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Honorable Gregory Price Honorable Jacky St. John Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

**RE:** Proof of Publication (Case Nos. 21-637-GA-AIR, 21-638-GA-ALT, 21-639-GA-UNC, and 21-640-GA-AAM)

Dear Examiners:

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") has published notice of the June 30, 2021 Application in the above-referenced cases in accordance with R.C. 4909.19(A) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A. The notices and proof of publication, including a supporting affidavit, are attached. Columbia notes that four newspapers did not correctly run the notices as contracted for and that the notices were subsequently run as promptly as possible to correct these errors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph M. Clark

Joseph M. Clark, Assistant General Counsel On Behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

cc: Parties of Record

### Affidavit Proof of Publication

I, Walt Dozier, do herby attest that the Columbia Gas Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

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11/29/21 Date Valt Dozier

State of Ohio County of Franklin

On this day, the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of November 2021 before me, \_\_Chana L Powell\_\_\_\_, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walt Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory , the evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

**Notary Public** 



CHANA L POWELL **Notary Public** State of Ohio My Comm. Expires November 25, 2025

### **Gun violence**

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said, referencing the late-night shooting death of Maya Noelle McFetridge, 18, a University of Akron student who was among three people struck by bullets that flew into a crowd during a large party near the campus.

It's not the only murder case competing for the limited time and attention of officers who, on average, have been dealing with a homicide a week this year.

"There are two individuals, one from this past weekend and another one from a past incident, who are on life support right now," Mylett said, "and we do not know if that number will climb up to 40."

All but two of the 38 homicides involved guns, Mylett said of a "complicated" issue that demands "not only police response, but a community response." Akron is the place to make that happen, a hopeful chief said.

"It appears to me that there is widespread consensus and support to develop strategies wherever we can in a unified way to tackle this pandemic that's hitting this community," he said. "Last year was a very violent year in the city. This year is looking like we may surpass, god forbid, the numbers from last year."

#### **Overtime, hotspots and gun confiscations**

Mylett said officers are working "very, very hard" to take a record number of weapons from the streets and individuals who, because of their criminal records, shouldn't have them; 916 guns have been confiscated so far this year.

Responding to specific questions from Public Safety Committee Chair Donnie Kammer, Mylett said that about one in nine illegally possessed guns is the result of a minor traffic stop. Forty-four of the confiscated guns are "considered assault weapons" with the bottle-shaped ammo and a .223 or 5.56 mm caliber firearm.

And 20 individuals who possessed these firearms were younger than 18.

Every shot reported and recorded is analyzed. The department continues to work with the federal agents and attorneys to seek felony gun charges. Mylett said the department is considering "additional technology" to compliment what analysts already have on hand.

Capt. Dave Laughlin said the crime analysts provide useful data to patrol officers who target people and areas that pose the greatest threat of gun violence. Mapping of the shots is updated regularly to

### **McFetridge**

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"Here's this girl with a bright future, she's only been to school for a month. She's got all these hopes and for them to come to a halt in this way, it's just heartbreaking," Schaeffer said.

He said the family is active in the church and have been parishioners for about 10 years. Schaeffer said he wasn't aware of any fundraisers for the family Monday afternoon, but the church is ready to stand by them.

Friends of McFetridge took to social media to talk about how fun she was, her kindness and her big heart.

identify hotspots.

But the shots are sometimes all over the map.

"It would make it a bit easier if it was contained in one geographic area of the city. It is not," Mylett said. "People are possessing firearms widespread throughout the community, young people especially."

The department recently started offering six to 10 overtime shifts from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. "Dealing with a staffing issue," the chief said commanders have had to make "last-minute pleas for officers to fill the vacancies. And it's not because they don't want to," he said. "They just need that break from work to recharge their engines. The last thing we want are fatigued officers out in the community.

Admitting that he's still learning the city, the chief looked to a dry-erase board in his office then back to the Zoom video conference with Council and noted that Copley Road, Lover's Lane and Lane Field are among the top hotspots.

The East Exchange Street corridor is another. An overtime detail patrolling that area broke up a party and made a traffic stop before spotting the scene of the deadly Sunday morning shooting, even before a 911 dispatcher could send the officers the location.

"We are moving our resources into the areas where we think gun violence is most prevalent," the chief said.

### **Solutions explored**

Council is currently discussing the possibility of deploying professionals trained in mental health and dispute resolution to take lower priority calls of an overstretched police force.

Councilwoman Linda Omobien asked about the

possibility of deputizing people with the respect and knowledge of the community to disrupt violence.

"I don't know the answer to that question," Mylett responded. "I would turn to our legal team to see if that's possible." Any individual who actively assists police in securing neighborhoods would have to be chosen "very carefully," he added. "First and foremost," the chief said, "the community

has to reject this behavior. We cannot accept it. We have to, again, in a united way, say this is not who we are and this is not the community we want to raise our families in – where we lose 38 people to gun violence."

Step two is "cooperating wherever we can." Along with tips on active criminal investigations, sharing information on illegal firearm possession could prevent the next tragedy. Mylett also recommended working with schools and houses of worship to broadcast that anti-violence message and equipping parents with conflict resolution skills.

Councilman Shammas Malik thanked Mylett, who spoke afterward to media, for his "open, direct and empathetic" approach to tackling gun violence.

Councilman Russ Neal underscored the need to "embrace and empower" the community, offering to connect the chief with men in his neighborhood. "And you're right," Neal said. "At this table needs to be the school system ... a lot of the negative energy out in the community is in that middle/high school age group."

"Thank you for your comments, sir," Mylett replied. "Community engagement, to me, is always the key to developing a shared vision and working through problems together. And if you invite me to the table, and you have, I will be at the table, I promise you, 100 percent."

Reach reporter Doug Livingston at dlivingston@thebeaconjournal.com or 330-996-3792.

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"Thank you for being a true friend," one former classmate wrote. "You were smart, funny, genuine, and authentically yourself. I'm so devastated, you had your whole life ahead of you."

"I don't think there was ever a dull moment with you," another friend wrote online. "You were the first person to talk to me when I moved into the district. From elementary school sleepover with friends to smashing cake in my face you always made everything more fun. Though we lost touch and parted our ways after middle-school you would always check in when you noticed I was down. You have the best laugh and the brightest smile. You had the biggest heart and were the sweetest soul!!"

Akron police had not announced any arrests as of Monday afternoon.

The shooting happened at about 1:20 a.m. Sunday near Kling and Wheeler streets. Police said there was a large crowd before the shooting and that people were reportedly fighting in the streets.

Miller said there were hundreds of people there crowded together. He said investigators believe someone fired shots, striking people in the crowd nearby.

Officers found the three shooting victims at the scene, where McFetridge was pronounced dead. The other two people wounded were transported to nearby hospitals.

Police found a handgun and other evidence at the scene. Social media videos showed large fights at a nearby gas station.

The police department released a recording of one 911 call during which a man said someone who was in his home had been shot.

The caller didn't appear to know the victim or a crowd of people with him. He said the man had been brought inside the house after being shot.

The University of Akron put out a statement Sunday saying the woman was a student at the university. The two men who were shot are not UA students, the university said.

In the statement, the university said it would meet with city officials and the Akron police chief and would share more information about how it's addressing crime on and near campus.

Mylett said he convened a meeting Monday to explore how the landlord-tenant relationship might be leveraged to "maintain control of behavior," perhaps by including restrictive use language in rental agreements.

Beacon Journal staff writer Doug Livingston contributed to this report. Reach reporter Sean McDonnell at 330-996-3186 or smcdonnell@thebeaconjournal.com.

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# Benefits

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ing and address our failing social safety net."

When those payments are finally released, some Ohioans face a different problem: account takeovers.

Scammers have rerouted Ohioans' benefits to different bank accounts, stealing their long-awaited benefits. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services doesn't know how many people have lost benefits to account takeovers, but Damschroder says the problem lies with phishing schemes and identity theft – not a hack.

"There is nothing that indicates that account takeovers are a result of someone hacking into our unemployment systems and getting the login information that way," Damschroder said.

### Why wasn't Ohio prepared?

In some ways, Ohio never could have prepared for the onslaught of unemployment claims caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. But Ohio also wasn't adequately prepared for the next, inevitable crisis.

Take the antiquated benefits system. The system launched in 2004, but Ohio lawmakers didn't allocate money to overhaul the system until mid-2018. Former Ohio budget director Tim Keen testified in February 2018 that the system was "nearing obsolescence" and was "quite costly to maintain."

In December 2018, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services contracted with Sagitec for a cloud-based system that will cost the state \$86 million. Then, the pandemic hit.

"If we had not had the pandemic at this moment in time, we would not still be using that COBOL-based system," Damschroder said.

The new Sagitec system is expected to accept unemployment claims by late 2022. In the meantime, Ohio has paid more than \$89 million to contractors and consultants to shore up the current system and answer Ohioans' unemployment questions.

Why didn't Ohio invest in solutions before the next crisis hit? One reason is the way the unemployment system is funded.

Federal money for unemployment drops off when unemployment claims are low. If state lawmakers don't offset the money, then the cash isn't there for improvements, Damschroder said.

Add to that a decades-long fight between business and labor over how to adequately pay for unemployment, and the result is that many of the lessons learned from the Great Recession, such as a fix for the CO-BOL-based system, simply weren't implemented.

"What didn't come out of that time period

### **Boosters**

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Appointments are necessary for the Wednesday and Friday clinics; walk-ins will not be accepted. Masks are required at all Summit County Public Health vaccination clinics. Visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to make an appointment.

The health department will also offer all three vaccines for first- and second-dose vaccinations at the drive-through clinics while supplies last. was a long-term funding commitment to maintain a minimum level of services so that when the next recession happened that we'd be able to respond," Damschroder said.

This isn't a zero-sum game, as Bowling knows too well. Months of reading Reddit and Facebook posts about Ohioans' efforts to obtain unemployment has her convinced that the system is broken and badly in need of a fix.

"It is very overwhelming and sometimes I cry when I read them. The ones that get me are the ones who have lost their house and their car," Bowling said. "There's some stuff that hits me too hard."

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### Should you get a COVID-19 booster?

State health officials released guidance Saturday on who "should" and "may" get a booster shot for added protection against COVID-19:

• People 65 years and older or residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot.

• People ages 50 to 64 with certain underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot.

• People ages 18 to 49 with certain underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks. The CDC has indicated that this is a determination made by the vaccine recipient, but those eligible are encouraged to talk to their healthcare providers if they have any questions.

• People age 18 and older who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of their job or living in an institutional setting may receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks. The CDC has indicated that this is a determination made by the vaccine recipient.

The streamlined guidance for Ohio's 3,500 CO-VID-19 vaccine providers was released "to ensure they have access to the latest information on administering booster doses...."

### Where else can I get a COVID-19 booster?

Walk-in or scheduled vaccine appointments are available "at pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, doctor's offices, community vaccination sites, and local health departments. There is ample supply of vaccine for boosters, as well as first and second doses, for Ohioans," the state health department said.

Patients should be aware that some locations, including Giant Eagle, that had been offering walk-in COVID-19 vaccine shots are returning to appointmentonly vaccinations in anticipation of increased demand.

Ohioans will be able to check gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-427-5634 for the latest eligibility information and to find a vaccine provider near them.

If under 65, people seeking a booster will have to attest to having an underlying health condition. Proof is not required, the health department said. Anyone seeking more information about the safety, efficacy and side effects of COVID-19 vaccines should consult their doctor, nurse or pharmacist, or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.

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## Marlboro Twp. trustees discuss recovery funds

Special to Alliance Review USA TODAY NETWORK

Highlights of Aug. 9 meeting of Marlboro Township trustees:

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### Fiscal Officer Tracy Ferrett:

• Received email that OTARMA members are required to complete a cyber application no later than Sept. 15. Forwarded to Network Administrator Kyle Devies.

• Received \$227,624.05 in American Rescue Plan Act funds on Aug. 5. A separate special revenue fund entitled the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund is required. It must be separate from the fund created to account for the CARES Act grant. Ferrett recommended creating Fund 17 to account for this award, as well as approving supplemental receipts and appropriations for the funds received. Trustees unanimously voted in favor.

• Recommended approving supplemental receipts and appropriations for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the \$11,000 donation received for portable radios and the subsequent purchase of the radios. Trustees unanimously voted in favor.

• Work Session was held Aug. 4 to discuss the 2022 Budget. Ferrett recommended a resolution to approve the 2022 Alternative Tax Budget so it could be submitted to the Stark County Auditor's Office. The proposed preliminary 2022 budget includes Total Estimated Revenues of \$2,330,909.05 and Total Estimated Expenditures of \$2,136,758.05. Figures include the second round of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the same amount that should be received next year. Trustees unanimously approved.

#### Fire Capt. Dave Ferrebee:

Ferrebee, of Marlboro Township Volunteer Fire Co., Inc., reported department had 43 responses in July. Included nine fire responses with zero loss, and 34 EMS calls with one motor vehicle crash.

**POLICE** – Chief Ron Devies was not present and had nothing to report.

### **Road Foreman Rick Bergert:**

• Did some tree trimming on Byers Avenue prior to road paving. The three miles of paving has been completed, including the north end of Byers and the township end of Reeder Avenue.

• Reported second round of mowing was to be completed.

• The catch basin job on Lynnpark Street was completed.

• Trustee John Battershell asked about the repair project on Nimishillen Church Street, and Bergert said department was waiting until the mowing was completed. He received some blacktop chunks (torn out cart paths from Sable Creek Golf Course) that might be put in before adding riprap.

• Trustee Ken Eddleman spoke to Kyle Devies, who will be finishing work on the road department phone lines Friday morning, but said he will need electric.

**ZONING** – Zoning Inspector Ed Stanley was not present and had nothing to report.

### TRUSTEE REPORTS

### **Trustee Wayne Schillig:**

• Received a roof proposal from Redesign Roofing, Inc., noting that the price will go up about \$600 due to material price increases if approval isn't given before deadline.

• Received call and email from Jay Sell at Aspen Energy Corp. requesting completion of a non-committal form to provide pricing for the Electric Aggregation Program. **Eddleman:** 

• Received a letter from Stark County Regional

• Battershell asked about the roof proposal, and Eddleman volunteered to call Stark County Auditor Alan Harold for guidance on CARES Act Funds. Trustees unanimously approved a proposal to enter into a contract with Redesign Roofing, Inc., for \$19,775.00. Schillig said he believes the work can be done in September.

Battershell – Had nothing to report.

**Other Business** – Trustees unanimously approved paying bills for \$39,377.61.

Highlights of Aug. 23 meeting of Marlboro Township trustees:

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fiscal Officer Tracy Ferrett:** Reported that she notified the IRS that because the township does not pay into Social Security, it does not owe additional taxes on Form 941 for the fourth quarter of 2018. She said she received word that the IRS made the corrections on their end in July/August 2020 but that the deposit requirements for 2020 are based on the original, not corrected, returns. Even though the township's fourth-quarter 2018 Form 941 was correct and the error was on the IRS end, the township has been required to make semi-weekly federal tax deposits, instead of monthly. Now, the IRS is trying to charge penalties and interest for not making semi-weekly deposits for periods before and after they made the correction in 2020. She said she has spent many hours documenting the township's case and corresponding with the IRS. She received notification that day that they waived penalties on the quarter ending June 30, 2020, but not the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2020. She has continued making semiweekly deposits until this is resolved but asked if the Stark County Prosecutor's

Office could help with this issue. Trustees recommended contacting the Stark County Auditor's Office or OTARMA.

**FIRE** – No one was present from the Marlboro Township Volunteer Fire Co., Inc. and there was no report.

**POLICE** – Chief Devies was not present and there was no report.

**ROAD** – Road Foreman Rick Bergert was not present and there was no report.

**ZONING** – Zoning Inspector Ed Stanley reported 11 new houses this year, compared to nine last year.

### **Trustee Reports:**

### Schillig:

• Jim Harnack would like to present an employeepaid employee benefit plan similar to AFLAC at a future meeting. Eddleman said after Labor Day.

• Scheduled the roof project with Redesign Roofing, Inc. to begin mid-September.

### Eddleman:

• Shared that Battershell is doing well and wished him a speedy recovery.

• He is still checking on electronic signs. He is expanding his search.

• He contacted the plumber about the touchless faucets, etc., and is hoping to get them installed next month prior to the Cares Act fund deadline.

**Battershell** – Was not present and did not leave a report.

### **Other Business:**

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Trustees unanimously voted to pay bills for \$58,439.96.

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Planning Commission that it was planning a Community Development Block Grant workshop. Trustees determined there were no eligible projects for these funds this year.

• Received letter from Stark County Health Department that a Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Grant has been received from the Ohio Department of Health and the letter included an invitation to participate in the overdose fatality review team.

• At the end of August, crew was to begin tearing off the old police ramp at the back of the Township Hall and installing a flat sidewalk and stairs. Bergert was asked for the chip-and-seal program date, and responded that it would be the second week of September.

• Schillig asked if trustees were interested in getting pricing on the electric aggregation, and Ferrett was asked to check when the current contract ends.

• Eddleman will continue looking into electronic signs. He also asked about the copier in the spare office and Mrs. Marx said she uses it.

### **AREA NEWS IN BRIEF FOR SEPT. 21**

**KNOX TRUSTEES** – Knox Township Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 7 pm at the township building, 2895 Knox School Road, Alliance, Ohio. Trustees will convene at 6:45pm to review bills.

**WEST BRANCH** – West Branch Local Schools Board of Education plans a regular meeting at 8 a.m. Saturday in the West Branch High School Auditorium, 14277 S. Main St. in Beloit.

**COUNTRY MUSIC** – Canton Country Music has announced dances at Nazir Grotto, 1717 6th St. SW in Canton. On Oct. 3, music will be by Inspired Band; and on Oct. 10, the band is Jack & the Boys. Doors open at 1 p.m., with music from 2 to 5 p.m. Food and 50-50 drawing are available. Admission is \$3 at the door. Hope to see you there for a fun afternoon.

**SARTA CANCELS** – SARTA's Board of Directors has canceled its meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday.

**VETERANS BANNERS** – The City of Alliance announced that it is running out of poles for banners for the Honoring Hometown Heroes project. The remaining availability of light poles for new orders are located on Main Street in the downtown area, and a few spots on North Union Avenue. There are nearly 400 banners honoring veterans on city-owned light poles. Officials say that when current banners begin showing wear, their sponsors will be contacted to see if they wish to renew and purchase a new banner in honor of their veteran.

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of clinical staff," Summa executives said.

Summa said "while there is no question that COVID is having an impact on our volumes, the reality is, it is not the only driver of the current staffing issues that we face."

The health system said it must make these changes, which will be effective immediately, "to ensure that we can provide safe and comprehensive health care services across all settings — inpatient and outpatient — for our community and we must support and resource our employees and teams appropriately to do so."

Emergency departments will remain open, but Summa officials acknowledged in the memo that City and Barberton hospitals could have periods where they need to divert ambulances to other area hospitals for a few hours.

The following measures will go into effect immediately:

### **Reduce hospital capacity by 20%**

Summa said it would adjust the combined inpatient bed capacity at Akron City and Barberton hospitals from 551 to about 430 by Oct. 24 - a reduction of about 22%.

The number of available inpatient beds will be cut from 439 to about 350 at Akron City Hospital and 112 to 80 at Barberton Hospital.

There will be no changes at St. Thomas Hospital, which treats Summa's behavioral health patients.

### Improve emergency department flow

Summa said it will begin to embed specialists, primary care physicians and/or hospitalists in the emergency department on the Akron and Barberton campuses to initiate care more efficiently.

The health care system also will:

• Optimize monoclonal antibody treatments to improve efficiency and potentially eliminate or reduce hospital stays for COVID-19 patients.

• Work with skilled nursing facilities to enhance patient navigation.

• Urge people to use emergency departments for true emergencies and utilize physician's offices and urgent care facilities for other needs.

#### **Reduce procedures**

Summa is making several other changes, including:

• Temporarily stopping some elective procedures in the areas of surgery, cardiology and interventional radiology. This decision does not impact cancer-related procedures or any of the emergency services across Summa, including procedures to preserve life and limb. Outpatient surgery sites will remain open.

• Scheduling surgeries seven days a week to help moderate daily case volumes.

• Developing a Standby Patient Program to accommodate elective surgery cases.

• Developing a remote monitoring home care solution to allow patients to recover with at-home care if appropriate.

In a phone interview, Summa Akron City President Dr. David Custodio and Summa Barberton Hospital President Dr. Michael Hughes said the changes were needed to address an already short-staffed and stressed workforce to provide the best care for patients.

Custodio said the staffing issue was a problem with national nursing shortages before COVID-19 and will continue after the pandemic. "We needed to make a decision on how we best provide care for our patients and appropriate resources for our providers," he said. The primary staffing shortage is in nursing, Custodio said, though there are also staffing issues in other areas like technical staff. Summa's primary care physician network also is being asked to extend their hours in order to address more patient's urgent, but non-emergency issues, Custodio said.

#### Slowing the flow of patients hospitalized

While the changes announced by Summa are effective immediately, the hospital is trying to reach its 20% reduction of inpatients by Oct. 24, Custodio said.

By limiting surgeries at City and Barberton hospitals to those that are urgent, emergency or cancerrelated and suspending the majority of elective surgeries, that will reduce the number of patients who will need to be in the hospital after surgeries, said Custodio.

As patients are discharged from the hospitals, those beds will be removed from availability for a new patient, he said.

"We are not going to be booting anybody from the hospitals," he said.

### **Other hospitals react**

In a statement, Cleveland Clinic also acknowledged staffing issues. Its forecast models predict the highest volumes of COVID-19 "will come in the next several weeks, as this wave peaks in northern Ohio."

"We are now experiencing the highest volume of patients with COVID-19 since last winter, with approximately 460 patients, about 135 of those patients in the ICU, at our Ohio hospitals. This is more than double the number of patients that were hospitalized with COVID-19 one month ago. The majority of these patients are unvaccinated. We urge our community to receive their COVID-19 vaccination, as this continues to be the best protection against severe illness and death from COVID-19," the health care system said in its statement.

The Clinic also is experiencing staffing challenges at all of its hospitals, which "have contributed to longer than expected wait times in our emergency departments, the need to closely manage capacity, and to move patients to different facilities within our health system. Some of our locations, including Cleveland Clinic Akron General, Cleveland Clinic Mercy Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital, are scheduling fewer nonessential surgeries that require an inpatient stay."

Essential and urgent inpatient surgeries — including heart, cancer, pediatrics, transplantation and neurological cases — will continue as scheduled, the Clinic said.

Western Reserve Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls also is experiencing staffing issues, a spokesman said, but the hospital has "no plans for reducing inpatient hospital beds, nor temporarily stopping some elective surgeries."

Earlier in the pandemic, Akron Children's Hospital had offered to help by treating adult patients as other hospitals were overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. However, with pediatric COVID cases and other respiratory diseases spiking, Children's on Monday said it's no longer in a position to treat adults aside from those in the burn unit and select other areas.

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### **Emergency departments remain open**

Custodio and Hughes stressed the ERs at City and Barberton Hospitals are not closed and will continue to see all patients. But they urged patients to come for true emergencies.

The hospital leaders acknowledge that wait times at their hospital emergency departments and others in the region and nation are high — a situation that is exacerbated by COVID.

Twinsburg Fire Chief Tim Morgan, who also serves as the president of the Summit County Fire Chiefs Association, said fire departments countywide already were reporting higher-than-normal wait times at area hospitals, sometimes over two hours.

When he learned about Summa's plans to reduce inpatient beds, Morgan said: "I assume this is going to make things worse in the short term. I can't imagine having a reduced number of beds available is going to help us in any way, shape or form."

"That's going to compound the situation, I'm afraid, " he said. "It's certainly not the news we were hoping for."

Custodio said Summa knows about the EMS challenges and is working at City Hospital for an EMS offloading area with increased staff and paramedics to get patients coming in by ambulance into the ER quicker. Custodio also said Summa believes the other changes being done systemwide will help patients in the emergency departments be seen quicker.

Hughes said he sees the changes Summa is making as "an opportunity to really redefine how we take care of emergency patients. Many come in and don't have a primary care physician or can't get in," which adds to the volume in the emergency departments.

By having more specialists and other physicians embedded in the emergency department, the workers will be able to triage those who need the emergency care and get those who may need to be seen by an urgent care or non emergency care out of the emergency room setting, Hughes said.

"I really look at this as an opportunity that is forcing us to change, not unlike what happened with telemedicine," Hughes said. "People were resistant and now it's become a standard of care."

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# SPORTS **AHS Volleyball Improves To 8-0**

In 2020, the Archbold volleyball team started the season 3-0 before dropping its first match.

It was the first time the Streaks started 3-0 since 2012, when Archbold began the season with a 12-0 record before finishing second at the Golden Spike Invitational at

Springfield High School. This year Archbold has started the season 8-0, and is 3-0 in the Northwest Ohio Athletic League.

The Streaks are ranked 11th in Division III in the first Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association poll of the season this week.

Archbold is tied atop the league standings with Swanton (11-1, 3-0 NWOAL), with Patrick Henry and Wauseon each one game behind at 2-1.

Archbold has lost only one game in its first eight matches, and that was a 25-23 loss in the first match of the season against Ayersville.

"The girls' hard work during the off-season has been paying," said Debbie Culler, AHS head coach.

"They have shown up day after day ready to work and elevate their game, and it has been just awesome to watch them grow individually and as a team.

"This group of girls communicates well and works hard to push each other.

"I'm proud of the culture we have created and the chemistry they have on the court

"Our goal as a team has been to play at our level for each and every set of every game.

"That has been key to our success thus far, but we also know we have so much more we want to achieve. Every day counts."

Chaney Brodbeck sets to a teammate.-photo by Mario Gomez

### Archbold def. Delta 25-10, 25-11, 25-5

Delta (1-8, 0-3 NWOAL) visited the Thunderdome, Tuesday, Sept. 15. The Streaks swept the Panthers in three games.

**Kills:** Keely Culler 14, Ella Bowman 8, Olivia Liechty 7, Chaney Brodbeck 4, Carsyn Hagans 4.

Aces: Liechty 8, Brodbeck 5. Blocks: Brodbeck, Culler, Liechty, Addi Ziegler, 1 each. Assists: Ziegler 35.

### Archbold def. Napoleon 25-14, 25-22, 25-12

The Wildcats (1-8, 0-3 NWOAL) visited the Thunderdome, Saturday, Sept. 18, and dropped to 1-11 with the three-set loss.

- Kills: Culler 13, Liechty 9, Bowman 8, Hagans 7. Aces: Liechty 3, Culler, Ziegler, Bowman, 2 each.
- Blocks: Bowman 2. Assists: Ziegler 32.

### Pettisville Golf Finishes AHS Girls Golf Plays Second In Invitational **Two Tri-Matches**

The Pettisville boys golf team finished ninth in the Pettisville Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 18, at Wauseon.

Montpelier won the 16team tournament with a team score of 332.

Wayne Trace was second, with 343. The Birds finished with 377.

Blayn Meck was low man for PHS, shooting a 90 and tying for 24th.

Sam Myers and Tobin King each shot a 94 to tie for 34th. Caden Bishop finished with a 99 to tie for 48th, and Dane Waidelich had a 103 to tie for 52nd.

#### PHS 184, Edon no team score

The Birds hosted Edon for Buckeye Border Conference match, Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Wauseon.

PHS finished with a team score of 184. Edon did not have a team score.

Waidelich shot a 44 and was match medalist. Bishop finished with a 46; Myers and Meck each had a 47; Lily Wiemken, 58; and Mina Wesche, 71.

### NC 172, PHS 187

PHS hosted North Central by 15 strokes. for another BBC match, Thursday, Sept. 16, at Wauseon. The Eagles won the match (Continued on page 7)



Tobin King shot a 94 in the Pettisville Invitational.-photo by David Pugh

### Bishop was low man for

the Birds, with a 42. Meck

The Archbold girls golf team won a tri-match by 73 strokes over Liberty Center and Fairview, Monday, Sept. 13. at Wauseon.

The Streaks finished with a team score of 193. LC shot 266, and Fairview didn't have enough players for a team score.

Brayton Huffman was match medalist, shooting a low score of 42.

Carly Grime shot a 47; Alli Bickel 51; Gabby Rodriguez 53; Maize Bevins 59, and Aniyah Copeland shot a 60.

### Wauseon 191, AHS 191, Otsego 206

Archbold and the Indians both finished with team scores of 191, but Wauseon won the fifth-player tiebreaker to win the match, Thursday, Sept. 16, at Wauseon.

Huffman was again match medalist, shooting a 41.

Grime shot a 45; Bickel, 47; and Copeland, 58.

On the fifth-player tiebreaker, Rodriguez finished with a 64 while Wauseon's Jaylee Perez shot a 62. Bevins had a 71.

### NWOAL

NWOAL girls golf teams will compete for the NWOAL championship and individual league awards. Friday. Sept. 24, at Auglaize Country Club, Defiance.

It was announced on Friday, Sept. 17, that the NWOAL voted unanimously to approve girls golf as an official league sport for the 2021-22 school year.

### Sectionals

The Streaks are scheduled to play in the Div. II girls sectional tournament, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 9 am, at Ironwood Golf Course. Wauseon.

Other teams scheduled to play there included Delta, Eastwood, Evergreen, Genoa, Gibsonburg, Hilltop, Lake, Montpelier, Rossford, Wauseon, and Woodmore.

The top three teams and three individuals not on qualifying teams advance to the district tournament, Monday, Oct. 4, at Sycamore Springs, Findlay.

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Bryan 156, AHS 160, Delta 221 the defending Bryan,



NWOAL champion, came out on top in a match with the Streaks and Delta, Monday, Sept. 13, at Stryker.

The Golden Bears share the NWOAL lead with 5-0 records. The Bears were scheduled to play Swanton and Patrick Henry on Monday, Sept. 20.

The NWOAL meet is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 24, beginning at 9 am, at Auglaize Country Club.

Archbold sophomore Cahle Roth was match medalist, shooting a low score of 33.

Luke Rosebrook finished with a 37. River Ryan shot a 44; Cade Miller, 46; Zane Behnfeldt, 48; and Charlie Jones. 51.

#### Wauseon 165, AHS 172, Patrick Henry 191

Wauseon won an NWOAL tri-meet with AHS and the Patriots, Thursday, Sept. 16, at Wauseon.

Wauseon's Jackson Gleckler was match medalist with a 34.

Roth was low man for Archbold, with a 38. Rosebrook had a 40; Behnfeldt and Miller each shot a 47; and Ryan shot a 50.

### Sectionals

The Streaks open Division III boys sectional tournament play, Thursday, Sept. 30, 9 am, at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon.

Other teams at Wauseon

### **PHS Soccer** Falls To Kalida

The Pettisville boys soc- Pettisville 8th Grade cer team dropped to 3-5 with a 2-0 loss to Kalida, Friday, Sept. 17.

The first half went scoreless as both teams had limited chances in the final third Pettisville Cross Country of the pitch.

Pettisville maintained the majority of possession most of the match, but Kalida (4-4-2) was able to find the back of the net twice in the second half on just four shots.

River Ryan, shown earlier this season, shot a 44 in Archbold's tri-match with Bryan and Delta.-photo by David Pugh

include Delta, Edgerton, Fairview, Fayette, Hicksville, Hilltop, Liberty Center, Montpelier, North Central, Pettisville, Stryker, and Finora.

The top three teams and three individual low scorers not on qualifying teams advance to the district tournament at Stone Ridge Golf Course, Bowling Green, Thursday, Oct. 7.



### **Pettisville 7th Grade** Volleyball

Pettisville def. Delta 25-20, 15-25, 25-20, Monday, Sept. 13. Montpelier def. Pettisville (2-4) 20-25, 25-14, 25-23, Thursday, Sept.

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25-20, 26-24, Thursday, Sept. 16.

### Fayette Invitational, Saturday

Sept. 18. Jack Leppelmeier won the boys race in 11:17. Brycen Bostelman was 32nd in 16:06. There were 50 runners

Leah Roth finished 16th in the girls race in 15:22. There were 42 runners.

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### **One Transported**

Archbold Rescue transported one person to the Fulton County Health Center following this two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Franklin and Stryker streets on Thursday, Sept. 23. Rescue workers were called at 10:53 am. The mishap was the first of two in two days at the same intersection.-photo by David Pugh



### **Nolan Parkway Crash**

Archbold police officers discuss their investigation into a twovehicle crash that occurred on Nolan Parkway, Friday, Sept. 24. Archbold Rescue was called to the scene at 1:46 pm, and transported one patient to Fulton County Health Center. The other vehicle involved was a village of Archbold pickup truck.-photo by David Pugh

### \*Citizen Questions

(Continued from first page) decide how to proceed if it doesn't have some cost estimates available.

Dettling said it could take up to six months to get both HVAC equipment and roofing materials delivered.

Having contracts signed now demonstrates to contractors that the village is serious about the projects.

### **EMS** Contract

Council authorized Dettling to sign a new contract with the Fulton County

Commissioners concerning

went into the new agreement. It's not perfect, he said, but is "the best we can do."

Dettling said the new agreement includes some invillage must meet minimum staffing requirements.

absent.

day, Oct. 4, 5:30 pm, in coun-



### **Archbold School Board Approves Memorandum Of Understanding With Education Association**

Archbold School Board approved a memorandum of understanding with the Archbold Education Association concerning teachers who have been isolated or quarantined due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The board approved the action during its Monday, Sept. 27 meeting.

Jayson Selgo, superinten-dent, said the MOU concerns flex-time agreement that allows teachers who can, to complete their work duties remotely. The Monday action extends the agreement for the rest of the current school year.

The board approved extending the Family First Coronavirus Response Act, with modification, in relation to employee absences as a result of COVID-19, from Aug. 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The board approved several actions during the meeting.

The board accepted the retirement resignation of Kathy Beck, an elementary school cafeteria cook and school bus aide, effective Jan. 1, 2022. She joined the district in 1999.

Several one-year contracts were approved for the 2021-22 school year:

Lance Bauer, student worker; Jordan Rodriguez and Joslyn Mohring, student

workers with a Sept. 7 effec- one-year contracts in connective date; Emily Walker, student worker with an Aug. 31 effective date; Mason Miller, student worker with a Dec. 21 effective date.

### **Classified Subs**

Jenna Stuckey and Kimberly Wyse were approved as classified substitute employees. Both hires are pending all requirements and certifications being met.

One-year contracts were approved for interventionbased support tutors: Bridget Ruffer, Dustie Vocke, Jamie Zagarella, Amy DeLong, Mary Gingerich, Ben Gericke, Shelly Conway, Allison Bentley, Jeremy King, Jan Lindsay, and Dave Walker.

The board also approved one-year contracts for teachers and paraprofessionals for work with the grades 5-8 after-school program: Michele Bagrowski, coordinator; Maria (Liz) Croninger, Dawn Rupp, Andrea Nafziger, Kevin K. Miller, Krystina Bowerman, Michelle Rose, David Walker, Miranda Sumpter, Jeremy King, Thomas Walker, Allison Bentley and Jannette Lindsay.

Musical

tion with the AHS musical: 75% of a contract to Ca-

leb Wyse and 25% to Adam Grisier as musical directors; Courtney Grisier, Beth Yoder, and Josh Voll, musical assistants.

Voll was also granted a contract for providing 20.75 hours of technology support in the summer months.

The board approved ac-

### **Enrollment At Archbold** Schools Almost 1,200

Principals from the three Archbold schools have released their enrollment numbers for the 2021-22 school vear.

Dorothy Lambert, elementary principal, said in her building (kindergarten through fourth grade), there are a total of 440 students.

Her current fourth graders are the largest class, at 111, followed by second grade, 90; kindergarten, 86; and third grade, 77.

The smallest class is second grade, with 76.

Matt Shields, middle school principal, said there are 377 students in the building, plus an additional The board approved several six students being served in plus a \$50 donation to the Archbold Athletic Department in honor of the late Curtis D. Cooley from Richard and Andrea Thiel. Phil Nofziger, board member, was absent.

cepting a donation of \$100

to the district baseball fund

from an anonymous donor,

The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 25, 5 pm, in the AHS media center.

special programs outside the building.

There are 86 eighth grade students, 110 seventh grade students, 95 sixth graders, and 86 in the fifth grade.

At the high school, Royal Short, principal, said his largest class is the freshman class, with 100 students.

There are 96 seniors, 98 juniors, and 86 sophomores. There are 380 students at

AHS Combining the totals for all three schools reveals a total enrollment of 1,197 attending classes in Archbold school buildings.

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The next meeting is Moncil chambers.-David Pugh



"My cat, Lady Morgaine, is very glad I still get the print edition of the Archbold Buckeye, because she loves to make paper forts for herself in them. When I finish reading it, I'll often flatten it out on the bed, and she dives under it over and over again!"-Amy Rich, Evansville, Ind.

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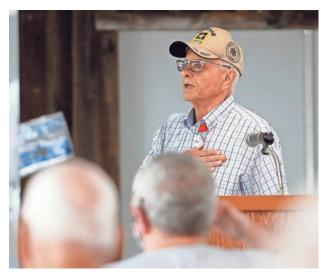
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### Veterans

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Andrzejewski, Knox County resident and Vietnam War veteran.

Andrzejewski was invited by Hospice of North Central Ohio, where he volunteers, to speak at the veterans event. He was last year's Area Agency on Aging Volunteer of the Year, said Hospice of North Central Ohio Community Liaison Tina Marie Heibert.

Hospice's Volunteer Coordinator Danielle England said she knew that each service experience veterans have is different, and Andrzejewski could offer a



speech that would be honored and appreciated throughout the community.

It was Andrzejewski's first time in Ashland, and one aspect of Monday's fair intrigued him.

"I was so impressed with the horses with the flags draped over them, I had never seen anything like that before," Andrzejewski told the TG. "We all probably understand that we could have been one of them [who were called to serve in Vietnam], but for some reason, God had a different plan for us."

Andrzejewski said that he attends Friday night football games every weekend and the national anthem played before each game takes him back to men he lost in his company.

"I appreciate the sacrifice, not only of the veterans, but of their loved ones who sacrificed a tremendous

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### Andrzejewski served in the Army in 1969, 1970

Andrzejewski served the Army in 1969 and 1970 and was an officer in the infantry. He spoke about his experiences in Vietnam and characteristics he gained from serving.

Andrzejewski translated lessons learned in the military to civilian life, such as always being ready.

"You went through the training, you went through the long hours, they cut your sleep for a reason: to get you ready," Andrzejewski said in his speech to the pavilion full of veterans. "You learned to go on in spite of your fatigue."

Andrzejewski used "I did that, I can do this; I went through that, I certainly can handle this" as a way to tell the crowd that if they have served in the United States military, they can do anything.

One huge part of life is getting along with others, whether it is in work or other areas of life, Andrzejewski said.

"No matter what job you have, you certainly better, in any military situation you're in, know how to work with somebody and get along," Andrzejewski said.

The unselfishness of giving up years of life and recognizing that life is really about other people was another point in Andrzejewski's speech.

"You learn to care for others, you understand that every human being has this huge need, which is, 'does someone even care about me? Am I even noticed?' As a veteran, our experience enhances that ability to reach out and say 'you are noticed,' " Andrzejewski said.

Andrzejewski closed his speech by thanking the veterans for agreeing to risk their lives for other people's freedom.

"I never want to forget this one," Andrzejewski said. "I don't care what branch you were in or what your M.O.S. is. When you sign on the dotted line, you are risking your life for your country and for the freedom of other people. That's saying a lot because most people don't do that. I'm proud of you for that."



FAR LEFT: Ron Graves leads the Pledge of Allegiance during the Veteran's Day program at the Ashland County Fair on Monday.

The Ashland Honor Guard stands at attention outside the Veterans Building prior to the Walk of Honor during Veterans Day at the Ashland County Fair on Monday. PHOTOS BY TOM E. PUSKAR/ TIMES-GAZETTE

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# **GOP blocks bill to keep government going**

Lisa Mascaro and Zeke Miller

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WASHINGTON - Republican senators blocked a bill Monday night to keep the government operating and allow federal borrowing, but Democrats aiming to avert a shutdown are likely to try again – at the same time pressing ahead on President Joe Biden's big plans to reshape government.

The efforts are not necessarily linked, but the fiscal year-end deadline to fund the government past Thursday is bumping up against the Democrats' desire to make progress on Biden's expansive \$3.5 trillion federal overhaul.

It's all making for a tumultuous moment for Biden and his party, with consequences certain to shape his presidency and the lawmakers' own political futures.

Success would mean a landmark accomplishment, if Democrats can helm Biden's big bill to passage. Failure or a highly unlikely government shutdown and debt crisis – could derail careers.

"You know me, I'm a born optimist," Biden told reporters Monday, as he rolled up his sleeve for a CO-VID-19 booster shot. "We're gonna get it done."

In Monday night's vote, senators voted 50-48 against taking up the bill, well short of the 60 "yes" votes needed to proceed. Democratic Majority Leader Chuck Schumer switched his "yes" to "no" at the end in order to allow Democrats to reconsider the bill later.

With days to go, Democrats are likely to try again before Thursday's deadline to pass a bill funding government operations past the Sept. 30 fiscal year end, strip-



The president's \$3.5 trillion proposal is being chiseled back to win over key senators and a few House lawmakers. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

ping out the debate over the debt limit for another day, closer to a separate October deadline.

Meanwhile, the real action is unfolding behind the scenes over the \$3.5 trillion measure, with Biden and

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his Democratic allies in Congress seeking a once-in-ageneration reworking of the nation's balance sheets.

From free prekindergarten and child care subsidies for families with small children to dental care and hearing aids for seniors with Medicare, there's a lot in the president's proposal - all to be paid for with higher taxes on corporations and the wealthy.

With Republicans solidly opposed, Democrats are rushing to trim the total and win holdouts within their own party.

Building on a separate \$1 trillion bipartisan public works package that's already cleared the Senate and is heading for a House vote, Biden is seeking major spending for health care, education and efforts to tackle climate change. The total price tag, he contends, is actually "zero" - covered by the expected increase in tax revenue.

He is personally calling fellow Democrats in Congress an effort to resolve differences and bring his sweeping domestic policy vision forward.

Ticking off the weighty list of goals to accomplish, Biden said: "If we do that, the country's going to be in great shape."

But Republicans say it's real spending that can't be afforded, and a reflection of the Democrats' drive to insert government into people's lives.

And so far, the bill is also too big for key Democrats whose votes are needed in the face of the GOP opposition. Two Democratic holdouts, Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, have said they won't support a bill of that size. Manchin has previously proposed spending of \$1 trillion to \$1.5 trillion.

With all Republicans opposed, Democratic leaders can't spare a single vote in the 50-50 Senate, relying on Vice President Kamala Harris to break a tie to pass the eventual package.

All this, as other deadlines swirl this week to pay for government operations and allow more borrowing or risk a devastating federal shutdown or debt default though those dire scenarios appear unlikely.

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Additionally, Columbia is seeking Commission authority to continue its DSM Program and its associated DSM Rider from 2023 through 2027. Columbia's DSM Program offers cost-effective energy efficiency programs and rebates to help customers save energy and lower utility bills. Projected budgets for the DSM Program (excluding WarmChoice® funding included in base rates) range from approximately \$29.8 million in 2023 to approximately \$31.9 million in 2027.

Afghan refugees in the aftermath of the 20-year war.

Republican leader Mitch McConnell rejected that approach because Democrats also included a provision to suspend the debt limit, which would allow continued borrowing to pay off the nation's bills.

Once a routine matter, raising the debt limit is now a political weapon of choice wielded by Republicans to attack Democrats – even though both parties have been responsible for piling on debt.

'The Democrats will do the responsible thing – the right thing, the thing that has been done for decades by both parties-and vote yes," said Majority Leader Schumer ahead of the vote.

Schumer called the Republican opposition "unhinged."

McConnell has said he wants to fund the government and prevent a devastating debt default, but wants to force Democrats to split the package in two and take the politically uncomfortable debt ceiling vote on their own.

"Republicans are not rooting for a shutdown or a debt limit breach," he said.

Thursday is a new deadline of sorts, and Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Schumer won some breathing room after Pelosi postponed Monday's planned vote on the public works bill to Thursday, which is also the expiration date of transportation programs in the public works bill.

As Pelosi huddled privately Monday with House Democrats, the more difficult action now lies in the Senate, as Democrats are under pressure to amass the votes for Biden's package.

Pelosi said Sunday it seems "self-evident" that the price tag will come down to meet the concerns of remaining lawmakers.

Her comments reflected the enormous stakes for the coming week, one that could define the Biden presidency and shape the political contours of next year's midterm elections.

Democrats have only a few votes to spare in the House for Biden's massive agenda. Some Republican senators did back the \$1 trillion public works bill, but now House Republicans are objecting, saying it is too much.

While progressives say they have already compromised enough on Biden's big bill, having come down from a bill they originally envisioned at \$6 trillion, some are also acknowledging the more potential changes.

Biden's proposal is to be paid for by increasing the corporate tax rate, from 21% to 26.5% on businesses earning more than \$5 million a year, and raising the top rate on individuals from 37% to 39.6% for those earning more than \$400,000 a year, or \$450,000 for couples.

# SPORTS

### NELSONVILLE-YORK FOOTBALL

# **Buckeyes stop Oaks**, 37-0

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

NELSONVILLE — The Nelsonville-York Buckeves took care of the Oak Hill Oaks, winning for the second week in a row.

The Buckeyes were 37-0 winners against Oak Hill on Friday at Boston Field. Nelsonville-York

improves to 2-3 overall, while Oak Hill falls to 1-4.

The Buckeyes started the game with a safety, when Oak Hill had a bad snap on a punt.

N-Y led 2-0 and the defense only continued from there.

Drew Carter scored the first two offensive touchdowns for the Buckeyes on runs of seven and three yards for a 16-0 lead.

The defense struck again for the next score. Jared Justice returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown, giving the Buckeve a 23-0 lead.

The lead grew to 30-0 on to Meigs next week.

### VICTORY

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The ball was cleared by the Tigers defense, captured by Tess Wilhelm, and one-touched squarely to freshman Wynne Dodrill who drilled shot to left side of the goal, too fast paced to be touched by the goalie.

The Bulldogs took the bench for half-time leading 4-0, outshooting the Tigers 19-1. Holcombe described the first half as, "We just had the right mind set and passed well. It was exciting to score so much."

In the second half, the Bulldogs possessed for the majority of the minutes. Although they continued to outshoot their opponents 14-2, only one shot penetrated the pipes. The goal occurred on a set play corner kick, 28 minutes into the half. Just as scripted during practice, Annie Moulton

a Carter touchdown pass. He hit Keagan Swope for a 18-yard pass, with Ben Perry adding the extra point.

The final score came on Tommy Mitchell's 60-yard run, giving Nelsonville-York the 37-0 advantage.

Carter had 36 yards rushing on nine carries, with Hudson Stalder adding 36 yards on six carries.

Landon Inman led N-Y in rushing with 64 yards on six carries, with Mitchell adding 60 yards on his two carries.

Carter completed 5 of 10 passes for 57 yards and a touchdown.

Leighton Loge caught two passes for 29 yards, while Swope had three catches for 30 yards and a touchdown.

The Buckeyes will be in Tri-Valley Conference Ohio Division action the rest of the way, traveling

### ALEXANDER FOOTBALL

# **Rockets top Spartans, 33-14**

### **FROM STAFF REPORTS**

ALBANY — Locked into a scoreless tie through one quarter. Jeremiah Frisby and the Wellston Golden Rockets were able to break through in their league opener.

The Rockets scored 20 unanswered points in the second quarter, with Frisby accounting for all three touchdowns, leading to a 33-14 win at Alexander High School on Friday.

Wellston snapped a three-game losing streak, improving to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the **Tri-Valley** Conference Ohio Division.

Alexander fell to 2-3, and 0-2 in league play.

Frisby, Wellston's quarterback, gave the Rockets a 7-0 lead with 7:03 left in the second quarter on a 1-yard run. deficit before halftime.

Frisby's 24-yard run to paydirt gave Wellston a 14-0 lead with 6:36 to play in the first half.

Both drives were set up by the defense. Aidan Graham and Gage Downard each had interceptions to set Wellston up with good field position.

Wellston's lead grew to 20-0 with 2:38 to play in the second quarter after Frisby completed a 68-yard touchdown strike to Evan Brown.

Frisby carried the ball just six times, gaining 46 yards with two touchdowns. He also completed 4 of 18 passes, throwing two interceptions, but also gaining 170 yards through the air.

Alexander's defense helped cut into the

**Brody Montgomery** intercepted a pass, then eventually scored on a 10-yard reception from Jordan Schulz.

Parker Bolin's extra point allowed Alexander to trail just 20-7 at halftime.

Each defense took turns getting stops in the third quarter before Wellston eventually put the game away.

Brown scored on a 1-yard run with 6:16 left in the fourth quarter, capping off a 12-play, 77vard drive. Michael Weber's extra point gave Wellston a 27-7 lead.

The lead was 33-7 after Isaac Molihan's 15-yard touchdown run with 3:36 to play.

Alexander capped off the scoring with Isaac Waller's 70-yard touchdown run.

Wellston gained 392

vards of total offense, 199 on the ground and 193 through the air. Alexander had 216 yards, 112 on the ground and 104 passing.

Molihan led Wellston with 87 yards rushing on 14 carries. Tucker Ervin added 49 yards on 10 carries.

Molihan also caught two passes for 77 yards, with Brenton Breech adding two catches for 48 yards.

Waller led Alexander with 95 yards on eight rushes.

Schulz completed 8 of 26 passes for 104 yards, with Logan Jenkins catching two passes for 57 yards. Montgomery had two catches for 21 yards.

The win was Wellston's sixth in a row in the series against Alexander.

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tapped a short ball to Angela Owens who one-touched it back to Moulton's feet. Moulton with her knee over the ball, kept the shot just under the cross bar and just over the head and hands McCune.

When asked what contributed to the win, senior Ava Kristofco described how she asked Coach Schroer "what if we do a three-back formation from the beginning?" He agreed and Kristofco remarked "that gave us a lot more offense.'

Wilhelm reflected that, "although I think we could do better with hustling to the ball, I'm really proud of us. We played a lot more on offense and we did a lot

better at finishing. Schroer said "I look forward to seeing them stay

offensive minded as they take on Gallia County," for senior night this coming Tuesday.

That gave Fitzpatrick

a chance to tie the game,

Coffield completed 10

of 19 passes for 140 yards.

He was also John Mar-

shall's leading rusher

with 70 yards on 11 car-

Ethan Wallace added 45 yards on seven car-

The loss ends a 24-

Trimble, dating back to a 21-20 loss at home to

Cincinnati Hills Chris-

tian Academy on Sept.

It was also Trimble

first road defeat since

a 30-12 setback at Wa-

terford on Sept. 15, 2017.

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since an 0-2 start to the

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### TOMCATS **Continued from page A6**

John Marshall would go ahead 24-14 with 2:16 left in the third quarter after Klypson Wallace's 2-yard touchdown run.

Trimble began its fourth-quarter comeback when Lackey found Dixon for a 14-yard touchdown. The extra point was blocked, and Trimble trailed 24-20.

The Tomcats got the ball back and pieced together a two-minute drive. A fourth-down pass interference on John Marshall kept Trimble's drive alive, and Lackey would eventually find the end zone from six yards out.

Guffey's extra point gave Trimble the 27-24 lead with just 41 seconds remaining.

The Monarchs returned the kickoff just across midfield. With less than 10 seconds to play, they completed a screen pass in the middle of the field, but Trimble was called for a 15-yard facemask on the tackle.

That stopped the clock and advanced the ball to Trimble's 21-yard line.

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### FOR THE RECORD

Athens County Sheriff's Office

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5:30 p.m., The Plains – Deputies responded to a call for extra patrol in The Plains after a caller advised that he thought someone may have entered his residence and taken miscellaneous items.

7:03 p.m., Carbondale - A Nelsonville resident reported someone had left graffiti on several items at their location. A Deputy responded and spoke with the residents and observed the areas spray painted. This case is under further investigation.

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8:45 p.m., Athens — A motorist contacted the

involved party had left prior to their arrival. A **YOUR WEATHER REPORT** 

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Deputies were dispatched

5:08 p.m., Athens -

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report was taken. 3:00 p.m., Glouster — Deputies responded to a residence in Glouster for a verbal dispute. On scene, both parties agreed to separate for the evening and let things calm down. No further action was taken.

3:35 p.m, Nelsonville — Deputies were dispatched to Nelsonville on a verbal dispute. Upon arriving on scene, an involved male was found to have an active warrant out of Hocking County. The male was taken into custody.

6:00 p.m., The Plains — Deputies responded to State Route 682 after receiving a report of sounds of explosions. The caller also said that they could hear shooting. Deputies were unable to hear any explosions when they patrolled and sat stationary in the area.

6:09 p.m, Shade — Deputies responded to Old State Route 33 for a suspicious activity complaint. The caller stated that a vehicle pulled into his neighbor's driveway, and when they saw him, they left. Deputies patrolled the area but were unable to locate the vehicle.

7:41 p.m., Athens — The Athens County Sheriff's Office responded to US 50 near Buckley Run Road to assist a motorist. Deputies remained on scene until a local tow company arrived. No further action taken.

11:18 p.m., Coolville – Deputies responded to Troy Township in reference to a suspicious person complaint. Deputies were advised that the suspect was possibly staying at a campsite in the woods in the immediate area. Units patrolled the area for the suspect, but no contact was made.

11:26 p.m., Torch A caller advised that they believed they were hearing sounds of an explosion near Lyons Street in Torch. Deputies patrolled the area, and it was determined that the sounds were coming from a prop at a Halloween event nearby. No further actions were taken, and deputies returned to patrol.

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> was located in the field cutting hay. It was found to be an accidental dial from his phone that occurred while operating the tractor, and there was no emergency. Deputies returned to patrol. 6:53 p.m., Trimble

Deputies were dispatched to Valley Street in Trimble on a verbal dispute. After arriving on scene, the dispute was resolved, and parties were separated. Deputies returned to patrol. 8:29 p.m., Shade — Deputies responded to Lodi Township in reference to what was reported as a property damage complaint. Once at the residence, it was determined to be a property dispute / civil matter related to an ongoing divorce.

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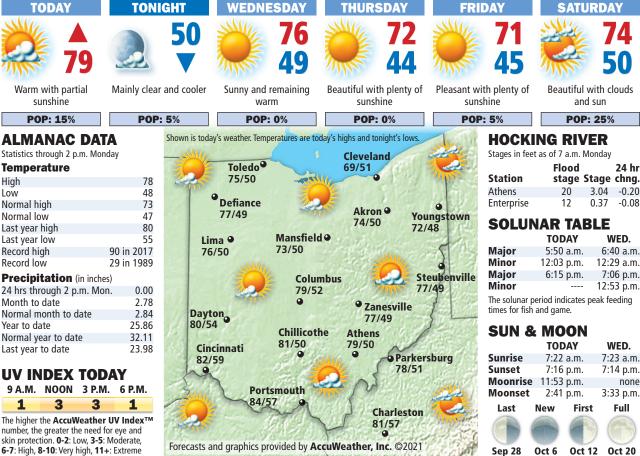
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### Saturday, Sept. 25

1:59 a.m., Jacksonville — Deputies responded to Jacksonville for a reported assault. On scene, deputies spoke with both parties involved in the incident. The victim refused treatment from EMS and did not wish to pursue criminal charges. No further action was taken, and deputies returned to patrol.

2:54 a.m., Chauncey — Deputies were requested to patrol Lexington Avenue in Chauncey in reference to a male knocking on doors. Deputies patrolled the area but were unable to locate the male.

12:16 p.m., The Plains — Deputies were dispatched to The Plains on a report of a possible impaired male in a vehicle at a local business. Deputies arrived on scene and found the male was not impaired.

2:27 p.m., The Plains — Deputies were dispatched to East Fourth Street in The Plains on a report of a fight. Once deputies arrived on the scene, they discovered that an

### Sunday, Sept. 26

12:02 a.m., The Plains — A caller reported a group of suspicious people walking near North Plains Road in The Plains. Deputies patrolled the area, but no criminal activity was observed.

12:49 p.m., Millfield -Deputies were dispatched to Hilltop Cemetery in Millfield on a report of a needle located in the cemeterv. Deputies arrived on scene, collected, and disposed of the needle.

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Columbia also seeks to recover historical expenses that the Commission had authorized Columbia to defer, and to defer new expenses related to a leak detection pilot program.

Columbia's current base rates were determined in a rate filing that became effective December 3, 2008. Columbia's Application states that the current rates and charges do not provide a just and reasonable rate of return on Columbia's used and useful property as of March 31, 2021 (the date certain in this case). The Application further states that Columbia requires a revenue increase to provide Columbia an opportunity to earn a fair return on its assets and recover its costs of operation. For purposes of Columbia's Application, Columbia's revenues and expenses reflect its actual and projected costs of rendering natural gas service during calendar year 2021, with adjustments as described in the Application and supporting schedules. Columbia has requested the following increases in operating revenue for its rate classes:

Rate Classes	Requested Increase in Operating Revenue
Small General Service (SGS)	
Small General Transportation Service (SGTS)	31.4%
Full Requirements Small General Transportation Service (FRSGTS)	
General Service (GS)	
General Transportation Service (GTS)	11.4%
Full Requirements General Transportation Service (FRGTS)	
Large General Service (LGS)	
Large General Transportation Service (LGTS)	15.1%
Full Requirements Large General Transportation Service (FRLGTS)	
Full Requirements Cooperative Transportation Service (FRCTS)	12.6%

These increases in proposed operating revenue do not necessarily equal the increases in total expected monthly charges for any customer. For example, if the Commission approves Columbia's Application, a SGS customer using 10 Mcf of gas from Columbia Gas would see a total monthly bill increase from \$93.53 to \$105.70, an increase of approximately 13.0% (including gas costs). Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, any person, firm, corporation, or association may file an objection to the increased rates that Columbia has proposed by alleging that Columbia's proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

Columbia is also seeking authority to implement an alternative rate plan, which would consist of its existing IRP and CEP (and their associated riders) and a new proposed FMI Rider. Columbia seeks Commission approval to continue the IRP and Rider IRP, with minor changes, from 2021 through 2026. Changes to the IRP include shifting capital projects in which less than 50% of the retired pipe is priority pipe to the CEP and eliminating the 5% limit on plastic pipe replacement for priority pipe-replacement projects under Columbia's Accelerated Mains Replacement Program ("AMRP"). Columbia would continue its CEP and CEP Rider through 2026, with updated caps for the CEP Rider charge for 2021 through 2027. The new FMI Rider would be a monthly charge for customers in all rate classes to allow Columbia to recover incremental costs associated with federally and state-mandated safety investments.

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