

LOCAL BRIEFS

**Charil Fuhrer of Lexington
named outstanding senior citizen**

ONTARIO - The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc. has selected Charil Fuhrer of Lexington as the 2020 Outstanding Senior Citizen for Richland County. Fuhrer will be honored at the Bellville Bandstand at 2 p.m. today. Others are invited to attend from their cars or by social distancing during the event. The ceremony will be livestreamed on the Area Agency on Aging's Facebook page.

Crestline Shop Hop this Thursday

CRESTLINE - The Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce will have a "Back to School" themed Shop Hop in Crestline from 4-7 p.m. Thursday.

Local businesses will be asked to "hide" a picture of a back-to-school item in their business. Shoppers can pick up their card at the chamber's tent at Cross and Seltzer streets. Once they have found all the school supplies, they can return their completed card to the chamber's tent to claim a prize.

In addition, randomly painted rocks will be hidden along Seltzer Street between Bucyrus Street and Main Street. Find a painted rock and follow the instructions on the back to earn a prize. The chamber will also hand out goodie bags and giveaway items from event sponsors. Following Shop Hop, Baker 47 will perform from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Crestline Gazebo.

For details, contact Miranda Jones at 419-468-7737 or mjones@galion-crestlinechamber.org.

New print-on-demand dealer tag available

COLUMBUS - Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has implemented a new print-on-demand temporary tag through OPLATES.com, allowing customers to print a temporary tag without going into a deputy registrar. Individuals who purchase vehicles through private sales, new residents who are in the process of obtaining an Ohio title and customers who have purchased a vehicle from a dealership that does not sell temporary tags can take advantage of this new service.

Customers can order the temporary tag and complete the payment through OPLATES.com. A temporary tag number can then be immediately printed and placed either in the vehicle's back window or in a plastic sleeve in the license plate bracket.

The new print-on-demand temporary tags are being issued at most dealerships. Deputy registrar locations will continue to issue cardboard temporary tags until January.

The BMV has expanded many of its services online through BMV Online Services. Additionally, during Ohio's state of emergency, if residents' license, ID card or vehicle registration (including plates and stickers) expired on or after March 9, the expiration date has been automatically extended until 90 days after the state of emergency ends or Dec. 1, whichever comes first.

LOVINA'S AMISH KITCHEN

A bountiful harvest leads to pints of pickles and salsa

Lovina Eicher
Lovina's Amish Kitchen

The mercury on the thermometer dipped down to a chilly 55 degrees this morning. Son Joseph, 18, just came in from doing the morning chores. He said it's pretty chilly out there this morning with the wind. His driver should be here any minute. I made him an egg and cheese sandwich for his breakfast. His lunch is packed and water jug is filled. Son Benjamin, 21, left at 4:30 a.m. (half an hour ago). I made him an egg and cheese sandwich, too, but he packs his own lunch or sometimes doesn't take one. He likes leftovers from the night before, but Joseph would rather have a sandwich. My husband Joe left at 3:45 a.m. He likes sliced tomatoes, Miracle Whip salad dressing and bread, packed individually in his lunch bucket. He then makes his own sandwiches. This morning I also put salted sliced cucumbers in his lunch.

Joseph just left and I made my coffee and want to write this column so it's off my mind. We have lots of corn that needs to be taken care of today since our last patch of sweet corn is ready. I picked all the ears from the stalks with the help of son Kevin, 14. I also pulled the stalks from the garden right away, and Kevin threw them over the fence. We have one steer we are raising for our beef this winter. He looks like he enjoys the corn stalks. Now we have cucumbers, peppers, tomatoes, carrots, and potatoes left in the gardens. Benjamin and Joseph dug up another bucket of red potatoes last night, so I have some to use.

Our supper was fresh steamed red potatoes, fresh corn and cucumber salad, beef chunks, cheese, lettuce, and sour cream. We also had hot peppers and tomatoes. It made a quick, easy meal with most of it coming fresh from the garden. I make goulash a lot with fresh tomatoes as well. I brown the hamburger, add tomato chunks (first taking the skin off the tomatoes) then, when the tomatoes cook down enough, I add macaroni and season to taste. A quick simple meal.

Altogether we have canned 50 pints of salsa, around 25 quarts of pickles - some spicy dill and some garlic dill. We froze our green beans and have another bucket ready to be cleaned for the freezer. I am so thankful for everything that goes into cans or the freezer. Do we thank God enough for the bountiful harvest?

Last Friday Joe and I, daughters Verena, 22, and Lovina, 16, and Kevin, along with my sisters Verena and Susan, sister Emma, Jacob and their son, Steven, traveled to Batavia, Ohio. We stayed in a motel and attended the funeral of Uncle Abe Raber. Abe and Aunt Lovina were married 17 years. Aunt Lovina was a close aunt to me growing up. I was named after her and lived in the same church district, only 3½ miles from

them. Lovina is my mother's sister.

Lovina was first married to Uncle Toby and they had nine children. Abe was married to his first wife and had 10 children. Together the two families from Abe and Aunt Lovina total 19 children.

It was so good to see Lovina again but not in this situation. She will have many lonely days now. She is 81 and Abe was 83. We grew up always being with Toby and Lovina's family, so it was so nice to get to visit with her children and reminisce about all the times we had growing up. Our sympathy goes to all the families involved in losing their father, stepfather, grandfather, and step-grandfather and, of course, to dear Aunt Lovina. Some of Lovina's children said that Abe was the only grandfather their younger children knew.

We appreciated the hospitality of Lovina's Ohio church and friends. I met quite a few readers. We arrived back home Saturday evening safe and sound.

I'll end this wishing you all God's richest blessings.

Peach Bread

3 cups crushed fresh peaches
6 tablespoons sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ cup vegetable shortening
1½ cups sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a small bowl, combine the peaches and 6 tablespoons sugar and set aside. In another small bowl, combine the dry ingredients, mix well and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the shortening and 1½ cups sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat until well blended. Alternately, add the peach and flour mixtures to the egg mixture and beat until smooth. Fold in the nuts and pour the batter into a greased and floured loaf pan.

Bake until golden brown, about 55 minutes. Turn out on a rack to cool. Makes one medium loaf.

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Baptism and homework in harvest season

Lovina Eicher

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A busy time of the year — we are in the midst of canning season. We are filling lots of jars and freezers with a bountiful harvest. Many meals will be made from the harvest, the fruits of our labor. Do we appreciate enough what the Good Lord provides? We have so much to be thankful for, yet so often take it for granted.

Today daughters Verena, 22, and Lovina, 16, have appointments at the eye doctor. We decided to do some grocery shopping after the appointments. I want to stop at the fabric store to buy material for Loretta's baptismal suit. I have less than two weeks to get it sewn.

We are helping Mose and Susan work on their house every chance we get. They are ready for drywall in the bedroom and living room areas. The subfloor is down, and new windows and doors are in. They will go as far as they can until Sept. 6, when they host baptismal services for three young souls who will accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Nephew Jacob, daughter Loretta, 20, and another boy from our church district, Jeremiah, will all be baptized, Lord willing. How rewarding for parents to see their children

take this step.

Jacob and Loretta are both disabled, and Jeremiah has been so helpful during their instruction classes. The ministry and church members have been helpful and so full of encouragement as well. The support of a church makes our troubles and trials so much easier. Most of all, having faith in God helps us through the "bumps" on the road ahead.

Baptism services will be held under a big tent at Mose and Susan's. Their goal is to at least have the living room/bedroom and bathroom livable before then so they can stay in one half of the house while finishing the other half. RV living is getting very old fast with a 1-year-old and a 2-year-old. Ryan seems like he's turned loose when he comes to our house. He stands up, takes a few steps and freezes up. He's just not brave enough yet to keep walking. He will be 13 months tomorrow, so there's still time. He loves to crawl onto furniture and give us scares when he stands up smiling.

A reader read in a column I wrote that Jennifer, 2, loves putting stuff in little purses. How excited Jennifer was when she received a package of six little purses. Thank you Carol from Wichita, Kansas, for making this little girl's day and play-

ing time for months. The blue one was her favorite. I am sure you will get a personal thank-you from daughter Susan and little Jennifer, but I want to thank you for your kindness.

Son-in-law Mose was hurt at work yesterday, cutting his finger and arm at the RV factory. He has 10 stitches in his finger and isn't allowed to do too much for a few days.

This is so hard for him with all the work needing to be done on his house. Somehow it all works out, and I told him he needs to slow down. They came here for the night last night, and he had some pretty hard throbbing going on in his finger. I wish him a speedy recovery. Quite a few people are going to go help on the house Saturday and some help evenings. It is all appreciated by Mose and Susan. This project developed into more than they thought. Remodeling an old farmhouse can have lots of surprises and unplanned work.

We helped daughter Elizabeth paint her kitchen, which I think concludes her painting for now.

Yesterday we had four 5-gallon-sized buckets of tomatoes to put into juice. A big job off the list, but we still have a table full of tomatoes that need to be canned

into something. Undecided if I want to make more salsa, V-8 or pizza sauce. God's blessings to you all.

Garden Vegetable Medley

½ cup sliced onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon dried oregano
½ cup butter
2 pounds zucchini, julienned
3 medium tomatoes, cut in thin wedges

1 cup whole kernel corn

In a large skillet, sauté the onion, salt, pepper and oregano in butter until onion is crisp-tender. Add the zucchini, tomatoes, and corn. Cook until vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Yield: 6 servings.

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Sewer work forces road closings

MANSFIELD - Carpenter Road, from Glessner Avenue to Marion Avenue, is closed for sewer repairs. It's expected to reopen by the end of the workday Tuesday. Traffic is advised to plan an alternate route to avoid possible delays.

In addition, Evline Drive, from West Straub Road to Sequoia Lane, is closed for water main repairs. It's expected to reopen by the end of the workday Friday.

COVID-19 Impact Scholarship now available

ONTARIO - The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging Inc. has announced a COVID-19 Impact Scholarship Program for college students who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Four \$500 Scholarships will be awarded to students who are enrolled in col-

lege. Applicants must have permanent residence within one of the counties served by the agency, including Richland, Ashland, Crawford and Morrow counties.

Applicants must also be a high school graduate who is enrolled in a higher institute of learning/program or accredited college and must be pursuing an educational path that will benefit the aging population now or in the future. Students who have received past scholarships or grants from the agency are not eligible.

Applications can be found on the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. website, aa5ohio.org.

Walk to End Alzheimer's set for Sept. 12

MANSFIELD - Purple Alzheimer's shirts will be seen all over Crawford, Richland, Ashland and Knox Counties on Sept. 12 as participants in the Walk to

End Alzheimer's show their support for Alzheimer's research, care and support.

Registration is now open for this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's. While the Alzheimer's Association is not gathering a large crowd because of COVID-19 restrictions, participants are encouraged to walk individually in their neighborhoods to join the movement.

This year's goal is to raise \$65,000. Money raised during the walk allows the association to offer free Alzheimer's education and support resources. In addition, walk funds help pay for Alzheimer's research.

The walk ceremony, with the traditional Promise Garden ceremony, will occur at 10 a.m. and will be live-streamed. The site of the view-only Promise Garden location will be the corner of Cook Road and Dickson Parkway in Mansfield. Participants can drive by from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Promise Garden has different

color flowers to represent one's connection to the disease.

Go to alz.org/walk to register for the event.

Virtual career fair for vets

BUCYRUS - To get transitioning military, veterans and military spouses back to work, DAV & RecruitMilitary will host the Ohio Virtual Career Fair for Veterans from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday online.

This free virtual event is open to all members of the military community, past and present, as well as military spouses and dependents. RecruitMilitary's virtual events provide personal interaction among job candidates and employers in large group, small group and one-one-one formats.

For more information and to register, go to recruitmilitary.careereco.com.

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Revved by Sturgis Rally, COVID-19 infections more fast, far

By Stephen Groves
The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The hundreds of thousands of bikers who attended the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally may have departed western South Dakota, but public health departments in multiple states are trying to measure how much and how quickly the coronavirus spread in bars, tattoo shops and gatherings before people traveled home to nearly every state in the country.

From the city of Sturgis, which is conducting mass testing for its roughly 7,000 residents, to health departments in at least eight states, health officials are trying to track outbreaks reported in 10-day rally which ended on Aug. 16. They face the task of tracking an invisible virus that spread among bar-hoppers and rallygoers, who then traveled to over half of the counties in the United States.

An analysis of anonymous cell phone data from Camber Systems, a firm

that aggregates cell phone activity for health researchers, found that 61% of all the counties in the U.S. have been visited by someone who attended Sturgis, creating a travel hub that was comparable to a major U.S. city.

"Imagine trying to do contact tracing for the entire city of (Washington), D.C., but you also know that you don't have any distancing, or the distancing is very, very limited, the masking is limited," said Navin Vembar, who co-founded Camber Systems. "It all adds up to a very dangerous situation for people all over the place. Contact tracing becomes dramatically difficult."

State health departments have reported 1,032 cases from people in South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming and Washington. Health officials in South Dakota have said they don't know how many people were exposed and have issued public warnings of possible COVID-19 exposure

at five businesses popular with bikers.

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, a Republican, has defied calls to cancel large gatherings and opposes requirements to wear masks. She welcomed the event, which in previous years brought in about \$800 million in tourist spending, according to the state's Department of Tourism.

"I sat at a bar elbow-to-elbow with guys. No one was wearing masks," said Stephen Sample, a rallygoer who rode back to Arizona last week.

He had visited a bar where health authorities later issued warnings — One-Eyed Jack's Saloon — but said he had not had any COVID-19 symptoms. He discussed quarantining with his wife after he returned, but decided against it.

Other bikers said they had gotten tested for COVID-19 after they returned home and received negative results.

In a country where each state has been tasked with

doing the heavy-lifting of responding to the pandemic, tracing every infection from the rally is virtually impossible. But the city of Sturgis is doing what it can to head off a local outbreak by holding mass testing for asymptomatic people.

The city, which is a sleepy tourist destination for most of the 355 days of the year outside the rally dates, was a reluctant host this year. After many residents objected to holding the rally during a pandemic, city leaders decided to pay for mass testing with money they had received as part of federal coronavirus relief funding.

About 850 people will be tested, according to Daniel Ainslie, the city manager.

On Monday morning, Linda Chaplin drove with her husband to get tested in the parking lot of the Sturgis Community Center. They had left town during the rally, but the crowds that came before and after concerned them.

While the results from the test will take a cou-

ple days to process, the region is already seeing an increase in coronavirus cases.

"For a long time, people would say, 'Well, do you know anybody that has COVID?' and I would say, 'No, I don't, but I'm watching the news,'" Chaplin said. "Now, I do know some people that we've heard have COVID."

While Chaplin said the people she knows who have been infected had not participated in the rally, she said that many residents were relieved it's over.

But like many places across the country, the city is trying to navigate the tension between health and economic concerns. Some residents, like Eunice Peck, said they were not concerned about the potential for an outbreak. She rented her home out to rallygoers as a way to make extra money. She had avoided the crowds that fill the city's downtown and didn't feel the need to get a test.

"It's a very good thing for the town," Peck said of the rally.

But events like Sturgis concern health experts who see infections spreading without regard to city and state boundaries. With a nationally-coordinated testing and tracing system, containing infections in a scenario like Sturgis is "almost impossible," said Dr. Howard Koh, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health who worked at the Department of Health and Human Services under former President Barack Obama.

"We would need a finely orchestrated national system and we are far from that," he said. "We are really witnessing a 50-state effort with all of them going in different directions right now."

Kris Elmstrom, infectious disease director at the Minnesota Department of Health, on Friday advised people to quarantine for two weeks if they attended the rally.

She said, "We're expecting that we're going to see many more cases associated with Sturgis."

Jacob Blake's dad says son left paralyzed by police shooting

By Mike Householder and
Scott Bauer
The Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP) — A Black man shot multiple times, apparently in the back, by police in Wisconsin is paralyzed from the waist down and has "eight holes" in his body, the father of victim Jacob Blake said.

The shooting in broad daylight on Sunday by police in Kenosha, captured on cellphone video that quickly spread on social media, ignited new protests over racial injustice in several cities. It comes three months after the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police set off demonstrations around the United States and touched off a wider reckoning on race.

Blake's father, also named Jacob Blake, told the Chicago Sun-Times in a story published Tuesday that he didn't know if his 29-year-old son's paralysis would be permanent. The older man was traveling from North Carolina to be with his son, who is being treated in a Milwaukee hospital. "I want to put my hand on my son's cheek and kiss him on his forehead, and then I'll be OK," the father told the newspaper. "I'll kiss him with my mask. The first thing I want to do is touch my son."

Blake's father said that he learned Sunday night that officers had shot his son eight times and shortly thereafter he watched the video, which appears to show his son being shot in the back.

Ben Crump, a civil rights attorney representing the family, said three of Blake's sons — aged 3, 5 and 8 — were in the car at the time of the shooting. Crump scheduled a Tuesday afternoon news conference in Kenosha with Blake's family members to address the shooting.

The father has not returned multiple messages left by The Associated Press.

He is slated to speak at a March on Washington commemoration on Friday organized by the Rev. Al Sharpton. His father and the victim's grandfather, Jacob Blake Sr., was a prominent minister and civil rights leader in the Chicago area who helped organize a march and spoke in support of a comprehensive housing law in Evanston, Illinois, days after the 1968 slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The officers were placed on administrative leave, which is standard practice in such cases.

Authorities released no details about them and did not immediately respond to requests for their service records.

Since the shooting, anger has spilled into the streets of Kenosha and other cities, including Los Angeles, Wisconsin's capital of Madison and in Minneapolis, the epicenter of the Black Lives Matter movement this summer following Floyd's death.

Hundreds of protesters defied an 8 p.m. curfew Monday night, massing in downtown Kenosha. Some set fire to buildings, cars and dumpsters, threw bottles and shot fireworks and then clashed with officers in riot gear, including 125 members of the Wisconsin National Guard, who deployed tear gas as they guarded the courthouse.

A city block was cordoned off Tuesday, so officials could survey damage. Several storefronts were badly damaged. Smoke filled the air and visibility was low as firefighters used water cannons on still smoldering buildings.

"Nobody deserves this," said Pat Oertle, owner of Computer

Adventure. Computers were stolen, and the store was "destroyed," she said.

"This accomplishes nothing," Oertle said. "This is not justice that they're looking for."

Earlier on Monday, when Kenosha Mayor John Antamian moved a news conference from a park to inside the public safety building, a crowd rushed to the building and a door was snapped off its hinges before police in riot gear pepper-sprayed the crowd.

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson and U.S. Rep. Bryan Steil, both Republicans, called on Democratic Gov. Tony Evers to do more to quell the unrest. Steil said he would request federal assistance if necessary.

A Wisconsin state lawmaker said Evers and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who is Black, encouraged violence with their comments after the shooting.

"They did not call for peace. They did not encourage calm," Republican state Sen. Howard Marklein said. "They did encourage people to jump to conclusions and take negative action."

Evers' spokeswoman

did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Evers was quick to condemn the shooting in Kenosha and on Monday called on the Republican-controlled Legislature to take up a package of police reform bills in a special session next week. But Republicans showed no interest in doing that.

In Madison, about 500 protesters marched to the state Capitol on Monday night, and some broke windows, stole from stores and sprayed graffiti along the way. Police used tear gas and pepper spray on the crowds and six people were arrested, according to Madison police.

In Minneapolis, 11 were arrested after breaking windows at the county jail on Monday night. One police officer suffered a broken hand in an altercation with demonstrators, the sheriff's department said.

Police in Kenosha, a city of about 100,000 in between Milwaukee and Chicago, said they were responding to a call about a domestic dispute when they encountered Blake on Sunday.

The man who said he made the cellphone video, 22-year-old Raysean White, said he saw Blake scuffling with three officers and heard them yell, "Drop the knife! Drop the knife!" before the gunfire erupted. He said he didn't see a knife in Blake's hands.

In the footage, Blake walks from the sidewalk to the front of his SUV to his driver-side door as officers follow him with their guns pointed and shout at him. As Blake opens the door and leans into the SUV, an

officer grabs his shirt from behind and opens fire while Blake has his back turned. Seven shots can be heard, though it isn't clear how many struck Blake or how many officers fired.

Police did not say whether Blake was armed or why police opened fire, they released no details on the domestic dispute, and they did not immediately disclose the race of the three officers at the scene.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice is leading the investigation into the shooting, which is expected to take several weeks.

Bauer reported from Madison, Wisconsin. Associated Press reporters Todd R. Johnson in Madison, Wisconsin, Jeff Baenen in Minneapolis, Aaron Morrison in New York, and Tammy Weber in Fenton, Michigan, contributed.

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Rings

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Trust was also the transitional word Cosgrove used to describe the merits of the case.

"This case is about trust and power," she continued. "The elected county prosecutor Kevin Rings carefully cultivated this relationship with Amy Davis."

Cosgrove's voice began to raise again at this point in the hearing, as can be heard in recordings both on record at the Washington County Courthouse and within Times' files.

"Most county prosecutors will not share any private information with an individual," she described. "Mr. Rings is sending photos of his own children to a person who is both a criminal defendant and a victim, in an effort to build a relationship with her."

Cosgrove elected to not air the content of specific communications used in evidence by the Ohio Attorney General's Office to argue the case against Rings.

She chose not to quote the text messages provided

in evidence, but wrote in her journal entry the following:

"What started as an exchange of mutually flirtatious phone texts progressed to the defendant pressuring the victim to meet him in private[.] The defendant continued to remind the victim of his power and authority over her by telling the victim that he would help her with her custody dispute once the case was over, contacted the probation department so the victim would not get into trouble for being late for her (pre-sentence investigation) interview, and told the victim that he would try to continue her sentencing if it would conflict with a family vacation."

In the sentencing hearing, Cosgrove continued to opine her view of the basis in the case: power.

"This is about power and the use of it," Cosgrove said. "You have to take into consideration all of the testimony; all of the evidence that was presented. Mr. Rings could not have chosen a more vulnerable prey than Amy Davis."

Cosgrove held up a photo submitted of Davis following Davis's escape

from a physical assault and kidnapping.

"Here's a picture of Amy Davis," said Cosgrove. "She was beaten within an inch of her life. She's got bruises, a black eye. She's got bruises on her arms ... on her torso, she's got bruises on her leg and this is a man who the very first conversation with her ... he's the one who makes contact."

While Cosgrove stated that there was "no question" that the flirtatious engagement text messages were mutual and sent explicit photographs.

"She was no saint, she had a history of drug abuse, drug addiction," said Cosgrove. "The defendant in this case (Rings) was very careful in who he selected for a victim."

But the appeals judges disagreed.

"The state's theory of the case was essentially, that Rings coerced Davis by threatening her with official action if she did not respond to him in the ways he wanted including answering his text messages and engaging in a sexual relationship with him," wrote Judge Robin Piper in the final judgment entry overturning Cosgrove.

Piper highlighted five types of text messages sent by Rings to Davis: Power-related text messages.

July 4, (2017) texts.

"Legal Stuff" texts.

Sentencing coercion.

Children-related texts.

Then after expounding on those submitted into evidence the appeals judge posited that the responses of Davis via text and her testimony in April 2019 did not preclude coercion.

"The state focused on the sexual nature of the text messages to show that such caused Davis discomfort," wrote Piper. "(But) Davis' testimony clearly demonstrates that the text messages were invited, welcomed, and not something she perceived as threatening or coercive. Davis never testified that she was being coerced to do something in particular, and never testified that Rings threatened the use of his public office against her."

While the opinion penned by the appeals judge and concurred by Judge Michael Powell affirms an acquittal of the coerced conviction, the conclusion also states:

"The state clearly established Rings' behavior in multiple ways was moral-

ly unacceptable and inappropriate for a prosecutor," wrote Piper. "After viewing the evidence in a light most favorable to the prosecution, we find that any rational trier of fact could not have found the essential elements of coercion proved beyond a reasonable doubt."

Judge Stephen Powell dissented, though concurred in conclusion, noting that the state's use of David A. Wilson, a former prosecutor for Clark County, as an expert witness and provisioner of the testimony that there was "no legitimate or appropriate reason under Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct" in light of the prosecutor's duty to be a minister of justice, for these types of texts or communications between a prosecutor and a witness or a victim."

"The state used Rings' alleged civil wrongdoing to bolster its criminal case against him," Judge S. Powell criticized. "This becomes more clear in this case when considering the state argued to the jury that the public deserved better than the actions taken by Rings and implored the jury to 'expect more. Expect more from your elect-

ed official. Expect more from our society.'"

However, S. Powell agreed to the charge, even so.

"While I agree that we should expect more from our elected officials, even when assuming Rings' conduct was a violation of Ohio's Rules of Professional Conduct, such inappropriate and unbecoming behavior by an elected official does not necessarily mean it was also a crime under Ohio Revised Code."

According to Smith, the acquittal by the appellate judges applies the rule of double jeopardy, meaning that Rings may not be tried again for the crimes of coercion or sexual imposition as charged originally in 2017.

However, he said, the acquittal also does not bar the Ohio Supreme Court's Ethics Commission from further action if they so choose.

"They could suspend, reprimand or disbar him, or do nothing," he said.

Calls to Washington County Sheriff Larry Mincks for comment on the acquittal were also not returned Tuesday.

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Class

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"It's been fine with my program," he said, noting their hands-on training is outside. "It's nice to be able to take our masks off, since we're on our own piece of equipment and doing different projects."

He said they are working on the basics now and will do a pond or water resource project that's been in the works for the last

three years.

McKenzie Nichols, 18, is a Warren senior studying landscape construction and turf management.

"I'm OK with (the alternating plan), but I'd like to get in (to campus) more," she said. "I like how we have breaks."

She is working on landscaping around the school, including laying down mulch and checking plants.

Sophia Pope, 17, a senior from Marietta, studies masonry.

"It's been harder to not

be able to get everything," she said. "We have to do our assignments at home."

She's working on stone projects, practicing putting stone against a wall.

Welding student Victoria Defreitas, 17, is a senior from Warren.

"It's been rough, if I'm being honest with you," she explained. "I find it difficult being the only girl in the class of 23 boys. Being with only half of them now, I feel like I'm only with half my family."

She is working on tig welding a pipe in class.

Aliciana Adkins, 16, is a cosmetology student and a junior from Belpre. She said personally, the alternating plan is not an issue.

"My grandmother is a cosmetologist, so I learn from her," Adkins said. "The way they are split up the scheduling, you don't learn as much."

In class, she learned how to decontaminate properly.

Medical college prep student Taylor Adlesburg, 17, is a senior from Frontier High School.

"It's been a lot different from last year, but we're managing," she said. "Right now, we are learning skills for the STNA test. I think it's toward the middle of the year, but we're not sure, with the COVID stuff."

Allison Campbell, 16, is a patient health care student and a junior from Marietta.

"It hasn't been too bad. It's really different from other years of school, but I think they're handling it the best they can."

Peyton Borman, 16, a

junior from Marietta, studies sports medicine and exercise science.

"It's definitely a lot different. There's a lot we can't do because of COVID," Borman said.

They have been distancing students through most things. Students are learning to take a pulse, along with a lot of fitness tests to see where the students are. Later in the year, the test will be taken again to see how much they've progressed.

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Check

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only shot the men after he tripped and they attacked him is wrong. The first fatal shooting happened before

Rittenhouse ran away and fell.

Trump did not say which he meant by "they" — the two men he shot or others in pursuit of him. But he spoke in defense of someone who opposed racial-justice protesters, who authorities say was illegally carrying a

semi-automatic rifle and who prosecutors accuse of committing intentional homicide.

According to the criminal complaint released by prosecutors, victim Joseph Rosenbaum was shot and killed first, after following Rittenhouse into a parking lot, where

Rosenbaum threw a plastic bag at the gunman and tried to take the weapon from him.

The medical examiner found that Rosenbaum was shot in the groin and back — which fractured his pelvis and perforated his right lung and liver — and his left hand. He also suf-

fered a superficial wound to his left thigh and a graze wound to his forehead.

Rittenhouse then ran down the street and was chased by several people trying to stop him and shouting that he just shot someone, according to the criminal complaint and cellphone video footage.

He tripped and fell. Anthony Huber, who was carrying a skateboard,

was shot in the chest after apparently trying to wrest the gun from Rittenhouse, the complaint said. A third man was shot and injured. Rittenhouse's lawyer said he acted to defend himself.

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Vaccine

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in Japan and Russia. The potential vaccine was invented by the University of Oxford and an associated company, Vaccitech.

Meanwhile, a U.S. advisory panel released a draft plan Tuesday for how to ration the first doses of vaccine. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine proposed giving the first vaccine doses — initial supplies are expected to be limited to up to 15 million people — to high-risk health care workers and first responders.

Next, older residents of nursing homes and other crowded facilities and people of all ages with health conditions that put them at significant danger would be given priority. In following waves of vaccination, teachers, other school staff, workers in essential industries, and people living in homeless shelters, group homes, prisons and other facilities would get the shots.

Healthy children, young adults and everyone else would not get the first vaccinations, but would be able to get them once supplies increase.

The panel of experts described "a moral imperative" to lessen the heavy disease burden of COVID-19 on Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans and Alaska Natives, and suggested state and local authorities could target vulnerable neighborhoods using data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The National Academies will solicit public comments on the plan through Friday.



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RNC showcases rising GOP stars

Optimism about Trump, Biden warnings mix

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WASHINGTON — A rising generation of Republican stars offered an optimistic view of President Donald Trump's leadership but was undermined on the opening night of the GOP's scaled-back convention by speakers issuing dark warnings about the country's future and distorting the president's record, particularly on the coronavirus pandemic.

As Trump faces pressure to expand his appeal beyond his loyal supporters, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the Senate's sole Black Republican, and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, the daughter of Indian immigrants, sought to cast the GOP as welcoming to Americans of color, despite the party's overwhelmingly white leadership and voting base.

"I was a brown girl in a black and white world," Haley said Monday night, noting that she faced discrimination but rejecting the idea that "America is a racist country." She also gave a nod to the Black Lives Matter movement, saying "of course we know that every single Black life is valuable."

But the prime-time convention proceedings, which featured a blend of taped and live speeches, focused largely on dire talk about Joe Biden, Trump's Democratic challenger in the November election. Speakers warned that electing Biden would lead to violence in American cities spilling into the suburbs, a frequent Trump campaign message with racist undertones. One speaker called Trump the "bodyguard of Western civilization."

Scrambling to find a message that sticks, Trump's team tried out multiple themes and tactics over the course of the night. They featured optimism from those who could represent the GOP's future, attempts to characterize Biden as a vessel for socialists and far-left Democrats despite his moderate record and humanizing stories about the 74-year-



Former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley speaks Monday during the Republican National Convention in Washington, D.C. SUSAN WALSH/AP

old man who sits in the Oval Office.

Trump and a parade of fellow Republicans misrepresented Biden's agenda through the evening, falsely accusing him of proposing to defund police, ban oil fracking, take over health care, open borders and raise taxes on most Americans. They tried to assign positions of the Democratic left to a middle-of-the-road candidate who explicitly rejected many of the party's most liberal positions through the primaries.

The opening night of the four-day convention reflected the rising urgency fueling Trump's push to reshape a presidential contest that he's losing, at least for now, with Election Day just 10 weeks away.

Biden and his running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, are keeping a relatively low profile this week. In a tweet Monday night, Biden told supporters to "stay focused."

The emphasis on diversity at Trump's convention was an acknowledgment he must expand his coalition beyond his largely white base. Polling shows that Black Americans continue to be overwhelmingly negative in their assessments of the president's performance, with his approval around 1 in 10 over the course of his presidency, ac-

cording to Gallup polling.

One of several African Americans on Monday night's schedule, former football star Herschel Walker, defended the president against those who call him a racist.

"It hurts my soul to hear the terrible names that people call Donald," Walker said. "The worst one is 'racist.' I take it as a personal insult that people would think I would have a 37-year friendship with a racist."

But that emphasis clashed with Trump's instinct to energize his die-hard loyalists.

He featured, for example, Mark and Patricia McCloskey, the St. Louis couple charged with felonies for pointing guns at what prosecutors deemed nonviolent Black Lives Matter protesters marching past their home.

"What you saw happen to us could just as easily happen to any of you who are watching from quiet neighborhoods around our country," Patricia McCloskey said, sitting on a couch in a wood-paneled room.

"They've actually charged us with felonies for daring to defend our home," her husband said.

And Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida said Democrats will "disarm you, empty the

prisons, lock you in your home and invite MS-13 to live next door."

Trump's political future may depend on his ability to convince voters that America is on the right track, even as the coronavirus death toll exceeds 177,000 and pandemic-related job losses also reach into the millions.

Trump and his supporters touted his response to the pandemic while standing alongside front-line workers in the White House.

Organizers repeatedly sought to cast Trump as an empathetic figure, borrowing a page from the Democrats' convention playbook a week ago that effectively highlighted Biden's personal connection to voters.

Those cheering Trump's leadership on the pandemic included a coronavirus patient, a small-business owner from Montana and a nurse practitioner from Virginia.

"As a health care professional, I can tell you without hesitation, Donald Trump's quick action and leadership saved thousands of lives during COVID-19," said Amy Ford, a registered nurse who was deployed to New York and Texas to fight the coronavirus.

The first day of the 2020 Republican convention began early in the day as Trump and Vice President Mike Pence were renominated by delegates who gathered in Charlotte, the city originally selected to host the convention before the pandemic struck.

Trump paid a surprise visit to the city, where he warned delegates that the only way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election," raising anew his unsupported concerns about Americans' expected reliance on mail voting during the pandemic. Experts say mail voting has proven remarkably secure.

The fact the Republicans gathered at all stood in contrast to the Democrats, who held an all-virtual convention last week. The Democratic programming included a well-received roll call video montage featuring diverse officials from across the nation.

The Republicans spoke from the ballroom in Charlotte and were overwhelmingly white before the proceedings moved to Washington for prime time.

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Schools

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Monday was a transition day for students in kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades. As part of the re-opening plan, only children in group A were required to attend school.

Due to the student population being divided into groups, only 104 ninth-graders were in the building, confirmed Musbach-Wellman.

Along with the teachers and Musbach-Wellman, Superintendent Ron Jarussi was also greeting students at the doors. Despite the strange circumstances, he was happy for the first day.

"It's finally here," he said. "I'm excited to be back in school and see the students again."

'Ready to rock-n-roll'

Seventh grade language arts teacher Zane Urghart said one of the reasons he is happy schools are open again is because a school building can be a place where students can escape an unstable home life. Children may not have enough to eat at home, or may be neglected, he added.

"These are things we can't see unless we're here at school," Urghart said.

Even though the teacher knows the first few weeks of school will be stressful, he is prepared for teaching



Marion Harding High School is welcoming back ninth-graders as part of a transition day. This is the first time students are allowed back at school since March when the pandemic hit. MICAH WALKER

in the classroom again.

"I'm ready to rock-n-roll!" he said.

Meanwhile, new Grant Principal Chris Saiben is learning to lead a school through a pandemic during his first year with Marion City Schools. The educator, who was formerly an assistant principal at Westerville North High School, said preparing kids to come back to school has been a team effort with him and his staff,

with the main priority being keeping everyone safe.

"That's what teachers and educators do, they take the circumstances that they're in and they try to make the most of it," Saiben said. "So, with me here, it's an opportunity to lead and help make Grant the best school it can be."

The principal said the school would normally have about 400 sixth graders in attendance on the first day of school, but with students coming on different days or participating in online school, between 125-150 sixth grade students were in the building.

"What we do best is teach kids," Saiben said. "And when we have kids in the building, that's our comfort zone."

'I just want to graduate'

Tuesday morning looked a little more normal in schools across the district, as students in all other grades in group A had their first day. This includes high school students Sydney Jackson and Hunter Combs. Combs, a junior at Harding, is back in Marion after living in eastern Ohio for two years. He said "it's complicated" being back at school with the pandemic and getting used to a new school.

Jackson, a senior, said while she is happy to be back, she believes her final year of high school will be as fun due to the coronavirus.

"I just want to graduate 'cause I can't imagine having a homecoming or prom," she said.

Trafficking

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pleaded not guilty to all charges. Bond was continued at \$50,000 as previously set in Marion Municipal Court, according to online court records.

Davis is currently incarcerated at the Multi-County Correctional Center in Marion.

Adkins said this marks the "second time in recent months" that MARMET has executed a search warrant for drug trafficking at America's Best Value Inn in Marion. In May, agents and deputies arrested two people and seized 71 grams of suspected crack cocaine during a warrant search at the hotel.

"A lot of hotels are used for drug trafficking because it's not (the traffickers') residence," Adkins said. "Drug trafficking in the local hotels has always been an issue, though. This hotel seems to be used quite a bit. Why that is, I don't know. But this hotel definitely has the attention of law enforcement as well as the administrators of the drug task force."

More indictments issued

The following individuals were indicted by the Marion County grand jury when it convened on Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Marion County Common Pleas Court:

Elishia M. Welsh, 35, Marion, on one count of illegal conveyance of drug of abuse onto a detention facility, a third-degree felony. According to the indictment, Welsh allegedly attempted to take drugs into a detention facility on Aug. 22.

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Livestock auction closes Jefferson County Junior Fair

By ESTHER MCCOY
For The Times Leader

SMITHFIELD - Prices did not go as high for purchases at the Jefferson County Junior Fair livestock auction this weekend as they did in 2019, with an exception of one pen of three rabbits that were raised by Autumn Grafton of 4-H Varieties, who received reserve champion.

The purchase of \$1,200 was for an "Aunt Barb" in Tennessee and the high bid was made by Joelle Bense, her niece.

Last year's reserve pen sold for \$600. The highest price for one pen in 2019 was \$1,000.

The grand champion market steer sold for \$8.60 per pound this year, with Curry Drilling the buyer. It was raised by Shelby Robinson of Wildwood Critters, and the honor stayed in the family as Gage Robinson, her brother had the top steer in 2019.

It was bittersweet, because Larry Mercer, their grandfather and a member of the fair board for many years, died this year.

The 2020 reserve champion sold for \$7.60 per pound to Frank's Bar and Grill, while the 2019 animal sold for \$3.25. Owen Long, an independent, was third overall and received \$2.50 per



Photo by ESTHER MCCOY

CURRY DRILLING was the buyer of the 1,352-pound grand champion market steer at the Jefferson County Junior Fair livestock auction at \$8.60 per pound. Among those on hand were Ed and Shelley Vahalik, buyers; Harleigh Schaffer, 2020 junior fair queen; Gage Robinson, brother; and Shelby Robinson of Wildwood Critters, who raised the animal.

pound from J.J. Sales and Service. Cameron Best of Free Spirits 4-H had the best rate of gain for the 1,609-pound steer, purchased by Professional Service for \$2.50 per pound. Corey Randolph of Wildwood Critters had the 1,153-pound best bred champion, purchased for \$3.35 per pound by

Buckeye Mechanical.

The sale started with pens of three meat chickens and Blake Moran of Broken Fences had the grand champion and reserve pens. Encino was the buyer of the grand champion chickens at \$450, and Debbie Martin and Zoey Zoellick purchased the reserve pen for \$350.

Johanna George of Town and Country raised the grand champion pen of two market ducks, with Access Valley the buyer at \$525. Aiden Cooper of Happy Hooves and Fancy Feathers had the reserve pen, with Encino the buyer at \$750. Paul Pasco of Happy Hooves and Fancy Feathers raised the grand champion meat goose, with MarkWest the buyer at \$475. The price was \$1,000 in 2019. Lamont McCoy was the buyer of the reserve market goose at \$525. It was \$600 last year.

Ian Latynski of Town and Country 4-H had the grand champion meat turkey that was bought by Morelli Brothers at \$775. The 2019 price was \$1,050. The reserve champion was raised by Bryson Matten of Country Road Runners, and purchased by Encino for \$350. It went for \$1,200 in 2019.

The grand champion market rabbits were sold for \$550 to Toni Moreland of State Farm Insurance and were raised by Alayna Starr of Happy Hooves and Fancy Feathers. She had the 2019 grand champions as well.

The Fomenko brothers, both of Country Classics, took both titles for market goats, Logan had the grand champion that brought \$675 from D&J Sales, and Lane had the

reserve goat that brought \$600 from MarkWest Energy.

Caleb Miller of Windy Ridge 4-H raised the 148-pound market lamb that sold for \$22.75 per pound to David Scarpone. The reserve lamb brought \$12 per pound for Guilianna Prologo of Sunrise Lads and Lasse. Colerain Market was the buyer.

Molly King of Free Spirits 4-H, raised the 275-pound grand champion market hog purchased at \$16.50 per pound by Mike and Walter Keyster. Amanda Boring of Free Spirits raised the 286-pound hog that was purchased by Tri-State Financial Services at \$13 per pound.

Colby Smith of Buckeye Variety Livestock raised the 685-pound dairy feeder calf steer that sold for \$275 pounds to Birney Auctions.

The auction went along smoothly with only having a grand and reserve animal appear in the ring. It was completed by 7 p.m. Saturday.

Everyone involved agreed it was a different kind of fair, but those attending seemed to enjoy it and many events were held for the 4-H'ers who stayed throughout the day. There was plenty of royalty from other counties who visited during the event. Harleigh Schaffer, 2020 county fair queen, served as host.

Pandemic hitting tourism industry in Wheeling hard

By ERIC AYRES
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have been far-reaching and have affected everyone, but few industries have taken the hit like the travel and tourism industry.

In a typical summer, the city of Wheeling is bustling with activities with people pouring into town for shows and concerts to packed waterfront events at Wheeling Heritage Park nearly every weekend.

Not so in 2020. Last week, the Wheeling Finance Committee of Council reviewed revenue losses directly related to the coronavirus pandemic for the month of July. The most significant loss was in hotel-motel revenues, which were down \$46,000 compared to July of the previous year, officials said.

That wasn't even the worst month, according to Frank O'Brien, executive director of the Wheeling-Ohio County Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is funded exclusively through the hotel-motel or bed tax revenues.

"Once the pandemic was declared and mandates were issued by the government not to travel and to stay home, the tourism industry was the first to be impacted," O'Brien said Tuesday.

Figures for hotel-motel tax revenues are reported a month behind, so the first big hit came in May when numbers were reported for April — a month when shelter-in-place mandates were in full swing.

"That was the worst month we've had in



File Photo by Scott McGlothy

THE CAPITOL Theatre in Wheeling, which is normally bustling with visitors this time of year like in this file photo, has been dark since mid-March with the coronavirus pandemic prompting mass closure of events and public gatherings. While the pandemic has affected everyone, few industries have been hit as hard as the travel and tourism industry.

the history of the Wheeling CVB," O'Brien said. "We lost about 80 percent of the income we normally would get in that month when you compare it to last year."

Conversely, 2019 had been a banner year for the tourism industry as a whole and for hotel/motel tax revenues in general, and the Wheeling CVB was marketing events in high gear.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars were put into advertising last year to bring people to the Wheeling area," O'Brien said, noting that their operation has changed dramatically since then because of the pandemic. "Obviously, the first thing that disappears is our marketing campaign."

Major blows to tourism activities came from initial travel restrictions, with follow-up punches of social distancing regulations and public gathering limits, few events and activities to attend, and concerns over taking part in activities even when all possible safety precautions are put in place.

"When no one was allowed to travel, it was just unprecedented," O'Brien said. "There's nothing to compare this with. Everybody is impacted the same way in the tourism industry throughout the country and even the world. The tourism industry has been devastated."

O'Brien said originally, the strategy to address the pandemic was to "flatten the curve." However, six months into it, he said he sees a very slow recovery process, but one that is starting to come.

"I do see some trends returning," he said. "We are seeing good indicators that people are having more confidence, especially after being locked in their homes and not being able to go anywhere for the last couple of months. They want to get out again. People need to get out. I think that if people can follow the basic safety procedures — wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing — those are things that if everybody is doing it, we should be able to get back to where we were and flatten the curve of the virus."

Hotels, resorts and restaurants are changing their routines in light of the pandemic. Public places are very strategically and even more thoroughly cleaned in their common areas, food service operations have dramatically changed, and buffets seem like a thing of the past, O'Brien noted.

"The whole country has changed, and Wheeling is no exception," he said.

Because of the reduction in marketing revenue — and for lack of events to promote — the Wheeling CVB created a new message during the pandemic.

"We continue to market the fact that Wheeling had survived a number of challenges in its 250-year history, and we're going to survive this one," O'Brien said. "When people are ready to come back, we're going to be ready to welcome them with open arms."

Traffic continues to be way down at the Wheeling Visitors Center, but has started to pick up just a hair, O'Brien said. There are events still happening, and safety precautions are being put in place, which is another message that is being stressed to potential visitors.

"People are searching for things to do at this point in time, and the better we can get our message out that we are prepared to do the things necessary to keep people safe, I think that makes people feel a little bit better in coming back to Wheeling," O'Brien said.

Although most downtown and waterfront events have disappeared, Oglebay still has successful events and is even planning a full

slate of activities for Labor Day Weekend.

"Because of their 1,700-plus acres, they can socially distance and still provide some of the amenities they've had in the past, which is great," O'Brien said, adding that Fort Henry Days appears to be on tap as well, and October events may also be around the corner.

The loss of waterfront events, as well as the regular operations at the Capitol Theatre and WesBanco Arena, continue to serve a major blow to the local economy.

"These are our performance venues in the downtown market which drives hundreds of thousands of people to Wheeling every single year," O'Brien said. "When 50,000 people come to a venue during the course of one year, the economic impact generated by those folks is \$3 million to \$5 million."

Those people who come to Wheeling for special events spend money on tickets, meals at restaurants, rooms at hotels, parking, gasoline and other expenses.

"So when we have hundreds of thousands of people not coming to Wheeling because all of the events had to be canceled, the negative economic impact is going to be long-run," O'Brien said.

Even events that originally had been re-scheduled for later this year have had to cancel again, such as the popular rodeo at WesBanco Arena, which is a huge draw and a major economic driver, O'Brien noted. The lights have been out at the Capitol Theatre since mid-March, and the Wheeling CVB is looking at ways to safely reopen it down the road.

One good thing to consider for the Wheeling CVB is the fact that things could be much worse had the pandemic come earlier.

"We used to have debt service on the Capitol Theatre," O'Brien explained. "The CVB bought it 10 years ago. For 10 years, we had monthly payments of \$22,500 for the Capitol. Had we not retired the debt last year in July and still had that debt today, we'd be upside down — we'd be in serious, serious trouble at that point."

The Wheeling CVB is a 501(c)6 private, non-profit corporation similar to an operation like a chamber of commerce. They do not pay income tax or revenue tax, but they do pay sales tax. Their funding mechanism is set by the state. There is a 6-percent hotel-motel tax in the greater Wheeling area, and the CVB gets half of that for its marketing efforts, while the taxing authority, in this case the city of Wheeling and the Ohio County Commission, receives the other half. Visitors also pay a 6-percent sales tax when they stay in the area.

Although certain federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act money was made available to non-profit organizations that are designated as 501(c)3 entities, the 501(c)6 corporations were not eligible for these relief funds.

"We're able to get through without taking any additional loans out at this point," O'Brien said. "We have that option, but our board has given good direction in saying if we don't need the money, let's not take it. We don't need another loan to pay."

O'Brien said that while the Wheeling CVB is able to cover its administrative and operating costs with funding within normal limits, the big impact from the COVID-19 impact has been on marketing, which still is an ongoing effort but is taking place at a greatly reduced level currently.

"We're seeing trends of people traveling in more one-tank trips," he said. "Within a one-tank drive to Wheeling, there's about 20 million people. So we have a great opportunity for local and regional people to find Wheeling if they've never found it in the past. We are going to continue to market and advertise and ask people to visit us, but obviously put it around the COVID mandates. That's what we're working on."

It may be a couple of years before the tourism industry returns to what was known as "normal" before the pandemic hit, O'Brien predicted.

"There's got to be some light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "The tourism industry was the first hit, and it's going to be the last to return to the way it was."

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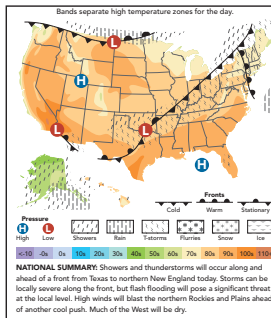
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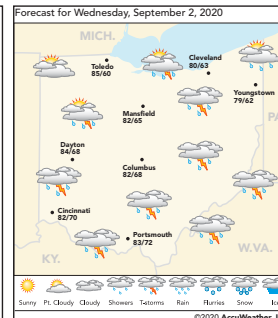
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BY THE NUMBERS

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TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1930, the first nonstop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, New York, aboard their Breguet 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

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Facebook axes small Russian troll network ahead of election

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Facebook said Tuesday that it removed a small network of accounts and pages linked to Russia's Internet Research Agency, the "troll factory" that has used social media accounts to sow political discord in the U.S. since the 2016 presidential election.

The people behind the accounts recruited "unwitting" freelance journalists to post in English and Arabic, mainly targeting left-leaning audiences, Facebook said Tuesday the network's activity focused on the U.S., U.K., Algeria and Egypt and other English-speaking countries and countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

The company said it started investigating the network based on information from the FBI about its off-Facebook activities. The network was in the early stages of development, Facebook added, and saw "nearby engagement" on Facebook before it was removed. The network consisted of 13 Facebook accounts and two pages. About 14,000 ac-

counts followed one or more of the pages, though the English-language page had a little over 200 followers, Facebook said.

Still, its presence points to ongoing Russian efforts to disrupt the U.S. election and sow political discord in an already divided country. To evade detection, the people behind the network recruited Americans to do their bidding, likely unknowingly, both as journalists and as people authorized to purchase political advertisements in the U.S.

Facebook said the people behind the network posted about global events ranging from racial justice in the U.S. and the U.K., NATO, the QAnon conspiracy, President Donald Trump and Joe Biden's presidential campaign. The network spent about \$480 on advertising on Facebook, primarily in U.S. dollars, a sign that it was able to at least briefly evade systems designed to prevent foreign entities from buying U.S. political advertisements.

Separately, Twitter said Tuesday it will start adding context to its trending section, which shows some of the most popular topics on the service at any given moment. Experts and even Twitter's own employees have expressed concerns that the trending section can be gamed to spread misinformation and abuse.

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Shoe Carnival: Fiscal 2Q Earnings Snapshot

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Shoe Carnival Inc. (SCVL) on Tuesday reported fiscal second-quarter earnings of \$10.1 million.

The Evansville, Indiana-based company said it had profit of 71 cents per share.

The footwear retailer posted revenue of \$300.8 million in the period.

Shoe Carnival shares have dropped roughly 4% since the beginning of the year. In the final minutes of trading on Tuesday, shares hit \$35.94, a rise of 21% in the last 12 months.

H&R Block: Fiscal 1Q Earnings Snapshot

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — H&R Block Inc. (HRB) on Tuesday reported fiscal first-quarter net income of \$91.3 million, after reporting a loss in the same period a year earlier.

The Kansas City, Missouri-based company said it had profit of 47 cents per share. Earnings, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, were 55 cents per share.

The results surpassed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of five analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of 37 cents per share.

The tax preparer posted revenue of \$601 million in the period.

H&R Block shares have fallen 38% since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has increased 9%. In the final minutes of trading on Tuesday, shares hit \$14.63, a drop of 40% in the last 12 months.

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Convention highlights Trump's softer side to win voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump kicked off his reelection campaign with a swaggering World Series ad that declared he's "No Mr. Nice Guy," but his campaign has taken pains to highlight a softer side of the famously brusque and bombastic chief executive during this week's Republican convention.

The competing depictions of the president come after the Democrats spent last week showcasing the campaign of Joe Biden. But the attempt to humanize Trump was already in the works, part of a strategy to win back senior and suburban voters who have abandoned him in no small part due to his aggressive rhetoric and lack of obvious empathy during the coronavirus pandemic.

Republicans went all-out to depict a gentler Trump over the first two nights of their convention.

House Minority Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana on Monday recalled how Trump sat by his hospital bedside as he recovered from a near fatal gunshot wound in 2017. Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio spoke of how Trump embraced his request two years ago to talk with relatives whose son had died in a car accident. The president was shown talking to COVID-19 first responders, thanking his "friends" for their service.

And Sen. Rand Paul on Tuesday revealed how the president supported his medical missions to perform emergency eye surgeries in Guatemala and Haiti.

Trump's tough-guy persona, built over half a lifetime in business, is well known. He made millions telling people "you're fired" on "The Apprentice" and championed his hard-nosed business practices. Recognizing that it is an immutable part of Trump's image, his allies have long worked to hold it up as an asset, both in last October's splashy campaign as well as during the convention.

"Joe Biden is a very good guy. I know him. He's just as nice as they come," former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley said Tuesday on Fox.

"But that's just the problem. We saw what happens when you try to be nice at the United Nations. Basically, everybody was running over America when Obama and Biden were in there."

Herschel Walker, the former NFL star and their respective kids on a trip to Disney World. Republican National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel did much the same, offering testimony to Trump's toughness but also saying, "I've seen private moments where he comforts Americans in times of pain and sadness."

Walker acted as a pivot point in the Republican messaging, relaying a story of how Trump — in his business suit — once joined the ex-NFL star and their respective kids on a trip to Disney World. Republican National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel did much the same, offering testimony to Trump's toughness but also saying, "I've seen private moments where he comforts Americans in times of pain and sadness."

Notably, however, none of the three adult Trump children who spoke during the first two days offered a humanizing anecdote about their father, sticking to political talking points.

Much of last week's Democratic National Convention was used to flesh out a portrait of Biden as a man who has suffered immense personal tragedy and can relate to others, including Americans who have lost jobs or loved ones during the pandemic. Testimonials were offered about the pain he has suffered — his first wife and infant daughter died in a 1972 car crash; his son Beau died of cancer in 2015. And there was considerable talk about how he empathizes with others, including a 13-year-old New Hampshire boy who, like the former vice president, stuttered.

Trump aides privately concede that the Democrats told those stories well and that it accentuated their need to showcase some sense of empathy from Trump, who has previously struggled to publicly connect with victims of tragedies, including natural disasters and the pandemic.

Mark Meadows, the president's chief of staff, pronounced before the GOP convention began that the "biggest surprises" would be moments that showed "a different side of President Trump that a lot of people don't really see."

Trump aides noticed that within months of him taking office, he began losing the support of women, particularly those in the suburbs, who were turned off by some of his callous behavior and bellicose tweets.

That only accelerated this spring, after the pandemic arrived. Many suburban voters and some seniors were turned off by Trump's perceived lack of empathy for those touched by COVID-19 and those marching for racial justice after the death of George Floyd. Campaign surveys showed Trump trailed Biden badly in how voters perceived them relating to and understanding Americans' troubles.

"Everybody in public life has a strength which exposes a weakness," said Ari Fleischer, who served as press secretary to former President George W. Bush. "Trump's strength is that he's a tough guy. But it makes people wonder, is he so tough that he's not a caring guy, that he doesn't get it?"

The new push to humanize Trump, like much of the GOP convention, is not aimed at winning over Biden supporters. Rather, it is an effort to win back some of the voters whose support Trump has lost, as well as to motivate non-voters to turn out for the president or stay home instead of casting ballots for Biden.

Democrats derided Trump's failure to recognize the presidency's "duty to care," in the words of Biden spokesman Andrew Bates.

"So much of what our nation is suffering through," Bates said, "stems from Trump's inability to grasp that the tragic and needlessly high death toll and lost jobs from the pandemic that he didn't and doesn't take seriously, and the compounded divisions that he deliberately and unjustifiably inflames for his own perceived political gain."

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By The Associated Press

On Sept. 2, 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

On this date:
In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1930, the first nonstop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, New York, aboard their Boeing 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

In 1944, during World War II, Navy pilot Lt. (jg) George Herbert Walker Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands. (Bush was rescued by the crew of the submarine USS Finback; his two crew members, however, died.)

In 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

In 1960, Wilma Rudolph of the United States won the first of her three gold medals at the Rome Summer Olympics as she finished the 100-meter dash in 11 seconds.

In 1963, "The CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network television's first half-hour nightly newscast.

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable. The first automatic teller machine (ATM) to utilize magnetic-stripped cards was opened to the public at Chemical Bank in New York. (Called a "Docuteller," it was developed by Donald C. Wetzel.)

In 1993, the United States and Russia formally ended decades of competition in space by agreeing to a joint venture to build a space station.

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

In 2005, a National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New Orleans four days after Hurricane Katrina. Scorching by criticism about sluggish federal help, President George W. Bush toured the Gulf Coast and met with state and local officials, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin; at one point, Bush praised FEMA Director Michael Brown, telling him, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job."

In 2018, Sen. John McCain was laid to rest on a grassy hill at the U.S. Naval Academy, after a horse-drawn caisson carrying the senator's casket led a procession of mourners from the academy's chapel to its cemetery.

Ten years ago: Israeli and Palestinian leaders pledged in a first round of renewed peace talks in Washington to keep meeting at regular intervals. Seattle Storm forward Lauren Jackson was selected the WNBA's most valuable player for the third time in her career.

Five years ago: Overcoming ferocious opposition, President Barack Obama secured a legacy-defining foreign policy victory as Senate Democrats clinched the necessary votes to ensure the Iran nuclear agreement survived in Congress. President Obama crossed the Arctic Circle in a first by a sitting U.S. president, telling residents in the far-flung Alaska village of Kotzebue that their plight resulting from climate change should be the world's wake-up call on global warming. In one of the most haunting images from the Syrian migrant crisis, the lifeless body of 3-year-old Alan Kurdi was photographed lying on a Turkish beach after he, his 5-year-old brother and their mother died when their rubber boat capsized as it headed for Greece.

One year ago: A fire swept a boat carrying recreational scuba divers that was anchored near an island off the Southern California coast; the captain and four other crew members were able to escape the flames, but 34 people who were trapped below deck. Hurricane Dorian unleashed massive flooding across the Bahamas as the fearsome Category 4 storm slowed almost to a standstill; the storm would leave at least 70 people dead and cause more than \$3 billion in damage.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-actor Marge Champion is 101. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 89. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 83. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 77. Singer Joe Simon is 77. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 72. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 72. Actor Mark Harmon is 69. Former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 69. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 68. Actor Linda Purl is 65. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 62. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 61. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 60. Actor Keanu Reeves is 56. International Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 55. Actor Salma Hayek is 54. Actor Tuc Watkins is 54. Actor Kristen Cloke is 52. Actor Cynthia Watros is 52. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 51. Actor-comedian Katt Williams is 47. Actor Michael Lombardi is 46. Actor Tiffany Hines is 43. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 43. Actor Jonathan Kite is 41. Actor Joshua Henry is 36. Actor Allison Miller is 35. Rock musician Spencer Smith is 33. Electronic music DJ/producer Zedd is 31.

New House speaker calls on predecessor to resign

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The GOP speaker of the Ohio House on Tuesday called for his predecessor, a fellow Republican under federal indictment in a \$60 million bribery scheme, to resign his seat and leave the General Assembly.

Newly elected Speaker Bob Cupp called Rep. Larry Householder's return to the Statehouse following his July 21 arrest "offensive" to members of the chamber and said it "brought disrepute upon the House."

Cupp's request was the lat-

est in a series of unprecedented legislative events since Householder and four others were accused last month of shepherding energy company money for personal and political use as part of an effort to pass the legislation, then kill an attempt to repeat it at the ballot.

Adding to Tuesday's drama, Republicans in the majority abruptly shut down House voting session rather than allow Democrats to force a vote on repealing the law that created the power plant bailout.

Householder, who was removed from his leadership post in a unanimous vote following his arrest, was one of the driving forces behind House Bill 6, the disputed legislation which added a fee to every electricity bill in the state and directed over \$150 million a year, through 2026, to the plants near Cleveland and Toledo.

Both Republicans and Democrats agree that the law should be repealed and replaced because of the crim-

inal charges. But they disagree on how quickly that should happen.

"We have amendments to speak for Ohioans when their voices are not being heard," House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes told reporters after House session Tuesday. "So we've waited. Our constituents have waited. They deserve to feel trust in the institution that is making the law and holds the pulse here in the state of Ohio."

Municipal Court

Speeding — Kylee S. Morris, Lima, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Seat belt — Noah P. Waterer, Mansfield, \$30 fine, \$66 costs.

Speeding — Syed N. Ahmed, Millersburg, PA, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Speeding — Noah D. Brandt, Columbus, dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Speeding — David W. Schmidt, Dublin, dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Speeding — John Zacharies, 267 West Eighth St., dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Speeding — Brid D. Sullivan, Columbus, dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Grand theft — Cody L. Ramey, Bellefontaine, bound over, \$99.20 costs.

Burglary — Cody L. Ramey, Bellefontaine, bound over, \$28 costs.

Disorderly conduct — Jill Gates, 433 Ash St., \$125 fine, \$85 costs.

Disorderly conduct — Thomas J. Novak, Elyria, \$125 fine, \$85 costs.

Unlawful restraint — Kyle B. Gillum, 89 Pin Oak Drive, \$250 fine, \$100 susp., \$120 costs, 30 days jail susp.

Assault — Cody L. Ramey, Bellefontaine, bound over, \$28 costs.

Agg. menacing — Cody L. Ramey, Bellefontaine, bound over, \$28 costs.

Hit skip — Cody L. Ramey, Bellefontaine, bound over, \$85 costs.

OVI — Michelle N. Witte, 1629 Adena Pointe Drive, \$750 fine, \$375 susp., \$171 costs, 30 days jail 27 susp.

Concentration — Kari E. Wisecover, Mechanicsburg, \$750 fine, \$375 susp., \$175 costs, 30 days jail 27 susp.

LOTTERY

CLEVELAND (AP) These Ohio lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

Mega Millions 15-25-26-38-47, Mega Ball: 22, Megaplier: 4

Estimated jackpot: \$78 million

Pick 3 Evening 0-9-4

Pick 3 Midday 9-1-2

Pick 4 Evening 1-2-3-7

Pick 4 Midday 8-2-9-8

Pick 5 Evening 6-9-5-7-5

Pick 5 Midday 0-4-7-9-9

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(Solution for Tuesday's puzzle)

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GAMES

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Nate) Moore puts together the best football plan possible for Friday night. Our administrative team with (WHS Principal) Dave Lautenschlager and all of the assistant principals and, obviously, (Paul) Salvo our superintendent. It goes all the way down to John Petro with building and grounds."

The first time that plan gets to be unfurled is this Friday night at 7:30, when the Tigers kick off the season at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium against St. Edward. It's the first of six consecutive home games over the new-look six-week regular season.

Pachis took time on Tuesday to break down the new protocols and restrictions which will be in place for those home games. Here's a look at a few of the biggest questions which Tiger fans will face this season.

Who's getting in?

The order by Gov. Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health limited the number of spectators at an outdoor sporting event such as high school football games to the lesser of either 15 percent of the stadium's capacity or 1,500 fans. The fact it has to be the smaller of those two numbers hurts a place like Massillon, which has a capacity at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium of 16,884 and thus won't be able to get to 15%.

Instead, Pachis said the school is going with a cap of 1,500. Those tickets are being distributed in a specific way: four tickets for each member of the football team, Tiger Swing Band and cheerleading squad, as well as each member of the visiting team and cheerleading squads.

All of those tickets will be distributed to the individuals prior to game night. There will be no sales on game night.

Pachis did say the school is looking into options, due to the stadium's size, of potentially increasing that number for games later in the season, particularly

Oct. 3 against McKinley. Massillon is looking into getting an adjusted plan in front of both the local and state health departments, much the same way various pro teams like the Browns, Bengals and Crew are doing.

What about season ticket holders?

Pachis said in a normal pre-sale year, Massillon's season-ticket list would be roughly 3,000. The school had sent out season-ticket pre-sale forms in the spring, and had around 2,400 purchased.

The school is giving those individuals one of three options. The first is to roll their payment over into their 2021 season tickets, the second is to give the payment as a donation to the athletic department, while the third one is a straight refund.

Also impacted are the tickets sold in the east press box, which typically go for \$60 a game. With no fans being permitted to sit in the press box, those who have purchased those tickets will have similar options.

What about parking?

There will be two parking lots utilized on school property. Admission to those lots strictly limited to individuals who must display a ticket before entering.

Massillon fans are asked to park in the west parking lot by the high school, since all of their tickets are located on the west side of the stadium. Visiting team fans will park on the east side of the stadium, with all of their seats being on that side as well.

The north lot, which is extremely popular with tailgaters, will be closed for the season. Stadium park, on the northwest side of the stadium, as well as the road passing through the park will also be closed.

Pachis stated the lots will not open until 6 p.m. on game nights, the same time as the stadium gates. Also, he stated there will be roadblocks at various streets leading into the high school campus to prohibit those without a ticket from entering.

How to get in and out?

Massillon fans will enter through multiple gates which will be opened on the west side of the stadium near the Paul Brown statue. Visiting fans will enter through two gates on the east side of the stadium.

Each ticket will be scanned at the gate. No one will be permitted to exit the stadium and then re-enter during the game.

All gates on both sides of the stadium will be opened at conclusion of the game to allow for ample room to leave. Pachis also stressed that there will be no congregating permitted outside of either teams' locker rooms after the game, with parents being asked to wait for their students in their cars.

Concessions

Pachis said the Tiger Swing Band, which operates the concessions at Paul Brown Tiger Stadium, would continue to sell those through the game. There has been adequate adjustments being made to accommodate social-distancing.

How to watch elsewhere

Massillon had begun live-streaming its games last year through its teleproduction department and Comcast. That, however, was limited to only those living outside of a 30-mile radius of Massillon.

That geo-fencing has been eliminated this year due to the attendance limits. All fans who can't attend the game can watch, for a \$10-per-game fee, by going to <https://www.massillonschools.org/LiveBroadcast.aspx> on game night.

Halftime adjustment

Part of the regulations in place this season includes an adjustment to the length of halftime. Normally, halftime is 20-minutes long, with an additional three-minute warm-up period. Pachis indicated that the length of halftime would be 12 minutes, plus the additional three minutes. That would give the Tiger Swing Band a chance to perform.

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■ An aerial view of Duncan Plaza as the area appears today.



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■ A view of a digital illustration of what a revamped Duncan Plaza may look like with a new amphitheater and walkways.

PLAZA

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The city's share of the cost is based on the bid amount, which has yet to be accepted by the local Board of Control.

A \$750,000 state grant has been received for plaza upgrades. Another \$410,000 has come in from local foundation grants, Maley said.

City Councilman Ed Lewis, who chairs council's Finance Committee, said some discussion on the plaza project is

expected during next week's work session.

Money for the plan has been budgeted and allocated, Lewis said.

"It's pretty much on autopilot at the moment," he said.

Start date

Maley suggested that a September construction start is doable. The city's goal is to have the work finished by the spring, in time to host planned entertainment events at the plaza such as the Summer Concert Series. "We'd like to get

started as soon as possible," he said.

However, if COVID-19 remains prevalent into next spring, the city may need to delay live events or limit the number of attendees.

Duncan Plaza renovations are phase 2 of the city's Imagine Massillon effort. The first phase was the downtown Lincoln Way streetscape project, which concluded last fall.

Reach Steven at steven.grazier@indeonline.com. On Twitter: @sgrazierINDE

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FLASH IN THE PAN

That peachy feeling

There's more than 1 way to enjoy these treasures

By Ari LeVaux
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A tree-ripened peach needs nothing but a place for the juice to drip after your face dives into it. It is like no other fruit, with a complex bouquet of flavors that changes from peach to peach, fine-tuned by the subtle weather patterns that are different each summer. When allowed to properly ripen on a tree, the flavor of a ripe peach is joyfully explosive, which is why the orchard that grows the world's best peaches is often the one closest to your house.

Once you've gotten used to properly ripened peaches, the store-bought alternatives quickly lose their appeal. That disappointment in the available peaches is what inspired Tom and Lynn McCamant, my peach growers here in Montana, to start Forbidden Fruit Orchard, which might literally grow the best peaches in the

world. No, really.

I buy their peaches by the boxload. Whether I'm enjoying them fresh or preserving them at the peak of freshness for later use, there are few local foods as shockingly special as peaches and decidedly superior to the imported version as peaches, and now is the time to get on it.

For both preserving and cooking, look for freestone peaches, the flesh of which easily relinquishes the seed. The other category, called clingstone, are fine for eating — you barely notice a difference. It's impossible to tell from the outside if a peach is free — or clingstone; you have to ask.

I spend the majority of my peach-eating time leaning over the sink, my face plunging repeatedly into juicy, messy peach flesh. But when peaches are in season, we can afford to mess around. Tom's favorite way is diced with heavy cream. I used to forever be on the hunt for new ways to

preserve my peaches, so as to enjoy their sweet glory through winter. I'd can them in quart jars, spending hours in the steamy kitchen blanching and peeling and sealing bright orange peach halves in syrup, or putting away pints of jam, sometimes with blueberries or huckleberries. I finally settled on peach slices in the dehydrator as



The balance between turmeric, peach and chile paste in this recipe is otherworldly. [ari levaux]

Peach Sambal with Chicken

Lots of people want to eat turmeric these days, as it is thought to reduce inflammation in joints and elsewhere. It's the main component of curry powder, and accordingly makes this dish taste curry-like. You can substitute curry powder of your choice for the turmeric.

Serves 4

- 3 pounds chicken pieces or quarters
- ½ cup fresh lemon juice
- ¼ cup sambal oelek (or less, depending on your spice tolerance)
- ¼ cup oyster or fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 3 teaspoons turmeric or curry powder

■ 4 extra ripe peaches, cut into ½-inch (peeled or not)

■ ½ cup heavy cream or coconut milk

■ 2 tablespoons soy sauce

■ Salt and pepper to taste

Add lemon juice, sambal oelek, oyster sauce and sesame oil to a small mixing bowl and whisk together. Rub the chicken with olive oil and add the rest of the oil to the sauce. Rub the chicken pieces with turmeric. Pour the marinade over the chicken in a large mixing bowl.

Squeeze the peaches and add them to the bowl, and mix it all together with your hands, squeezing the juice from the peaches as you mix. Let sit for at least three

hours, covered in the fridge; preferably overnight.

Grill the chicken — or broil, if you don't have a grill available. Let it cook until the skin blackens and blisters.

While it cooks, add the remaining sauce to a pan along with the heavy cream or coconut milk, and bring it to a simmer. Season with soy sauce and black pepper.

When the chicken is done, pour the sauce over the chicken and serve. Enjoy the glorious combination of blackened, blistered skin and sweet, tangy, quietly complex, decidedly peachy sauce.

And if you have room for more, throw a few peach halves on the embers of summer.

my go-to peach storage technique. Each slice is like a drop of sunshine, and they are among the

most treasured items in my freezer.

During the deliciously long evenings of summer,

when the coals are still warm, I've been laying peach halves on the grill, fuzzy-sides down.

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Tractor Supply opens new store in Woodsfield

Carla Wobbschall
Staff Writer

The stream of customers was steady enough to keep both checkout lines open Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Woodsfield Tractor Supply Company.

"We're excited to be here," Store Manager Mark Colton said of the company's newest location, which took over the former Hometown Shopko building.

Colton and his staff spent about a month setting up and stocking the empty building so the store could open on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Business has been good, he said. With other TSC stores ranging from 45 minutes to an hour's drive away, Colton has received positive feedback from customers about the new store.

"As we get to know the community and (its) needs," said Colton, "we can tailor the store to fit the community."

In addition, a large number of local applications helped Colton fill out his staff roster.

"We've been able to hire local people with a pretty



Judy Reynolds, of Clarington, pays for her purchases Saturday, Aug. 8 during the Woodsfield Tractor Supply Company store's grand opening.

diverse knowledge base," Colton said, "whether it's farming or tractors. So it's actually been pretty helpful because, while not every-

body knows everything, we've got a little bit across the board."

Woodsfield's new Tractor Supply Company (TSC)

store celebrated its grand opening with a four-day sale lasting from Thursday, Aug. 6 through Sunday, Aug. 9.

Sheriff's Blotter

July 31, 2020

Deputy Jones observed several vehicles at the boat ramp in Clarington. The vehicles were occupied mostly by teenagers. They were advised to move along and return home.

Deputy Jones responded to a tree in the roadway on Krebs Hill Road. The tree was removed by Deputy Jones.

Deputy Jones spoke with a female subject at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in reference to a mentally-ill subject making sexual comments to others.

Deputy Schuerman responded to a two-vehicle crash near Keylor Hill Road. Information was gathered for a report. Both vehicles sustained minor damages and were still drivable.

Sgt. Warner responded to the call of a female

walking in the middle of the road on State Route 800 south of Antioch. The area was searched, but the female was unable to be located.

Sgt. Warner and Deputy Schuerman responded to a residence on Krebs Hill Road in reference to a female advising that her son was there and was not welcome. It was discovered that the male had an active warrant out of Monroe County. The male was located inside the residence and was arrested on the warrant and suspected drugs were found in his possession. Orville Baughman III was transported to the Monroe County Jail.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a requested well-being check on a female subject in Malaga Township. Due to the high call volume

and medical history, the Woodsfield EMS responded to the residence and was able to make contact. The female was having issues with her phone.

Lt. Smith responded to a call from Licking County in reference to calls from a phone pinged near Hannibal advising of threats of jumping from a bridge. After obtaining information from the phone carrier, the female was able to be located and was using a hotline link from a social media site and was doing it for fun. The female subject was advised of future consequences if it is repeated.

Sgt. Warner responded to the call of a distraught female walking along State Route 26 near Wilson Run Road. The area was patrolled, but the female was unable to be located.

Deputy Schuerman re-

sponded to the call of a vehicle crashing into a gas meter on State Route 26 north of Ozark. The vehicle left the scene prior to the call and left no distinguishable markings at the scene. The gas was able to be shut off and Dominion Gas Company was advised of the damage.

Aug. 1, 2020
Sgt. Norman responded to Woody's in Malaga in reference to a female calling Belmont County requesting assistance finding her keys. The business was closed and the parking lot was empty when Sgt. Norman arrived.

Sgt. Norman responded to the Village of Beallsville in reference to a suspicious person replacing electric meters. Dispatch contacted the company and determined that Allegiant Utility Company

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MEETING DATES

Wayne Township p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at Trustees will meet at 6 the community building.

Mark Your Calendars!

REUNIONS

This year's Lohr Family Reunion to be held Sunday, Sept. 6 has been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Due to COVID-19, all green bean salad, apple crisp
congregate meal site are closed until further notice. Wednesday: Turkey
Delivery meals to homebound seniors will be with dressing, sweet potatoes, Capri blend, banana.
The following Friday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruit cocktail
Monday: Chicken penne pasta, broccoli,

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County Road 84
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David S. Winkler, Carole L. Winkler to RG & CS LLC, 115 acres, oil and gas interests.

John Tisher, Kathleen Tisher to RG & CS LLC, 115 acres, oil and gas interests.

Margaret G. Reeves, Donald Serota, Donald S. Serota to RG & CS LLC, 115 acres, oil and gas interests.

James F. Reeves, James Reeves to RG & CS LLC, 115 acres, oil and gas interests.

Bethel Township
Mark C. Morrison, Linda Faye Morrison to Colton Renner, 0.75 acres, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Village of Sycamore Valley, warranty deed.

Franklin Township
Bruner Land Company Inc. to Gary J. Baker, Christal A. Baker, 0.732 acres, quit claim deed.

Bruner Land Company Inc. to Gary J. Baker, Christal A. Baker, 27,303

acres, survey deed.

Green Township
Clarence B. McClurg to Bruner Land Company Inc., 15,389 acres, warranty deed.

Annette Bursley to Bruner Land Company Inc., 15,389 acres, warranty deed.

Linda G. Munroe, David E. Munroe to Daniel L. Miller, Brenda Miller, 55.19 acres, oil and gas interests.

Linda G. Munroe, David E. Munroe to Rothacher Farms Oil and Gas LLC, 2,507 acres, oil and gas interests.

Sunbury Township
Paula E. Eikleberry, Steven D. Eikleberry to Roscoe Larew, Shannon Anderson, 2,586 acres, warranty deed.

Village of Beallsville
Anna M. Rose to Timothy James McBride, Jessica Marie McBride, Lots 13, 16, 41 & 42 Wheeler and Hamilton's Addition.

MARRIAGES
Robert Stimpert, 44, Lewisville and Bridget Schaub, 32, Lewisville. Jared D. Rose, 20, Graysville, and Jacklyn R. Christman, 21, Woodsfield.

Tucker E. Brown, 27, Woodsfield, and Chelsie

N. Roberts, 25, Woodsfield.

Henry D. Vinson, 58, Powhatan Point, and Judith L. Wine, 57, Powhatan Point.

NEW CASES
Soft Lending Corp. vs. Gary Thompson, other civil.

Kayla Kernan, Beallsville, vs. Bruce H. Yates III, Bridgeport, dissolution of marriage without children.

SPEED
Michael J. Koker, Wheeling, West Virginia, 70/55, guilty, \$125.

Tyler A. Carney, Moundsville, West Virginia, 75/55, \$135.
Grace M. Smith, Hannibal, 65/55, \$125.
Elsie Mellema, Charles-town, Indiana, 87/55, \$185.

COUNTY COURT
Amanda Caretti, Jerusalem, driving without a license, no contest, \$85.

Paul W. Henthorn, Sardis, animal at large, no contest, \$110.

Ethan G. Riggs, Reader, West Virginia, possession of drug instruments, no contest, one year non-reporting probation, 40 hours community service.

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CORRECTION

Casey Hoff's name was incorrectly listed as Chris Hoff in the article "Classic cars cruise into Woodsfield" in the Aug. 13, 2020, edition of the Monroe County Beacon. Casey Hoff helped organize the Classic Cruise 'N Saturday, Aug. 8 in Woodsfield.



Monroe County Agricultural Society Notice

The annual election of Directors will be held **August 28, 2020 from 3:00PM - 7:00PM** at the Monroe County Fairgrounds Pavilion.

Membership tickets must be presented to vote. Petitions must be submitted to the Secretary of the Society at least 7 days before the annual election, **August 21, 2020 at 3:00PM**

Another week, another slight increase

From Pg. 1

"As our understanding of COVID-19 continues to evolve, we know that to protect ourselves against the virus, we should use multiple layers of protection," the press release reads. "The layers include keeping a physical distance of six feet, wearing a face covering and (practicing) good hand hygiene. Alone, each offers some protection. But, if we use all these interventions, we can limit the transmission of the virus."

The release also commented on two new Director's Orders that came out last week. One of the orders deals with the testing of residents and staff of all residential care facilities.

The order, which went into effect Monday, Aug. 24, requires testing of all residents and staff of long-

term care facilities every two weeks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in a facility and community.

The second order related to high school sports. According to the press release, Monroe County Health Commissioner Linda Dick is working closely with Switzerland of Ohio Local School District Superintendent Rob Caldwell and principals and athletic directors from each area school to review the requirements for sporting events.

"Employees, staff, volunteers and spectators will be required to wear a cloth face covering at all times during sporting events," the press release reads. "Individuals shall wear a face covering that fits snugly, but comfortably and allows for breathing without restrictions and covers the

nose, mouth and chin at all times, and secured behind the head with ties or ear loops. Wash your hands before putting the face covering on and immediately after removing it, and don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth when taking it off."

The number of spectators at sports events will be limited. The Ohio Department of Health ordered that only 15 percent of a stadium's permanent seating capacity be admitted to high school football games. Players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, band members, game workers and media do not count toward that 15 percent capacity.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine asked the Ohio High School Athletic Association to assemble a large team of inspectors, who will attend games to

ensure that all safety protocols are being followed. Social distancing must be kept throughout the sports venue. Seating groups must be in staggered rows and sections. Members of the same household may sit together, but must be separated from the next group by six feet.

"(The Monroe County Health Department hopes) the sports order will inspire athletes and the community to be careful (and) do everything they can to keep COVID-19 out of their teams and schools," the press release reads. "If (there is) more spread in the community, (there will be) more spread in schools and sports. Schools reopening and sporting events will depend on our community's actions."

Sky Blue Water

From Pg. 5

had a hope of working with Lori. The next day, despite the short soak, Lori had little evidence of a limp. Now, a week later, you wouldn't know she had ever had a problem.

I hope the story of Lori's spa treatment gave you a chuckle.

But more importantly,

I hope it was a reminder that every kind of creature is worthy of compassion and patience. Our human neighbors no less so.

Whether we're actively trying to help, or just watching a situation unfold, we can be gentle. It's the least we can do.

Caregiver's

From Pg. 5

upset him. Accept it and try another day.

7. When the losses brought on by dementia occur, those things that form the core of our personality abide. Your friend may surprise you us throughout our lives, occasionally with statements that make complete sense. People with dementia are not empty shells, and have much to give and teach you.

Society often tells us that individuals with Alzheimer's/dementia are "empty shells" with whom continued relation-

ships will not be possible. Perhaps it is because they cannot speak or express themselves in the "usual ways." As stated earlier, the core of who we are remains deep within us throughout our lives, regardless of cognitive state. If Alzheimer's/dementia affects a friend, do not decide the friendship will have to end; this is not necessarily the case.

With some modifications in your approach, you may still be able to provide each other moments of happiness and joy.

Woodsfield seeking annexation

From Pg. 1

to do something about.

The village has been in negotiations with Center Township for several months regarding the possible annexation, with the two sides coming to a tentative agreement where the village and township would share tax revenue from the businesses at the Industrial Park.

Village officials stressed the benefit to the township was that trustees would no longer have to maintain the road stretching from Moore Ridge Road back to American Mud Works. Several businesses, including GMN Broadband, American Mudworks and Safe Auto, use the road.

"We (Woodsfield Village) would plow. We would salt. We would repair," Brooks said. "Through the negotiated split (with Center Township), we will take it on, and we're good with it."

To make annexation possible, the village would have to do so by annexing land leading to the Industrial Park.

Brooks felt the best way to do that would be to travel up Main Street, staying on the west side of the road.

If annexation extended from Main Street to the Industrial Park, staying along the west side of the road, the annexation would likely include Stellar Care Center, the former Monroe County Care Center, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and jail.

These two entities are already on village utilities. However, they pay a higher rate as they are located outside village limits.

Hehr said annexation could save the Monroe County Sheriff's Department as much as 10 percent on its utility bills.

However, that comes with a caveat.

"We realize saving money on utilities sounds good," Brooks said. "The Monroe County Sheriff's Office) would be subject to the village income tax."

Any building along the proposed annexation route would not be required to be annexed along with the Industrial Park. That option will be available if any resident or business was interested.

"We're not opposed to annexing (other entities)," Brooks said, suggesting the village would be open to offering annexation to the Monroe County Engineer's Office.

The commissioners did not offer much feedback, saying they would need to discuss the matter with Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney James L. Peters.

Brooks hoped to get the deal done by the end of

the year to collect tax revenue for 2021.

"We will follow up with you in a month or once you've had a chance to get with the prosecutor (Peters)," Brooks said.

Village officials also discussed the sewer problems at the Monroe County Jail.

Debris from the jail causes a nearby lift station in the village's sewer system to malfunction.

The commissioners met with representatives from E.L. Robinson Engineering, a company that has designed sewer projects for the village, Aug. 17 at the Monroe County Jail.

The commissioners expected to get recommendations and cost estimates from E.L. Robinson in the next few weeks, which will allow them to make an informed decision regarding a proper avenue for addressing the problem.

Table Talk

From Pg. 5

every morning and everyone in the household including my dad, the baby, would have to take some to build up your body. They grew and harvested many bushels of onions. Grandma Sarah thought onions were the ideal medicine of all time. She even placed cut onions on small plates throughout the house to combat germs.

She didn't even have hand sanitizer to protect herself. They didn't have bleach. They had baking soda and carboxylic acid, lye soap. They used meat grease to help sanitize their home. They had plenty of butter from the milk of the two cows they had. They gathered the eggs from their chickens in the chicken house. I remember Grandma would tell that after they peeled the potatoes, Grandma Sarah would keep the potato peels. She would

cook them and add salty meat grease to them and give to the chickens to keep them laying eggs in the wintertime. They made it. They survived. They were here to tell this story many times. Grandma Sarah made face covering out of muslin big enough to cover the face. The muslin came from the backings of the homemade quilts she and my grandma pieced and quilted during the winter months.

Yes, as I have said earlier it was a much different time. Back then you didn't go anywhere. You stayed at home. You ate what you raised and you were very grateful for all you had. I remember her telling about how on Friday nights, Grandma Sarah tried to make it special for the two little boys. They would shell a couple ears of corn and pop popcorn for an eve-

ning treat. They would sometimes pull taffy as a Friday night special treat only if they thought they had enough sugar to get them through until it was time to go to the store.

Yes, times have changed, but we as people have not. We still get concerned. We still want to make life as comfortable as we can.

Onion Syrup
Take 2 large onions
1 cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons butter
1 cup water

Place on stove for 1-1/2 hours over low heat. Cook, stirring different times, so it doesn't stick. Drain and let cook and take some to drink. Enjoy.

"B."

Well, it is time to place my teacup in the sink. By the way, I drank a cranberry tea, so good.

Until next time, have a great week my friends. God bless, "B."



NOTICE
County Road 77
(Barber Ridge Road)
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800 feet East of TR 272, from August 31
through September 1, to ALL traffic, for a
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Janet and Neil Kinley in 1950

Kinleys celebrate 70 years of bliss

Janet (Dutt) and Neil Kinley, of Upper Sandusky, recently celebrated 70 years of marriage. The couple were married Aug. 19, 1950, at Calvary E.U.B. in Marion, with the Rev. R.W. Faulkner and the Revs. Harold and Charles Dutt, uncles of the bride, officiating.

The couple have two children, Debbie (Sadler) Barnhardt, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Phil (Melissa) Kinley, Marion; as well as two grandchildren, Seth (Alyson) Kinley, Upper Sandusky; and Lauren (Jeff) Jones, Delaware; along with four great-grandchildren.

Janet is retired. She is a daughter of the late Fred and Pauline Dutt.

Neil is retired. He is a son of the late Howard and Helen Kinley.



Janet and Neil Kinley now



Patricia and Morris Failor

Failors celebrate golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Morris and Patricia (Smith) Failor, of Nevada, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married Feb. 1, 1970, at Nevada United Methodist Church by Pastor Stanley Tippett. The two celebrated their anniversary recently with family and friends.

The couple have three children, Samuel (Dawn), Little York; Benjamin (Carrie), Scottville, Michigan; and Martha (Carl) Smith, Natchez, Mississippi; along with five grandchildren.

Patricia is a homemaker. She is a daughter of the late James and Betty (Nickler) Smith.

Morris served in the U.S. Army as an RIT operator and in Vietnam. He worked 40 years at Timken, Bucyrus, and also farmed. He is a son of the late Ralph and Ruth (Arter) Failor.

MCL to open Saturdays

SYCAMORE — The Mohawk Community Library will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon starting Sept. 5. The library also recently announced upcoming events.

Adult craft time is back. Create a vase at the adult-only craft times to fill with favorite flowers. Craft times are 5:30 p.m. Sept. 8 or 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9. Space is limited to 10 people. Sign up now at the adult activities table, call 419-927-2407 or email patti.palmer@mohawkl.org. The library will provide clear vases to paint with personal designs, whether it's polka dots, flowers or amonogram. Those who wish to bring their own vase to decorate may do so.

Story time with Stephanie also is returning. Picnics is 11 a.m. Sept. 8 and 12. Pirates is 11 a.m. Sept. 26. Story Time will take place in the community room or outdoors when weather permitting and is limited to five families, with a cap of 20 attendees. Families should register in advance, however, walk-ins will be accepted, space permitting. Aside from age or disability limitations, all attendees must wear a mask. Families will be seated together and adults will be asked to help children maintain social distancing guidelines. If patrons wish to browse for books before or after story time, they may be asked to stagger their visits in the main library in order to follow the 20 patron limit inside the library.

For more library information visit mohawkl.org.



Mohawk Community Library

Fiction

"Love In Unlikely Places" by Linda Byler. Plenty of young men had noticed Emma's smooth auburn hair and her quick intellect, but at 28 years of age, she was still single, much to the bewilderment of her Amish community. "She's just too picky," they said, and she supposed they were right. Most did not know that she had been in love once, and had wound up brokenhearted. When she becomes a nanny for an English (non-Amish) family along the coast of North Carolina, her world opens up in exciting and confusing ways. Not only is she getting used to life outside the safety of her Amish culture in Pennsylvania, but she finds herself spending time with Ben, the handsome Amish man who is working as a contractor on the house next door to where she's staying. He is charming, outgoing, strong and so bold in his affection for her. When Emma is forced to leave North Carolina suddenly, she doesn't get a chance to say goodbye to Ben or to exchange phone numbers or addresses. She trusts that he will find her eventually, but as months go by with no word from him, she doesn't know what to make of the romance they had shared. Emma's best friend Eva invites her to go on a camping trip and she agrees, only to discover Eva has schemed to set Emma up with Matt, a cousin who had long since left the Amish community and was living a faithless, worldly life. Annoyed and longing for Ben, she is relieved when Matt assures her he has no interest in dating her. He's nice enough, but he's not Ben, and besides, Emma would never date a man who had chosen to leave his parents, their faith and their deeply held traditions. When eventually Emma returns to North Carolina to reunite with Ben, her world is shattered in a way she couldn't have imagined, and she is left to grapple with her faith, her future and her complicated feelings. Why did God keep stringing her along, only to leave her broken again and again?

"Atomic Love" by Jennie Fields. Chicago, 1950. Rosalind Porter has always defied expectations — in her work as a physicist on the Manhattan Project to design the atomic bomb, and in her passionate love affair with coworker Thomas Weaver. Five years after the end of both, her guilt over the results of her work and her heartbreak over Weaver are intertwined. She has almost succeeded in resigning herself to a more conventional life. Then Weaver gets back in touch — but so

does the FBI. Agent Charlie Szold wants Porter to spy on Weaver, whom the FBI suspects of selling nuclear secrets to Russia. As Porter's final assignment launches her on a dangerous mission to find the truth, she faces a heartbreaking choice... Believe the man who taught her how to love? Or trust the man who her love might save?

"Bitter Pill" by Fern Michaels. For the Sisterhood, there's a special satisfaction that comes with helping a friend in need, especially when it's someone as dear as Charlotte Hansen. Myra Rutledge's childhood friend has spent tens of thousands of dollars on remedies to boost longevity. But far from improving her health, the medications seem to be destroying it. Rutledge becomes suspicious of the trio of doctors in charge of the program, especially once the Sisterhood's investigations reveal that one patient has died, and another lapsed into a coma. While those in their care suffer, the three doctors — located in London, Aspen and New York — all enjoy indulgent lifestyles and extravagant toys. But justice is always the best medicine — and no one dispenses it better than the Sisterhood.



Birth Announcements

Michelle and Josh Morral, of Upper Sandusky, are the parents of a daughter, Rose Morral, who was born at 8:20 a.m. June 18, 2020, at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Chuck and LaDonna Roberts. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Pamela Morral.

Megan and Ryan Miller, of Sycamore, are the parents of a son, Kaison Wayne Miller, who was born at 1:57 a.m. July 28, 2020, at Tiffin Mercy Hospital in Tiffin. He weighed 7 pounds 8

ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Frank Heinen and Jodi Perkins. Paternal grandparents are Norman and Cathy Miller. Great-grandparents are Marvin and Carolyn Heinen and Chuck and Wilma Dummitt.

Cole and Kara Johnson are the parents of a daughter, Cali Mae Johnson, who was born Friday, Aug. 14, 2020.

She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Sharon Schilling. Paternal grandparents are Kip and Chris Johnson.



Humane Society

The following report was prepared and submitted by the Wyandot County Humane Society on Monday and is correct as of that date:

Pets reported as missing since the last report that have not been found include a long hair female tiger kitten.

Animals in stray since the last report that are still at the shelter include a black and white male pit bull mix.

No animals were reported as found to the Humane Society.

Anyone missing a pet, or who finds a pet may call the Humane Society or bring it to a vet office or animal shelter to have it scanned for a microchip. Many animals are microchipped and we provide information to help get the animal back in its home.

There are several animals available for adoption at any given time at the Wyandot County Humane Society. At this time, available animals include but are not limited to, a brown and white male lab-hound mix, a black and white male Chihuahua, a black neutered male shih tzu-poodle mix, a tan spayed female Lab-shepherd, a brindle and white neutered male boxer mix, a black and brown spayed female beagle mix, a tan spayed female Chihuahua and many cats and kittens.

All pets adopted from the humane society are spayed or neutered, have their shots up-to-date, are microchipped and are wormed. Dogs are tested for heartworm and started on heartworm prevention.

The Humane Society is located on CH 330 in Upper Sandusky, the first house on the right past the CSX railroad tracks. Staff is on site from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7 days a week, 365 days a year for taking in animals. Volunteers are on duty other times for emergencies. Call ahead to surrender large animals, unusual animals, giant breed dogs and groups of three or more animals. The dropoff facility on Ohio 199 is temporarily closed. WCHS never charges a fee for the above referenced services, nor for animal surrender. Donations to help cover expenses for caring for an animal are appreciated. Adoption appointments are available from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday for a different time, call 419-294-4477.

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LOCAL STATE

Brumback to host pop-up exhibit 'Rightfully Hers'

VAN WERT — The Brumback Library will host a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, Rightfully Hers, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Rightfully Hers contains simple messages exploring the history of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, women's voting rights before

and after the 19th, and its impact today.

Despite decades of marches, petitions, and public debate to enshrine a woman's right to vote in the constitution, the 19th Amendment — while an enormous milestone — did not grant voting rights for all. The challenges of its passage reverberate to the ongoing fight for gender equity today. This exhibit

runs through Sept. 30, 2020.

The Library has several informative books on display that are available for patrons to check out.

Rightfully Hers co-curator Jennifer N. Johnson states:

"The ratification of the 19th Amendment was a landmark moment in American history that dramatically changed the electorate, and although it enshrined in the

U.S. Constitution fuller citizenship for women many remained unable to vote."

Rightfully Hers is organized by the National Archives and Records Administration. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the National Archives has launched a nationwide initiative and major exhibition that explores the generations-long fight

for universal woman suffrage. The exhibition is presented in part by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and the National Archives Foundation through the generous support of Unilever, Pivotal Ventures, Carl M. Freeman Foundation in honor of Virginia Allen Freeman, AARP, and Denise Gwyn Ferguson.



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Multi-vehicle crash causes injuries

VAN WERT — A multi-vehicle crash at the intersection of Jennings Road/State Route 116 and Middle Point Road resulted in injuries last Tuesday afternoon.

On Aug. 18, 2020, at approximately 3:34 p.m., Troopers from the Van Wert Post responded to an injury crash at the intersection of State Route 116 and Middle Point Road in Ridge Township, in Van Wert County.

John Bill Jr., age 43, of Van Wert was driving a 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe westbound on Middle Point Road, Edwin Eickholt, age 62, of Venedocia was driving a 2012 Ford F-150 southeast on State Route 116. Stacy Strick, age 55, of Van Wert was driving a 2015 Toyota Avalon and was stopped at the stop sign facing eastbound on State Route 116.

Bill Jr. failed to yield the right of way at the stop sign and was struck by Eickholt. Bill Jr. struck Strick, drove off the left side of the

roadway and overturned. Eickholt continued off the right side of the roadway and overturned.

All three drivers sustained injuries and were transported to Van Wert Health by ambulance. Two juvenile occupants in Bill Jr.'s vehicle were transported by helicopter to Saint Vincent's Hospital in Toledo. The juvenile occupants were not wearing safety belts at the time of the crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Van Wert Police Department, Middle Point Fire Department, Middle Point EMS, Van Wert Fire Department, Van Wert EMS, Saint Vincent's Life Flight, Samaritan Life Flight, Superior Collision, Hague's Towing and Straightline Auto Body.

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Whitehorse plans first milk run

MIDDLE POINT — Whitehorse Biker Church has announced the first Milk Run on Saturday, Sept. 26 starting at 10 a.m. at Whitehorse Biker Church, 303 S. Adams St., Middle Point.

"The Milk Run will be our first annual Memorial Ride for a great Man of God and Brother Jerry Miller, AKA 'Milk Dad' AKA 'Milk Bone' who went on to glory in March due to a motorcycle accident," said Pastor Slowride, President of Whitehorse Ministries and Pastor of Whitehorse Biker Church. "Due to circumstances this year we have been unable to program a ride in Jerry's honor until now. We want to thank everyone in the region who has supported the event. We have some really great items and prize packages for raffle/auction and with all of the proceeds going to support Jerry's final expenses and other bikers and their families who experience wrecks, we are asking everyone in our great community to show up and show some love and respect to a Great Man and a Great Brother!"

Schedule of Activities:

10 a.m. - Memorial Service

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Celebration of life, dinner, auction and ride preregistration

1 p.m. - Kickstands up

4 p.m. - ? Music and continued celebration following the run

Participation details:

\$10 per rider or \$15 rider/passenger

\$20 per shirt with preregistration available

All proceeds support Jerry's final expenses and The Down Biker Charitable Fund.

Preorder shirts and sizes by email at whitehorseministries@gmail.com.

Whitehorse Biker Church Mission: Taking the Lord's Word to the highways and hedges of life.

Whitehorse Biker Church is a non-denominational Christian fellowship that believes in ministering to people right where they are, in their "situation of life." Regardless of where we find them, we receive them as they are, love them unconditionally, and "sow seeds" of love, grace and the mercy of God, which produces life-changing, radical transformations.

Visit them at WhitehorseBikerChurch.com or find them on Facebook.

BRIEFS

Planning Commission

VAN WERT — There will be a Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 515 E. Main St., Van Wert, Ohio 45891 to discuss the Elks Drive Dedication.

Final brush pick up set

VAN WERT — Final brush pick up will be the week of Monday, Aug. 31, 2020.

Please place the brush next to curb and do not place it near poles, trees, etc.

The City will not pick up limbs larger than four inches in diameter or more than 10 feet long.

The City will not pick up brush that has been left behind by professional tree trimmers or private contractors.

Brush placed in bags or boxes will not be picked up.

The City will not be picking up leaves during brush pick up.

If a homeowner utilized a trimming service, they are responsible for disposing of the tree.

No season tickets for 2020 VWCS football season

VAN WERT — Due to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) guidelines and the reduced number of regular season football games, Van Wert City Schools will not be able to sell season tickets for the 2020 football season.

All 2019 season ticket holders will be able to purchase their same season tickets for the 2021 football season.

As soon as the district receives athletic attendance information, they will release ticket information on the school website (vwcs.net) and social media.

Pets available

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

Kittens: M, 8 weeks, orange

M, F, 8 weeks, black and white, tiger, shots, dewormed and vet checked

M, F, 8 weeks, orange and yellow, black and white, light gray, calico

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.

Peacemakers to return

MIDDLE POINT — Whitehorse has announced the return of Peacemakers 2020 on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Whitehorse Biker Church, 303 S. Adams St., Middle Point.

The Peacemakers Conference is a day of celebration where motorcycle clubs, motorcycle ministries, veterans clubs, charitable and riding clubs can all join together in unity for food, fun and fellowship.



First Federal pledges \$25,000 to Humane Society building

VAN WERT — First Federal Savings and Loan recently pledged \$25,000 to the Van Wert County Humane Society's capital campaign. A new shelter/adoption center is planned for construction on Fox Road. Pictured above is First Federal employee, Suzie Grimes; Deb Sealscott VWCHS board president; employees Sheila Tumbusch, Jennifer Longstreth, Connie Bassett and Tina Miller; board member, Andy Czajkowski and President, Brian Renner. "As a community bank First Federal is invested in the Van Wert community. We are happy to be part of the humane society's endeavor," stated Renner. (Photo submitted)

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through CSBG funding. Call the Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc. Health Services office to see if you qualify, 740-384-5119, or toll free at 1-800-686-4339. JVCAL is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider of Services.

Jackson County Dog Warden issues monthly report

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 monthly report

provided the following information:

For the month of July 2020, Fout reported that 33 dogs were surrendered by their owners; two dogs were euthanized due to medical reasons and 45 dogs were rescued. There were a total of 268 calls received, and 66 dogs were at the pound

during the month.

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

The Jackson County Dog Pound can be reached by calling 740-286-7262.

'Back-to-School' supply giveaway this Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

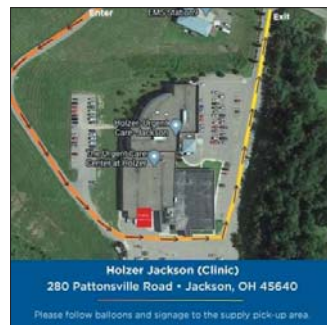
JACKSON — Holzer Health System will be hosting its annual "back-to-school" supply giveaway event this Saturday.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, parents along with their student(s) can drive-thru the school supply event to receive some items.

The event for Jackson County will be held at Jackson's Holzer Clinic, located at 280 Pattonville Road, from 9 a.m. until supplies are gone.

All attendees must remain in vehicles and school age children must be present to receive backpacks with supplies.

Please reference the attached traffic flow map



that outline the route to each supply pick-up area. The event will have signage and balloons along these routes. For more information or questions, call 740-446-5850.

CJ's Auto Show slated for Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — The 7th annual CJ's Auto Show, formerly known as D&F Auto Show, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per vehicle. The auto show will take place at A&A Truck Stop, located at 80 Dixon Run Road in Jackson. There are several chances

for prizes, and awards. In case of rainy weather, the event will be re-scheduled for Aug. 29.

All proceeds go to the Bloomfield Township Volunteer Fire Department.

JCSO 'clean up' drug activity at Mid-City Cleaners

FROM STAFF REPORTS

JACKSON — Due to complaints of illegal drug activity at a Jackson area laundromat, Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) deputies were able to confiscate illegal narcotics.

On Thursday, August 6, JCSO deputies investigated suspected drug trafficking going on at Mid-City Cleaners on Broadway Street in Jackson.

Deputies took Tiffany Gillum, 38, of Ray, and a unidentified male into custody. A 10-year-old male, identified as Gillum's son was later released into the custody of a friend.

Gillum was inside the laundromat when deputies arrived. K-9 Hersey indicated the presence of narcotics in a white Dodge Charger. A red backpack, located on the hood of the vehicle, contained approximately seven and a half ounces of what deputies believe is Methamphetamine and half an ounce of Fentanyl, as well as several small baggies of narcotics were located, which indicates it was packaged to sell in the backpack.

During the search of the vehicle, items related to the trafficking of narcotics were discovered, including digital scales and button baggies. Gillum was transported to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle was impounded. During questioning, Gillum advised that she had purchased a pound of narcotics, mostly methamphetamine, from a man in Columbus and that all the drugs located were reportedly hers. She



stated to investigators that she was selling the drugs to get enough money to purchase a residence.

Gillum is currently being held on a bond violation. The case will be submitted to Jackson County Prosecution to review and the possible filing of felony charges for the trafficking of drugs.

Marriage Licenses in Jackson County

The following couples filed for a marriage license in Jackson County Probate Court during the month of July 2020.

July 7

• Brandon Hernandez, 23, of Jackson, to Katlynn Miller, 22, of Jackson.

July 9

• Dylan Newsom, 28, of Jackson, to Morganne Osborne, 32, of Jackson.

July 10

• Christopher Greene, 39, of Ray, to Crystal Davis, 45, of Ray.

• Guy Gee III, 36, of Jackson, to Jamie Hunter, 28, of Jackson.

July 13

• James Thompson, 41, of

Jackson, to April Robinson, 36, of Jackson.

July 14

• Kevin Mango, 41, of Jackson, to Gabrielle Richards, 30, of Jackson.

July 17

• Broderick Speraw, 30, of Wellston, to Lindsay Hiatt, 25, of Wellston.

July 20

• Paul Sowards, Jr., 37, of Wellston, to Lisa Jones, 39, of Wellston.

July 21

• Cody Francis, 21, of Chillicothe, to Desiree Huston, 20, of Chillicothe.

July 28

• Luke Wilcox, 19, of Jackson, to Heaven Carpenter, 21, of Jackson.

July 24

• Matthew Rinehart, 25, of Jackson, to Carlee Morgan, 22, of Wellston.

July 25

• Chad Leonard, 45, of Oak Hill, to Tasha Hughes, 32, of Oak Hill.

July 27

• Charles Storms, Jr., 29, of Jackson, to Ashley Chowning, 33, of Jackson.

July 28

• Dustin Mills, 21, of Jackson, to Alexis Parisseau, 18, of Jackson.

July 28

• Kyle Turner, 22, of Jackson, to Hanah Johnson, 22, of Chillicothe.

July 28

• Dennis Irvin, of Wellston, to Tamar Bennett, 43, of Wellston.

Divorces/Dissolutions granted in Jackson County

The following have been granted a divorce or dissolution of marriage in Jackson County during the month of July 2020.

July 2

• Stephanie Pelfrey, of Hamilton, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Gregory Pelfrey, of Hamilton.

• Charles Prater, of Germantown, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Deane Prater, of Ringgold, GA.

• Moses Gyasi, of Fairfield, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Jennifer Moses, of Hamilton.

• Matthew Barnhart, of Jackson, was granted a divorce of marriage from Britney Barnhart, of Jackson.

July 8

• Kimberly Phillips, of Oak Hill, was granted a dissolution of marriage from David Phillips, of Oak Hill.

• Kassandra Dennison, of

Wellston, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Ryan Dennison, of Wellston.

• Stephen Ferris, of Jackson, was granted a divorce of marriage from Denver Ferris, of Jackson.

July 20

• Stacy Heitman, of Harrison, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Edwin Heitman.

• Victoria Allen, of Fairfield, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Emanuel Allen, of Hamilton.

• Sarah Lovejoy, of Troy, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Ryan Lovejoy.

July 27

• Michael Torkelson, of Jackson, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Charla Torkelson, of Richmond, KY.

• Steven Howard, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Barbara Howard, of Danielsville,

GA.

July 29:

• Janice Mills, of Jackson, was granted a divorce of marriage from Homer Mills, of Lake Wales, FL.

July 31

• Naomi Carpenter, of Maineville, was granted a dissolution of marriage from David Day, of Maineville.

• Amber Hodge, of Cincinnati, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Brian Hodge, of Cincinnati.

• Richard Hamilton, of Middletown, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Jessica Hamilton, of Danville, AL.

• Tracey Rose-Hunter, of Mason, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Arnold Hunter, of Cincinnati.

• Sara Wallace, of Middletown, was granted a dissolution of marriage from Terry Wallace, of Middletown.

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SPORTS

Henry's domination leads Wellston to sweep over Oak Hill

Golden Rockets rack up 15 aces

BY BROCK NETTER
COURIER SPORTS EDITOR

WELLSTON — One thing was abundantly clear on Monday: Sadie Henry was the best player on the court.

The Golden Rockets' stand-out hitter imposed her will at the net and the serving line, tallying more than 10 kills and seven aces in the team's sweep over Oak Hill 25-17, 25-19 and 25-22.

"What I love about Sadie is that she takes things personal sometimes, and this was one of those times," Wellston coach Kaley Lower said. "She read something, took it personal and showed what she can do. This was her making a statement. We've set a high standard for ourselves and we'll surprise some teams."

On top of the victory, it marked the first win for Lower in her head coaching debut.

"Getting the first win is great, but I'm completely proud of these girls," Lower said. "We come out and hit the ball really well, but we didn't play scared either and that's a big thing for us. Sometimes our nerves can get the best of us and we make some mistakes, however, we stayed focused and I couldn't be more pleased with that."

Wellston came out on the attack. After a kill from Kloe Pennington tied the match 4-4, she stepped back to the serving line and recorded back-to-back aces to put it ahead 8-4.

Oak Hill answered back with an 8-0 run to take a 12-8 lead, only to surrender an 8-0 run back to Wellston as it regained a 16-12 lead.

From that point on, it was all Wellston as kills from Pennington and Brinkley Patton closed out the first set.

"Kloe has definitely stepped up a lot from last year to this year," junior hitter Nevada Outley said. "She's such an important part of what we do on the floor, and she knows it so she carries that responsibility on her shoulders. She came out really strong and played great."

It was Henry's turn to take her moment in the spotlight during the second set.

After taking an early lead, the junior hitter racked up three



PHOTO CREDIT/BRIAN LINTALA
Wellston's Kloe Pennington (center) and Sadie Henry (right) attempt to block a shot from Oak Hill's Brynna Boggs (left) during the Golden Rockets' straight-set victory 25-17, 25-19, 25-22 over the Oaks on Monday.

kills between an ace from Taylor Spencer to put the Golden Rockets ahead 7-1.

Despite Oak Hill coming back and cutting lead down to 9-8, it simply couldn't get over the hump. Kills from Henry, Patton and Outley, blocks from Pennington and aces from Pennington and Henry took over the rest of the set to put Wellston ahead 2-0.

"The main difference with us is our mentality. We came out more hungry and ready to play," Outley said. "We want to prove everyone wrong and have teams take us serious. This was a good start to that."

It was simply just wash, rinse and repeat in the third set. Pennington notched a pair of kills early, followed by an ace from Outley, a kill and three aces from Henry to put Wellston ahead 15-6.

Oak Hill later made a rally behind Chloe Chambers who ripped off a pair of kills, blocks

and three aces to cut the lead down to 22-21.

But in the end, Henry was too much to handle as she came through with a kill and the final ace of 15 Wellston had on the evening to ultimately seal the envelope for the win.

"We didn't really get together as well when last season started, it sort of felt like we were alone on the court," Outley said. "But it's just a completely different feel this year. Our coaches have pushed us and worked us to be better every single day. It's a different mindset that we have, and we expect to be successful."

Up next

Wellston is back in action on Wednesday at home against Green, Monday at New Boston and Tuesday at home against River Valley.

Oak Hill squares off against Valley at home on Thursday, at Minford on Monday and at Eastern on Tuesday.

Maybe even two.

"If we get the right draw and stay healthy, we can accomplish something that's never been done at Wellston before," Smith said. "We want to win the conference and we'll probably have to go undefeated to do so. But the end goal is always to play and now is our time to win a game or two."

Wellston opens its season on Friday at River Valley.

for touchdowns before suffering a season-ending injury, returns and leads a talented secondary along with Prater, McManaway, Winters, Blankenship, Bragg and Perrill.

"Just like those guys as receivers are our strength offensively, they're also our strength defensively," Hall said. "Prater and Spires are shutdown corner type of players, Bragg and Blankenship are tremendous athletes and we couldn't be happier to have them back with us. Winters had four interceptions last year. Perrill and McManaway have had great summers so we know we can rely on those guys to make plays when the chance arrives."

2020 is marking a new era of Jackson football with literally half of the team being sopho-

more with little to no varsity experience. And with only six games to make improvements, it means players have to make faster developments, which could make or break the season. But no matter what, the standard always remains the same.

"We want to win our conference and host playoff games, it's as simple as that. That is our goal every year," Hall said. "But this year is a little different and we have the chance if we have a high enough seed that we could host all the way to a regional final, which would be massive. But either way home or away, we still have to handle our business on the field and focus one game at a time."

Jackson begins its season on Friday at Logan.

now we have to show it on the field against competition."

It's been since 2004 that Vinton County has had a winning season and made the playoffs. Although it'll make the playoffs under the guidelines for football this season, the winning record part is what it wants to accomplish.

"Do we want to win the TVC? Absolutely, and that's our goal," Bethel said. "But more

than anything, we want to be playing our best football come week six. We've been preaching a family atmosphere and playing for the guy on your left and right. We have a great group of kids and really good leadership, now it's time to put it altogether on the field."

Vinton County begins its season Friday at home against Meigs in TVC action.

Magic Act

Thorpe nets hat trick; Ironmen also down Circleville

BY BROCK NETTER
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JACKSON — Needless to say, Taylor Thorpe was ready for her close up on Friday night.

With the evening sky lit up in various colors, it was the senior midfielder and captain who shined the brightest, notching a hat trick in the Ironladies' 3-1 victory over Circleville.

"We started 0-3-1 last season, so we're already on a better track and I couldn't be happier with how we played," Jackson coach Jon Groff said. "Our defense and back line was incredible, even with giving up a goal with two minutes left. Going from a practice straight to a game with no scrimmages is tricky and I wasn't sure how we'd look, but I'm happy. We fought hard, worked things out on the fly and the girls responded really well."

Circleville played a tough, physical style of soccer but Jackson was ready for action, using its speed to find holes and create some openings.

With the ball at the feet of Macy Tripp streaking down the right sideline, she found Thorpe in open space from about 20 yards out. In turn, Thorpe took the touch, make one dribble and sent a beauty into the back of the net and over the goalie's outstretched arms to put the Ironladies ahead 1-0 with 27:56 remaining.

"I got the ball in the middle with no one right on top of me, so I cut the back and there was a gap," Thorpe said of the sequence. "I took the shot since we were still scoreless at the moment and it just went perfectly into the back of the net."

Jackson's defense continued to stifle the Tigers at every turn up to halftime and beyond.

Although the Tigers' defense were making stops of their own, they made one big mistake that proved costly. They committed a handball in the box, setting up a penalty kick for Jackson.



PHOTO CREDIT/DERRICK WEBB, SOUTHERN OHIO SPORTS AUTHORITY
Jackson's Taylor Thorpe (right) makes a move past Circleville's Danielle Jones (left) during the Ironladies' 3-1 victory over the Tigers. Thorpe additionally scored all three goals for Jackson.

Turning towards their captain, Thorpe sent a rocket past the goalie into the net for a 2-0 lead less than five minutes into the second half.

Thorpe's final trick came with 7:18 left in the game. She took a corner kick that ricocheted off a number of players before Emma Bapst got control and passed back to Thorpe.

She took the touch and crossed it into the box which hit off a Circleville player and just crossed the goal line for her third goal of the game.

"I told Taylor before the game that she was going to score three goals and she came through," Groff said. "She's a special player who we'll rely on a lot this year. We have a lot of talented players and we're much deeper this time around. We're off to a good start and we'll continue to get better."

Goalie Mattie Walburn finished with three saves while Hannah Landrum had a pair of saves as well.

Jackson returns to action on Thursday at home in non-conference action against Unioto.

Jackson 2, Circleville 1
With the group Jackson has at its disposal this season, it understands what it could accomplish this season.

Friday was the beginning of that mission as it took home a 2-1 hard fought victory over Circleville.

"Both teams fought incredibly hard for their first action against someone other than themselves," Jackson coach Lee Lord said. "Circleville is a tough team who is coached very well, so this was a great test out of the gates for us. We possessed the ball and passed it very well despite missing some opportunities. But you can't ask for anyone to start the season with a win."

Both teams spent the first 15 minutes getting a feel for one another and the way they move in open spaces, but it was Circleville who struck first.

After Jackson was called for a foul in the box, Will Bullock sent a laser into the back of the net on a penalty kick for a 1-0 Tiger lead with 22:38.

But the Ironmen countered back less than a minute later. Collin Ghearing took the free kick from 35 yards out and found Joe Crabtree, who outjumped Circleville and connected on a header past the goalkeeper to tie the game 1-1.

"We've been doing that sequence all throughout high school," Crabtree said. "Headers are one of my specialty, and being one of the taller players on the field gives me a little advantage."

Then just before the half, Circleville was called for a foul in the box that set Jackson up with a penalty kick. Ghearing took the chance

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WELLSTON

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Smith said. "He's shown to be a hard player to block at 6-foot-2 and a little over 200 pounds. I like what he's brought to the table for us and has shown an aggressive side, which you can never have too much of."

"Another thing for us is that we have a couple noseguards over 300 pounds and they're not easy to block. They'll command

JACKSON

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offensively and defensively. "Most of those guys are sophomores and don't even have driver's licenses yet, so this is the year for those guys to make a name from themselves," Hall said. "It's a complete rebuild this time after losing our entire defensive line, so there's a lot of production to replace. These guys have had really good camps so now is their time."

Mastin, who led the team in tackles with over 100 last season, returns to his spot at linebacker alongside Davis, who will be joined by Landon Erwin and Brodie Butcher.

Spires, who had six interceptions and returned four of them

VINTON

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"Defensively, we're not as experienced as we've been offensively, but I think our scheme allows us to be and play faster," Bethel said. "Hopefully at least that will be the case after the first couple of games. We can see the improvement day by day and I like where we're at, but

Obituary

Terry August Tangeman, 76

Terry August Tangeman, age 76 of Wapakoneta, passed at 9:16 p.m., Monday, August 24, 2020 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, from complications of an accident 2 years and 3 1/2 months ago. He was born May 7, 1944 at home in Buckland, Ohio to the late Forest August and Evelyn Flo Smith Tangeman.

On September 4, 1964 he married Nancy G. McClintock who passed on July 23, 2003. On August 14, 2004 he married Rev. Jeanette Rode, who survives in Wapakoneta.

He retired after 37 years as a truck driver with UPS. He grew up

in the Buckland United Church of Christ and then became a member of the St. Paul's United Church of Christ in St. Marys. He had served as a deacon with both churches. Together with his wife Jeanette they worked at the Breaking Bread community meal at St. Paul's. They also designed and Terry built the chapel at Mercy Unlimited. He was owner and operator of Alley Cat Antiques in Wapak with his late wife, Nancy.

He will be remembered for always giving and helping others. He served as a long term volunteer construction site su-

pervisor at Back Bay Mission and New Orleans, following Katrina for 13 years constructing and rehabbing homes. He was also a long term volunteer disaster relief coordinator of Northwest Ohio Association U.C.C. for 15 years and was on the road as soon as they called following a flood. He would help with clean up, handing out clean up kits and personal hygiene kits. He spent time on the board of The ROC in St. Mary's and helped to build the House that God Built and the Victor House.

Most of all, Terry loved his family and spending time with

them. He treasured time spent traveling, RVing, cruising, camping, and wood working. He was a great family man and especially loved any extra time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include a son - Eric (Linda) Tangeman of Wapakoneta; a daughter - Melissa Deal of Wapakoneta; 2 step daughters - Denise Shupe of Oak Harbor, OH; and Jill (Jerry) Rode of Toledo; 6 grandchildren - Amalie (Adam), Zach, Olivia, Brittany, Brianna (Vinnie) and Chloe; 3 great grandchildren - Maricella, Anthony, and Aspen; a sister - Mary Ann

(Lynn) Ewing of Wapakoneta.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law - Jim Deal; 2 grandchildren - Mary and Elizabeth.

Funeral services will begin 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 28, 2020 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in St. Marys. Rev. Rhonda Hainer and Rev. Doug Williamson will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Matthew Cemetery, near Cridersville.

For immune compromised, visitation will be 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2020 at Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, Cridersville. Visitation for the



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Rift from 1A

torrent of conservative criticism.

Senate President Larry Obhof and House Speaker Bob Cupp, both fellow Republicans, have also expressed dissatisfaction with some of DeWine's actions, though both took a cool approach to talk of impeachment.

House and Senate lawmakers have introduced well over a dozen bills since March attempting to limit DeWine's ability to respond to the virus through the issuance of public health orders

and other emergency measures.

One of those, a Senate bill prohibiting criminal penalties for violations of state or local health orders related to the pandemic, even reached DeWine's desk in July, when he promptly vetoed it. In the midst of this pandemic, now is not the time to change tactics and impede local health officials' ability to protect all Ohioans," DeWine said in his July 17 veto message to lawmakers.

WHS from 1A

Rev.

Geise was born in Germany and moved to Cedarville when she was five. Her teachers helped her to learn English, showing her "the gift of language and being able to communicate with others", and Geise wanted to pass that gift on to her students. Being a teacher felt like the right path for her.

She graduated from Cedarville University in 2012 and her husband to be an even better teacher for her students motivated her to receive her Masters in rhetoric and writing from University of Findlay. She taught for eight years at East Dayton Christian School, Kenton High School, and Lehman Catholic High School in Sidney. However, Geise said she's wanted to be at Wapakoneta since 2014 when she and her now-husband met halfway for dates in town and fell in love with the area.

"I'm thankful for all my prior experiences, but I'm excited to be here," said Geise. She added she's excited to develop relationships with her students and help them all be successful writers. No matter if it's in-person or online, she plans to encourage collaboration and creativity in her class.

Metz is the Speech and Language Pathologist for both the high school and Wapakoneta Middle School. She is originally from Wapakoneta and graduated from the high school in 2011 before going on to receive her Bachelors

and her Masters from Miami University in 2015 and 2017, respectively.

Metz said she knew she's always wanted to be either a teacher or speech therapist and working in a school district gives her the best of both

worlds. For the last three years, she taught at Celina City Schools, but she's excited to be a Redskin again.

"It was a goal to eventually be back in my community," said Metz, and now she's ready to build rapport with her students.

Bus Stop from 1A

playing outside and running.

Many of those in younger grades weren't fans of wearing masks either, but were more concerned about seeing their friends.

Zane Scott, a kindergarten student who is new to the school experience, said he was looking forward to going on the bus and seeing his friends.

His mom, Danyrae Scott, said "We are all relieved that they get to go to school and that they are making it as normal as possible."

"I think the school district has done a good job," said parent Erin Dodds. Her son, Spencer Dodds, was starting eighth grade.

Drew Niekamp, a 6th grader, felt the same way.

"I just want to see my friends," Niekamp said, adding he had been bored this summer.

Fifth-grader Tate Niekamp was

looking forward to going to middle school and having more classes.

Niekamp said school changes means he has to wear a mask in the classroom and won't be doing everything normally.

Tate Niekamp was disappointed the final semester last year was mostly virtual. He said he had been looking forward to fun activities and seeing his friends.

Alyssa Sadler, a third grader said she was excited to start school and enjoys math class. She was not concerned by new regulations.



ZOEY CRAWFORD

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AME	AMETEK, Inc.	109.92	+0.12 +0.12%
BBY	Bed Bath & Beyond, Inc.	10.00	+0.00 0.00%
BMY	Bristol Myers Squibb Company	62.71	+0.30 +0.48%
BOE	252.98		
BP	BP PLC	21.62	-0.29 -1.32%
C	Citigroup Inc.	51.65	+0.58 +1.13%
CSO	Cheniere, Inc.	61.06	-0.22 -0.36%
CVS	CVS Health Corporation	69.47	+0.90 +1.30%
DD	1.1 du Pont de Nemours and Company	149.23	+0.00 0.00%
DIS	The Walt Disney Company	129.79	+0.90 +0.69%
DOE	Duke Energy Corporation	88.85	-0.62 -0.70%
EMR	Emerson Electric Co.	69.78	+0.13 +0.19%
FMR	Ford Motor Company	2.84	-0.04 -1.40%
FIT	Fifth Third Bancorp	20.71	+0.21 +1.02%
GE	General Electric Company	4.56	+0.00 0.00%
GM	General Motors Company	29.69	-0.62 -2.05%
GO	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company	8.45	-0.01 -0.14%
HRN	Huntington Bancshares Incorporated	1.58	+0.03 +0.11%
HD	The Home Depot, Inc.	286.15	-0.62 -0.22%
HQ	Huana Motor Co., Ltd.	25.47	+0.30 +1.19%
HPQ	HP Inc.	18.44	-0.21 -1.13%
ICV	Industriale Acquisition Corp.	46.43	+0.26 +0.56%
INTC	Intel Corporation	132.26	-0.30 -0.23%
JPM	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	105.50	+0.44 +0.42%
LNC	Lancaster Colony Corporation	169.30	-1.58 -0.93%
LUV	Loews Corporation, Inc.	165.92	+0.26 +0.16%
MD	McDonald's Corporation	212.69	+0.03 +0.01%
MFC	MetLife Financial Group	85.48	+0.26 +0.30%
MSFT	Microsoft Corporation	216.47	+2.78 +1.29%
MTS	Monsters Solutions, Inc.	14.79	+0.81 +5.50%
NOK	Nokia Corporation	5.04	+0.01 +0.20%
NTL	Norton Ltd.	39.63	-1.02 -2.57%
ORCL	Oracle Corporation	56.09	+0.08 +0.14%
PEP	PepsiCo, Inc.	177.30	-0.34 -0.19%
PFE	Pfizer Inc.	38.41	-0.43 -1.11%
PG	The Procter & Gamble Company	139.04	+0.33 +0.24%
PKI	Parker Hannifin Corporation	209.85	-0.24 -0.11%
SPR	Sprint Corporation	8.62	0.00 0.00%
ST	The Southern Company	93.41	-0.49 -0.52%
T	AT&T Inc.	29.90	-1.12 -3.62%
TGT	Target Corporation	152.83	-0.39 -0.25%
TXN	71907297		
TXN	Texas Instruments Incorporated	141.66	-0.64 -0.45%
UBR	U.S. Bancorp	36.61	-0.14 -0.38%
VZ	Verizon Communications Inc.	56.42	-0.15 -0.25%
WAL	Walmart Inc.	57.59	+0.17 +0.30%
WFC	Wells Fargo & Company	24.61	+0.12 +0.49%
WMT	Walmart Inc.	138.63	-0.70 -0.51%
WOW	Worldwide Fund for Children	40.48	-1.14 -2.77%

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Ohio News Briefs

Authorities: Man found dead after trying to kill his wife

XENIA (AP) — An armed man who ran after his wife and tried to shoot her was later found dead from an apparently self-inflicted wound, authorities said.

Xenia police responding to reports of shots fired in a neighborhood around 7:30 a.m. Monday soon found the woman, who had escaped unharmed.

A Greene County SWAT team responded and tracked her husband, Harold Myers, to the garage of a home. After several failed attempts to make contact with him, they entered the garage around 9:45 a.m. and found Myers dead from a gunshot wound.

Authorities have not said why Myers was chasing his wife. No other injuries were reported in the incident.

Ex-House speaker to plead not guilty

COLUMBUS (AP) — The former speaker of the Ohio House said Tuesday he will plead not guilty to a corruption charge following his arrest in a \$60 million federal bribery probe that shook the Statehouse earlier this summer.

Rep. Larry Householder returned to the Statehouse for the first time since his July 21 arrest to the surprise of colleagues from both sides of the aisle. The former speaker said he's back to represent his district and is confident that he will be exonerated.

Householder, a Republican from Glenford in southeastern Ohio, is scheduled for a court appearance Thursday and confirmed he has a lawyer after a nearly monthlong search for a new attorney.

"I believe in the justice system, and I believe if everything works the way it's supposed to, the truth will come out," he said, after arriving for a regularly scheduled House session. "And as I've said I'm innocent and I intend to absolutely defend myself."

The House and Senate are convening committee hearings to begin the process of repealing legislation that prompted a federal grand jury to indict Householder and four of his associates in July. The effort has bipartisan support.

Householder, who was removed from his leadership post in a unanimous vote following his arrest, was one of the driving forces behind House Bill 6, the disputed legislation which added a fee to every electricity bill in the state and directed

Grow

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a drop-off, too," he said. "We just added another drop-off at our own facility. We always allowed people to come in but it was always kind of tough because we had so many trucks coming in. But after the virus came about, the city of St. Marys closed their curbside program for a while so we had to set up extra bins at our facility to accommodate those people in St. Marys."

Cisco provided figures for Auglaize County communities and their totals for last year.

New Bremen totaled 432,000 pounds of recycling, St. Marys Township had 345,000 pounds, Wapakoneta totaled 176,000 pounds, Minster had 168,000 pounds, Buckland had 133,000 pounds, Criderville had 128,000 pounds, New Knoxville had 69,000 pounds, Waynesfield was at 51,000 pounds and Kossuth had 39,000 pounds.

Cisco said his facility also does some work in Mercer County and they have a project set up with Parkway's FFA in Rockford.

"Last year, Rockford did 94,000 pounds of recycling," he said. "When we started, they were approximately at 25,000 pounds. It was a project that they started and they've kept on with it. Last year, the money we paid them,

they donated it to a children's hospital. It's a real big win-win. It's a great learning experience for the kids to actually do the work and then give it somewhere where it's much needed."

Pratt Industries in Wapakoneta does a lot of business with the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District as well.

"They're a great company because they don't cut down the first tree," said Cisco. "We send about three loads of material to them a week and that includes our cardboard and paper. Everything they use is totally recycled material. The facility in Wapakoneta is the most state-of-the-art facility in the country and almost the world. They just purchased 100 acres to expand their production and that's really good for Auglaize County."

The facility mostly accepts No. 1 and No. 2 plastics to recycle, with Cisco noting that they will accept other numbers but they don't like to because they "don't have a home for it."

He said the facility doesn't get enough No. 3, No. 5 and No. 7s to make it viable to ship. He noted that they used to ship them to China, but now they won't take them. He does ship to Canada now, teaming up with DeFrance and Van Wert counties to combine loads to ship up north.

No. 1 plastics are polyethylene terephthalate which include

soda and water bottles, cooking oil bottles and medicine containers. No. 2 plastics are high-density polyethylene and include containers for laundry and dish detergent, milk jugs and shampoo and conditioner bottles.

Cisco listed examples of questionable material they've had calls about including plastic mailboxes and vinyl siding.

"If you bring it straight out to our facility, yes, that's something we can take," he said. "We'll take vinyl siding but you have to cut it into 4 to 5-foot pieces, no metal and no nails in it. We can bale it a lot easier when they're short pieces. There's always something we can accept that you probably have."

Cisco commended the residents of Auglaize and Mercer counties for their initiative to recycle and to take the time to sort their recyclable materials before dropping them off at sites.

"I know other districts in Ohio, they have to shut down certain drop-offs because it's a horror. They get everything. It's never ending with them," he said. "People around here in Auglaize County and Mercer County do a very good job."

"They take their time out and do a good job. We're pretty fortunate to have as many drop-off that we do. The people take good care so I'm very happy with that."

Advocates

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two individuals who choose to participate while trafficking in sex will have another person or entity forcing or coercing the victim to sell themselves.

"In order for a situation to be considered trafficking, it has to have the triangular effect of act, means and purpose," she said. "Remember though, that not everyone working at a strip club or as an escort or who works in a massage parlor is being trafficked but their vulnerabilities increase sig-

nificantly when working in those industries."

"Just remember that a big red flag is that you can't have a sex worker under the age of 16 in Ohio."

Switching gears to the prevalence of human trafficking, Loiza said the Polaris Project estimates there are 40.3 million trafficking victims worldwide. Data provided by the project also states that 1 in 7 runaways are reported trafficking victims and 700,000 people are trafficked across the U.S. border annually.

"We've seen stats that upwards of 70 to 75% of people that run away come in contact with a trafficker within the first few days of being away," Loiza said. "That doesn't mean they're sucked into it right then and there, it doesn't mean they're groomed and everything is done in a couple of days but they've come in contact with some of these people."

So far this year, there have been 443 cases of human trafficking in Ohio and there are 4,219 survivors identified in the state. And although Loiza said Ohio is the fifth highest state in the United States for human trafficking cases, the trend likely has other causes.

"Ohio's done a darn good job at outreach and awareness," she said. "I feel that our reports have increased because we're talking about it. That's exactly why we're having these sessions because if we don't talk about it, people don't know about it."

Part of that awareness and outreach discussed on Tuesday involved Reyes and Loiza dispelling rumors about human trafficking and replacing them with facts based off their own personal work and the research of others.

They said that trafficking victims are not usually what people think of — children tied up in cages, locked in a basement — but rather can be well cared for and seem to be acting of their own accord. The issue is that their decisions are not their own.

Reyes explained that victims can be lured into a trafficking situation with the promise of a good-paying job. So far this year, there have been 443 cases of human trafficking in Ohio and there are 4,219 survivors identified in the state. And although Loiza said Ohio is the fifth highest state in the United States for human trafficking cases, the trend likely has other causes.

Loiza said. "For the victims we work with, it was people like pastors, farm managers, family members and other people we associate with on a daily basis. They look just like the rest of us, not like the big bad wolf."

"And they don't always drive a white van," added Loiza.

The duo advised that rather than operate off outdated stereotypes, people should be on the lookout for red flags in possible victims, including someone with an inconsistent story, a prior history of physical or sexual abuse, older and controlling significant others or not being able to speak for oneself.

"If you ask them a question and whoever they are with answers for them or they look at the person they're with, asking permission to speak, that can be a sign that something is up," Loiza said.

Other red flags can be psychological such as a constant, heightened sense of awareness or fear, always needing to face the door and fear or distrust of authority such as law enforcement or social workers. Physical signs can include broken bones, bruises, lack of hygiene or nourishment.

While none of these red flags are a guarantee on its own that a person is a victim of human trafficking, putting pieces together can be enough to make a case.

Loiza and Reyes urged those who are or know someone who may be a victim of human trafficking, to contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-800-373-7888 or text BeFree to 233733.

Another session is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Information on this session and a link to the Zoom call can be found on the Northwest Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition's Facebook page.

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Nidec Minster Corp. announces acquisitions

MINSTER, OH - Nidec Minster Corporation, a member of the Nidec Press & Automation (NP&A) group, has announced the acquisition of Michigan-based automation equipment manufacturer, CHS Automation, and service provider, Pneumatic Feed Service.

Nidec Press & Automation CEO David Winch said the acquisition of CHS Automation and its emphasis on heavy duty coil lines and high tensile material straightening equipment directly complements the existing NP&A market offering for contract and automotive stampers.

"As Nidec Press & Automation, we now have an extremely strong product portfolio that meets our customer needs. We are also the only North American manufacturer to have total ownership and control over the major inputs that complete a full metal-forming production system with the increased line functionality and a single-source for customer support," Winch said.

"We are excited to welcome the CHS team to our family," said Ron Arling, President of Nidec Minster and CAO/CFO of Nidec Press & Automation. "We look forward to new customer solutions and growth opportunities as a result of the synergies generated by bringing our companies together," Arling said.

Well-known in the North American metal forming industry, CHS has built a reputation for high quality automation machinery, including turnkey heavy-duty coil lines. In addition to the OEM business, CHS operates the

Pneumatic Feed Service organization, known for its highly-competitive regional service, machinery remanufacturing, and used equipment offerings.

"Combining our service offerings will enable us to support the metal formers in Michigan with a local and immediate response, which is critical when downtime is involved," said Steve Gruber, Executive Vice President, Global Service for Nidec Press & Automation.

Since its founding in 1966, CHS and its business entities have grown to employ more than 60 employees. Current President and CEO Eric Wenner and his leadership team will continue with their existing responsibilities in addition to working closely with Nidec Minster leadership to ensure high quality customer solutions.

By combining the expertise, experience, and resources of industry leaders in the metal forming market, Nidec Press & Automation has established a single-source solution for machinery, services and technology.

"It's one invoice, one setup crew, one installation," said Marketing Specialist Dave Stillwell. He called it a big advantage to their customers.

Nidec Press & Automation now brings CHS together with the Minster, Arisa, Kyori, Vanco and SYS products, allowing combined synergies to offer efficient, cost-effective, and timely solutions to manufacturers looking for increased production and profits. To learn more, visit www.nidecpa.com or www.chsautomation.com.



Amy Kentner, director of the annual Summer Moon Festival Run to the Moon delivered a check for \$2,000 to Armstrong Museum Director Dante Centauri, a portion of the proceeds of this year's virtual event. The festival -- including the race -- were quite a bit different for the 51st anniversary of the moon landing, and Kentner said race participants were understanding as organizers made accommodations to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The race was also run in memory of Corby Hall, the runner who collapsed during the race and later died. Kentner said because of the generosity of the runners they were also able to raise money for the children of the Hall family.

Ohio to receive additional 9 million masks

COLUMBUS -- The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA), in cooperation with the Governor's Office, the Ohio Departments of Education, Health, and Job and Family Services, is receiving shipments of an additional 9 million face masks this week for public distribution.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) donated these additional masks to the State of Ohio as part of a new FEMA Mask Program. FEMA provided an initial 2 million face masks for Ohio school districts early last month. The masks are

shared with the following Ohio stakeholders:

* 4 million masks will go to the Ohio Dept. of Education for all Ohio schools (public, private, charter, parochial, and career centers);

* 144,000 will go to Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services for daycare providers;

* 2 million will go to programs and organizations that serve vulnerable populations; and

* 1 million will go to Ohio Dept. of Higher Education. The remainder will be stored until needed.

Just like the first shipment made in August, these masks are also KN-95, non-medical grade face masks, according to FEMA and Ohio EMA.

"I am pleased that Ohio is receiving the additional

9 million face masks," said Ohio EMA Executive Director Sima Merick. "We'll be able to provide needed masks to not only Ohio grade schools and colleges, but to so many more of our partners and stakeholders."

"Ohio schools are working hard to keep students and staff members as safe as possible during the transition back to school," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria. "In fact, some schools already have reopened and this infusion of masks will go a long way toward helping protect everyone involved in the process. These masks will help to ensure healthy practices and position schools to have a safe start to the new academic year."

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Back to backs in the bubble: NHL teams adjust to new normal

By Stephen Whyne
AP Hockey Writer

Jon Cooper doesn't even need to talk to his players to know who is skating and who is resting on a non-game day.

For his Tampa Bay Lightning and the other teams in the NHL play-offs, there are far more days with games. With the league trying to speed through this unusual postseason, every second-round series has at least one back-to-back scheduled — some have multiple sets — and players and coaches are forced to adapt to managing energy and strategy with the Stanley Cup waiting at the end.

"You've just got to trust that your guys are doing the right things for themselves," Cooper

said. "Part of it is getting your body ready and getting on the ice, and tying up the skates again is not always the best thing for you. Maybe it's an outdoor activity or maybe it's clearing the mind but still getting the body going and get the lactic acid out of your legs. There's so many different things."

Back-to-backs are a normal part of the regular season and become more of a rarity in the playoffs, when series are typically spread out over two weeks for better quality hockey and a longer spotlight on the sport.

Back-to-back games were part of the qualifying and first rounds to narrow the field, but Boston coach Bruce Cassidy was surprised to see them in the second round with only

eight teams left.

That means his Bruins and Cooper's Lightning play Game 3 on Wednesday night roughly 24 hours after starting Game 2. The Philadelphia Flyers and New York Islanders face a similar, slightly longer turnaround between games Wednesday afternoon and Thursday night.

Cassidy before the start of the series hinted at possibly needing to press new backup goaltender Dan Vladar into the NHL debut because of the schedule, but roster management stretches far beyond the net.

"It'll be interesting to see how players react, and it's going to be up to the coaches to decide who looks fresh, who looks like they have energy and can execute and perform on the ice," Flyers



Frank Gunn | The Canadian Press via AP
Boston Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chára (33) pauses after getting called for cross-checking Tampa Bay Lightning center Blake Coleman (20) during the first period in Game 1 of an NHL hockey second-round playoff series on Sunday in Toronto.

ers coach Alain Vigneault said. "Each team is going to have some hard decisions as each game moves forward."

Players don't see it as a choice. Maybe it's a luxury.

New York's Leo Komarov said, "It's nice to play

games, not sit at a hotel." Even so, he and his teammates understand there's a fine line between staying sharp and not wasting energy between games.

"You've just got to do whatever you need to do to feel your best," Islanders defenseman Nick

Leddy said. "You kind of understand what you need to do and how to take care of your body over the years. I think you just automatically do it. It's not really one thing or the other. I think it's also just being a professional and taking care of your body."

This kind of schedule could benefit older teams with more experienced players who have a routine of rest and rehab. Or maybe there's more spring in young legs to be able to handle playing as many as four games in five and a half days.

"I think you just take the time to recover on the off days," Dallas Stars defenseman John Klingberg said. "It's a matter of an individual schedule there, too — what you want to do to recover."

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East Division

Tampa Bay	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	11	.645	
Toronto	16	9	.640	1
Baltimore	14	11	.559	4
Boston	14	15	.483	5
	10	20	.330	10

Central Division

Minnesota	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	12	.586	2½
Cleveland	17	12	.586	2½
Detroit	11	16	.407	7
Kansas City	11	18	.379	8½

West Division

Oakland	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	20	10	.667	
Texas	18	17	.513	3
Seattle	11	19	.367	9
Los Angeles	9	22	.290	11½

Monday's Games

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay
Chicago Cubs 5, Detroit 3
Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2
Texas 3, Oakland 2
St. Louis 9, Kansas City 3
Houston 11, L.A. Angels 4

Tuesday's Games

Houston 6, L.A. Angels 3
7 innings, 1st game
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2
Boston 2, Toronto 0, 6:37 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
2nd game
Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago
White Sox at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh (Williams 1-4) at Chicago
White Sox (Keuchel 4-2), 2:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cole 4-0) at Atlanta
(Anderson 0-1), 4:10 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Covalek 2-2) at
Baltimore (Wojciechowski 1-3) at
Tampa Bay (DeRosa 6-4), 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-1) at

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles 22, St. Louis 8
San Diego 18, San Francisco 15
San Francisco 14, Arizona 16
Arizona 17, 4:53 p.m.

Monday's Games

Miami 11, Washington 8
Chicago Cubs at Detroit 3
Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 9, Kansas City 3
Colorado 3, Arizona 2

Tuesday's Games

Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 7
innings, 1st game
Philadelphia at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis 10, San Francisco 10
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
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White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
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Only three Wednesday Farmers Markets left this season

Submitted article



This week's Wednesday Fayette County Farmers Market is the first of the remaining three markets of this season's Wednesday venue, ending after Sept. 16.

Note that TSC is paying the parking lot this week and we hope to be in the same area, however, it is possible we will be set up in another region of TSC's parking lot. We are your midweek destination for fresh local seasonal produce, brats, fine baby crocheted items and other crafts.

This venue, in the TSC parking lot on Columbus Avenue, 3 to 6 p.m., is without any sponsored electronic processing and is therefore a cash-only market. Vendors stating they plan on attending (others may come as well) and the items they expect to bring include:

King Farms (Jeff & Sandi King): super sweet white corn, a few watermelon, Crenshaw melons, honeydews, vine ripened tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, and baked

goods.

Lehnert Meats (Bob Lehnert): assorted brats, GREAT for grilling!

Cozy Baby Blessings (Nancy Cutter): Face masks, Fall throws, Coasters, Dish towels, and hand poured Wax Melts in 70+ scents including fall pumpkin scents. \$5 Mystery grab bags available while supplies last. Baby essentials including crochet blankets, hats and wash cloths, flannel receiving blankets, burp cloths and teething toys. (More new fabrics this week!)

Bridgeview Gardens (Hunter & Lorelle Rohrer): broad assortment of seasonal produce and potted flowers.

Mary's This and That (Mary Ford): peanut butter fudge, pineapple upside down cake, apple butter bread, other baked items, catnip toys, button bracelets, goose dreses.

Authorities: Man found dead after trying to kill his wife

XENIA, Ohio (AP) — An armed man who ran after his wife and tried to shoot her was later found dead from an apparently self-inflicted wound, authorities said.

Xenia police responding to reports of shots fired in a neighborhood around 7:30 a.m. Monday soon found the woman, who had escaped unharmed.

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OBITUARY

ALEXIS FAITH "LEXI" POLLOCK, age 14, of Washington CH, gained her angel wings on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 9:23 p.m. at Fayette County Memorial Hospital.

She was born on July 9, 2006 in Fayette County to Robert Pollock and Sarah Curnutte Cooper. She was currently in the 8th grade at Washington Middle School. Lexi had attended Grace Community Church. She enjoyed collecting seashells, riding her bike, drawing, crafting, helping others, and rescuing animals.

Lexi was preceded in death by her grandparents, William (Nancy)

Curnutte; sister, Tiffany Cooper; cousin, Damon Curnutte; aunt, Connie Curnutte; and uncle, Wallie Curnutte.

Survivors include her loving mother, Sarah Cooper; biological father, Robert Pollock; Dad, Larry Cooper; siblings, Larry Matthew (Brittany) Cooper, Heather Jo (Jack Jr.) Alltop, Austin Pollock, and Brooklyn Pollock; grandparents, Bob (Virginia) Pollock, and Sylvio (Barbara) Angeletti; aunts and uncles, William (Mary) Curnutte, John (Emma) Curnutte, Gary (Mary Wade)



Curnutte, and Daniel (Racheal) Curnutte; great uncles, Jim Curnutte, Charles Curnutte, Robert Curnutte, and Raymond Stewart;

nieces, Autumn Alltop, and Jasmine Alltop; nephew, Jordan Alltop; cousins, Leilah, Andy, Colton, Thorin, Winston, William III, Joseph, EJ, and Louise; and special friends, Tony (Gail) Pavey, Bristol Pavey, Mallory Pavey, Randy (Angie) Fisher, Dillon Crist, Danielle Dunn, Pypier Smith, Rachael Huff, Katrina Self, and Liz Rowland. Also surviving are

other extended family members and a host of friends.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grace Community Church, 525 Glenn Ave., Washington CH, OH 43160, with Pastor Jay Lucas officiating with burial to follow at the Millersville-Plymouth Cemetery. Family and friends may visit at the church on Friday morning from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Arrangements have been entrusted by the Summers Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to www.summersfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

MILLER

Rodney Dean Miller, 83, of Washington Court House, Ohio died Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 10:45 a.m. at his home.

Arrangements are being completed and will be announced by the Kirkpatrick Funeral Home in Washington Court House.

CROSS

Gary Martin Cross, age 71, of Greenfield, Ohio, passed away Monday, August 31, 2020 at home.

The Murray-Petito Funeral Home in Greenfield is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.murrayfetto.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 2, the 246th day of 2020. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

On this date:

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1930, the first non-stop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as

Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, New York, aboard their Breguet 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

In 1944, during World War II, Navy pilot Lt. (jg) George Herbert Walker Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands. (Bush was rescued by the crew of the submarine USS Finback; his two crew members, however, died.)

In 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

In 1960, Wilma Rudolph of the United States won the first of her three gold medals at the Rome Summer Olympics as she finished the 100-meter dash in 11 seconds.

In 1963, "The CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network television's first half-hour nightly newscast.

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable. The first automatic teller machine (ATM) to utilize magnetic-stripped cards was opened to the public at Chemical Bank in New York. (Called a "Dextell-er," it was developed by Donald C. Wetzel.)

In 1993, the United States and Russia formally ended decades of competition in space by agreeing to a joint

venture to build a space station.

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

In 2005, a National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New Orleans four days after Hurricane Katrina. Scorched by criticism about sluggish federal help, President George W. Bush toured the Gulf Coast and met with state and local officials, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin; at one point, Bush praised FEMA Director Michael Brown, telling him, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job."

In 2018, Sen. John McCain was laid to rest on a grassy hill at the U.S. Naval Academy, after a horse-drawn caisson carrying the senator's casket led a procession of mourners from the academy's chapel to its cemetery.

Ten years ago:

Israeli and Palestinian leaders pledged in a first round of renewed peace talks in Washington to keep meeting at regular intervals. Seattle Storm forward Lauren Jackson was selected the WNBA's most valuable player for the third time in her career.

Five years ago:

Overcoming ferocious opposition, President Barack Obama secured a legacy-defining foreign policy victory as Senate Democrats clinched the necessary votes to ensure the Iran nuclear

agreement survived in Congress. President Obama crossed the Arctic Circle in a first by a sitting U.S. president, telling residents in the far-flung Alaska village of Kotzebue that their plight resulting from climate change should be the world's wake-up call on global warming. In one of the most haunting images from the Syrian migrant crisis, the lifeless body of 3-year-old Alan Kurdi was photographed lying on a Turkish beach after he, his 5-year-old brother and their mother died when their rubber boat capsized as it headed for Greece.

One year ago:

A fire swept a boat carrying recreational scuba divers that was anchored near an island off the Southern California coast; the captain and four other crew members were able to escape the flames, but 34 people who were trapped below died. Hurricane Dorian unleashed massive flooding across the Bahamas as the fearsome Category 4 storm slowed almost to a standstill; the storm would leave at least 70 people dead and cause more than \$3 billion in damage.

Today's Birthdays:

Dancer-actor Marge Champion is 101. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 89. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 83. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 77. Singer Joe Simon is 77. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 72. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 72. Actor Mark Harmon is 69. Former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 69. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 68. Actor Linda Purl is 65. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 62. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 61. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 60. Actor Keanu Reeves is 56. International Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 55. Actor Salma Hayek is 54. Actor Tue Watkins is 54. Actor Kristen Cloke is 52. Actor Cynthia Watros is 52.

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Local sponsors help homeless cats

SUBMITTED NEWS

At the Humane Society of Adams County (HSAC) in West Union, there are currently 18 adoptable cats and kittens awaiting homes and another 26 cats and kittens that are still in quarantine waiting to be vaccinated and sterilized so that they will be eligible for adoption.

Normally, cats cost the nonprofit animal welfare organization about \$104 in vaccinations, sterilization, disease testing, food, staff care, and cat litter. This fee does not include the many cats that arrive needing extra help, such as cats suffering from broken bones from car strikes and kittens requiring antibiotics for severe respiratory infections. The fee to adopt a fully-vetted cat from the animal shelter is \$45 for an adult animal and \$55 for a kitten.

Despite these great savings, many cats and kittens linger in the shelter for weeks, months, and even years, waiting for families to come along and adopt them. Even if you are maxed out on pets at home, you can still help local cats and kittens find a new home faster by "sponsoring" an animal.

This means choosing an adoptable cat at the shelter and paying its adoption fee so that it will be more likely to be adopted by a new family. The pet becomes free to a good home, pending an approved adoption application.

Seven such sponsored cats are currently available at the HSAC animal shelter, including "Begonia," a semi-feral spayed female cat who entered the shelter



One of the cats available for adoption, Begonia.

as a stray in May 2019. Begonia's adoption fee was sponsored by local Peebles residents Bill and Karen Franklin. The Franklins are long-time supporters of HSAC and hope that their sponsorship will help Begonia find a home that accepts her for who she is — a shy girl who just wants to live in peace on her own terms.

All potential adopters are still carefully screened to ensure cats go to safe homes, even if the adoption fee has been covered. A list of adoptable cats and kittens is available by their sponsorship will help Begonia find a home that accepts her for who she is — a shy girl who just wants to live in peace on her own terms.

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Sponsors may honor individuals, families, clubs, or businesses. Sponsorships also make great birthday and anniversary gifts, especially during this pandemic when restaurants and entertainment venues are closed. HSAC is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Donations in the form of sponsorships are tax-deductible.

If you would like to donate funds to help homeless cats get adopted, please visit www.adamscountyanimals.org and click on the "Sponsor-A-Pet" tab. For more information about the Humane Society of Adams County, or to volunteer your time or services, please call (937) 544-8585 or email info@adamscountyanimals.org. (Accompanying photo by R. Hamilton)

How to clean and sanitize a backpack

Backpacks are useful tools for students and adults alike. From hiking supplies to school books to sports equipment, backpacks can store just about anything. As veritable workhorses, they're bound to get dirty and can benefit from periodic cleaning.

While it may be tempting to simply throw a backpack into the washing machine, it is important to check the care instructions first. Some canvas, nylon and fabric backpacks can go in the wash, but those made of leather or those with intricate details should not. Backpack manufacturers also advise against putting backpacks in a dryer.

Here are steps to cleaning a backpack.

1. To get started, begin by removing any items from the backpack, including all of the pockets. If necessary, use a vacuum to get crumbs out of the backpack.

2. Check the care label to see if there are washing instructions. This will determine if you should wash it by hand or if it can be put in the machine.

3. If the bag can be machine-washed, turn it inside out first or place it in a pillowcase so that the straps and zippers will not be caught.

Then wash it on a gentle setting with a mild detergent and lukewarm water. If the bag should be hand-washed, use lukewarm water and a soft sponge or a gentle bristle brush. The outdoor retailer REI says you do not want to harm any protective coatings on the pack.

4. Zippers need occasional cleaning to remove dirt, sand or crumbs. Many zippers have water-resistant coatings so do not scrub them. Use a lubricant made for zippers to help them slide smoothly.

5. Hang the bag to air dry upside down. It likely will

dry more quickly outdoors, but avoid direct sunlight, which can compromise the integrity of the fabric or discolor the backpack.

6. Do not store or use the backpack until it is completely dry.

7. Sometimes a backpack may need to be disinfected to prevent the growth of fungus or bacteria.

Athlete's foot fungus can easily transfer from socks and shoes to the backpack if gym clothes are left in the bag. The Spruce says to skip chlorine bleach and use a pine oil or phenolic disinfectant or a disinfectant wipe, such as Pine Sol or Spic-n-Span. Lysol brand disinfectant also can be used and is available in liquid formula or spray.

If a backpack is waterproof, only wash it once or twice per year; otherwise, you may reduce the pack's ability to repel water. Use cleansing wipes to spot clean when necessary.

Backpacks can get grimy quickly. Routine washing can freshen them right up.

Winchester Happenings

By JOYCE PORTER AND FLORENCE BRYSON

There is a Village Council working meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall and is open to the public. I was pleased to see so many community members attend our regular meeting on the 11th and voice their concerns. The proposed rezoning ordinance did not pass. Our next regular council meeting will be on September 8.

Census Workers are out and about in our community. Remember to be nice, answer your door, and the questions he/she will be asking (and keep your dog under control). The census results can impact our ability to obtain grants for improvements in schools, roads, and other community projects.

We are pleased that the "Main Street Project" has begun in Winchester. It is sad to lose some of the trees but hopefully the end product will be worth it. I



like seeing progress and improvement in our village.

W3CU Compassion Ministries clothing distribution are not accepting donations until further notice. The Food Pantry will be open on the third Thursday of the month from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon. We will be at the pantry tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Winchester's Past (Patsy Roberts): George Archer Sr. was born in 1781 in New Jersey, the son of Benjamin Archer and Margaret Brown. He married Mary who was born in 1786 in New Jersey. They had at least four children: George Jr., John, Robert, and Esther. George and his wife were part of the Restoration

Movement known as the Church of Christ of Brush Run in 1811 in

Pennsylvania. By 1814 the Church had moved to Zanesville, Ohio. During the next few years, it became very strained and members were in a constant agitation. The remaining members branched out to start new congregations along the Ohio River. By 1830, the Archer family was living in Brown County near Winchester. (to be continued)

Florence had decided to no longer do Winchester's Past and Patsy Roberts has graciously agreed to write the weekly article. She enjoys learning about our history and the people who make up our heritage. As most of you know, she likes genealogy and has written most of the parts for our historical ghost ride. I appreciate her willingness to continue educating us about Winchester's past.

Information is due by Sunday evening and can be sent by calling 937-205-2309 (leave a message) or by email at japorter45697@gmail.com

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Terry L. Martin, Edrith K. Martin to Jeremy Caldwell, Liberty Twp, 1.501 ac., \$6,000

Cindy Gilpin, Donnie Gilpin to Jason W. Gilpin, Peebles Village, 0.392 ac., \$18,000

Loretta Hodge, Loretta Lewis to Mark Stephen Setty, James W. Lewis, Sprigg Twp, 1.00 ac., \$18,000

Gary Cooper Aka Gary W to Gary W. Cooper Trustee, Gary W. Cooper Trust, Franklin Twp, 52.252 ac., Rex Lawrence Hawn Trustee, Linda Gale Hawn Trustee, Hawn Trust to Rodger Paul Kirker, Peebles Village, 0.187 ac., \$20,000

Pennington Seed, Cedar Co. to Dansons Peebles LLC, Meigs Twp, 8.993 ac., \$200,000

John Gutman, Dawn Gutman to Kimberly Sue Wilburn, Edward Dustin Wilburn Jr, Meigs Twp, 4.499 ac., \$155,000

Janet G. Allen to Janet G. Allen, Hollis L. Hoop, Franklin Twp, 31.471 ac., \$15,000

Lisa Morrison, Glen Morrison to Jeremy D. Campbell, Mari Jan Campbell, Manchester Twp, 2.00 ac., \$62,000

Bernard Dean Brown, Mary E. Brown to Crystal Lynn Chambers, Edward Troxell II, Franklin Twp, 11.001 ac., \$195,000

Wayne Township Zoning Meeting For Motorcycle Repair Shop located at 1597 Cross Rd Date & Time is August 26th at 7:00 p.m. Cherry Fork GYM

The whole picture

Sherry Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip together. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they laid down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke, quite startled, and nudged his friend awake. He said, "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."



Denise Jones
Contributing Columnist

"Watson looked up and replied, 'I see millions and millions of stars.'"

"What does that tell you?" asked Holmes.

"Watson responded, 'Astronomically, it tells me there are billions of stars and potentially millions of planets.'"

Astronomically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Aerologically, I observe that the time is half past three. Theologically, I can say that God is all-powerful, and that we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, I can tell that it's going to be a nice day. Why, Holmes? What does it tell you?"

Holmes was silent for a moment, and then spoke. "Watson, you idiot. Someone has stolen our tent!"

(Told in a speech by Ravi Zacharias)

There is a place for logic.

There is a place for common sense.

Unfortunately, we seem to have politically-corrected ourselves into losing sight of both. Compromise is no longer a common practice. Every issue seems to be a hill to die on. We stand firm that our way is the only way. Many are quick to publicly shame those who disagree. Name-calling like grade school kids has taken the place of civil debate. Accusations are based on assumptions that are rarely even true.

So what happens? Most don't voice their opinion in a loud, public manner at the risk of seeming rude, so they end up backing down to those who do.

They let bullies call the shots like kids in a schoolyard. However, a lot of patient people seem to have finally reached their boiling point.

Teens who are dipping their toe into the world of politics for the first time are appalled at what they see. It's embarrassing to admit how juvenile and disgraceful it has become on our watch. The 'adult' example is full of hatred, blame, and name-calling. Remember the saying about sticks and stones? It's a lie. Words do hurt.

Can we not filter anymore?

Can we not show respect, even if we disagree?

One of the biggest problems is that we tend to lump ALL of certain groups into one big category and blame them for the faults of a few. We hear people speak blanket statements about ALL liberals, or conservatives, or pro-life, or pro-choice, or churches, or educators, or law enforcement.

Let's recognize for a moment that ALL people in any group don't act the same. ALL people of any race don't feel the same way. ALL people who attend church aren't hypocrites. ALL law enforcement aren't racists. ALL people in the same political party aren't radicals.

Are there a few that go off the deep end? Of course. But let's face it, I can't even get all of my kids to eat the same thing for dinner. How in the world can we keep blaming ALL of ANYONE for ANYTHING? So let's act our age and drop the labels and name-calling, shall we?

Have you ever spent hours putting together a big puzzle, only to realize there are a few key pieces missing? It's so aggravating. Up close, those few pieces make it seem that our time and effort was wasted. But step back. Look again. Instead of concentrating on those few pieces that seem to ruin it, focus on the whole picture.

We can still see the beauty of the whole if we look past the flaws of a few.

Let's insert some logic and common sense. Logic should tell us that every

camp has some people who live a life of integrity, and some who don't. Some who are honestly trying to make things better for everyone, and some who are only looking out for themselves. Some who are trustworthy, and some who are deceitful. Logic would dictate that it's irrational to spread hate to the masses based on the actions of a few.

Common sense tells us that some people just like to stir up trouble.

However, we all inherently have a moral compass. Pay attention to it. What's right is right. What's wrong is wrong. Despite the label, political correctness doesn't always get it correct. Let's not sacrifice our morals and values at the expense of being socially accepted by people we don't even know.

Let's also remember that behind every harsh word is usually a painful experience. Instead of heaping insult on top of insult, what would it look like if we took a moment to hear their story? What if we made a genuine effort to understand?

It's not my place to tell anyone what they should or should not believe.

That's for each individual to work out on their own. But I do know there's only one ALL statement that I've ever been able to stand behind, without a doubt. It should at least get our attention and give us something to consider.

The Bible says in the book of Romans (and elsewhere) that ALL people have sinned and fallen short. ALL of us will be judged one day. And Jesus died for ALL people, so that sin can be forgiven if we repent and have faith. God doesn't create about political correctness. But he does want our hearts in the correct place. Does it matter more to us how we are judged by people? Or how we will be judged by God? With that in mind, let us insert the logic and common sense God gave us and start behaving accordingly.

Have a blessed week, friends!

Be still and know that I am God

There is so much going on right now that volleys for our attention, our opinion, and our action. If we can easily become overwhelmed, anxious, and swept up in the torrents of the day, it seems like if we aren't shouting from a soap box, we aren't really engaged with the times.



Judith Cooley
Contributing Columnist

True. God has called us to advocate, to stand up and stand apart, but He has also called us to gain wisdom, to be patient, to be meek, and to be still.

What does it mean to be still and know that He is God? It means accepting His word and trusting His plan even when we don't understand. It means pouring out our hearts to the King of Heaven in private prayer. It means clinging to Him in the good and the bad.

Knowing deep down that God is who He says He is requires us to meditate on His presence in our lives and work on our behalf.

Being still and know-

ing that God is Lord of all is binding our hearts and minds with truth of His everlasting goodness. Just some of the many wonderful things God is to us are: faithful, patient, loving, forgiving, trustworthy, just, powerful, creative, and good.

Reading, "Be still and know that I am God" might cause us to consider the many things God is to us as our Lord, our Father, our Shepherd, our Deliverer, our Encourager. The Big Daddy Weave song "I Know" comes to mind as we ponder this passage.

The lyrics are: "You don't answer all my questions, but You hear me when I speak. You don't keep my heart from breaking, but when I do, You weep with me. You're so close that I can feel You, when I've lost the words to pray. And though my eyes have never seen You, I've seen enough to say: I know that You are good. I know that You are kind. I know that You are so much more than what I leave behind. I

know that I am loved. I know that I am safe. Cause even in the fire, to live is Christ, to die is gain. I know that You are good."

"Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it." This quote by George Santayana also applies to our spiritual history. If we forget how God has moved on our behalf—delivering, forgiving, loving, and pursuing—we bound live a out of our own strength and resilience. Yet, when we live remembering the history of how God has shown up in our lives, we can live in the stillness of knowing that He is indeed God. We can know that not mounting is too high, no valley too low, no situation too daunting for God to move in a miraculous way.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though it waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging." Psalm 46:1-3

Winchester Happenings

By Joyce Porter and Florence Bryson

Use increased caution as children are now back in school. Amid all the confusion and decision-making on whether to attend in person or complete classes online, I heard last week was mostly successful and hope things settle for the kids and parents.

Our next regular village council meeting will be on Sept. 8, in the Town Hall.

Winchester Homecoming Festival 2020 T-Shirts for sale: \$15 each (all sizes). Call (937) 403-1315 or (937) 205-2309 to place your order.

Anita Kirker's employer, Nutter Ag Solutions, donated tables to our Winchester Festival. For years we have struggled with heavy tables, trying to get them to last one more year, and look forward to the lightweight ones. Even though we were unable to have this year's festival, it was wonderful they were willing to make such a wonderful donation. Thank you, Anita for making this happen.

Prayers and condolences to the family of Jamie Stout, of Hillsboro, passed away at his residence last week. Jamie grew up in Winchester, the son of Todd and Evelyn Stout.



and remembered as a local musician. He is survived by his wife, Teresa; children, Erica (Kyle) Volkman, Hunter Green, Josh (Monica) Copas, Skyler Copas and Destini Copas; two sisters, Jeanie (Joe) Williamson and Debra (David) Leist; and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Jamie's name to Heartland Hospice Services of Portsmouth.

Census Workers are out and about in our community for a few more weeks. Remember to be nice, answer your door and the questions he/she will be asking (and keep your dog under control). The census results can impact our ability to obtain grants for improvements in schools, roads, and other community projects.

We are pleased that the "Main Street Project" is in full swing in Winchester. We also heard there is available grant money to finish the splash pad project in Winchester.

WVCU Compassion Ministries clothing distribution are accepting donations by appointment only. You can call Becky at (937) 695-0025 to schedule a time. The Food and Clothing distributions are open on the third Thursday of the month from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and on the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon.

Please keep Wilma Breeze in your prayers. Also thank you to Pop's Pizza for making a special delivery to her and Tom. Winchester's Past (Patsy Roberts), George and Mary Archer had four children: George Jr. (1818-1843), John (1813-1846), Robert (1816-1847) and Esther (1804-1860). George Jr. never married. John married Rebecca Cox in 1837 and they had three children before his death: Mary, Sarah, and John. Robert never married. Esther married Amos Dixon in 1822. Amos was born in Kentucky (1797-1857), the son of William Dixon Sr. and Grizzella Ann Beall. Amos and Esther had three children: George (1824-1870), Elizabeth (1829) and Addison (1834-1914). (to be continued)

Information is due by Sunday evening and can be sent by calling (937) 205-2309 (leave a message) or by email @ jporter45697@gmail.com

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Submit engagement, wedding, anniversary and birth announcements free of charge to: info@peoplesdefender.com

Summer Crisis Program Continues Through September 30th, 2020

*****New for 2020/2021*****

No Face-to-Face Interviews due to COVID-19 Precautions.

To apply for assistance, call 567-268-1009 to schedule an appointment. Make sure to write down the verification number as well as appointment date and time. It is your responsibility to contact your local HEAP office to see what documents you will need to provide. Someone from your local HEAP office will call you on your appointment day and time (provided you have turned in all documentation required) to conduct a phone interview.

Documents can be mailed, faxed, emailed, or you can call your local HEAP office for other instructions.

SCP Eligibility Parameters: The SCP can provide assistance to households who meet the 2020/2021 Poverty Income Guidelines. Must be 60 years of age or older OR have a discount notice on electric bill OR have a medical condition.

The following is REQUIRED to apply: Proof of citizenship (i.e. birth certificate, voter registration card, Social Security Card) Social Security Numbers for all household members, proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 month proof of Monthly Assistance, proof of disability if disabled; current Job & Family Services Determination Letter. BOTH current heat and electric bill. (Please call your local HEAP office to see what documents they may already have on file)

Income guidelines for HEAP 2021 are at 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Household Size	Yearly Income	30 days
1	22,330	1,858.34
2	30,170	2,479.73
3	38,010	3,124.11
4	45,850	3,768.49

Households with more than four members add \$7,840 per member to the annual income. OR add \$844.38 to the 30-day income for each additional member.

*****Notice*****

Adams County HEAP office now has an Orange Drop Box outside of the office to safely place your documents.

APPOINTMENTS - To schedule an appointment, you must call 1-567-268-1009 or On-line @ capointments.com

Adams County - 1-800-233-7891 or 937-695-0316, Ext. 152, 136, or 137.
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Recycling

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by the jail in Holmesville, Main Street in Glenmont and the bins behind the gas station in Clark no longer will be available for recycling.

Tab Lint, a Clark resident who makes two and sometimes three trips to the recycling bin in Clark each week, said she has no idea what she's going to do with all of her recycling. "It stinks that because of a few bad apples, everyone will miss out," she said. "It's just plain laziness. If people would take the time to break down boxes and things like that, we could fit more stuff in these bins. Now we can't even use these."

Lint said it is not real convenient for her to take her recycling, along with her mother's and her brother's, into the site in Millersburg. She hopes they can find someplace new in Clark where they can set up the recycling bins.

Old appliances like this refrigerator have been left behind at Holmes County recycling sites. Continued abuse of rules and regulations has led to the closure of four sites in the county.

Morris offered several examples of things people are doing wrong at recycling spots throughout the county, despite signs being posted of what can and can-

not be left in bins. Leaving recycling on the ground outside the bins is one of the problems. Items such as rigid plastic as well as household trash, lawn chairs and trash cans are being left behind.

Televisions are not accepted, yet there were five in one bin on Monday, Aug. 17, alone, Morris said.

Windows are also not accepted at recycling bins.

Old chairs and trash cans were simply being disrespectful of fellow residents of Holmes County.

Morris said these items are not accepted and when rules aren't followed, it is simply being disrespectful of fellow residents of Holmes County.

He cited an example where he went to an over-loaded container in Glenmont and had items spring out at him when he opened the container. He questioned what would have happened if a smaller, older person had opened the container and had items fall out onto them.

"Sometimes, we just have to think of others," he said. "I'd hate to think what might have happened to an older lady trying to put something in that container and having all those bottles come crashing down on her."

Morris said there is video surveillance of all the county recycling centers, and videos of violators are



Submitted photos
Old appliances like this refrigerator have been left behind at Holmes County recycling sites. Continued abuse of rules and regulations has led to the closure of four sites in the county.

all dumpster bins telling what can and cannot be recycled, some residents of Holmes County ignore the warnings and leave trash and other illegal debris, which have led to the closing of four sites in Holmes County.

Morris said sadly he has too many photographs of the sites where people simply do not follow the rules, which are clearly marked on all the dumpsters.

In December, 2019, River Valley Paper Co. re-



Old chairs and trash cans were left outside the dumpsters recently at a Holmes County recycling site. This type of illegal activity has led to the closure of four county sites.

REMAINING RECYCLING LOCATIONS

Winesburg, 7705 N. Chestnut St.
Walnut Creek, 4872 McKinley Place Drive
Holmesville, 205 Millersburg St.
Charm, 4450 State Route 537
Lakeville, 13999 State Route 226
Mount Hope, 8070 State Route 241
Berlin Park, Elm Street
Millersburg, 2 Court St.
Millersburg, 5401 County Road 349

moved its recycling bins from several locations in Holmes County, including Millersburg Elementary School, St. Peter Catholic Church, Darby Snyder Senior Center and Head Start. There were also bins located at West Holmes High School and Middle School. That means 10 recycling locations have been removed since December.

"The value of paper has declined for 12 consecutive months, and we as a company have to look at our recycling infrastructure," said

Aaron Stull, Midwest sales representative for River Valley Paper. "Things we were doing two years ago, we can't do today and be profitable. This is industry-wide, across the country."

Stull said his company has 1,100 bins throughout Northeast Ohio, and is trying to become more efficient. "Unfortunately, we had to part ways with some partnerships and relationships, and unfortunately, that trickled down into Holmes County," he said.

and not hang out with friends or extended family, Crain said.

"Even if they're on athletic teams, they can't go to the other schools. You don't have control over what people do on outside time, but we're trying to control as much as we can here," he said.

The students and teachers will return Sept. 8 after quarantining for 14 days. Parents were notified in a letter about the positive case, Crain said.

Reach Valerie at valerie@the-daily-record.com. On Twitter [valerieoryzman](https://twitter.com/valerieoryzman).

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Test

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everybody in his program home because he was spending a good deal of the day

The health department is working with school districts in the county and the career center to monitor situations like these and to do contact tracing.

During quarantine, the students are learning remotely. They should stay home

Crash

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catch fire. The blaze was fueled by gas from the tanker truck's gas tank and the gas it was hauling, according to a joint press releases from the city, police and fire departments.

The driver of the car died in the crash. The person's identity is being withheld until positive identification is made by the Summit County Medical Examiner's Office and family is notified.

The driver of the tanker truck didn't sustain any serious injuries, according to a news release from the city.

The crash closed traffic on Route 8 — the main highway connecting Akron with its northern suburbs — for hours.

Soon after the crash, nearby homes and businesses were evacuated.

"We were worried about an explosion, which is why we evacuated the area," Akron Fire spokesperson Lt. Sierje Lash said.

Firefighters had knocked on close to 100 doors to ask people to evacuate, Lash said. The evacuation order was lifted by late Tuesday morning.

Summa Health corporate offices on Gorge Boulevard, where 700 people normally work, was among the busi-

nesses evacuated, a spokesman confirmed. Akron Public Schools also evacuated North High School. A spokesman said no classes were in session but other staff members were at work.

The Schenone family was one of many who left their homes on Tuesday morning. Nakoa Schenone, 13, carried their two cats Punpun and Puppypat in two backpacks, and they walked their dog.

They were unsure if pets would be allowed in the evacuation sites, so the family said they planned to go to a gas station west of the highway.

Lauran Schenone said she and her two children, Harlow, 11, and Nakoa, 13, were meeting a family member who couldn't get to their home because the roads were blocked.

"They blocked off our street," she said. "They were going door-to-door to let everyone know to evacuate. The fire (smoke and fumes) had spread to the sewer. The whole area reeks like gasoline."

Runoff from the water, gas, flammable liquid and foam went into a nearby sewer grate and leaked into the storm sewers, Lash said.

She said she did not have details on any sewer fixes that may have happened.

Near the border of Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, firefighters battled a small fire in the Cuyahoga River.

Cuyahoga Falls Assistant Chief Chris Martin said the department sent firefighters to help with the flames on the river near where Front Street crosses over the water.

The large fire on the Akron side of the river was quickly under control and extinguished, Martin said.

According to an Ohio EPA spokesman, a few hundred gallons of gasoline entered the storm sewer and discharged into the Cuyahoga River.

Ohio EPA spokesman Anthony Chennault said agency and local responders placed containment booms in the river to capture the gasoline. He said the trucking company involved hired an environmental contractor to recover gasoline from the river.

The city of Akron will assess any damage and make any needed repairs to the storm sewer.

Although Tuesday's fire on the Cuyahoga River was relatively minor, it's significant given the polluted history and subsequent cleanup of the river, which last burned in June 1969 in Cleveland, apparently started by a spark from a train car.

The 1969 fire sparked a national environmental movement, eventually leading to the passage of the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, and the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

River advocates celebrated its restoration with the 50th anniversary of the fire last year.

The fire on Tuesday also caused closures at the Gorge Metro Park. According to Summit Metro Parks, a sewer fire related to the fire on Route 8 closed the parking lot in the park.

The park system sent out an alert on social media to let people know the park would be closed to allow firefighters to work at the scene, but it has since reopened.

Fishing at the Gorge has been suspended until Saturday.

On Tuesday morning, black smoke could be seen far across Akron, including from downtown.

Ohio Department of Transportation cameras showed black smoke and traffic backups along the highway, reaching as high north as Front Street and as far south as the Exchange Street interchange.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol and University of Akron police were on scene to help redirect traffic, assist with evacuations and assess the crash scene investigation.

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ones are barred from visiting. "We believe that the response to COVID-19 has been the greatest fraud ever perpetrated on the American public," said Thomas Renuz, a Fremont attorney representing the coalition.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Attorneys said it is funded solely by Ohioans' contributions to the Ohio Stands Up organization. Naming DeWine and interim state health director Lance Himes as defendants, the lawsuit seeks damages of \$75,000 for each of the eight plaintiffs.

Ohio State seeks 500 volunteers for COVID-19 vaccine trial. Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center will be involved in a 30,000-person clinical trial of an experimental COVID-19 vaccine from AstraZeneca.

The medical center is seeking 500 adults who are at a higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. They could include teachers, first responders, college students, factory workers, restaurant employees and seniors 65 or older, according to a press release. The randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial will require blood samples to be drawn from participants, who will follow up with medical experts over two years, according to the medical center.

"We're thrilled that Ohio State can bring this COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial to central Ohio," Dr. Rama Mallampati, chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at the Ohio State University College of Medicine, said in a statement.

Early-stage clinical trials in the United Kingdom have shown that the potential vaccine provokes a strong immune response and produces both antibodies and T-cells, which seek

and kill infected cells. The AstraZeneca vaccine candidate is one of three that has entered Phase 3 trials and is part of "Operation Warp Speed," a federally funded push to accelerate the discovery, production and distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine.

New cases increase; DeWine concerned about holiday weekend

With Labor Day approaching, DeWine reminded Ohioans to keep their distance from others to prevent the spread of the virus. DeWine said he was on a phone call with the White House on Monday about the upcoming holiday weekend. Vice President Mike Pence and others asked governors to speak directly to their states about the risks posed by traveling over Labor Day.

"They have a grave concern about Labor Day coming up. ... We must remember that whenever there is more activity, there's going to be more cases," DeWine said.

The governor said it was clear that the July 4 holiday caused COVID-19 to spread more quickly after it had been stifled earlier.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, an additional 1,453 Ohioans had tested positive for the virus as of Tuesday.

Tuesday's number was above a three-week average of 1,037 new cases reported per day. The total number of cases in Ohio now stands at 124,610, according to the state.

The new cases on Tuesday also mark the most newly reported ones in a day since the end of July. DeWine said, it's likely, the governor said, that the increase is due to students returning to college campuses. More than 2.26 million COVID-19 tests have been administered in Ohio since the pandemic hit the state in March. The average positive test rate for Ohioans over the previous seven days remained at 4.4% on Sunday,

the most recent day for which data is available, according to the state health department.

Deaths rose by 27 on Tuesday; that is more than the three-week average of 22 new deaths reported per day. In Ohio, 4,185 people have died of COVID-19, according to the state.

An additional 103 people were hospitalized with COVID-19 as of Tuesday. That's above a three-week average of 82 new hospitalizations reported a day, state data shows.

Admissions to intensive care units rose by 14 Tuesday, which is one more than a three-week average of 13 new ICU admissions per day. On Tuesday 777 people remained hospitalized with COVID-19, including 241 in ICUs and 127 on ventilators, according to the state.

Franklin County remains one of the hardest hit counties in Ohio. By Tuesday, the county had recorded 22,003 cases and 563 deaths, the state health department reported.

Cuyahoga County has the most deaths, 381, and the second-highest number of cases, 15,804. Hamilton County has the third-highest number of cases at 11,285, while Lucas County has the third most deaths, 343, according to the state.

Traffic deaths jumped this summer

DeWine announced on Tuesday that his administration will form a new advisory council on traffic deaths.

July saw the most traffic fatalities in Ohio since 2007, DeWine said. The deaths are the result of several things, including speeding, distracted driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, the governor said.

The state has issued more than 2,200 citations this year to people driving 100 mph or more, according to the State Highway Patrol.

Dispatch reporter Emma Scott Moran contributed to this story.

Giving

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fundraisers, said Principal Darren Blochinger. Each fall, the school hosts a soup supper and raffle. The students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades also sell magazines, he said, adding he felt it wasn't safe for students to go door-to-door selling this year.

Revenue brought in from fundraising this school year will be put toward purchasing additional Chromebooks and replacing two-way radios and SMART Boards, Blochinger said. The Chromebooks will help families who don't have the technology for remote learning if the school needs to transition back to that platform in the future, he said. The two-way radios will make communication more fluid between staff members during pickup and dismissal, Blochinger said.

It also will assist in the cost of a smartphone app, called PickUp Patrol, that allows parents to correspond with the school via an app as an alternative for calling in whenever a student has a change in their dismissal plan, he said.

"We're just so appreciative of (the businesses) and the support they always give," Blochinger said. "For them to be so willing to help us out during the coronavirus when we're restricted with some many things — we just can't thank them enough."

Benefiting the students

The Berlin Elementary parent group reached out to the Village Gift Barn to ask questions about its Food Truck Fridays, which are on the first and third

Friday of June through September. Brittany Yoder, marketing and public relations director, said the VGB didn't hesitate to help out the school. The owners, Steve and Ruth Schlachach, are always willing to help the kids in the community, said Yoder, who is their niece.

"They're very focused on the kids around here, so I knew they would be all in if we had something on our plaza for Berlin Elementary," she said.

The Village Gift Barn charges a flat rental fee for vendors to participate in Food Truck Fridays. The rental fee will be given to the school, Yoder said. A percentage of merchandise purchased at the Village Gift Barn and its sister stores Country Gatherings and The Gardens also will benefit the school, she said. Buggy Brew Coffee Co. will donate a portion of their proceeds during the fundraiser, too.

The fundraiser will be Friday and Sept. 18. Food Trucks will be at the business starting at 11 a.m. "It was all about the kids," Yoder said. "That was our only thought in mind."

After the Village Gift Barn's initial support, other businesses began stepping up to help out the elementary school including Keim Lumber, Weaver Leather and Mt. Hope Auction.

Doug Burgess, president of the Main Street Merchants, said their organization will donate \$1,000 from their benevolence fund to help the school.

"Every year we are amazed at the support that the community gives to our school and our kids," Hummel said. "We are overwhelmed when all we do is ask, and they go above and beyond what we expect."

Kenosha

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fires set in the first three nights, the situation has calmed since then.

Trump's motorcade passed throngs of demonstrators, some holding American flags in support of the president, others jeering while carrying signs that read Black Lives Matter. A massive police presence, complete with several armored vehicles, secured the area, and barricades were set up along several of the city's major thoroughfares to keep onlookers at a distance from the passing presidential vehicles.

Offering federal resources to help rebuild the city, Trump toured a high school that had been transformed into a heavily fortified law enforcement command post. He said he tried to call Blake's mother but opted again after the family asked that a lawyer listen in.

Trump later added he felt "terribly" for anyone who suffered a loss, but otherwise only noted that the situation was "complicated" and "under investigation." The only words acknowledging the concerns of African Americans came from a pastor who attended Trump's law enforcement roundtable.

Pressed by reporters, Trump repeatedly pivoted away from assessing any sort of structural racism in the nation or its police departments, instead blasting what he saw as anti-police rhetoric. Painting a dark portrait of parts of the nation he leads, the president predicted that chaos would descend on cities across America if voters elect Democrat Joe Biden to replace him in November.

Biden hit back, speaking to donors on a fundraising call after Trump left Kenosha.

"Donald Trump has failed to protect America. So now he's trying to scare the hell out of America," Biden said. "Violence isn't a problem in Donald Trump's eyes. It's a political strategy."

The election is playing out in "anxious times," with "multiple crises," Biden said. He included police violence in the list, along with the coronavirus pandemic and its economic fallout, and said Trump refuses to address any of them honestly.

Trump aides believe that his tough-on-crime stance will help him with voters and that the more the national discourse is about

anything other than the coronavirus, the better it is for the president.

Biden said after Trump's Wisconsin visit: "The vast majority of cops are honorable, decent and real. But the idea that he wouldn't even acknowledge the problem — and white nationalists are raising their heads all across the country."

Trump condemned unrest in Portland, Oregon, too, where a supporter was shot and killed recently — and an increase in shootings in cities including Chicago and New York — and tried to take credit for stopping the violence in Kenosha with the National Guard. But it was Wisconsin's Democratic governor, Tony Evers, who deployed the Guard to quell demonstrations in response to the Blake shooting, and he had pleaded with Trump to stay away for fear of straining tensions further.

"I am concerned your presence will only hinder our healing," Evers wrote in a letter to Trump. "I am concerned your presence will only delay our work to overcome division and move forward together."

Biden has assailed Trump as an instigator of the deadly protests that have sprung up on his watch. On the eve of his visit, Trump defended a teenager accused of fatally shooting two men at a demonstration in Kenosha last week, though

he did not mention the young man Tuesday.

Claiming the mantle of the "law and order" Republican candidate, Trump insists that he, not Biden, is the leader best positioned to keep Americans safe. He said his appearance in Kenosha would "increase enthusiasm" in Wisconsin, perhaps the most hotly contested battleground state in the presidential race.

Blake's family held a Tuesday "community celebration" at a distance from Trump's visit.

"We don't need more pain and division from a president set on advancing his campaign at the expense of our city," Justin Blake, an uncle, said in a statement. "We need justice and relief for our vibrant community."

The NAACP said Tuesday neither candidate should visit the Wisconsin city as tension simmers. Biden's team has considered a visit to Kenosha and had previously indicated that a trip to Wisconsin was imminent but has not offered details. Protests in Kenosha began the night of Blake's shooting, Aug. 23, and were concentrated in the blocks around the county courthouse downtown.

There was an estimated \$2 million in damage to city property, and Kenosha's mayor has said he is seeking \$30 million from the state to help rebuild.

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Student

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Frank said it was "a very smooth opening" and students are doing well with learning new protocols, such as distancing and wearing face masks.

"I hope this case that we had to communicate is a speed bump and is something we can isolate," he said. "I hope the child makes a full recovery and gets healthy soon. ... We're going to keep trying to put one good day on top of another good day, and we'll see how long we can go."

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Ballot requests flooding Ohio elections boards

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Applications to get an absentee ballot are pouring into Ohio boards of elections at an unprecedented rate more than two months before Election Day. Ohio's 88 county boards of elections are hiring more staff, teeing up orders for more products and redistributing other resources as they deal with what many say is an unprecedented number of absentee ballot requests at this time of year.

A Dispatch/Gannett Ohio survey of Ohio's 88 county boards of elections found that, as of late last week, they had received at least 400,000 absentee ballot request — far more than would be expected in a typical presidential election. Some counties already have gotten more than they did for the entire 2016 general election.

But like everything else in 2020, the election is far from typical. Elections officials have been bracing all summer for a wave of voting by mail, amid warnings from the U.S. Postal Service of slow-downs, as Ohioans look to avoid the polls on Election Day because of the threat of the coronavirus.

Hundreds of thousands of absentee ballot requests arriving before Labor Day is likely only the first ripple. Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose will send an absentee ballot request to about 8 million registered voters in early September.



LaRose

LaRose is predicting historic turnout for the 2020 election in Ohio and has said as many as half of ballots could be cast by mail.

Voters are receiving a constant barrage of information about the election. Elections officials and both political parties have encouraged them to submit applications early.

"It's exactly what we hoped would happen. If there's such a thing as a slow time for boards of elections, it's during the summer," said Aaron Ockerman, executive director of the Ohio Association of Election Officials. "They are 'flattening the election' curve."

A nonprofit organization sent applications along with prepaid postage to thousands of Ohioans earlier this summer, and some League of Women Voters chapters are distributing forms in public places. Last week the Ohio Republican Party sent voters postcards with a ballot request that included a photo of President Donald Trump.

Trump's attacks on voting by mail have drawn extensive media coverage and swift rebukes from those refuting his unsubstantiated claims of widespread voter fraud. Trump, who has requested an absentee ballot himself, now is drawing a distinction between absentee voting and universal vote-by-mail.

Ohio's no-fault absentee system allows any registered voter to request a ballot. Absentee requests received now

can be processed, but the first wave of ballots won't be mailed to voters until Oct. 6.

Reporters from The Dispatch and other papers in the Gannett Ohio chain surveyed boards of elections in all 88 Ohio counties last week. The 75 that responded with either hard figures or estimates said they have received about 400,000 so far.

In the entirety of the 2016 general election, boards of elections sent fewer than 1.3 million absentee ballots to voters.

Several boards reported that they already have hired temporary staff members to help deal with the onslaught of mail and phone calls. Most had planned to bring in seasonal employees after Labor Day.

Franklin County sent more than 150,000 absentee ballots to voters in all of 2016, but Director Ed Leonard expects the board could send as many as 120,000 just in its first batch when early voting begins in Ohio.

Small counties' absentee requests are trending far ahead of 2016 as well. In southwest Ohio's Clinton County, the 5,275 requests is already more than the number of ballots it received by mail in 2016.

Before the 2020 primary, Clinton County was seeing fewer and fewer absentee voters, Director Shane Breckel said. But those numbers exploded again when the state shut down the polls the day before the scheduled March 17 primary to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and transitioned to an almost entirely by-mail system.

I think we were a little more prepared for it after the primary election. We were not prepared then," said Cecilia Blevins, director of the board of elections in Huron County, where 4,000 voters already have requested absentee ballots.

LaRose has said he is committed to having in-person voting for the general election, but he and others are encouraging voters to vote absentee and at in-person early vote centers in each county to avoid long lines on Election Day.

Boards said they are using federal money that LaRose pushed to them to help pay for the extra staff and equipment, such as letter openers and scanners, that will be used to speed up processing of absentee ballots and requests. But Ockerman said they likely will need more and could be forced to make requests to county commissions if more federal funding isn't available.

"Each election the mail vote is getting larger," said Teresa Knittel, deputy director at the Scioto County Board of Elections. "But I don't think anything is going to compare to this year."

More information about how to request an absentee ballot is available at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting/>.

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Woman arrested after leading police on high-speed pursuit

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CAMBRIDGE — Half of the duo who led police on a high-speed pursuit starting in Cambridge and ending with a manhunt in New Concord has been charged with misdemeanor crimes.

According to the Patrolman Jack Wolfe of the Cambridge Police Department, 28-year-old Caitlin Wallace of Cambridge was the driver a white pickup truck who refused to pull over when



Wallace

police attempted a traffic stop. Instead, she entered Interstate 70 west and led officers on a high-speed chase reaching speeds up to 110 mph before exiting onto Ohio 83 in New Concord.

When Wallace and her passenger, 41-year-old Clifford Hamilton of Cambridge, reached the parking lot of the Beckett House Senior Living facility near the campus of the East Muskingum schools, the pair bailed and ran

from police on foot.

During that time, some facilities went into lockdown.

Wallace was found first in the woods behind the Muskingum University soccer and lacrosse field.

About 10 minutes later, Hamilton was located nearby with the help of a canine officer.

Both were taken into custody on active warrants, which officers were unable to disclose.

Additionally, Wallace has been charged in Cambridge Municipal Court

with several misdemeanors including driving under suspension, speeding and unsafe, reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

According to Patrolman Jake Wolfe of the Cambridge Police Department, the passenger claimed to have been out for a run when he was apprehended in the woods by police.

He has not been charged in the matter.

Additional felony charges through

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Trump wades into race tensions in Kenosha

Did not meet with family of man shot by police

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KENOSHA, Wis. — President Donald Trump dipped into the latest eruption in the nation's reckoning over racial injustice on Tuesday, visiting the "destruction" left by rioters in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and declaring it was enabled by Democratic leaders.

Soon after arriving for a visit made despite the objections of state and local leaders, Trump toured the charred remains of a block besieged by violence and fire. He spoke to the owners of a century-old furniture store that had been destroyed and blasted the Democratic officials in charge of Kenosha and Wisconsin.

"They just don't want us to come in and then destruction is done," said Trump, who has offered to send in federal enforcement. "These governors don't want to call, and the mayors don't want to call. They have to ask."

Kenosha has been riven by protests since the Aug. 23 shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man hit seven times in the back by police as he was getting into a car while they were trying to arrest him. On the eve of his visit, Trump defended a teenage supporter accused of fatally shooting two men at a demonstration in Kenosha last week and accused Democrat Joe Biden of siding with "anarchists" and "rioters" in the unrest.

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President Donald Trump talks to business owners on Tuesday as he tours an area damaged during demonstrations in Kenosha, Wis. EVAN VUCCI/AP

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Sun Belt basking in virus reprieve

Matt Sedensky
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The torrid coronavirus summer across the Sun Belt is easing after two disastrous months that brought more than 35,000 deaths. Whether the outbreak will heat up again after Labor Day and the resumption of school and football in the land of Friday Night Lights remains to be seen.

Seven of the nine states on the nation's Southern and Western rim are seeing drops in three important gauges: new deaths, new cases and the percentage of tests coming back positive for the virus. Alabama is the only state in the region to see all three numbers rising; Mississippi's deaths are up, but positive rates and cases are dropping.

It's an encouraging sign for the U.S., which leads the world in coronavirus cases and deaths, but it's one that's been seen before: After a deadly spring in New York and the Northeast, the crisis ebbed somewhat before flaring up across the Sun Belt in the summer.

As of Tuesday, there were more than 25.3 million global infections and over 850,000 deaths, with the U.S. accounting for more than 6 million infections and 183,000 deaths. About 68,000 of the U.S. deaths have come since the start of summer.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves and the state's epidemiologist, Dr. Paul Byers, implored people to avoid big Labor Day parties.

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