

ROUNDUP

Proposed law would make it easier to maintain, develop abandoned properties

State Rep. Willis Blackshear, D-Dayton, has introduced the Neighborhood Protection Act in the Ohio House of Representatives, legislation that would make it easier to maintain and develop abandoned properties.

The law would require vacant property owners to file contact information with the county auditor's office. Vacant property owners in counties with a population larger than 200,000 — such as Lorain County — would be required to provide contact information to the county auditor's office or be penalized with a tax lien.

The bill would make it easier to contact vacant property owners for property maintenance issues and sales opportunities.

“The Neighborhood Protection Act is a first step in addressing an issue that has been around for quite a while,” Blackshear said. “This bill ensures that vacant property owners are accessible to manage, maintain and sell properties in neighborhoods all over the state of Ohio. This bill will help address and correct the influx of abandoned and dilapidated properties in our state.”

The legislation awaits a bill number and referral to a House committee.

Spaghetti dinner fundraiser today

The American Legion monthly spaghetti dinner is 5-6:30 p.m. today at 393 Ohio St., Elyria. Any veteran who attends will be offered a free one-year membership to Post 12. The cost of the dinner is \$7 per person. It includes spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad and dessert. Takeout is available. The event is open to the public and is held the third Tuesday every month.

First Lorain County League leadership conference set for Wednesday

SULLIVAN — For the first time, all eight Lorain County League athletic teams will take part in an all-day event focusing on leadership, culture, adversity, perseverance and interaction.

The conference will be held Wednesday at Black River Middle School in Sullivan.

It will focus on developing future leaders and role models

on and off the playing field throughout the Lorain County League, which includes Wellington, Oberlin, Brookside, Firelands, Keystone, Clearview, Columbia and Black River.

All schools will be represented with roughly 15 students being on site.

“The event is designed to help our young leaders grow in leadership roles in our districts,” said Keystone Athletic Director Jon Bailey. “There will be a panel of speakers and presenters. This is our first time doing this type of event, so we hope this grows into the future.”

Oberlin City Schools Athletic Director John Carter said he is looking forward to the conference.

“It is our hope that this will be a great avenue for future leaders and role models to come together in the future as well,” he said. “Student-athletes are more than just players on the field, court or trails. They embody what an all-around student should be both in school and out of school.”

Marion L. Steele High School students wage distracted-driving campaign

AMHERST — A social media campaign taking aim at bad habits behind the wheel has been started by teens at Marion L. Steele High School.

Car crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for young people in America, and 75 percent do not involve drugs or alcohol — most fatal teen crashes involve reckless and distracted driving.

The Steele campaign is part of the Just Drive contest sponsored by New Jersey Manufacturers Alliance and hosted by a national nonprofit called Impact Teen Drivers.

It aims to change driving culture among high school students. The campaign draws on advice from students, teachers, doctors and first responders who disseminate evidence-based tools to promote good decision-making inside vehicles.

The Amherst Steele High School Student Wellness Group, led by teens studying medical health technology and Rotary Interact members, are driving the local effort. It will kick off with a health and safety fair Wednesday on the Steele Café courtyard and will continue with a social media blitz through Sept. 29. Watch @Mlswellness on Twitter for updates.

Steele students stand to win up to \$10,000 for their efforts, with funds going to future student wellness programs.

— from staff reports

North Olmsted resident fatally shoots alleged home intruder

The Chronicle-Telegram

NORTH OLMSTED — A 21-year-old woman was fatally shot Sunday night after allegedly forcing her way into a North Olmsted home and struggling with a resident there.

According to a news release from the North Olmsted Police Department, officers responded to the home on Mastick Road about 10:52 p.m. A 69-year-old resident told police the woman had entered the home and the struggle

ensued with a 72-year-old resident.

In the course of the incident, the 21-year-old woman was shot once in the right upper abdomen area. Police did not state in the news release which resident pulled the trigger.

Police attempted life-saving measures before the woman was transported to Fairview Hospital where she was later pronounced dead. North Olmsted Police have not named any of the people involved in the incident.

DOLAN

From B1

“After meeting with Republicans, conservative activists and community leaders across Ohio in recent weeks, it’s clear that the focus of the race for U.S. Senate has yet to be about our people, our interests, and our beloved state,” Dolan said in his announcement, promising to change that.

He joins a field that includes former state Republican chair Jane Timken, former state Treasurer Josh Mandel, author and venture capitalist JD Vance and Cleveland businesspeople Mike Gibbons and Bernie Moreno. 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 unwinable.

“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 percent personal income tax cut for Ohioans and enacted a bipartisan school-funding solution that was years in the making.

TEEN

From B1

“It really means everything,” he said. “Any chance that we get to honor him and have him

talked about in a good way is just awesome.” To qualify for the scholarship, Elyria or Lorain High School students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA, proof of enrollment in a two or four-year college for Fall 2022, at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or mentor and involvement in school or community activities throughout high school.

Applications are due on March 7 at 8 p.m. Applicants will be interviewed through the week of March 21. People can apply or donate to the scholarship fund at www.leadersoftoday.org. For additional questions, email lotloraincounty@gmail.com.

Contact Laina Yost at (440) 329-7121 or lyost@chroniclelet.com.

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GOP blocks bill to keep gov’t going

Lisa Mascaro and Zeke Miller
The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

“You know me, I’m a born optimist,” Biden told reporters Monday, as he rolled up his sleeve for a COVID-19 booster shot. “We’re gonna get it done.”

Monday’s 50-48 vote against taking up the bill fell well short of the 60 needed to proceed over a GOP filibuster. Democratic Majority Leader Chuck Schumer switched his vote to “no,” a procedural step to allow him to bring the measure back for consid-

eration, which he said would happen this week.

With days to go, Democrats said they will try again before Thursday’s deadline to pass a bill funding government operations past the Sept. 30 fiscal yearend, stripping out the debate over the debt limit for another day, closer to a separate October deadline.

Meanwhile, the real action is unfolding behind the scenes over the \$3.5 trillion measure, with Biden and his Democratic allies in Congress seeking a once-in-a-generation reworking of the nation’s balance sheets.

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

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

As the overall price tag comes down, Speaker Nancy Pelosi told House Democrats the president is “working on a number,” referring to talks underway with the Senate, according to a person granted anonymity to discuss the late-evening private caucus meeting.

Despite the rush to amass votes, Pelosi said the House Democrats would not move ahead on a bill until it is acceptable to their colleagues in the Senate, the person said.

Exiting the caucus meeting, Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., the chairman

of the Way & Means Committee, said as momentum builds toward Thursday, he was expecting a new total amount: “Let’s pop the number.”

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

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

Ticking off the weighty list of goals along with meeting the other deadlines, Biden said: “If we do that, the country’s going to be in great shape.”

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

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

Progressive lawmakers said they’ve already compromised enough with more centrist Democrats, but in one potential development, Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., the chair of the Con-

gressional Progressive Caucus, confirmed she and Sinema have been in talks.

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

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

The bill Senate Republicans rejected Monday night would have funded government operations temporarily, to early December, while also providing emergency funds for Hurricane Ida and other disaster relief and for Afghan refugees in the aftermath of the 20-year war.

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

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

“The Democrats will do the responsible thing—the right thing, the thing that has been done for decades by both parties—and vote yes,” said Schumer ahead of the vote.

He called the Republican opposition

“unhinged.”

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

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

The House began debating the public works bill late Monday, and while it won bipartisan support in the Senate, House Republican leaders are wary of supporting it. Donald Trump, the former president who tried and failed to secure an infrastructure deal when he was in the White House, is rallying opposition to it.

As Pelosi huddled privately Monday with House Democrats, it was clear she is pressing ahead to move as swiftly as possible on Biden’s broader package.

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

While Democrats are largely in agreement on Biden’s vision — many ran their campaigns on the long-standing party priorities — stubborn disputes remain. Among them are splits over which initiatives should be reshaped, including how to push toward cleaner energy or to lower prescription drug costs.

DIRECTOR

From A1

“These facts indicate a pattern and practice of gender and age discrimination by the commissioners,” he wrote. “The commissioners treated Barbara unfavorably based on her age and gender and wrongfully terminated Barbara’s employment in violation of Ohio and federal law.”

It wasn’t immediately clear what would happen with the age and gender discrimination claim, though it is likely to be dropped now that Tamas has her former job back.

Such a deal would never be made “in the private sector,” according to Moore.

“The fact that they (Lundy and Hung) let her start today,” he said, “looks to me like another closed-door meeting deal they made, Hung and Lundy.”

Letting an employee start work two days before a vote to officially hire them, “we’ve done that with lower-level employees, dispatchers,” Moore said, “but a high level director? We have a list of candidates that are higher qualified.”

Acting JFS Director Jeff King, he said, has 33 years’ experience and “there was no need to rush this,” Moore said.

Seven months after he started working for the county, Carrion was fired Aug. 3, along with 911 Director Harry Wil-

liamson, by a 2-0 vote of Moore and Lundy.

Neither Carrion nor Williamson responded to requests for comment from The Chronicle at the time of their firings.

Commissioners did not give a public reason for Carrion’s firing, but he had been working under a “last chance” agreement since May after three female staff members reported him for giving them inappropriate hugs in the office.

Asked why she abstained from the vote to fire Carrion and Williamson, Hung told The Chronicle that Moore and Williams had “repeatedly referred to our first day as, quote, ‘Bloody Monday,’ she said.

“The reason I abstained is because I could not participate or have my hands in another bloodbath,” she said, in reference to the series of demotions and firings by her and Moore on the day of their first meeting as elected commissioners.

Her fellow commissioners later revealed that Hung and Williamson had an “inappropriate relationship,” and video evidence of Hung and Williamson sharing a kiss was published by The Chronicle.

Lundy said commissioners still are interviewing candidates for a replacement 911 director.

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SNAKE

From A1

The parks typically advise anyone who sees a rat snake to leave it alone, and it will eventually get where it’s going because it is native to the area. But in this case, the snake was re-released because it had already been moved from its

original location.

The species can live in a variety of habitats and is common in this part of the United States. In fact, there are already two black rat snakes on display at the Carlisle Reservation’s Discovery Den.

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Commissioners learn area’s COVID numbers still high

By Nancy Schaar
Health Commissioner Kelly Engelhart updated the Board of Commissioners about COVID and the Delta variant during their Thursday, Oct. 7, meeting.

Engelhart reported the county had 478 cases of COVID in September. Of those cases, 41 percent were ages 21-49, 20 percent were ages 12-20, and 5.6 percent were under the age of 12. There were 9 deaths in September and 90 percent of those who died were unvaccinated.

As of October 7, cases of COVID already reported for the month numbered 84, and four people, ranging in age from 63-90 have died. None were vaccinated.

Engelhart noted that the county’s rate of 38.6 percent of fully vaccinated individuals is lagging the state rate of 50.5 percent who are fully vaccinated. She said that testing and vaccinations, including booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine, are available at the Health Department on Moody Avenue.

Clerk Ronald Nuzzolillo announced that the Community Christmas Program will be accepting applications for families that may have difficulty providing gifts for their children this year.

To be eligible, children must be between the ages

of 1-12 through December 25 and be a county resident. The family income must be less than 200 percent of the poverty guidelines.

Sign-ups for the program will be held at the Friendship Center’s parking lot from Noon to 2 p.m. on October 13 and October 19, and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on October 14. Proof of income for the last 30 days and/or state medical cards for each child are required.

For additional information or to provide financial assistance or to sponsor a child or a family, contact Tonya Myers or Jenna Aukerman at 330-205-6958 or 330-627-7017.

In other business commissioners:

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- LEARNED the Golden Age Retreat cemetery has been resurveyed and the farmer leasing the surrounding land has been notified of the boundaries.

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letter to editor

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Submitted

Barbara Burgess

Four candidates are seeking the three seats on Malvern Village Council at the Nov. 2 general election.

Incumbents are Barbara Burgess, Brittany Burgess, and Marci A. Hubbard. The fourth candidate is Tom Holmes.

In an effort to assist our readers in their choices, The Free Press Standard sent letters to each of the candidates. Following are the responses received by the two who responded to the questions.

Why are you seeking election to the Malvern Village Council?

Barbara Burgess: I am running for the position of Malvern Village council. I have been in this position as president for about 8 years. I love this job. It lets me do a lot of things and meet a lot of new and interesting people. We have a lot of irons in the fire for the next couple of years. I am especially interested in the upkeep of the roads and keeping up with the financing of these projects. It is my honor to have this position and I would like to continue to serve the people of Malvern Village.



Submitted

Marci A. Hubbard

Hubbard: I plan to use my voice on village council to influence decisions on village spending and policies, to ensure that they are fiscally responsible and serve the needs of the people of the Village of Malvern. I have gained valuable experience the last 4 years as an appointed member of council. This experience will be very helpful to me as an elected member of village council.

What specific issues do you feel need Council's attention?

Barbara Burgess: Did not answer.

Hubbard: I see the ongoing issue of the COVID pandemic as an issue that will continue to need council's attention. I feel that council will need to monitor the situation and continue to make health and safety of the village residents and employees a continued priority.

Do you have any concerns that need to be addressed and any other concerns?

Barbara Burgess: Did not answer.

Hubbard: I have no other concerns at this time

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SHERIFF’S REPORT

Thursday, Sept. 16
8:35 a.m., 8397 State Hwy. 66, Franklin Twp., traffic offense.
8:45 a.m., 8150 State Hwy. 108, Dover Twp., Turnpike Sunoco, reckless operation.
11:20 a.m., 129 Courthouse Plaza, Wauseon, Fulton County Sheriff’s Office, miscellaneous assist.
2:05 p.m., 16311 County Road L, Dover Twp., investigate complaint.
3:08 p.m., 11781 County Road B, York Twp., scam.
4:45 p.m., 450 Eldridge St., Tedrow, scam.
5:25 p.m., W. Airport Highway at Paigelynn Ave., Swanton, injury accident.
5:29 p.m., 13850 County Road D, Clinton Twp., hit-skip accident.
7:22 p.m., County Road K at County Road 14, Dover Twp., accident with property damage.
8:43 p.m., County Road F at County Road 10, York Twp., traffic offense, injury accident.

Friday, Sept. 17
2:10 a.m., 26588 State Hwy. 2, German Twp., animal call.
8:21 a.m., 9165 Dover Drive, Dover Twp., suspicious person.
9:01 a.m., 2470 U.S. 20, Amboy Twp., assist other unit.
10:06 a.m., 14544 County Road 6, Amboy Twp., Evergreen High School, accident with property damage.
10:56 a.m., 8319 State Hwy. 108, Dover Twp., Days Inn, assist other unit.
3:32 p.m., 16160 County Road D, Clinton Twp., suspicious activity.
9:13 p.m., 5232 County Road HJ, Fulton Twp., Fulton Union Cemetery, suspicious vehicle.
9:49 p.m., County Road K at County Road 1, Fulton Twp., accident with property damage.

Saturday, Sept. 18
12:06 a.m., 311 Windisch St., Tedrow, domestic trouble.
2:05 a.m., 10487 County Road 4 #73, Fulton Twp., domestic trouble.

4:20 a.m., 10487 County Road 4, Fulton Twp., K-9 Unit.
9:14 p.m., County Road J at State Highway 109, Pike Twp., injury hit-skip accident.

Sunday, Sept. 19
2:27 a.m., 12399 County Road 13 #375, Chesterfield Twp., Sunny’s Campground, assault.
3:43 a.m., 6123 S. Winding Way, Swancreek Twp., suspicious activity.
12 p.m., County Road D at County Road 13, Clinton Twp., reckless operation.
1:28 p.m., 17859 County Road MN, Chesterfield Twp., vandalism.
2:35 p.m., U.S. 20 at State Highway 108, Chesterfield Twp., accident with property damage.
5:47 p.m., 1891 County Road K, Fulton Twp., unruly juvenile.
6:48 p.m., County Road 12 at County Road U, Royalton Twp., suspicious activity.
7:40 p.m., 4549 County Road E #36, Swancreek Twp., intoxicated subject.

Monday, Sept. 20
10:52 a.m., U.S. 20A at County Road 11, York Twp., disabled vehicle.
11:29 a.m., U.S. 20 at County Road 16, Chesterfield Twp., reckless operation.
11:31 a.m., 21368 County Road T, Gorham Twp., assist other unit.
3:08 p.m., State Highway 2 at County Road 22, German Twp., injury accident.
3:43 p.m., 7053 County Road 5-2, Swancreek Twp., assist other unit.
3:56 p.m., County Road F at County Road 19, German Twp., injury accident.
10:54 p.m., 7130 County Road C, York Twp., injury accident.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
1:37 a.m., 22881 Monroe St., Burlington, Ohio, St. James Church, suspicious vehicle.
6:53 a.m., 8930 State Hwy. 109, Pike Twp., accident with property damage.
8:17 a.m., 16422 State Hwy. 108, Chesterfield Twp., harassment.
12:32 p.m., 3940

County Road 19, Clinton Twp., larceny.
8:12 p.m., County Road D at County Road 10, York Twp., injury accident.
8:13 p.m., County Road 18 at County Road MN, Chesterfield Twp., accident with property damage.
9:03 p.m., 9728 County Road 16, Dover Twp., missing person.

Wednesday, Sept. 22
12:53 a.m., County Road D at Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing, German Twp., injury accident.
7:44 a.m., 14544 County Road 6, Amboy Twp., Evergreen Local Schools, suspicious vehicle.
9:14 a.m., 14544 County Road 6, Amboy Twp., Evergreen High School, unruly juvenile.
9:28 a.m., 15309 County Road C, Clinton Twp., suspicious vehicle.
11:09 a.m., 9482 County Road H #8, Pike Twp., Izaak Walton League, civil process.
1:18 p.m., 14158 County Road 15-1, Chesterfield Twp., burglary.
1:39 p.m., U.S. 20 at County Road 10-3, Royalton Twp., hit-skip accident.
2:14 p.m., 5691 State Hwy. 109, York Twp., South Delta Storage, larceny.
5:28 p.m., County Road A at County Road 7, York Twp., accident with property damage.
5:47 p.m., 293 German St., Pettisville, investigate complaint.
8:51 p.m., 3700 County Road D, Swancreek Twp., suspicious activity.
10:29 p.m., County Road H at County Road 5-2, Fulton Twp., disabled vehicle.

Thursday, Sept. 23
12:46 a.m., 10034 State Hwy. 66, Franklin Twp., accident with property damage.
6:20 a.m., County Road H at State Highway 109, Pike Twp., disabled vehicle.
6:24 a.m., U.S. 20A at Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing, Swancreek Twp., disabled vehicle.

Home sales rise slightly

Staff report

Sales activity in the Ohio housing marketplace in August rose 1% from the level of closings that occurred during the month a year ago, according to Ohio REALTORS.

“The Ohio housing marketplace continued to stabilize in August, as both sales activity and average price posted gains,” said REALTORS President Seth Task.

“Our August results depict a marketplace returning to balance, with strong buyer interest and a welcomed increase in the inventory of homes being marketed for sale in many areas of Ohio,” Task added. “It’s apparent that historically low mortgage rates are continuing to move our market forward, as consumers appreciate that housing is a solid, long-term investment.”

August’s average home price of \$254,239 reflects a 14% increase from the \$223,107 mark posted during the month last year. Sales in August reached 16,467, a 1% increase from the 16,304 sales recorded during the month a year ago. Around the state, 14 of the 15 markets tracked reported upswings in average sales price in August, while eight posted gains in sales activity. Data provided to Ohio REALTORS by Multiple Listing Services includes residential closings for new and existing single-family homes and condominiums/co-ops.



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Work was completed a few weeks ago, and now a fresh coat of fire truck red covers the outside making the building new again. Miller said they would like to have an appreciation dinner for all the people who generously donated, but he’s not sure when that will take place. “Over and above” is how Miller described everyone who donated something.

Miller also gave thanks to Mayor John Migliore, who was beneficial in organizing some of the fundraising.



Pulling for a Cure returning Oct. 1

Harrison County’s Pulling For A Cure is returning this year to the fairgrounds. Truck and tractor pulls will be held Friday, Oct. 1, starting at 6:30 p.m. Gates open up at 3 p.m., and admission is \$5 per person. All proceeds go to assist cancer patients in Harrison County and beyond.

Along with a night of pulls, there will also be the fan-favorite food stand by the Harrison County Farm Bureau: pulled pork, hamburgers, roast beef, meatball subs, and of course, french fries. There will also be silent auction gift baskets and a 50-50 raffle. And T-shirts will be available for \$20 at the food stand. This year’s shirt has the locally known Back In Black truck on the front; all the T-shirt money goes to the cancer fund.

Thank you to all the pull supporters and class sponsors: Ice Cream Island, WVU Medicine – Harrison Community Hospital, D&J Sales & Service, John and Pauline Jones, Dino Piergallini & Sons Equipment, D&E Electric, Toland Trucking, Branded Brews, and Pneuma Construction.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Carl Butterfield memorial car show will be held, along with a toy show. Admission is \$5 for the car show, and a food stand will also be available.

OSUX, Harrison County offering “Take Charge of Your Diabetes Through the Holidays” education program

Diabetes is not easy to live with. And the winter holidays present special challenges to individuals with diabetes. To help ease some of those challenges, Ohio State University Extension, Harrison County will be presenting Take Charge of Your Diabetes Through the Holidays — an educational event for individuals with diabetes or prediabetes and their family members or caretakers. Take Charge will take place on Oct. 19, 1-3 p.m. at the Harrison County Senior Center (120 N. Main St. Cadiz).

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the FDA. The only people allowed to receive a third shot are immunocompromised patients. When a booster is available to the general public, he said age and the most vulnerable would likely be first in line. Rhome also said people are still seeking their first and second vaccination shots. Last week they administered nearly 50 first-time shots after it had been relatively slow recently.

Rhome emphasized mask-wearing in public, whether one is vaccinated or not, and that people need to get vaccinated.

According to the CDC’s official website, four new hospitalizations have been documented in their seven-day metrics. It also says that just 42.1% of Harrison County residents have been vaccinated. “Harrison Community Hospital has seen a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, said David Phillips, president and CEO of WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital and Harrison Community Hospital. “Due to the increase in cases and the strain on the local healthcare system, the majority of local hospitals have limited or no bed capacity to transfer critical patients,” per the WVU Medicine at Barnesville and Harrison Community Hospitals.

Hopedale continues discussing water-sewer options

BY JD LONG
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HOPEDALE—Last Wednesday, council member Willie Luther provided a rundown on the village’s recent water and sewer meeting, where three options were given for the new water tank. While Luther said the most significant factor was using concrete versus metal, balancing the elimination of pressure valves versus savings was also a major consideration.

The third option — and the least expensive method at \$2.5-3 million — would involve the placement near the Gables Care Center. But the location would depend on how the pressure, volume, and hydraulics would work in that setting, Mayor Mike Pelegreen explained. He added that the village could consolidate the two current tanks — one on Lahm Drive and the other at the village park — into a single-tank system. The least expensive option would be using a concrete tank at 300,000 gallons combined with a smaller 20,000-gallon pressure tank placed near Gables. The metal tank would be the more costly one at around \$4.2 million, he added.

“And that’s in order to eliminate like eighteen pressure valves you have to have just about on every street in Hopedale at \$20,000 a piece,” Pelegreen said. But the village’s first option was for a new tank and its needed pressure valves at the park. “We’d have to put that booster station [Lahm Drive] in with this option,” Luther said; the second option involves the metal tank currently at the park and placing it near Gables. For the second option, the council hopes to include only one pressure releasing valve and upgrade their current booster station.

Luther said the biggest difference with the third option would be a hybrid pneumatic tank. It would include a concrete tank located at the park — and it would upgrade their existing booster station.

“It would give the nursing home [Gables Care Center] the pressure they need, but you still need the little booster station that we got there at the foot of the hill to fill that tank,” Pelegreen explained. Luther said the 20,000-gallon water tank would be contained in a covered building.

“This is still all relying upon what it says when we go out to the county line and crank that valve wide open,” Luther told the council. “We have to see how much flow we have. Depending on how much flow we have, we might have to do other things.” Pelegreen said it would be approximately a month before all the testing is completed and the results are known.

United Mine Workers of America Local 1304 will be meeting on Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. at the Hopedale American Legion.

HARCO House of Horrors: scaring adults to help the children

BY SHAWN DIGITY
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It's that time of year again. October is ushering in Halloween, and with it, the HARCO House of Horrors is ready to open its doors. Held in the old Jewett-Scio Elementary School, the former education building has now been reappropriated and decorated with spider webs, skeletons, and spooky antiques.

Some rooms were off-limits, but many have been completely reinvented as the hallowed grounds of a haunted tour. The old lockers that expanded the hallways have been marked with graffiti, and in the darkness, they shined eerily with a fluorescent orange hue. Classic Halloween props were a familiar sight: skeletons, clowns, ghouls, and even a giant gorilla were all propped up waiting for their next horror victim. Nearly everything was in full-blown Halloween mode.

Last week, as supervisor Tammy Dray and organizer Trisha May put together some of the finishing touches, they showed off bits and pieces of the experience. Some areas stayed under wraps to maintain as much surprise as possible, but many regions were nearly ready for visitors. As May called it, the school is now "three and a half floors of terror." When tours officially kick off, tourgoers will be led along through the first floor, second floor, and parts of the basement in their journey to get a good Halloween fright.

That's what May is hoping for, too. The veteran organizer has been doing the haunted house for around half a decade, and she has no qualms that she loves trying to scare the school's visitors. In fact, she wears it as a badge of honor and has made it her mission to get people to scream — especially men. May took great pride in her admission of liking to scare the male visitors. She also had no shame in admitting that she tries to play off common fears and phobias when constructing her area. Clowns and claustrophobia



Harrison News-Herald Photo/CINDY GOFF
The basement is one of the spookier areas of the tour. But the boiler room specifically was alleged to be the most haunted area. It's not open for the tour, however.



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The House of Horrors team has a whiteboard right inside the front door for everyone who backs out at the 11th hour. Their Hall of Shame is known as the "Sissy Board."

The HARCO House of Horrors team includes about 10 seasoned scarers: Tammy and Danny Dray, Trisha and Eric May, Kaci and Chris Edwards, Russell Byers, Lou Dyer, and Theron Spapler. Along with the House of Horrors, there's also a corn maze experience. The maze is more kid-friendly and can be visited at 89170 Hauber Road. It's an \$8 entry for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. They'll be open on Fridays and Saturdays 6-10 p.m. and Sundays 2-6 p.m. for the season. Signs will be posted near the site to lead the way.

Broken Fences 4-Her awarded for goat showmanship



Goats and miniature horses brought Leila Sudvary honors at the Jefferson County Fair. The Edison School student and Broken Fences 4-H member received 2nd in supreme goat showmanship; 3rd in pygmy wether goat, under one year; 3rd in pygmy mature wether, two or older; 2nd in pygmy doe; and 2nd in pygmy dam and daughter.

Freeport United Methodist Church holding Harvest Festival

The Freeport United Methodist Church is hosting a fall family harvest festival on Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. Community families are invited to bring their children to celebrate fall and God's love for us. There will be a magician show, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, fall crafts, and refreshments. Any and all can attend the festival at 222 S. High St. in Freeport, and the church recommends bringing a lawn chair.

Mt. Carmel UMC holds its annual apple butter, cider stirring



Last Saturday and Sunday, a large crowd worked at the annual apple butter stirring at the Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church. They made over 150 jars of apple butter and cider. Everyone worked hard peeling the apples for the butter and cider, and everyone enjoyed the weekend with food, fun, and fellowship, too.

Cadiz Township rescheduling monthly meeting

Cadiz Township's regular monthly meeting will be changed to Tuesday, Oct. 12 at the Cadiz Township building.

On behalf of the Harrison County Community Foundation, I would like to encourage nonprofit organizations in Harrison County to apply for a grant from our fund. The Harrison County Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for programs or projects that benefit our community, and we want to hear your ideas.

The proposed project should achieve at least one of the following: increasing quality of life, creating access to opportunities, or implementing a need solution.

As for the type of project, it can fall into a wide range of categories, such as arts and

culture, community and economic development, education, environmental stewardship, or health and human services.

Our foundation looks forward to partnering with local organizations to help our community, so please apply. The deadline is Oct. 12.

Visit our website at www.apalachianohio.org/harrison to learn more about the Harrison County Community Foundation, view eligibility criteria, and complete your application.

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U.S. officials defend expulsion of Haitians from Texas town



BORDER — A little girl holds her stuffed animal high above the water as migrants, many from Haiti, wade across the Rio Grande river from Del Rio, Texas, to return to Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, Monday, to avoid deportation. The U.S. is flying Haitians camped in a Texas border town back to their homeland and blocking others from crossing the border from Mexico.

Associated Press

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — More than 6,000 Haitians and other migrants have been removed from an encampment at a Texas border town, U.S. officials said Monday as they defended a strong response that included immediately expelling migrants to their impoverished Caribbean country and using horse patrols to stop them from entering the town.

Calling it a "challenging and heartbreaking situation," Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas issued a stark warning: "If you come to the United States illegally, you will be returned. Your journey will not succeed, and you will be endangering your life and your family's life."

Mayorkas and Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz said they would look into agents on horseback using what appeared to be whips and their horses to push back migrants at the river between Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, and Del Rio, Texas, where thousands of migrants remain camped around a bridge.

Both officials said they saw nothing apparently wrong based on the widely seen photos and video. Mayorkas said agents use long reins, not whips, to control their horses. Ortiz, the former chief of the Del Rio sector, said it can be confusing to distinguish between migrants and smugglers as people move back and forth near the river. The chief said he would investigate to make sure there was no "unacceptable" actions by the agents.

Mayorkas said 600 Homeland Security employees, including from the Coast Guard, have been brought to Del Rio, a city of about 35,000 people roughly 145 miles (230 kilometers) west of San Antonio. He said he has asked the Defense Department for help in what may be one of the swiftest, large-scale expulsions of migrants and refugees from the United States in decades.

He also said the U.S. would increase the pace and capacity of flights to Haiti and other countries in the hemisphere. The number of migrants at the bridge peaked at 14,872 on Saturday, said Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council, a labor union that represents agents.

"We're achieving our goals; we're getting there and getting to a point where we can manage the population here," said Ortiz, who blamed the surge on smugglers who spread misinformation. "We are already seeing a quickly diminished (population) and will continue to see that over the coming days."

Mexico also said it would expel Haitian migrants, and began busing them from Ciudad Acuna Sunday evening, according to Luis Angel Urraza, president of the local chamber of commerce. He said he saw the first two buses leave from in front of his restaurant with about 90 people aboard.

"There isn't room for them in the city anymore; we can't help them anymore," he said. Mexico's immigration agency did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But a federal official told The Associated Press on Sunday that the plan was to take the migrants to Monterrey, in northern Mexico, and Tapachula, in the south, with flights to Haiti from those cities to begin in coming days.

The rapid expulsions were made possible by a pandemic-related authority adopted by former President Donald Trump in March 2020 that allows for migrants to be immediately removed from the country without an opportunity to seek asylum. President Joe Biden exempted unaccompanied children from the order but let the rest stand.

Any Haitians not expelled are subject to immigration laws, which include rights to seek asylum and other forms of humanitarian protection. Families are quickly released in the U.S. because the government cannot generally hold children.

More than 320 migrants arrived in Port-au-Prince on three flights Sunday, and Haiti said six flights were expected Tuesday. The U.S. plans to begin seven expulsion flights daily on Wednesday, four to Port-au-Prince and three to Cap-Haitien, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. Flights will continue to depart from San Antonio but authorities may add El Paso, the official said.

The only obvious parallel for such an expulsion without an opportunity to seek asylum was in 1992 when the Coast Guard intercepted Haitian refugees at sea, said Yael Schacher, senior U.S. advocate at Refugees International whose doctoral studies focused on the history of U.S. asylum law.

Similarly large numbers of Mexicans have been sent home during peak years of immigration but over land and not so suddenly.

Central Americans have also crossed the border in comparable numbers without being subject to mass expulsion, although Mexico has agreed to accept them from the U.S. under pandemic-related authority in effect since March 2020. Mexico does not accept expelled Haitians or people of other nationalities outside of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

In Mexico, local authorities of border municipalities have asked for help from state and federal authorities. Claudio Bres, the mayor in Piedras Negras, about 62 miles (100 kilometers) southeast of Ciudad Acuna, told local media that the official agreement is to turn back all the buses with migrants to prevent them from reaching the border. He said that last weekend around 70 buses passed through his town.

Haitians have been migrating to the U.S. in large numbers from South America for several years, many having left their Caribbean nation after a devastating 2010 earthquake. After jobs dried up from the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, many made the dangerous trek by foot, bus and car to the U.S. border, including through the infamous Darien Gap, a Panamanian jungle. Some of the migrants at the Del Rio camp said the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti and the assassination of President Jovenel Moise make them afraid to return to a country that seems more unstable than when they left.

"In Haiti, there is no security," said Fabricio Jean, a 38-year-old Haitian who arrived in Texas with his wife and two daughters. "The country is in a political crisis."

But Mayorkas defended his recent decision to grant Haitians temporary legal status due to political and civil strife in their homeland if they were in the United States on July 29, but not to those being sent back now.

"We made an assessment based on the country conditions ... that Haiti could in fact receive individuals safely," he said.

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Pomerene Baby Walk is an event honoring children lost

Kevin Lynch
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USA TODAY NETWORK

MILLERSBURG – Pomerene Hospital is planning its annual Baby Walk walkathon for Saturday, Oct. 16, to commemorate infant loss.

The Baby Walk is a 10-mile trek that will start at the Pomerene Memory Garden at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk continues along the Holmes County Trail from Millersburg to Frederickburg.

Pizza will be provided in Frederickburg to conclude the walk. For those who cannot walk the entire 10 miles, it is suggested they meet half way to participate.

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A family leaves a commemorative stone in the Memory Garden at Pomerene Hospital, where the hospital also holds its annual Butterfly Release.

Transfers

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Ryan K. and Jessica K. Strouse to Toro Investments, 125 N. Grant St., \$75,600.

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Richland Township — Scenic Ridge Ranch to Bar3, 12284 County Road 6, \$210,000.

Ripley Township — Todd A. Plank to James Lennington and Keke Lesina, Second Street, lot 31, \$7,000.

Romanchuk

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John Fortney, spokesman for the Ohio Senate.

Romanchuk’s first term is up in 2024. If he chooses to run for reelection, the CEO of Ontario-based PR Machine Works could move into his old district – Ashland, Wayne and Medina counties – or remain where he is in Richland County and challenge Reineke.

Romanchuk declined to comment for this article.

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A court challenge would be heard by the Ohio Supreme Court, on which four Republicans and three Democrats serve. Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor is considered a possible swing vote.

Ohio Auditor Keith Faber, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose and Gov. Mike DeWine, all Republicans, expressed frustration with the mapmaking process but ultimately voted for the final product.

“We know that this matter will be in court,” DeWine said last week. “What I am sure in my heart is that this committee could have come up with a bill that was much more clearly constitutional. I’m sorry that we did not do that.”

The USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau, which serves nearly two dozen affiliated news organizations across Ohio, contributed to this report.



Several walkers took part in past Baby Walks along the Holmes County Trail to benefit the Memory Garden at Pomerene Hospital. PHOTOS PROVIDED

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Holmes commissioners OK Baltic enterprise zone expansion

Kevin Lynch
Wooster Daily Record
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Holmes County commissioners on Monday approved an enterprise zone agreement with the village of Baltic, which has a small portion of the village in Clark Township (Holmes County) while the rest of the village is in Tuscarawas County.

Economic Development Director Mark Leininger said about 153 residences of the village are in Holmes County, along with some of the village land that was annexed earlier this year.

At its September meeting, Baltic council adopted an ordinance requesting the Ohio Development Services Agency to certify the amended agreement.

“The village asked that the Holmes County portion of the village be added to the enterprise zone,” Leininger said. “The existing zone was established in May 2002, and Clark Township was added in 2004, but when Clark was added, it did not include the village of Baltic, so the village had to request its property was added to the zone.

Asking Holmes portion of Baltic be added to the zone

“They are asking the commissioners to add just the Holmes County portion of the village to the zone,” he added. “That would enable businesses located in that portion of the village to participate in individual enterprise zone agreements.”

Leininger added the county would have the primary



Holmes County Economic Development Director Mark Leininger talks to commissioners Monday about an enterprise zone agreement with the village of Baltic, as clerk Susie Schie and maintenance director Tim Morris look on. KEVIN LYNCH/WOOSTER DAILY RECORD

authority to negotiate and administer the zone and he would continue to prepare reports and schedule turf meetings as normal, but would include the village moving forward.

Commissioner Ray Eyler asked how much Holmes County land this applies to, and Leininger said it was 60-some acres that was annexed by the village this year, but he doesn’t have an exact amount of land.

“It includes some industrial facilities that are in disrepair, and the village is interested in investing in the property,” he said. “The land would include the 153 residences, but the zone would include the approximate 1,000 population of Baltic.”

Commissioner Rob Ault said he believes it is a great thing that will benefit a lot of people in the community of Baltic.

“It will create some jobs, help maintain jobs and also enables them to expand some businesses,” Ault said.

Leininger added there are other manufacturing facilities that can take advantage of the enterprise zone opportunity as well as news businesses.

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Diane and Ross Shriver. PROVIDED

Shrivers celebrate 40 years of marriage

Submitted

Ross and Diane (Taylor) Shriver of Big Prairie celebrated 40 years of marriage on Sept. 26.

They were married in 1981 in Wooster at Central Christian Church by the Rev. Paul Kerr and Rev. Craig Redecker.

They are the parents of Cody (Megan) Shriver of La-keville and Will (Jamie) Shriver of Big Prairie. They have four grandsons.

Mr. Shriver is retired from Wooster Brush company and Mrs. Shriver is retired from Monitor Bank.

They enjoy spending time with family and friends and attending their grandsons’ sporting events.

They are members of Shreve United Methodist Church. They plan a celebration trip in the future.

IN BRIEF

Property tax estimator can be found on auditor’s website

Property owners can visit the Holmes County Auditor website, www.holmescountyauditor.org, to determine what the cost would be should a levy be passed.

Residents can search for the property by name, address or parcel number, and open the tab. Next, click on the tax tab and then on view upcoming levies. Levy information will appear for the specific property.

The feature allows voters to be informed on tax costs before going to the polls.

It also can assist taxpayers in knowing what the estimated increases will be to upcoming tax bills due to the passage of the levies.

For more information about the Holmes County Auditor’s Office Property Tax Estimator, call 330-674-1896.

Antoinette “Teenie” Peters, a Russian ballerina, portrayed by Yvonne Dekay Synotte, right, watches as one of the ballerinas that come out at midnight to dance with Teenie, portrayed by Kaeli Huff, right, dances around the Woodland Cemetery as part of the Lawrence County Historical Society’s Historical Ghost Walk in 2018. (The Ironton Tribune | Mark Shaffer)



NANNIE KELLY WRIGHT

History

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“She was a strong woman,” Radar said of her choice, who was believed to be the second wealthiest woman in the world after Queen Victoria. “She had a very interesting life.”

Radar said the first walk took place in the 1990s and was just for members of the society. They were led through the cemetery by Naomi Deer, who used a bull-horn and talked about the figures.

“We enjoyed it so much, we decided to get together and plan something for the community,” Radar said.

In 1999, and organized by Deer,

Dottie Rogers, Virginia Bryant and Luann Blagg, the public walks began.

“We selected the characters and wrote scripts,” she said of the portrayals, which include people such as Wright, World War I flying ace Col. William Lambert, Waterloo Wonders coach Magellan Hairston, poet Mary White Slater and Antoinette Sherpetoska Peters, a dancer with the Imperial Russian Ballet.

Peters, who was born in Lithuania, is portrayed by local dance teacher Yvonne Sinnott. She will return this year and, there will be one change — over the past year, two missing portraits from Peters’ mausoleum

were replaced by an anonymous benefactor and can be seen on the walk.

Radar said there will be two new additions this year — Ducky Corn, who she describes as “a local bad guy” and Dean Gilfillen, another decorated World War I hero, who served as a tank commander.

Radar invited the public to come out to the “beautiful cemetery” and take part in the event.

It’s the Historical Society’s gift to Ironton and it helps us to remember our past,” she said.

For more on Rader, see the feature in this weekend’s Generations section.

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Lawrence County Common Pleas Judge Christen Finley announced that her Lawrence County Re-Entry Court recently earned its final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court. From left are Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas Adult Probation Department Captain Lynne Stewart, Finley and Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas Adult Probation Department officer Dustin Owens. (Submitted Photo)

Court

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works by reducing recidivism while saving tax dollars.”

Finley said that taking the bench in 2019, one of the things she quickly noticed was how many repeat offenders there were in Lawrence County court system.

“Even when offenders are sentenced to prison, the reality is that those offenders often come back to our community when their prison terms end,” she said. “Unfortunately, they often-times return to us jobless, suffering from untreated mental health and/or substance abuse disorders, uneducated or untrained and, in some cases, homeless.”

Finley said those factors do not typically steer people away from a life of crime. Instead, those factors are more likely to make people feel hopeless and desperate and propel them towards a life of crime.

“The Lawrence County Re-entry Court is a useful tool for addressing the issue of recidivism and for helping offenders overcome barriers to becoming productive and successful citizens. We are looking forward to bettering Lawrence County and seeing more lives changed through this program,” she said.

Finley expressed her thanks and gratefulness to the Adult Probation Department, Chief Carl Bowen, Captain Lynne Stewart, Re-Entry Court Coordinator Dustin Owens, and for all of the members of the

Treatment Team and Advisory Committee for their commitment to the program and the community.

“This opportunity would not be possible without them,” she said.

Specialized dockets are courts that are dedicated to specific types of offenses or offenders and use a combination of different techniques for holding offenders accountable while also addressing the underlying causes of their behavior. There are more than 210 specialized dockets in Ohio courts that deal with issues such as drugs and alcohol, mental health, domestic violence and human trafficking.

In order to receive the certification, the local court had to submit an application, undergo a site visit, and provide specific program materials as set forth by the Ohio Supreme Court. The standards provide a minimum level of uniform practices for specialized dockets throughout Ohio and allow local courts to innovate and tailor to meet their community’s needs and resources.

The certification requirements include establishing eligibility requirements, evaluating effectiveness of the specialized docket, and assembling a treatment team for implementing daily operations of the specialized docket. The team can include licensed treatment providers, law enforcement, court personnel and is headed by the specialized docket judge.

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IMPORTANT COMMUNITY UPDATE

COVID Update in Noble County

Noble County, as is the rest of the state, is seeing a surge in COVID-19 cases. While we only had 13 cases in June 2021, cases have started to rise every month since: July-22 cases, August-84 cases and as of September 15, we have had 143 cases so far. Surrounding counties are also seeing a big surge in cases as well. This surge is overloading the healthcare system, with hospitals nearing capacity; so much so that the hospital systems around us are starting to delay non-essential surgeries. Wait times to be seen in an Emergency Room are longer than usual and the ability to transfer to another hospital if needed has become nearly impossible. Besides the “usual” need for people to seek medical care, many seeking care now are unvaccinated persons with COVID-19 infections, including children and adolescents.

As of September 15, 2021, the current age range of infected persons with COVID-19 in Noble County is

2 to 89 years old. Previous spikes in COVID-19 cases affected more of the older population, we are now seeing an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in the younger populations. Since June 2021, there have been three deaths associated with COVID-19 from people residing in our county. Noble County, as of 9/16/21, has a 35.23% COVID-19 vaccination completion rate. So far there have been 23 breakthrough cases of people who have been fully vaccinated but have since tested positive. Only one of these cases have been hospitalized. The breakthrough cases can be a result of someone being immunocompromised, being in close contact with someone who was unvaccinated and ill from COVID-19 over an extended period a time, and/or for a number of other reasons. Breakthrough cases have a much lower incidence of hospitalizations, a smaller window of experiencing symptoms (many of which are not as severe), and have overall better outcomes. It is

important to remember, currently none of the COVID-19 vaccines available offer a 100% effective rate, but their effectiveness is very high, as proven through multiple studies. It typically takes two weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus causing COVID-19. This means it is possible a person could get COVID-19 before or just after vaccination and get sick because the vaccine did not have enough time to build protection. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, or two weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

The Noble County Health Department stands by the vaccines and the protection they offer from serious illness and hospitalizations. Our hospitals are full, employers are short staffed, and families are coping with loss from this deadly novel virus. We strongly encourage those

eligible to vaccinate, mask up, sanitize, work remotely when able, and stay home when you are experiencing even minor symptoms. It is important we all do our part and stay positive while recognizing the seriousness of this matter. We continue to offer all 3 COVID-19 vaccines. Moderna and Pfizer are available Mondays and Thursdays by appointment only, while J&J remains available by walk-in Monday-Friday. To schedule, call the Health Department at 740-732-4958. We will be doing a few Saturday vaccination clinics in the near future for those unable to come through the week. Information on these clinics can be found on our Facebook page or our website (noblecohd.org). Please know we are working tirelessly to meet the public health needs of the community and our mission has and will remain the same: To provide quality services that promote wellness, prevent disease, and plan a healthy future for our community!

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Harriettsville School Reunion
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Class of 1970 50th
 Reunion Canceled

The delayed Shenandoah Class of 1970 50th Reunion scheduled for September 25, 2021 has been canceled. ~The 1970 Class Reunion Committee

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Belle Valley Church Moves on to Next Level of Accreditation



The former Greek/Catholic Church in Belle Valley recently moved up the ladder of accreditation for registration on the National Register of Historic Places. This took place on September 17 at the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board's quarterly meeting in Columbus.

The Belle Valley Historical Preservation Society should receive final notification of the National Park Service's decision within the next few months.

SHS Class of 2001 Reunion



Shenandoah High School's Class of 2001 held their 20 year reunion hosted by Annie (Arick) Fisher at the Caldwell Lake Pavilion Saturday, September 11.

Pictured in attendance, back row: Chad Lambert, Jay Dudley, Annie (Arick) Fisher, Shawn Stritz, William Wade, Kristina (Piskac) Roberts, Tori (Schafer) Thompson , Stacey (Spires) Foreman, Andrea Hedge, Maricia (Guiler) Overly, Kyle Cordray, Amber(Korte) Stritz, Hallie (Buckey) Marshall, Jamie Riley. Knealing in front: Nathan Hendershot.

Not pictured (left before the photo, but in attendance) Ryan Larrick, Ryan Graves, Amy (Carpenter) Hughes , Melissa Larrick and Tiffany Coler.



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Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for nearly three decades. Up until seven years ago, my husband, who is very sensitive, had a difficult time making friends. Oh, he’s super funny, charismatic and adventurous, but he struggled outside the home.

Then he started finding groups of guys who were as adventurous and fun as he was. However, my husband has always been self-centered and took off on loads of trips.

For the past seven years, it has been trip after trip of four to seven days. He asks me to celebrate his kids’ birthdays, and sometimes he doesn’t even consider that

his kids are on winter or spring vacation -- because he always seems to make other plans.

My kids are resentful, and I’m tired of making excuses. I’m not unhappy or looking for a divorce. Should I just continue to let this go? He’s not open to change, even if it could affect his family relationships. I’m going with immature and selfish because his behavior makes no sense. -- **Single Parent in a Two-Parent Family**

Dear Single Parent in a Two-Parent Family: I believe that you’re correct that he is immature and selfish, though communication is the key to understanding why he is acting this way. Some people try to push

the limits about what is acceptable until they are corrected, and if this is what he is doing, he will not recognize it until you speak with him.

You need to sit down with him and talk with him about how his constant travel and neglect makes you and your family feel. Ask him for more attention to your needs. You will want to form a compromise that allows him to still spend time on trips with friends but carves out time for you and the children. If that doesn’t work, then add insensitive to immature and selfish, and get into couples counseling.

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100 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 21, 1921

The first surgical operation to be performed in the newly equipped room for that purpose in the Union County Public Health headquarters, over the post office, was accomplished Wednesday morning by Dr. H. G. Southard, assisted by Dr. C. W. Hoopes and Dr. F. C. Callaway. The latter administered the anesthetic. The patient was Master Frank Bergandine, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bergandine, Sixth and Maple streets. The lad had been particularly unfortunate, having one of his arms injured several times.

75 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 21, 1946

Memorial Athletic Field of Marysville High School was dedicated last night with a crowd estimated at approximately 2,250 persons on the sidelines to see the field dedicated and the football team defeat Mechanicsburg High by a 20 to 0 in the first game on the new gridiron. The new field, one of the finest in the state for a town the size of Marysville, was dedicated to the memory of war dead and to the up-building of future youths in the traditions of freedom and clean sportsmanship, in simple and impressive ceremonies.

50 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 21, 1971

The first reading of an ordinance creating shade tree commission for the city will be heard when Marysville council meets. The loss of trees as the result of the June 25 tornado, which hit the city, has prompted such a commission.

MHS Principal Warren Widner was presented with a wall clock to be used in the high school building’s Little Theatre when the Marysville FFA met last week.

25 YEARS AGO
SEPTEMBER 21, 1996

Marysville’s girls placed third and the boys finished seventh Saturday during the second annual MHS cross country invitational at Scotts Park. Courtney McClain led the Lady Monarchs with a third pace time of 20:20, followed by Megan Moody, sixth 20:38, Jennifer Buckley, 15th, 21:21; Danielle Hays, 17th, 21:47; Abby Thede, 23rd, 22:17; Melissa Boggs, 36th 23:11; and Kristy Forsys, 40th 23:36. Jack Mackan was third overall in the boys race with a time of 16:43, followed by John Cruse, 37th, 18:25; Mike Corrao, 43rd, 18:57; Jeff Risner, 46th, 19:03; Matt Hutchins, 58th, 19:49; and Shawn McClain, 61st, 20:36.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, September 21

--Panera Bread Day - 9 a.m.-noon, Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--Exercise - 9:45 a.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--DNA Center Walking Group - 10:30 a.m., 340 W. Main Street, Plain City

--Depression Group - 11 a.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--Euchre - 6-8 p.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--Marysville Evening Lions Club - 6:30 p.m., YMCA, 1150 Charles Lane (parking at rear entrance)

--AA Marysville Group - 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 210 W. Fifth Street

Wednesday, September 22

--Bingo - 10-11 a.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--Art and Paint - 11 a.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--AA Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group - noon, The Vine of Marysville, 309 S. Oak Street

--Computer Class - 1 p.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--Chair Yoga - 1:30 p.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--AA 12&12 Group - 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 311 E. Sixth Street

Thursday, September 23

--Exercise - 9:45 a.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--Walking Group - 10:30 a.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--Women’s Group - 11 a.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

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--Emotions Group - 1 p.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--Anxiety Group - 2 p.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--Chair Yoga - 3-3:30 p.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--Union County Personal Needs Pantry - 5-6 p.m., Hope Center, 212 Chestnut Street

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Friday, September 24

--Line Dancing - 9:30 a.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--AA Friday 12&12 Group - noon, Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--LGBTQIA Group - 2 p.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

--AA Friday Night Closed Discussion Group - 8 p.m., Vineyard Church, 913 W. Fifth Street

Saturday, September 25

--AA Rise and Shine Group - 9:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 2017 S. Court Street or Zoom: 752-425-981, password: Marysville

--Union County Personal Needs Pantry - 10 a.m.-noon, Hope Center, 212 Chestnut Street

--Social Skills Group - 11 a.m., Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

Sunday, September 26

--AA The Way Out Group - 9 a.m., DNA Community Center, 340 W. Main Street, Plain City

--AA Fellowship Group - 7:30 p.m., Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions, 104 N. Main Street

Monday, September 27

--Line Dancing - 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., CASC, 900 Columbus Avenue

--AA Second Shifters Group - noon, Wings Support and Recovery, 729 S. Walnut Street

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Municipal Court

OVI – Daniel L. Elick, Plain City, \$1050 fine, \$365 susp., \$131 costs, 50 days jail 27 susp., OL susp. 1 yr.

Fail/reinstate – Kyle W. Poe, Bellefontaine, \$300 fine, \$145 costs.

Fictitious reg – Kyle W. Poe, Bellefontaine, \$250 fine, \$53 costs, 30 days jail susp.

Assured clear distance – Kaycee J. Erwin, North Lewisburg, \$58 fine, \$110 costs.

Speeding – Samuel W. Rozeboom, 1542 Dickson Drive, dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Seat belt – Hanna E. Hughes, Hilliard, \$30 fine, \$91 costs.

Speeding – Drew A. Wrocklage, Bellefontaine, \$58 fine, \$110 costs.

Speeding – Paula R. Marcum, Bellefontaine, \$75 fine, \$85 costs.

Speeding – Malfred N. Davies, Gahanna, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Assured clear distance – Daniel D. Williams, Dearborn, MI, \$55 fine, \$113 costs.

Marked lanes – Celina E. Dejesus, Richwood, \$58 fine, \$110 costs.

Speeding – Logan C. Beckett, Gahanna, \$58 fine, \$110 costs.

Speeding – Kenneth Sterling, Grove City, dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Fail to reg – Levi A. Satterthwaite, Milford Center, \$55 fine, \$88 costs.

Marked lanes – Tom R. Hollis, Ada, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Fail move/slow – Mathew B. Allen, Los Altos, CA, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Speeding – Britney Galant, Richwood, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Concentration – James C. Adkins, 911 Watkins Glen Blvd, \$750 fine, \$365 susp., \$125 costs, 30 days jail 27 susp., OL susp. 1 yr.

Left of center – James C. Adkins, 911 Watkins Glen Blvd, dismissed, \$28 costs.

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Speeding – Nathaniel L. Jones, Brighton, MI, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

Speeding – Khalilah S. Lyles, Worthington, \$75 fine, \$85 costs.

Fictitious reg – Camron M. Slagle, Lewistown, \$58 fine, \$190 costs.

Disorderly conduct – Todd E. Marrs, 312 South Chestnut St., \$50 fine, \$85 costs.

Physical control – Steven M. Lopez Lopez, 1960 Morning Song Road, \$750 fine, \$365 susp., \$215 costs, 30 days jail 27 susp., OL susp. 1 yr.

Turn signals – Steven M. Lopez Lopez, 1960 Morning Song Road, dismissed, \$28 costs.

OVI – Donald Moshos, 15151 U.S. Hwy 36, \$500 fine, \$90 susp., \$145 costs, 60 days jail 57 susp., Ol susp. 3 mo.

FRA susp – Jamar M. Fells, Columbus, \$150 fine, \$165 costs.

Speeding – Jamar M. Fells, Columbus, \$55 fine, \$88 costs.

OVI – Justin C. Foust, West Jefferson, \$250 fine, \$126 costs.

No OL – Justin C. Foust, West Jefferson, dismissed, \$28 costs.

Speeding – Hannah R. Kennedy, Hilliard, \$55 fine, \$113 costs.

Seat belt – Benjamin T. Hough, Lima, \$30 fine, \$91 costs.

Non-compliance – Zachary R. Marcum, Columbus, \$150 fine, \$110 costs.

No OL – Zachary R. Marcum, 3897 Aigen Avenue, \$64 fine, \$85 costs.

Speeding – Zachary R. Marcum, Columbus, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.

OVI – Mark B. Cook, Columbus, dismissed, \$90 costs.

Speeding – Hannah L. Bertison, Plain City, \$58 fine, \$110 costs.

Seat belt – Misty D. Fields, 691 Kenny Lane, \$30 fine, \$66 costs.

Fail to control – Caite-lynn A. Wall, Caledonia, \$55 fine, \$32 costs.

Speeding – Andrew V. Myers, 1599 Sassafras Lane, dismissed, traffic diversion program completed, \$143 costs.

Speeding – Chrissy L. Young, Marion, \$125 fine, \$85 costs.

Speeding – Brad L. Streeter, Springfield, \$58 fine, \$85 costs.



Marysville band to compete at OSU

The Marysville Marching Band was named Reserve Grand Champion in class AA at the recent Westerville North Band Competition, qualifying it for the state finals. The band also earned awards for best auxiliary and earned all superior ratings in general effects. The band will travel to the Buckeye Classic Competition at The Ohio State University on Saturday. Pictured above with the band's awards are, from left to right, Harmonie Helmuth, Thomas Johnston and Will Mason.

(Photo submitted)

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NEWSFACE:



I am a 90-year-old Canadian American actor, best known for my role as Captain Kirk in the original Star Trek series. On October 13th, I will be going into space in real life, on board the second flight of the New Shepard space tourist rocket developed by Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin company. This will make me the oldest person to ever travel into space. Who am I?

1. Two journalists, one from Russia and one from ..?, won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize for their "courageous fight for freedom of expression."

2. Days after China made a show of force over the airspace of ..?, Chinese leader Xi Jinping spoke of "peaceful reunification" with the Chinese-claimed island.

3. Whistleblower Frances Haugen testified before Congress about her former employer, ..?, saying the company prioritized profits over public safety.

4. The World Health Organization has approved a new vaccine for children in Africa against ..?, one of the world's most infectious diseases.

5. The Senate voted to increase the ..? ceiling for two months until a longer-term solution can be worked out.

**NEWSPLACE:**

This country's 35-year-old chancellor, Sebastian Kurz, resigned days after his office was raided by authorities investigating him and his team on allegations of corruption. Kurz became this country's leader for the second time in January 2020 and has been chairman of the center-right People's Party since 2017. Name this country.



6. The 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah. Gurnah was born in Zanzibar, an island that is part of ..?

7. President Biden has restored protections for three national monuments, including ..? and Grand Staircase Escalante in Utah.

8. Former President Trump held a "Save America" rally in the state of ..?, which holds the first caucus in the 2024 presidential election.

9. The Korean series "....." is likely to become Netflix's most popular show ever, having hit number one in 90 countries, including the U.S.

10. "No Time to Die," the last James Bond film for actor ..?, took the top spot at the box office over the weekend.



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New officers

Sandy Moore (left), outgoing president of the Hardin County Retired Teachers Association, welcomes new officers President

Madelyn Lowery, Vice President Jodine McKinley, Secretary Norma Frederick and Treasurer Joan Mouser.

Retired teachers gather at Elks

The Hardin County Retired Teachers Association met at noon at the Kenton Elks on Sept. 17. Twenty members were welcomed by President Sandy Moore. She thanked the committee of Ruth Ann Poling, Martha Cramer, Sharon Beitler, and Audrey Hemmerly. She led the group in a prayer that was sent by Chaplain Melanie Kindell before the members enjoyed ham, egg, and cheese quiche with fruit cup and beverage plus a special decorated cupcake. Following the meal, Moore led all in thanking Sue Buroker of the Elks and her volunteer Anda Tudor in preparation of the meal.

Since the speaker was unable to attend due to illness, Moore began the meeting with the May 21 minutes from Secretary Norma Frederick. These were accepted. Treasurer Joan Mouser gave her report which was filed for audit. She explained that the dues from 2020 were extended to this year. Only the \$30 dues to ORTA would be needed to be paid for those who are not lifetime members. Donations totaling \$111 were collected for scholarships which will be for active Hardin County teachers. It is hoped that plans can be made for when the scholarship will be awarded.

Reports followed after Moore read information for the legislative committee concerning the problems of STRS. Membership Chair Ruth Ann Poling had sent 8 letters for invitations to join HCRTA. She also explained the symbolism for the meeting's theme of sun-

flowers. Public Relations Chair Norma Frederick will be sending future meeting announcements by either email or text for those who have computer access. A letter will be sent by U.S. mail for those who do not so please contact her for any updates of addresses or emails or texts. Informative Protective Com. Chr. Ann McKinley brought 2 notebooks to share about those teachers in Hardin County one room schools. Community Participation Chr. Madelyn Lowery reported that attendees today had a total of 345 hours toward community service since last May 21.

The election of officers for 2021-2023 followed. The new officers are President Madelyn Lowery, Vice President Jodine McKinley, Secretary Norma Frederick, Treasurer Joan Mouser, and Chaplain Melanie Kindell. Lowery asked each person to share something about themselves or about new events in the county for each to help get reacquainted.

For the next meeting on Oct. 15, it will be at the Kenton Elks at noon. The speaker will be Kathy Oliver. The committee will be Melanie Kindell, Annette Ansley, Joyce Hubbell, Joyce Busch, and Ann McKinley. Various donations will be needed in October as there will not be a meeting until next spring. Donations will be brought for the Neighborhood Opportunity Center, socks/slippers for Helping Hands, and wrapped candy for the teachers at each of the Hardin County Schools. All were thanked for the donations made today for Safe Haven of Hardin County. The

pandemic has continued as changes take place in the virus, but that does not lessen the needs for everyone who is struggling with Covid or other factors that make living difficult.

As there was no other business, Lowery thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting. She wished them safe travels.



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Kenton FFA members judge soil at HN Soils Invitational

A total of 22 Kenton FFA members participated in the Hardin Northern Soils Invitational on Sept. 15. Pictured in Soil Pit No. 2 are rural team members Devan Dulin (third from bottom) and Delaney Buxton. Students who get to move onto the District Land/Soil Judging Contest on Sept. 28: Rural Team – Chloe Anderson, Devan Dulin, Lauren Woltz, Delaney Buxton, Ethan Roll and Kira Ray. Urban Team: Aryanna Spangler, Shelby Tillman, Melissa Levan, Jozie Winegardner, Katie Sturgeon and Dillion Dulin.

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Alger	11.94%	\$135,632.55
Forest	4.07%	\$46,233.21
Hardin County	40.64%	\$461,650.48
Hardin Northern	9.75%	\$110,755.22
Ridgemont	12.43%	\$141,198.71
Belle Center	2.16%	\$24,536.54
	100.00%	\$1,135,951.00

September 1, 2021
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NOTICE PUBLICATION OF THE DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

In accordance with and pursuant to Section No. 5721.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a list of all real estate taxes which were due on July 14, 2021, will be published unless they are paid in the Office of the County Treasurer by 4:00 PM on October 6, 2021. The statute requires all names of persons having delinquent tax of any amount to be published.

WARNING: an interest charge will accrue on accounts remaining unpaid after the last day of November.

September 22, 2021
September 29, 2021

Michael T. Bacon, Auditor
Hardin County, Ohio



Submitted photo

Talking to BPW

Attending the Sept. 22 meeting of the Hardin County Business and Professional women BPW

were (from left) Patty Garman, Sandy Moore, Connie Dietz, Danita Podach, Norma Frederick, and speaker Jennifer Hattery from the United Way.

United Way representative speaks to Hardin County BPW

President Sandy Moore welcomed four members and two guests to the Sept. 22 meeting of the Hardin County Business and Professional Women with guests Danita Podach and Jennifer Hattery. Moore led the group in thanking Norma Frederick for the wonderful arrangements. The 5:30 p.m. meeting began after the delicious dinner at the Royal Buffet in Kenton.

Hostess Norma Frederick introduced speaker Jennifer Hattery from the United Way of Hardin County. The United Way has a 501c3 tax exempt status which serves its purpose to raise funds in order to help provide funds for Hardin County's 19 agencies. These agencies also benefit from United Way's advertising and volunteer resources such as u s i n g www.volunteereinited.org. Any other donations can be made directly to each agency if they have a need. Each agency is reviewed each year by a committee from the United Way to ascertain what funds are needed as well as any other needs. The United Way also coordinates volunteer efforts, promote well-being, education, and stability to support the agencies of Hardin County.

The United Way provides 98% of the donations for the agencies in Hardin County. It provides a networking opportunity to the agencies so that all are aware of the needs toward the work done by each. There is exposure to all age groups and all socio-economic groups. The United Way is not just a hand out but a hand up for Hardin County citizens.

There are funding opportunities besides specifying deductions from paychecks

just for the United Way. Opportunities began with the football drop at Hardin Northern School on Sept. 24. On Sept. 26 there is a half marathon using bikes or running. Radio Day has been passed to the United Way from the YMCA so it will take place on Oct. 30. For questions, contact at 419-675-1860 or www.UnitedWayHardinCount

y.org. After entertaining questions, Moore led the group in thanking Hattery for the interesting information and began the meeting. Secretary Norma Frederick gave her report which was accepted. Treasurer Connie Dietz had her report filed for audit. Pin fines and donations were collected and voted to be added to the scholarship fund. Sunshine Fund Chr. Charlotte Spencer sent a report that stated her fund was the same. A card has been sent to Vanessa Brim.

Helen Mabrey Shoe Fund Director Sandy Moore stated the final report for August and September. There were no donations for free shoes in August. There were a total number of 40 applications to provide 84 pairs of free shoes for kindergartners through grade 12 in August. In September, there was a donation from the Silver Star Circle and a thank you note was sent. No bill has been received from Shoe Sensation in Kenton as of this meeting. All accounts agree with the banks. A new list of six applications for 13 pairs of shoes was presented to Shoe Sensation for September. All are reminded that children must accompany the parent when selecting their new shoes.

BGSU archivist to speak to Genealogy Society

The Hardin County Genealogy Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 at its building, 211 W. Franklin St., Kenton.

Guest speaker will be Sara Marie Butler-Tongate, refer-

ence archivist with the Center for Archival Collections at Bowling Green State University.

The public is welcome. A membership meeting will follow the presentation.

students in the news

FINDLAY -- Courtney Fox of Forest was among 49 students at the University of Findlay who recently received a crisp white lab coat at the College of Pharmacy's White Coat Ceremony.

The ceremony signifies the students' entrance into the third year of the six-year program, which is the first year of professional courses in the College of Pharmacy.

ATHENS -- Katrina Rostorfer from Kenton graduated with a

Bachelor of Criminal Justice majoring in Criminal Justice from the University College at Ohio University during the summer 2021 semester.

More than 1,900 students graduated with bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees from Ohio University for the semester.



*In loving memory of
Chester Baughman*

who passed away 9/29/77.

If every tear we shed for you,

became a star above,

you'd stroll in Angels Garden

lit by everlasting love.

-Missed by Family

Kenton Choral Boosters meets

The Kenton Choral Boosters met on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. in the KHS Maker Space. Members present were Staci James - president, Stacey Hamilton and Amanda Murphy - co-vice president, Wanda Horner - secretary, Todd Daquino, director and Katie Ketcham. The meeting was called to order by Staci James.

Treasurer's report: Wanda Horner moved, second by Amanda Murphy, to approve treasurer's report, motion carried.

Secretary's report: Katie Ketcham moved, second by Stacey Hamilton, to approve August minutes, motion carried.

Under new business: Pre show looks to be T-shirt and jeans. Checking on pricing for wind breaker pants to look uniform. Senior girls need to decide on makeup and it needs to be ordered. Potentially looking for a 7-foot trailer, something like the band trailer. The A Company stage is needing to be extended.

Fundraisers: Starting Sept. 22, candy bars are being sold for \$1/bar to help the choir and band kids with their 2023 Disney trip. Looking into selling the metal K signs, Greenery will be in

October/November. Also a fundraiser for the Disney trip is Lake of Lights: kids can sign up to help set up/tear down, kids can sign up to be a character at the Lake of Lights, and parents can also work at the Lake of Lights by collecting the money. We are planning on dances after the basketball games.

In addition, by choosing KHS Choral Boosters, Amazon will give a percentage to our Kenton organization when you purchase. If you have the Amazon app on your phone: select the 3 lines to get to your account information, select settings, select Amazon Smiles, turn it on. Now when you purchase for two years it will automatically donate. In two years you will have to update your selection. Otherwise you must make sure you start off with smile.amazon.com every time to get the percentage to your organization. Kroger reward balance can still be accessed online.

The Directors report: Dimensions and Top Twenty did well at the fair, even though the sound stopped. Top Twenty will perform four songs at Ada. Top Twenty and/or Dimensions are looking into caroling after the Christmas parade in the downtown area and may do a float for the parade.

Beginning of October, Daquino will be getting a Nitro package and then looking at hotels.

Musical cast is out and Shawn will be creating the structure for the musical. Need help with costuming. Tickets will be online and there will be concessions. We would like to put a banner in front of the middle school and possibly downtown promoting the musical.

Upcoming dates:
Nov. 5-7 - Musical at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 5, 6 and 2 p.m. Nov. 7

Nov. 13 - Perform at Ada Music Feast

Nov. 23 - Christmas Parade
Dec. 7 - KES and KMS choir concert at 6 p.m.

Dec. 13 - KHS band and choir concert at 7 p.m.

Jan. 22 - Top Twenty performs in Nitro, W.Va.

Feb. 5 - Top Twenty performs in Walsh

Feb. 26 - Top Twenty performs in Alliance

Stacey Hamilton moved, second by Katie Ketcham, to adjourn, motion carried.

The next meeting of Kenton Choral Boosters will be on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in the KHS Maker Space (library).

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Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") gives notice that it filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") on June 30, 2021, requesting authority to amend its filed tariffs to modify its rate structure; to increase the rates and charges for its natural gas distribution and transportation services; to amend its tariff to make various changes to how Columbia provides distribution and transportation services to customers; to incorporate various minor formatting and stylistic changes into its tariff; and to modify its accounting methods as necessary to effectuate its Application. Columbia also applied, under R.C. Chapter 4929, for approval of an alternative rate plan, which includes its existing Infrastructure Replacement Program ("IRP") and Capital Expenditure Program ("CEP") and their associated riders, and a request to implement a new Federally Mandated Investment ("FMI") Rider, described below. Additionally, Columbia applied for authority to continue offering its Demand Side Management ("DSM") Program. The Application affects rates and charges and terms and conditions for natural gas service for all Columbia customers in each of the 61 Ohio counties where Columbia offers service.

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

- visiting the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793;
- visiting the Commission's website at <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/>, inputting 21-637 into the Case Lookup box, and selecting the application filed on June 30, 2021;
- visiting Columbia's business office, 290 W. Nationwide Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43215, during normal business hours;
- visiting Columbia's website at <https://www.columbiagasohio.com/our-company/about-us/regulatory-information>.

The Staff of the Commission and any interested parties that intervene in the proceeding may make recommendations that differ from the Application, and the Commission may adopt those recommendations.

Columbia has not filed an application to increase its base rates since 2008. Columbia's Application proposes various changes to its rate structure, including:

- Increasing the volumetric breakpoint between its SGS / SGTS / FRSGTS rate classes and its GS / GTS / FRGTS rate classes, from 300 Mcf/year to 600 Mcf/year;
- Removing the seasonal load factor requirement for the LGS / LGTS / FRLGTS rate classes;
- Incorporating the IRP and CEP Riders into base rates;
- Establishing a Monthly Delivery Charge for the FRCTS rate class;
- Adding new LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS Schools Services, for primary and secondary school customer accounts consuming at least 18,000 Mcf per year; and
- Eliminating the Mainline Delivery Charge in the LGTS tariff.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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