

Emmy Moments: Not the Pandemmys – but hardly normal, either

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OK, it definitely wasn't the Pandemmys, or the Zoomemmys, or whatever you want to call last year's virtual Emmy ceremony — with everyone at home, and visitors in hazmat suits showing up to bestow awards.

This year was different — defiantly so. People were together, and not even in masks (except during commercial breaks.) There were plenty of hugs and kisses — in fact, quipped presenter Seth Rogen, he had just been sneezed in the face by Paul Bettany. (Guests had to present vaccine proof and negative COVID-19 tests.)

But of course, this wasn't the PRE-COVID Emmys either. The crowd, in a tent in downtown Los Angeles, was much smaller than in normal years. And many overseas nominees couldn't come due to travel restrictions — especially the cast and crew of "The Crown," which accepted its six drama awards from a party in London, as "Schitt's Creek" had done a year earlier in Canada.

And in a year where so much was different, there were some familiar problems. Awards were concentrated among a few shows. The hashtag #EmmysSoWhite emerged — a record number of nominees of color yielded only two Black winners, RuPaul for "RuPaul's Drag Race" and Michaela Coel for writing "I May Destroy You." A slew of Black actors were passed over.

Cedric the Entertainer proved an infectiously joyful and hard-working host, but the comedy bits were spotty at best. It also didn't help that some overlong speeches dragged down the proceedings, for example from the director of "The Queen's Gambit," who was criticized on Twitter for a speech that to some, seemed to feel as long as a chess game.

Still there were feel-good moments: Debbie Allen. Jean Smart! Kate Winslet. Ted Lasso himself — heck, all Ted's friends, too. And perhaps best of all, the fiercely original Coel, giving a stunning (and concise!) speech about writing.

Some key moments of the evening:

A JEANAISANCE...
Yes, the expected Jeanaissance happened, with veteran Smart receiving a standing ovation after winning best actress in a comedy — her fourth Emmy in a long career — for playing a Las Vegas stand-up comic in "Hacks." She immediately paid tearful tribute to her husband, Richard Gilliland, who died in March: "I would not be here without him, and



Brett Goldstein, Hannah Waddingham, Jason Sudeikis, Juno Temple and the cast and crew from "Ted Lasso" pose with their awards for outstanding supporting actor in a comedy series, outstanding supporting actress in a comedy series, outstanding lead actor in a comedy series and outstanding comedy series at the 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021, at L.A. Live in Los Angeles. (AP PHOTO/CHRIS PIZZELLO)

without his ... putting his career on the back burner so I could take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities I have had." It was a theme -- personal loss -- that was threaded through a number of speeches.

AND THE GREAT KATE
While "Mare of Easttown," also featuring Smart, lost out to "The Queen's Gambit" for best limited series, it won three key acting awards, including the Great Kate — Winslet, of course — who captivated audiences with her role as a "a middle-aged, imperfect, flawed mother," in her words, in which she also nailed a very difficult Philadelphia accent. The show "is this cultural moment, and it brought people together and gave them something to talk about other than a global pandemic," Winslet noted.

THE LASSO EFFECT
It was unquestionably the feel-good show of the year, and "Ted Lasso" — about the unrelentingly upbeat American coach of a British football team — started winning early, with ebullient stage actress Hannah Waddingham accepting the award for best supporting actress in a comedy, closely followed by Brett Goldstein for supporting actor. Then Jason Sudeikis, the titular coach, made it a happy trio, winning best actor. "This show's about families, this show's about mentors and teachers, this show's about teammates, and I wouldn't be here without those three things in my life," said Sudeikis. He told castmates and crew: "I'm only as good as you guys make me look." The Apple TV+ show capped off the night by winning best comedy.

CAN WE COME?
"We're going to party," said Peter Morgan, creator of "The Crown," as the royal saga from Netflix won drama writing, directing

and all four acting honors. At times it seemed like that party — held in London due to travel restrictions — might be more fun than the long party in Los Angeles. Olivia Colman, who became the second actor to win for playing Queen Elizabeth II on the same show, after Claire Foy, was delighted but tearful as she

recalled the death of her father during COVID. "He would have loved all of this," she said.

VACCINE HUMOR
There was not much politics in Emmy speeches, unless you counted Stephen Colbert riffing on the California governor recall attempt with a slightly labored joke about "The

Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" being recalled. "Mrs. Maisel has survived the recall and will remain marvelous," he concluded. But Cedric the Entertainer delivered some topical humor with a riff on vaccines. Lkening the various jabs to stores, he called Pfizer the Neiman Marcus, Moderna the Macy's, and Johnson & Johnson the TJ Maxx of vaccines. He also offered up a dig at Nicki Minaj for the story about her cousin's friend in Trinidad.

DEBBIE ALLEN GETS TO STOP THE CLOCK...
"Turn that clock off," Allen said as she launched into her speech accepting the Governors Award. "I'm not paying any attention to it." She added she was "trembling with gratitude and grace and trying not to cry ... it's taken a lot of courage to be the only woman in the room most of the time." She urged a younger generation to "Tell your stories ... it's your turn." The crowd cheered — when you have her career as an actor, dancer, choreographer and activist, you're allowed to ignore the playoff music.

BUT NOT EVERYONE IS

DEBBIE ALLEN
Then there was Scott Frank, director of "The Queen's Gambit." When he won, he thanked some folks, then more, then more, reading from a prepared speech.. The playoff music swelled, several times, but he continued, saying at one point: "Really?" Frank was called out on Twitter. "This is why directors need editors," wrote writer-producer Danny Zuker, calling the remarks "The Irishman" of speeches.

A WRITER, ON WRITING
Luckily, what followed was probably the night's highlight — the remarks by Coel, of "I May Destroy You." She said she had something to tell the writers out there. "Write the tale that scares you, that makes you feel uncertain, that isn't comfortable," she said. "I dare you." In a world, she added, where we all feel the need to be visible, equating it with success, "do not be afraid to disappear ... See what comes to you in the silence." Coel dedicated her show, in which she played a survivor of sexual assault, "to every single survivor of sexual assault."

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Biden easing foreign travel restrictions, requiring vaccines

BY ZEKE MILLER
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden will ease foreign travel restrictions into the U.S. beginning in November, when his administration will require all foreign nationals flying into the country to be fully vaccinated.

All foreign travelers flying to the U.S. will need to demonstrate proof of vaccination before boarding, as well as proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of flight, said White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients, who announced the new policy on Monday. Biden will also tighten testing rules for unvaccinated American citizens, who will need to be tested within a day before returning to the U.S., as well as after they arrive home.

Fully vaccinated passengers will not be required to quarantine, Zients said.

The new policy replaces a patchwork of travel restrictions first instituted

by President Donald Trump last year and tightened by Biden earlier this year that restrict travel by non-citizens who have in the prior 14 days been in the United Kingdom, European Union, China, India, Iran, Republic of Ireland, Brazil and South Africa.

"This is based on individuals rather than a country based approach, so it's a stronger system," Zients said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will also require airlines to collect contact information from international travelers to facilitate contact tracing, Zients said.

It was not immediately clear which vaccines would be acceptable under the U.S.-system and whether those unapproved in the U.S. could be used. Zients said that decision would be up to the CDC.

The new policy will take effect in "early November," Zients said, to allow airlines and travel partners time to prepare to implement the new protocols.

Martinez selected as one of OSU College of Pharmacy’s ‘Preceptors of the Year’

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Jason Martinez, chief population health officer and clinical pharmacist from Community Health & Wellness Partners, was selected as one of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Preceptors of the Year.

He was recognized at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy’s annual ceremony.

The honor is based on student nominations for preceptors who exhibit high standards of professionalism, the spirit of cooperation, and commitment to students as a professional mentor and teacher. Submissions are received by the Office of Experiential Education and reviewed by a selection committee.

Tara Bair, Community Health and Wellness president and CEO, said Martinez and his students have contributed much to CHWP and their growth over the years.

“Jason does an amazing amount of work related to education and supporting academically the students that he hosts at CHWP,” she



MARTINEZ

said. “The students contribute significantly to the growth of CHWP keeping us abreast of current trends and happenings in the world of pharmacy.”

As a leader in Ohio’s Primary Care Workforce Initiative, CHWP supports healthcare professions by providing a quality educational experience to nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, and medical students. Affiliates include, but are not limited to, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, The OSU College of Nursing, The OSU College of Social Work, Wright State University, Miami Valley College of Medicine, Cedarville University, Miami University, Marietta College, University of Cincinnati, Indiana Wesleyan University and Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“Preceptors of the Year” were announced in June by Julie Legg, PharmD, Director of Experiential Education, Assistant Professor-Practice of The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy.

INDIAN LAKE

SENIOR OF THE MONTH



LANE MCPHERSON

Parents: Tim and Jana McPherson

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Golf, swimming, Key Club, SADD, science club, ILMS Hall of Fame, National Honor Society, CBC Athlete of the Month, CBC Scholar Athlete CBC Sportsmanship Award.

IF I WERE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY: I would make sure that the rules and guidelines for my school were being followed at all times and I would do everything I could to make a proper learning environment for all students.

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: My favorite memory is winning the Russ Hogue Championship this year. I broke the school record for an 18-hole round and I had to go to a playoff for the win.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME INCLUDE: I am inspired by PGA Tour golfer Justin Thomas because he always perseveres when he has a bad round.

LATELY I’VE BEEN READING: I’ve been reading articles about college scholarships and campus information to decide where I want to go after graduation.

MY ADVICE TO PARENTS: Make sure your kids stay involved and keep their grades up when they are younger because it will set them up for success later on.

MY BIGGEST REGRET: I regret not being more involved in clubs during my previous years of high school.

NEXT YEAR I WILL BE: Attending an undecided college studying business.

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ALLISON CULP

Parents: Greg and Susan Culp

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Volleyball, swim, Meistersingers, FFA officer, track and field, NHS, Key Club, musical.

IF I WERE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY: I would have class outside (if it’s a nice summer day).

FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY: My favorite memories are food days in class and countless lunches with friends.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME: I’m inspired by my grandma Barb Culp, my dad and Rob Starnes.

LATELY I’VE BEEN READING: I haven’t been reading except my textbooks for school.

MY ADVICE TO PARENTS: Encourage and support your kids. Sometimes you don’t know how much they need it.

MY BIGGEST REGRET: I regret walking through poison ivy to get senior pictures.

NEXT YEAR I’LL BE: I’ll be in college studying to be an Interior Designer.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO AREA HAPPENINGS

LCSO, Desperado's host Motorcycle Safety Event

Sunny skies and pleasant fall temperatures are ideal times for motorcyclists to take to area roadways, and with that in mind, the Logan County Sheriff’s Office and Desperado’s Bar and Grill are joining together this week to host a Motorcycle Safety Event.

The event takes place at from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Desperado’s, 6857 Lima St., Huntsville, for motorcyclists and the general public.

LCSO Chief Deputy Joe Kopus reports this is the first motorcycle-focused safety event hosted by the office.

Area first responders will be on hand to answer questions regarding safety and motorcycle-related law. Attendees can receive a motorcycle kick stand plate as well.

“I thought it was a good idea to reach out to the public and motorcycle drivers and put out literature about safety,” the chief deputy said. “We are putting up a tent and passing out magnets, literature and kick stand plates.”



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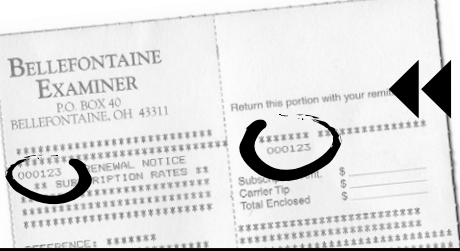


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Alabama weighs using virus funds to build prisons

Kim Chandler
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Alabama is weighing the use of \$400 million in pandemic relief funds to build new prisons, a proposal that state Republican leaders say would save state taxpayer money but that critics argue is not the intended use of the federal aid.

Lawmakers on Monday were scheduled to begin a special session focused on a \$1.3 billion prison construction plan

to build at least three new prisons and renovate others.

The projects would be done in phases and funded with a \$785 million bond issue, \$150 million in general fund dollars and \$400 million from the state's \$2.2 billion share of American Rescue Plan funds.

Gov. Kay Ivey and Republican legislative leaders have defended the use of the virus funds, saying it will enable the state to essentially "pay cash" for part of the construction and avoid using state dollars as well as paying interest on a loan.

"We don't have to borrow quite as much money and pay all that money back," Ivey told reporters recently of why the virus funds should be used for prison construction.

Republican Sen. Greg Albritton, who chairs the Senate general fund budget committee, said legislative leaders are comfortable they can legally use the money for prison construction.

Albritton said part of

the federal dollars are to replace revenue lost during the pandemic. He said that pot of funds "has many, many fewer restrictions" on how it is used.

Dev Wakeley, a policy analyst with Alabama Arise, said while the state may be legally able to use the money for prison construction, the purpose was to do things that "will help everyday Alabamians in their lives, and to smooth out the recovery." Alabama Arise is an advocacy organization for low-income families.

He said the money could be used for items such as an expansion of the state's Medicaid program to provide medical coverage to previously uninsured Alabamians and child care programs.

"Congress surely did not contemplate, state governments, deciding that well, you know, we're just not going to use this money to actually improve lives of people ... instead we're going to blow \$400 million on

building fancy new prisons that don't even really get at the problems" of the state incarceration system.

Rep. Chris England, D-Tuscaloosa, said there are "obviously better uses of the money."

President Joe Biden's sweeping \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 rescue package known as the American Rescue Plan was signed in March, providing a stream of funds to states and cities to recover from the pandemic.

LA mayor's race will be a pitched battle over how to fix city's ills

David Zahniser, Dakota Smith and Benjamin Oreskes
Los Angeles Times
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LOS ANGELES – For much of the past year, the contest to become Los Angeles' next mayor has been a sleepy affair, barely registering with voters and drowned out by a quixotic statewide recall election.

All that changed with a succession of candidates revealing – either directly or through surrogates – that they were joining the increasingly crowded race to replace Mayor Eric Garcetti. The most prominent name yet is U.S. Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif., whose supporters confirmed Friday that she intends to run for the office.

Voters now have a much clearer picture of next year's contest to replace Garcetti, who faces term limits. And the candidates will soon need to explain in detail how they will confront the many problems facing the city, including a homelessness crisis that overshadows nearly every other issue.

Over the next eight months, the candidates will have to reveal their views on how large the Los Angeles Police Department should be, and whether its responsibilities should be scaled back to reduce the potential for deadly interactions with the public; how to make housing more affordable,

as rents and home prices push skyward; and what solutions will get people off the streets.

Los Angeles has not had a wide-open mayoral election since 2013, when Garcetti, then a councilman, prevailed over then-City Controller Wendy Greuel. The city has changed politically since then, with its policies and electorate becoming more progressive.

The race currently features City Attorney Mike Feuer and City Councilmen Kevin de Leon and Joe Buscaino. Two business leaders, Jessica Lall and Mel Wilson, have also have joined the contest. All five are Democrats.

The arrival of Bass will "create havoc" among those candidates, who are attempting to carve out a path for themselves among different voter groups, said Jaime Regalado, emeritus professor at California State, Los Angeles. Bass has developed a national political profile while in Washington, appearing regularly on news shows and being considered for a U.S. Senate seat and as President Joe Biden's running mate.

"She's a darling of the left. She's not afraid to speak her mind. But she's also willing to work with the other side of the aisle," Regalado said.

The mayoral primary election is in June 2022, followed by a runoff between the top two vote-getters in November 2022.

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information about both the upcoming NAACP Forum and our Vote411 on-line voter guide," the league concluded.

Ross County Democrats blamed the Ross County Republican Party in a Facebook post on Friday.

"Republicans love to shun "cancel culture," but the Ross County Republican Party has effectively canceled the League of Women Voters' Candidates Night event by

choosing not to attend this year," the Ross County Democratic party wrote in the post.

"We are deeply disappointed that information about the candidates will not get out through this forum as it has in past years, especially since the League is a non-partisan group. Still, we encourage you to learn about our candidates and vote for the people who are willing to show up for you."

The Ross County Republican Party did not immediately return a request for comment.

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Brennan hopes ‘hallmark’ continues

Real Presence, Real Future started by bishop

Danae King Columbus Dispatch
USA TODAY NETWORK

When Columbus Catholic Bishop Robert Brennan heard last month that he would be reassigned to serve the Diocese of Brooklyn, one of his first thoughts was about the future of projects he started here but had yet to finish.

One of those projects — a campaign started by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus called Real Presence, Real Future — was intended to plan for the coming years in the diocese. It was noted by Columbus Catholic officials as the hallmark of the bishop’s two and a half years here, despite the fact that it’s incomplete.

“This process will be a real help to somebody coming in,” Brennan said, referring to his yet-to-be-named successor. “We’ll be doing some of the important leg work on that to sustain it.”

The two-year, diocese-wide process was launched publicly during Lent this year and is similar to ones that have been or are taking place in other dioceses around the country, which have resulted in the closure of parishes and Catholic schools as part of consolidation plans.

The local process likely will result in some parishes closing and merging due to a shortage of priests, changing demographics and an effort to best use the diocese’s resources, Brennan said in an interview with The Dispatch prior to the announcement of his reassignment.

The goal, he said, is to find out where the diocese stands and where it needs to go. He intends to continue working on the plan for the next few weeks, until he leaves for Brooklyn at the end of November.

The Rev. Michael Hartge, moderator of the curia for the diocese and leader of the initiative, said he believes it’s a hallmark of Brennan’s time in Columbus because the bishop took what he was hearing from the priests — that there was a need for a future plan for the diocese — and made it happen. He looked at statistics, is gathering feedback and is coming up with a strategy, Hartge said.

The diocese currently is in the middle of hosting 200 meetings to gather feedback from parishioners, though it also got feedback from the Disciple Maker Index, a 75-question survey that more than 20,000 local parishioners took in the spring, according to the diocese. The purpose was to find out how people felt about their parishes and personal spiritual growth.

“We got to see what the appetite is of the people, knowing we have to do something all across the diocese to be able to leverage priests,” Hartge said.

One way to leverage priests is to note areas with many churches but not as many people anymore, such as Downtown Columbus, where churches were built every half-mile so people could walk to church.

“That was the need in 1870,” Brennan said. “It’s a different need today.”

Catholics have redistributed around the 23-county diocese over the years, he said.

For instance, many churches around Interstate 270 are growing while parishioners in rural areas may be dwindling. Still, Brennan said he doesn’t want to lose touch in those rural areas.

The diocese’s needs haven’t been assessed for a while, he said.

“I think what we’ve been doing over the last few decades is just reacting to the needs, to the changes in the population,” Brennan said.

Some parishes already have begun to be combined, even prior to Real Presence, Real Future, Brennan said.

This includes Scioto County’s seven parishes consolidating into four in the spring of 2020, which was before Real Presence, Real Future began. More of the parishes, throughout the rest of the diocese, may have to be combined as part of the campaign, Brennan said.

“One of the things we want to be clear about is that the church needs to be very present and very strong even in places where maybe we can’t keep numbers of buildings going,” Brennan said.

The presence, he said, will be maintained by lay movements of people of faith and, Hartge added, by people getting out of the pews and into the world to make disciples and increase the presence of Christ.

There will be evangelization subcommittees, an increase in missionaries on area college campuses, curriculum imbued with more Catholic faith in K-12 schools and more.

“We want to make our parishes places of discipleship formation,” Hartge said. “We’re not just looking at having a parish in a certain area, which is important. We currently have a parish in every county, but what does it look like for our social outreach? Our social services?”

Part of the goal, Brennan said, is to reawaken a sense of wonder at Mass in parishioners.

“It’s not the same old, same old way of doing business,” Brennan said. “It’s not all about property and buildings, but it’s about being engaged in new ways.”

Increasing the challenge is that priests are spread thin. Worldwide, there is a dwindling number of Catholic priests.

From 1975 to 2008, the number of priests increased by 1%, while the number of Catholics increased by 64%, according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), a national nonprofit that studies the Catholic church. A 2008 CARA study showed that half of the active U.S. priests were planning to retire by 2019.

In 2020, there were 24,653 diocesan priests in the nation, according to CARA, and 16,703 parishes, compared with 37,272 priests in 1970.

“We have to look at how we can be best poised to serve everybody,” Brennan said. “We need to make sure the church is present wherever it needs to be present.”

There are just 97 active priests serving 278,528 Catholics in 105 parishes in the diocese, according to the diocese’s website. That number is only projected to decrease, officials said, as there are few men in formation to become priests and many are about to age out into retirement. Some parishes also need more than one priest because of their size.

“The demographic is aging,” Hartge said. “Something like 40% are over the age of 60 ... It’s a very real



Brennan

concern for us to be able to address that now.”

The shortage of priests was a precipitating factor for the planning process the diocese has embarked on, Hartge said.

Similar initiatives have taken place or are in the works in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, among many others. They are led by the Pennsylvania-based Catholic Leadership Institute, which is coordinating Columbus’ effort.

In Pittsburgh, more than two-thirds of the parishes were closed or merged with others, according to Public Source, a nonprofit news organization in Pittsburgh. The diocese went from 188 parishes to just 57. The changes were done as part of a campaign started in 2015, which was an effort to reallocate its resources.

In Cincinnati, the diocese launched a campaign in Fall 2020 called Beacons of Light, which will group parishes into “families” that are overseen by one pastor.

Brennan said Columbus is taking a different approach than Pittsburgh did and that the diocese doesn’t have a target number of how many parishes it may close, but that that will come from the conversations going on right now with parishioners.

Nelson Yoder, 45, attended one of his parish’s two meetings via Zoom on Saturday. Yoder, of Dublin, has attended St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic church in Hilliard for about six years and said he’s impressed with the way the diocese is approaching the changes.

“They are going about it in a very organized way and a way that is really soliciting feedback from everyone in the diocese,” Yoder said. “It’s a really well-coordinated outreach effort.”

St. Brendan, right inside the Interstate 270 outer belt, is vibrant and thriving, and the parish sessions and the process of Real Presence, Real Future have allowed people like Yoder to learn about other local parishes, he said.

“It’s helping to bring the diocese really closer together,” he said. “It’s easy when you are a parishioner at one parish to be focused on what’s happening there. ... The discussions were really making us think bigger about the other parishes in our diocese.”

Yoder sees this process as an opportunity to grow as a faith community by being more connected with, and even visiting, other parishes in the diocese.

He also said he felt like his voice and those of others were heard throughout the meeting, and he feels the process will be informed by the feedback of people in the diocese.

That’s the goal, Brennan said.

“We have to see what’s needed to understand the needs of the parishes,” he said.

Brennan said he doesn’t anticipate any of the dioceses’ 53 Catholic schools closing as part of the process.

It’s in such an early stage, though, cautioned Hartge, that it’s hard to answer specific questions about closures of parishes or schools.

Before Brennan was reassigned, decisions were planned to be made after recommendations were sent to him in the summer of 2022. Now, it will be up to the next bishop to decide what happens, said Hartge, who still has high hopes for the initiative, for which he said implementation will take years.

“We’ll see where that goes with new leadership,” he said. “We’re just going to take it in strides.”

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Man’s appearance is driving wife out the door



Dear Abby
Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby: My husband is a wonderful man. We’ve been married 31 years and have been retired for the past six. He takes care of most of the housework, and I work at a part-time job. We have no children or nearby relatives. We are pretty much all we have to depend upon.

My only complaint is something that has driven me crazy for years now, and I need your advice. When a certain political candidate was elected, my good-looking husband decided to grow out his hair and beard in protest. I let it slide, but he knew how I felt about it. I figured it would last only a few years. Well, that politician has been out of office quite a while now, and my husband still looks like Tim Allen in “The Santa Clause.” He looks like he’s indigent. It’s so embarrassing, I don’t want to be seen with him. This is a man who was very good looking.

I have begged, pleaded, nagged (his term) and kept quiet, hoping he would surprise me with a haircut. Nothing. I even tried insulting him, telling him his credibility was trash because, obviously, this has nothing to do with his “protest.” I am ready to leave. The last straw was when he started quoting Howard Hughes. Do you think my husband has lost it? Because I’m about to.

– *Embarrassed in Illinois*

Dear Embarrassed: A marriage to someone you can no longer stand to be near isn’t much of a marriage.

If your husband is quoting Howard Hughes,

you know his long-term memory is intact. However, it may be time for you to make an appointment for the two of you for your annual check-ups. When you do, relate your concerns to the doctor in advance. If it turns out that your husband’s mental status is normal (although, who knows what is “normal” these days), you may have to issue your hairy hubby an ultimatum. A word of warning though: Do NOT issue one unless you are serious about following through.

Dear Abby: My 33-year-old son, “Brett,” and his wife bought a new house and had their fence painted. Brett was proud of it. He texted a picture of the fence to my husband – his dad – and asked what he thought of it. My husband hated the color and told him it was terrible. The blunt honesty didn’t go over well with Brett, who told his dad, “Couldn’t you just have said to me, ‘If you like it, that’s all that matters. If you’re happy, I’m happy?’” But my husband kept pushing that he hated it, and the color he had chosen was a terrible mistake. Well, Brett hung up on him.

I forced my husband to call back and say what our son wanted to hear and smooth things over. He did it reluctantly, but still thinks he was right and that Brett acted like a baby. He insists he was “just being honest.” What do you think – is honesty always the best policy?

– *Hurt Feelings*

Dear Hurt: Honesty isn’t “the best policy” when it is used to bludgeon someone, in which case, it becomes just plain cruel. Your husband’s behavior was out of line. Diplomacy seems to be a skill he hasn’t mastered.

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Holiday

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And he’s my little brother, so he knows how to push my buttons.)

I rolled my eyes. “Well, last week I was at Big Box ‘r Us and they seemed to have plenty of Barbies, so I’m not going to stress,” I shot back.

“Suit yourself,” he said, then went back to scrolling through his news alerts. And I guess toy deals.

I may have heard him snicker.

But I couldn’t get his comments out of my head, so when we returned home I began re-searching “supply chain issues” to inform my decision about whether to begin shopping sooner than the week before Christmas or maybe just celebrate in May.

Sure enough, I found this quote in a Business Insider article, made by a retail consulting firm representative interviewed by the Financial Times:

“There will definitely be weeping children this holiday season.”

Well hey there, Harbinger of Holiday Depres-



The Roy family celebrates Christmas 2020. Pandemic-induced production issues have led to fears they may be a toy shortage for this holiday season. ABBEY ROY/THE ADVOCATE

sion. Thanks for that.

I read the article, paused for some post-read debriefing, and do you know what?

Unpopular opinion: I’m not super upset about this.

To be honest, the prospect of having to explain to my kids that toys are in short supply this Christmas, and people are still working hard and doing the best they can, and sometimes we can’t have everything we want, and I guess we’ll have to make do with less is A DREAM COME TRUE.

This is something we

tell ourselves we’ll do every holiday season – “less is more” – but end up abandoning because of last-minute “Well how come Kid A has six items but Kid B only has five, and will Kid C realize that Item 3 is actually a lot more valuable than Kid A’s Item D?”

This could be the opportunity we’ve been waiting for.

Maybe I opt not to finish my Christmas shopping in October, but take a breath and let this be the year we really learn how to make do with less. Maybe we even do the

“Little House on the Prairie” thing and exchange handmade gifts.

Maybe, if my kids weep at Christmas, we’ll use the tears as an opportunity to discuss how some kids only get a couple gifts every year – or none at all – and would be happy to have a roof over their heads. That might sound too “Little Match Girl” for some people, but I have to imagine it’s true.

So yes. I am OK with the toy supply chain being backed up if it means my kids have to realize that there’s more to Christmas than tearing through gifts so quickly you don’t remember half of what you got, or who it’s from.

And if, by some Christmas miracle, the supply chain comes untwisted before then? Great! See you on Christmas Eve, fellow procrastinators.

Abbey Roy is a mom of three girls who make every day an adventure. She writes to maintain her sanity. You can probably reach her at am-roy@nncogannett.com, but responses are structured around bedtimes and weekends.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 19). It’s early in the game, but the little wins and losses along the way will still make a difference to your end result. What matters more than any single move is your determination to see this through.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). To get things done your way at the price you’d prefer would be wonderful, but it’s not in the offering. The good news is that the compromise that is in the offering will be better in the end anyway.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Today plays out a lot like your usual day, only happier. There’s no single reason for this uptick in mood. The best part about it is that feeling this way will lead to more of the same. Lucky you!

Cancer (June 22-July 22). The good thing about restlessness is its indiscriminate impetus to move. It comes with a feeling that anywhere is better than here; this makes the decision easier. Just go.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You’ll be a safe place for someone to land, a confidante, a defender, a reliable agent of justice and more. You’ll embody the noble characteristics that will come to define you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The difference between a loan and a gift is one should be repaid literally and the other should be repaid indirectly. In this light, you’d rather deal in loans. The expectations, being clear-cut, are more easily fulfilled.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As an exciting person, you realized long ago that if you’re bored with your work, the product of that work will be boring. Spicing it up for you brings excitement to the world!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Enjoy the lightness of being that comes with the day. You approach your work with a smile, and your responsibilities seem like a privilege. You are freed from the need to win love or gain approval.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone likes to be right. However, you prefer to do it quietly today so as not to attract challengers, competition, controversy, jealousy or anything else that comes with being in the power position.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The magician’s secret is to control the focus of others and do hidden work while people are focused elsewhere. You’ll follow the principle today, working behind the scenes to make something wonderful happen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If, at the end of the day, you can say that you helped someone make progress, lessened their load or lightened their mood, you will count this as a great day.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You’ll go forward in another mode that’s not better or worse, just different. You’re like James Bond at the mountain’s edge, ditching the snowmobile to grab onto the rope ladder of a helicopter.

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Pfizer: Vaccine works in children ages 5 to 11

Company will seek approval for age group

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

Pfizer said Monday its COVID-19 vaccine works for children ages 5 to 11 and that it will seek U.S. authorization for this age group soon — a key step toward beginning vaccinations for youngsters.

The vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech already is available for anyone 12 and older. But with kids now back in school and the extra-contagious delta variant causing a huge jump in pediatric infections, many parents are anxiously awaiting vaccinations for their younger children.

For elementary school-aged kids, Pfizer tested a much lower dose — a third of the amount that's in each shot given now. Yet after their second dose, children ages 5 to 11 developed coronavirus-fighting antibody levels just as strong as teenagers and young adults getting the regular-strength shots, Dr. Bill Gruber, a Pfizer senior vice president, told The Associated Press.

The kid dosage also proved safe, with similar or fewer temporary side effects — such as sore arms, fever or achiness — that teens experience, he said.

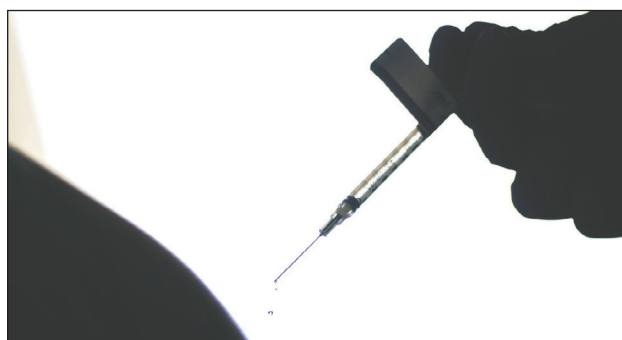
"I think we really hit the sweet spot," said Gruber, who's also a pediatrician.

Gruber said the companies aim to apply to the Food and Drug Administration by the end of the month for emergency use in this age group, followed shortly afterward with applications to European and British regulators.

Earlier this month, FDA chief Dr. Peter Marks told the AP that once Pfizer turns over its study results, his agency would evaluate the data "hopefully in a matter of weeks" to decide if the shots are safe and effective enough for younger kids.

An outside expert said scientists want to see more details but called the report encouraging.

"These topline results are very good news," said Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, a former FDA vaccine chief. The level of immune response Pfizer



DAVID GOLDMAN / The Associated Press

A DROPLET falls from a syringe after a person was injected with the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at a hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, in December.

reported "appears likely to be protective."

Many Western countries so far have vaccinated no younger than age 12, awaiting evidence of what's the right dose and that it works safely. Cuba last week began immunizing children as young as 2 with its homegrown vaccines and Chinese regulators have cleared two of its brands down to age 3.

While kids are at lower risk of severe illness or death than older people, more than 5 million children in the U.S. have tested positive for COVID-19 since the pandemic began and at least 460 have died, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Cases in children have risen as the delta variant swept through the country.

"I feel a great sense of urgency" in making the vaccine available to children under 12, Gruber said. "There's pent-up demand for parents to be able to have their children returned to a normal life."

In New Jersey, 10-year-old Maya Huber asked why she couldn't get vaccinated like her parents and both teen brothers have. Her mother, Dr. Nisha Gandhi, a critical care physician at Englewood Hospital, enrolled Maya in the Pfizer study at Rutgers University. But the family hasn't eased up on their masking and other virus precautions until they learn if Maya received the real vaccine or a dummy shot.

Once she knows she's protected, Maya's first goal: "a huge sleepover with all my friends."

Maya said it was exciting to be part of the study even though she was "super scared" about getting jabbed. But "after you get it, at least you feel like happy that you did it and relieved that it didn't hurt," she told the AP.

US virus death toll nears 1918-19 flu's

Country averages 1,900 per day

(AP) — COVID-19 has now killed about as many Americans as the 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic did — approximately 675,000. And like the worldwide scourge of a century ago, the coronavirus may never entirely disappear from our midst.

Instead, scientists hope the virus that causes COVID-19 becomes a mild seasonal bug as human immunity strengthens through vaccination and repeated infection. That would take time.

"We hope it will be like getting a cold, but there's no guarantee," said Emory University biologist Ruston Antia, who suggests an optimistic scenario in which this could happen over a few years.

For now, the pandemic still has the United States and other parts of the world firmly in its jaws.

The delta-fueled surge in new infections may have peaked, but U.S. deaths still are running at over 1,900 a day on average, the highest level since early March, and the country's overall toll stood at close to 674,000 as of Monday morning, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University, though the real number is believed to be higher.

Winter may bring a new surge, though it will be less deadly than last year's, according to one influential model. The University of Washington model projects an additional 100,000 or so Americans will die of COVID-19 by Jan. 1, which would bring the overall U.S. toll to 776,000.

The 1918-19 influenza pandemic killed an estimated 675,000 Americans in a U.S. population one-third the size of what it is today. It struck down 50 million victims globally at a time when the world had one-quarter as many people as it does now. Global deaths from COVID-19 now stand at more than 4.6 million.

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R. Kelly convicted in sex trafficking trial

R&B superstar found guilty of racketeering

By TOM HAYS
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NEW YORK — R. Kelly, the R&B superstar known for his anthem “I Believe I Can Fly,” was convicted Monday in a sex trafficking trial after decades of avoiding criminal responsibility for numerous allegations of misconduct with young women and children.

A jury of seven men and five women found Kelly guilty of racketeering on their second day of deliberations. Kelly remained motionless, eyes downcast as the verdict was read.

The charges were based on an argument that the entourage of managers and aides who helped the singer meet girls — and keep them obedient and quiet — amounted to a criminal enterprise.

Several accusers testified in lurid detail during the trial, alleging that Kelly subjected them to perverse and sadistic whims when they were underage.

Kelly was also convicted of criminal counts accusing him of violating the Mann Act, which makes it illegal to take anyone across state lines “for any immoral purpose.”

Kelly lawyer Deveraux Cannick said he was disappointed by the verdict. “I think I’m even more disappointed the government brought the case in the first place given all the inconsistencies,” Cannick said.

For years, the public and news media seemed to be more amused than horrified by allegations of inappropriate relationships with minors, starting with Kelly’s illegal marriage to the R&B phenom Aaliyah in 1994 when she was just 15.

His records and concert tickets kept selling. Other artists continued to record his songs, even after he was arrested in 2002 and accused of making a recording of him-

self sexually abusing and urinating on a 14-year-old girl.

Widespread public condemnation didn’t come until a widely watched docuseries “Surviving R. Kelly” helped make his case a signifier of the #MeToo era, and gave voice to accusers who wondered if their stories were previously ignored because they were Black women.

At the trial, several of Kelly’s accusers testified without using their real names to protect their privacy and prevent possible harassment by the singer’s fans. Jurors were shown homemade videos of Kelly engaging in sex acts that prosecutors said were not consensual.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Maria Cruz Melendez argued that Kelly was a serial abuser who “maintained control over these victims using every trick in the predator handbook.”

The defense labeled the accusers “groupies” and “stalkers.”

Cannick questioned why the alleged victims stayed in relationships with Kelly if they thought they were being exploited.

“You made a choice,” Cannick told one woman who testified, adding, “You participated of your own will.”

Kelly, born Robert Sylvester Kelly, has been jailed without bail since in 2019. The trial was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic and Kelly’s last-minute shakeup of his legal team.

When it finally started on Aug. 18, prosecutors painted the 54-year-old singer as a pampered man-child and control freak. His accusers said they were under orders to call him “Daddy,” expected to jump and kiss him anytime he walked into a room, and to cheer only for him when he played pickup basketball games in which they said he was a ball hog.

The accusers alleged that they also were ordered to sign nondisclosure forms and were subjected to threats and punishments such as violent spankings if they broke what one referred to as “Rob’s rules.” Some said they believed the videotapes he shot of them having sex would be used against them if they exposed what was happening.

Among the other more troubling tableaux: Kelly keeping a gun by his side while he berated one of his accusers as a prelude to forcing her to give him oral sex in a Los Angeles music studio; Kelly giving several alleged victims herpes without disclosing he had an STD; Kelly coercing a teen boy to join him for sex with a naked girl who emerged from underneath a boxing ring in his garage; and Kelly shooting a shaming video of one alleged victim showing her smearing feces on her face as punishment for breaking his rules.

Some of the most harrowing testimony came from a woman who said Kelly took advantage of her in 2003 when she was an unsuspecting radio station intern. She

testified he whisked her to his Chicago recording studio, where she was kept locked up and was drugged before he sexually assaulted her while she was passed out.

When she realized she was trapped, “I was scared. I was ashamed. I was embarrassed,” she said.

She said one of R. Kelly’s employees warned her to keep her mouth shut about

what had happened.

Other testimony focused on Kelly’s relationship with Aaliyah. One of the final witnesses described seeing him sexually abusing her around 1993, when Aaliyah was only 13 or 14.

Jurors also heard testimony about a fraudulent marriage scheme hatched to protect Kelly after he feared he had impregnated

Aaliyah. Witnesses said they were married in matching jogging suits using a license falsely listing her age as 18; he was 27 at the time.



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average daily temperature is around 72 F.

Of course, the most crucial developmental points are the time required for the caterpillars to develop into the most damaging stages, the fifth and sixth instar fourth. Research has shown that at average temperature — around 72 F — the fourth instar caterpillars can appear once eggs are laid in around 16 days; fifth instars around 19.5 days; and sixth instars around 25.5 days. On the other hand, caterpillar mortality will be 37% even at this average temperature.

So, does this answer the question regarding whether we’ll see another round of damage by fall armyworms? While we have said that you should never bet against insects, there are three very important things to consider. First, research data was collected by holding caterpillars in a laboratory at a constant 71.6 F. What happens in the field is no doubt going to be different with a probability that developmental speed may take longer.

Second, we don’t know if the population density of this developing generation will match the caterpillar densities that developed from the southern moths blown north into Ohio. Keep in mind that a percentage of the caterpillars will not make it. The researchers observed a caterpillar mortality rate of 37% at 71.6 F.

Finally, temperature-based larval mortality isn’t the only factor that may affect the reappearance of late instar fall armyworm caterpillars. Heavy bird predation was observed in several locations in Ohio, with pupae being a favorite bird food meat item. Indeed, we learned that observing large flocks of birds pecking at yards is a good way to locate a possible armyworm population.

Predictions on paper should never take the place of observing what’s happening. Yards that were affected by the first round of damage should be closely monitored.

Keep in mind that fall armyworms do not destroy the crowns that are the growing point of new grass leaves. In essence, the grass suffered an extremely low mowing.

Most yards damaged earlier from fall armyworms recovered, provided they received adequate water. This is the time of the season when we see rapid growth in yards as temperatures become cooler. On the other hand, another round of fall armyworm feeding damage will delay a full recovery and could significantly stress yards going into winter.

However, don’t become lazy with your diagnostics! It’s important to separate fall armyworm damage from symptoms produced by other turfgrass maladies. During the fall armyworm outbreak, it was common for such things as drought stress as well as turfgrass diseases such as brown patch, gray leaf spot or even rust to be mistaken for fall armyworm damage. Unfortunately, it was also not uncommon for needless insecticide applications to be made based on the misdiagnosis. Confirm that fall armyworms are causing the damage before spraying an insecticide.

The overall good news: The colder temperatures that occurred last week will make it much less likely of seeing another fall armyworm outbreak in yards. However, be vigilant and check yards, particularly those that were damaged earlier, and don’t apply an insecticide just in case or to play it safe. Indiscriminate applications of an insecticide may have environmental consequences and impact future pest management strategies. Additional information on fall armyworms may be found at <https://bygl.osu.edu/node/1867> and <https://bygl.osu.edu/node/1859>.

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One on one

Riverdale's Loukas Carter (3) tries to juke a McComb defender Friday. Carter had one reception for 10 yards in Riverdale's loss to the Panthers.

Falcons held to 65 yards of offense

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The Falcons were limited to just 65 yards of offense, led by Gavin Haudenschild's 29 yards rushing on 11 carries. Luke Morris ran 12 times for 24 yards but was just 4-of-15 passing for 22 yards with two interceptions.

Things get no easier for Riverdale in its next game when it travels to Liberty-Benton at 7 p.m. Friday.

Score by quarters	14	42	7	6	— 69
McComb	0	0	0	6	— 6
Riverdale					

First quarter
M — Dishong 12-yard pass to Bailey (Woodruff kick) 5:33.
M — Dishong 21-yard pass to Swisher (Woodruff kick) 0:40.
Second quarter
M — Swisher 17-yard run (Woodruff kick) 11:06.
M — Miehlis 1-yard run (Woodruff kick) 8:38.
M — Althaus 45-yard run (Woodruff kick).
M — Dishong 12-yard pass to Althaus (Woodruff kick) 6:17.
M — Swisher 35-yard interception return (Woodruff kick) 4:00.
M — Bailey 67-yard punt return (Woodruff kick) 2:11.
Third quarter
M — Glaser 49-yard kickoff return.
Fourth quarter
R — Dunbar 4-yard pass to Dodds.
M — Wittenmyer touchdown run.
Individual statistics
Passing
McComb: Dishong 8-11, 134 yards, 3 TDs;

Wittenmyer 2-2, 27 yards.
Riverdale: Morris 4-15, 22 yards, 2 INTs;
Dunbar 1-4, 4 yards, 1 TD; Carter 0-1, 1 INT.

Rushing

McComb: Althaus 5-96, 1 TD; Swisher 6-62, 1 TD; Miehlis 4-36, 1 TD; Carter 1-16;
Wittenmyer 3-12, 1 TD; Dishong 1-9; Bailey 1-7;
Shoop 2-6; Grubb 1-3; Bishop 1-(minus 3).
Riverdale: Haudenschild 11-29; Morris 12-24;
Reid 2-3; Evans 1-3; Dunbar 1-(minus 20).

Receiving

McComb: Bailey 3-44, 1 TD; Glaser 2-37;
Bishop 1-33; Swisher 1-21, 1 TD; Sherick 1-20;
Althaus 1-12, 1 TD; Magellan 1-(minus 6).
Riverdale: Dodds 2-7, 1 TD; Carter 1-10;
Evans 1-8; Harbour 1-1.

Team statistics

	M	R
Yards rushing	25-244	27-39
Yards passing	161	26
Passes	10-13	5-20
Passes intercepted	0	3
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Punts	0-0-0	6-31.5

Blue Devils limit Redmen to 44 yards

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Bucyrus quarterback Malachi Bayless was under pressure all night, finishing 10-of-27 passing for 82 yards and an interception. He completed three passes for 55 yards to Grady Jackson.

While Bucyrus was forced to punt seven times, Carey never punted.

The Blue Devils travel to Upper Sandusky at 7 p.m. Friday.

Bucyrus	0	0	0	0	— 0
Carey	14	30	7	14	— 65
First quarter					
C — Carman 1-yard run (Bell kick) 7:50.					
C — Vallejo 3-yard run (Bell kick) 5:01.					
Second quarter					
C — Bell 4-yard run (Bell kick) 11:15.					
C — Vallejo 14-yard run (Bell kick) 3:54.					
C — Lonsway 35-yard pass to Conti (Bell kick) 3:04.					
C — Safety, ball snapped through end zone 2:04.					
C — Vallejo 8-yard run (Bell kick) 1:53.					
Third quarter					
C — Rickle 15-yard run (Bell kick) 8:15.					
Fourth quarter					
C — Smiley 21-yard run (Bell kick) 6:17.					
C — Smiley 25-yard run (Bell kick) 0:35.					
Individual statistics					
Passing					
Bucyrus: Bayless 10-27, 82 yards, 1 INT.					
Carey: Lonsway 5-9, 98 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT;					
Smiley 2-4, 16 yards; Rickle 1-1, 24 yards.					
Rushing					

Score by quarters

Bucyrus: Dagher 12-5; Stewart-Barto 2-1; Gebhardt 2-(minus 5); Bayless 1-(minus 7); Wise 1-(minus 20).

Carey: Rickle 5-88, 1 TD; Vallejo 8-84, 3 TDs; Smiley 4-57, 2 TDs; Frederick 2-25; Woods 1-25; Lonsway 3-19; Ellis 3-16; Niederkohr 1-16; Bell 1-4, 1 TD; Carman 1-1, 1 TD.

Receiving

Bucyrus: Jackson 3-55; Lewis 3-10; Gallardo 2-9; Dagher 1-9; Gebhardt 1-1.

Carey: Summit 2-18; Conti 1-35, 1 TD; Woods 1-27; Kemerley 1-24; Rickle 1-18; Yeater 1-2; Norden 1-4.

Team statistics

	B	C
First downs	4	18
Yards rushing	20-(36)	33-279
Yards passing	82	138
Passes	10-27	8-14
Passes intercepted	1	1
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Punts	7-27.7	0-0
Penalties	2-10	1-5



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And he's gone

Carey receiver Bryce Conti (40) blows by the Bucyrus defense on Friday. Conti had one reception for a 35-yard touchdown in Carey's blowout homecoming victory over the Redmen.

Riverdale finishes 5th in BVC Postseason tourney

KALIDA — Riverdale finished fifth in the Blanchard Valley Conference Postseason golf tournament Friday at Moose Landing Golf Course and took sixth overall in the league.

The Falcons shot 426 and had a three-round total of 1,311 for each of the tournaments. The first was held at the start of the year at Findlay Country Club and the second in the middle of the season at Stone Ridge Golf Course.

Liberty-Benton won all three tournaments, including Friday with a 327. Pandora-Gilboa topped Van Buren 348-354 for second place at Moose Landing, but the Black Knights took second place overall by one stroke over the course of the three tournaments 1,056—1,057.

Ben Riddle and Carter Koehler each finished with rounds of 103 to lead the Falcons on Friday. Lex Weber shot a 109, and Gauge King finished with a 111. Mason

Guckes (112) and Bracey Carpenter (158) also played, but their scores did not count toward the team total.

Pandora-Gilboa's Eli Huffman was the tournament medalist Friday with a 76 that was three strokes better than the 79 of Liberty-Benton's Brice McDaniel.

With a 237 that includes 79s in all three tournaments, McDaniel was named the BVC player of the year. Teammate Austin Hanni Wells entered with the same score as McDaniel but finished as BVC player of the year runner-up with a 243 after shooting an 85 on Friday.

Huffman finished third overall with a 246 to also earn All-BVC first-team honors. Other first-team selections were Liberty-Benton's Joe Gerken with a 250, Van Buren's Carson Foltz with a 250, Liberty-Benton's CJ Beeman with a 254, and Pandora-Gilboa's Grant

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Eagles rack up 368 yards rushing in 48-21 victory

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got a score in the third when Allen hit Filiater from 62 yards out.

The Eagles added an 8-yard scoring run from Matt Clinard and a 5-yard run from Mollenkopf to take a 45-21 lead into the final frame.

Morton booted a 20-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

Penalties were an issue for the Royals in the game. Wynford committed nine penalties for 92 yards compared to just three penalties for 25 yards for the Eagles.

"Penalties, third down, and fourth down really hurt us tonight," Helbert said. "We gave up a big fourth-down completion early in the game, we have a first down on a big run and it gets called back for holding, we had a touchdown pass called back.

"We had a bunch of pre-snap penalties, self-inflicted, holds, stuff like that over the course of the game," he added. "But the pre-snap penalties and a lack of discipline has been a problem and we have to fix that. It's unfortunate that we still have to deal with that.

Allen had a good night throwing the ball for the Royals, hitting 13 of 20 passes for three scores, but Teglovic felt that his defense played well.

"Wynford is a big-play team," Teglovic said. "The Filiater kid is a very good receiver. They had the number two passer in the league coming in, he had 10 touchdowns and one interception coming in, he's a heck of a quarterback.

"For us to be able to hang in there and give up 21 points, that's a good offense to hold to 21 points. I'm

happy with the way we played on both sides of the football."

Crawford retained the Iron Plow for the second straight season. According to Teglovic, this was the first time the Eagles had beaten the Royals in back-to-back seasons since 1992 and 1993.

"We lost a lot of guys last season off a good football team; these guys kept plugging away and have put themselves in a good position," Teglovic said. "They are 5-1, so, hopefully, we can continue to improve and get ourselves ready, hopefully, for the postseason."

Wynford hosts Seneca East at 7 p.m. Friday.

Score by quarters

Wynford	7	7	7	0	— 21
Colonel Crawford	7	24	14	3	— 48

First quarter

W — Allen 9-yard pass to Ke. Blair (Greene kick) 5:48.
 CC — Lohr 25-yard pass to Feichtner (Morton kick) 0:54.

Second quarter

CC — Mollenkopf 49-yard run (Morton kick) 11:17.
 CC — Mollenkopf 14-yard run (Morton kick) 6:36.
 W — Allen 51-yard pass to Schiefer (Greene kick) 5:40.
 CC — Mollenkopf 40-yard run (Morton kick) 4:05.
 CC — Morton 26-yard field goal 0:00.

Third quarter

CC — Clinard 8-yard run (Morton kick) 6:01.
 W — Allen 62-yard pass to Filiater (Greene kick) 4:27.
 CC — Mollenkopf 5-yard run (Morton kick) 1:54.

Fourth quarter

CC — Morton 20-yard field goal 5:13.

Individual statistics

Passing

Wynford: Allen 13-20, 247 yards, 3 TDs, 2 INTs.
Colonel Crawford: Lohr 8-14, 110 yards, 1 TD.

Rushing

Wynford: Ke. Blair 11-71; Ka. Blair 7-22; Allen 8-(minus 4).
Colonel Crawford: Mollenkopf 26-247, 4 TDs; Lohr 7-74; Clinard 6-33, 1 TD; Voigt 1-14.

Receiving

Wynford: Filiater 6-158, 1 TD; Whitmeyer 3-24; Ka. Blair 2-5; Schiefer 1-51, 1 TD; Ke. Blair 1-9, 1 TD.
Colonel Crawford: Feichtner 3-46, 1 TD; Mollenkopf 2-18; Voigt 1-28; Clinard 1-17; McKibben 1-11.

	W	C
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Rushes-yards	26-89	42-368
Passing yard	247	110
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Passes intercepted	2	0
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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.

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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.

Rams' promising drives stall in red zone

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the fourth quarter.

After a more methodical drive culminated with a Landen Kemerley 8-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter, Lonsway got away for a 64-yard bolt to the end zone with 6:49 left in the third quarter.

"We gave up 50-some points, but it wasn't long drives," Upper Sandusky coach Russell Hall said. "It was a big play. We were just a step away. Their speed and experience, it just showed on the field. ... This core group has been playing for Carey, this is their third year now, and this is what they've been looking forward to."

Upper Sandusky quarterback Kaden Holman was sacked and fumbled late in the first half, giving Carey possession at midfield with 26 seconds remaining. It was all Carey needed for Lonsway to scramble halfway to the end zone and then for Vallejo to score from 25 yards out with two seconds left on the clock, making it 28-0.

Carey began the second half with another explosive play — a 78-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Bryce Conti.

"That was the icing on the cake there, and that was a hell of a run there by Conti," Mershman said.

Conti's 52-yard reception on one of just four passes thrown by Carey in the game eventually led to Vallejo's second touchdown of the night, a 1-yard plunge in the final minute of the third quarter.

Anthony Bell picked off his second pass of the night and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter before Rickle had the longest play of the night with his 81-yard scoring run.

The Rams (3-4, 2-2 N10) had a chance to make it a game early in the second quarter when they put together a long drive, reaching the 3-yard line on an 8-yard pass from Holman to Brayden Chester. On third-and-2, though, Holman eluded initial pressure but could not escape and was brought down for a sack. After a delay of game penalty, an incompletion gave the ball back over to the Blue Devils on downs.

A fourth-quarter Upper Sandusky drive stalled on downs at the Carey 10-yard line.

"We were moving the ball; we just couldn't quite finish," Hall said. "We just have to execute a little bit better — a little



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Pressure coming

Upper Sandusky's Kaden Holman (3) is pressured by Carey's Trennen Stoll (71) on Friday night.

bit better and some of those in the red zone are scores."

Holman was 17-of-34 passing for 185 yards. He completed six passes for 70 yards to Evan Hill and four passes for 51 yards to Gavin Frey.

But against Carey's huge line, Upper Sandusky was unable to run the ball, finishing with 12 yards on 25 attempts. The Rams had minus 23 yards on 10 attempts in the first half.

Mershman said Carey was content to make Upper Sandusky complete short passes repeatedly.

"That was the defensive game plan — to make them earn and make them complete those over and over again," he said. "Some of our DBs take advantage and got some picks. Our defensive plan was great. Our defensive coaches did a really nice job of getting them prepared and ready for this game."

Vallejo finished with 14 carries for 79 yards for the Blue Devils.

"It comes back to those guys and their experience and their speed," Hall said. "They're just playing about a step faster. We're working."

The Rams play at 7 p.m. Friday at Wynford. The Blue Devils are at Seneca East at the same time.

Score by quarters					
Carey	14	14	14	14	—56
Upper Sandusky	0	0	0	0	—0
First quarter					
C — Rickle 40-yard run (kick wide) 9:17.					
C — Kemerley 8-yard run (Vallejo run) 2:08.					
Second quarter					
C — Lonsway 64-yard run (Bell kick) 6:49.					
C — Vallejo 25-yard run (Bell kick) 0:02.					
Third quarter					
C — Conti 78-yard kick return (Bell kick) 11:46.					
C — Vallejo 1-yard run (Bell kick) 0:49.					
Fourth quarter					
C — Bell 25-yard interception return (Bell kick) 11:07.					
C — Rickle 81-yard run (Bell kick) 4:25.					

Fry's big game not enough

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The Warriors did not hang their heads down 28 points. On the second play of a drive that started on his own 4-yard line, Hannam connected with Fry for a slant pass, then Fry broke free for a 95-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 35-14.

Mohawk then recovered the onside kick, which sparked the home sideline.

"We tell the kids all the time that we ain't giving up on 'em," Daniel said. "We're gonna compete until the end of the game and that's what we believe. We want them to believe in it and we need to do stuff like (the onside kick). Fremont Ross came back from being down 35-14 week one in the fourth quarter. Heck yeah, we're gonna compete. You never know what's gonna happen. We weren't folding in the tents, that's for sure."

Unfortunately, Hannam was intercepted two plays later, which all but sealed the Warriors' fate.

Mollenkopf added one final touchdown, this time on a 10-yard reception to finish the scoring.

Hannam threw for 274 yards and two touchdowns in the game, but he also was intercepted four times.

"They forced us to throw the ball," Daniel said. "We're getting better. There's bright spots and there's dark spots. You've got to minimize the bad. Our receivers are getting better — they're getting savvy. Our pass protection was the one thing we really liked tonight. Bryce made some great throws. He also had some he'd like to have back. It was his third start and we're gonna continue to work and he'll continue getting better."

While Mohawk had 274 yards passing, it was completely shut down in the rushing department. Fry was the Warriors' leading rusher with nine yards, and due to sacks and a fumble, Mohawk finished with negative yards on

20 carries.

"(Colonel Crawford) won the battle up front, no question," Daniel said. "Our run blocking was not great."

Mohawk had four turnovers while Colonel Crawford had just one, although the turnover could have been closer if the Warriors had been able to pounce on one of many Colonel Crawford fumbles in the game.

"That's a great team and to compete with them, you've got to play clean," Daniel said. "We didn't play clean football tonight. We lost the turnover battle. We caused a bunch of fumbles and we didn't recover a single one."

"Our kids battled. I'm proud of them and I love them. We're as healthy as we've been in a long time. We're not giving up on this season. We're gonna keep hammering away."

Next up, Mohawk travels to Bucyrus at 7 p.m. Friday.

Score by quarters					
Colonel Crawford	7	21	7	7	—42
Mohawk	7	0	0	7	—14
First quarter					
M — Hannam 57-yard pass to Fry (Hayman kick) 2:40.					
CC — Lohr 55-yard pass to Feichtner (Morton kick) 1:35.					
Second quarter					
CC — Mollenkopf 8-yard run (Morton kick) 11:55.					
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Individual statistics					
Passing					
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Rushing					
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Receiving					
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Team statistics					
First downs 15 7					
Yards rushing 42-266 20-(49)					
Yards passing 115 274					
Passes 6-17 16-31					
Passes intercepted 1 4					
Fumbles lost 4-0 1-0					
Punts 4-37.3 6-32.3					
Penalties 5-45 6-55					

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The deadline for submitting written comments is Thursday, October 14, 2021 and can be emailed to kmrcer@aaa5ohio.org or sent to Kim Mercer, Quality and Planning Manager, Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., 2131 Park Avenue West, Ontario, Ohio 44906. For additional information, please contact, Kim Mercer, Quality and Planning Manager, at 567-247-3479 October 2

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Freed after 21 years, man looks back on slog



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To the police called to the reported home invasion in Lancaster, a few things felt off from the start.

One of the officers who responded that winter day in 2000 noted in a report “the lack of fresh footprints in the snow,” odd for a violent crime that reportedly involved more than one suspect.

Inside the house, that officer’s questions continued. Some rare comic books and \$10,000 had been reported taken from a safe, along with some select pieces of jewelry.

“The house was gone through far too selectively for my taste,” the officer wrote.

A detective who interviewed the two adult victims reported that one “seemed to be relaying a story rather than recalling from memory.”

And the neighbors, well, none of them recalled seeing anything unusual when the crime was to have occurred.

Some of these details might have helped Ralph Blaine Smith at trial, if he and his attorneys had known about them.

But the evidence was never provided by the Fairfield County prosecutor at the time, Gregg Marx. And Smith, based on the identification of the adult victims who said both their assailants were masked but that the mask of one kept falling down, was sent to prison for 67 years.

Now he is free, after a 21-year slog marked by failed appeals, legal dead-ends and dogged determination.

The Smith case exhibits how easily our criminal justice system, which we like to believe rests immovable upon a strong foundation, can be tipped on its side by the actions of just one of its key players.

So compromised, it is a monster to get right-side-up again.

Smith, 46, shared his story throughout this summer with *Dispatch* court reporter John Futtty. Last week, Smith received the news he’d been hoping for, that current Fairfield County Prosecutor Kyle Witt had decided to dismiss all charges against him rather than pursue another trial.

Smith maintained from the start that he was innocent, but it took years to shake loose the information that ultimately set him free.

Early on, his maternal grandmother provided the money to push his legal fight, but she died in 2006. He researched the law and filed motions himself. A cousin lent a hand. Eventually, attorney Joe Landusky joined his quest. Martin Yant, a Columbus private investigator with a long track record of ferreting out compromised criminal cases, dug up much of the evidence that cast doubt on whether the home invasion had occurred at all.

It was evidence that Marx had known about at the time of trial, but decided not to turn over to the defense.

Under law, prosecutors have to turn over exculpatory evidence, which is any information that could create reasonable doubt about a defendant’s guilt.

Marx testified at a hearing before Fairfield County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard E. Berens nearly a year ago that he did not provide the evidence to the defense because he did not view it as “exculpatory.”

I covered police and crime for years and have spent a good amount of time in court. I know what I think, but I did not go to law school.

Berens did, though, and here’s his take on Marx’s decision to sit on the information, particularly that one officer’s supplemental report:

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Berens ruled on June 9 that Smith deserved a new trial, saying the withheld evidence “undermined confidence in the verdict...and violated Smith’s right to due process.”

Upon dismissing all charges, Witt noted that he was not declaring Smith innocent. Because Smith had already served 21 years, the prosecutor simply said he had decided to forego another trial.

He also did not want to label those long-ago decisions by Marx prosecutorial misconduct.

He did say, “I think I would have provided information that this office didn’t provide 20 years ago.”

Maybe Marx made an honest judgment call. But given Smith’s conviction, and his 21-year struggle to undo it, one is left to wonder what other judgment calls Witt’s predecessor made during his 34 years with the Fairfield County prosecutor’s office.

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Easton Road resident injured when tractor overturns on him

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OLD WASHINGTON — A 61-year-old farmer suffered serious injuries and was flown by medical helicopter to an undisclosed facility after a tractor reportedly overturned on top of him at an Easton Road farm Sunday afternoon.

The victim suffered a serious leg injury and was transported by United Ambulance from the farm to a landing zone at the Guernsey County Fairgrounds before being flown by MedFlight to a hospital.

It was not known as of Monday if the victim suffered other injuries, and no additional information regarding his condition was available.

According to a dispatch log at the Guernsey County Sheriff’s Office, the accident was reported at 3:37 p.m. with first responders from the Old Washington, Antrim and Lore City departments being dispatched along with United Ambulance and sheriff’s deputies.

The initial call indicted the tractor fell on the victim behind a barn, but he was not trapped.

The caller who reported the accident said the victim, alleged to be on medicine to thin his blood, was bleeding, as the ankle was exposed, and was having difficulty breathing. He was later reported to be in shock due to his injuries.

A MedFlight medical helicopter was requested by Old Washington first responders at 3:51 p.m. and the landing zone at the fairgrounds was established by firefighters several minutes later.

The MedFlight helicopter reportedly landed at 4:22 p.m. with United transporting the victim to the fairgrounds four minutes later. The helicopter left the fairgrounds en route to an undisclosed Columbus hospital at 4:50 p.m. Lloyd’s Towing was requested at the scene to assist with the overturned tractor.

An accident report by the sheriff’s office is pending, according to Major Jeremy Wilkinson.

Dense fog a factor in crashes on East Pike, Leatherwood Road

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Dense fog was reportedly a factor in at least three accidents on Guernsey County roadways over the weekend that sent multiple people to the hospital with various injuries.

Two related accidents were reported on East Pike Road (U.S. 40) near the intersection with Leatherwood Road (Ohio 265) Saturday night while a third occurred on Ohio 265 east of Quaker City near the Guernsey-Belmont county line early Sunday morning.

In all, three people with undisclosed injuries were transported to hospitals in Cambridge and Wheeling, West Virginia.

The first accident on East Pike Road at 9:15 p.m. Saturday involved a westbound 2017 Acura RDX sport-utility vehicle driven by Billie Voytko, 65, Cambridge, and an eastbound 2010 Honda Pilot driven by Roberta Taylor, 45, Cambridge.

The vehicles reportedly sideswiped each other in the dense fog and came to a stop on or along the roadway.

Emergency responders from the Old Washington, Antrim and Lore City fire departments were dispatched along with United Ambulance, State Highway Patrol and Guernsey County sheriff’s deputies.

Taylor reportedly suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene by emergency medical personnel. The injuries did not require Taylor to be transported to the hospital.

Billie Voytko nor his passenger, Rebecca Voytko, 60, Cambridge, were injured.

All three motorists were wearing safety belts.

The Acura and Honda sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.

No citations were issued, according to a patrol sergeant with the Cambridge post.

At 9:20 p.m., a 2021 Honda CRV driven by Corinne Doudna, 24, Cambridge, was stopped in westbound traffic on East Pike Road near the first accident scene when it was struck from behind by a 2021 Hyundai Palisade sport-utility vehicle driven by Courtney Yelverton, 41, of Dennison. Both vehicles sustained extensive, disabling damage.

Doudna was taken by Old Washington EMS to Southeastern Med with minor injuries. She was wearing a safety belt.

A passenger in the Yelverton vehicle, Paige Yelverton, 31, Dennison, was transported by Antrim EMS to Southeastern Med after suffering minor injuries in the collision. She was wearing a safety belt.

Neither Courtney Yelverton or a second passenger, Maylee Yelverton, 3, Dennison, were injured. Maylee was secured in child restrain and Courtney was wearing a safety belt.

There were no passengers in the Doudna vehicle.

The Honda CRV and Hyundai were towed from the scene. No citations were issued due to the fog.

The third accident on Leatherwood Road (Ohio 265) occurred at 1:10 a.m. Sunday when an eastbound 2017 Hyundai Accent driven by Miranda Kurtz, 30, Barnesville, went off the left side of the roadway and struck an embankment before overturning.

Emergency responders from the Quaker City and Barnesville fire departments were dispatched along with United Ambulance and patrol troopers.

Kurtz was wearing a safety belt, and transported by United Ambulance to Wheeling Medical Center with undisclosed injuries. No further information regarding her condition was available Monday.

A passenger, Charles McGowan, 41, of Valley City, was not injured. The Hyundai sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. No citation was issued due to extreme fog in the area.

Nebraska billionaire Walter Scott dies at 90

Josh Funk ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. – Billionaire Walter Scott, the past top executive of Peter Kiewit Sons Inc. construction firm, who helped oversee Warren Buffett’s conglomerate and donated to various causes, particularly construction projects around Omaha, has died. He was 90.

The Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation that Scott founded said Scott died Saturday. The foundation did not mention a cause of death.

Scott served as a board member of Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate from 1988 until his death, and even invested alongside Berkshire in the company’s utility and energy unit. Scott held about 8% of Berkshire Hathaway Energy’s stock and 105 Class A Berkshire shares with Buffett’s Berkshire holding nearly all the rest.

Scott, who grew up during the Great Depression after being born in Omaha in 1931, spent his entire career working for the Peter Kiewit Sons’ Inc. – the Omaha-based construction company, which builds major projects all over the world. He worked his way up from overseeing construction projects in California and New York to become the company’s executive vice president in 1965.

“You cannot find a better model for a citizen than Walter Scott,” Buffett, a longtime friend, told the Omaha World-Herald on Saturday. “He was basically a builder, whether he was building Kiewit and physical things or building his vision of Omaha or Nebraska. He was nonstop.”



Scott

When Peter Kiewit died in 1979, Scott succeeded him as Chairman and CEO and led the company until 1998. He also went on to serve as chairman of a Kiewit spin-off, Level 3 Communications until that firm was bought in 2014.

The wealth Scott accumulated allowed him to become a philanthropist. Scott and his late wife, Suzanne, gave large sums to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Colorado State University. One of the main buildings at UNMC’s new Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center is called the Suzanne and Walter Scott Cancer Research Tower because of their donations.

Sections of the Joslyn Art Museum and Holland Performing Arts Center in Omaha are also named in honor of the Scotts’ giving. Scott was also a longtime supporter of the renowned Omaha zoo, where the large aquarium is named in honor of him and his wife.

Scott had told the Omaha World-Herald he intended for nearly all of his personal assets to be donated to his personal foundation, which supports projects in Omaha.

“My children were taken care of long ago – what they make of their lives is now their own responsibility,” Scott said to the World-Herald. “Ultimately, nearly everything will go to the foundation, with the hopes it will benefit my hometown for many generations to come.”

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BROWNS NOTES

Delpit wanted fumble recovery; Mayfield sore



Browns safety Grant Delpit (22) celebrates a sack during the second half of the Browns' 31-21 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday. RON SCHWANE/AP

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After Grant Delpit’s excruciating postponement of his NFL debut, even his safety blitz of Houston Texans rookie quarterback Davis Mills seemed to take longer than it should.

“It felt like forever, to be honest,” Delpit said Monday. “You just want to get there as fast as you can. You feel like you’re moving slow, but in reality, you’re getting back there pretty fast.

“I wish I would have grabbed the ball looking back at it to make an amazing play, but it was a pretty good play.”

Drafted in the second round out of Louisiana State in 2020, Delpit played for the first time after missing all of his rookie season with a torn Achilles. He sat out most of training camp with a hamstring injury to the same leg. But Delpit made a splash in the Browns’ 31-21 victory Sunday at FirstEnergy Stadium, coming free on the blitz, sacking Mills for a 9-yard loss, and forcing a fumble with 2:15 remaining.

Texans right tackle Marcus Cannon recovered, but the drive stalled and kicker Joey Slye missed a 41-yard field goal attempt with 1:59 to go.

“It felt great being out there,” Delpit said. “It had been a little minute since I suited up and stepped out there. Just blessed by God, really. It’s been a long journey. I’m glad it started like it has and hopefully we can keep it going through the season.”

Delpit played 26 snaps (43%) on defense and another 13 (53%) on special teams as coach Kevin Stefanski used Delpit all over the field. Delpit tied for third on the team with five tackles (three solos), a sack, a forced fumble, a quarterback hit and a tackle for loss.

“He filled the run well at the end of the first half. Obviously made a splash play with the sack-fumble late in the game,” Stefanski said. “By and large he was where he was supposed to be. Was it perfect? No. But that’s his first NFL football game. I thought [it was] a really good effort for his first time out there.”

Delpit said when he was told he was being held out Week 1 at Kansas City, he knew he would play against the Texans.

“I wasn’t nervous or anything. Coach Woods even asked me if I was nervous and I said, ‘No.’ If you’re nervous, it means you’re scared,” Delpit said of defensive coordinator Joe Woods.

Obviously, Delpit said his highlight was the sack-fumble on the Texans backup quarterback, which All-Pro defensive end Myles Garrett said should make ESPN’s Top 10 plays.

“It was a great call by coach Woods. Just came clean off the edge, it opened wide up,” Delpit said. “I didn’t really know the ball popped out, to be honest with you. I just tried to really get a good clean hit on him.”

Delpit hopes the Browns coaching staff continues to use him in various situations.

“Versatility is one of the best tools you can have as a defender,” Delpit said. “I do pride myself in that. A lot of the guys on our defense pride themselves [on] that as well. I think that’s why we’re going to be successful in the future.”

Mayfield says he’s ‘fine, sore’

Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield did not miss a snap after he injured his left, non-throwing shoulder trying to make a tackle during an interception return in the second quarter. Mayfield said after the game the shoulder was popped back into place.

Stefanski had not spoken to Mayfield when he addressed the media, but said he’d heard from the training staff. “He’s doing fine; he’s sore,” Stefanski said of Mayfield.

Mayfield’s shoulder drooped as he left the field. When backup quarterback Case Keenum began to warm up, running back Kareem Hunt said he was nervous.

“I told him, ‘Let me tackle him next time,’” Hunt said of Mayfield. “It was definitely a shocker, I wanted to help him off the field. It would have been a big moment, Case was getting ready, I know he’s a great quarterback, too.”

The Browns were already without receiver Jarvis Landry, and seeing Mayfield knocked out of the game would have compounded the Browns’ problems.

“It would have been another tough loss if that would have happened,” Hunt said. “I’m surprised he came back really quick. I’m glad.”

Takitaki, Hubbard banged up

Along with Landry, who sprained his medial collateral ligament on the second play against the Texans, Stefanski said linebacker Sione Takitaki (hamstring) and offensive lineman Chris Hubbard (triceps) are week to week.

Stefanski said sixth-man Hubbard, inactive Sunday, is improving. He would have filled in for left tackle Jeddrick Wills Jr., who started despite a sprained ankle suffered in Kansas City, when Wills was lifted and replaced by Blake Hance for the final 18 offensive snaps.

Stefanski again praised Wills, who took 43 snaps (70%) on offense.

“He’s no worse for the wear,” Stefanski said of Wills, the 10th overall pick in 2020. “I was really proud of him for how he responded, wanted to go out there, competed. It got stiff, I thought it was the right thing to do to take him out. That’s a big deal and I think your teammates recognize that’s a big deal when you fight to make it to Sunday.”

Browns running back Nick Chubb is one of three nominees for the FedEx Ground NFL player of the week.

Chubb rushed 11 times for 95 yards (8.6 average), caught one pass for 3 yards and cemented the game with a 26-yard touchdown with 5:52 remaining.

Asked if he was the second happiest person in the stadium after Chubb iced the game, Hunt said, “I might be the happiest. Nick comes back like, ‘Yeah, it’s supposed to happen.’ It’s nice to get that big run, the cushion lead and then we can start focusing on running the football.”

Also nominated for the honor were Derrick Henry of the Tennessee Titans (35-182-3) and Tony Pollard of the Dallas Cowboys (13-109-1).

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Wooster boys win Malone XC Invitational

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Malone Invitational Division I

Wooster continues to test itself against top-flight competition and it was much more of the same Saturday as it ran at the Malone Invitational. The Generals landed a total six runners in the top 15 as they ran fast and won the Div. I race with a score of 39 to beat out second-place Stow-Munroe Falls, who had 51.

Standout Ashton Dunlap was dialed in as he flew past the field and floated over the course to beat the second-place runner by 13 seconds as Dunlap finished with a 16:30. In seventh place was his running mate fellow standout, Ethan Keating, who powered in a 17:18, and Gabe Thompson made it three Wooster runners inside the top 10 with an eighth-best time of 17:40.

There was Owen Buchholz taking 11th with a time of 17:58, Luke Hootman ran a 17:59 for 12th and Trent Kuzma picked up the 15th spot with an 18:12.

“We were really pleased and had a nice day,” said Generals coach Doug Bennett. “We had some pretty good competition, but it was nice to get a win. The biggest thing for us, is that our guys need to realize we are very good team, we have ran against some very tough competition this year. It was nice for them to place well today.

“Something we talked about was needing to finish,” added Bennett. “Today they did a good job in finishing

their race and it showed in the placings.”

The Generals were led on the girls side by Audrey Miller and Rachel Cornelius, who finished 11th and 12th on the day. Miller finished with a time of 21:07 and Cornelius ran a 21:11 for the locals.

Div. III

In the Div. III part of Malone Invitational, Central Christian tied Waynedale for second with a score of 54 points apiece. Winning the race was Elyria Catholic with a team score of 29.

Central Christian's Dakota Kerby won the race with a time of 18:07 and Ryan Oaks finished sixth with a time of 19:34. Micah Dodson added a 20:41 for 10th, Nathan Miller finished 16th and Dylan Woods garnered 21st for the Blue and White.

“We ran really strong today despite being down four runners,” said Central Christian coach Mark Woods. “I was really happy with the team's performance, really like what we did. Now we just have to get some guys back and healthy, but I like where we are at as a team.”

Without standout JJ Varner, the Golden Bears were paced by Dylan Adams, who ran a 20:14 and finished seventh on the day. Sebastian Gingerich was ninth with a time of 20:34, Clay Hershberger finished 11th, Caiden Heller was 13th and Seagar Stahlman grabbed 14th for Waynedale.

In the girls race, it was all Golden Bears all race long as they saw six runners finish inside the top 10, making the lead pack pretty golden in color. Waynedale won the race by a decisive 26 points over Rootstown.

Kylee Gray was humming right along as she ran a

20:17 to win the race, but was being chased by running mate Clara Sundberg, who legged out a 20:33 for second. Allison Moore finished fourth with a 21:48, Sydney Reber came in fifth with a 22:19, Kylie Nussbaum wrapped up the win with a 22:41 for eighth and Alyce Yoder came in ninth with a 22:48.

“It was a great day,” said Golden Bears coach Jared Zollars. “It was nice racing in the combined race as we got to go against some strong teams. The girls really got a good look at some fast competition and our goal was to hang as much as possible. To be fifth overall, we were really happy with that considering we were running against some strong Div. I programs.”

Also running were Comets Angela Miller, who finished 15th with a time of 23:27 and Julia Miller was 22nd with a 25:18.

J.B. Firestone Invitational

Standout runner Pyper Gibson put together her best race of the year yet as she powered past the field to win the girls race at the J.B. Firestone Invitational. Gibson, who had hindered earlier in the year due to an injury, put about 15 seconds between her and second place with a season-best time of 19:29. That was huge to help her Rittman squad to take third at the Invite with a score of 77, with Orrville coming sixth with a 149 and Smithville raced in seventh with a score of 170.

Joining Gibson with strong performances for the Indians were Cadence Soucek with a time of 20:50 for fourth place and Caroline Kennel finished 10th with a clock of 22:34. The Red Riders were led by Lacey Caskey, who finished 23rd with a time of 24:17, Emily Batchlet was two spots back at 25th and Aleah Daugherty finished 29th. Leading the Smithies were Ava Wilford, who was 18th with a time of 23:13 and Kailynn Wickens finished 21st and had a finishing time of 23:47.

On the boys side, Smithville didn't have the area's highest finisher, but saw a trio of runners finish inside the top 20 as it grabbed fifth with a score of 121. Rittman came in seventh with a total of 176 and Orrville was ninth with a score of 217.

Knox Spurlock led all the boys in Green with a time of 18:25 for 12th, Cameron Carr was 19th and Cyrus Kirk finished 20th for the Smithies. The Indians were led by David Kollin, who was 14th with a time of 18:47 and Devin Bowlby finished 21st with a time of 19:14. Leading all area boys runners at the event was Red Rider's standout Josh Rittgers, who blasted through for a 17:32 and was fourth on the day.

Sandy Valley Invitational

In the small-school portion of the Sandy Valley Invitational, Dalton and Tuslaw locked horns in both the boys and girls race. The two backyard rivals went at it, stride for stride, with mixed results on a chilly Saturday.

On the girls side, Malena Cybak ran a 19:52 to finish first for the Mustangs and set a new personal best. Unfortunately though, the Bulldogs depth would prove to be too much for Tuslaw as Dalton garnered second in the race with a 55 and the Mustangs finished fourth with 117.

“Malena did a really nice job,” said Mustangs coach Ed Cybak. “She has been very consistent with her training and works really well at practice. Today she challenged herself to open up and really run fast because this was a flat course and great to run fast on.”

Leading the Bulldogs were Janae Hostetler and Brianna Chenevey, who finished eighth and ninth with times of 21:26 and 21:59. Right behind them were Molly Soehnlén with a 22:09 for 10th, Lauren Clos, who belted out a 22:10 for 11th and Aly Jackson wrapped it up with a 17th place finish for Dalton.

Outside of Cybak, the Mustangs had Georgia Huffman finish 12th with a time of 22:13, with Kayla Scheufler their third best runner taking 30th.

The tables were flipped on the boys side as Jack Swartz, Joe Joe Rolko and Aric Bretz pulled off a follow-the-leader approach to lead Tuslaw to a win with 55 points. This time, the Bulldogs finished third with a team score of 107 as Fairless slid in between the two schools with a score of 99.

“The team had a great day,” said Cybak. “For the first time the boys ran to what we expected them to be this year, today they just put it together. It was a great team effort and the guys just fed off each other.”

Swartz won the Invite with a time of 16:55 and he was quickly followed by Rolko, who ran a 17:36 for the locals. Bretz raced an 18:29 for eighth, Logan Rankl was 20th and Randolph McFarren took 24th for the Mustangs.

“Jack had a good strategy today as we wanted him out fast and he did. He really got after it,” said Cybak. “Joe Joe has been getting better, Aric is our tough guy who gets every ounce of ability out of himself and Randolph and Logan both had a nice runs today. Randolph has done a great job running improving throughout the year and that really helps our team lot.”

The Bulldogs were paced by Caleb Hofstetter, who ran an 18:33 as they were without standout Carson Steiner. Ely Hutson finished 14th with an 18:54, Jacob Fink was 22nd and Karey Lehman finished 26th for Dalton.

Bill Brown Invitational

Running in the Bill Brown Invitational held in Ontario, Triway boys ran against some tough competition. Shelby won the Invite with a team score of 38 over Mt. Gilead's 46 as the Titans didn't have enough runners to field a team.

Jacob Yoder paced Triway with a 114th place finish and a time of 21:25 and Achal Khatri was 131st for the locals.

Black River Invitational

Norwayne ran in the Black River Invitational as it's individual runners shined bright.

Standout Jaylee Wingate blasted through for a 19:33 was third overall as she beat running mate and fellow star Annabel Stanley. Stanley ran a 19:43 and finished fourth overall, while Corinne McCall was 15th with a 22:38 and Alayna Gubics was 44th with a 24:28.

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Survivors

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Breast cancer awareness month is strongly associated with the color pink. Park shared that this time of year is special for the entire family because, thanks to treatments and care, her mom is still with them and “Think Pink” is now a phrase with much more meaning for her and her loved ones.

“We celebrate my mom being a cancer survivor every year and are beyond grateful to have her with us,” Park said. “My mom said she always viewed pink as a soft girly color, but now sees it as a symbol of strength. Fighting this fight is not easy physically, mentally or emotionally.”

There is no way to

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— Kendra Park,
Daughter of breast cancer survivor

prevent breast cancer; there are ways you can lower the risk. The American Cancer Society lists the following as some ways to keep your body healthy and prevent your risk:

- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Be physically active.
- Stay up to date with screenings.
- If there is a family history of breast cancer, consider genetic testing.
- Talk with your doctor regularly about your health.

“My sister and I have had genetic testing done and do mammograms every 6 months,” Park said. “My mom had a conversation with a fellow cancer survivor, and her advice was to catch cancer before it catches you. I believe that saved her life and could save others.”

Submitted by Holzer Health System.

Leaf

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residents and visitors alike have become accustomed to a gradual transition from summer to fall, with temperatures dropping a bit each day, along with shorter periods of daylight. As the leaves begin to turn, sweaters and hiking boots replace summer tank tops and sandals for walks in the fresh fall air. Surrounded by beautiful fall colors, we have an opportunity to say goodbye to summer and prepare for ourselves for winter.

Nature also takes note; birds begin grouping for their migration to warmer climates, squirrels and chipmunks gather food to store for the upcoming winter, farmers harvest their end of summer crops, all signs that fall has arrived and winter will follow.

Leaf peepers planning their foliage tours have already noticed this year’s late transition from summer to fall, and are concerned the season may be shortened and lack some of the usually brilliant colors. These concerns

are valid: according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAH), weather changes, especially those that are extreme, have an effect on the leaf cycle. Hotter than normal temperatures, drought, or an early frost can make the leaves fall from the trees before they have time to change color.

NOAH explains that why and when leaves change color, and the vibrance of those colors has everything to do with weather. As summer fades into fall, the days start getting shorter and there is less sunlight. This is a signal for the leaf to prepare for winter and to stop making chlorophyll. Once this happens, the green color starts to fade and the reds, oranges, and yellows become visible.

Leaves get their green color from a chemical called chlorophyll, which allows plants to make energy from sunlight in a process called photosynthesis. In summer the leaves are making a lot of chlorophyll, and the green masks the orange and yellow pigments in the leaves. As days start getting shorter in the fall,

there is less sunlight and so the trees produce less chlorophyll, allowing the reds, oranges, and yellows to become dominate.

But leaf peepers take heart, there is room for optimism that the 2021 season will still be a good one for foliage. An update from the Ohio Department of Natural Resource (ODNR) said that although the fall color timeline has been a little delayed, the cooler temperatures should allow us to see more colors.

“The weather across the state has not been ideal for vibrant fall color development,” said ODNR Fall Color Forester, David Parrott. “However, that trend seems to have turned a corner with many locations now reporting near peak conditions around the state.”

West Virginia echos this optimism- according to the West Virginia Department of Tourism, fall foliage in the state usually occurs within a six-week period that typically begins in late September and ends around the first week of November, but things are just a bit late getting started this year, and peepers will need to adjust their timeline.

Both Ohio and West Virginia have developed interactive fall foliage maps and provide weekly updates on color changes in specific locations, allowing leaf peepers to plan their trips accordingly. ODNR and the West Virginia Department of Tourism, in partnership

with the Forestry Service, advise peepers to check the maps before planning their leafing excursions, as foliage peaking timelines vary throughout the states.

This delay of leafing season is a reminder that Mother Nature has her own schedule, and does not adjust to human expectations. Nature does not follow our calendar, and instead we should follow hers. The best we can do is enjoy what Nature has to offer when it happens, and watch as fall is unfolded in a myriad of colors only she can produce.

Those interested in finding the most eye-catching leaves throughout the season can visit ODNR’s fall color website that includes weekly color updates a map showing fall color progress, information to help plan a fall color adventure, and ideas for road trips: www.ohiodnr.gov. In addition, find ODNR fall color updates on its YouTube channel.

The West Virginia Department of Tourism has partnered with the West Virginia Department of Forestry to provide a free downloadable leaf map, a fall inspiration guide that includes some of the best places to visit for a leafing experience, and a weekly color update: <https://wvtourism.com/>.

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Jayden Evans, Olivia Harris, Abby Bauerbach,

Emma Epling, Megan Maxon, Brielle Newland, Jaylin Stevens, Kendyl Householder, Emma Doczi, Marie Schuler.

Information provided by Eastern High School.

Rutland

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would remain in place until the Village corrected its general fund deficit. Village officials would also be required to prepare and submit a five-year recovery plan, which will be subject to State Auditor approval.

Mayor Eblin hopes to gain support for a supplemental tax levy and a Village income tax under consideration as a means to help the Village overcome the current deficit. He is hopeful the town hall meeting will help residents understand the need for such measures.

“No one wants to pay more taxes, but it is essential that everyone understands the cost of maintaining public

services. We must have sufficient revenue to compensate for the expenditures,” said Mayor Eblin. “When you do not have the revenue needed, you either face the decision of shutting down services, or you hope that taxpayers will approve more tax revenue to keep those services running. Failure to do either will result in a budget deficit.”

The Mayor’s Office is open on Mondays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mayor Eblin welcomes persons interested in discussing Village business to his office during regular hours, or by calling 740-742-2121 and scheduling an appointment.

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GALLIA, MEIGS COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Editor’s Note: Gallia Meigs Briefs will only list event information that is open to the public and will be printed on a space-available basis.

Collecting clothing

GALLIPOLIS — Gallipolis Christian Church will be collecting winter clothing, including coats, sweaters, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, etc., to later be distributed to the homeless and those in need. Drop off these items 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. each Wednesday through Halloween weekend. Church is located on Ohio 588. Tarps, sleeping bags, also needed.

Carry out lunches

POMEROY — Trinity Congregational Church, located on the corner of 2nd and Lynn streets, will be serving carry out only lunches during the Sternwheel Regatta on this Friday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Menu: Homemade chicken and noodles, sloppy joes, hot dogs, selection of sides and homemade deserts.

Moving offices

CHESHIRE — Gallia-Meigs Community Action will be closed to the public on Sept. 20-24 in order to move their offices. The new office will be located at 8317 SR 7 N, Cheshire, (old Gallco building) beginning Monday, Sept. 27. New phone numbers will be announced in the coming days.

Road closures, construction

MEIGS COUNTY — Meigs County Road 2 (Briar Ridge Road) in Salem Township will be closed to traffic from Monday, Sept. 13 to Friday, Oct. 1. County crews will be working on the second of two large culvert replacements between State Route 325 and Goff Road (Township Road 45).

BIDWELL — SR 160/554 roundabout construction. A roundabout construction project begins on July 26 at the intersection of SR 160 and SR 554. From July 26-Sept. 6, SR 554 will be closed between SR 160 and Porter Road. ODOT’s detour is SR 7 through Cheshire to SR 735 to U.S. 35 to SR 160 to SR 554. Beginning July 26, one lane of SR 160 will be closed and temporary traffic signals will be in place between Homewood Drive and Porter Road. Estimated completion: Oct. 1.

MEIGS COUNTY — A bridge replacement project began on April 12 on State Route 143, between Lee Road (Township Road 168) and Ball Run Road (Township Road 20A). One lane will be closed. Temporary traffic signals and a 10 foot width restriction will be in place. Estimated completion: Nov. 15.

GOP

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Most are openly vying for former President Donald Trump’s attention and endorsement.

In particular, Mandel has adopted Trump’s style in his campaign, criticizing immigrants, ethnic groups and Democrats on Twitter, blasting the media as the enemy and condemning COVID-19 vaccine and masking requirements.

Dolan, meanwhile, has said someone once called him the “nicest meanest person” they had met and that he tries not to resort to name-calling.

Democrats predicted Dolan’s entry into the race will do little to tone down the rhetoric, however.

“Add Matt Dolan to the long list of out-of-touch millionaires vying for the GOP Senate nomination,” spokesperson Michael Beyer said in a statement. “With this latest addition to the GOP clown show, this primary is sure to get nastier, more divisive and more expensive all while Ohio voters and their interests get left behind.”

Dolan is a partner in a Cleveland law firm, vice president of a business and real estate management firm, adjunct law professor and former assistant county prosecutor and assistant Ohio attorney general.

He served three terms in the Ohio House from 2005 to 2010, more recently returning to the Statehouse as a senator in 2017.

On social issues,

Dolan has supported restrictions on abortion, but he voted against a bill restricting the procedure at the first detectable fetal heartbeat because he believed it would draw an expensive federal court challenge that seemed at the time unwinnable.

“I vote on common-sense, conservative matters that make a difference in people’s lives,” he has said.

Dolan also sponsored a package of firearm reforms proposed by Republican Gov. Mike DeWine after the deadly 2019 mass shooting in Dayton, challenging those who saw it as assailing Second Amendment rights. Despite initial bipartisan support, the bill stalled.

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Dolan just finished helping to negotiate the two-year, \$75 billion state budget that included a 3% personal income tax cut for Ohioans and enacted a bipartisan school-funding solution that was years in the making.

The baseball franchise Dolan’s family owns announced plans in December to replace the name Cleveland Indians after 105 years. The move was a response to criticism for years that the name was racist amid the national racial reckoning that followed the murder of George Floyd.

Dolan has called the decision an unfortunate consequence of the “culture wars,” which have placed pressure on businesses that sometimes cannot be responsibly ignored.

GALLIA, MEIGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Card showers

Inez Windland will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sept. 21, cards may be sent to 524 Dutch Ridge Road, Guysville, OH 45735.

Sara Cullums will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Oct. 1, cards may be sent to 36690 Rock Springs Road, Pomeroy, OH 45769. The family hopes to receive 100 cards.

Helen Dailey will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Oct. 4, cards may be sent to 4574 State Rt. 325, Patriot, OH 45658.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

GALLIPOLIS — American Legion Auxiliary

meets at 6 p.m., post home on McCormick Road, all members urged to attend.

Thursday, Sept. 23

POMEROY — The Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will hold its regular monthly meeting at noon at the district office, 113 E. Memorial Drive, Suite D.

Monday, Sept. 27

MIDDLEPORT — Paint with Michele Musser will be at 6 p.m. at the Riverbend Arts Council, 290 N. Second Ave. All supplies are furnished. Call Donna at 740-992-5123 to register.

MIDDLEPORT — Veterans Service Commission meets 9 a.m., 97 North 2nd Ave., Suite 2.

POMEROY — The regular meeting of the Meigs County Public Library Board will be at 1 p.m. at the Pomeroy Library.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

POMEROY — Acoustic Night at the Library. Informal jam session, bring your instruments or come to listen. 6 p.m. at the Pomeroy Library.

IN BRIEF

Police: 2 wounded in shooting at Virginia school

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Two students were wounded in a shooting at a Virginia high

school Monday afternoon, police said.

A 17-year-old boy was shot in the face at Heritage High School and a 17-year-old girl was shot in the leg, Newport News police Chief Steve Drew said at a news conference. Both were taken to the hospital and neither injury was thought to be life-threatening, he said.

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Ford to add 10,800 jobs making electric vehicles, batteries

By **Tom Krisher**
and **Bruce Schreiner**
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ky. — Ford and a partner company say they plan to build three major electric-vehicle battery factories and an auto assembly plant by 2025 — a dramatic investment in the future of EV technology that will create an estimated 10,800 jobs and shift the automaker's future manufacturing footprint toward the South.

The factories, to be built on sites in Kentucky and Tennessee, will make batteries for the next generation of Ford and Lincoln electric vehicles that will be produced in North America. Combined, they mark the single largest manufacturing investment the 118-year-old company has ever made and are among the largest factory outlays in the world.

Notably, the new factories will provide a vast new supply of jobs

that will likely pay solid wages. Most of the new jobs will be full time, with a relatively small percentage having temporary status to fill in for vacations and absent workers.

Together with its battery partner, SK Innovation of South Korea, Ford says it will spend \$5.6 billion in rural Stanton, Tennessee, where it will build a factory to produce electric F-Series pickups. A joint venture called BlueOvalSK will construct a battery factory on the same site near Memphis, plus twin battery plants in Glendale, Kentucky, near Louisville. Ford estimated the Kentucky investment at \$5.8 billion and said its share of the total would be \$7 billion.

With the new spending, Ford is making a significant bet on a future that envisions most drivers eventually making the shift to battery power from internal combustion engines, which have powered vehicles in the United States for more



AP Photo | Timothy D. Easley

A sign welcomes visitors to the tiny town of Glendale, Ky., the site of a joint venture with Ford Motor Company and SK Innovation to create the \$5.8 billion BlueOvalSK Battery Park in Glendale, Ky., Monday.

than a century. Should that transition run into disruptions or delays, the gamble could hit the company's bottom line. Ford predicts 40% to 50% of its U.S. sales will be electric by 2030. For now, only about 1% of vehicles on America's roads are powered by electricity.

In an interview Monday, CEO Jim Farley said it would be up to the workers at the new plants to decide whether to be represented by the United Auto Workers union.

That question could set up an epic battle with union leaders, who want employees of the future to join the union and earn top UAW production wages of around \$32 per hour. It represents a high-stakes test for the UAW, which will need jobs for thousands of members who will lose work in the transition away engines and transmissions for petroleum-powered vehicles.

Ford's move also could put the company

at odds with President Joe Biden's quest to create "good-paying union jobs" in a new, greener economy.

Farley said it's too early to talk about pay or unionization at the new factories. He stressed that Ford will maintain a geographic manufacturing balance once the company's investments in Ohio and Michigan are included. Ford and General Motors have UAW-represented plants in Kentucky and Tennessee, states where it is common for political leaders to actively campaign against unionization.

"We love our UAW partners," Farley said. "They've been incredible on this journey of electrification so far. But it's up to the employees to decide."

Just four months ago, Ford said it would build two new battery plants in North America. But Farley said demand for the electric Mustang Mach E SUV and over 150,000 orders for the F-150 elec-

tric pickup convinced the company to increase battery output.

The Kentucky and Tennessee sites were picked in part because of lower electricity costs, Farley said, as well being less exposed to flooding and hurricanes than other states. Battery factories use five times the electricity of a typical assembly plant to make cells and assemble them into packs, so energy costs were a big factor, Farley said.

The company also needed huge tracts of land for the plants that weren't available in other states, Farley said.

Both Southern states also have skilled labor forces and are willing to train workers for the new jobs, he said.

"These jobs are very different than the jobs we've had in the past," Farley said. "We want to work with states who are really excited about doing that training and giving you access to that low energy cost."

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Parks

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recent years."

According to Curtin, the new levy seizes upon strategic geographical land acquisition opportunities that are only available now, given the rate of housing and commercial development in the county. He says these land purchases will preserve land for future generations to enjoy nature.

The geographical areas included in the land acquisition portion of the levy include land along the Olentangy River corridor, Big Walnut Creek corridor, northern Delaware County near the Delaware reservoir, Hoover watershed area, and the Ohio to Erie trail. The cost of land acquisition is estimated at \$24 mil-

lion.

"Residents will have more opportunities to enjoy nature, trails, shelters, public education programming, restrooms and parking closer to home," Curtin said. "We will continue providing what we're best known for — being a place of quiet in a busy world." The park district is providing levy via its website at <https://preservationparks.com/news-publications/>.

The levy will cost a homeowner \$1.16/month each year, per \$100,000 in home market value and would provide \$3.7 million in funding a year. If passed, collections will begin in 2022.

The current levy costs the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$2.39/month.

Submitted by Preservation Parks of Delaware County.

Henney

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wide up top. He was a beast."

Henney, a member of the Barrels, Rails & Such 4-H club, said she knew when she purchased the pig that he was a good one, but it took some work prior to the show in order to get the pig ready to make its best impression.

"Over the last couple of months, he started looking worse and it was just a matter of changing his feed and getting him on certain feeds to make him fresher and look new again," she said. "It's a lot of math, trying to make sure you don't overfeed him and working with his weight."

Henney expressed uncertainty regarding whether or not she will return next year to try for a third consecutive overall champion. Currently a senior at Centerburg High School, Henney is looking at Otterbein College, Capital University, and Ohio University to do her pre-med studies. She said the distance from home and her ability to get home and work with the pigs will be the deciding factor in whether or not she continues to show

after high school.

If the 2021 Delaware County Junior Fair is, indeed, her last time in the show ring, Henney said showing back-to-back overall champions is "absolutely" the best way to end her career. Asked what she's enjoyed the most about showing, Henney said the friendships she's made will be the lasting memory, as will the excitement of knowing she has one of the best pigs in the ring.

"I definitely have made some amazing friends through 4-H," Henney said. "We've traveled all over the country together. I've been closer with my pig friends than I have even my school friends through my high school career."

"As for showing itself, that feeling when you know you have a good pig and you are all nervous and stuff. But the first time you hit that gate and the first time the judge sees that pig, you know you brought the good one. It's just excitement to see how he does."

Reach Dillon Davis at 740-413-0904. Follow him on Twitter @DillonDavis56.

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