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December 6, 2021

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 hereby attest that the Columbia Gas Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

Akron Beacon	September 21 & 28, 2021
Alliance Review	September 21 & 28, 2021
Archbold Buckeye	September 22 & 29, 2021
Ashland Times Gazette	September 21 & 28, 2021
Athens Messenger	September 21 & 28, 2021
Bellefontaine Examiner	September 21 & 28, 2021
Chillicothe Gazette	September 21 & 28, 2021
Circleville Herald	September 21 & 28, 2021
Columbus Dispatch	September 21 & 28, 2021
Coshocton Tribune	October 14 & 17, 2021
The Courier (Findlay)	September 21 & 28, 2021
Daily Chief Union	September 25 & October 2, 2021
Daily Jeffersonian	September 21 & 28, 2021
Daily Record	September 21 & 28, 2021
The Daily Sentinel	September 21 & October 23, 2021
Daily Times (Portsmouth)	September 21 & 28, 2021
Daily Tribune (Gallipolis)	September 21 & 28, 2021
Delaware Gazette	September 21 & 28, 2021
Elyria Chronicle Telegram	September 21 & 28, 2021
Carrollton Free Press Standard	October 15 & 22, 2021
Fulton County Expositor	September 21 & 28, 2021
Harrison News Herald	September 25 & October 2, 2021
Herald Star	September 21 & 28, 2021
Holmes Co Hub	September 25 & October 2, 2021
Ironton Tribune	September 22 & 29, 2021
The Journal Leader	September 20 & 27, 2021
Journal Tribune	September 21 & October 15, 2021
Kenton Times	September 22 & 29, 2021
Lancaster Eagle Gazette	September 21 & 28, 2021
Lima News	September 21 & 28, 2021
Lisbon Morning Journal	September 21 & 28, 2021
Logan Daily News	September 21 & 28, 2021
Lorain Morning Journal	September 21 & 28, 2021
Madison Messenger	September 26 & October 3, 2021
The Marietta Times	September 21 & 28, 2021
Marion Star	September 21 & 28, 2021
Massillon Independent	September 21 & 28, 2021
Medina Co. Gazette	September 21 & 28, 2021
Monroe Co Beacon	September 23 & 30, 2021
Morgan County Herald	September 22 & 29, 2021
Morrow County Sentinel	September 22 & 29, 2021
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Newark Advocate	September 21 & 28, 2021
News Journal	September 21 & 28, 2021
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Norwalk Reflector	September 21 & 28, 2021
Perry County Tribune	September 22 & 29, 2021
The Plain Dealer	September 22 & 29, 2021
The Pulse of Warren Co	September 26 & October 3, 2021
The Repository	September 21 & 28, 2021
Sandusky Register	September 21 & 28, 2021
Sentinel Tribune	September 21 & 28, 2021

Springfield News Sun	September 21 & 28, 2021
Sugarcreek The Budget	September 22 & 29, 2021
The Telegram	September 22 & 29, 2021
Telegram Forum (Bucyrus)	September 21 & 28, 2021
Tiffin Advertiser Tribune	September 21 & 28, 2021
The Times Leader	September 21 & 28, 2021
Times Recorder	September 21 & 28, 2021
Toledo Blade	September 23 & 30, 2021
Urbana Daily Citizen	September 21 & 28, 2021
The Vindicator	September 21 & 28, 2021
Vinton County Courier	September 22 & 29, 2021
Xenia Daily Gazette	September 21 & 28, 2021

Walt Dozier 11/29/21
Walt Dozier Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 29 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 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.

Chana L Powell
Notary Public



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

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 COBOL-based system, simply weren’t implemented.

“What didn’t come out of that time period

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.”

Jessie Balmert is a reporter for the USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau, which serves the Akron Beacon Journal, Cincinnati Enquirer, Columbus Dispatch and 18 other affiliated news organizations across Ohio.



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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.

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 COVID-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 appointment-only 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.

Contact Beacon Journal reporter Emily Mills at emills@thebeaconjournal.com and on Twitter @EmilyMills818.

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 Ferreebee:

Ferreebee, 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 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.

- 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

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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 employee-paid 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:

- Trustees unanimously approved hiring Don DeFluiter as a part-time/seasonal truck driver/laborer for the Road Department, effective Aug. 23 for \$11.30 per hour.

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

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.”

AHS Boys Golf Second In Pair Of Tri-Matches

The Archbold boys golf team finished second in a pair of Northwest Ohio Athletic League tri-matches last week to stand 3-3 in the league.

Bryan 156, AHS 160, Delta 221

Bryan, the defending 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.

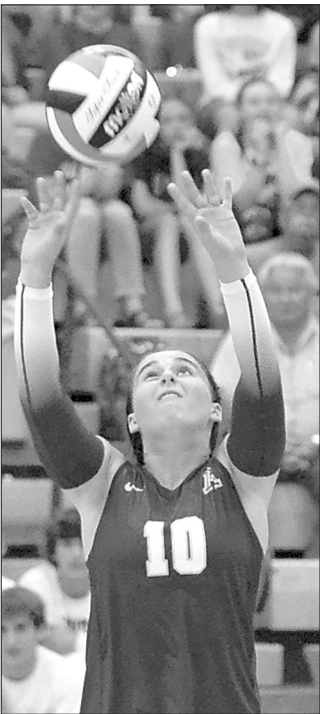
Other teams at Wauseon

PHS Soccer Falls To Kalida

The Pettisville boys soccer 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 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.



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.



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 Tinora.

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. 16.

Pettisville 8th Grade Volleyball
Pettisville def. Delta 25-11, 25-14, Monday, Sept. 13.
Pettisville (7-0) def. Montpelier 25-20, 26-24, Thursday, Sept. 16.

Pettisville Cross Country
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.

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 16-team 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 a 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 Wsche, 71.

NC 172, PHS 187

PHS hosted North Central for another BBC match, Thursday, Sept. 16, at Wauseon.

The Eagles won the match



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

by 15 strokes.

Bishop was low man for the Birds, with a 42. Meck (Continued on page 7)

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 tie-breaker 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 tie-breaker, 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 individu-

al 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.

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NEWS



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 two-vehicle 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.

Detting 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 Detting to sign a new contract with the Fulton County

Commissioners concerning EMS service.

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

Detting said the new agreement includes some incremental changes, and the village must meet minimum staffing requirements.

Chad Kern and Karla Ball, council members, were absent.

The next meeting is Monday, Oct. 4, 5:30 pm, in council chambers.—*David Pugh*

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, superintendent, said the MOU concerns a 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 effective 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 intervention-based support tutors: Bridget Ruffer, Dustie Vocke, Jamie Zagarella, Amy DeLong, Mary Gingerich, Ben Gerickie, 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

The board approved several

one-year contracts in connection with the AHS musical:

75% of a contract to Caleb 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-

cepting a donation of \$100 to the district baseball fund from an anonymous donor, 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.

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

Enrollment At Archbold Schools Almost 1,200

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

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 six students being served in

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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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.
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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

amount,” Andrzejewski told the T-G.

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.”

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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 COVID-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

his Democratic allies in Congress seeking a once-in-a-generation 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.

The bill Senate Republicans rejected Monday night would have funded government operations temporarily, to early December, while also providing emergency funds for Hurricane Ida and other disaster relief and for 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 mid-term 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.

**Notice of Application by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
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This notice summarizes the substance of Columbia’s Application. Anyone seeking more detailed information regarding Columbia’s Application may inspect a copy of the Application, including its supporting schedules and Columbia’s current and proposed rate sheets, by any of the following methods:

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