 37
Shenandoah 12 14 11 12 — 57
Central 7 5 14 11 — 37
SHENANDOAH (10-9): Lach 10 0-0 22; Noll 0 0-0 0; Lynch 4 0-0 0; Wheeler 0 0-0 0; Brown 0 0-0 0; Wickham 4 0-0 10; May 7 0-1 1. TOTALS: 32, 15-50 37.
CENTRAL (11-1): Zalta 4 0-0 11; Symington 9 0-0 0; Griffin 0 0-0 0; Rohde 2 2-2 4; Kerker 0 0-0 0; O'Karma 1 0-0 2; Grimm 1 0-2 2; Meyer 0 0-0 0; Knaptrick 0 0-0 0; DeCristoforo 1 4-4 6. TOTALS: 14, 46-52 37.
3-POINT GOALS: Shenandoah 5 (Lach 3, Wickham 2, Wheeler); Central 1 (Zalta 1).

BOYS BASKETBALL
Beaver Local 80, Edison 25

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Miller had a nice night with 23 points and 11 rebounds, while Gorman scored 17 points and Carapellotti scored all 13 of his points in the second half.

The Crusaders, who grabbed a 43-28 edge off the glass, had four players with at least seven caroms and turned the ball over 10 times, four fewer than their hosts.

Both teams finished with 24 field goals, and Catholic Central made one more free throw than Bellaire. However, the Big Reds' 10 triples turned out to be huge. Both teams missed 10 charity tosses in the contest, as well.

Bellaire 72, Catholic Central 67
Central 10 15 14 28 — 67
Bellaire 14 20 22 16 — 72
CATHOLIC CENTRAL: Gorman 5 6-12 17; Miller 9 3-6 22; Hough 0 0-0 0; Carapellotti 6 0-0 13; Lemley 1 1-4 6; Doran 3 2-2 2; Venditti 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 24, 15-25 67.
BELLAIRES: Ward 8 3-5 24; Cash 2 0-0 0; Kesterson 2 1-5 2; Dowling 3 4-8 12; Zwack 5 1-2 14; Littell 3 4-7 11; Belleville 1 0-0 2. TOTALS: 24, 14-24 72.
3-POINT GOALS: Catholic Central 4 (Miller 2, Gorman, Carapellotti); Bellaire 10 (Ward 5, Zwack 3, Dowling, Littell).

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RICHMOND — The Edison boys basketball team fell to Beaver Local, 80-25, on Tuesday.

Brayden Moses led the Wildcats (1-11) with eight points. Gage Cline finished with five.

Edison tentatively travels to Indian Creek today.

In the jayvee contest, the Beavers won, 50-19.

Beaver Local 80, Edison 25
Beaver Local 22 21 21 — 80
Edison 9 3 14 8 — 25
BEAVER LOCAL: Pappas 0 0-0 0; Barber 0 0-0 0; Agnew 4 0-0 0; Smith 3 1-2 6; Weller 2 0-0 0; Blismback 4 1-9 19; Cline 9 0-24 24; Ditt 0 2-2 2; Boyer 1 0-2 2; Kalkowski 0 0-0 0; Banzak 0 0-0 0; Stephenson 1 0-0 0. TOTALS: 24, 49-18 80.
EDISON (1-11): McEneaney 1 1-3 2; Howell 1 0-0 0; Medlake 0 1-1 0; Moses 2 3-4 8; Cline 0 0-0 0; Grimes 1 0-2 2; Board 1 0-3 3. TOTALS: 4, 10-25 25.
3-POINT GOALS: Beaver Local 4 (Cline 4); Edison 3 (Howell, Moses, Board).

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Records

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Deed Transfers

The following deed transfers took place in Auglaize County from Jan. 11 to Jan. 15.

Duchouquet Township

Gossard Self Storage Inc. to Bream Group Ltd., Part Section 35 — No amount.
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Goshen Township

Timothy S. and Martha A. Manchester to TSM Farms LLC, Part Section 10 — No amount.

New Bremen Township

Molly Schwartz et al. to Dennis E. and Susan C. Burnell, Lot 149 — Vogelsang Subdivision — No amount.

Noble Township

Tony K. and Renee M. Schmehl to Michael E. Lewis, Part Section 13 — \$15,000.

Pusheta Township

Douglas L. and Rebecca L. (King) Watercutter to Douglas L. and Rebecca L. Watercutter, Part Section 5 — No amount.

Salem Township

Michael Bear Sr., trustee, to Michael Bear Sr. and Amy Lamb, Part Section 28, 29 and 32 — No amount.

Michael Sr. and Carla Bear to MCM Bear Farms LLC, Part Section 28, 29 and 32 — No amount.

St. Marys

Larry E. McMullen, et al. to Joyce Koenig, Lot 52 — Hillsdale Subdivision — \$121,900.

Wapakoneta

Good Choice Rental Homes Ltd. to Mercer Homes LLC, Part Lot 231-232 — No amount.

Charles L. and Lucia (Merz) Zink to Phillip R. and Kimberly K. Metz, Lot 29 and Strip — Grandview Estates No. 1 — \$145,500.

Gregory K. Hottle to Kimberly E. Hottle, Part Outlot 140 — No amount.

Wayne Township

J. Ronald and Marcia L. Pepple to Pepple Farm LLC, Part Section 22 and 23 — No amount.

Waynesfield

Lisa K. Nickles to Gary W. Davidson, Part Lot 7 and 8 — \$23,000.

The Evening Leader's obituary deadline is 5:30 p.m. Sundays through Fridays in order to run in print the next day.

Obituary

Eugene Huff, 80



At 4 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17, Rev. Eugene "Tiny" Huff, 80, went home to heaven to be with Jesus, whom he has loved and served with dedication and compassion — even unto his final breath. After a valiant battle with double pneumonia, with his wife and children at his bedside in Union General Hospital, Blairsville, Georgia — he surrendered his spirit to his Heavenly Father.

He and his twin brother, Harold, were born at home to Claude and Maggie (Banks) Huff on Feb. 9, 1940, in Wayland, Kentucky (Floyd County).

On July 19, 1959 he married Ruth Elaine (DeCoursey) at St. Mary's Pilgrim Holiness Church, St. Marys. In response to a call to the ministry, he attended Frankfort Pilgrim College in Frankfort, Indiana and received a Bachelor of Arts degree, prior to beginning a pastoral ministry spanning many states and 55-plus years with his wife by his side, who provided continuous support. Eugene was a joyous person and throughout his ministry he was known as a humble, loving and compassionate minister, who unreservedly preached the gospel as the Holy Spirit directed, without regard to man's opinion.

He was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Maggie (Banks) Huff; brother Charles James Huff (Betty); twin brother Harold Dean Huff; sister Anne Laura (Huff) (Jim) Drummond and brother Harvey Darrel Huff.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Elaine; children: Bruce Allen (Yvonne), Rebekah Joanna (Huff) Bell (Richard), Brian William (Deneen) and Brad Wesley (Thelma); grandchildren: Elizabeth Nicole (Huff) Lee, Adam Douglass Huff, Rachel Victoria (Huff) Parker, Rebekah Ruth (Bell) Vilches, Kimberlee Brooke (Bell) Seidel, Joseph Charles Giesge, Courtney Lenore (Huff) Mastenbrook, Austin Eugene Huff, Carson Michael Huff, Tiffany Jane (Huff) Casillas and Ashley Elaine Huff and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the First Baptist Church, Blairsville, Georgia, where he was a member, at 5 p.m. on March 27. Dr. Fred Lodge will officiate and the service will be open to loved ones, family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Eugene Huff to Mission Dignity at Guidestone Ministries at MissionDignity.org.

Obituary

Mary H. Rose, 91

Mary H. Rose, 91, of New Bremen, died at 6:51 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, at Vancrest of St. Marys. She was born on May 2, 1929 in Coldwater, to the late Aloysius F. and Katherine M. (Lubekke) Walterbusch. On Jan. 20, 1951, she married Raphael F. Rose who died on March 10, 1995. Surviving are her children: Ronald Rose of New Bremen, Charlene (Mark) Piening of Celina, Robert Rose of Botkins, James Rose of Southern Ohio and Michael Rose of New Bremen; son-in-law Jeff Sommer of Münster; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and her brother and sister-in-law William (Kathryn) Walterbusch of Coldwater.

Along with her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by her children Donald Rose, Joy Ann McLean, Nicholas Rose and Maricarel Sommer and siblings Armella (Leo) Pohlman, Louis (Helen) Walterbusch and Elmer (Virginia) Walterbusch.

Mary was a graduate of Coldwater High School. She had been a member of the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen for many years and was involved in the St. Ann Ladies Sodality. She was an excellent homemaker, sewed clothing for her family and also created designs for patchwork quilts. She excelled in the kitchen and was well known for her various fruit and cream pies, cookies and breads. She also was the acting business manager for Ron's Piano Tuning. In her free time, she enjoyed tending to her vegetable and flower gardens and she especially loved her Blaze roses. She could often be found with a paintbrush in hand trying to keep things looking fresh around the farm or other times, a camera, taking pictures of her family and the flowers that she had grown.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Church of the Holy Redeemer in New Bremen. Interment will follow in the St. Sebastian Catholic Cemetery in St. Sebastian. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, at the church, one hour prior to the Mass. Memorial contributions be made to the Grand Lake Hospice at 1122 E. Spring St., St. Marys, Ohio 45885, or towards the renovations at the Church of the Holy Redeemer at 120 S. Eastmoor Dr., New Bremen, Ohio 45869. Gilberg-Hartwig Funeral Home in New Bremen has been entrusted with the arrangements and online condolences to the family can be left on the funeral home website at GilbergHartwigFH.com.

AAA3 urging older adults to get vaccine

Agency is helping to educate and inform older adults about vaccine

LIMA — The Area Agency on Aging 3 along with the other state Area Agency on Aging have been called upon by Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy to be the educators and information centers for the COVID-19 vaccine.

It is our mission to provide life-span resources that inspire, educate and empower older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers. So, when something like this happens within our communities, we are ready to assume the responsibility to help individuals make informed decisions as well as have accessibility to answers, vaccine clinics and even transportation," AAA3 CEO Jacqui Lucke-Bradley stated regarding the governor's announcement to reach out to local Area Agency on Aging offices.

The Area Agency on Aging 3 will be working the state and local officials to have the most up-to-date information available for the public. AAA3 will continue to update their website and social media with the most current vaccine locations, distribution times, as well as other vaccine related information.

Lucke-Bradley also stated that they want to make sure that the vulnerable individuals, such as older adults and people with disabilities are able to have access to the vaccines as they become available.

The Area Agency on Aging 3 can provide transportation for individuals to and from vaccinations as well as other medical appointments and services that they require through the Find a Ride Program. Please contact 800-653-7723 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule transportation.

Indictment: Ex-youth soccer club official stole nearly \$200K

MIAMISBURG (AP) — A former youth soccer club treasurer accused of stealing nearly \$200,000 from the organization is now facing charges, authorities said.

Richard Campbell, 59, of Miamisburg, faces three counts of aggravated theft in an indictment recently handed up by a Montgomery County grand jury. It was made public Thursday.

Miamisburg Soccer Association board members contacted authorities in November 2018 after noticing discrepancies between bank statement balances and the balances reported to them by Campbell. When the board members confronted Campbell, prosecutors said he admitted misappropriating some of the funds.

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Records

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Obituary

Bill L. Laffin, 83

Bill L. Laffin, 83, of Wapakoneta, passed away at 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 27, at his residence. He was born on July 16, 1937 in St. Marys to the late Orville and Maxine (Goodwin) Laffin. On June 28, 1959, Bill married Beverly Jean Klingler who preceded him in death on Sept. 27, 2007.

Bill is survived by a special friend, Max Parks of Van Wert; a son, Mark Laffin of Wapakoneta; two daughters, Dawn (Robert) Moyler Jr. of Wapakoneta and Lora (Lonnice) Hurt of Celina; three sisters, Constance (Harold) Nance of Cincinnati, Karen (Billy) Smith of Naples, Florida and Rebecca Matthews of Naples, Florida; one brother, Kim Laffin of St. Marys; his-in-laws, Barbara (Emil) Broni of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Betty Plattner of New Bremen and Dennis (Edith) Klingler of St. Marys; six grandchildren: Chad, Jennifer, Walter, Ashley, Andy and Abby; 13 great-grandchildren: Logan, Xavier, Jana, Kaitlyn, Kestryn, Kortney, Hunter, Aubrey, Ava, Heidi, Hailey, Hayden and Shelby and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Beverly Klingler; his son, Billy Dean Laffin; son-in-law, Robert Moyler; brother, Rex Laffin and brothers-in-law Richard Plattner, Danny Gould and Harold Nance.

Bill was a 1955 graduate of Celina High School. He was employed at various companies and retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber in the early 90s after 30-plus years of employment. He was a member of U.S. Trotting Association, Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and he was a breeder and owner of thoroughbreds and standardbreds.

Visitation will take place on Feb. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. at Cisco Funeral Homes in St. Marys. Funeral service will follow visiting hours at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in St. Marys.

Attendees are required to follow social distancing and guidelines dictated by the Ohio Department of Health, due to the national concerns of COVID-19. Masks are required by attendees at visitation and funeral service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Cisco Funeral Homes of Celina and St. Marys are honored to care for Bill and his family. To pay respects and to leave online condolences or memorials, visit CiscoFuneralHome.com or Cisco Funeral Home Facebook page.

GM eyes going largely electric by 2035

(AP) — General Motors has set a goal of making the vast majority of the vehicles it produces electric by 2035, and the entire company carbon neutral, including operations, five years after that.

The Detroit automaker's push into electric vehicles has gone into overdrive this year.

GM has already announced that it will invest \$27 billion in electric and autonomous vehicles in the next five years, a 35% increase over plans made before the pandemic. It will offer 30 all-electric models worldwide by the middle of the decade. By the end of 2025, 40% of its U.S. models will be battery electric vehicles. The company plans to include crossovers, SUVs, sedans and trucks in its electric vehicle lineup.

GM said Thursday that it will source 100% renewable energy to power its U.S. sites by 2030 and global sites by 2035. That's five years faster than its previously announced global goal.

And it has a goal of making all new light-duty vehicles, the vast majority of its fleet, fully electric within 14 years. The company will concentrate on offering zero-emissions vehicles in different price ranges. It's also working with others, including the Environmental Defense Fund, to build out the necessary infrastructure to power its electric vehicles and to promote their use.

To account for carbon emissions that it cannot eliminate, GM expects to invest in carbon credits or offsets.

The 112-year-old auto giant unveiled a new corporate logo this month to signify its new direction as it openly pivots to electric vehicles. It wants to be seen as a clean vehicle company, rather than a builder of cloud-spewing gas-powered pickups and SUVs.

GM scrapped its old square blue logo for a lower case gm surrounded by rounded corners and an 'm' that looks like an electrical plug.

It also announced a new partnership with Microsoft this month with hopes of accelerating its rollout of electric, self-driving cars.

GM's push for carbon neutrality comes a day after President Joe Biden signed executive orders that include moving to an all-electric federal vehicle fleet. His goal is to transform the nation's heavily fossil-fuel powered economy into a clean-burning one.

The Evening Leader's obituary deadline is 5:30 p.m. Sundays through Fridays in order to run in print the next day.

Obituary

Elizabeth D. Zoll, 94

Elizabeth (Betty) Dorothy Zoll, 94, of Kalkaska, passed away Sunday, Jan. 17. Betty was born in Minster, to the late Henry and Cecelia (Puthoff) Schmitmeyer on Feb. 3, 1926. She met her husband, Roger Zoll, while working at New Bremen School and together they moved to Flint, Michigan in 1967.

She worked and retired from McLaren Healthcare, then spent her retirement days in Kalkaska. Betty and Roger traveled every spring and fall to the Las Vegas area. She enjoyed watching all kinds of sports especially those played by her children and grandchildren. Cross-stitching and drawing pictures were favorite pastimes she had throughout her retirement.

Betty is survived by her husband, children: Jon (Sue) Belton, Jane Belton, Ellen (Fred) Wainman, Anna (Joe) Prinz and Lynn (Richard) Smith; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and brother Gene Schmitmeyer.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters: Helen Schmeising, Gertrude Schmeising, Margaret Dicks, Norma Schmitmeyer and Janelle Schmitmeyer.

Betty will be interred at Powell Cemetery, Eagle Township, Findlay. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral and Cremation Services.



Liquid nitrogen leak at Georgia poultry plant kills 6

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A liquid nitrogen leak at a northeast Georgia poultry plant killed six people Thursday and sent 11 others to the hospital, officials said.

At least three of those injured at the Foundation Food Group plant in Gainesville were reported in critical condition.

Poultry plants rely on refrigeration systems that can include liquid nitrogen. Sheriff's deputies, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the state fire marshal were investigating the deaths and cause of the leak.

"It will be a lengthy process," Hall County Sheriff Gerald Couch said. "It's not something that's quick."

Foundation Food Group Vice President for Human Resources Nicholas Annum called the leak a tragic accident and said early indications are that a nitrogen line ruptured in the facility.

When leaked into the air, liquid nitrogen vaporizes into an odorless gas that's capable of displacing oxygen. That means leaks in enclosed spaces can become deadly by pushing away breathable air, according to the U.S. Chemical Safety Board.

Gainesville is the hub of Georgia's poultry industry, which is the largest in the country. Thousands of employees work across multiple processing plants around the city and much of the workforce, like in many meat processing plants nationwide, is Latino.

Workers who had fled the plant were gathered outside when firefighters responded to the leak Thursday morning, Hall County Fire Department Division Chief Zach Brackett said.

"Once the units arrived, they found a large contingent of employees that had evacuated, along with multiple victims that were in that crowd that were

also experiencing medical emergencies around the facility," Brackett said.

Beth Downs, a spokesperson for Northeast Georgia Health System, said five people died at the plant and one person died in the emergency room.

Hall County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Derrick Booth said officials were trying to notify family members of the deceased. No names were released. Annum said maintenance personnel, supervisors and managers were among the victims.

"Every team member is equally important to us, and our hearts go out to their families and communities who have suffered such a devastating loss," Annum said.

The plant takes raw chicken and processes it into products like chicken fingers and individual chicken cuts for restaurants and food service operations, partially cooking them and then freezing them for later use.

Previous safety violations at the plant show no problems with the refrigeration system. The plant has been cited by OSHA for violations four times in the past 10 years, online records show.

The most serious of those was in September 2015, when 28 violations were initially cited, including citations for failing to make sure machines were properly safeguarded when being maintained to prevent injuries. Two other citations in 2017 involved employees who had fingers amputated by machinery.



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Dundee December Students of the Month



December 2020 Students of the Month at Dundee Elementary included: Kindergarten - Raylon Hersberger; Grade One - Ashly Estrada; Grade Two - Rylee Mellinger; Grade Three - Maddie Yoder; Grade Four - Derek Schmucker; Grade Five - Clayton Miller; Grade Six - Dakota Hersberger.

Students shine at Garaway MS/HS

Budget Staff Report

Laiken Wallick and Deegan Yoder have been selected as Garaway's 7-12 Students of the Month for December 2020.

"This honor is designated to recognize students observing the right things both inside and outside of the classroom, thus providing leadership to Garaway," explained Garaway Principal Ryan Taggart. "We are thankful that students such as Laiken and Deegan rise to the top."

Wallick is a junior at Garaway, the daughter of Jason and Kelly Wallick and lives in Dover. She is an honor roll student, plays volleyball and received All-IVC and District 5 honors, is a member of the track team, is a peer tutor, received the Ohio House of Representatives Student Art Award. She is an active member of Light In The Valley youth group, and mows for Direct Action Company.

She enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, and being outdoors. After graduation, Wallick plans to attend college.

She chose Mr. Alan Patterson, her AP Chemistry teacher, for the staff member to honor. "Throughout my high school career, Mr. Patterson has pushed me to become a better student and person," Wallick stated. "I have had him for three consecutive years and every day he helps me overcome new obstacles, educationally and personally. He is the kind of teacher that never gives up on any of his students and always sees the positive in all situations. Any student lucky enough to have Mr. Patterson will develop a work ethic and skills they will use for the rest of their lives."

Yoder is a seventh grader at Garaway, the son of Zachary and Allison Yoder and lives in Sugar Creek. He was nominated by his seventh grade teachers.

Yoder enjoys playing basketball, baseball and video games.

He chose to honor Mr. Darrin Yosick, his math teacher. "I would like to honor Mr. Yosick for making class funny and fun, but still making time to do work and get stuff done."

"Laiken's and Deegan's actions do not go unnoticed," Taggart shared. "We thank them for their contribution to our school community."

The Artist of the Month for December 2020 is Caleb Miller.

He is a sophomore, the son of Merv and Shannon Miller of Sugar Creek.

Miller is an honor roll student, football letterman, member of the track team, and works at East of Chicago Pizza. In his spare time, he enjoys lifting and working on woodworking projects.

Looking to the future, Miller plans to attend college to become an architect.

He chose to honor Mr. Preston Elmore, Industrial Tech teacher. "Mr. Elmore helps me through every step in his class and always knows how to help in the right ways," Miller explained. "He pushes his students through the work, but helps along the way."

The Athletes of the Month for December 2020 were Liza Holcomb and Jake Braun.



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Retirement Farm Auction Saturday, January 30th, 2021 at 9:00 am

Location: 10461 Emerson Rd Apple Creek Oh 44606 From Apple Creek take SR 250 East to Emerson Rd left to auction.

21 HORSES: 7 yr old Reg Belgian Stallion Triple Y Extreme sire by Green Meade Bruce dam DW Fancy by Harbor Havens Extreme well broke; Team of 3 & 4 yr old Bel geldings; Team of 3 & 4 yr old Bel mare and gelding; Team of 10 & 11 yr old Reg Bel mares both in foal; team of 7 & 10 yr old Reg Bel mare and gelding; 2 yr old Belgian filly; 1 yr old Belgian filly; Team of 11 & 12 yr old Morgan Belgian cross geldings; 6 yr old all-purpose mare; Team of 2 & 3 yr old Morgan Belgian cross mares; 1 yr old Morgan Belgian cross stud colt; 10 yr old Standardbred mare in foal; 15 yr old chestnut reg Morgan mare in foal; 7 yr old Black Std x Morgan mare in foal; 3 yr old Friesian std cross; all horse are well broke and the 2 yr old are started.

22 CATTLE: 2 Jersey cows; 10 bred hol hef; 1 bred hol jersey cross; 1 hol jersey cross open hef; 1 hol open hef; 6-4 mo old hol hef; 1 hol service bull; all cattle vet checked and vac.

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Tumbling Bucket; 2 Slip Scarper; Stone Boat; Roller Mill; 2 wagon load of misc.

GRAIN: Ear Corn by the basket; Spelt by the bag. **FARM MISC:** 12 hole self-feeder; 10-hole self-feeder; rotary self-feeder; 2 platform scales; JD hand crank corn Sheller; 7 hp Hatz diesel; 7 hp Vanguard motor; 5 hp Honda motor; clipper fanning mill; 2-3-4-5 horse eveners; neck yoke; alum ladders; one horse garden cultivator; 13 hp pressure washer; Junk pile; McD cream separator w/ss bowl; Milk cans; pails and strainers.

BUGGY & HARNESS: Farm Hack; Top Buggy; 3 set of Bio Draft Harness; 2 set of Nylon Draft Harness; 2 set of all-purpose work Harness one new; 2 Bio Buggy Harness; collars 20" thru 27"; scotch bottom shoes.

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Area High School Sports Scoreboard

Garaway Boys Basketball

January 25

Freshman

Garaway - 50

Strasburg - 39

Recap: Jensen Garber led the Pirates with 17 points and Jackson Reifenschnieder also reached double figures with 10.

January 26

Grade Seven

Garaway - 35

Claymont - 27

Recap: Kingman Bear led the Pirates with 13 points and Lofton Numbers had 12.

Grade Eight

Garaway - 65

Claymont - 11

Recap: Blaine Raber led with 23 points and Trace Gibson had 10.

January 28

Grade Seven

Garaway - 30

Tusky Valley - 56

Recap: Micah Yoder led the pirates in scoring with 7, Tanner Rowe added 6.

January 30

Junior Varsity

Garaway - 48

Claymont - 39

Recap: Drew Mullet led the Pirates with 12 points followed by Jensen Garber with 10.

Varsity

Garaway - 71

Claymont - 74

Recap: Zack Bickford led the Pirates with 31 points. Payton Keim also reached double figures with 14 points.

Hiland Boys Basketball

January 26

Grade Seven

Hiland - 40

Ridgewood - 37

Grade Eight

Hiland - 45

Claymont - 20

Junior Varsity

Hiland - 55

Coshocton - 20

Varsity

Hiland - 54

Coshocton - 40

Recap: Will Schlachbach - 22 points; Grant Miller - 9 points

January 27

Freshman

Hiland - 66

Ridgewood - 19

Grade Eight

Hiland - 31

Buckeye Trail - 59

Grade Eight

Hiland - 59

Ridgewood - 11

January 28

Grade Seven

Hiland - 34

Buckeye Trail - 14

January 29

Varsity

Hiland - 55

Indian Valley - 52

Recap: Will Schlachbach - 16 points; Isaac Slabaugh - 12 points; Ryan Miller - 10 points; Grant Miller - 10 points

January 30

Grade Eight

Hiland - 35

Buckeye Trail - 22

Hiland Girls Basketball

January 25

Grade Eight

Hiland - 38

Ridgewood - 14

January 27

Grade Eight

Hiland - 21

Indian Valley - 12

Varsity

Hiland - 83

Indian Valley - 32

Recap: Kelsey Swihart - 19 points; Brynn Mullet - 17 points; Zoe Miller - 15 points; Morgan Yoder - 12 points

January 30

Hiland - 44

Napoleon - 49

Recap: Zoe Miller - 19 points; Kyli Horn - 9 points; Brynn Mullet - 6 points; Kelsey Swihart - 6 points

Division III East District Girls Basketball Tourney Info

Seeds

Hiland - Number 1 - 270 points

Fort Frye - Number 2 - 240 points

Union Local - Number 3 - 226 points

Tuscarawas Valley - Number 4 - 212 points

Harrison Central - Number 5 - 195 points

Martins Ferry - Number 6 - 169 points

West Muskingum - Number 7 - 164 points

Sandy Valley - Number 8 - 160 points

Morgan - Number 9 - 145 points

Garaway - Number 10 - 136 points

Cambridge - Number 11 - 119 points

Barnesville - Number 12 - 93 points

Bellair - Number 13 - 89 points

Edison - Number 14 - 68 points

Buckeye Trail - Number 15 - 67 points

Ridgewood - Number 16 - 43 points

Buckeye Local - Number 17 - 35 points

Coshocton - Number 18 - 15 points

Schedule

Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. at Hiland

Hiland vs Coshocton

Winner advances to play Buckeye Local at better seeded team's court on Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m. at Morgan

Garaway vs Morgan

Winner advances to play winner of Buckeye Local vs winner of Hiland/Coshocton on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. at better seeded team's court.

Fans can watch Hiland Varsity Boys and Girls contests on a pay per view basis. Cost is \$12 per game. Those opting to see a game in person are asked to wear a mask at all times, sit with the family unit and follow all social distancing guidelines and markings on the floor and in the stands.

Editor's Note: All scores and stats printed are submitted by coaches. Don't see your athlete's info here? Ask the coach to send stats and scores to:

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RED

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The other indicator that continues to be elevated is new cases not in a congregate living setting.

Statewide, the state alert map looks the same as it did for the last few weeks with only four counties in southeast Ohio orange while the rest of the state is red, except for Hamilton County in the southwest corner, which is purple.

The health department reported there were 35 people hospitalized Thursday. Active case were at 241, compared to 431 active cases a week ago, 414 two weeks ago and 409 three weeks ago.

Total cases have increased to 4,350 — 2,729 confirmed and 1,621 probable — up from 4,172 a week ago and 3,839 two weeks ago.

Recoveries Thursday totaled 3,701, up from 3,346 last week, 3,043 two weeks ago, 2,788 three weeks ago and 2,393 a month ago.

The average age of infected people dropped slightly from 48 to 47.

Numbers in neighboring counties showed: Wood — 10,228 total cases, up from 9,754 last Thursday and 9,077 two weeks ago with

276 active cases, 1583 deaths and 8,578 recovered.

Hancock — 5,474 total cases, up from 5,250 last week and 4,921 two weeks ago with 184 active cases, 90 deaths and 4,708 recovered.

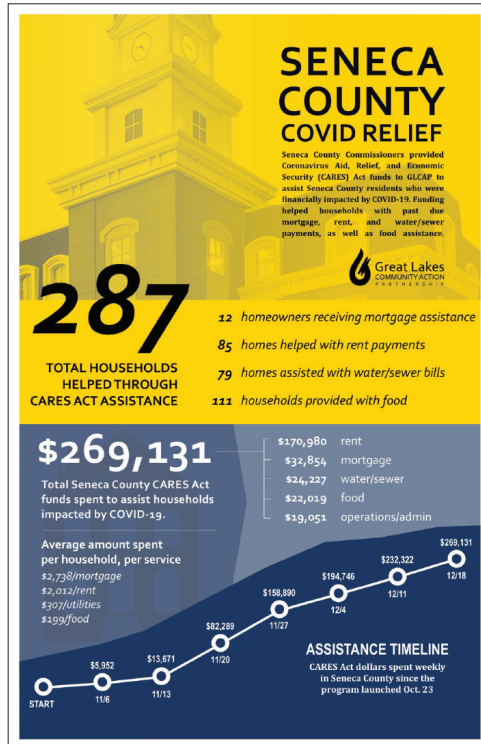
Huron — 4,235 total cases, up from 3,997 last week, and 3,664 two weeks ago with 41 deaths and 3,437 recovered.

Sandusky — 4,330 total cases, up from 4,132 last week and 3,862 two weeks ago with 62 deaths and 3,626 recovered.

Crawford — 2,366 total cases as of Wednesday, up from 2,268 last Wednesday and 2,090 two weeks ago with 172 active cases, 43 deaths and 2,139 recovered.

Wyandot — 1,938 total cases, up from 1,869 last week and 1,766 two weeks ago with 479 active cases, 51 deaths and 1,408 recovered.

State numbers reported Thursday showed total cases for Ohio increased to 949,704, up from 807,293 last week, 753,068 two weeks ago, 700,380 three weeks ago and 653,650 a month ago. Statewide deaths rose to 10,518, up from 9,990 last Thursday, 9,462 two weeks ago, 8,962 three weeks ago and 8,456 a month ago. Recoveries are estimated at 712,864, up from 663,856 last week, 613,418 two weeks ago, 556,106 three weeks ago and 489,808 a month ago.



This slide shows how GLCAP distributed \$250,000 in CARES funds provided by Seneca County.

GLCAP

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They also approved:

- Moving \$1,000 out of the county treasurer's delinquent tax and assessment collection fund - aka DRETAC - advertising line and into the treasurer's General Fund

advertising line.

- Certifying the 2020 county highway system mileage certificate.

- Reappointing Stephanie Little and Kenneth Estep to the facility governing board for CROSSWAFF for three-year terms.

The commissioners do not have a meeting scheduled for next week.

CURVE

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Residents and staff who already received their first dose of the vaccine in December got their second dose, and those who didn't receive a dose in December started their vaccination process. The third vaccination clinic will take place on February 7.

The portable air purification units purchased are from Scientific Air, and the release claims to eliminate up to 99.9995% of airborne viruses within minutes. They've been installed in Friedman Village Assisted Living, St. Francis Home and St. Francis Assisted Living.

Additionally, bi-polar ionization units have been installed inside the HVAC units of each building. These units reduce the amount of pollutants in the air like bacteria, mold, allergens, viruses and odors.

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Columbus to spend \$4.5M to improve police bodycams

By FARNOUSH AMIRI

Report for America/Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Officials in Ohio's largest city said Thursday they plan to invest \$4.5 million in body-worn cameras for police and introduce a law that would ensure officers use the cameras correctly after the fatal shooting of Andre Hill last month by a white officer.

"While many of us woke up this morning with a renewed sense of purpose and

optimism, a new year and a new president does not erase the past or the pain felt by those who loved Casey Goodson Jr. or Andre Hill," Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther said in a briefing Thursday.

Ginther and other city officials announced the plans to address policing issues reawakened by the fatal shooting of Goodson and Hill, both Black men, at the hand of law enforcement in Columbus in a matter of weeks.

LEACHATE

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Hellman said Todd Jenkins, a consultant from Peterman Associates in Findlay who has been working with the city on a currently ongoing project at the local plant, has been involved in all of details needing to be taken of to enable the agreement to take place.

"There was a lot of testing involved and I want everyone to know that the EPA was involved every step of the way," she said.

Jenkins told council the necessary work at the wastewater treatment plant would take four to six months to complete. He said he trusts that working with Sunny Farms on accepting the leachate would not be troublesome for the city.

"I've been working with the plant for a couple of years," he said. "There are a lot of

good operators out there. They know what they're doing. They care about the plant and they keep their eyes open and want to make sure nothing funny's going on."

An extra benefit would be in store for the city, he noted.

"There are some disposal costs with the plant project that's going on right now, and Sunny Farms has offered a substantially reduced rate per ton to be able to take waste out to their facility," Jenkins said. "That's going to save the city a lot of money."

Hellman said a decision on entering the agreement with Sunny Farms would be executive in nature and would not necessitate action by council.

"I think it'll be beneficial for both parties," Hellman said.

"It sounds to me like a good situation for everybody concerned," council member Greg Cassidy said during the meeting.

CURFEW

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Vaccinations opened this week to Ohioans 80 and older, and will open next week to those 75 and older. But, DeWine said, those 80 and older will remain eligible, as "it's going to take a number of weeks" to distribute enough vaccine.

Seniors from three Ohio communities got their vaccinations live during the press conference with one, in Akron, noting that she felt "very well" afterward.

DeWine said his office had referred the Columbus pharmacy that failed to document storage temperatures for leftover shots — resulting in 890 doses being wasted — to the pharmacy board.

"That infuriated me," he said. "It never should have happened."

He said vaccine doses are "precious," and each one is capable of saving someone's life.

The state recently started an advertising campaign to promote the vaccine. Asked about his confidence in getting this message out to skeptics, DeWine said "it's a work in progress." And, he said, people tend to rely on their family members' or friends' experience, so he expects that — as more people get the shot — confidence in the vaccine will spread through word of mouth. He said there will also be outreach specifically targeting minority communities.

The state reported 7,271 new cases of the virus on Thursday. DeWine said the

numbers, which had been starting to decline, are rising again. The state recorded 109 deaths, significantly above the 21-day average of 74. Hospitalizations and intensive care unit admissions were also up, with 306 new hospitalizations and 35 new ICU admissions.

DeWine said some of the state's hardest-hit counties are seeing their numbers lower than they had been in the past. But Holmes County, which has the lowest rate in the state, is still at more than twice what the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines as high incidence.

The statewide average is 620 cases per 100,000 people, which is more than six times the 100 cases that has been defined as high incidence. But, DeWine said, this is a decrease, as last week the figure was 740.

Statewide, at least 1 out of every 200 Ohioans has tested positive for the virus in the past two weeks, he said.

And 1 in 4 patients in intensive care is there because of COVID-19.

Lt. Gov. Jon Husted said the state is continuing to see a large number of fraudulent unemployment claims being filed. He said if you get a notice — as he himself did — that someone has filed unemployment in your name, you should visit unemployment.ohio.gov where "a big red button" makes it easy to report identity theft.

Husted said it's important to do this because, if someone has filed for unemployment in your name, that indicates they may have information about your identity that could impact other areas of your life.

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WEATHER

Seneca County's five-day forecast

Today 29
Snow: 4%

Tonight 17
Snow: 3%

Sat. 35/28
Snow: 5%

Sun. 34/26
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Mon. 28/21
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Tue. 27/13
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NATIONAL SUMMARY: A surge of Arctic air will trigger gusty winds, flurries and locally heavy snow squalls in the Northeast today. Much of the Midwest, Plains and Southeast will be dry. The storm that pounded California much of this week is forecast to push inland over the West with areas of snow. Downpours will raise the risk of flooding in Southern California.

Chloe Hawk, 1st grade, Washington

Today		Yesterday	
Records		Records	
High: 65 (1914)		High: 62 (2002)	
Low: -17 (1873)		Low: -10 (1977)	
Averages		Averages	
High: 33		High: 33	
Low: 18		Low: 18	
UV index: 2 (low)		Actual	
Wind: NW 7		High: 23	
Sunrise: 7:45 a.m.		Low: 16	
Sunset: 5:46 p.m.		Precipitation: 0.00"	

Hurt stepmom

Dear Annie: I have been in my stepson's life since he was 6 and married to his father for 20 years. He lived in our house full time for most of the years. So I view him not just as a stepson but as one of my sons. He and his live-in girlfriend got engaged last year.



Annie Lane
is a syndicated advice columnist

They planned a wedding for the fall. My husband felt that since he was out of the house and on his own, they should pay for the wedding on their own. I didn't agree and gave them both cash for the wedding, with my husband's knowledge. (We don't share money; it works for us.) They were both very grateful. I told them that I understood that I wasn't the mother of the groom; I just wanted to feel included in any other way I could.

Then they got pregnant and moved the wedding up. Then COVID-19 hit. The wedding date was changed a few times. Ultimately, they ended up getting married in a small ceremony at

their home and planned to have the wedding and reception after the baby was born. I totally understood.

But recently, one of the other sons told me that they just canceled the wedding altogether and planned on having a 1st birthday party for the baby at the same venue, because they signed a contract and can't get the money they have put down back. I have to say that I am so hurt that my contribution to the wedding (which was actually a lot of money for me) meant so little to them that they didn't feel the need to tell me in person that the wedding was off and explain the situation that they could not get the money back. I don't want my money back and totally understand the circumstances, but I feel I shouldn't have heard this through a third party. I am sure the other mothers were told in person.

So my question is this: Should I bring this up to them at some point or just let it go? Normally, I am the type to keep to myself, and if someone hurts my feelings I "just get over it" without saying anything. But this hurt is lasting much longer, and I feel resentment building inside of me. — Unappreciated Stepmom

Dear Unappreciated: Maybe sometimes we can just will ourselves

to "get over it," but most times that's a recipe for resentment. This seems to be the latter. So there is no other option than to talk with your stepson. Make it a conversation, not a confrontation. Using "I" statements, let him know that you didn't expect to be part of the wedding planning process, but that you felt a bit hurt when you learned about the change of plans from someone else.

Go into it with an open mind. It may turn out that there was some miscommunication or context that changes your understanding. But you sound like a thoughtful, supportive stepmom, so I have no doubt you'll be able to handle this with care.

Dear Annie: Not long ago you printed a letter from "Nearing the End." They were reflecting on lost loved

ones and bothered by the fact that it seemed like a lifetime of memories just disappeared when someone died.

Most lives leave ripples in the pond of life. The writer might try looking for those positive ripples of grandchildren, a circle of friends, a church, old co-workers, neighbors or anywhere else. — Mike L.

Dear Mike: I love this comment, and I'm reminded of the film "It's a Wonderful Life" and this quote from Clarence: "Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. And when he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" Thanks for writing.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Lifestyles



Area campus notes

Johnson awarded degree from Miami University

OXFORD — MacKenzie Johnson, Bucyrus, was among more than 1,000 students from Miami University who received degrees during the virtual fall commencement on Dec. 11, 2020.

Johnson graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in biology.

Kenton's Hunt participates in Mount Union's MLK Day of Service

ALLIANCE — Adjusting to the safety protocols brought forth by the pandemic, the University of Mount Union still had an incredible 325 participants with its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, coordinated by the University's Regula Center for Public Service and Civic Engagement.

Hailey Hunt, of Kenton, volunteered through Compassion Delivered. Roughly half of those who participated worked directly with community partners either on campus or at the partner location, while 65 worked on take-and-make projects to benefit area children and those living in assisted living facilities.

More than 55 individuals also participated in THINK BIG discussions throughout the day, featuring topics that focused on diversity, equity and inclusion in Mount Union and surrounding communities. Many of these individuals also participated in service at some point during the day.

"The Regula Center strives to continue providing outlets for members of the campus community to make positive change," Director of the Regula Center Abby Schroeder said. "MLK Day was a perfect example of the dedication of our faculty, staff and students to the university's mission and the community at large."

Heidelberg, MHS partner on counseling scholarship

TIFFIN — Heidelberg University has announced the Phyllis & Leon Putnam Scholarship for Master of Arts in Counseling Students in partnership with the Mental Health Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot counties and Firelands Counseling & Recovery.

With Seneca County designated as a health provider shortage area, this competitive scholarship is designed to reduce barriers for individuals interested in entering the counseling field who may feel prohibited because of the cost. Students interested in working at Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services will have the opportunity to apply for the scholarship. Once selected, recipients will be integrated with Firelands through course projects and their clinical experiences and then onboarded as clinicians at Firelands upon graduation.

With the needs of the community in mind, the scholarship provides both



Submitted photo

New partnership

Heidelberg University recently partnered with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board for a counseling scholarship. Pictured are front row, from left) Robin Reaves, MHSRB deputy director and Dr. Meagan McBride, clinical director of the Master of Arts in Counseling Program at Heidelberg; (back row) MHSRB Director Mircea Handru; Dr. Marjorie Shavers, director of the MAC Program at Heidelberg; and Tim Wise, site supervisor at Firelands.

tuition for incoming students and loan forgiveness for graduating students. The goal is to continue two full-time scholarships for a period of five years and two loan forgiveness opportunities for a period of five years.

"This partnership will make a powerful impact on an individual's access to crisis and mental health services in the immediate and long-term future," said Dr. Marjorie Shavers, LPCC-S, LPSC, associate professor of counseling and director of the Master of Arts in Counseling Program at Heidelberg.

Mircea Handru, executive director of the Mental Health Recovery and Services of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot counties, agreed.

"We are facing a shortage of community mental health therapists," he said. "This is the No. 1 challenge for our local behavioral health system. While we have been and continue to be successful in bringing resources into our community to work with local organizations to improve the quality of services or add innovative programming, we run into the same barrier over and over. We don't have the people to provide the work."

"This partnership with Heidelberg and Firelands will make a great impact in our community in the years to come."

While the ultimate beneficiaries of the scholarship program and partnership will be the clients of Firelands, Heidelberg students also will gain valuable experience as they prepare to become mental

health practitioners.

"This partnership allows for our students to have strong experiences and make connections in the community, and it allows for us to be part of fulfilling a need in the community," said Dr. Meagan McBride, LPCC-S, CTRP, assistant professor MAC program.

In the spirit of service to the community, the scholarship has been named in memory of the legacy of Dr. Leon Putnam, late professor emeritus of religion and philosophy at Heidelberg, and his wife, Phyllis, who devoted her life to promoting social issues and to helping others.

Dr. Leon Putnam, a Harvard graduate, retired from Heidelberg after a 35-year career teaching religion and philosophy. He was an ordained Baptist minister and author of the book, "The Future of Faith," which he utilized in his Heidelberg classroom. He had served as a board member of Community Hospice Care and was a member of the Ohio Humanities Council.

Phyllis Putnam was a retired social worker in the mental health field in Tiffin and Findlay. She retired in 1997 as the first executive director of the Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services after having worked at the Tiffin Development Center earlier in her career. In the '90s, she established the local chapter of NAMI, the National Alliance of Mental Health. She was also associated with the Mental Health Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot counties.

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The rest of the story

By PASTOR ERIC ANDERSON

Upper Sandusky Church of the Nazarene

A little boy was standing by his father watching him trying to put a floppy disk into his computer. The father was having trouble getting the disk to go in all the way. The little boy said to his father, "Maybe it has a penny in it?"

Sure enough, when the father fished around inside where the disc was inserted, out came a penny. The father tried again, but the disk still would not go in all the way. The little boy said, "Maybe it has a whole lot of pennies in it. And so, the rest of the story."

It is so true about the time and season we are in that just keeps on giving us another story. A time and age, we talk as believers, to be about the image of Christ, Christlike.

I was singing this song I heard from The Crabb family. "Show mercy. Show grace. Show kindness. Show faith, words are like water, sprinkled with love, you will harvest all your hearts been dreaming of. Show mercy." That song really blessed me and reminded me of what being Christlike should look like.

If you have ever talked with a non-believer, you will find quickly what it is they don't like about Christians. Mahatma Gandhi said, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." He's not alone. The problem with many non-Christians isn't that they don't know any Christians. The challenge is, they do. We, as Christians, have a hard time hearing those words. There are so many things, within our con-

trol, that give us a bad look with the people outside of the faith. One of my personal views is that you hear people talk about not going to church because there are too many hypocrites. I say to them, you're absolutely right, but the reason that we're here is because we don't want to be, right? Do you?

I have misunderstood words and meanings many times before. I remember one year my sister and her daughter were singing a song in church called "Job" (like the place that pays you). They had practiced the song and believed the meaning of it, but didn't really understand the title of it. Then, in a moment of clarity, they looked at each other and realized the word was Job, like the Prophet, not the place you work. They laughed because now they understood the true meaning of the song. And so, the rest of the story, right?

Let us go back to the song from The Crabb family. At one point while singing it, I suddenly realized I was singing the words all wrong. You see the word was not Show, but Sow.

"Sow mercy. Sow grace. Sow kindness. Sow faith, words are like water, sprinkled with love, you will harvest all your heart's been dreaming of. Sow mercy." Sow, plant, root yourself in these things. When you understand that meaning, you understand that the testimony and Christlikeness, simply by changing from SHOW to SOW, means everything.

I cannot imagine a better time to start sowing like Christ for the rest of my story. Sow grace and mercy today for the rest of your story!



Church bulletins

Trinity United Church of Christ

Sunday: The annual meeting is immediately after morning worship.
Feb. 9: 5:30 p.m., CE

Board meeting.

Feb. 14: 11 a.m., consistency meeting.
Feb. 17: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service with communion.

In the Service

COLUMBUS — Ohio National Guard members who deployed recently to support local, state and federal authorities have returned from duty.

The Ohio National Guard had about 500 members assisting local and state authorities in Columbus and at the Ohio Statehouse, and there were around 1,000 more providing security and other support services in the Washington D.C. area during the presidential inauguration.

"I want to thank every Citizen-Soldier and Citizen-Airman who provided a service to their fellow Americans," Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine said. "Their presence and professionalism helped support a peaceful transition of power and provided a safe environment for people to peacefully express their opinions."

Ohio Guard members provided assistance to law enforcement by protecting critical infrastructure while ensuring people's rights to demonstrate peacefully in both the state and national capitals.

"This is what the National Guard's for — to be ready at a moment's notice to help the state and nation," Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio adjutant general, said. "I couldn't be more proud of our members for answering the call in such a manner."

The Ohio National Guard's Homeland Response Force was activated and placed on standby in the National Capital Region, as were personnel and equipment for communications and food service. In total, more than 26,000 National Guard men and women from 50 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia supported federal and D.C. agencies for the Jan. 20 presidential inauguration.

There currently are more than 1,000 Ohio National Guard members deployed for other federal missions throughout the world. Another 1,000 are supporting the state's COVID-19 response efforts, including food banks, temporary medical support at nursing facilities, and community pop-up testing sites.

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CAREY — Be sure to visit the Dorcas Carey Public Library and check out the new busy bags, created to be grab and go options.

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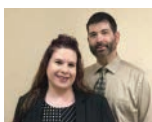
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Chamber announces 2021 Chamber Award Series

VAN WERT — The Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce will present its 2021 Annual Chamber Awards as a two-week event beginning Monday, Feb. 15, 2021. Awards will be presented to businesses based on performance, events and milestones in 2020. If you are a member of the Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce, please review the award categories to see if your business is eligible, or if you would like to nominate another Chamber member business or individual for an award.

Chamber Award Series

Ray Miller: Recipient must be a Van Wert County resident that is affiliated with the Chamber or a chamber member business who has shown a strong commitment to the community through volunteer work, participation in community organizations and outstanding service to our community in the year 2020. Past winners include Mark White, Jacques Welch, Eric McCracken and Gary Taylor.

Crystal Image: Recipient business must be a current Chamber Member who has demonstrated leadership within the Van Wert community by its many-faceted contributions, including business responsibility, productivity strength, employee empowerment, and ser-

vice to the community in the year 2020. Past winners include Van Wert Economic Development Corp., Central Insurance Companies, Van Wert Health and Van Wert Federal.

Golden Shovel: Recipient must be a current Chamber Member whose business has undergone an addition, expansion or new construction (in 2020) who displays a commitment to the community through continuous improvements to their facility and the services they provide.

Milestone Recognition: Recipient business must be a current Chamber Member who, during 2020, celebrated a monumental business anniversary. Nominated businesses with milestones of 5 years or more (in multiples of five- 5, 10, 15, 20 years etc.) will be recognized during the awards ceremony.

Small Business Award: The Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce will spotlight businesses built on an entrepreneurial spirit that play a vital role in the Van Wert community and economy. A business' nomination is a tribute to its leadership and employees. To formally recognize a local business, please fill out the following information for the year of 2020.

Palate Pleaser: An established food service or restaurant business that demonstrates sound business practices, excellence and a commitment to support community-oriented projects through the use of time and other resources (2020).

Service Industry Showcase: An established business in the service industry such as insurance, legal services or contracting that demonstrates sound business practices, excellence and a commitment to support community-oriented projects through time management and other resources (2020).

Spirit of Entrepreneurship: An innovative, established business or business owner that demonstrates initiative, perseverance, profitability and commitment to support community-oriented projects through the use of time and other resources (2020).

Retail Champion: An established retail business that demonstrates sound business practices, excellence and a commitment to support community-oriented projects through the use of time and other resources (2020).

Charitable non-profit: A substantiated history of an established Charitable Non-Profit organization 501(c)(3) with a volunteer

Board of Trustees or governing body that has demonstrated sound business practices, innovation and leadership in offering human services within the Van Wert community in the year of 2020.

Enterprise: The Enterprise Recognition is a special commendation for those businesses that are in their first year of operation. As a new business, they have demonstrated perseverance, tenacity and a commitment to blaze a new trail of small business success in the Van Wert community. Please fill in the name of a business that started in the year 2020 and a brief description of how they fit the criteria for the award.

Community Champion: An established small business that has exhibited over time exemplary service to our community to strengthen Van Wert County and to improve the lives of our residents (2020).

Access the nomination form online at <https://forms.gle/cX6dd92hKakDiHD8> to make your nomination, or contact the Van Wert Area Chamber of Commerce at 419-238-4390 or by e-mail at chamber@vanwert-chamber.com.

Statewide Ford completes United Way campaign

VAN WERT — Statewide Ford and their staff continue to support the Van Wert United Way by holding their campaign at each of its



buildings - Statewide Emergency Product, Superior Collision and Statewide Ford Lincoln. With a strong commitment to help others through their increased giving, the community and the 34 local United Way agencies benefit. Thank you Statewide Ford for helping those who need it most! #AlwaysUnited



Vantage celebrates Winter Sports Spirit Day

VAN WERT — Vantage student athletes from all 13 school districts were recognized on Winter Sports Spirit Day. Athletes among the group participate in basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, swim team, pep band or quiz bowl. Vantage students gain advanced skills and training, graduating with industry recognized credentials, while maintaining an active home school connection in sports and other extracurricular activities. Wishing all the student athletes and associate school districts continued success in their winter sports season! (Photo submitted)

First Bank of Berne supports United Way

VAN WERT — First Bank of Berne recently put the final touches on their 2020-2021 campaign for the United Way of Van Wert County.



Employees donations to support the 34 local agencies funded by United Way were generously matched 100% by the bank. Thank you for your contribution and for helping those who need it most. #AlwaysUnited



Crestview Spelling Bee winners announced

CONVOY - Eighth grader Sam Boroff was named Crestview Middle School Spelling Bee champion. Spelling Bee winners for 2021 include (front, left to right) Jacob Schumm (7th-grade runner-up), Braelyn Marsee (6th-grade champion), Dakota Thorneil (7th-grade champion), (back, left to right) Sam Boroff (8th-grade and CMS overall champion), Evan Puffer (8th-grade runner-up), and Denver McDougall (6th-grade runner-up). (Photo submitted)

FUM announces new Casual Worship Leader

VAN WERT — First United Methodist Church of Van Wert has announced that Jeremy Laukhuf will be its new Praise & Worship Leader. As the Praise & Worship Leader, Jeremy will lead in music and worship at the Casual/Contemporary service, currently meeting at 8:30 Sunday mornings.

Jeremy and his family moved to Van Wert in 2019. He currently serves as Field Director for LifeWise Academy, where he works to help communities nationwide legally teach the Bible during public school hours.

Prior to that, Jeremy served as a Public Affairs Bandsman in the United States Air Force, holding many leadership positions and traveling the world as a musical ambassador for the military.

He holds a bachelor of music degree in jazz performance from The Ohio State University as well as a master of arts in ministry from Luther Rice College and Seminary. Additionally, Jeremy is a certified project manager. Further, he has served as worship leader, team bassist, and Bible study leader in numerous churches.

Jeremy and his wife, Cristi have five children: Brooklyn, Cayden, Madalynn, Vivian, and Lillian.

Chris Farmer is the Lead Pastor and Paul Hoverman is Director of First Impressions and Worship Arts. First United Methodist Church is located in the heart of downtown Van Wert at 113 W. Central Ave. and is currently offering two in-person Sunday worship services: a casual/contemporary at 8:30 a.m. and a traditional service at 10 a.m.

All services can be watched online at vanwertfirst.net.

Kittens are now available

VAN WERT — The following pets are available for adoption through The Animal Protective League:

Kittens: M, 5 months, gray and white, litter trained

Anyone in need of finding a home for a pet or looking for a pet can call Mary at 419-286-2976. Donations can be sent to Animal Protective League, P.O. 321, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.



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Central Insurance appoints Salam to Board of Directors

VAN WERT — Central Insurance has announced the appointment of Romel Salam to its Board of Directors effective Feb. 22.

Salam has over 30 years of actuarial and risk management experience in the insurance and reinsurance industry. In his current position as Principal at RubiQon Risk & Insurance Services, Salam is focused on implementing a partnership approach to risk management and creating a means where customers will benefit from both advanced technology and comprehensive risk management solutions within cyber insurance.

Salam's previous experience in the industry includes chief risk officer of Validus Holdings, a leading global provider of insurance, reinsurance and asset management services. In this role he was responsible for the design and implementation of the group's Enterprise Risk Management strategy including the management of the group's expansive catastrophe portfolio. He also spent three years as the chief risk officer and chief actuary for Validus Reinsurance in Bermuda. Prior to joining Validus Re in 2010, he was a senior vice president at Transatlantic Reinsurance in New York where he spent 20 years in positions of increasing responsibility spanning the pricing, reserving and business intelligence functions.

Salam holds a B.S. in mathematics from Brooklyn College, CUNY. He is a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

The Central Mutual Insurance Company was founded in Van Wert, Ohio in 1876



Romel Salam

and has evolved into the Central Insurance Companies, a successful property and casualty group providing insurance for more than 350,000 automobiles, homes, and businesses in 24 states. Central is based in Van Wert and operates regional offices in Boston, Atlanta, Dallas, and Van Wert. The Central group of companies has combined assets of over \$1.7 billion. Central's A.M. Best rating is A (Excellent).



VANTAGE

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Need more information? No problem! Interested students can easily access program information leading up to the virtual Open House by simply joining a program Remind Group, located on the Future Students webpage: <https://www.vantagecareercenter.com/FutureStudents.aspx>, to receive informative text messages directly from the program instructor.

Already know that Van-

tage is the school for you? Great! The applications are now open where interested students can easily apply to Vantage Career Center by going to vantagecareercenter.com and clicking "Apply Now."

"The staff at Vantage understands that choosing to attend Vantage as a junior in high school is a big decision," said high school Director Mike Knott. "The virtual open house is a great chance

to see several different programs and ask questions. This event, along with the students getting a chance to visit a couple of programs in person the week of March 22 will hopefully make that decision a little easier."

To learn more about the Vantage virtual Open House, visit vantagecareercenter.com. Vantage looks forward to seeing you Monday night, Feb. 22 from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

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Van Wert YMCA thanks The Well

VAN WERT — YMCA Camp Clay and the YMCA of Van Wert County thanks Sarah Sheets and the staff of The Well Nutrition for their donation to the new "Send a Kid to Camp" scholarship fund.

YMCA Camp Clay offers 10 weeks of Summer Day Camps starting on June 7 and running until Aug. 9. Summer Day Camp is available to youth ages 6-14 years old.

The "Send a Kid to Camp" fund is a way for families to take advantage of this opportunity. Qualifying families can receive up to 40% assistance through the fund. For more information on the scholarship fund, visit <https://www.vwymca.org/send-a-kid-to-camp>.

To make a contribution to the "Send a Kid to Camp" campaign at YMCA Camp

Clay, please contact Kevin at 419-238-0443 or by email at kevin@vwymca.org.

The mission at the YMCA is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that help healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

The YMCA of Van Wert County is partially funded by the Van Wert County Foundation and United Way.

Northwest State fall 2020 dean's list

ARCHBOLD — Northwest State Community College has announced its fall semester dean's list. To be eligible, students must have taken at least 12 credit hours as a full-time student, or 6-11.99 as a part-time student, and have averaged above a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Area students named to the list include: Antwerp — Sharissa Beatty, Lydia Brewer, John Buchner, Jordan Buerkle, Halie Davis, Jason Geyer, Hunter Grant, Adison Hindelang, Luke Krouse, Lydia Krouse, Austin Lichty, Emerson

Litzenberg, Gaige McMichael, Laura Miller, Eli Molitor, Brad Peters, Molly Reinhardt, Emily Sanders, Leila Spyer, Eric Thornell Cecil — Brooke-Lyn Ankney, David Long, Sarah Steffan, Kennedy Trabel, Nathan Turner

Delphos — Morgan Anspach, Courtney Ebbskotte, Isabella Klausung, Cheyenne Pohlman, Kaiden Trentman

Grover Hill — Gabrielle Donis, Dwight Lockie, Elise Miller, Wyatt Shelton, Julie Sinn, Tatum Tigner

Haviland — Timothy Clay, Cara Davis, Claudia Sinn, Nathan Sinn, Tiffany Sinn, Miriam Sinn, Abbie Stoller, Ellie Stoller, Katrina Stoller, Rachel Stoller, Katie Stoller

Mendon — Cami High, Blake Strickler Middle Point — Owen Harris, Isaiah Pe-

terson, Christopher Piske

Oakwood — Christopher Hall, Kaela Lucas, Scott McIntosh

Ohio City — Brayson Parrish

Paulding — Molly Adams, Eric Bidlack, Sydney Burtis, Daniel Cantu, Jaziel Castillo-Villalobos, Ella Cook, Taelyn Erler, Christina Graham, Tawny Hohenberger, Paige Jones, Bethany Klopfenstein, Jacob Klopfenstein, Jeremiah Koenig, Malia Manz, Ashton Manz, Kelsi Manz, Maggie Manz, Faith Meraz, Chester Miller, Brandy Reyes, Lily Roehrig, Natalie Schultz, Sydney Sinn, Gabrielle Stallbaum, Maria Stoller, Melanie Wann, Nathan Wilhelm, Rebecca Wilhelm

Payne — Kiara Bahena, Therin Coyne, Morgan Hefner, Kyle Klinker, Chloe Parker, Jacob Stouffer, Gage Tinlin, Garrett Williamson, Malia Wittwer, Emily Zamarripa

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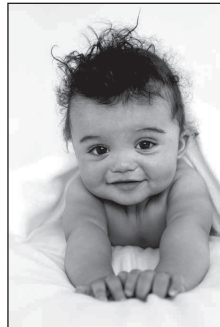
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JACKSON COUNTY NEWS

Wellston Women's Ecumenical Day of Prayer canceled

WELLSTON — The Wellston Women's Ecumenical Day of Prayer that is normally held the first Saturday in March has been canceled.

Connie Pelletier, who's the chair of the event, said she decided to

cancel this year due to COVID-19.

"As you all know, with the crowds that we have, we are cramped wherever we have it," explained Pelletier. "I don't think it would be safe."

The event isn't being

held, but on that day, Pelletier stated that at 1 p.m. (which is when the event would normally start) she would like those to pray for those that are affected by the pandemic, and also for the Nation.

Jackson County Dog Warden issues yearly report for 2020

FROM STAFF REPORTS

JACKSON — Jackson County Dog Warden Deb Fout provides the Jackson County Commissioners with regular reports on a weekly and monthly basis giving an overview of the activities at the dog pound.

The latest report provided the following information for the calendar year 2020:

For the calendar year 2020, Fout reported that 22 dogs were adopted; 308 were surrendered by their owners; eight dogs



Deb Fout

were euthanized for medical reasons; four dogs were euthanized for aggressive reasons; and 525 dogs were rescued.

There were a total of

772 dogs at the pound for the year and a total of 2,974 calls received for the year.

Local residents can follow dog pound updates on Facebook at the "JacksonCountyDog-Pound" page. This page features lost dogs that have been picked up as well as dogs that need adopted.

The Jackson County Dog Pound is located at 248 Reservoir Road, Jackson. It can be reached by calling 740-286-7262.

Holzer begins 'Infusion Therapy' for COVID-19 patients

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GALLIPOLIS — Holzer Health System is now offering specialty infusions for COVID-19 patients meeting specified criteria. These infusions are taking place in a dedicated treatment area at the Gallipolis campus.

The newly assigned treatment area allows Holzer to provide infusion therapy to recently diagnosed COVID-19 patients that are at high risk for hospitalization. Patients will receive an infusion therapy of a new monoclonal antibody, Bamlanivimab (BAM), that has received emergency use authorization through the US Food and Drug Administration.

"Providing newly approved infusion therapies allows Holzer to be proactive with COVID-19 treatment and potentially reduce hospitalizations in our community," Lisa Detty, MSN, RN, Executive Vice President of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer, Holzer Health System, explained.

BAM, according to Detty, is not intended for routine use in the treatment of COVID-19

and is not approved for hospitalized COVID-19 patients. BAM contains manufactured antibodies that are similar to the antibodies of recovered COVID-19 patients. These antibodies may help reduce the amount of COVID-19 virus in the body, which could give the body more time to make its own antibodies.

Qualifying patients need to be at least 12 years old and weigh at least 88 pounds. Adult patients must be 65 or older or have another risk factor, including:

- Body mass index (BMI) greater than 35
- Chronic kidney disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppressive disease
- Immunosuppressive treatment
- Patients 55 and older with heart disease, lung disease or who are undergoing immunosuppressive treatment also qualify for BAM.
- The qualifications for pediatric COVID-19 patients over the age of 12 include the following risk factors:

- Body mass index (BMI) above the 85th percentile for age
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Neurodevelopmental disease
 - Use of a medical dependent device
- Currently, a Holzer provider must order the single-dose infusion, which requires approximately three hours for preparation, administration, and observation. Specialty infusion therapy should occur as soon as possible after a confirmed positive test, but no later than ten days. Patients who receive a positive diagnosis of COVID-19 are encouraged to ask their provider if they may be a candidate.

"We are extremely excited to offer this new treatment to our patients. As a reminder, we still encourage our communities to be diligent with masking, social distancing, and hand hygiene to prevent the spread of infection as well," says Dr. Mike Canady, Holzer Chief Executive Officer.

For more information, visit www.holzer.org or call 1-855-446-5937.

Ridgeway elected SE District CAAO Vice President

FROM STAFF REPORTS

JACKSON — Tiffany Ridgeway, auditor for Jackson County, has been elected to serve as vice president for the Southeast District of the County Auditors' Association of Ohio (CAAO) for 2021.

Ridgeway was installed, during a virtual ceremony, by Richard Hoffman, in late 2020. She had previously served as Secretary/Treasurer in 2020.

Also installed were Washington County Auditor Matthew Livengood, who will serve as president, and Pike County Auditor Kayla Slusher, who will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

The district works closely with the CAAO Columbus office to monitor legislative proposals that impact local taxpayers and to offer initiatives that assist county auditors in carrying out their duties.

During 2021, CAAO anticipate much activity with continuing changes in a variety of state and local tax issues and other legislative initiatives that assist county auditors in carrying out their duties.

The CAAO includes all 88 Ohio County Auditors. It was established to promote and protect the interests of the taxpayer of Ohio and to improve the administration of county government.



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Pictured, from the left, are Jackson County Commissioner President Paul Haller, Jackson County Commissioner Vice President Jon Hensler, and Jackson County Commissioner Donnie Willis.

Commissioners delegate 2021 responsibilities

BY JEREMIAH SHAVER

Courier Multimedia Journalist

JACKSON — With the first meeting of the year comes the task of determining responsibilities of the Jackson County Commissioners.

Paul Haller was named commission president, with Jon Hensler being selected as commission vice president. Donnie Willis is the third commissioner serving the county.

Haller was appointed as Jackson County Caucus Chair, as well as to numerous other organizations and boards: the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC); economic development board; workforce advisory of job and family services; board of revisions; records retention committee; planning committee; land bank, solid waste, and advisory 911

committee. He will also review all liability and health insurance policies.

Willis was appointed to the executive board member of the juvenile detention center, inspector of housing for CHIP office, board member of investment advisory board, planning committee, CCAO energy committee, and land bank. He will also review insurance, prevailing wage, construction and final wage compliance policies.

Hensler was appointed to the county inventory, board member of Trustees of Jackson-Vinton Community Action, board member of county records commission, and board member of health advisory committee. He will also review all bonds and serve as a voting board member of the Family and Chil-

dren First Council.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners are the general administrative body for county government. They are the county government taxing, budgeting, appropriating, and purchasing authority. Their duties include hearing and ruling on annexations, approving drainage improvements through the petition ditch process, establishing sewer districts and making improvements, and providing for solid waste disposal.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners meet every Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse Annex, located at 275 Portsmouth St. in Jackson. The meetings are open to the public.

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Southview recognizes Accelerated Readers

JACKSON — Southview recognizes students who accumulated the most Accelerated Reader points during the second grading period. From the left

are Emma Brandau (Kindergarten), Caitlyn Green (1st Grade), Ashley Fotherolf (2nd Grade), Sophia Elliott (3rd Grade), Stacia Tackett (4th Grade),

and Carsen McKinniss (5th Grade). Southview Principal Philip Kuhn congratulated the students and encouraged them to keep up the valuable work.

Jackson 'Chocolate Walk' slated for Thursday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

JACKSON — Citizens are invited to join over 20 businesses for a walk around downtown Jackson, where participants can visit local businesses and be treated to a variety of chocolate goodies.

The 3rd annual Chocolate Walk, hosted by Jackson Main Street Organization, is slated for Thursday, Feb. 4, from 4-7 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at Michael's Ice Cream. Cost is \$7 each, and tickets are limited. Cash only.

All proceeds go to the Jackson Main Street Organization.



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Pictured is a photo from the first annual "Chocolate Walk" that took place in downtown Jackson in 2019. Participants would visit local businesses to be treated to a variety of chocolate goodies.

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New scholarship offered locally

First on the Moon, Inc., announces the establishment of the Neil A. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship through the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduate of Wapakoneta High School who pursues an engineering major in college.

"We're so pleased to be able to provide this assistance to a local student who follows in Neil Armstrong's footsteps to study engineering as he did (at Purdue University)," said First on the Moon vice president Rachel Barber. "Rollie Wellington, president of the Wapakoneta Community Scholarship Fund (WCSEF), and Robert Askins, executive director of the Community Foundation, made the process of creating the scholarship very easy."

The scholarship is established at \$500, but First on the Moon hopes to be able to expand the effort in the future.

First on the Moon enhances public understanding of and appreciation for Wapakoneta, Ohio's, unique identity as the home of Neil A. Armstrong, first person to walk on the moon.

Those with questions about the scholarship or First on the Moon or who wish to donate to either entity may contact Barber at 419/738-4924 or wallpaperproject@bright.net.



Bridge crew members with the Auglaize County Engineer spent time this week pouring concrete beams for bridge work in Wayne Township. The existing bridge is a concrete beam bridge on reinforced concrete abutments and has a span of 27 feet 10 inches with an overall beam length of 31 feet. Several beams on the bridge are due to be replaced. A total of nine beams were cast for the project.

Inauguration fashion: purple, pearls and American designers

By LEANNE ITALIE

ADVERTISING/ENTERTAINMENT

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris showcased American designers at their inauguration Wednesday, and Harris gave a nod to women's suffrage, Shirley Chisholm and her beloved sorority in pearls and purple.

Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton and Laura Bush also donned hues of purple. Harris has cited Chisholm, a Democrat from New York, as an inspiration for her career. Chisholm was the first Black woman elected to Congress and the first Black major-party candidate to run for U.S. president.

Pearls had a strong fashion showing, in line with a social media campaign that had inauguration watch-

ers donning strands in support and celebration of Harris. Nobody in attendance did them quite like Jennifer Lopez — from earrings to bracelets — as she sang "This Land Is Your Land" in head-to-toe white Chanel.

Rep. Barbara Lee, a California Democrat, wore a pearl necklace owned by Chisholm herself. It was a gift from Chisholm's goddaughter.

"Because of Shirley Chisholm, I am," Lee, who is Black, posted on Twitter. "Because of Shirley Chisholm, Vice President Harris is."

The pearls Harris wore, by Wilfredo Rosado, were also a symbol of unity with her sisters in Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first African American Greek-letter sorority, said Ra-

chel Torgerson, fashion features director for Cosmopolitan. The sorority's founders are referred to as the "Twenty Pearls." Every new member receives a badge adorned with 20 pearls.

Harris attended Howard University, one of the nation's historically Black colleges and universities.

Vermont Sen. Benilde Sanders drew fashion praise on social media for his cozy, comfortable inauguration wear. His signature beige parka and a pair of knit patterned mittens. The look earned him his own inauguration Bobblehead to mark his viral fashion moment. It's now on pre-sale for \$25 at the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum's online store.

Jill Biden wore an ocean blue wool tweed coat over a dress by American designer Alexandra O'Neill of the Markarian label. The new first lady's matching coat and dress included a velvet collar and cuffs on the coat, and a chiffon bodice and scalloped skirt on the dress. The neckline of the dress is embellished with Swarovski pearls and crystals. The same crystals adorn the coat. The outfit was handcrafted in New York City.

Aides said Harris was dressed in Christopher John Rogers and Sergio Hudson. Both are Black designers, Rogers from Louisiana and Hudson from South Carolina. Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, wore a Ralph Lauren suit.

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Park District commissioners getting creative to continue programs

BY BOB TOMASZEWSKI

STAFF WRITER

Heritage Trails Park District board members used Zoom for the first time to hold a meeting Tuesday.

Assistant Administrator Terry McDonald reported the Lock Keepers hike was well received by the public with multiple emails, phone calls, and Facebook messages from people reporting they completed the hike to collect their Road to Fitness participation credit. She is keeping track of that information to submit to Grand

Lake Health Systems. Some 15 and 20 people have sent messages, she said, noting those numbers are similar to the virtual Walk with Nature.

"I think there's a lot more people that participate but maybe don't want or need the Road to Fitness points," McDonald said. "Trails are busier."

McDonald said she is wanting to reach out to area organizations looking for family activities.

"Though I prefer the way we were doing it in the past, I am pleased to

not have to cancel our annual event," McDonald said. "I'd rather adapt and continue on in any way that we can than cancel."

She said they would continue traditions in a new way.

The annual Gardeners Swap and Share program is moving forward with a partnership with the St. Marys Community Public Library. The event will be held in the library parking lot with participant following COVID-19 social distancing and mask wearing guidelines. The date

has not been selected yet; park commissioners are hoping to have a guest speaker talk about butterfly habitats and identifying habitats in backyards and in the wild. The speaker portion might be online.

The Heritage Park District is in need of donations for plants and seeds for the event. McDonald said she would like to work with area businesses on a contribution.

McDonald said paving for the Bloody Bridge Parking Lot will also take place in 2021.

Using candy to sniff out probable cases of COVID-19? Sure, why not!

COLUMBUS—Scientists have proposed that using a cheap and simple product—hard candy—to screen for the loss of taste and smell in populations at risk for COVID-19 exposure may help detect probable positive cases in otherwise asymptomatic people.

The Ohio State University research team received \$305,000 in National Institutes of Health funding in a competitive bid to develop easy-to-deploy strategies that can identify people who are potentially infected with SARS-CoV-2.

While symptoms like fever, chills, a cough and body aches vary widely among COVID-19 patients, an estimated 86% of people who test positive report a loss of smell, "which makes it a much better predictor, especially if it's sudden loss," said project co-leader Christopher Simons, associate professor of food science

and technology at Ohio State in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES).

Eight flavors of hard candies that are uniform in color will be manufactured for the test of the method's effectiveness. Asking people to identify flavors by smelling and tasting the candies allows for sophisticated assessment of the function of two routes—via the nose and the back of the throat—by which our sense of smell helps tell us what we're eating, Simons said.

Plus, the sweet treat is hard to resist as a scientific screening tool. "Who doesn't like candy? It's an ideal stimulus because for this to work, people have to want to do it," he said.

Simons' lab in focus on understanding the neural and physiological underpinnings of how we per-

ceive food. The research team also includes taste biologist Susan Travers, professor of bioscience in the College of Dentistry, and Kai Zhao, associate professor of otolaryngology in the College of Medicine, who specializes in olfaction—the sense of smell. The new funding is a competitive revision to one of Travers' existing NIH grants.

Simons has personal experience with COVID-19 symptoms. His entire family tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 in March after a trip to Spain before the borders closed. As his family raved about how good the Spanish food tasted, Simons was less impressed. But it wasn't until he couldn't detect the flavor of his cocktail back in Columbus that he realized he had lost his sense of smell—which ended up being his only symptom.

If this method is ad-

opted as a screening strategy, it would complement existing tools for this purpose: a scratch-and-sniff card for smell and/or a one-time evaluation of the bitter medication quinine for taste, both of which are more expensive than candy (less than 5 cents for a piece of candy versus more than 50 cents per scratch-and-sniff card). The first phase of the Ohio State project is validating the use of candy against those established methods. Preliminary assessments have been promising.

"Quinine isn't long-term. No one will sip on that every day," Simons said. "We see factors that potentially indicate our method will be a long-term effective tool for long-term tracking of sensitivity."

That long-term tracking occurs in the project's second phase, when the team plans to follow about 2,800 people for 90 days.

Ohio State students are the primary recruitment target for the study.

Participants will be asked to sniff and consume a piece of hard candy once per day and log into an app to report what they smell and taste—not only by identifying the flavor, but also rating its intensity. If they report a sudden drop in either sense, they'll receive a message that they should quarantine and get a COVID-19 test.

Using candy will activate both the orthonasal (through the nose) and retronasal (through the back of the throat) sense of smell pathways that allow us to know what we're tasting. Those two pathways give us a more nuanced sense of what we're consuming than what the taste buds on our tongues actually "taste," which are sweet, sour, salty, bitter and savory "flavors."

"Theoretically, it's

possible that you could have some smell loss that's more or less prominent in the orthonasal or retronasal condition that you would miss if you were only doing scratch and sniff for detection," Simons said.

"With our assessment, you unwrap the candy and smell it to assess orthonasal olfaction, and pop it into your mouth to rate how strong the flavor is, assessing the retronasal component. You also assess sweetness and sourness, which is the taste component. It allows us to tackle three different aspects of flavor perception."

Though the researchers have hypothesized that both olfactory pathways are affected by SARS-CoV-2, their first order of business is providing what the NIH is looking for: "a fairly simple, inexpensive and deployable technology to support public health," Simons said.

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NANCY R. REISINGER

Nancy R. Reisinger, age 89, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, met her Savior on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Bluebird Retirement Center in London, Ohio. Born in Springfield, Ohio on March 26, 1931 to the late Gordon and Margaret Stahl, Nancy was a graduate of London High School, Class of 1949. She married Welby Reisinger on June 8, 1949 and together raised their family in Mt. Sterling. Nancy and Welby were married 65 years until his passing in 2014. Nancy was a devoted and active parishioner of St. Colman of Cloyne Catholic Church in Washington Court House, Ohio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband Welby, son Stephen R. Reisinger and daughter Joann "Jodi" Patton. Nancy is survived by her children: Thomas R. (Cyndi) Reisinger, Susan

R. (Kirk) Neff and Joseph R. (Lori) Reisinger, her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Private Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for the family at St. Colman of Cloyne Catholic Church with The Reverend Cyrus M. Haddad, Celebrant. Burial followed at St. Colman Catholic Cemetery, Washington Court House. If friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in Nancy's name to St. Colman of Cloyne Catholic Church, 219 S. North Street, Washington Court House, OH 43160. The Porter-Tidd Funeral Home, 331 W. Main St., Mt. Sterling, OH 43143 assisted the family. Please visit www.portertiddfuneralhome.com to share your favorite memories of Nancy or to send your condolences to her family.

SUSAN THORNBERRY



Susan Thornberry, 55 passed away January 17, 2021 at Park View Hospital in Fort Wayne Indiana. She was born on March 21, 1965 to the late Charles "Dick" Thornberry and Ruth Young. Susan was a lifelong resident of Fayette County. She loved so many things, but especially attending church, big band music, Elmo, and she loved to go bowling. Susie loved to use her voice to sing out in church, welcome her many friends and cheer on the Buckeyes. Susan is preceded in death by her parents, aunts Rosa Long, Dutch Alkire, Carolyn Wise, Nancy Brill, uncles Charles Young SR., Carey Young and Michael Young. Susan is survived by Aunts Sharon (Stan)

Wendt of Dayton, Brenda (Bob) Crabtree of Springfield, uncle Bob (Tammy) Thornberry of Wilmington and her very special friend Doug Sowders. A special thank you to her caretakers Judy and Bill Myers. Also thank you to the staff and administration of the Fayette Progressive School and Fayette County Board of DD for always trying to find ways to enhance Susan's life so that she might live it to the fullest. Private family services will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Fayette County Special Olympics 1330 Robinson Rd. Washington C.H., Ohio 43160. Arrangements are by Morrow Funeral Home

DEATH NOTICE

HIXON

Carl W. Hixon, age 91, of Greenfield, OH, formerly of South Salem, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Edgewood Manor of Greenfield. The Murray-Fettro Funeral Home is serving the family.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Retired Teachers meeting cancellations

Due to the global pandemic, the officers' board that met to plan the Fayette County Retired Teachers Association's 2021 scheduled has cancelled the Feb. 4 and April 1 meetings. At this point the first in-person meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 3. Luncheon meetings normally take place bi-monthly (on the first Thursday) in the Grace United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Village of Bloomingburg financial report available

The Village of Bloomingburg's 2020 annual financial report has been completed. The report can be seen at the Village Town Hall, 62 Main St. You can contact the village office at 740-437-7556.

The Trumpet Sounds: 'Why come together?'

Before COVID-19 ever happened a Harvard study of 7,000 people found that isolated people were three times more likely to die than those with strong relationships. Reporting on the study, John Ortberg writes that "people who had bad health habits (such as smoking, poor eating habits, or alcohol use) but strong social ties lived significantly longer than people who had great health habits but were isolated. In other words, it is safer to eat Twinkies with good friends than to eat broccoli alone.

What is true physically is also true spiritually: if we want to maintain a healthy, lifelong walk

with Christ, we need community. I believe that's why God gave us the church. One of the reasons I believe God wants His people together is because we develop and grow better in groups. This is not only true with education, sports, and socially but also spiritually. I love what Paul says in the message in Ephesians 4:15-16 when he says "God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love - like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing

us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love. The Old Way Has to Go."

Simply put, God wants us to grow up to be like Jesus. That happens better with help, accountability, and other people encouraging us along the way. That's why Jesus went out, found his disciples and brought them together. Simply put, amazing things can happen when we come together with other people. Chush is a school in Brooklyn, New York that caters to learning disabled children. Some children remain in Chush for their entire



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school career. One father told the following story about his son Shay: One afternoon, Shay and his father walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they will let me play?" Shay's father knew that his son was not at all athletic and that most boys would not want him on their team. But Shay's father understood that if his son were chosen to play it would give him a comfortable sense of belonging. Shay's father approached one of the boys in the field and asked if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his teammates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "We are losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him up to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay's father was ecstatic as Shay smiled broadly. Shay was told to put on a glove and go out to play short center field. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again and now with two outs and the bases loaded with the potential winning run on base. Shay was scheduled

to be up. Would the team let Shay bat at this juncture and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that it was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher moved a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay should at least be able to make contact.

The first pitch came, and Shay swung clumsily and missed. One of Shay's teammates came up to Shay and together they held the bat and faced the pitcher waiting for the next pitch. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly toward Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a slow ground ball to the pitcher. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could easily have thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have ended the game. Instead, the pitcher took the ball and threw it on a high arc to right field, far beyond reach of the first baseman. Everyone started

yelling, "Shay, run to first. Run to first." Never in his life had Shay run to first. He scampered down the baseline wide-eyed and startled. By the time he reached first base, the right fielder had the ball. He could have thrown the ball to the second baseman who would tag out Shay, who was still running. But the right fielder understood what the pitcher's intentions were, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second." Shay ran towards second base as the runners ahead of him deliriously circled the bases

MORE INFO

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We would love to have your family worship with us! For more information visit us on our website at: www.southsidedwch.com or on Facebook.

towards home. As Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to him, turned him in the direction of third base and shouted, "Run to third." As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams ran behind him screaming, "Shay run home." Shay ran home, stepped on home plate and all 18 boys lifted him on their shoulders and made him the hero, as he had just hit a "grand slam" and won the game for his team. Amazing things can happen when we people come together!

This Sunday at South Side we will unpack the final week of our new series entitled "Together." On-site worship begins at 10:15, and our Children's Ministry offers children's classes for all ages. We are continuing to practice social distancing at our services. If you are unable to attend our online services will be available at 3 on Facebook and our website. If you would like to give generously text: 84321 then the word "help" and follow the simple instructions. We would love to have your family worship with us! For more information visit us on our website at: www.southsidedwch.com or on Facebook.

In Christ,
Barry Pettit
Lead Pastor
South Side Church of Christ

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. - 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://puc.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 contactThePUCO@puc.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://puc.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/help-center/file-a-complaint>, by electronic mail to contactThePUCO@puc.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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Greeneview's Valentine wins all-around

Submitted article

Area high school gymnasts representing their home schools, (Adena, Greeneview, Miami Trace and Washington Court House) participated in a Columbus city Invitational held at Worthington Kilbourne High School. Five schools fielded teams for the event.

Placing in the team standings were: Big Walnut, 111.7; Westerville Central, 109.075; Miami Trace, 96.25; Worthington Kilbourne, 65.65 and Washington Court House, 45.5.

Thirty-three gymnasts competed on the events: vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Lizzy Valentine of Greeneview, put forth one of her best overall performances, earning her the first place finish. The senior stood in first place on floor (8.625) second on bars (7.775) second on beam (8.25) and fourth on vault (7.95).

This gave Valentine the combined total of 32.6 to place her above Tree of Life Independent gymnast, Camryn Davis, who scored 32.25.

Miami Trace was on the podium as sophomore McKinley Kelley posted a 31.0 all-around total allowing her to take third place, while teammate Bayley Carr (a freshman) followed in fourth (30.975).

Adena gymnast Claire Robinson placed sixth (30.65).

Kelley performed well on the four apparatus events, according to



Lizzy Valentine of Greeneview High School was the All-Around champion recently at Worthington Kilbourne High School.

head coach Susan Holloway.

As a gymnast, one strives to earn that perfect score, Holloway explained. In these past week's practices, Kelley personally achieved greater height in her body angle, coming around through her rotations on uneven bars.

This alone allows her to gain a better score from the judges, Holloway noted. Kelley impressed the judges and drew in the crowd with her rousing floor routine (full of sharp dancing and dynamic, powerful acro tumbling), in which she hit each of her elements earning a 8.5 out of a possible 9.7 score.

Washington freshman Hannah Burns is making her presence known in the field of gymnasts as she earned her own spot in the finished placings on vault and on bars.

Event Placings

Vault

Lizzy Valentine, 2nd, 7.95; McKinley Kelley, 3rd, 7.9; Bayley Carr, 4th, 7.8; Hannah Burns, 5th, 7.75; Claire Robinson, 8th, 7.7; Jenna Hinkley, 5.9

Uneven bars

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Balance Beam

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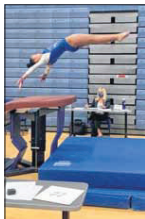
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Hannah Burns, a Washington High School freshman, performs a handspring vault.



Lizzy Valentine executes a Tsukahara Vault entry (round-off onto spring board, back handspring up and over the vault table to a 1/2 twist in the air upon landing).

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H.S. BASKETBALL SCORES

Wednesday's Scores

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Akr. North vs. Louisville Aquinas, p.p.d.
Berea Midpark vs. Avon, c.c.d.
Brunswick vs. Byron, p.p.d.

Cin. Christian vs. Cin. Country Day, c.c.d.
Cin. Clark Montessori vs. Norwood, c.c.d.
Cin. Coleman vs. Liberty Twp., Lakota E. c.c.d.

Felicity Franklin vs. Peebles, p.p.d.
Hamilton New Miami vs. St. Bernard-Edmond Place, c.c.d.

Hartsville Lake Center Christian vs. Rootstown, p.p.d.
Medina Highland vs. Medina, c.c.d.
Mogadore Field vs. Akr. Coventry, c.c.d.

Mowbrystown Whiteoak vs. Portsmouth-Scottsville, p.p.d.
Newark Licking Valley vs. Johnstown, c.c.d.

Richfield Revere vs. Copley, c.c.d.
Solon vs. Strongsville, c.c.d.
Spring Center Ridge vs. Bellefontaine, p.p.d.

Spring Shawnee vs. New Carlisle-Heath, c.c.d.
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physical, on and off the ball. So that's our identity this year."

Last week, the Cavs opened eyes around the league with back-to-back wins over the Brooklyn Nets. Granted, Brooklyn

is still blending its' Big 3, and Kevin Durant missed the second game as part of his post-surgery maintenance. But the Cavs showed

off their resiliency and toughness in taking down one of the East's elites. "Our main goal is to beat up teams as much as possible, to wear them down," Drummond said after Cleveland's 122-107 win on Wednesday over Detroit. "Cavalier basketball."

After winning just 19 games and being excluded from the NBA's Orlando bubble last season, the Cavs are climbing. In Sexton, the Cavs have a future star.

A first-round draft pick in 2018, Sexton is a blur with the ball in his hands. And while his speed can sometimes get him into trouble, the

22-year-old is more than a handful for any team to stop as he's become defensive objective No. 1 for any opponent. Sexton's averaging 25.2 points per game and he single-handedly took down the Nets last week, scoring 42 points — 20 in overtime — in a double-OT win. After poor shooting nights (combined 9 of 27) in consecutive losses to Boston and Los Angeles, Sexton bounced back against the Pistons with 29 points, five rebounds and five assists.

Bickerstaff was impressed with how Sexton adjusted to different looks the Pistons showed him.

"I thought he read the game the right way," said Bickerstaff, who took over last season after John Beilein stepped down. "I thought he recognized how they're playing them in the pick and roll and where he could get his shot from. And I also thought he played with great patience. In the pick and roll, you don't always have to go 100 miles an hour."

The Cavs have been speeding along as well. This was supposed to be another year of growth and change in Cleveland. But general manager Koby Altman, who was charged with a massive rebuild when James left, has strengthened the roster through smart drafting and trades.

As it did against the Rams a couple of seasons before.

"Maybe it was a little deja vu of two years ago," Vinatieri said then. "I'm did it again, he's amazing. This supporting cast did it again and gave me a chance."

After winning the 2001 title, New England faltered and failed to make the postseason the next year. Applying lessons they learned from that disappointment, the Patriots again went 14-2 in 2004. Brady was becoming more of a presence as a passer, though his targets weren't stand-outs; Randy Moss, Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman weren't yet aboard.

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Helping you age better

Looking for a central location to find information about COVID-19 vaccines in your area? The Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) is available to help with information about the vaccine and information about local providers in the following counties: Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton.

The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) throughout the state of Ohio have been designated as a key partner to take calls and supply information and education surrounding the COVID-19 vaccination, specifically to Phase 1B.



Nina Keller
Executive Director
AAA7

Locally, the AAA7 can help answer questions surrounding the vaccine such as safety and what providers are distributing the vaccine. The priority is making sure the community has the best information available to make a decision regarding the vaccine and to know where the vaccine will be available in the district.

Those who are interested in further information can call the AAA7 at 1-800-582-7277 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or e-mail info@aaa7.org.

Information and specific county details about the COVID-19 vaccine can also be found on the

AAA7's website at www.aaa7.org. On the Home Page, find the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" box and click for more information. In addition, the AAA7 is sharing information from local vaccine providers on their Facebook page.

Using all the tools available to help prevent the spread of the virus continues to be critical until a substantial number of Ohioans can be vaccinated. Continuing to wear masks and social distancing will reduce your chance of being exposed to or spreading the virus. Proper prevention measures, coupled with the vaccine, will provide the best protection from COVID-19.

Submission brings peace

Matthew Henry once said, "Those who have a saving interest in Christ must be willing to part with all for Him, leave all to follow Him."

Whatever stands in opposition to Christ, or in completion with Him for our love and service, we must cheerfully quit it.



Judith Cooley
Contributing Columnist

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My first opportunity to exercise greater submission recently was when my husband and I decided to add a second vehicle to our name. We have long been in the process of eliminating debt and avoiding anything that deters us from this goal. The time came when we realized sharing one car while working full time on differing schedules just wouldn't work anymore.

This was hard at first because I wanted to be debt free before adding anything else. Thankfully God balanced me with a sense of peace and God-fearing husband who sees details while I see the big goal. We found a vehicle for a very affordable price which didn't add anymore debt but added much needed flexibility. If I refused to give up the "sense" of control I thought I was wielding over our finances, for the good, I would have robbed us of a blessing.

"The will of God for your life is simply that you submit yourself to Him

each day and say, "Father, Your will for today is mine. Your pleasure for today is mine. I trust You to be God. You lead me today and I will follow." Kay Arthur

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Peace has pervaded. The second opportunity bothered me for some time. I prayed over the situation because it didn't seem monumental, but I knew there wasn't peace. I was prompted to make an apology. Apologizing in general is hard, but because of the minutia it was more humbling than I figured it would be. I didn't think it was necessary, and I tried to avoid it, but it became clear what I needed to do. Once I finally submitted and made the effort an immediate peace fell because I knew I was living in submission to my Shepherd.

A quote from Jerry Bridges says, "Above all else, we must learn how to bring our wills into submission and obedience to the will of God, on a practical, daily, hour-by-hour basis." It's not easy to humble ourselves and give up the fictional realities we've believed as truth instead of Him that is truth, but it feels so good when we finally do.

Isn't this quote beautiful? "Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission; and in the end it shall carry you." Thomas A. Kempis

"But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God." 1 Corinthians 11:3

"Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience." Romans 13:5

Vaccine information from HealthSource of Ohio

NEWS RELEASE

HealthSource of Ohio has received limited quantities of COVID vaccine. Many residents in our eight-county service area are eager to get vaccinated. HealthSource provides vaccines by appointment only based upon state of Ohio guidelines and is only accepting requests for vaccine appointments currently for those age 75 and older. There is no waiting list for those individuals who are under age 75.

To request an appointment if you are age 75 and above, please visit

www.healthsourceofohio.org (preferred method), click the red Coronavirus Updates tab, then select Covid-19 Vaccination Registration from the left-hand menu.

Call the number listed below for the county in which you reside, leave your name, date of birth, county of residence, and a working contact phone number on your vaccine appointment voicemail. One of our team members will reach out to you to complete the registration and scheduling process. Note that there is no waiting list for those age 75 and above, please visit

ments (such as age). Your information will not be saved, and you will not receive a call back if you do not meet the guidelines.

(937) 444-8009 - Brown County
(937) 444-8003 - Highland County
(937) 444-8004 - Adams County

Please only request an appointment if you qualify. Also, do not leave multiple messages to request an appointment as this will slow down the process. HealthSource is unable to schedule appointments through email or social media.

Land Transfers

Dec. 23-30, 2020

Phillip R. Cox to Shamka Johnson, Carol Sogoba, Liberty Twp., 1.001 ac., \$5,000
Phillip R. Cox to Vernon Rawls, Liberty Twp., 1.170 ac., \$5,000
Glenn M. Hemer, Ann M. Hemer to Glenn M. Hemer, Meigs Twp., 38.14 ac.
Joseph Charles Edgington, Carla Jill Edgington to Edgington Family Trust, Joseph Charles Edgington Trust, Carla Jill Edgington Trust, Meigs Twp., 0.971 ac.
Regina Pakalnis Trustee, Helen Pakalnis Trust to David V. Gifford, Shelley J. Gifford, West Union Village, 0.283 ac.
David V. Gifford, Shelley J. Gifford to David V. Gifford, Shelley J. Gifford, West Union Village, 0.283 ac., \$6,500
Grackle Development LLC to Brian Jones, Melanie Scott Jones, Monroe Twp., 500.4481 ac.
Gary Hines, MJ Hines to Joe R. Lux, Shirley R. Lux, Bratton Twp., 10.508 ac., \$186,100
Stanley Thomas Perkins, Lisa Perkins to Don Cole, Bratton Twp., 2.00 ac., \$11,500
Roy J. Raber Trustee, Betty J. Raber Trustee, Roy J. Raber Trust to David R. Raber, Arlene R. Raber, Oliver Twp., 15.936 ac.

David Raber Trustee, Arlene Raber Trustee, Raber Family Trust to Brian Henderson, Debby F. Henderson, Oliver Twp., 15.936 ac., \$75,000
Ernest V. Thomas Jr., Naoma C. Thomas to Blackberry Farms LLC, Jefferson Twp., land
Dennis L. Hoop, Alice F. Hoop to Sheri Lugenbeel, Jessica O'Connor, Tiffin Twp., 5.00 ac., \$19,000
Leonard A. Fugate, Sharon L. Fugate to Michael Len Fugate, Tami Ann Fugate, Brush Creek Twp., 14.94 ac., \$25,000
Noble Eugene Mathews, Linda Ilene Mathews to Bryan E. Mathews, Lisa M. Mathews, Oliver Twp., 109.176 ac., \$105,000
James R. Bowman III, Sheri L. Bowman to Karen E. Gulley, Manchester Village, lot 6, \$65,000
Jack R. Myers, Alleane White to Raymond E. Justin R. Carrington, Heather J. Carrington, James Reggie Carrington, Deborah D. Carrington to Brian Holbrook, Rhonda Holbrook, Sprigg Twp., 17.18 ac., \$122,000
Richard Shriver, Angela M. Smith to John Prater, Devona Prater, Winchester Twp., 5.00 ac.
Michael P. Pell, Monica R. Pell to Michael P. Pell

Trustee, Monica R. Pell Trustee, Mike and Monica Pell Trust, West Union Village, 1.159 ac.
Monica R. Pell, Michael P. Pell to Monica R. Pell Trustee, Michael P. Pell Trustee, Mike and Monica Pell Trust, Tiffin Twp., 24.29 ac.
Michael P. Pell, Monica R. Pell to Monica P. Pell Trustee, Mike and Monica Pell Trust, Tiffin Twp., 65.299 ac.
Robert L. Roush to Benjamin J. McAdams, Ashley E. McAdams, Sprigg Twp., 55.46 ac., \$177,480
Roger L. Butts, Jane Butts to Eleanor Anne Smith, Eleanor Anne Campbell, Charles David Asaad, Stephan Mark Asaad, Meigs Twp., land, Oliver Twp., land
Eleanor R. Asaad, Charles A. Asaad to Eleanor Anne Smith, Eleanor Anne Campbell, Stephan Mark Asaad, Meigs Twp., land, Oliver Twp., land
Frances Ladd, Patricia Ann Hunter, Kathy C. Chriscoe to Roger C. Chriscoe, Chad D. Chriscoe, Green Twp., 5.16 ac., \$16,000
Virginia Herbst to Roger C. Chriscoe, Chad D. Chriscoe, Kathy C. Chriscoe, Green Twp., 3.70 ac., \$150,000

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Rates of Taxation

In pursuance of the law, I, Lisa A. Newman, Treasurer of Adams County, Ohio, do hereby give notice that the number of mills, levied on each dollar of property listed for taxation within said county for the year 2020 are as follows:

County General Fund	3.90	Mills
Ambulance & Emergency Medical Service	2.00	Mills
Developmental Disabilities Services	1.50	Mills
Children's Services	2.00	Mills
Senior Citizens	.70	Mills
County Library	1.00	Mills
Health District	.50	Mills
9-1-1 System	1.20	Mills

CD	CORPORATIONS SCHOOL DISTRICTS TOWNSHIPS	State Levy	Township Levy	Corporate Levy	Total	Adm. Fee	Other Fee	Adm. Fee	Other Fee	CD
BRATTON TOWNSHIP										
A01 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	5.40			52.70	0.14868	0.00155	44.865220	52.691842	A01
A02 Bright L.S.D. (Highland Co.)	32.10	5.40			50.40	0.214259	0.115965	39.601350	44.555363	A02
BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP										
B03 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	1.80			49.10	0.163841	0.002235	41.055366	48.960264	B03
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP										
C04 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	5.50			52.80	0.146448	0.000000	45.967540	52.800000	C04
GREEN TOWNSHIP										
D01 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	9.90			57.20	0.201126	0.021253	45.695582	55.984314	D01
D05 Manchester L.S.D.	26.50	9.90			49.30	0.241052	0.024659	37.416139	48.040314	D05
D06 Rome Corporation	26.50	9.90	1.40		50.70	0.234396	0.023978	38.916139	48.040314	D06
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP										
E07 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	5.30			52.60	0.150640	0.000000	44.679327	52.600000	E07
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP										
F09 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	2.40			49.70	0.157579	0.001330	41.888387	49.693335	F09
F27 West Union Corporation	34.40	2.20	1.30		58.80	0.154167	0.001247	42.968307	50.738335	F27
F09 Eastern L.S.D. (Brown Co.)	43.80	2.40			58.90	0.259911	0.001600	41.411913	46.843376	F09
MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP										
G10 Manchester L.S.D.	26.50	4.50			43.90	0.185018	0.007921	35.777719	43.556667	G10
G11 Manchester Corporation	26.50	4.50	16.00		59.80	0.140331	0.028558	51.494189	58.644622	G11
MEDS TOWNSHIP										
H12 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	3.45			50.75	0.172281	0.002235	42.007740	50.636575	H12
H13 Peebles Corporation	34.40	2.55	15.80		65.65	0.174095	0.019462	54.226542	64.437976	H13
MORRIS TOWNSHIP										
I04 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	2.00			49.30	0.154822	0.000000	41.862342	49.300000	I04
I14 Manchester L.S.D.	26.50	2.00			41.40	0.193650	0.000000	33.362880	41.400000	I14
OLIVER TOWNSHIP										
J15 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	6.80			54.10	0.155626	0.019271	45.688647	53.273830	J15
SCOTT TOWNSHIP										
K16 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	6.10			53.40	0.169897	0.019897	43.472594	52.380245	K16
K17 Bright L.S.D. (Highland Co.)	32.10	6.10			51.10	0.252276	0.134173	38.287714	44.243766	K17
K18 Seaman Corporation	34.40	5.40	13.30		66.60	0.188324	0.030465	53.574022	65.489058	K18
SPRING TOWNSHIP										
L19 Manchester L.S.D.	26.50	1.70			41.10	0.196738	0.000000	33.041051	41.100000	L19
L26 Manchester Corporation	26.50	1.30	16.00		56.70	0.147610	0.016065	48.330541	55.797955	L26
TIFIN TOWNSHIP										
M20 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	2.50			49.80	0.170005	0.013969	41.337355	48.104362	M20
M21 West Union Corporation	34.40	1.50	1.30		50.10	0.163774	0.009566	41.894891	49.620740	M21
WAYNE TOWNSHIP										
N02 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	8.20			55.50	0.176372	0.004864	45.711356	55.230070	N02
N08 Seaman Corporation	34.40	7.70	12.80		67.80	0.181472	0.025975	55.496174	66.038883	N08
WINCHESTER TOWNSHIP										
O04 Ohio Valley L.S.D.	34.40	6.70			54.00	0.155658	0.030932	45.944848	53.797967	O04
O05 Winchester Corporation	34.40	4.70	14.50		65.50	0.147628	0.010486	56.882709	65.802710	O05

If paying taxes by mail please send signed check and postage. When writing for tax statement please give taxing district in which property is located. Also state in whose name the property appears on the tax duplicate. When checks are given for payment of taxes and are not paid on presentation at the bar, taxes will be returned to duplicate. Respectfully submitted, LISA A. NEWMAN, TREASURER, ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO

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.

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Peebles' Alan McCoy, right, goes up strong for a score in the Indians' 57-54 win over Fairfield. (Photo by Mark Carpenter)

INDIANS

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three, to go back in front 13-11, but a technical foul called on the Fairfield bench resulted in a pair of Oakley Burba free throws that tied the game at 13 after one quarter.

Peebles began the second stanza on a 7-1 run that likely could have been much worse except for the unforced turnovers that plagued the home team. Those miscues allowed the Lions to stay close, pulling back to within 22-20 on a stick back bucket with two minutes left in the first half. Over that final two minute span, the Indians got baskets from Burba and Wesley to head into the break with a 26-22 lead.

The third quarter began with some sloppy play on both ends and some ice-cold shooting from the Indians. Fairfield tied the score at 26 on two baskets from Connor Priest and it took nearly three minutes for Peebles to get on the board, when buckets by Alan McCoy and Dawson Mills made it 30-26.

A alter three-point by Johnson extended the Peebles lead to five, but another Zink triple closed that gap to 35-32. At that point, it looked like the next Peebles run might be a clincher, as the Indians scored seven straight, with

three-point Peebles advantage. A potential game-tying three-point in the final seconds by the Lions was off-target and the Indians had made a successful return to the court, holding off the Lions for the 57-54 victory.

"It's almost like we're starting our season now and we've got to come out and work and try to get better every game," said Coach Arey. "We've got 10 conference games left to play before tournament so it's enough time for us to get where we need to be as a basketball team. You never want to be in this situation but it's where we're at and I think we will work through it all."

The Indians improved to 4-3 on the season, 2-1 in the SHAC with a whole bunch of conference games to still be played. Continuing a fine senior season, Oakley Burba topped the winners with 22 points, a total that included a perfect 8 for 8 from the free throw line. The inside duo of Alan McCoy and Easton Wesley also came up big for the Tribe, combining for 22 points, 14 for McCoy and 8 for Wesley. Brock Johnson also gave the Indians solid minutes off the bench on both ends, garnering 6 points on a pair of three-pointers.

"Easton and Alan inside are just so strong and long and active around the boards," said Arey. "When we can play inside out and stay out of foul trouble, we can compete. Oakley has really picked his game up here in the last month and I think he will continue to do so."

On the strength of six three-point goals, Koben Zink led the Lions with 22 points. Reece Teeters also hit double figures with 12 for the visitors.

Fairfield
13 9 16 16 —54

Peebles
13 13 20 11 —57

Fairfield (54): Zimmerman 1 1-1 3, Mootz 1 0-0 3, Zink 8 0-1 22, Bentley 1 0-3 3, Teeters 5 1-2 12, Watson 1 0-0 2, Priest 4 1-2 9, Team 21 3-9 54. Peebles (57): Mills 3 0-0 7, Burba 6 8-8 22, Johnson 2 0-0 6, McCoy 6 2-4 14, Wesley 4 0-2 8, Team 21 10-14 57.

Three-Point Goals:
Fairfield (8): Zink 6, Mootz 1, Teeters 1.
(Peebles (5): Mills 1, Johnson 2, Burba 2



After a steal, North Adams' Sierra Kendall, left, ended the first quarter with this acrobatic layup over the outstretched arms of Eastern's Mackenzie Gloff. (Photo by Mark Carpenter)

SHAC GIRLS

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As expected, the two teams battled back and forth out of the locker room, neither able to lead by more than a single basket, but the second half turned out to be an offensive disaster for the Lady Devils. Facing an uncharacteristic Eastern zone, the North Adams offense struggled for good looks at the rim and when they got those, nothing fell.

With 2:33 left in the third period, a pair of Mackenzie Gloff free throws gave the lead back to Eastern at 28-27 and they never lost if from that point forward. A Gloff put back and a steal and score from Rylee Leonard were also part of a 6-0 run that totally changed the game's momentum and gave the Lady Warriors a five-point lead. The Lady Devils got a late three-pointer from Kendall to trail by just two at 32-30 after three quarters, but even with the slim margin, on could sense the home team taking control.

"I don't use a zone much but it worked for us tonight," said Eastern Head

coach Kevin Pickerill in a postgame radio interview with C103. "The girls did a great job of closing out with 'hands high', something we had been stressing in practice. I'm really proud of our girls, it was a total team effort."

That momentum shift turned out to be the case in the final quarter as the North Adams offense woes continued and Eastern's Emma Brown too over, scoring six points that helped the Lady Warriors extended their lead out to double digits at 40-30.

The Lady Devils tried to put together a late rally but time wasn't on their side. A 5-0 run drew the visitors to within 40-36 but that was as close as they could get. A pair of Leonard free throws and a bucket by Prime put the final nails in the coffin as the Lady Warriors improved to 18-2 on the season and caught up with North Adams in the SHAC standings, taking the well-earned 44-37 victory.

"We just couldn't make anything happen on offense in that second half," said North Adams head coach Rob Davis. "We had some shots that were halfway down but just came out. We

passed up some open looks to try and get the ball inside. I was happy with our defensive effort but when the couple of times we lost track of (Emma) Brown and let her get behind us."

Wylie Shipley led the Lady Devils in the loss with 15 points, with Delaney Harper adding a double-double of 10 points and 17 rebounds.

The winning Lady Warriors were led by 12 points from Rylee Leonard and 10 from Mackenzie Gloff.

After having games slated for Monday and Tuesday night cancelled, the Lady Devils will be back in action on Thursday, Feb. 4 in another huge conference game, traveling to Peebles to face the 12-1 Lady Indians.

North Adams
17 7 6 7 —37
Eastern Brown
13 9 10 12 —44

N. Adams (37): B. Jones 1, Shipley 15, Harper 10, Kendall 7, Buttlerwerth 2, Call 2.

E. Brown (44): Leonard 12, Gloff 10, Brown 7, Prime 8, Dotson 7

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SECTIONAL

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again in the district semi-finals. It will not be until the district finals that a neutral site will be used and at the time of the draw, those sites had not been determined.

Beginning in Division IV, AEP Ohio's 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 rates zones.

The Lady Indians will be heavily favored in that sectional title contest and if they should advance, they will host a Division IV semi-final game on Thursday, Feb. 25, also a 7 p.m. start. The likely opponent, if the seeds hold, will be #3 seeded Gloucester Trimble (14-3).

"I figured we would land

there," said Peebles head coach Billie Jo Justice. "We will just need to take one game at a time, never overlooking anything, and be ready to go."

Also in Division IV, the 6-11 Manchester Lady Hounds are a #11 seed and the Lady Hounds, who have seemingly been snake-bitten all season, will be on the road on Feb. 20 for a sectional semi-final contest at #6 seeded Paint Valley (10-6). If the Manchester girls spring an upset, they will move to the sectional finals on Feb. 25, where the likely opponent will be the aforementioned Trimble Lady Tomcats in a 7 p.m. tip off.

"It's about what we expected in regards to our seed," said Manchester head coach John Kennedy. "I wasn't sure if they would put us 11 or 12, but I figured we would play Paint Valley, South Webster, or Belpre. Hopefully we will be at full strength by then."

In Division III, the 13-2 North Adams Lady Devils will be a #2 seed, with home games possible all the way to the district finals. Looking to repeat their Elite Eight performance of last

season, the Lady Devils will begin sectional tournament play on Saturday, Feb. 13, hosting #31 seed Portsmouth in the super sectional draw. A win there sends North Adams to the sectional finals, where they would host the winner of #15 seed Lynchburg (9-9) and #18 seed Ironton (6-8). That game would be in Seaman on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

If the Lady Devils claim another sectional crown, they will host a Div. III district semi-final on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. Again if the seeds hold, their likely opponent would be #7 seed Adena (13-2).

Lastly in Division III, Coach J.R. Kirker and his 1-10 West Union Lady Dragons face an uphill battle in their sectional opener. On Feb. 13, the Lady Dragons will cross the county border to face the #3 seeded Eastern Lady Warriors (18-2). That sectional semi-final battle between two Southern Hills Athletic Conference squads will tip off at 7 p.m.

"Ticket information for all of these tournament games is available through the respective schools

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Kerr, Popovich hoping for more unity

Mark Medina
USA TODAY

The two accomplished NBA coaches have spent the past four years criticizing President Donald Trump for his divisive and racially charged rhetoric.

As time passed, San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich and Golden State Warriors coach Steve Kerr lambasted Trump for his handling of the coronavirus pandemic, for inciting a riot at the Capitol and for frequently chastising professional athletes who protest systemic racism. Now that Joe Biden has been inaugurated and Trump has left the White House, what change awaits?

"I don't know. We'll see. Obviously President Biden has a big job on his hands. But the big one is really trying to settle the country down and settle a lot of this anger down and hopefully unify people," Kerr said before Wednesday's game against the Spurs. "There's a lot of work to be done, and it's not just him. It's everybody's responsibility to treat each other well with empathy and respect and civility. Hopefully his example can lead to other people following suit. But there are a whole host of issues that need to be addressed."

"He's got a lot of work ahead of him." There is a lot of work indeed.

More than 400,000 people have died from the virus, and the vaccine rollout has recently started. More than 12.6 million people are unemployed. After the Black Lives Matter protests that decry police shootings or killings of unarmed Black people, Biden is expected to try to enact significant reforms to reduce systemic racism in law enforcement, criminal justice, education and the private



Warriors head coach Steve Kerr and Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich meet after a 2019 game.

CARY EDMONDSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

sector.

Though the Democratic Party has a majority in both the House and Senate, however, they are expected to face a resistant Republican Party that mostly approved of Trump's economic, foreign and immigration policies and downplayed his rhetoric.

No wonder Popovich said, "I'm not that all knowing to understand what might happen" with Biden as president

and Kamala Harris as vice president.

But Popovich maintained confidence that "President Biden and Vice President Harris will do everything they can to make it a better country for all the better citizens to move us forward and try to get closer to that ultimate goal of a more perfect union."

The reason for Popovich's optimism? He pointed to their unifying rhetoric that he believes also reflects their char-

acter.

"He's a decent man who really genuinely cares about people. I think that's huge," Popovich said of Biden. "I also believe he understands the concept of service before self. I think he's got the courage to understand he has awesome responsibilities that he will honor and he wants the job. He wants to do that job."

Popovich and Kerr watched portions of the inauguration on Wednesday before and after their teams' morning shootarounds. Because of that historic occasion, the Warriors plan to wear Oakland-themed jerseys against San Antonio in nod to Harris' hometown roots.

Whether Popovich and Kerr continue to speak out on politics during the Biden administration remains to be seen. Popovich said he mostly kept his views about racism, social justice and the Iraq war private other than having internal talks with his team. But leading up to Trump's election in 2016, the coach spoke out about Trump's divisive words and policies. Kerr and others followed suit.

"I don't think I ever would've felt comfortable speaking out until Pop's example," Kerr said. "I think he gave me and a lot of people the courage to speak when we felt we had something to say that might be helpful or important. I don't remember many coaches speaking out on political issues and social issues during my playing career. Part of this movement that you're seeing and that we've seen in the last decade in particular in sports, I think Pop is one of the key figures in helping that happen."



Grizzlies forward Brandon Clarke (15) dunks ahead of Suns guard Chris Paul (3) in the first half on Monday in Memphis, Tenn. BRANDON DILL/AP

NBA pushes back 3 more Grizzlies games

Tim Reynolds
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Memphis Grizzlies are the latest NBA team that will have a coronavirus-related extended break from games, after the league announced Thursday that their next three contests will be postponed because of a lack of available players.

Friday's game at Portland, along with home games Sunday and Monday against Sacramento, were pushed back, the NBA said. That decision came one day after the Grizzlies' game at Portland, scheduled for Wednesday, was also called off.

"The games are being postponed due to unavailable players for the Grizzlies and contact tracing for other players on their roster, and in order to ensure the health and safety of players on both teams," the NBA said.

Memphis is assured of what will be no less than a nine-day break. The Grizzlies played Monday against Phoenix — getting their fifth straight win to improve to 7-6 and get over the .500 mark for the first time this season. The

earliest they'll play again is Jan. 27 against Chicago.

The three additional postponements bring the total of games that have been postponed so far this season to 20, with all but one of those coming since Jan. 10. Washington — which will go at least 13 days between games after a half-dozen of its players tested positive — has seen six games called off, and Memphis has now had five of its games pushed back.

Postponed games, when possible, will be made up in the second half of the season that starts March 11 and runs through May 16. It's unclear how many will actually be rescheduled; the Wizards, for example, are looking at potentially playing 41 games in those 67 days, while the Grizzlies would in theory have to play 40 games in that span.

Players who test positive must undergo a battery of exams before being cleared to return to play, such as cardiac tests.

Those ruled out by contact tracing may return after a quarantine period, provided they continue to test negative for COVID-19.

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Macke, an ABC 'Person of Week'



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The late Dorothy Macke — owner of the former Dot's Dinetto on West Liberty Street in Wooster — was honored for her work in sheltering the homeless back in 1990. She was named Person of the Week on ABC's "World News Tonight."

At the time, local service providers estimated that since she began her mission on Dec. 14, 1941, Macke had housed some 10,000 people in need of room and board at her home on Mulberry Street.

"Also, when she had the restaurant," explained one reader, "the local chapter of the Salvation Army would send transients there for a meal while they waited for a bus out of town."

Church timeline

The following list of churches and the year they were established was compiled using information gleaned from local ministers back in 1958, along with historical records and other research:

Bethany Baptist, 1812; First Presbyterian, 1815; Methodist, 1816; Trinity United Church of Christ, 1819; Central Christian, 1835; Zion Lutheran, 1840; St. James Episcopal, 1840; St. Mary Catholic, 1847; First Church of God, 1848; Westminster Presbyterian, 1874; Second Baptist, 1892; Christ Scientist, 1910; Kneseth Israel, 1926; Four Square, 1929;

Nazarene, 1930; Seventh Day Adventist, 1935; First Brethren, 1939; Christian Missionary, 1941; Menmonite, 1944; Baptist Temple, 1950; Assembly of God, 1952; Church of Christ, 1957.

By the way, Father Fridolin Ankley served as pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wooster for 49 years — from 1865-1914 — a record for any Wooster minister.

Great chips

After a recent mention of Wooster Potato Chips, Eldon Young called to say how much he appreciated being able to stop by the small factory on Spruce Street to get a large 16-ounce bag of fresh chips.

"They'd place them in a brown paper bag and staple it," he explained.

"Often," Bonnie Franks of Florida recalled in a past column, "my mom would give us 50 cents so we could go next door and buy a grocery bag full of Wooster Potato Chips. The chips were usually still warm when we bought them and they'd just been salted. They were absolutely wonderful."

"But," she added, "by the time we got the chips up the hill to our house, the grocery bag was covered in oil."

1913 businesses

Several years ago Susan Zimmerman came across a newspaper story that appeared in the Wooster Daily News on Aug. 28, 1913. It listed the major industrial businesses in town that year.

"Factories," the paper stated, "like the Gerstenslager Co., the Aluminum Co., the Cataract Rubber Co., the Brush shop, the Canton-Hughes pump factory, and every other factory in Wooster are the cause of this city — which had lain practically dormant for years so far as marked growth was concerned — growing 331/3 percent in two years after the last census."

The story explained that the Gerstenslager Buggy Co. had produced 1,000 finished vehicles that year ... with the Wooster Hardware Co. having ordered the 1,000th vehicle.

Early phones

The Millersburg, Wooster and Orrville Telephone Co. was organized in 1889 in Millersburg as the Millersburg Telephone Co. and was one of the pioneer independent telephone companies of Ohio. In 1895 the Wooster Exchange was operating about 200 telephones.

FYI

The Wm. Annat Co. used to have an elevated walkway that spanned the alley between the second floor of the department store and The Gift Corner building.

Thought you should know.

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HOROSCOPES

Happy Birthday: Let your intuition lead the way when dealing with emotional or personal matters. Your numbers are 9, 14, 22, 28, 31, 34, 42.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't dwell on what you can't do; focus on what's possible. Pour your enthusiasm into what counts; it will ease stress.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A stubborn attitude will not help you get your way. Rethink your strategy before you get into a verbal battle.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Don't sign up for something based on what you hear; get the facts, and protect your assets.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Use your imagination regarding personal contracts, joint ventures and shared expenses. An equal division will help keep the peace.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Take measures that allow you to work alone. The less interference you have, the easier it will be to get things done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen and learn. The less you say, the more you will discover about a friend, colleague or distant relative.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take pride in your home and the way you live. Refuse to let anyone belittle the things or people that mean something to you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Use your imagination and resources to envision how you want something to turn out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you learn will help you get ahead. Pick up skills, knowledge, a license or anything else that can help you claim a position that interests you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider how you earn your living and what you have done to improve your life, and you'll come up with a plan that will make you happy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check out what's going on around you before you make a decision. Uncertainty will be a signal that you are better off taking a pass.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Leave nothing unfinished, and you will avoid criticism and complaints.

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, caring and curious. You are innovative and stylish.

Dancer pines for partner who's devoted to another



Dear Abby
Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby: I am a middle-aged divorcee. I recently took up ballroom dancing, which has been a long-held dream, and I'm enjoying my life.

From Day One, I have had a crush on one of the few men my age in the dance group. We eventually became best friends, spending all our free time together. I soon learned that he is married, but separated and looking to divorce. However, he has a crush of his own, and he talks to me about her constantly. We have so much in common, but he only has eyes for her.

I realize it isn't healthy for me to pine away for someone who doesn't think of me the way I think of him. Yet walking away would mean losing my dance partner and best friend and going back to sitting out dances, watching from the sidelines, or worse, sitting alone at home.

— *Dancing Away in Pennsylvania*
Dear Dancing: Because of the pandemic, leave things as they are — for now. However, as soon as it's feasible, find another dance group — or two — to

join. If you do, you will establish other relationships with both women and men, and have a better chance of finding what you're looking for.

Dear Abby: My ex-wife, my son's mother, moved out a few years back and settled about six hours from us. We did halfway trips in the beginning so they could maintain a relationship, and I have even driven the whole way a few times to help with that. Over the last two years, her interest has diminished, and they haven't seen each other at all. I've offered the halfway trip, even offered my couch if she came the entire way, especially around holidays. She hasn't taken me up on it. Our son is now entering his teens, and I bought him a cellphone. She has his number, but doesn't call or text. She even missed his birthday. My problem is, he has started to recognize her lack of interest, and I can tell it hurts. I thought about changing his number and cutting her off altogether, like yanking off a bandage, but I don't know what's best. Please advise.

— *Sane Dad in Maryland*
Dear Dad: You are a loving and constant father. As you have realized, now that your son is getting older, he is becoming increasingly aware of his mother's emotional neglect.

I do not think you should change his number and cut her off from him. She's

doing a good job of doing that herself. I DO think it's important your son knows he can talk to you about anything and get honest answers. Something is clearly wrong with his mother. If and when the subject comes up, answer his questions as kindly as you can.

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