

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Aqua Ohio, Inc. to Increase its Rates and) Case No. 21-0595-WW-AIR
Charges for Its Waterworks Service.)

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Applicant Aqua Ohio, Inc. (“Aqua”) has published the required and approved notice setting public hearing in this matter in accordance with the February 22, 2022 Entry in this proceeding, and hereby files proof of publication as follows:

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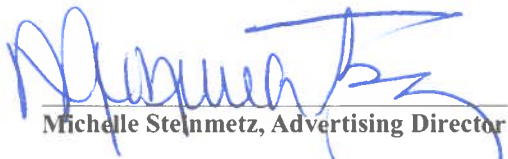
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The following newspapers have published a notice from Ice Miller on behalf of the PUCO. All notices appeared between Sunday March 6, 2022 and Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

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Does life really flash before your eyes?

Rare recording of dying brain provides clues

Sarah Ladd
The Seattle Times

Dr. Ajmal Zeman didn't set out to make a historical discovery and help change the way humans think about death.

In 2018 at Vancouver General Hospital in British Columbia, the neurologist of Louisa's neurosurgery just wanted to save his patient's life.

The 47-year-old man had taken a fall and needed treatment for a subdural hematoma — bleeding between his brain and skull.

Three days after a successful operation to remove the clotting, the patient started having seizures. Zeman and his team attached an EEG to the man's head, a standard procedure in that situation.

But with the EEG still attached, the patient went into cardiac arrest and died.

"This total accident has led us to the first recording of the dying human brain," said Zeman, recently published a study about the brain scans, which showed brain activity consistent with memory recall through the death process.

For the study, he and his team studied 900 seconds of the patient's neural activity, with a focus on the 30 seconds before and after the heart stopped. The results indicated a dying person may see replays of memorable life moments as they die — the proverbial "life flashing before your eyes."

The discovery led to a series of important questions, such as: What happens when we die? And when do humans actually die?

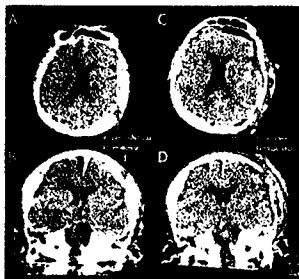
A rare opportunity at the moment of death

Zeman's patient died in 2018, but the study was published just last month.

"My hesitation and the reason why it took so long (to publish) was, in science, you like to have a strong data base to make conclusions on," he said. "As a scientist, I am very, very reluctant and very cautious and hesitant to go publish something on one case."

He looked everywhere he could think of for similar data sets to include in the study, to no avail. Finally, he and his team decided to move forward with what they had, feeling it was important to "inform ... society."

The opportunity presented by the Vancouver patient was extremely rare. It's impossible to predict the moment of death, especially in healthy people, Zeman said.



A scan of the brain of the Vancouver patient who, while being monitored for seizures, went into cardiac arrest and died.

SOURCE: AJMAL ZEMAN, MD, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Zeman said. And it is not standard to attach an EEG if there are no seizure concerns.

"No healthy human being is going to come and sign up for me and say, 'put the EEG on my head so I can go and die in five minutes.'"

This leaves, for potential future study participants, those who come to a hospital severely injured and near death, or those who are terminally ill. Either way, predicting time of death and getting an EEG ready is still a tricky business.

"This is what makes this case so difficult to capture and so unique that we have one," said Zeman, who also referenced an earlier study on rats that showed rodents, at the time of their death, had brain wave patterns similar to those of healthy humans during memory recall.

When the brain realizes 'this is it, I'm done, there is no survival'

When a person dies, Zeman said, "the brain may be playing a last recall of important life events ... similar to the ones reported in near-death experiences."

Whether or not those important memories are positive or negative isn't clear, Zeman said.

"I'd like to think that before we die, we have a flash back of memorable moments in our life. Now, these can include some maybe sad moments," he said. "For

me, it's not that sad and I'm very close. And the day I'm in the hospital, I'm sad, but it's the very memorable event in my life. So, I don't think that the end is always negative."

The memories we may see in death are likely pre-programmed in our subconscience as a way of escorting us through the process, Zeman said.

"The brain is a prediction machine," he said. And it runs things in the body constantly without conscious effort — breathing, pumping blood, a steady heart rate.

"I would be inclined to think, as well, that if the brain understands or enters the sphere of knowing 'this is it, I'm done, there is no survival, I am activating the pre-programmed subconscience of what I have available to replay — the most memorable events in a span of seconds before I leave.'"

There's hopefully some comfort in that, he said, for people who are losing a loved one.

"It gives me comfort, and if it gives that comfort to my patients as well, I think that's a nice thing to give them."

When do we die — really?

Films often depict death as the moment the heart stops, the moment a rising and falling line on an EKG monitor falls flat. But that might not be accurate.

The brain may be active 30 seconds even after the heart stops, possibly to replay memories while crossing the bridge to death.

"For organ donation, this may not have any big implications because you're not going to go on and remove the organs in the matter of the 30 seconds," Zeman said.

But it may mean a deeper understanding of the 30 seconds after the heart stops and the need to give a person space to replay those memories before pronouncing them dead.

"My proposal in this would be that we would hook up EEGs to patients in addition to EKGs to monitor brain activity with heart activity, at least to open the discussion and have a trial to say 'what is the one that we should use to determine death?' And maybe we should switch from the heart to the brain."

There is no pain involved in using either machine, Zeman said. However, the EKG is easier to read than an EEG, and requires less training.

If monitoring the brain to determine death became a standard, he said, "you will need to hire a lot more people who would be able to do this." Studying this in a trial, too, would require more funds.

"But I think," said Zeman, "it's a big enough question for mankind to say 'when do we die?' to want to pursue it."

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Stalking

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David Lansky and another friend had accompanied 21-year-old Jimmie Street home, cross the street to the spiraling helipad and then to her and Mima.

Moon spent the night before the shooting in a hotel. That morning, a private investigator found a tracking device on Moon's car, already put there by Mima. The investigator advised Moon against going home.

Lansky and Jimmie Gajowski, Moon's sister, agreed to share Moon's story in the hopes that it will prompt others who are being stalked to seek assistance from police or victim agencies.

"There are ways to get out — ways to get help," Gajowski said in a recent interview. "I don't end up like my sister, murdered in your own driveway."

Gajowski, with help from Lansky and David Oliver, the private investigator who found the tracking device on Moon's car, plan to start the Heidi Moon Foundation. The nonprofit will provide assistance to people who are being stalked and need financial help, such as to hire a private investigator.

"This opened my eyes," said Gajowski, 45. "It happened to my sister — who was the strongest person I knew — it could happen to anybody. There's help out there."

Stalking has become more prevalent than people realize — and can be deadly, according to local victim advocates.

"It is a very dangerous, very unpredictable situation," said Ashley Kline, director of services for the Rape Crisis Center of Summit and Medina Counties and a counselor for the center and the Battled Women's Shelter.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

- 76% of women murdered by an intimate partner were stalked first.
- 85% of women who survive murder attempts were stalked.
- 89% of women who were physically assaulted before their murders were stalked in the year before their deaths.

Oliver, a former Brimfield Township police chief who now runs a private investigation and security company, said helping stalking victims has become a major part of his business. He said he and his associates often check vehicles and phones for tracking devices or apps.

"We are trying to do right and help as many people as we can," he said.

Oliver, though, said he wishes he could have done more to help Moon. "This is just a terrible, terrible ending," he said.

Whirlwind romance unravels

Beautiful, down to earth and fierce — those are three of the terms Gajowski uses to describe her sister.

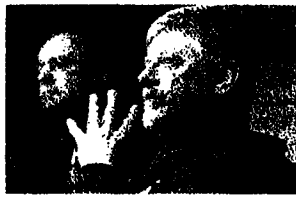
"Everybody loved her," Gajowski said. "Her smile lit up a room."

Moon was a bartender with a following. At the time of her death, she was working at the Elk's Lodge in Kent.

Moon, a mother of one, met Mima about three years ago. He proposed to her three days later.

Gajowski said she did some detective work on her sister's new beau and found out he had a criminal record. She said he claimed it wasn't true.

Mima had done three stints in prison



David Lansky, a friend of Heidi Moon, discusses what Moon went through leading up to her shooting death at the hands of her ex-boyfriend, who then killed himself.

first for complicity to breaking and entering and receiving stolen property, and then for burglary. His most recent conviction was in 2010 for aggravated robbery and felonious assault. He was paroled in 2017, according to state prison records.

Gajowski said she never saw Mima turn violent against her sister, but he was very controlling. When she asked Moon if she could do something, her sister would say, "I will see if I'm allowed to come out. I need to make sure it's OK with him."

Lansky, 48, who met Moon at the Elk's Lodge and became friends with her after Thanksgiving, said she began confiding in him about her boyfriend's behavior. She told him she would make plans to go out with a friend and Mima would park his truck behind her car in the garage so the couldn't get out. She would cancel her plans.

"As I look back, I could tell he was pulling her — dividing her — from family and friends," Gajowski said. "It happened so slowly."

Mima took all of his stuff and moved out late last year but this didn't last long. He returned a few hours later.

Over the next couple of months, he came and went from Moon's house. The couple never reconciled but they didn't completely part ways.

At one point, Moon changed the locks in the house. She later told a private investigator she thought Mima stole one of the new keys, which again allowed him access to her home.

Mima threatened suicide and said he was on drugs and was living in his truck, Gajowski said.

"He was using anything to keep her in his grasp," she said.

When things got "bad," as she described them, Moon started staying in a hotel. She would text Lansky where she was going and let him know when she arrived.

Lansky said Mima threatened to kill Moon's friends and family and said she would have to live with that. He said Moon increasingly had a sense of dread.

"I know he will kill me," she told him. "I don't know when."

Tracking device found in car

On the night of Jan. 30, Lansky again got a text from Moon saying she had rented a hotel.

About an hour later, Lansky received another text from her. "WTF?" she texted, with a screenshot of a message from Mima showing the location of the Kent hotel where she was staying.

Lansky figured this meant Moon had a tracking device in her car and reached out to Oliver, whom he knew was a private investigator.

Turn off tracking and check for spyware. If possible, change phone numbers, email addresses and social media accounts and provide new contacts only to trusted individuals.

- Vary daily routines and travel with others.

- Increase security measures at home, such as installing a security system and changing locks. Victims who move to a new home can sign up for Safe at Home to keep their new address out of public records. This service is provided by the Ohio secretary of state to abuse survivors.

- Tell someone about what's happening and use a buddy system to check in. Adopt a code word or phrase to alert the person to call 911 because there's an immediate threat.

- Call 911 if in immediate danger. Keep a record of police reports and interactions.

- Get a protection order through court. Victims should keep a copy of protection orders and provide them to their school, employer and their children's school.

- Contact a victim advocate to develop a safety plan. This plan can extend to both victims and their family members and can involve assistance with pets.

Some victim agencies also offer counseling to victims.

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body called 911.

"They're both Jews," McCallaffery told the dispatcher. "They're both Jews."

Moon and Mima were still alive when paramedics rushed them to the hospital, but both died from their injuries.

Gajowski thinks Mima was waiting for her sister. She said Mima parked his truck in the garage and unplugged the gas tank opener so Moon couldn't check to see if he was there.

She also found a note Mima left, which outlined who should get his clothes and shoes.

"Don't take it out on Heidi. Heidi didn't do anything," the note said. "I'm life f---ing love, f--- Heidi Moon."

Moon's loved ones create good from bad

Family and friends of both Moon and Mima were shocked by what happened. Gajowski said she talked to Mima's father, who had no idea this might happen.

Mima's family members didn't return a phone message seeking comment.

Gajowski pieced together what occurred in the days and hours leading to her sister's death by talking to Lansky and Oliver.

Both she and Oliver, who has thousands of Facebook followers, posted warnings about what happened to Moon and urged others in similar situations to get help.

"PLEASE REACH OUT!" Gajowski said in one Facebook post. "You don't deserve to lose your life tragically like my sister."

Oliver shared information in his posts about stalking and how stalking victims can get help. He didn't name Moon but said he had a client who was killed by her stalker.

"We only know her for a short time; however, by all accounts, she was just a nice person," Oliver said. "We are heartbroken for those who knew and loved her. May God give this victim and her family some peace."

Lansky said he still can't believe what has happened. He said, though, he has gained lifelong friends with Gajowski and Mima's other family members, including her father, Jim Moon.

Lansky is excited about their plans to start a nonprofit foundation in Moon's name, with the goal of preventing other tragedies like this one.

"I guess it's the good and the bad," he said.

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Help

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Kline defines stalking as a pattern of behavior directed at a person with the intention of intimidating that individual. This can include repeated contact, sending gifts, following a person and harassing either a person or the individual's family members or friends.

Kline said the tactics of stalkers vary, though some may escalate while others maintain the same behaviors.

Lindsay Reese, director of services for the Battled Women's Shelter, said stalked victims go through a cycle of abuse.

The first stage is tension building in which the victim walks on eggshells, afraid to upset the stalker. Next is an outburst by the stalker that involves verbal, physical or sexual abuse. Then there is the honeymoon phase in which the abuser makes promises that this won't happen again.

"These cycles can last a couple of days or a couple of years," Reese said. "Everyone's situation is different."

For those who find themselves being stalked, Kline and Reese offer these suggestions:

- Keep a log of each event, including communication via phone, email and social media. The log should include incidents in which the stalker contacts others about the victim.
- Increase security features on de-

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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

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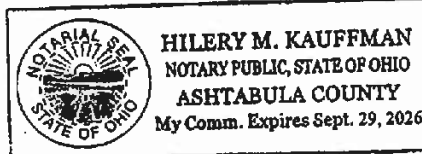
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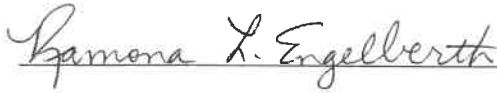
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Sally Heaston

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Is NYC ready to move on from COVID?

City easing restrictions as omicron wave fades

Bobby Colom-Caldwell and Deepthi Majala
PHOTO BY JEFFREY M. HARRIS

NEW YORK From the frightening grief filled early days of the pandemic, until perhaps even now, a return to normalcy seemed so out of reach in New York City, where people kept breaching through masks and avoiding indoor gatherings even as other places abandoned COVID-19 safety protocols.

But with the city preparing to lift more mask and vaccination mandates, the question is: Are New Yorkers mentally prepared to turn the page on the virus and give up precautions that got the city through its darkest days?

Mayor Eric Adams has said he plans to lift mask requirements in schools and vaccination mandates in restaurants, bars, gyms, theaters and other cultural and entertainment venues as soon as Monday, with a decision likely to come before the weekend on the timing of the rollback.

There will still be some rules: Masks will still be required on public transportation.

Public and private employers in the city will still - for now - be required to bar unvaccinated people from the work place. Businesses will still be free to set their own rules for entry.

Even with those restrictions, though, New Yorkers will face choices unthinkable just a few months ago. Do they send their kids to school without masks? Can they keep eating at restaurants without the assurance of knowing whether the unmasked person next to them is vaccinated?

Tina Okamoto, a city resident who could see one of the city's temporary morgues for the coronavirus dead from his kitchen window, said it's been difficult to shake the trauma of the spring of 2020.

In a little more than six weeks, 20,000 people died in the city. Another 20,000 have perished in the two years since then.

"My experience was one of tragedy, of depression, of suffering. So it's very



Visitors wear masks as they walk through the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York in March 2020. APHOTO BY JEFFREY M. HARRIS

real for me," said Okamoto, who contracted COVID by himself in March 2020, about the same time the first refrigerated trucks for bodies began parking on his street in his old neighborhood in Brooklyn. He learned of his infection the day the virus killed a cousin.

But at some point, he said, his city needs to begin a new chapter.

"Like so many others, I do have fatigue. I'm tired of walking into businesses and putting on a mask or forgetting my mask," he said. "If something else happens, well, we know the drill. We can always go back."

For Audrey Montas, this is not a moment to celebrate.

She understands the impulse people have to put things behind them, but the 48-year-old high school English teacher just got a new kidney in September and feels ignored in the conversations about returning to normalcy and lifting mandates.

"My biggest gripe has been that when they talk about mandates... I'm like, you know, you're leaving transsexual people out. And as far as I know, there are a whole bunch of us out there who live very limited lives, because of



Vaccination mandates in public spaces in New York could be lifted as soon as Monday. PHOTO BY JEFFREY M. HARRIS

or people want their freedoms and other people want things to go back to normal."

Montas worries about what her third-grader could bring home from school if masks are optional, even though her daughter will continue to wear one in the classroom.

"If you don't want to wear a mask and you don't want to get vaccinated, that means I have to stay home," she said.

Parents will have to navigate tough

decisions, said Maggie Maroff, a 46-year-old coordinator with the Advocates for a Cultural New York.

Families "are going to keep puzzling over this and trying to figure out what makes the most sense for them, their families and with their students," she said.

"There are peer pressure issues that we all know exist in school," she said. "Either to wear masks or not to wear masks."

Columbia University psychology professor George Bonanno said New York City possesses the resiliency to recover as proved from tragedy after tragedy over the years - but he worries the seeming suddenness in lifting restrictions could sow confusion.

"Putting this behind us will mean we have to feel that it's safe again," he said. "We have to feel that we're going to be OK if we go back out again."

He said he'd be uncomfortable with the possibility that he could be finding new people who haven't been vaccinated and who aren't wearing masks.

"It's going to be hard to give up the habit of being careful. I think it will make people very uneasy," said Bonanno, who recently published a book called "The End of Trauma," which delves into the science of resiliency, including a chapter on the pandemic.

New York City would be easing its restrictions at a time when the omicron wave is fading, even if the virus continues to kill at elevated rates compared to a few months ago.

More than 200 people died of COVID-19 in New York City the week that ended Feb. 19, the last full week for which city health officials say reliable data is available. That's way down from nearly 900 killed the week that ended Jan. 15. But it is still four times as many deaths as occurred the first week in November.

Sharai Lewis Gross bewails what she sees as a lack of empathy, an unwillingness from people to live with precautions that would help those who are more at risk feel safe.

"It feels like a missed opportunity for the idea that we're doing this to have compassion for most vulnerable members of society," she said.



Premier Li Keqiang, the No. 2 leader in China's government, delivers his work report during the opening session of the National People's Congress at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. PHOTO BY AP/WIDEWORLD

China cuts economic growth goal to 5.5%

Joe McDonald
COLUMBUS PRESS

BEIJING China on Saturday cut its annual economic growth target to its lowest level in decades as Beijing struggles to reverse a slump at a time when Russia's war on Ukraine is pushing up oil prices and roiling the global economy.

The ruling Communist Party will aim for growth of about 5.5% this year, down from last year's 8.1% expansion, the country's No. 2 leader, Premier Li Keqiang, said in a report to the legislature. It noted global commodity prices are surging but made no mention of a possible reason: The attack by Beijing's ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin, on Ukraine.

"Achieving this goal will require arduous efforts," Li said in the report, which was released ahead of a speech by the premier to legislators.

The ruling party has tried to distance itself from Putin's war by calling for dialogue but has refused to join in condemning the attack. Beijing has denounced trade and financial sanctions on Moscow and said the U.S. is to blame for the conflict.

Chinese economic growth slid to just 4% over a year earlier in the final quarter of 2021 after a crackdown on debt in

China's vast real estate industry triggered a slump in construction and housing sales. Forecasts expect activity to weaken further before rebounding in the middle of this year. Growth forecasts by the International Monetary Fund and private sector economists this year are as low as 4.3%.

Li's report indirectly acknowledged the impact of Russia's war on commodity prices, saying they "remain high and prone to fluctuation," but gave no indication of the reason.

All of this is making an external environment increasingly volatile, grave and uncertain," Li's report said.

President Xi Jinping's government announced a "policy pivot" in December toward slowing up growth and away from longer term initiatives aimed at cutting debt and carbon emissions and nurturing self-sustaining growth based on consumer spending instead of trade and investment.

The economy also is under pressure from weak global demand for Chinese exports, and coronavirus controls that have suspended access to major cities, supply disruptions and power outages.

No growth target was announced in 2020 after much of the economy was shut down to fight the virus. Last year's target was above 6%.

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It was a moment that passed quickly but helped catapult Acton from a relatively obscure cabinet position into something of a folk hero throughout the state.

"Determination was exactly what I felt," Acton said recently, reflecting on that day. "But a moment later, I might feel fear or just uncertainty."

In the 20 months since leaving her government post, Acton briefly returned to work at a Columbus nonprofit organization and considered running for U.S. Senate. Like many people trying to move on from the pandemic, she's still not sure what's next for her. In the meantime, she's been named the USA TODAY's Woman of the Year Initiative from Ohio.

The following conversation has been edited and condensed for clarity.

What was your proudest moment as health director?

There's not just one proud moment. The happiest moments I've had were moments when all ships were rising. So certainly, during the pandemic, I felt a great pride in Ohioans.

You've said we need somebody to help heal us when the pandemic ends. Might you be that person?

What people saw was not a politician clearly. I am a doctor, and I am a mom and I can't help but want to unite.

I hope to be part of the healing as we go forward. I don't know yet exactly what form that will take.

I'm right now trying to figure out how have I changed from this experience? It's been very hard to know myself because this obviously was a lot to go through personally.

I can't just go back into being like the same old person that I thought I was before this happened.

I'm still fighting the same battle, which is creating the conditions in which we can all flourish and lead flourishing lives. So I'm trying to figure out what is the best way to keep fighting that fight.

Did you develop a mantra or guiding principle as health director?

We're going to have a lot to learn when this is over. There's a lot that's been dis-



In the 20 months since leaving her government post, Amy Acton briefly returned to work at a Columbus nonprofit organization and considered running for U.S. Senate. *PHOTO: MICHAEL BURKE / TRI-UMPH*

rupted and I don't want to make light of any of the ugly parts that I also witnessed.

But the love was far greater than the hate.

There was a sign that a mom did with her sons. They took my hat name, Acton, and she turned it into "Acton, love, not hate." That became sort of a mantra for us. We can't fix all the things we see in the world. I definitely want to look problems in the eye and I think we could do a lot more to solve them. I think we can take the bat a lot higher. So I think that's a lot of what drives me.

Who do you look up to?

There's no one person that I look up to.

I'm still a bit awestruck by my husband. He's a school teacher, he taught first grade for 10 years and many grades as a coach. He's like the least judgmental person I know and day in and day out makes good things happen for kids.

Inevitably, what I found is the people that I admire love these things and love that we talk about. It seems like a lot of the people that I've very much admired, have faced a lot of adversity but keep going.

Who paved the way for you?

There's not one person who paved the way for me. There have been authors

library every day.

My favorite book I always say is "Charlotte's Web" and so you know, do you say Fern paved the way for you?

How have you overcome the adversity you've faced?

It's when you hit the wall that you're forced to think about possibilities on the side the best, wake up to some blind sides in yourself, maybe, and inevitably right in it is the next great wonder. I saw this with the pandemic too.

I kept saying, it's shutting us down but it's also opening us up right in the middle of this crisis. The good and the bad are kind of all parts of the same lesson.

I do things when I really do get low. A great thing for me has been nature.

I'm trying desperately to be mindful and learn some mindfulness but if you're like me and you're a little squirmy as I've proven to be, then walking and moving helps. So, getting out in nature was life saving for me during the pandemic.

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Orange rec offering spring trips

By ANASTASIA NICHOLAS

Orange Community Education and Recreation is taking registrations for a number of spring trips coming up in the spring and summer months. Some of the trip offerings are making their debut, while others have been popular for decades.

Any adult who is interested in seeing something fun and new would enjoy one of the spring trips, Adult Education Coordinator Pam Bayus said. She works as tour leader for almost all of the trips.

“There is such a camaraderie,” Ms. Bayus said about the folks who come on the trips, who she says she has gotten to know very well. “We’re just so excited that we can go on trips again this year.”

April 22 will feature the Shawshank Redemption Tour and Richland Carousel Park. Travelers will visit the site where the famous movie was filmed and experience many of its scenes, such as the “yard,” on this guided tour. Afterward, travelers will visit the indoor Carousel Park to view the hand-carved horses and enjoy lunch on their own at any of the nearby restaurants or diners.

The Geneva Winery Tour takes place on May 14. On May 10, travelers will head to the Hanna Theatre for a matinee performance of the comedy “The 39 Steps.”

“Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have this fast-paced, madcap whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theater!” a press release by Orange Rec reads.

June 10 brings travelers to Columbus for the Columbus Arts Festival and IKEA. Travelers will visit the downtown riverfront for one of the most acclaimed arts festivals in the country, featuring a variety of food and entertainment. The excursion will conclude with a shopping trip to the Columbus IKEA.

“If there are any 18-year-olds who are



A group of ladies smile together on a previous trip to Hollywood Casino in Columbus. This year, that trip will be to the Columbus Arts Festival and IKEA.



Spring trip participants will travel to the historic Steele Mansion in downtown Painesville, which was recently renovated.

heading off to college, they’d be welcome to come and get their dorm rooms fixed up for fall,” Ms. Bayus said.

On June 30, travelers will have dinner and sample four wines at the Grand Rivers Cellars Winery before seeing the “Titanic” musical at Rabbit Run Theatre.

July 14 takes travelers to a performance of Ain’t Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations at Playhouse Square. On July 22, travelers will go to the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the largest juried art fair in the nation, which features nearly 1,000 artists in downtown Ann Arbor, MI.

Finally, travelers will visit Steele Mansion, a historic inn in downtown Painesville which was renovated a few years ago following a fire. There, they will enjoy a chicken marsala dinner and a self-guided tour throughout the mansion, followed by a performance of “Newsies The Musical” at Rabbit Run Theater.

“It’s a beautiful place,” Ms. Bayus said about the mansion.

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Bryant

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wondered why this officer opted for lethal force, even though there should have been other, non-lethal options available to deal with this situation," Martin said in a statement.

Martin called for full scale changes to Ohio's foster care system, saying in her statement that it is failing children.

"As the one year anniversary of Makhia's death approaches, her family is resolute in their fight for justice and accountability," Martin said.



Bryant

The fatal shooting was investigated by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), which completed and sent its report in July to Franklin County Prosecutor G. Gary Tyack.

Bryant's case was assigned to Special Prosecutors H. Tim Merkle and Gary Shroyer because Tyack's office serves as legal counsel for Franklin County Children's Services, a potential conflict of interest. The two veteran Columbus attorneys were also appointed by Tyack to serve as special prosecutors for the ongoing investigation into the fatal December shooting of Casey Goodson Jr. by Franklin County SWAT Deputy Jason Meade, who retired July 2.

Merkle and Shroyer said in a news release on Friday that in the course of their review of BCI's investigation, they hired a "nationally known independent use-of force expert to evaluate the conduct of the officer in his use of deadly force in the context of generally accepted police practices."

"Under Ohio law the use of deadly force by a police officer is justified when there exists an immediate or imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another," Merkle and Shroyer said in the release. "The Franklin County Grand Jury has completed a full and comprehensive review of the incident and has returned no criminal charges."

In the wake of the grand jury's verdict, Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, whose office oversees BCI, published Bryant's case file online. "BCI was called to do a thorough, independent investigation of the facts," Yost said in a news release. "We asked for patience while promising transpar-



Butterflies are released following funeral services for Makhia Bryant at the First Church of God in Columbus on April 30, 2021. (CHRISTOPHER CROOKS)



Ohio State University students gather on High Street in April 2021 to protest the shooting death of Makhia Bryant by a Columbus police officer. (CHRISTOPHER CROOKS)

ency, and now is the appropriate time for that work to be made public."

The case file includes a detailed summary of BCI's findings and a narrative of the events leading up to the fatal shooting.

On April 19, a surprise birthday party was held for foster mother Angela Moore at her home on Legion Lane.

Moore at the time was fostering Bryant, Bryant's sister, Ja'niyah Bryant, and a third teenage girl, according to BCI.

Moore had previously fostered Donna Bonner, of Cleveland, and Shalonta Craig, of Columbus.

In addition to them, four other people were present at the party.

Overnight and into the morning there was conversation or mention of the house being dirty, BCI said in its report, and Bonner felt Bryant and the current foster children "should be cleaning the house."

"Those comments or discussions

turned into arguments," BCI wrote in the report, adding that Bryant and the other foster children later exchanged text messages with one another about Bonner's suggestions.

Bonner and the Bryant sisters got into an argument the next day at the house, according to BCI's report, after being contacted by Bonner, arrived at the house.

That afternoon, Ja'niyah Bryant, called 911 about a disturbance at the house. She did not provide any details related to identifying individuals or weapons, BCI said.

Three officers, including Reardon, responded to the call. Reardon waited until the other two officers arrived before approaching the driveway of the Legion Lane house where Bryant, Craig, Bonner and others were, the BCI report said.

Bryant was holding a knife when Reardon approached and began to move in Craig's direction, according to the report. But Craig fell to the ground while backing up and Bryant stepped over Craig and then began moving toward Bonner.

"Makhia, still in possession of a knife in her right hand, was seen raising her right arm and drawing back, while continuing to move into the direction of Bonner. As Craig had gone to the ground before him, Reardon said 'get down' four times before he fired his first shot. Reardon fired four (4) shots, all fired within approximately one second," the report says.

Bryant fell to the ground and one of the officers began rendering aid to her, while the other officer began securing the scene and witnesses, according to the report. Reardon assisted the officer helping Bryant until he was removed from the scene and medical arrived.

Bryant was taken to Mount Carmel East Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

The fatal shooting happened about 20 minutes before a guilty verdict was announced in the trial of Derek Chauvin, a former Minneapolis police officer convicted of murder in the death of George Floyd, prompting hundreds to protest at the shooting site and downtown.

Bethany Bruner contributed to this story.

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Legacy

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nity.

"Every time you put a Black business into a neighborhood, the neighborhood is going to climb it," said Scott Woods, 51, of the East Side, who used to be a patient at McKay Dental Center Inc., a longtime Black-owned business that Dr. Victor McKay opened on East Livingston near Oakwood Avenue.

"You're going to become the bulletin board. This is all before social media or even the Internet. Most Black businesses would be stuck with a board full of business cards or a board full of flyers and funeral programs."

Businesses also became breeding grounds for civic engagement, something that's been lost over time as these sorts of places have disappeared, according to Hicks, who served as president of the now disbanded Livingston Avenue Collaborative for Community Development.

"We don't have the political muscle that we used to have," he said. "People would go down to City Hall and raise all kinds of hell. We don't have that anymore. Those days are gone."

The next generation: Businesses that are still standing

In multiple cases in Driving Park, businesses faded away after owners died and their children decided against taking over.

"We don't appreciate entrepreneurship like we used to," Hicks said. "And there are a lot of other, new opportunities now. Back in the day, you didn't have a lot of opportunities to do other things but stay in the family business, and that provided you with income and security. That's changed a lot."

Mustafa Shabazz, who has owned Ujamaa Bookstore since 1997, said his grandsons will probably take over the shop, which centers on Black readers.

"Sometimes, it skips a generation," said Shabazz, 61, of the Far East Side.

In other cases, it's the industry, not the owner, that is fading away.

Willis Beauty Supply has weathered the changing landscape for over 50 years, and co-owner James Willis brought on his son, Brian, to help. But they aren't sure how long they will last, now that salons are limiting their ser-



Aftermath Beauty & Barber Shop was at 1070 East Livingston Avenue in Columbus. (CHRISTOPHER CROOKS)



McKay Dental Center Inc. was a longtime Black-owned business that Dr. Victor McKay opened on East Livingston near Oakwood Avenue.

vices, and larger competitors have pushed out smaller companies.

"We have some assets," said Brian Willis, 61, of Berwick. "We own the building. We'll do it as long as we can."

If Driving Park does become the business hub that it once was, FlahBurger promises to do it with an appreciation for the Black-owned businesses that came before.

Owners Randy Keyes and Demetrius Howard grew up in the neighborhood and remember visiting many of the old establishments, which they plan to honor with a mural inside the restaurant.

"We're happy to be here," Howard said. "We plan to hopefully have a legacy as long as theirs."

This story is part of the Dispatch's Mobile Newsroom Initiative, which has focused on Driving Park, Northland and the Hilltop and is now in Whitehall. Read related stories and sign up for the Mobile Newsroom newsletter at dispatch.com/mobilenewsroom.

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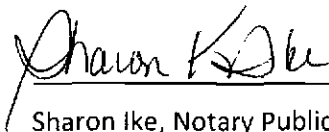
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AAA: Pump prices rise amid Russia-Ukraine conflict

Ironton below southeast Ohio average

STAFF REPORT

The average price of gasoline across South Central Ohio is one cent higher this week at \$3.360 per gallon, according to AAA East Central's Gas Price Report.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused uneasiness in the oil market, with crude spiking briefly to over \$100 per barrel before settling back into the mid-\$90s. The increase in the global price of oil has led to higher pump prices in the U.S. The national average for a gallon of gas has risen to \$3.61, eight cents more than a week ago, 26 cents more than a month ago and 90 cents more than a year ago.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration, total domestic gasoline stocks decreased by 600,000 barrels to 246.5 million barrels last week. Meanwhile, gasoline demand rose slightly from 8.57 million barrels per day to 8.66 million barrels per day. The increase in gas demand and a reduction in total supply are contributing to rising pump prices, but increasing oil prices are playing the lead role in pushing gas prices higher. Pump prices will likely continue to rise as crude prices continue to climb.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session, West Texas Intermediate decreased by \$1.22 to settle at \$91.59. As the Russia-Ukraine conflict continues, the oil markets may respond by continuing to increase the price of crude oil to reflect more risk of dis-

This week's average prices

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ruption to tight global oil supplies this week. Additionally, EIA reported that total domestic crude stocks increased by 4.5 million barrels to 416 million barrels. The current stock level is approximately 10 percent lower than mid-February 2021, contributing to pressure on domestic crude prices.

Motorists can find current gas prices nationwide, statewide, and county-wide at GasPrices.AAA.com.



Anna Stevens is shown with her Employee of the Year award outside Harbor Healthcare of Ironton. She said she chose the healthcare field because of her love of helping people. (The Ironton Tribune | Mark Shaffer)

Employee

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She has been an aide for 15 years and loves her career.

"It is just something that you have in your heart. Some people don't have anybody and if we can do that for people, that is the reward," she said. "I like taking care of people. I've always liked being around people."

Stevens has been working at Harbor Health for two years as a housekeeper and doing laundry but recently went back to school to be recertified as an aide.

Travis Lewis, CEO of Harbor Healthcare of Ironton, said that

Stevens was chosen for Employee of the Year because of the work she does, her great attitude and for being reliable.

"Anna comes in each day with a positive attitude and workhorse mentality. She has invested the time and energy to become a well-rounded caregiver in long-term care, and has shown the skills, empathy and attitude to succeed," he said. "Her dedication to the facility and its residents sets the bar for others to follow. She has been a constant source of reliability, regardless of the circumstance, and her love for our residents is evident by her actions."



Students who took on teacher-for-a-day roles at Dawson-Bryant Elementary School on Friday included, from left, Barrett Myers, gym, Emma Kellogg, art, Griffin Lackey, music, and Lantz Blackburn, librarian. (The Ironton Tribune | Heath Harrison)



Students who took on faculty roles for the day enjoy a staff lunch from Giovanni's on Friday at Dawson-Bryant Elementary School. (The Ironton Tribune | Heath Harrison)

Big jobs

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instructor, Emma Kellogg, who was the school's art teacher, Lantz Blackburn, who was librarian, and Griffin Lackey, who taught music.

It was a fitting job for Lackey, who is a musical talent himself, having recently played "Taps" for his classmates on the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, which was recorded and posted online.

Also turning her job over to a student was Mrs. Hall, the school's popular reading teacher. Tucker Rowe,

11, of the fifth grade, put on a dress shirt and tie and took over her position. "We'll be playing games on the smart board," he said of what he planned for his job, which covered classes all day. Games were reading-based and took on the form

of favorites, such as Plinko from the Price Is Right.

"It's been going well," Rowe said at the day's midpoint.

All of the students who won positions for the day were treated to a special faculty lunch from Giovanni's.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The South Point Local School District is accepting proposals from firms to provide stadium lighting installation services for the South Point High School baseball and softball fields. Interested firms may request an RFP from Mark Christian, Superintendent, at mchristian@southpoint.k12.oh.us. Qualifications will be accepted until 2 p.m. local time, **March 15, 2022.**

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Leaders dicuss local tourism, downtown revitalization

Ashland hosts Tri-State SOAR summit

By **SARAH SIMMONS**
The Ironton Tribune

ASHLAND, Ky. — On Monday and Tuesday, tourism and economic development leaders from across Kentucky and portions of West Virginia and Ohio converged in Ashland, Kentucky for the SOAR Mini Summit, featuring speakers covering grant submissions, tourism economies, entrepreneurship, hospitality and more.

The summit featured panels comprised of speakers from neighboring Appalachian communities who utilized the history and assets their small towns had to offer to create a destination for travelers.

“Tourism and downtown go hand in hand. Downtown is the heartbeat of our city. If we can’t keep our heartbeat going, the rest of the city suffers,” said panelist Maggy Monhollen, executive director of Corbin, Kentucky’s Tourism and Convention Commission.

Les Stapleton, mayor of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, talked about how “the uniqueness of your town will bring people in,” and how towns in different regions and of different sizes are “all facing the same problem – revitalizing downtowns.”

Bailey Richards, coordinator for the City of Hazard’s downtown, spoke of how they dealt with derelict properties taking up valuable space in their downtown.

“If a building is declared blighted or abandoned, it is put on a list, the owner is notified.”

She explained that if the code violations weren’t fixed within a year,

the building owner would be subject to property taxes that increase by five times the amount.

“Blighted and abandoned property ordinances, you got to have that code violation,” Stapleton said.

Another feature of the summit was grant guidance from officials with the Abandoned Mine Lands Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program, which is federally funded through fees paid by coal operators. Their organization is tasked with distributing revenue to communities impacted by the downturn of coal production, which primarily goes to grant applicants in the categories of tourism, infrastructure, industrial, job training, and more recently, even community wellness and agri-tech.

Speakers from AMLER shared stories of creative and diverse grant applications that allowed recipients to take these abandoned land mines and solve the problems there while creating tourism opportunities. For example, Prestonsburg, Kentucky used funding to create a Rails to Trails project, featuring an 8.2-mile trail complete with a unique bridge that is topped with a school bus.

Communities can view lands that are eligible for this fund by visiting a map provided by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement at <https://amlis.osmre.gov/Map.aspx>. There are currently 16 unfunded problems in Lawrence County, with the total unfunded cost being \$2,911,211 according to the abandoned mine land inventory system.

To learn more about SOAR, visit <https://www.soar-ky.org/>.



U.S. Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle is a recurring favorite chosen by students for portrayal in the Living Wax Museum exhibit at Burlington Elementary School on Tuesday. (The Ironton Tribune | Heath Harrison)

Wax Museum

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Cash and Dolly Parton and civil rights activist Rosa parks, while there were a few figures who made their debut this

year, such as comedian Betty White and education activist and Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai.

“I’m so proud of how hard they worked,”

Rutherford said. “And how much thought they put in and the creativity.”

— *For more photos from the exhibit, see today’s Focus page on 8A.*

Health

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health services. The clinic operates like any other health center and bills through insurance plans and Medicaid.

Michael Kingery, site manager supervisor for the Ironton-Lawrence County CAO, said the funds will go towards increasing staff size to help with behavioral health.

“There is such a huge need for that in our communities now,” he said. “We are planning to use those grant dollars for some social workers and case managers to expand out the behavioral health services within the schools. I think it will really, really help... COVID has really exploded the amount of anxiety and depression among school students.”

Kingery said the CAO health center is blessed to work with a school system that is so open to it as Rock Hill is.

“They really see the need and they have so many difficult situations,” he said, mentioning there was a student who committed suicide within the past few years. “They are wanting to get on top of this and provide good services to their students and take care of the community as well.”

DeWine said in his announcement that studies have shown that health and wellness are interconnected.

“A student who is not healthy or who is chronically absent is not able to achieve their full potential,” DeWine said. “These partnerships between healthcare providers and schools supports the whole child and ensures that every child may realize their full potential.”

He said the school-based health initiatives help ensure students are in school, healthy and ready to learn through a school or district’s partnerships with health care providers and other community organizations. He added the clinics have emerged as effective models to improve student access to healthcare and have helped closed the gap for children in underserved communities.

Funding is being made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Additional funds are being made available through the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief fund. Management of construction and capital expenses will be coordinated in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health.

Armstrong celebrates Breaking Bread Day

STAFF REPORT

SOUTH POINT — Armstrong celebrated Breaking Bread Day at their local stores on Tuesday.

Breaking Bread, a program created to help feed the hungry in communities serviced by Armstrong, is celebrating a dozen years of supporting local feeding programs. This service initiative was originally launched on March 8, 2010.

The community was invited to be a part of the Breaking Bread Day celebration, where all Armstrong office locations collected non-perishable food items to help fight food insecurity.

All donations will be routed to area feeding programs, and donors received special treats and gifts as a “thank you” for their contribution.

Armstrong is committed to fighting hunger through a four-pronged approach: Collecting food donations, donating money, volunteering time, and raising awareness. In 2021, Armstrong customers and employees contributed 42,292 pounds of food,

\$26,838.33 in monetary donations, and nearly 200 volunteer hours. These resources were provided to over 200 community feeding programs to help supply food to families experiencing food insecurity.

The initial goal of the Breaking Bread program was to support local food programs and raise awareness about community food banks and soup kitchens. In 2018, Armstrong added “Avenge Hunger” Month during September to help in its awareness efforts for local food programs. Over the past four years, Armstrong has helped to collect more than 160,000 pounds of food and nearly \$75,000 in monetary donations to help support local feeding programs through Avenge Hunger Month events.

Armstrong is proud to be active in the communities throughout the six states they serve, making Breaking Bread one of Armstrong’s most important community services. For a list of community food programs in your area, visit armstrongonewire.com/breakingbread.

Cogan

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Cogan, a member of the Coal Grove Lions, has been working as the liaison to establish a new South Point-Chesapeake club of the group after the Chesapeake club disbanded.

Five members were needed to start a new branch and 20 were needed to form a club.

The new club was chartered in January, now has 28 members and has elected officers, she said.

Cogan said getting people to sign up to be a Lion was “an easy ask.”

“Because they have such a great reputation an strong heritage,” she said.

The district covers 17 counties, 50 clubs and 1,250 members.

The Lions have five global causes they focus on — pediatric cancer, diabetes, hunger, the environment and vision. In addition, local clubs focus on specific needs in their communities.



Mary Cogan, of South Point, was named as 2021-22 Lion of the Year by Zone 8 of the Lions Club at their meeting in Lancaster on Saturday. (Submitted photo)

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Russia strikes near Ukraine's capital; mosque reported hit

Matylos Chernov and Yuras Karmusov
Associated Press

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — Russian forces pounded the port city of Mariupol, shelling a mosque that was sheltering more than 50 people, including children, the Ukrainian government said Saturday. Fighting also raged in the outskirts of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, and Russia kept up its bombardment of other nearby cities.

There was no immediate word of casualties from the shelling of Mariupol's elegant, city-center mosque. The encircled city of 142,000 people has endured some of Ukraine's worst misery since Russia invaded, with unceasing barages thwarting repeated attempts to bring in food, water and medicine, leaving trapped civilians and even burying the dead.

"They are bombing it (Mariupol) 24 hours a day, launching missiles. It is a tragedy. They kill children," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said during a video address.

An Associated Press journalist in Mariupol witnessed tanks firing on a nine-story apartment building and was with a group of hospital workers who came under sniper fire on Friday. A worker shot in the hip survived, but conditions in the hospital were deteriorating: electricity was reserved for operating tables, and people with nowhere else to go lined the hallways.

Among them was Anastasiya Frashova, who wept and trembled as she held a sleeping child. Shelling had just killed her other child as well as her brother's child, Frashova said, her scalp crusted with blood.

"We came to my brother's (place), all of us together. The women and children went underground, and then some mortar struck that building," she said. "We were trapped underground, and two children died. No one was able to save them."

Meanwhile, French and German leaders spoke Saturday with Russian President Vladimir Putin in a failed attempt to reach a cease-fire. According to the Kremlin, Putin laid out terms for ending the war, including Ukraine's demilitarization and its ceding of territory, among other demands.

Ukraine's military said Saturday that Russian forces captured Mariupol's eastern outskirts, tightening the armed



Kyiv northwest suburbs such as Irpin and Bucha have been enduring Russian shelling and bombardments for over a week prompting residents to leave their homes. (AP Photo/Mark Schifano)

squeeze on the strategic port. Taking Mariupol and other ports on the Azov Sea would allow Russia to establish a land corridor to Crimea, which it seized from Ukraine in 2014.

Zelenskyy encouraged his people to keep up their resistance, which many analysts said has prevented the rapid offensive and military victory the Kremlin likely expected while planning to invade Russia's so-called neighbor.

"The fact that the whole Ukrainian people resist these invaders has already gone down in history, but we do not have the right to let up our defense, no matter how difficult it may be for us," he said. Later Saturday, Zelenskyy reported that 1,300 Ukrainian soldiers have died in fighting since the Feb. 24 start of the Russian invasion.

Zelenskyy again deplored NATO's refusal to declare a no-fly zone over Ukraine and said Ukraine has sought ways to procure air defense assets, though he didn't elaborate.

Zelenskyy also accused Russia of employing "a new stage of terror" with the alleged kidnapping of the mayor of Melitopol, a city 100 miles west of Mariupol. After residents of the occupied city demonstrated for the mayor's release Saturday, the Ukrainian leader called on Russian forces to hand the calls.

"Please hear in Moscow," Zelenskyy said. "Another protest against Russian troops, against attempts to bring the city to its knees."

In multiple areas around the capital, artillery barrages sent residents scrambling for shelter as air raid sirens wailed. Britain's Defense Ministry said Russian ground forces that had been moved north of Kyiv for most of the war had edged to within 15 miles of the city center and spread out, likely to support an attempted encirclement.

As artillery pounded Kyiv's northwestern outskirts, black and white columns of smoke rose southwest of the capital after a strike on an ammunition depot in the town of Vasyliv, caused hundreds of small explosions. A frozen food warehouse just outside the capital also was struck in an apparent effort to target Kyiv's food supply.

Ukraine's military and volunteer forces have been preparing for an all-out assault. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said Thursday that about 2 million people, half the metropolitan area's inhabitants, had left and that "every street, every house ... is being fortified."

Zelenskyy said Saturday that Russia would need to carpet bomb the Ukrainian capital and kill its residents to take the city.

"They will come here only if they kill us all," he said. "If that is their goal, let them come."

Putin held a 90-minute call with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Saturday. Putin spoke about "issues related to agreements under discussion to

implement the Russian demands" for ending the war, the Kremlin said without providing details.

For ending hostilities, Moscow has demanded that Ukraine drop its bid to join NATO and adopt a neutral status, acknowledge the Russian sovereignty over Crimea, which it annexed from Ukraine in 2014, recognize the independence of separatist regions in the country's east and agree to demilitarize.

Zelenskyy told Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett on Saturday that he would be open to meeting Putin in Jerusalem to discuss an end to the war, but that there would first have to be a cease-fire. Bennett recently met in Moscow with Putin, who has ignored previous offers of talks from Zelenskyy.

Russia's slow tightening of a no-fly zone around Kyiv and the bombardment of other cities mirror tactics that Russian forces have previously used in other campaigns, notably in Syria and Chechnya, to crush armed resistance.

The Ukrainian Embassy in Turkey said 80 Turkish nationals, including 34 children, were among the people who had sought safety in Mariupol's mosque of Sultan Süleiman the Magnificent and his wife Roksan, which was crowded on one of the most famous and largest mosques in Istanbul.

Before Mariupol became a target of the biggest land conflict in Europe since World War II, the city promoted the white-walled building and its towering minaret as a scenic attraction. The death toll in Mariupol passed 1,500 on Friday, from 12 days of attack, the mayor's office said.

With Mariupol's electricity, gas and water supplies cut off, aid workers and Ukrainian authorities described an unfolding humanitarian catastrophe. Aid group Doctors Without Borders said Mariupol residents are dying from a lack of medication and are draining heating pipes for drinking water.

Russian forces have left at least two dozen hospitals and medical facilities since invading Ukraine on Feb. 24, according to the World Health Organization. Ukrainian officials reported Saturday that heavy artillery damaged a cancer hospital and several residential buildings in Mykolaiv, a city 300 miles west of Mariupol.

The hospital's head doctor, Maksym Bozhenko, said several hundred patients were in the facility during the attack, but no one was killed.

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Cease-fire attempt in Ukraine fails amid Russian shelling

Yuri Kamenau
Associated Press

LVIV, Ukraine — The first cease-fire attempt in Ukraine to negotiate downed civilians collapsed Saturday amid ongoing shelling as Russian and Ukrainian officials traded blame and Moscow tightened its grip on the war-tattered country's strategic southeast.

The struggle to enforce the temporary cease-fire in the southwestern part of Mariupol and the eastern city of Vinnytsia showed the fragility of efforts to stop the fighting across Ukraine as the number of people fleeing the country reached 1.1 million just in days after Russian troops invaded.

Ukrainian officials said Russian artillery fire and airstrikes had prevented residents from leaving before the agreed-to negotiations got underway. Russian President Vladimir Putin accused Ukraine of sabotaging the effort and claimed the actions of Ukraine's leadership called into question the future of the country's statehood.

"If this happens, it will be entirely on their conscience," Putin said.

Earlier, the Russian defense ministry said it had agreed with Ukraine on evacuation routes out of the two cities, before the announcement, Russia's days-long assault had caused growing misery. In Mariupol, where AP journalists witnessed doctors make unsuccessful attempts to save the lives of wounded children, pharmacies ran bare and hundreds of thousands of people faced food and water shortages in freezing weather.

In comments carried on Ukrainian television, Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko said thousands of residents had gathered for safe passage out of the city when shelling began Saturday.

"We value the life of every inhabitant of Mariupol and we cannot risk it, so we stopped the evacuation," he said.

In recent days, Ukraine had urged Moscow to create humanitarian corridors to allow children, women and the older adults to flee the fighting, calling them "question No. 1."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy held out the possibility that talks with Russia could result in a sustained, if limited, ceasefire Saturday. Elsewhere in the country, Ukrainian forces were holding key cities in central and southwestern Ukraine, while the Russians were trying to keep Kharkiv,



People cross on an improvised path under a bridge that was destroyed by a Russian airstrike, Saturday while fleeing the town of Irpin, Ukraine.



Captured Russian soldiers answer media questions Saturday at a news conference in the Interfax news agency in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Mykolaiv, Chernihiv and Sumy encircled, he said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Saturday said Russia was ready for a third round of talks on that and other issues, but he asserted that "the Ukrainian side, the most interested side here, it would seem, is constantly making up various pretexts to delay the beginning of another meeting."

Diplomatic efforts continued as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Poland to meet with the prime minister and foreign minister, a day after attending a NATO meeting in Brussels in which the alliance pledged to step up support for eastern flank members.

In Moscow, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett was meeting with Putin. The Kremlin, Israel maintains good relations with both Russia and Ukraine, and Bennett has offered to act as an in-

termediary in the conflict. No details of Saturday's meeting have yet emerged.

In the wake of Western sanctions, Aeroflot, Russia's flagship state-owned airline, announced that it plans to halt all international flights, except to Belarus, starting Tuesday.

At least 151 civilians have been confirmed killed since Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, but the true number is probably much higher, the U.N. human rights office has said.

Zelenskyy said Saturday that that 10,000 Russian troops had died in the war, a claim that could not be independently verified. "We're inflicting losses on the occupiers they could not see in their worst nightmare," the Ukrainian leader said.

The Russian military, which doesn't offer regular updates on casualties, said Wednesday that 198 of its troops had been killed.

Ukraine's military might be vastly outmatched by Russia's, but its military and volunteer forces have fought back with fierce tenacity since the invasion. Even in cities that have fallen to the Russians, there were signs of resistance.

Outlookers in Chernihiv cheered as they watched a Russian military plane fall from the sky and crash, according to video released Saturday by the Ukrainian government. In Kherson, hundreds of people protested the invasion, shouting "No home."

A lost Russian armored column threatening Ukraine's capital remained stalled outside Kyiv, Ukrainian presi-

dents said. It was unclear whether the military situation was more quiet overall Saturday, and Russian forces have not taken active actions since the morning.

While the shelling in Mariupol showed Russia's determination to cut Ukraine off from access to the Black Sea and the sea of Azov, further damaging the country's economy, it was Putin who was most on the offensive with his comments warning that a no-fly zone would be considered a hostile act.

NATO has said it has no plans to implement such a no-fly zone, which would bar all unauthorized aircraft from flying over Ukraine. Western officials have said a no-fly zone is desirable to not add to the war beyond Ukraine.

Zelenskyy has pleaded for a no-fly zone over his country and lashed out at NATO for refusing to impose one, warning that "all the people who die from this day forward will also die because of you."

But as the United States and other NATO members send weapons for Kyiv, the conflict is already drawing in more troops far beyond Ukraine's borders.

As Russia cracks down on independent media reporting on the war, more major international news outlets said they were pausing their work there. Putin said nothing worsens imposing martial law at this point.

And in a warning of a hunger crisis yet to come, the U.N. World Food Program has said millions of people inside Ukraine, a major global wheat supplier, will need food aid "immediately."

Ukraine's president was set to brief U.S. senators Saturday by video conference as Congress considers a request for \$40 billion in emergency funding for humanitarian aid and security needs.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an open meeting for Monday on the worsening humanitarian situation. The United Nations estimates that 12 million people in Ukraine and 4 million fleeing to neighboring countries in the coming months will need humanitarian aid.

Kyiv's central train station remained crowded with people desperate to flee. "People just want to live," one woman, Kuent, said.

Elsewhere in the capital, in a sign of nerves near breaking point, two people on a sidewalk froze in their tracks at the sound of a sharp bang. It was a garbage truck spending a bin.

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Deborah Watts, a cousin of Emmett Till, says authorities need to act immediately to prosecute a white woman at the center of the case. **BARBARA HARRIS/THE DAYTON NEWS-EXAMINER**

Emmett Till relatives seek renewed probe

Barbara Harris/The Dayton News-Examiner

JACKSON, Miss. — Relatives of Emmett Till joined with supporters Friday in asking authorities to reverse their decision to close an investigation of the Black teenager's 1955 lynching and instead prosecute a white woman at the center of the case from the very beginning.

Authorities have known for decades that Carolyn Bryant Donham, now in her 80s and living in North Carolina, played a key role in Till's slaying, and they need to act immediately to bring her to justice before time runs out, said Deborah Watts, a cousin of Till.

"Time is not on our side," Watts, who lives in Minnesota and heads the Emmett Till Legacy Foundation, said during a news conference that included a saxophone rendition of a civil rights anthem at the Mississippi Capitol.

Relatives presented Mississippi authorities with a petition signed by about 250,000 people seeking a renewed probe of the killing, which came to demonstrate the depth of racial hatred in the South to the world. Other petition drives continue.

Michelle Williams, chief of staff for Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch, cast doubt on the possibility of a

renewed investigation. In a statement, she said the Justice Department had worked with a local district attorney's office in a re-examination that ended in December. "This is a tragic and horrible crime, but the FBI, which has far greater resources than our office, has investigated this matter twice and determined that there is nothing more to prosecute," Williams said.

The Justice Department announced in December it was ending its renewed investigation into the killing of Till, a 14-year-old from Chicago who was abducted, tortured and killed after witnesses said he whistled at Donham, then known as Carolyn Bryant, at a family store where she worked in rural Mississippi.

Federal officials had reopened the investigation after a 2017 book quoted Donham as saying she lied when she claimed Till accused her. Relatives have publicly denied that Donham repeated her allegations, and Donham told the FBI she had never changed her story, the Justice Department said.

The Justice Department also said historian Timothy B. Tyson, author of "The Blood of Emmett Till," was unable to produce recordings or transcripts to substantiate his account of Donham allegedly admitting to lying about her encounter with the teen.

Warsaw overwhelmed as key refugee destination

Vannessa Gorm

WARSAW, Poland — Warsaw's mayor is appealing for international help as the city becomes overwhelmed by refugees, with more than a tenth of all those fleeing the war in Ukraine arriving in the Polish capital.

Some seek to wait out the war or settle in the city, while others merely use Warsaw as a transit point to head for their west, turning its train stations into crowded huts where people are camping out on floors.

"We are dealing with the greatest migration crisis in the history of Europe since World War II ... The situation is getting more and more difficult every day," Mayor Rafał Trzaskowski said, adding that "the greatest challenge is still ahead of us."

Across Warsaw, people have mobilized to help. They are taking Ukrainians into their homes, gathering donations and volunteering at reception centers. City monuments and buses fly Ukraine's blue and yellow flag in solidarity.

But the challenge is enormous. Much of the burden so far is being carried by volunteers taking time off work, a situation not sustainable in the long run.

Trzaskowski said child psychologists, in one example, had been volunteered by volunteers taking time off work, a situation not sustainable in the long run.

Housing is also a growing problem. When the war began, 95% of Ukrainians arriving in one example, had been volunteered by volunteers taking time off work, a situation not sustainable in the long run.

The decline in the city's ability to absorb a massive number of new arrivals comes as the people fleeing war are those who have witnessed greater trauma than those who arrived earlier, or who are more vulnerable.

Last Thursday 10 disabled Ukrainian children arrived at the Medyka border crossing in Poland, and were put on a special make-shift medical train taking



Ukrainian refugee Elena, left, hugs her 5-year-old granddaughter as they wait in Poland for the train to Warsaw on Friday. **REUTERS/ANNA APPEL**

them to various hospitals in the country.

Dr. Dominik Dąbrowski, an anesthesiologist at Central Medical Hospital MSWiA in Warsaw, described how the medical staff was overwhelmed with how they care capabilities. He spoke as medical staff lifted children in their strollers onto the train bound for Gdynia.

"At the beginning the people who came here were running away in panic from the war they saw in the media and that they heard about. Now we find there are people escaping from bombs," said Dorota Zawadzka, a child psychologist volunteering at a refugee center. "This is a completely different kind of refugee. They are afraid of everything. They sit in their jackets. Children are scared, they don't want to play, their mothers have such empty eyes."

Lena Magdziak, a 35-year-old from Kyiv, found shelter at Torwar with her children after initially hoping to stay in Ukraine. They finally fled on foot after hearing a bomber flying low overhead.

"The next day, the street we were walking on was bombed. If we had left a day later, we might have died," she said.

The war has already forced 2.5 million people to flee, according to the International Organization for Migration on Friday, and more than half of those go to Poland. As of Friday, more than 1.5 million refugees had entered Poland, according to the country's Border Guard agency.

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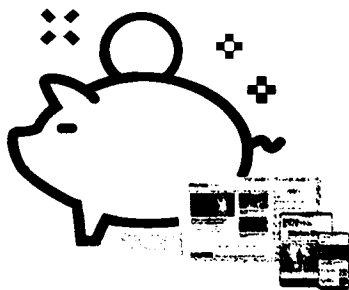
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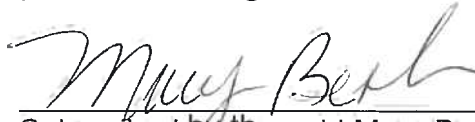


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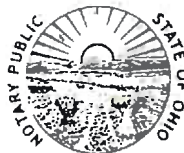
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Amazon’s Alexa to seek doctor help

By The Associated Press

If there is no doctor in the house, Amazon’s Alexa will soon be able to summon one.

Amazon and telemedicine provider Teladoc Health are starting a voice-activated virtual care program that lets customers get medical help without picking up their phones.

The service, for health issues that aren’t emergencies, will be available around the clock on Amazon’s Echo devices. Customers can tell the voice assistant Alexa that they want to talk to a doctor, and that will prompt a call back on the device from a Teladoc physician.

The program, announced Monday, marks Amazon’s latest expansion into health care and another push by the retail giant into a form of care that grew rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Telehealth now is something that patients have gotten used to and may come to expect as an option for their care,” said Lori Uscher-Pines, a senior policy researcher with Rand Corp. “(Before) the pandemic, there might not have been this much awareness that this was a service that was available.”

Amazon already dispenses prescription drugs and is expanding an Amazon Care program it launched in 2019 that offers telemedicine visits with an option to send a care provider to the patient if they need an in-person visit.

The company’s latest health care expansion comes as several competitors including Walmart and the drugstore chains CVS and Walgreens also beef up their medical offerings. They are adding care clinics or virtual programs to make it easier for patients to find regular help in the fragmented U.S. health care system. Insurers and employers that pay medical bills are pushing for this as a way to improve health and cut down on hospital stays or other big medical expenses.

PERRY

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“They’ve never done this before and I’m glad you’re doing it,” he said.

The trustees did similar reviews with both the police and road departments. Messimer is expected to talk with trustees about the plan sometime in March.

Ieropoli also reported the fire department spent its \$1,000 from the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) to purchase 20 pairs of leather work gloves, some battery-powered LED flashlights for the trucks and collapsible cones. The grant included \$1,000 for the police department and \$500 for the road department.

Messimer invited trustees to a demonstration of battery-power extraction tools next Thursday night. The tools currently used by the department are hydraulic.

Zoning/Nuisance Officer Jeff Christopher reported two permits issued recently, one for a detached garage and one for an addition. He gave both property owners applications for the Community Reinvestment Area, but said it will be awhile before the projects get going. Property owners can get a tax break on the increased value to their homes.

He also said he’s had calls about new construction, zoning appeals and zoning changes. He’s going to start riding around the township looking for houses with animals, to tell homeowners about the new zoning rules for animals, and to just look in general at properties for any zoning or nuisance issues.

The next township trustee meeting will be 4 p.m. March 14 at the administration building on North Ellsworth Avenue.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TUE/3-1

Columbiana

City Council, 7 p.m., city hall; Zoom link at www.columbianaohio.gov

East Liverpool

City Council, 6 p.m., council chambers

East Palestine

Eagles kitchen open, 4-8 p.m.; swiss steak in tomato gravy, mashed potatoes and vegetable; \$9; 330-886-0397

East Palestine Amateur Radio, 6 p.m., old Road-house location (new building)

Glenmoor

American Legion Post 736 meeting, 7 p.m.

Hanoverton

United Local school board, 2 p.m., administrative conference room; special meeting to discuss March agenda

Leetonia

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m.

Lisbon

County Automatic Data Processing Board, 10 a.m., auditor’s conference room

Personnel Committee, 5:30 p.m., village hall

Salem

Rotary Club of Salem, noon, Salem Community Center

United Quilt Guild, 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church; program will be resizing a quilt block and figuring yardage for a quilt; all quilters are welcome

Families Anonymous, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church cafe

Eagles monthly casserole night, 7 p.m.

Salineville

Kiwanis Meeting, 7 a.m., Kiwanis Park/Russell Reight

Sebring

Sebring Local Schools’ “The Greatest Show: Sebring Spotlight Night” featuring the McKinley Jr./Sr. High School, 5:30-7:30 p.m.; featuring opportunities available to students

Weirton

Brooke Hancock Family Resource Network, Community Relations virtual meeting, noon, via Zoom; <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83598848138?pwd=SmZCNW1YdVlVSC9ieWEwYWhrRys2QT09>

Wellsville

City Council, 6 p.m., village hall

WED/3-2

Chester

CANCELED: Chester H.S. Classes of 1951 thru 1954 breakfast, 10:30 a.m., Connie’s Corner

Lenten Fish Fry, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Bob Milby VFW 6450; dine in or carry out; 304-387-0004

Chester WV Sons of American Legion Post 121, Cod dinner or sandwich. Clam chowder, Lobster Bisque, Shrimp dinner, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; eat in or carry out; 304-387-0005

Columbiana

Columbiana County 40&8, 7 p.m., general meeting, 44640 state Route 14

East Liverpool

High School Classes of 1952 and 1953, 12:30 p.m., Hoge’s Restaurant

East Palestine

VFW nomination of officers, 3 p.m., American Legion

Band Parents meeting, 7 p.m., EPHS Band Room; everyone welcome; March 300 club drawings.

Lisbon

Medication Assistance Program, 10 a.m.-noon, United Methodist Church; bring prescription bottles, proof of income and insurance cards

Lions Club work night & meeting, 5 p.m. at club-house

New Springfield

Springfield Township Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., administration building

Salem

Weingart cousins breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Heck’s in Columbiana

Eagles Wing Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m., bone in or boneless, additional snack items available, dine in or carry out, 330-337-8053

Wellsville

Soup/sandwich meal, 4-6 p.m., Oak Ridge Church; homemade soup/sandwich for a donation

Winona

“Cook’s Night Off” drive-thru dinner, 4–6 p.m. (or until sold out), Winona United Methodist Church; roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, cranberry salad, and pumpkin dessert for \$10; order anytime before noon, must pick up by 6 p.m.; 330-222-1211

THU/3-3

Boardman

DARE, new member meeting and beach volleyball, 7 p.m. Boardman United Methodist Church; 330-729-0127

Damascus

Tops 1329, United Methodist Church, weigh in 9 a.m., meeting 9:30 a.m.

East Palestine

Caring Hands Food Pantry, First Church of Christ, 9-11:30 a.m., clean trunks please

The Way Station/Kingdom Kloset, Presbyterian Church, 109 W. Rebecca St., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

American Legion annual officer nomination meeting, 3 p.m., all members invited to attend

Eagles kitchen open, 4-8 p.m.; cream chicken/homemade biscuit, mashed potatoes and vegetable; \$9; 330-886-0397

Drive thru lasagna dinner, 4:30 p.m. until sold out, Centenary Methodist Church; \$10

Lisbon

School board, 5 p.m., board of education conference room

Columbiana County Career and Technical Center Sophomore Showcase Night, 6 p.m.; information, guidance administrator Sue Allison, 330-424-9561, ex. 118 or sue.allison@ccctc.k12.oh.us

New Cumberland

Newview Community Educational Outreach Service, 11 a.m., Hancock County Senior Services Center; Dinah Carpenter will present the lesson “Advanced Care Planning,” bring the items previously collected for resource bags for local law enforcement.

New Waterford

Eagles wing nite, 4-9 p.m., full menu, eat in or carry

out, 330-457-7230

Salem

Salem H.S. Class of 1954, breakfast at Adele’s, 9 a.m.

Eagles Kitchen Special, 5:30-7:30 p.m., hot ham and cheese sandwich, \$4, dine in or carry out, 330-337-8053

Salem Preservation, public meeting, 7 p.m., Smucker House

Salem LCBA Branch 654 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 7 p.m., in Church’s Rectory Meeting Room. Coming benefits to be planned including an April Trunk and Treasure Sale. New members welcome.

FRI/3-4

Boardman

DARE, card night, 5 p.m. Perkins; 330-729-0127

Chester

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Columbiana

Good As New Shop, Methodist Church, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., New Spring arrivals, 50% off blue tags

St Jude Church Weekly “Fish Fry,” 4:30-6:30 p.m. (or until gone); drive-thru only; \$12; fried or baked fish, coleslaw, mac & cheese, green beans and dessert

East Palestine

The Way Station/Kingdom Kloset, Presbyterian Church, 109 W. Rebecca St., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Moose 467 Fish Fry, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., 43 W. Rebecca St., 330-426-3510

Eagles kitchen open, 4-8 p.m.; beer batter cod fish specials, \$8 on a dish, \$9 sandwich with side, \$11 dinner with two sides; 330-886-0397

Leetonia

School board, 4:30 p.m., elementary library; special meeting to prepare for bargaining sessions

Full menu fish fry, 5-8 p.m., Leetonia Italian American Club. Dine in or carryout. 330-427-9900 or 330-853-2863.

Lisbon

Fish fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m., VFW 4111

Minerva

Lenten Fish Fry, 4:30-6:30 p.m., St. Gabriel Church of Minerva; \$10 for adult fish dinners, \$5 for children 6-12 years old and free for children under 6 years old; rigatoni dinners are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 6-12 years old and free for children under 6 years old; eat in or carry out; 330-868-4610

New Waterford

Eagles Fish Friday, 4-9 p.m., full menu, eat in or carry out, 330-457-7230

Newell

Lions Club Fish Fry, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 510 Washington Street, 304-387-3413

Salem

Eagles Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m.; fish dinner, five-piece chicken tender dinner, fish sandwich; fish basket; dine in or carry out, 330-337-8053

Salineville

Salineville Fire Department March Fish Frys, 5-7 p.m., carryout only, 330-679-

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Washingtonville

Fried haddock fish dinner, 4-7 p.m., Beaver Creek Sportsman Club; carry out only, 234-575-1414; fish or shrimp dinners for adults, \$14; fish or shrimp dinners for children, \$7; fish or shrimp combo dinner, \$19; extra fillet (with dinner), \$7; shrimp a la carte (approximately 16 pieces), \$7

VFW Haddock fish fry 4-7 p.m., carryout, 330-427-2533

Wellsville

Sons of Italy fish fry, 4-7 p.m., carry out or dine in (limited seating); baked or fried fish, fried shrimp and baked chicken dinners, fish sandwiches and cake; walk in orders accepted; pre-orders at 330-532-1927

SAT/3-5

Beloit

West Branch Class of 1970 breakfast, 10 a.m. at Perkins

Columbiana

Good As New Shop, Methodist Church, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., New Spring arrivals, 50% off blue tags

Deadline for orders for the Columbiana First UMC Soup Sale, pick up from 3:30-5 p.m. March 11; potato, chicken noodle, stuffed pepper, ham & brean, chili; order at 330-482-2382

East Palestine

Eagles kitchen open, 2:30-6:30 p.m.; stuffed peppers, parsley potatoes and roll; \$9; 330-886-0397

Lisbon

Period Products Partners Pantry, open noon-2 p.m., Young Democrats’ office, 134 S. Market St.; for people who need personal sanitary products.

Lepper Library Writer’s Group, 2-3 p.m.

Negley

Cream chicken dinner, United Methodist Church, take out begins at 4 p.m., dine in from 4:30-6 p.m., by donation, includes mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and cake

Wild Game Dinner, doors open 5 p.m., Middleton Township Fish & Game, 50501 Richardson Ave.; \$30; includes dinner, beer and beverages, dessert and one door prize tickets; tickets available at Millrock Auto in Rogers or by calling Jesse Thompson at 330-429-1707 or Harold Slagle at 330-831-1796

New Waterford

Eagles, DJ SOS Karaoke, 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m., open to the public

Salem

Eagles Band Night, featuring Take 2, 8-11 p.m.; kitchen open 7-9 p.m.

Wellsville

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party, 11 a.m., Wellsville Library meeting room; children grades preschool through third; free; registration at 330-532-1526

Wellsville Stitchers, 1:30-3 p.m., Wellsville Library activity room; all skill levels welcome

West Township

Pancake Breakfast, West Community Center, 7-11 a.m., 24604 Rt. 30, \$8 Adults, \$5 ages 5-12, free ages 5 & under

SUN/3-6

Chester

Chester-Newell Sportsman Club, Turkey shoot, sign up at 9:30 a.m., shoot starts at 10 a.m.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann Weber Polen

COLUMBIANA — Barbara Ann Weber Polen, age 90, of Columbiana, died on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at St. Mary’s Alzheimer’s Center in Columbiana.

She was born on June 3, 1931, in East Palestine, a daughter of the late David and Julia Murphy Weber.

Barbara was a 1949 graduate of New Waterford High School and had worked as a salesclerk for Strouss retail store in Salem. She enjoyed traveling and both flower gardening, as well as vegetable gardening. Mostly, Barbara enjoyed spending time with her family and doting on her beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, John E. Polen, whom she married on February 4, 1954; son, Matthew (Brenda) Polen of Columbiana; daughter, Julie (Fred) Bussard of Columbiana; brother, Bruce Weber of Calcutta; sister, Trudy Scarborough of Salem; five grandchildren, Jina (Brian Weber) Fast, Adam (Halley) Fast, Jeni (Brian) Mose, Robert (Niki) Polen, and Meredith (Michael Shaffer) Polen. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Anne Polen, and two brothers, Frederick, and David Weber.

Per her wishes, no services will be held.

Burial will take place at the Columbiana Cemetery.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the kind and compassionate staff at St. Mary’s Alzheimer’s Center.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Warrick-Kummer-Rettig Funeral Home, Columbiana.

Family and friends may view this obituary and send condolences at www.familycareservices.com

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DEATH NOTICES

Lois Papania

EAST PALESTINE — Lois J. Papania, 88, died Sunday at Covington Skilled Nursing in East Palestine. Arrangements by Linsley-Royal Funeral Home, East Palestine.

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Biden executive order on cryptocurrency expected this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden is expected to sign an executive order on cryptocurrency this week that will mark the first step toward regulating how digital currency is traded.

The move comes as administration officials have raised concerns in recent weeks about Russia’s use of cryptocurrency to evade the impact of crushing sanctions in response to its invasion of Ukraine. The sanctions have sent the ruble to historic lows and have closed the country’s stock market.

Two people familiar with the process said the executive order on cryptocurrency was expected to be issued this week and it had been in the works long before the war. Both people spoke on condition of anonymity to preview the order.

The order is expected to describe what government agencies, including the Treasury Department, need to do to develop policies and regulations on digital currencies. It is expected to include a request for the State Department to ensure that American cryptocurrency laws are aligned with those of U.S. allies and will ask the Financial Stability Oversight Council — which monitors the stability of the U.S. financial system — to study illicit finance concerns.

Additionally, the order will explore the possibility of a new central bank digital currency. The Federal Reserve issued a paper on the topic in January that explores the risks and benefits of U.S.-backed digital currency.

Implicit in the order will be that cryptocurrency will remain a part of the U.S. economy for years to come. The White House’s plans to move forward with the executive order were first reported by Bloomberg News.

While U.S. officials have played down the significance of cryptocurrency to Russia’s ability to evade sanctions, it remains a concern.

“We will continue to look at how the sanctions work and evaluate whether or not there are liquid leakages and we have the possibility to address them. I often hear cryptocurrency mentioned and that is a channel to be watched,” Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said last week.

A senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the president’s national security team has already been on the lookout for the use and creation of front companies and alternative financial institutions that Moscow might try to employ to get around sanctions.

Crypto is one of several spaces that the Biden administration is looking to shore up as it tries to make certain that sanctions on Russia have maximum impact. The official said past experiences in Iran and Venezuela with sanctions evasion are informing the administration’s efforts. Additional export controls and new sanction targets are also expected to be unveiled in the days and weeks ahead to counter Russian sanction evasion efforts, the official said.

On Monday, Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network issued an alert advising financial institutions to be “vigilant” against any efforts to evade sanctions in connection with Russia’s war in Ukraine.

“Although we have not seen widespread evasion of our sanctions using methods such as cryptocurrency, prompt reporting of suspicious activity contributes to our national security and our efforts to support Ukraine and its people,” Acting Director Him Das said in a statement.

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Public transit gets \$3.7B to woo riders, adopt green fleets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public transit systems straining to win back riders after being crushed by the COVID-19 pandemic are getting a \$3.7 billion boost to stay afloat and invest in new fleets of electric buses.

With mask restrictions fading and workers beginning to return to offices, the Biden administration said Monday it was awarding \$2.2 billion in coronavirus relief money from the American Rescue Plan to 35 financially strapped transit agencies in 18 states. The money would be used to prop up day-to-day operations, including staffing and payroll as well as cleaning and sanitization to limit the spread of illness in public transportation. A federal mask mandate for public transit remains in effect until at least March 18.

Another \$1.5 billion in grants will be made available under President Joe Biden’s infrastructure law — a total of \$7.5 billion over five years — for transit agencies to purchase low- or no-emission buses and build bus facilities. That’s more than double the combined amount from the previous year.

Transit agencies will have until May to apply for the Transportation Department’s infrastructure grants, which will be awarded by fall. About 5% of the money must be used for workforce training to help transit workers prepare for the technological change.

“We’re making the largest ever investment in this program for buses and bus facilities, helping to deliver better commutes and cleaner air to American communities,” Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said.

Buttigieg joined Vice President Kamala Harris and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Regan at the White House on Monday to unveil a range of actions to promote

green friendly transit and protect health. They included proposed stronger pollution regulations for new tractor-trailer rigs that would clean up smoky diesel engines as well as \$17 million in funding for school districts to buy electric zero-emission and low-emission school buses. The emissions can cause respiratory problems in humans.

Several transit systems have already been moving in the direction of electric buses. California has committed to all-electric bus fleets by 2040, as well as New York City and Boston. Washington, D.C., has set a target of 2045. Transportation is the biggest U.S. contributor to global warming.

The effort comes at a challenging time for public transit.

Only about 55% of transit riders nationwide have returned compared with pre-pandemic times, according to the American Public Transportation Association. The biggest losses have been in commuter rail systems serving white-collar suburbanites traveling to downtown workplaces.

As COVID-19 cases decline, Biden has urged Americans to shed remote work, describing a return to offices as necessary to boost economic growth. Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said about 90% of the U.S. population lives in counties where the risk of the coronavirus is posing a low or medium threat, meaning residents don’t need to wear masks in most indoor settings.

“It’s time for America to get back to work and fill our great downtowns again with people,” Biden said in his State of the Union address.

Among the recipients of COVID-19 relief funds Monday were big-city transit systems that had been hit hard from revenue losses due to decreased rider-

ship. New York City’s transit system, the nation’s largest, garnered \$769 million to steady its operations, while San Francisco’s Bay Area Rapid Transit got \$270 million to bolster service and safety protocols.

Others receiving grants were the Washington, D.C., metro system at \$120 million as it anticipates a return of federal employees to offices and Houston’s public transit at \$137 million, which has significantly added rapid transit bus lines.

“These funds are crucial to avoid drastic service cuts and layoffs that would damage the economy and public health,” said Nuria Fernandez, head of the Federal Transit Administration, which oversees the grants.

At the start of the pandemic, transit agencies cut payroll and slashed services. That came even as essential workers, who are disproportionately nonwhite and lower income, continued to rely on public transportation to get to work. But three rounds totaling nearly \$70 billion in federal COVID-19 emergency assistance, including \$30.5 billion that Biden signed into law last year, pulled transit agencies from the brink of financial collapse.

“The COVID funds will be vital to keeping workers connected to their offices, but, even more importantly, the long-term funds in the bipartisan infrastructure bill will provide generational change,” said Paul P. Skoutelas, president of the American Public Transportation Association. He said the money will allow transit systems “to re-evaluate routes and service plans, address equity issues and place more alternative fuels vehicles on the road to help address our global climate crisis.”

Half of US adults exposed to harmful lead levels as kids

Over 170 million U.S.-born people who were adults in 2015 were exposed to harmful levels of lead as children, a new study estimates.

Researchers used blood-lead level, census and leaded gasoline consumption data to examine how widespread early childhood lead exposure was in the country between 1940 and 2015.

In a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on Monday, they estimated that half the U.S. adult population in 2015 had been exposed to lead levels surpassing five micrograms per deciliter — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention threshold for harmful lead exposure at the time.

The scientists from Florida State University and Duke University also found that 90% of children born in the U.S. between 1950 and 1981 had blood-lead levels higher than the CDC threshold. And the researchers found significant impact on cognitive development: on average, early childhood exposure to lead resulted in a 2.6-point drop in IQ.

The researchers only examined lead exposure caused by leaded gasoline, the dominant form of exposure from the 1940s to the late 1980s, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey. Leaded gasoline for on-road vehicles was phased

out starting in the 1970s, then finally banned in 1996.

Study lead author Michael McFarland, an associate professor of sociology at Florida State University, said the findings were “infuriating” because it was long known that lead exposure was harmful, based on anecdotal evidence of lead’s health impacts throughout history.

Though the U.S. has implemented tougher regulations to protect Americans from lead poisoning in recent decades, the public health impacts of exposure could last for several decades, experts told the Associated Press.

“Childhood lead exposure is not just here and now. It’s going to impact your lifelong health,” said Abheet Solomon, a senior program manager at the United Nations Children’s Fund.

Early childhood lead exposure is known to have many impacts on cognitive development, but it also increases risk for developing hypertension and heart disease, experts said.

“I think the connection to IQ is larger than we thought and it’s startlingly large,” said Ted Schwaba, a researcher at University of Texas-Austin who studies personality psychology and was not part of the new study.

Schwaba said the study’s use of an average to repre-

sent the cognitive impacts of lead exposure could result in an overestimation of impacts on some people and underestimation in others.

Previous research on the relationship between lead exposure and IQ found a similar impact, though over a shorter study period.

Bruce Lanphear, a health sciences professor at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver who has researched lead exposure and IQ, said his 2005 study found the initial exposure to lead was the most

harmful when it comes to loss of cognitive ability as measured by IQ.

“The more tragic part is that we keep making the same ... mistakes again,” Lanphear said. “First it was lead, then it was air pollution. ... Now it’s PFAS chemicals and phthalates (chemicals used to make plastics more durable). And it keeps going on and on.

“And we can’t stop long enough to ask ourselves should we be regulating chemicals differently,” he said.

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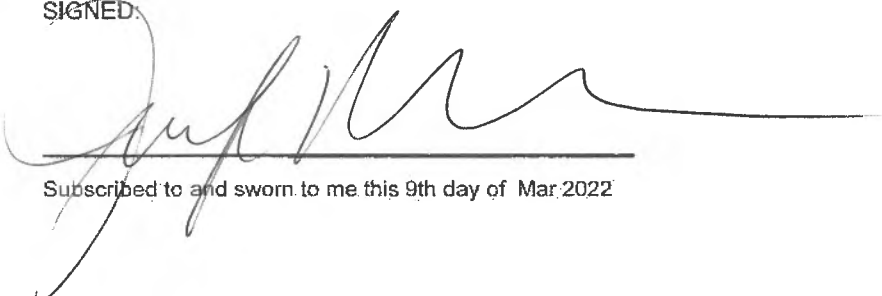
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Erosion

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announced Friday.

The park service and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad determined that "out of an abundance of caution," train operations will be modified to avoid the area until the repairs are complete. Railroad excursions will be available with an

updated schedule; visit cvar.org for details.

"The river is a dynamic system, and it is constantly changing," the park service said in a statement. "Cuyahoga Valley National Park is committed to continually assessing track conditions, especially near the river, and maintaining the tracks for safe train operations."

The park service said that further schedule modifications or cancellations may be necessary.

Jair Knight leads St. Edward past Hoban in regional final

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COPLEY — A man named Knight helped put the Archbishop Hoban Knights boys basketball team on set today afternoon at Copley High School.

Senior Jair Knight led Lakewood St. Edward to a 3-1 win in the Division I regional final that put a halt on Hoban's 10 game winning streak before a crowd of 1,774.

St. Edward put together a 15-0 run to conclude the third quarter and extend its lead to 15-20 heading into the fourth quarter.

Hoban (20-3) was unable to recover in the fourth quarter and St. Edward (21-3) punched its ticket to a state semifinal appearance at 5:45 p.m. on March 19 against Pickerington Central or Gahanna Lincoln at the University of Dayton Arena.

The Knights opened their season 3-1 and then went 15-5 during their final 20 games. Six of the top seven rotation players are slated to return next season.

"No thoughts about next year right now," Hoban coach T.K. Griffith said. "It is one day at a time and I am thankful that we had this run."

"To be able to get the Hoban community to care about [Hoban] basketball again was very important to me. To be able to do it with a bunch of kids who I know are Hoban kids that love their school, to look up and see 2,500 people at that Green game [Wednesday night] and a lot of Hoban fans were here today. It just means a lot that the community comes out to support us and that we were able to do something pretty spe-

cific.

"For a 12 seed [in the district] to be in the Elite Eight, I don't know if that has happened before. Next year is next year, and even if you're talented you can get upset. Look at everybody that got upset this year with a lot of talent. Obviously, it is nice to have a lot of guys back, but I am focused right now on what we are accomplished."

Hoban's 10 game win streak started with regular season victories over Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Cleveland Benedictine, Perry, Jackson and Flynn Catholic. The Knights then earned wins over Cuyahoga Falls, North Canton, Hoover, Aurora, Jackson and Green in the tournament.

Eagles seniors Knight, Michael Bowen and Zion Freer-Brown and Junior 7 Junior Cam Grant took turns giving the Knights lifts.

Knight, a 6-2 guard and Emory University recruit, scored a career-high 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

Bova, a 6-1 guard and Bellarmine University recruit, had 14 points and three assists.

The 6-1 Freer-Brown totaled 12 points, six rebounds and three steals and Grant dipped in nine points, seven rebounds and three assists.

Jonas Nichols, a 6-3 sophomore, paced Hoban with 13 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Knight's junior Jayvian Crable contributed 11 points, seven rebounds and two steals and Junior Will Scott finished with 11 points and three assists.

Scott scored seven points in the opening eight minutes as Hoban built a 13-11 lead.



Jonas Nichols, left, of Hoban takes the ball down court under pressure from Jair Knight of St. Edward during the first period of Saturday's Division I Regional final game at Copley High School in Copley, Ohio.

Knight and Grant scored eight and six points, respectively, in the second quarter to propel St. Edward to a 29-22 halftime lead.

Nichols made a jumper to trim Hoban's deficit to 38-28 midway through the third quarter before St. Edward scored the next 15 points to take control. Bova made a jumper, a layup and three free throws during the surge. Freer-Brown added a layup and a 3-pointer and a Junior Danny Lavelle swished a 3 pointer.

"I love how we competed up until that moment," Griffith said of St. Edward's 15-0 run. "We were three points away. We had a 3 go out, scrambling for a rebound and then they started their run. I feel like a lot of momentum built on their side and I feel like we eventually tired out. The magic kind of wore off right around there."

Knight finished his athleticism in the fourth quarter in consecutive pass attempts with two two hand shot banks to extend St. Edward's lead to 55-31 with 1:51 remaining.

"This is really big for us getting closer to Dayton," Knight said. "Coach Flan [Eric Flannery] talked about getting to Dayton first, and now we are here and it is time to put some work in, go back to the gym and do our best."

"The second half was really good. Everybody was contributing. Zion hit a big 3, Danny hit a big 3 and everybody was playing well. We were playing some great basketball."

Hoban is set to return four starters next season in Nichols, Scott and Juniors Logan Vowles and Andrew Griffith and its top reserves in Table and Junior Collin Coyne.

"I love what I saw out of J-Knna and Will. I love what I saw out of Logan and Andrew just as far as their wanting to be good for Hoban, wanting to compete for Hoban and wanting to represent Hoban," T.K. Griffith said. "I love Cribble's athleticism. His athleticism helped us get here."

The Knights will bid farewell to senior starter Andrew Hardman and senior reserves Kaden Lehman and Steven Scott.

"Everybody did everything they could," Griffith said. "It wasn't from a lack of effort. I feel like the overwhelming momentum of talent from Ed's eventually wore us down."

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STVM

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who played his freshman season of high school ball at Hoover in North Canton, totaled 21 points, five rebounds, four assists and three steals. The 6-3 Pryor, a Cleveland State recruit who played his freshman season at GlenOak, added 14 points, five rebounds and two steals.

The Irish (23-4) won their first four tournament games by an average of 40.9 points entering Saturday. Clearly, St. V-M wasn't taking its foot off the gas pedal against Louisville (20-7).

"We can't really look over any team," Pryor said. "We have to go with that mindset that you can beat us. So we have to stay strong and keep working in the gym and at practice."

A big, loud crowd in blue and white showed up for Louisville, which was playing in the regional for the second time in school history and in a regional championship for the first time.

The Leopards' historic run simply ran into a buzzsaw, a team capable of competing for a Division I state title.

The Irish jumped out to leads of 9-0 and 17-5 in the first quarter, with their defensive pressure overwhelming Louisville. If they weren't turning over the Leopards, they were spearing them up to a point of being out of control.

"Louisville has a good team, but we were just on all cylinders today," St. V-M head coach Dan Joyce said. "There was just no way we were going to let this opportunity slip by. The seniors have worked so hard to get us to this point."

Louisville committed 23 of its 24 turnovers through the first three quarters. The Irish tied 18 steals on the day, led by six from junior wing Lance Hayes and

five from senior guard Ethan Connerly.

"We spend a lot of time talking about playing at the pace we want to play, and they don't let you play at the pace you want to play," Louisville head coach Tom Siegfried said. "What I took away is they are way more fundamentally sound defensively than I expected. They're very athletic, obviously, but they do a lot of things right. They don't over-gamble. The do things very, very technical. That's coaching, and I give Coach Joyce and his staff a lot of credit for teaching the right things."

Connerly scored nine points off the Irish bench. Junior guard Kevin Hamilton had four assists for St. V-M, which will face Kettering After in Friday's 5:15 p.m. state semifinal at the University of Dayton.

Joyce lauded the leadership of Harris and Pryor for a St. V-M team that basically hasn't skipped a beat after graduating last year's Ohio Mr. Basketball, Malik Branchman.

"It's their team now," Joyce said. "I'm very proud of who they are, how they've come about. They recognized we lost a lot with that group of seniors, led by Malik. It was their turn. They were waiting for their turn. We've been able to have guys buy in to, hey, now it's your legacy. It's your turn to lead. It's your turn to write a chapter in this ongoing story."

That story is up to 18 regional championships, 15 of them since 2005. The Irish will vie for their 10th state championship next weekend in Dayton.

"This feels great," Harris said. "I've got to bring one home again, back to back. We're really supposed to have three straight, but COVID."

Junior MJ Aljanice led Louisville with seven points and finishes with a single season school record of 572 points. Sophomore Hayden Nizro added

six points and five rebounds for a Leopards team that graduates only one starter in Tyler Bolden.

"The run has been amazing," Siegfried said. "I'm really proud of these young men and the grit and determination that they showed. This was the greatest season in Louisville basketball history. I couldn't be more proud. One night does not define a season."

The Leopards say goodbye to Bolden and fellow seniors Zack Seaman, AJ Lingnau and 5-star LeMone Bolden.

played in two district championship games in three years and led this Louisville team to the program's first district title.

"Tyler definitely was our alpha dog," Siegfried said. "He was the basketball-only leader that came all the way through, kind of guided us and took over when he needed to in this tournament run."

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NFL SCOUTING COMBINE

UNI's Penning being compared to Cleveland's Brown

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INDIANAPOLIS — Northern Iowa's Trevor Penning prides himself on his physical, nasty style, saying he tries to make opponents hate to face him.

Yet into that mindset, the three-year starter in left tackle watches scary movies before games.

During the NFL Scouting Combine in Indy Thursday, Penning seemed to relish explaining how that came about and included a surprising nugget about his mother's shared love for fright and gore.

It was Halloween 2019, and the Panthers had a five-hour bus trip to Illinois State the next day. Penning decided to search Netflix for an appropriate movie for the occasion and found "Saw," which he'd never seen.

He called it "pretty good ... kind of a fun movie to watch."

The next day he tried to decide how to spend the boring ride, and settled on "Saw II" and "Saw III."

"Within 10 minutes of the trip, our center was sitting right behind me and he was looking over my shoulder, probably seeing some murder scene going on," Penning said at the Indiana Convention Center. "He was like, 'What are you watching?' I'm like, 'Oh, Saw.' He's like, 'What is wrong with you?' I'm like, 'It's a good movie.' So it kind of spread across the team."

Once word got out in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Penning told his mother, Teresa,



Northern Iowa offensive lineman Trevor Penning (70) warms up before a 2021 game against Southern Illinois in Cedar Falls, Iowa. (AP Photo/Mark Ridinger)

the story. "She was like, 'I'd watch Saw with you,'" he said. "I actually watched the whole Saw series with her. I don't think she flinched. She wasn't scared."

Penning, who had only two Division I offers and instead chose the FBS school that produced Hall of Fame quarterback Kurt Warner, is projected as a first-round pick in the April 28 NFL Draft. ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. had Penning 18th in his last 20th ranking, and Todd McShay had him 29th.

Offensive tackle depth is among the biggest needs of the Browns, who hold the 13th overall pick and could be interested, especially if Penning slips.

That might not be likely. NFL Network analyst Daniel Jeremiah said in a pre-combine conference call on Feb. 25 that Penning would be a perfect fit for the Baltimore Ravens with the 14th pick.

"The one player, if he's there, I just would write it in as Trevor Penning from Northern Iowa, because when you watch

him, this guy is just a Raven," Jeremiah said. "The way he plays, the physicality, he's huge. He's 350 pounds. He's almost a lost 7."

"One of my favorite nuggets on him was the guy literally said he's better now for the night before the game to get into character. I can think back to my back to my time in Baltimore when we had Orlando Brown, Zeus, the original Orlando Brown, and I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, this would be Zeus reincarnated here with Trevor Penning.'"

The late Orlando Brown played for the Browns for three seasons — 1994-95 and 1999.

Penning said his first offensive line coach at UNI, Mike Sinnema, a member of the 1996 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, wanted him to have a dog mentality.

"That's what he said, he wanted a bunch of dogs on his offensive line," Penning said. "Basically just wanted us to be on a leash from the quarterback and when that ball is snapped, just releasing that leash and you're attacking that defense and you're taking it to 'em. That's kind of the mindset he had for us. I really took that to heart, along with all the guys I played with over the years. We really tried to pride ourselves on being a very physical offensive line and make the defense hate us."

Asked if he's ever thought about playing in the Ohio Stadium, Penning said, "A little bit. Every team I've thought about how awesome it would be. Whenever I go, it's going to be a great experience."

The only offensive lineman named a finalist for the Walter Payton Award given

to the national offensive player of the year, Penning was the first NFL player to be named to the senior bowl. He's among those helping the university build an impressive draft resume.

Offensive tackle Spencer Brown was drafted to the third round by the Buffalo Bills in 2021 and a first-round pick in 2022. Outside linebacker Charles Smith was taken in the fourth round by the New York Giants last year and played in eight games. Jackson Scott Brown, another offensive lineman, was recently drafted by the NFL's Philadelphia franchise.

Penning could be a stand-out offensive lineman in the NFL. The NFL recognizes the record as a 42-rap of 225 pounds by Oregon State's Stephen Paea in 2011. Penning said he weighed 425 pounds last summer and hit 425 pounds in the squat.

A late bloomer at Newman Catholic High School in Clear Lake, Iowa, which plays at the lowest level of Division I football in the state, Penning understands why he was overlooked in the recruiting process. He said he never thought about transferring because his brother, Jared, is a guard for the Panthers and he wanted to remain loyal to his teammates and the program. "Looking back on pictures I had, I was a twig. Just underdeveloped, for sure, underdeveloped," he said. "I think they definitely made a mistake now and I'm glad to know they kind of screwed up."

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Kent State

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we still had divisions we would have won the East. But in this league there's one team that gets to represent the conference in the NCAA Tournament, which is the biggest stage out there."

The MAC Tournament champion, crowned a week from Saturday, will advance to the NCAA tourney.

Kent State earned the second seed for the 2022 MAC Tournament, and will take on No. 7 seed Miami (4-17, 8-12) in the quarterfinals on Thursday at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland. The Flashers and Red Hawks will square off in the third game of the day, with tip-off at approximately 4 p.m.

Kent State junior guard Sincere Curry led the way once again on Friday with 20 points and nine assists. Junior guard Malique Jacobs finished with 10 points, nine rebounds and five steals, while sophomore guard Giovanni Santiago added 12 points all on first-half 3-pointers.

Senior guard Jeremiah Williams led Buffalo (19-10, 13-6) with 10 points, five rebounds and five assists, followed by senior guard Ronaldo Segu with 14 points and five assists.

Here are three points from Friday night's KSU victory:

Seniors go out in style

While the Flashers entered Friday night's contest with a chance to claim the MAC regular season title, that wasn't the focus according to Senderoff.

"Before the game, we didn't talk about if Toledo loses we can be the one seed. We talked about our seniors, because that's all that matters on Senior Night," the seniors, said Senderoff.

Kent State's three seniors — forwards Terrell Beck and Justin Hamilton, and guard Andrew Garcia — each made significant contributions in Friday night's victory, just as they have throughout the 14-1 close to the regular season.

Beck finished with six points and two rebounds, Hamilton produced six points and six boards off the bench, and Garcia piled up seven points, five rebounds and four steals.

"Each of these players has given a lot to Kent State and to our basketball program, and to me personally," said Senderoff. "To be able to send them off to night with a win is really special. Tonight it's really about this group, led by these three seniors."

Carrying on the winning tradition is a huge responsibility for Kent State's seniors every year. No club has ended its final season with a losing record since 1998-99. That string seemed to be in jeopardy when the Flashers slipped to 7-8 overall and 2-3 in conference play following a home loss to Northern Illinois (8-21, 5-14) on Jan. 11.

Instead of breaking apart during difficult times, the team grew together, and eventually caught fire.

"The bond got us the 12 (straight) wins," said Beck. "Without the bond we'd probably be still stuck in the dog

hole."

"We got together as a team and understood we had what it takes to be a good team, we just had to go out there and do it every game," Hamilton added. "That's something we emphasized going into each game, being the best we can be."

The Flashers defeated every team in the MAC at least once during their 12-game winning streak.

"I don't think there was a formula to our 12 wins. We didn't focus on getting those 12 wins, we just played as hard as we could every single game," said Garcia. "We knew we had to prepare. We never took anyone lightly. We knew we had to be that dog-every single game, no matter who it was, because every team was going to give us their best shot. It's credit to everybody always staying locked in, and at the same exact time having fun because at the end of the day it's a game and you've got to have fun with it to have the success we've had."

Curry stakes MAC MVP claim

Curry posted his MAC MVP credentials with yet another exceptional performance. The Duquesne transfer who starred at Solon High School scored 20 or more points for the 11th time in conference play, and tied a season high with nine assists.

Curry finished the regular season averaging 18.7 points, 4.3 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 1.3 steals per game. In conference action he finished second in scoring at 20.6 points per game, ahead of fellow MVP candidates Mark Sears of Ohio (10.9 ppg), Jeremiah Williams of Buffalo (9.5 ppg) and Ryan Rollins of Toledo (10 ppg). He tied Sears in steals during MAC play at 4.7, which ranked third, and ranked second in made 3s per game at 2.5.

The league MVP will be chosen by the MAC coaches.

"I don't get to vote for my own play, but if I did it would be pretty easy for me," said Senderoff. "Curry plays high ends of the floor. He's as good defensively as he is offensively. He has led us after not playing here last year. We only have two double-figure scorers (Curry and Jacobs). ... I think S'n has had the best year."

Senderoff plugged two other players for postseason awards.

"In my eyes Malique should be the Defensive Player of the Year in the league. Tonight he had five steals and nine rebounds from the guard spot," said Senderoff. "Justin in my opinion should be the Sixth Man of the Year in the league. That's why I didn't start him (on Senior Night). Early in the season he started some games, but in league he has come off the bench. He's a really good defensive player. He scores, he rebounds, he impacts the game in many different ways."

Keys to defeating Buffalo

The Bulls shot 43% from the field while the Flashers made just 32% of their field goal tries. Kent State overcame the accuracy discrepancy by taking 13 more shots from the floor.

"We took care of the basketball and did a great job on the offensive glass," said Senderoff. "Those two things were the difference. We talk a lot about making simple plays, which we did tonight."

The Flashers committed just eight turnovers while forcing 17, and rolled up a 17-10 advantage in offensive rebounds that led to a 25-13 edge in second-chance points. Hamilton (4), Jacobs (4), Garcia (3) and Beck (2) led the assault on the offensive glass.

"Prior to the game coach told us that they lead the league in offensive re-

bound percentage and we lead the league in defensive rebound percentage. Whoever was going to be the chipiest and get to the glass was going to win the game. I feel like we maximized that," said Garcia. "Countless times Justin and Beck slapped rebounds out, and those matter. They don't show up in the stat sheet, but that's a rebound in our book."

Santiago and red-shirt freshman forward Scott Adams added four boards each for Kent State.

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Johnson could be a logical target for the Browns in the first round of the April 23 NFL Draft if he were still available when they're scheduled to go on the clock. At No. 13 overall, though, it's far from certain he will fall out of the top 30 picks, the range in which many draft analysts project him to be chosen.

"I think I'm the best defender in this draft, to no-pile-loosest," Johnson said.

As the Browns attempt to rebound from the disappointment of an 8-9 record last season, wide receiver and defensive end are their most pressing needs and the position the franchise is likeliest to address with its top pick.

Papuchis said he has no reservations about telling NFL teams they should invest heavily in Johnson.

"He's a hard worker, a good teammate, a determined and focused guy with big goals and dreams," Papuchis said. "He's a guy who shows up to try to get those big goals and dreams accomplished every day."

"He is a details guy, so he is constantly looking for ways he can be better, and he's an energy guy. He provides leadership and tries to coach the younger guys. He's invested not only obviously in his personal development, but he's also invested in trying to help other guys bring their game up."

Cleveland Browns' Jadeveon Clowney will likely find more money from another team in NFL free agency

Whether the Browns select an edge defender in the opening round next month could be influenced to some degree by free agency.

Three-time Pro Bowl end Jadeveon Clowney headlines the list of Browns players scheduled to hit the open market when free agency officially kicks off at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Although the Browns want to re-sign Clowney and he has said he's open to returning, the former No. 1 overall pick of the Houston Texans also stated Jan. 9 the money must be right for him to come back. He's expected to field offers from other teams and seek a monster payday coming off a nine sack, 14 game forcing game.

Clowney, 29, hadn't tallied that many sacks or played that many games since 2018, but he overcame his extensive injury history and excelled for a season in Cleveland.

"(He) adopted a new approach to his body. I think that was his cause for going into free agency," Ben Fitzchild, Cleveland's Houston-based sports performance manager since the 2021 offseason, told the Brown Journal last month. "If it were just that he kind of got lucky and survived a season, that narrative maybe doesn't inspire as much confidence in a long-term deal."

"But the fact that he could be starting at a three- or four-year deal here with some pretty significant money to it annually, that's just incredible to me. It's incredibly exciting to know that it could be attached to the narrative that he's adopted a new way of approaching this and managing his machine, so to speak."

Simply put, Clowney and his camp know the upcoming signing period is a golden opportunity. And he'll likely be able to secure a more lucrative deal from a team other than the Browns because General Manager Andrew Berry showed last offseason he wasn't inclined to spend top of market money for a starter opposite Garrett.

Instead of breaking the bank on the likes of Trey Hendrickson, Carl Lawson, Bud Dupree or Matthew Judon, Berry signed Takk McKinley to a one year, \$4.25 million contract at the start of free agency and Clowney to a one-year deal worth up to \$10 million with incentives a month after the market opened in mid-April. Clowney received that contract on the heels of a zero-sack, eight game season with the Tennessee Titans and knee surgery.

As for McKinley, he suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon Dec. 20 in a 10-14 loss to the Las Vegas Raiders. McKinley's devastating setback and Clowney's contractual situation have combined to heighten the need for reinforcements opposite Garrett.

In other words, even if Clowney falls short of the blockbuster deal he wants in free agency and ultimately returns back to the Browns at a less expensive rate than he hopes, the organization would still need another end because McKinley won't be under contract and will miss most, if not all, of next season.

If the Browns were to draft a defensive end in the first round, Cleveland would be positioned to pair the incoming rookie and Garrett together for the next five seasons. Garrett, 26, signed a five-year, \$125 million contract extension in July 2020, and he's scheduled to be under contract through 2026.



Florida State defensive end Jermaine Johnson rushes the passer as FSU takes on Clemson on Oct. 30, 2021. Full Photo 1/1

Johnson would welcome the chance to break havoc with Garrett, the No. 1 overall pick in 2017.

"(Opponents are) going to put (No. 1) 95 on the board and say, 'OK, this is how we're going to try to attack him this weekend,'" Johnson said. "That's how much of a problem I want to be for offenses, if not more."

"That'd be awesome (to play with Garrett). You guys saw what he did his first few years in the league. He left his mark, and he still is leaving his mark. To sit under a guy like that and learn from him, soak up knowledge, that'd be awesome."

Would the Browns draft Florida State's Jermaine Johnson II despite his age?

Berry broke a couple of his perceived analytics-based rules by trading up and drafting a linebacker, Jeremiah Owusu-Kortamo, in the second round of last year's draft and then jokingly asked reporters afterward if he were experiencing "a fire or dream" or reality.

"Could Johnson compel Berry to stray from another trend?"

Johnson turned 23 on Jan. 7. In Berry's two years as a GM, the ages of the players he has picked have ranged from 20 to 22 at the time of the draft. Both of his first-round picks, cornerback Greg Newsome II (both overall last year) and left tackle Jedrick Wills Jr. (both overall in 2020), were 20 when they were selected.

Johnson's age is indicative of his journey to the NFL.

With a grade-point average of 1.9 at Eden Prairie High School in Minnesota, Johnson didn't receive Division I scholarship offers and took the junior college route.

"There were times my faith was tested," he said.

But Johnson became a coveted recruit at Independence Community College in Kansas, where the Netflix documentary series "Last Chance U" featured his story.

"It was cool to be a part of it because now I can just go log in on Netflix and remember what I went through," he said. "...I wouldn't be the man or player I am today without that journey."

After 18 months at Independence, Johnson moved on to the University of Georgia, where he appeared in 21 games with four starts in two seasons and compiled 36 tackles, with eight for loss and 7½ sacks, 24 pressures, a forced fumble and two pass breakups.

Seeking a bigger role, Johnson transferred to Florida State and thrived last season, his only one with the program.

Sermaine realized last year was going to be his last opportunity to put himself in the position that he wanted to be in for the rest of his career," Papuchis said, "and he maximized every day."

Johnson became the ACC Defensive Player of the Year and an Associated Press second team All American. He started all 12 games and compiled 70 tackles, with 10 for loss and 12 sacks, two forced fumbles, one recovery, 12 hurries and two pass breakups.

"He's one of the best that I've ever had the opportunity to be around from a defensive end standpoint of playing the run," Papuchis said. "He's able to be very physical at the point of attack, but he also does a great job of changing and running after the ball. He takes a lot of pride in how he plays the run."

"He's very, very active with his hands (as a pass rusher). He has the ability to transition from speed to power in his rushes very fluidly. He always has a plan in mind in how he's going to attack, and he's able to transition back and forth from speed to power and at times from power to speed. I think that keeps tacklers off balance."

Johnson pointed out he's fighting a one-year wonder label in the pre-draft process. ProFootballFocus.com's draft guide listed his background as a "non-descript part-time player at Georgia prior to 2021" on the negative side of its pros and cons for Johnson.

"That's a question mark," he conceded, "but I think if I had the same snaps before, I would've done the same thing (I did in 2021)."

Johnson logged 770 snaps last season at Florida State compared with 189 in 2020 and 214 in 2019 at Georgia, according to PFF.

Johnson also said there's a "stigma" attached to him because he switched from the SEC to the ACC.

"Weeklet competition," he noted. "Because of those knees, Johnson explained he went to the Senior Bowl last month on a mission to make a statement in front of NFL talent evaluators.

"It was no question in my mind that he was the best defensive lineman there," said Papuchis, who watched his star pupil in person during Senior Bowl practices in Mobile, Alabama. "I think he believed that, and he went there with a mindset that he was going to prove that."

At Florida State, Johnson alternated between a three-point stance and a standing position. He also lined up at both end spots. He has experience in 4-3 and 3-4 base defenses.

"As long as I'm outside that offensive tackle," he said, "I think I can be a headache for offenses."

"I do everything exceptionally well. I play the run as well as I play the pass. Nobody in this (draft) class does that like I do."

Johnson measured 6 feet, 4½ inches and weighed 254 pounds at the combine. He ran the 40-yard dash in an official time of 4.56 seconds, tying for seventh among 20 participating edge defenders. He posted a height of 32 inches in the vertical jump (placing 17th among 22 edge defenders) and a distance of 10 feet, 5 inches in the broad jump (tying for fourth among 22). He didn't bench press but said he would March 29 during Florida State's pro day.

More importantly, Johnson is eager to back it all up on the field at the next level.

"I'm vicious. I'm physical," he said. "I'll be on you the entire game."

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