

Keepin' it Reel youth virtual fishing tournament raises mental health awareness

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MOUNT VERNON – Calling all youth anglers ... do you love to fish, and are you 7-18 years old? Do you live in Knox or Licking counties? If you answered yes, mark your calendar for May 28 and 29 for the Youth Virtual Fishing Tournament, "Keepin' it Reel and Igniting a Spark for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness."

The virtual tournament is run through a mobile app called Fish Donkey and is accessible at any body of water in Knox or Licking counties. The sponsors of the event include Knox County Park District, Kokosing Valley Jr. Anglers, National Alliance of Mental Illness of Knox and Licking Counties, Igniting a Spark for Suicide Prevention Inc. and the Knox County Community Health Center.

Youth are encouraged to download the free Fish Donkey app on a mobile device and register for this fun event. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the importance

of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention as we reflect on the lives lost locally to this illness. The month of May is designated as Mental Health Awareness month.

The tournament is an innovative way to host an event virtually, allowing youth to fish from any body of water in Knox or Licking counties. There are many choices, ranging from both counties. The tournament app will record each angler's success as they catch fish, identify the species and measure its length. Live leaderboards are run through the duration of the tournament so anglers can view their standings compared to the other anglers.

The specie categories for the tournaments included bluegill, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, catfish, carp and any other fish.

This program is provided to each angler free of charge as the Knox County Park District, The National Alliance of Mental Illness of Knox and Licking County and Igniting a Spark

for Suicide Prevention Inc. are sponsoring the entry fees. The Kokosing Valley Jr. Anglers youth club will sponsor the tournament prizes.

The tournament is limited to 200 anglers (100 from Knox County and 100 from Licking County). Any anglers who register after the limit is reached will be responsible for the cost of their entry fee. Upon registration, you must indicate on the app the county of your residence and you must fish a body of water within your county.

The tournament will run on both days, May 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A drive-through follow-up event is also being planned to distribute a complimentary "tackle sack" for participating as well as some educational resource materials.

To view the tournament details and to register, visit the Knox County Park District website at knoxcountyparks.org and view the May events link. For more information, contact the Knox County Park District at 740-830-6930.

Retirement celebration for Charles R. Snyder at Coshocton Presbyterian Church

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COSHOCTON – The Coshocton Presbyterian Church will host a retirement celebration for Charles R. Snyder on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Snyder retired from the church on Sept. 1, 2020, after 44 years of service.

The delayed celebration for Snyder (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) will include the debut of the anthem "When the Morning Stars Together" by Michael Burkhardt, which was commissioned for the occasion. Burkhardt – organist, composer, professor and clinician – will conduct the premiere. The piece will be accompanied by organ, handbells, timpani and the Roscoe Brass Quintet. Burkhardt will also play the organ during the service.

Hired in 1977 as "assistant to the minister," Snyder served the church in numerous ways – primarily in the music and Christian education ministries.



Charles R. Snyder

At its height, the music ministry had nine choirs for singers of all ages starting at the age of three, and for handbell ringers in eighth grade and beyond. For Snyder, another highlight was the Bethel Bible study series that had 200 participants from within the church and the community.

A few other highlights included Vacation Bible Schools

(some held at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation and Lake Park); youth groups; the Stephen Ministry program; midweek programs for people of all ages; Pathfinders - a workshop style Sunday school program for adults; teaching confirmation classes for 25 years; bringing in guest organists from around the country for concerts; a summer concert series; concerts from collegiate ensembles; and directing youth musicals.

For many years, Snyder also assisted with Presbytery committees, edited the church newsletter, filled in at the pulpit, performed funerals, and helped with community-wide services.

Following the celebration in the sanctuary, there will be a light reception in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend this retirement event on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact the Coshocton Presbyterian Church office at 740-622-0486.

AAA advice for Memorial Day

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COLUMBUS – With the start of the summer travel season just six weeks away, AAA wants travelers to know if they're planning a Memorial Day getaway, start now. AAA Travel booking data shows that reservations for flights, rental cars, cruises and hotels for Memorial Day are up 122% over last year.

"We saw a notable increase in our travel bookings in early spring, which is a strong indication of what to expect for summer," said Paula Twidale, senior vice president, AAA Travel. "Despite inflation and higher gas prices, people want to travel and we believe they will find ways to do so without breaking their budget."

Airfares will vary depending on when travelers book and when they fly. Domestic flight capacity is still lower than pre-pandemic levels, but air travel demand is higher. That means more expensive and volatile prices, in general.

When looking at the average costs of airfare for each day over Memorial Day weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday) for 2022 compared to 2021, flights are skewing about \$160 more this year.

This spring, AAA has noticed flight prices escalating more quickly and selling out faster. However, recent AAA booking data revealed:

- The best time to purchase Memorial Day weekend airfare should be about two weeks before Memorial Day, with travelers paying an average of \$445 per ticket.
- Those who like a longer planning window will pay slightly more since flights reserved 28-60 days ahead of the holiday are coming in at an average of \$470 each.
- Travelers looking for a last-minute deal by waiting to book the week of Memorial Day will end up paying almost double – an average of \$845 per flight.
- Being flexible with travel dates can also help travelers find better rates:
- Sunday offers the lowest airfare followed by Friday (an average price of \$543 and \$596, respectively).
- In the past, the cheapest day to fly for Memorial Day weekend has consistently been Saturday. This year, however, it is the most expensive day to fly.
- As expected, Friday is the most popular air travel day and Memorial Day is the lightest.

Travelers who want to get away for Memorial Day should start planning now. To maximize time, savings and alleviate stress, AAA recommends working with a trusted travel agent. These industry experts have many resources at their disposal to help plan and organize a trip that fits a traveler's specific needs and budget. They can easily look at a variety of options and scenarios to find deals and savings not always available to the public.

AAA also offers travelers the following advice:

- Flexibility is key – where and when you travel – fly on off-peak times/days, pick a hidden gem closer to home or opt to stay at an all-inclusive resort with plenty of on-site activities. This limits the need for a rental car and paying a la carte for entertainment and dining.



- Book early – flights, hotels, tours, cruises, car rentals – the earlier the better to lock in the best rate and make sure to ask about discount for pre-paying. Something else a travel agent can help navigate.
- Travel with your bubble – small group travel rose in popularity during the pandemic when many opted to vacation with people they were in close contact with. Consider taking a group trip to divvy up costs for things like activities and accommodations. If everyone is spread out, a travel agent can help manage the logistics.
- Protect your investment – the first step to planning your trip is to purchase travel insurance. This provides a safety net should something unexpected happen ahead of or during your trip. This is another example of where a travel agent is useful. They know you, your trip, your budget and your specific needs and can easily walk you through what travel insurance policy makes the most sense.

Travelers are targeting big cities and beaches for their Memorial Day getaways this year. These are the top 10 domestic destinations according to AAA bookings for flights, tours, car rentals and hotels:

1. Orlando, Fla.
2. Seattle
3. Miami
4. Las Vegas
5. Anchorage, Alaska
6. Honolulu
7. Boston
8. Anaheim, Ca.
9. New York
10. San Francisco

Travelers heading abroad and choosing classic destinations like:

1. Vancouver
2. Paris
3. Dublin
4. London
5. Amsterdam
6. Rome
7. Cancun
8. Barcelona
9. Budapest, Hungary
10. Athens

OUT & ABOUT

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Repair Café. Already have a bike repair, toaster repair, and fan repair coming in. What do you have at your house that's not working?? Gather 'em up and bring 'em in.

WHERE: Church hall St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the corner of Gay and High streets.

WHEN: 1 - 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Jazz in the Park: We're kicking off the Summer Concert Series with a local favorite! Come enjoy the swingin' sounds of jazz reverberating through Ariel-Foundation Park.

WHERE: Ariel-Foundation Park

WHEN: 6 p.m.

ONGOING

Knox Public Health has posted a notice on **vaccine availability** that will be updated regularly as conditions change. Anyone 5 and older is eligible for the Pfizer vaccine; third-dose Pfizer and

ROLL CALL

Wednesday, May 18
Butler Township, 6 p.m.,
Township House

Berlin Township, 7 p.m.,
Township House

Liberty Township, 7 p.m.,
Township House

Union Township, 7 p.m.,
Fire Station

Thursday, May 19
Howard Township, 6 p.m.,
Township House

Moderna vaccinations, along with booster shots which are a smaller dose, and second dose Johnson & Johnson are all available currently. "All three of the vaccines offered by KPH can be intermingled, i.e. someone can get first and second doses of Moderna and a booster shot from Pfizer," according to a press release from Knox Public Health. Visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to check eligibility and available sites. For more information about COVID-19 vaccination in Knox County, call 740-399-8008.

WHERE: KnoxHealth.com

WHEN: Ongoing

SNAP-Ed is now providing virtual programming to eligible audiences. Knox County SNAP-Ed staff member Tanner Cooper-Risser will be providing a virtual series called "Eating for the Health of it" with Opportunity Knox. Cooper-Risser will be discussing tips on making healthy food choices and ways to save money while still following a healthy lifestyle. Interested in joining or want to schedule a virtual program for your agency? Contact Tanner at cooper-risser.1@osu.edu or 740-326-5074 for more information.

WHERE: Online

WHEN: Thursdays, 9 a.m.

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Chancy E. Blair Jr.

MOUNT VERNON – Chancy E. Blair Jr., 78, of Mount Vernon passed away on May 21, 2022, at Country Court. He was born on May 31, 1943, in Mount Vernon.

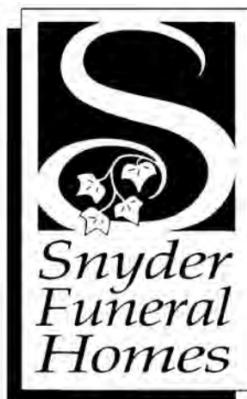
Chancy was a member of the Ohio Valley Muzzle Loading Gun Club and the Centerburg Conservation Club. He worked at American National Can, the Charles Mills Campground and the Kokosing Campground. He was the owner of the Broken Pedal Bicycle Shop. He enjoyed woodworking. Chancy was an avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, camping and bird watching. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters Cherie (Bob) Martin of Fredericktown and Christina Barker of London, OH; grandchildren Joel (Keisha) Buckland, Tara Buckland and Jake Buckland; three great-grandchildren, Hayes, Sadie and Kaliope; and a brother, Dave (Janie) Blair of Mount Vernon.

Chance was preceded in death by his wife, Nena; and his parents.

There will be no services at this time.

The Snyder Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for the Blair family. To share a memory or leave a condolence online please visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.



Jacob Danyl Donalon

DELAWARE – Jacob Danyl Donalon, May 20, 1991 - May 19, 2022, just one day shy of being 31 years old. Jake was taken from us in a tragic car accident.

Jake enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, and just being a Free Spirit. He loved his children very much, and would do anything for them. He was a hard-working individual, praised by his co-workers. He attended Stark County High School in Bradford IL.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandmother Helen (Aspery) Stewart; maternal grandmother Beverly Hickman-Gardner and Ronnie Gardner; paternal grandparents Michael (Betty) Patterson; step-father William James "Rollie" Derick.

He is survived by his mother and step-father Aundrea "Angi" (Dave) Hecker; father Jesse (Mary) Patterson; Godmother Robin Burke; girlfriend Jamie Parker; sons Landyn & Zander Donalon; step-children Shayna, Braxson, Ahleeya and Addily Parker; siblings Joshua (Pam) Tuhey of IL., Jacie (Randy) Hall, IL., Patrick (Samantha) Bass of IL., Jessica Sue Patterson, Jessica Diane Patterson and Robyn Patterson all of FL.; many aunts including Mary Ann Patterson, uncles, and cousins; nieces, and nephews including special nephews Willie Tuhey, and Emmett Hall.

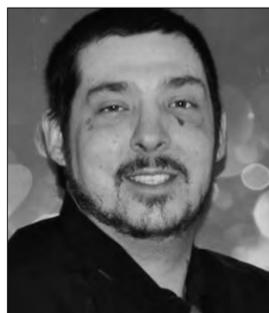
Jake was kind, loving, and sensitive, and cared deeply for his children.

Family and Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at the Robinsons Funeral Home, 32 West Winter Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015, where funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 27. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The family requests that no flowers to be sent to the funeral home, and encourages those funds to be put towards Jake's Funeral Services and headstone, and given directly to the funeral home.

Memories and condolences may be expressed at www.robinsonfuneralhomeinc.com.

The Robinson Funeral Home in Delaware is assisting the family with arrangements.



Lillian Bratton

DANVILLE – Lillian Bratton passed away at her daughter Lorraine's home on May 20, 2022, surrounded by loving family members.

Lillian was born Nov. 13, 1929, to Lenard and Leona (Milliron) Dangler. She married Charles J Bratton on Nov. 11, 1950. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 2014. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers Wendell and Garold Dangler, sister Wilicene Dangler, and two granddaughters: Megan Bratton and Larisa Renemans.

She is survived by her children, Laura (Ed) Renemans of Casper, Wy, Charles R. (Linda) Bratton of Danville, Kyle Bratton of Gahanna, Tom (Ellen) Bratton of Zealand, Mi, Lorraine Bratton (John Henwood) of Danville, John (Jean) Bratton of Wellington, Ted (Lori) Bratton of Danville, Michael Bratton of Bowling Green and Amy (Mohsen) Faghihi of Lewis Center; 23 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law Richard and William (Gloria) Bratton; sisters-in-law Mary Erford and Betty Bratton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the St Luke's Catholic Church. She attended Evanston College (Northwestern University) and Defiance College and was a past member of the Danville Card and Garden clubs.

As an adventurous and spirited woman, Lillian moved to Chicago after high school to work with her friend Margie. Lillian loved to laugh, and her giggling made you want to laugh, too. Her warm and loving smile will be sorely missed. Lillian dedicated her life to raising her children. Lillian enjoyed her visits with grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She would talk for days after a visit about how great it was to see her family or friends.

The family will receive friends at St. Luke from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday May 26, and an hour prior to the funeral Mass which will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 27 with Father Daniel Olvera officiating. Interment will take place at a later date.

Lillian and family request that those who wish to express sympathy consider donating to St Luke's Catholic Church, PO Drawer P Danville, OH 43014, or Danville Athletic Boosters, in care of Lanna Staats, 28388 Jelloway Rd. Danville, 43014. The Fischer Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Online messages and condolences may be shared with family at fischerfuneralhome.com.



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Larry Eugene Blacksten

UTICA – Larry Eugene Blacksten, 77, of Utica passed away on May 19, 2022. He was born May 15, 1945, to the late Leland E. and Mary L. (Cline) Blacksten.

Larry loved the outdoors and hard work. He was a jack-of-all-trades and master of many. Larry worked construction most of his life, especially enjoying running heavy equipment and retired to his cattle farm.

On Aug. 27, 1969, he married Pat Vickers and they moved to the home they built together. Larry was very proud of his sons and their families, Brad (Theresa), and Brent; grandchildren, Chase (Cierra), Zoe, Ryan (Jordan) Combs; great-grandchildren, Maverick, Landon, Kennedy, Gatlin and Memphis.

The family will observe a private service. To sign an online guestbook please visit www.law-bakerfuneralhome.com.

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In remembrance of all who have served to protect our freedom.

COMMON SOLDIERS

HE WAS GETTING OLD AND PAUNCHY, AND HIS HAIR WAS FALLING FAST; HE LOVED TO SIT AROUND THE LEGION TELLING STORIES OF THE PAST.

OF BATTLES HE HAD FOUGHT AND THE DEEDS THAT HE HAD DONE, IN HIS EXPLOITS WITH HIS BUDDIES, THEY WERE HEROES EVERY ONE.

AND THOUGH SOMETIMES TO HIS NEIGHBORS, HIS TALES BECAME A JOKE. ALL HIS LEGION BUDDIES LISTENED, FOR THEY KNEW OF WHAT HE SPOKE.

NOW WE'LL HEAR HIS TALES NO LONGER. FOR OLD BILL HAS PASSED AWAY. NOW THE WORLD'S A LITTLE POORER, A COMMON SOLDIER DIED TODAY.

HE'LL NOT BE MOURNED BY MANY, JUST HIS CHILDREN AND HIS WIFE, FOR HE LIVED AN UNEVENTFUL, QUIET, ORDINARY LIFE.

HE HELD A JOB AND RAISED A FAMILY, CALMLY GOING HIS OWN WAY, THE WORLD LITTLE NOTES HIS PASSING, A COMMON SOLDIER DIED TODAY.

WHEN POLITICIANS LEAVE THIS EARTH, THEIR BODIES LIE IN STATE, THOUSANDS MOURN THEIR PASSING, AND PROCLAIM THAT THEY WERE GREAT.

ONE LESS COMMON SOLDIER GOES UNNOTICED AND UNSUNG THE SCHOOLS WILL ALL STAY OPEN, AND THE CHURCH BELLS WON'T BE RUNG.

NOW: IS THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF OUR LAND, BY A PERSON WHO BREAKS PROMISES AND CONS HIS FELLOW MAN;

OR THE ORDINARY FELLOW, WHO IN TIMES OF WAR AND STRIFE GOES OFF TO SERVE HIS COUNTRY AND OFFER UP HIS LIFE?

IT'S SO EASY TO FORGET THEM FOR IT WAS SO LONG AGO, THAT THE "OLD BILLS" OF OUR COUNTRY WENT TO BATTLE, BUT WE KNOW,

THAT IT WAS NOT THE POLITICIANS, WITH THEIR PROMISES AND PLOYS, WHO WON FOR US THE FREEDOM THAT OUR COUNTRY NOW ENJOYS.

HE WAS JUST A COMMON SOLDIER AND HIS RANKS ARE GROWING THIN, BUT, HIS PRESENCE SHOULD REMIND US THAT WE MIGHT NEED HIS LIKE AGAIN.

FOR WHEN COUNTRIES ARE IN CONFLICT, THEN WE FIND THE SOLDIERS PART, IS TO CLEAN UP ALL THE MESSSES THAT POLITICIANS LOVE TO START.

IF WE WILL NOT PAY HIM HONOR WHILE HE'S AWAKE TO HEAR THE PRAISE, THEN AT LEAST LET'S GIVE HIM HOMAGE AT THE ENDING OF HIS DAYS.

PERHAPS A SIMPLE NOTICE IN THE PAPER THAT WOULD SAY: OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING; A COMMON SOLDIER DIED TODAY.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Staff of Snyder Funeral Homes Inc.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Guilmette 'Peggy' Turgeon



GAMBIER – Margaret Guilmette “Peggy” Turgeon, 79, passed away on May 17, 2022, after living cheerfully with dementia for a number of years. Peggy was born in Yonkers, N.Y., to Margaret and Dudley Guilmette on Oct. 20, 1942. Dudley was killed in WWII, and she was raised by her mother and stepfather, William Eadie. She grew up in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., and graduated from Briarcliff High School in 1960, where she played field hockey, basketball and tennis. She graduated from Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa., with a religion major in 1964. In 1966, she married Thomas Turgeon of Amherst, whom she had met as a child while summering with her best friend in Friendship, Maine. Peggy and Tom had two children, Sarah of Shutesbury, Mass., and Charles of Newburyport, Mass.

Peggy and Tom spent most of their lives in Gambier, Ohio, where Peggy worked as a case manager at Moundbuilders Guidance Center in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and as a college caterer for Kenyon College. Peggy had a tremendous passion for cooking. She and her catering partner and dear friend Joyce Klein ran the Friday Luncheon Café every Friday during the academic year in Gambier for 30 years, where she was known for her generous portions of fabulous desserts. Peggy and Joyce catered countless college events, weddings and other formal occasions. Peggy taught at La Belle Pomme Cooking School in Columbus and attended classes at LaVarenne Cooking School in Paris.

Peggy was an active parishioner of Harcourt Parish in Gambier, where she served on the vestry for many terms, some as junior or senior warden. She served as a lay Eucharistic minister, sang in the choir and was very engaged in any and all events involving food. She also actively participated with Interchurch Social Services of Knox County for many years.

Peggy and Tom enjoyed travel in Europe and spent summers in Friendship, Maine, at the Turgeon family cottage. She prided herself in swimming in the ocean every day she was in residence. Peggy was an avid runner and tennis player for most of her life, loved a succession of springer spaniels and survived two separate bouts with cancer.

Following her retirement from Moundbuilders, Peggy found herself in a health care role as Tom was diagnosed with ALS and Peggy cared for him at their home in Gambier and in Friendship for 8 years. Peggy moved to Shutesbury to be closer to her children in 2016, where she attended Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst, Mass., and volunteered in the kitchen at the Amherst Survival Center. In 2018, she moved to The Gardens at Rockridge Retirement Community in Northampton, Mass., where she thrived under the wonderful care of the staff and brought cheer to residents and staff alike.

Peggy was predeceased in 2013 by her husband of 46 years, Thomas. Besides her children and their spouses, Fred Perry and Rosemary Turgeon, Peggy leaves four siblings, Peter (Renee) Guilmette of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., Mary Brickel of Sarasota, Fla., William (Susan) Eadie of Atlanta, Ga., and Susan (Tom) Shafer of Sarasota, Fla. She also leaves a sister-in-law, Nan (Steve) White of Yarmouth, Maine; and six grandchildren, Alex, Thomas and Evan Perry and Charlie, Ellie and Janie Turgeon; as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Peggy’s high school yearbook quote makes for a most fitting eulogy, “With malice toward none; with charity for all.”

A memorial service is planned for June 12 at 2 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst. A celebration of life in Gambier will be scheduled in the Fall.

Memorial contributions can be made to Grace Church or the Survival Center in Amherst or Interchurch Social Services of Knox County or Harcourt Parish in Gambier.



Phyllis Ann Marcum

MARENGO – Phyllis Ann Marcum, 88, of Marengo went home to be with her Lord Saturday afternoon May 21, 2022. Phyllis was born on Feb. 22, 1934.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, May 31, at DeVore-Snyder Funeral Home in Sunbury from 5-8 p.m. and again on Wednesday, June 1, from 10-11 a.m. with the funeral service directly following at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Bloomfield District Cemetery. For the full obituary please visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.



DANVILLE POLICE BLOTTER APRIL 26 - MAY 7

DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date and time: 04/26/22
Street names: BRIDGE OF DREAMS, BRINKHAVEN
Incident description: The K-9 unit conducted a vehicle sweep for the presence of illegal drugs/contraband w/neg. hit

Date and time: 04/26/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Handled a private property auto accident where a vehicle driven by Rigeoberto Sica-Lopez struck the south side of the Family Dollar building on Millersburg Road. Sica-Lopez was issued a traffic citation for no driver’s license

Date and time: 04/27/22
Street names: 20 BLOCK OF WEST WASHINGTON STREET
Incident description: Suspicious person

Date and time: 04/27/22
Street names: 600 BLOCK OF SOUTH CEDAR STREET
Incident description: Handled a Civil issue

Date and time: 04/29/22
Street names: WEST RAMBO STREET
Incident description: Threats/Harassment

Date and time: 04/30/22
Street names: 14000 BLOCK OF MILLERSBURG ROAD
Incident description: Found property. The property was returned to its owner

Date and time: 04/30/22
Street names: CRESTROSE DRIVE, APPLE VALLEY

Incident description: Juvenile related incident

Date and time: 04/30/22
Street names: 100 BLOCK OF EAST WASHINGTON STREET
Incident description: Open burning

Date and time: 04/30/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Vincent M. Boswell age 23 of Danville was arrested and charged with traffic violations of OVI and speed

Date and time: 05/02/22
Street names: 100 BLOCK OF WEST SOUTH STREET
Incident description: Handled a dog bite incident

Date and time: 05/02/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: A citizen dropped off prescription drugs to be destroyed

Date and time: 05/02/22
Street names: 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH MARKET STREET
Incident description: Parking complaint

Date and time: 05/02/22
Street names: STATE ROUTE 715 / ZUCK ROAD
Incident description: Assisted a citizen who had gone walking and became lost in getting back to their vehicle. Officer picked up the citizen and found the vehicle

Date and time: 05/02/22
Street names: TOWNSHIP ROAD 11, BRINKHAVEN
Incident description: Wellbeing check

Date and time: 05/02/22
Street names: 100 BLOCK OF WEST SOUTH STREET
Incident description: Responded to a location where a young child was observed outside the home wearing only wet underclothing. Upon the officer’s arrival, the youth had been secured by the EKCJFD personnel in one of their vehicles. The youth had no signs of injury and was okay

Date and time: 05/03/22
Street names: 100 BLOCK OF PROGRESS DRIVE
Incident description: Parking complaint

Date and time: 05/03/22
Street names: 2500 BLOCK OF APLEY VALLEY DRIVE
Incident description: Assisted a citizen

Date and time: 05/03/22
Street names: NORTH MARKET STREET
Incident description: Officer discovered an unsecured door of a business

Date and time: 05/04/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Steven M. Houston age 40 of Vermilion was issued traffic citations for driving under suspension and for a license plate light violation

Date and time: 05/04/22
Street names: SOUTH MARKET STREET
Incident description: Assisted a sheriff’s deputy on a traffic stop

Date and time: 05/04/22
Street names: 300 BLOCK OF NORTH STREET
Incident description: Wellbeing

check of a child who had fallen. Child checked okay

Date and time: 05/04/22
Street names: WEST WASHINGTON STREET
Incident description: Road rage incident

Date and time: 05/04/22
Street names: 200 BLOCK OF PLUM STREET
Incident description: Report of unruly juveniles

Date and time: 05/04/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Kevin M. Hershberger age 21 of Dundee was issued a traffic citation for speed

Date and time: 05/05/22
Street names: 200 BLOCK OF EAST WALNUT STREET
Incident description: Disturbance

Date and time: 05/05/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Attempted abduction on the bike path between Howard and Danville. A 14 yr. old female reported that an unknown male attempted to abduct her. Officer responded and upon arrival, the unknown male had left the area and the officer was unable to locate him. The 14 yr. old female was okay. Chief Daniel J. Weckesser expresses the need for our citizens to take extra precautions when out on the bike path. It is best to never walk alone and to always be aware of your surroundings.

Date and time: 05/05/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: A citizen dropped off prescription drugs to be destroyed

LOCAL AWARD NEWS

Ohio MLK Commission seeks nominations for MLK Awards

The Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission is seeking nominations for its annual awards that honor Ohio individuals and organizations carrying on the legacy of King. Nominations are accepted until Oct. 30 for the next awards ceremony in January 2023.

Consider nominating any Ohioans you encounter who are advancing King’s principles of nonviolent change and the pursuit of racial, social and economic justice.

The 12-member commission receives administrative support from DAS and also recently hosted its annual Statewide Youth Oratorical Contest featuring Ohio students who presented speeches on King’s teachings.



DALLAS MLK CENTER

HAZARDS

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tion called “Semiconductor Manufacturing 101.”

Intel’s announcement to build and move operations into neighboring Licking County has local officials wanting to understand what is involved with semiconductors, he said. They want to know what that means in terms of the supply chain, technology, “in terms of everything pretty much,” the mayor said.

Robert Davis, former director for the Ohio State University Nanotech West Lab, gave the presentation at the Knox Technical Center, telling them about the semiconductor fabrication process. He also explained what Intel will bring with it, including supporting companies.

“Pretty much Intel isn’t going to care where they’re going to live, if they’re going to be in Franklin County, Licking County and Knox County or wherever, as long as they’re going to be around here,” Starr said.

“What he said was that there’s a \$20 billion investment that Intel was making here. And he said 10% of that is going to be is going to go into the building itself. The rest is going to go into the tooling,” he said.

Hiawatha Water Park opens on Memorial Day weekend

Starr said he was very happy to announce that Hiawatha Waterpark passed its Knox County Health Department inspection in time for opening day on Saturday.

Swimming lessons were canceled this summer due to a shortage of lifeguards. Pool hours are from noon to 7 p.m. daily.

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OUT & ABOUT

Public Health has posted a notice on **vaccine availability** that will be updated regularly as conditions change. For more information about COVID-19 vaccination in Knox County, call 740-399-8008.

WHERE: KnoxHealth.com

WHEN: Ongoing

SNAP-Ed is now providing virtual programming to eligible audiences. Knox County SNAP-Ed staff member Tanner Cooper-Risser will be providing a virtual series called **"Eating for the Health of it"** with Opportunity Knox. Cooper-Risser will be discussing tips on making healthy food choices and ways to save money while still following a healthy lifestyle. Interested in joining or want to schedule a virtual program for your agency? Contact Tanner at cooper-riiser.1@osu.edu or 740-326-5074 for more information.

WHERE: Online

WHEN: Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Mount Vernon City Schools **Summer**

Food Program free lunch students 18 months to 18 years. Meals must be eaten on site.

WHERE: Dan Emmett Elementary and Knox Learning Center

WHEN: daily, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. through Friday, July 29

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Centerburg Community Garage/Yard Sale.

WHERE: Maps will be available at Hometown Market, Scoops, Eggmans, the Library, Post Office and the Centerburg Community HOBA Facebook page.

WHEN: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

The Reagan Years: East Coast musicians replicating pop, rock, new wave and heavy metal hits of the MTV era. Selling out shows since 1996 and know all the lyrics to Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start The Fire."

WHERE: Ariel-Foundation Park

ROLL CALL

Wednesday, June 8
College Township, 6:30 p.m.,
College Township Fire Department

Jefferson Township, 7 p.m., Township House

Brown Township, 8 p.m., Township House

Thursday, June 9
Wayne Township, 7:30 p.m., Township House

Jackson Township, 8 p.m., Bladensburg Firehouse

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

The Mount Vernon Arts Consortium presents aerobic show **Aureum: An Aerial and Acrobatic adventure Tale.** From Halcyon Shows, it is the latest show addition to its 2022 lineup of artists to be brought to Mount Vernon as part of its

inaugural season. Aureum, a show with world-class acrobatics and theatrical storylines, will mark the Art Consortium's fourth performance of the 2022 season, the first full season since its inception. For more information about the show and to buy tickets, visit MVAC.org.

WHERE: Knox Memorial Theater

WHEN: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

John Michael Sweeney

MOUNT VERNON – John Michael Sweeney, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and cousin, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, after complications due to Parkinson's in Texas.

Mike was born on Oct. 12, 1937, in Odessa, Texas. He graduated from Odessa High School in 1956. During his high school years, he became an Eagle Scout. Mike attended Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., obtaining a degree in mechanical engineering and business. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. Mike had a strong work ethic working for Cooper Bessemer, Creole Production, and ended his career in 2000 working for Exxon-Mobil. He was recognized by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers after 50 years of outstanding service.

After his retirement, he spent time at his cabins in Colorado and Ohio. Through the years, Mike has maintained both cabins making it possible for all generations to enjoy. Mike was a creative woodworker, designing many pieces of furniture. He was an enthusiastic member of White Rock Lake Boating Club. During Mike's entire life he was avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Bricker Sweeney, of 54 years; daughter Karen Sweeney Nealy and her husband, Jason; and three granddaughters: Jocelyn, Caitlin and Kimberlin. He is survived by sisters Carolyn Sweeney Judd and Nancy Sweeney Anderson and their families. Also, Mike has many surviving cousins, nephews and nieces.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 13, in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Mount Vernon, with Deacon Tim Birie presiding.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family request memorial gifts to be made to the Parkinson Voice Project in Richardson, Texas.

To share a memory or send the family an expression of sympathy visit www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

The Snyder Funeral Homes in Mount Vernon are honored to serve the family of John Michael Sweeney.



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DANVILLE POLICE BLOTTER MAY 8 - 13

DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date and time: 05/08/22
Street names: 100 BLOCK OF NORTH STREET
Incident description: Took an auto crash report where a hit-skip vehicle struck a fence destroying thirty-five feet of fencing

Date and time: 05/08/22
Street names: 200 BLOCK OF EAST WALNUT STREET
Incident description: Conducted a well-being check on an individual

Date and time: 05/09/22
Street names: 200 BLOCK OF MICKLEY STREET
Incident description: A citizen reported that their cat is lost. Cat was found

Date and time: 05/09/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: DPD assisted the Adult Probation on carrying out an arrest of John D. Ball age 22 of Danville on a probation violation. During the arrest, several illegal drug-related items were discovered and confiscated. A report will be forwarded to the County Prosecutor for additional charges to be filed

Date and time: 05/09/22
Street names: 200 BLOCK OF WEST RAMBO STREET
Incident description: Parking complaint

Date and time: 05/09/22
Street names: SOUTH MARKET SREET / ROSS STREET
Incident description: Assisted a deputy with a traffic stop

Date and time: 05/09/22
Street names: MILLERSBURG ROAD / MILLWOOD ROAD
Incident description: Assisted a lost motorist

Date and time: 05/10/22
Street names: 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH MARKET STREET
Incident description: Private property auto accident. A teenage male parked their vehicle in the parking lot of the US Post Office and failed to put the vehicle's gear shift fully into the Park position. Upon exiting the vehicle and walking into the Post Office, the vehicle drifted forwards striking a traffic signpost.



There was minor damage to both the vehicle and the signpost

Date and time: 05/10/22
Street names: 300 BLOCK OF NORTH STREET
Incident description: Unlock assist

Date and time: 05/10/22
Street names: SOUTH MARKET STREET
Incident description: Fraud

Date and time: 05/11/22
Street names: WEST RAMBO STREET
Incident description: Responded to what turned out to be a false alarm that had been accidentally set off

Date and time: 05/11/22
Street names: 26000 BLOCK OF DANVILLE-AMITY ROAD
Incident description: Assisted a disabled motorist

Date and time: 05/12/22
Street names: VILLAGE SQUARE
Incident description: The K-9 unit conducted a sweep of a vehicle for the detection of illegal drugs/paraphernalia w/ negative hit

Date and time: 05/12/22

Street names: 200 BLOCK OF EAST WALNUT STREET
Incident description: Wellbeing check of a citizen

Date and time: 05/13/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Gregory D. Parker age 18 of Danville was issued traffic citations for driving under suspension and for a muffler/exhaust violation

Date and time: 05/13/22
Street names: 400 BLOCK OF GLENMICK STREET
Incident description: Criminal damaging

Date and time: 05/13/22
Street names: DANVILLE
Incident description: Investigated a possible elderly abuse case

Date and time: 05/13/22
Street names: RICHARDS STREET
Incident description: Road rage

Date and time: 05/13/22
Street names: SOUTH MARKET STREET
Incident description: A citizen reported their horse had broken loose from their buggy

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Allison Russell, left, Brandi Carlile, Yola and Jason Isbell highlight the Americana Honors & Awards nominees for 2022. THE TENNESSEAN

Brandi Carlile, Allison Russell, Yola lead Americana Awards nominees

Matthew Leimkuehler
Nashville Tennessean
USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - A trio of seemingly unstoppable singer-songwriters lead nominations for the 2022 Americana Honors & Awards.

Brandi Carlile, the Americana Awards' defending Artist of the Year, Allison Russell, an emotive Canadian folk storyteller, and Yola, a transatlantic soul-country torchbearer, top 2022 nominees with three each, respectively. The trio of women compete in Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Album of the Year.

A cornerstone of the weeklong AmericanaFest, the Americana Honors & Awards returns Sept. 14 to the Ryman Auditorium. AmericanaFest returns Sept. 13-17 in clubs and concert halls across Nashville.

Nonprofit organizers the Americana Music Association unveiled nominees Monday with an event at the National Museum of African American Music that featured appearances from blues artist Adia Victoria, husband-wife duo War & Treaty and the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Carlile earns her batch of nominations on the heels of "In These Silent Days," a 2021 LP produced at Nashville's

RCA Studio A with collaborator Dave Cobb. She's a two-time Artist of the Year recipient who first earned the honor in 2019.

Russell returns to the Americana Awards in support of her harrowing solo debut album, "Outside Child." Considered by some to be a crowning achievement for Nashville music in 2021, the album outlines her experience escaping an abusive childhood before finding "chosen" family.

Yola scores her three nominations behind "Stand For Myself," an engrossing autobiographical retro soul album produced by the Black Keys' Dan Auerbach. Album standout "Diamond Studded Shoes" competes for Song of the Year alongside entries from Russell, Carlile, Sturgill Simpson and James McMurtry.

Additional nominees include Robert Plant and Alison Krauss - who reunited last year for "Raise The Roof," the duo's first collaboration in 14 years - as well as Victoria, War & Treaty, bluegrass firebrand Billy Strings, singer-songwriter Jason Isbell, country-rock staple The Mavericks and more.

More information on the 2022 Americana Honors & Awards - including performers, host and lifetime achievement honorees - should be announced in the coming weeks.

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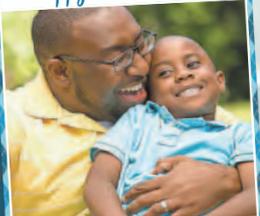
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Johnstown baseball nips Watterson to reach district final

Newark Advocate
USA TODAY NETWORK

Garrett Grinstead and Clay Bruning did it again.

The Johnstown baseball team's junior dynamic duo combined Tuesday to send the Johnnies to a Division II district final. Grinstead's two-run home run was enough for Bruning, who pitched the No. 5 Johnnies to a 2-1 victory against visiting No. 9 Bishop Watterson.

Johnstown (19-6-1) plays No. 2 Buckeye Valley (18-5) at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Mount Vernon Nazarene.

Grinstead's home run followed Cole Boroff's two-out single in the third inning. He also drove in the game's only run in a 1-0 victory against DeSales last Thursday.

Bruning struck out six without a walk in a three-hitter. He allowed just a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Jacob Myers also had two hits for the Johnnies.



Granville coach Tara Parsley talks to her team Tuesday during a timeout in the Division II regional semifinal against host Columbus Academy. The Vikings staved off the upset-minded Blue Aces 15-11. DAVE WEIDIG/THE ADVOCATE

Granville

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what we're worth," Hotchkiss said. "We kept possession, kept them frustrated and played physical with them, which they're not used to. We forced turnovers, and our defense was so amazing."

Parsley said the emphasis on defense in practice eventually paid off in the 10-game winning streak, after a 3-7 start. The 13 wins was a school record.

"In the off-season, they practice their shooting, but when we get them all together, we focus on defense," Parsley said. "Our defense kept us in a lot of games. Sometimes, little turnovers hurt us, and today, it was fouls. But we were still sliding well, covering each other, being more active and taking chances."

Granville will graduate Hotchkiss, midfielder Mallory Lindsay and defenders Lia Coplin and Halle Brooks. "It's been a great four years, and as seniors, it feels really good, making history," Hotchkiss said.

The Blue Aces look poised to break through next season, what with Sarap and nine classmates returning as seniors, and some sophomores ready to show what they can do.

Academy showed that it takes balance. On Tuesday, Sophia Slootsky and Avery Mitchell each had three goals, while Megan Klingerman, Evie Gee and Sophia MacDonald added two apiece. The Vikings have nine seniors.

"That's what I would like our scorebook to look like," Parsley said. "We have a lot of talent, and a lot of talent that didn't get to show what they're capable of. Hopefully, that will change."

Watkins

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Cassady, you expect to win," Marysville coach Jennifer Segner-Maxwell said. "Our defense did not play how we typically play, and our pitching gave up too many freebies. When you play in the regionals, you have to bring your 'A' game, and we clearly did not. A night where we were actually playing our game and scoring four runs, I would have expected us to move forward."

The often-dominant Cassady allowed only five hits, but the Monarchs worked four walks and only struck out three times. Christian and Born worked in tandem for the Monarchs, and the Warriors also struck out just three times.

"We played a two-hour ball game, and in my mind, it came down to two plays," Watkins coach Mike Jellison said. "They made two errors that led to five runs, and that's the difference. We played clean. It was keeping that focus the whole time and taking advantage of mistakes."

Hunt scored three times, and McKayla Jellison and Alyssa Haynes each finished 2-for-2 with a run scored for Watkins. Taylor Gerhardt walked twice

and scored twice out of the leadoff spot.

Abi Schmutz had a hit and a run scored, and Abby Gindlesberger doubled for Marysville. The top four seeds in the Central District won titles last weekend, making for a power-packed regional.

"I wish they would split us a bit," Segner-Maxwell laughed. "We beat up on each other all year long, and we don't want to see each other in regionals. I am proud of this team. We fought back a couple times, and tonight just wasn't our night."

Watkins will see a familiar foe in Friday's final. The Warriors beat Lancaster in last year's regional semifinal, and they have scrimmaged Gahanna each of the last two seasons after falling to the Lions in the 2019 postseason.

The Warriors have experience and confidence after reaching the 2021 state final.

"We were a little nervous, but we know we can do this," Hunt said. "We did it last year, and it gives us the confidence we need to beat these teams."

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(.392, 11th) and strikeout percentage (19.5 percent, second).

Josh Naylor missed time at the beginning of the year due to last season's ankle surgery and he then missed time while in the league's health and safety protocols, but around those absences he has had a torrid start. He has a .333 average and a .999 OPS. All three have slowed down recently, but Owen Miller, Steven Kwan and Andres Gimenez have made significant contributions as well.

"To be a switch hitter, number one, having to manage both sides of the plate ... Just being around him in a short time just seeing how professional he goes with his work, going about his day-to-day preparation, how simple he keeps it," Valaika said of Ramirez. "In an era that there's so much you can get into the weeds with, he knows who he is. As a player, he knows what he's trying to do."

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Uvalde police chief says he's complying

DPS, others: No response to requests for interviews

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The school district police chief who served as on-site commander during last week's deadly shooting in Uvalde, Texas, said Wednesday that he's talking daily with investigators, contradicting claims from state law enforcement that he has stopped cooperating.

In a brief interview, Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Police Chief Pete Arredondo told CNN that he's speaking regularly with Texas Department of Public Safety investigators.

"I've been on the phone with them every day," Arredondo said. The chief has been the focus of ire in the community and beyond over allegations that he delayed sending officers into the school on May 24, believing that the gunman was barricaded inside adjoining classrooms and the children were no longer at risk.

Travis Considine, chief communications officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Tuesday that Arredondo had not responded to DPS requests for two days, while other officers in the Uvalde city and schools police departments continue to sit for interviews and provide statements.

Arredondo has not responded to multiple requests for comment from The Associated Press. Considine told AP on Wednesday that Arredondo had not responded to Texas Rangers' requests for follow up interviews as of Tuesday. The Texas Rangers – the investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety that focuses on major crimes – had no immediate response to Arredondo's insistence he was in regular touch with DPS.

Nineteen children and two teachers died in the attack at Robb Elementary School, the deadliest school shooting in nearly a decade. Funerals began this week, and U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona attended Wednesday's services for teacher Irma Garcia, who was killed in the attack, and her husband, Joe Garcia, who died of a heart attack two days later.

The district announced Wednesday that students and staff would not return



A funeral procession for Irma Garcia, slain May 24, and her husband Joe Garcia, who died two days later, is seen Wednesday in Uvalde, Texas. ERIC GAY/AP

to that campus, though plans were still being finalized on where the students would attend classes in the fall.

Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez said Wednesday that his office is working with state and federal agencies to request upwards of \$45 million in federal funding for the school.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, its School Emergency Response to Violence, known as Project SERV, "funds short-term education-related services" to help educational facilities "recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted."

Gutierrez said he is unaware of any plans to tear down Robb Elementary but that funds obtained through the program by other schools have traditionally been used to rebuild.

State officials have said 19 police officers waited for more than an hour outside the classroom where Salvador Ramos, 18, opened fire, despite repeated pleas from children calling 911 for help.

The Combined Law Enforcement As-

sociation of Texas, which represents police officers, has urged its members to cooperate with "all government investigations" into the shooting and police response, and endorsed a federal probe by the Justice Department.

The confusing and sometimes contradictory information released in the week since the deadly shooting continued Tuesday with the revelation that the exterior door used by the gunman was not left propped open by a teacher, as police previously said.

They have now determined that the teacher, who has not been identified, propped the door open with a rock, but

removed the rock and closed the door when she realized there was a shooter on campus, Considine said. But, Considine added, the door that was designed to lock when shut did not lock.

"We did verify she closed the door. The door did not lock. We know that much, and now investigators are looking into why it did not lock," Considine said.

Considine said the teacher initially propped the door open but ran back inside to get her phone and call 911 when Ramos crashed his truck on campus.

"She came back out while on her phone, she heard someone yell, 'He has a gun!', she saw him jump the fence and that he had a gun, so she ran back inside," removing the rock when she did, Considine said.

Since the attack, law enforcement and state officials have struggled to present an accurate timeline of the event and how police reacted, sometimes providing conflicting information or withdrawing some statements hours later. State police have said some accounts were preliminary and may change as more witnesses are interviewed.

On Wednesday, Gov. Greg Abbott asked top lawmakers to convene a legislative committee to examine and make recommendations on "school safety, mental health, social media, police training, firearm safety and more."

The next Texas legislative session is set for January, although some lawmakers have urged Abbott to call a special session in response to the shooting.

After previous mass shootings at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Santa Fe High School and an El Paso Walmart, Abbott began "roundtable" discussions, sometimes involving survivors and victims' families.

After the 2018 shooting at Santa Fe High School, lawmakers in 2019 approved \$100 million for schools to improve campus safety with metal detectors, vehicle barriers, shooter alarms systems and other safety measures. They also allowed more teachers to carry guns on campus and be trained in campus shooter response.

But Abbott and state lawmakers resisted calls for stricter gun ownership measures. In 2021, Abbott signed into law a measure that allows people 21 and older to carry handguns without a license or training.

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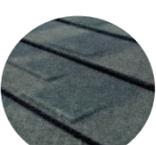
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Giffords tells Congress 'be bold' on gun control

Former U.S. Rep. survived mass shooting in 2011

Ashraf Khalil
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – Eleven years after her own life was altered by gun violence, former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords stood in front of the Washington Monument on Tuesday and lobbied anew for stricter gun laws after yet another string of mass shootings in America.

“Stopping gun violence takes courage, the courage to do what’s right,” Giffords said, surrounded by more than 45,000 small vases of white and orange flowers representing each of the Americans killed by gun violence each year. “We must never stop fighting. Be bold. Be courageous. The nation is counting on you.”

Giffords, was shot in the head in 2011 while speaking to constituents in Tucson, Arizona, in an incident that killed six people. Her injuries from the assassination attempt left her with difficulty walking and occasional difficulty speaking.

She has emerged as an advocate for nationwide gun control laws; the foundation she created placed the flowers around the Washington Monument.

Giffords’ long-standing cause has been given fresh momentum by a new string of mass shootings across the country, from an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, to a grocery store in Buffalo, New York, and a medical clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, a survivor of a mass shooting, stands among vases of flowers that make up the Gun Violence Memorial installation near the Washington Monument. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

The violence has spurred a flurry of activity in the nation’s capital, with Democrats in Congress pushing for sweeping reforms that include raising the national age limit to purchase a gun and banning automatic weapons. Families of the victims in the most recent mass shootings spoke before the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday, with more hearings planned in advance of mass marches this weekend in Washington and other cities.

But whatever reform package passes the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives is in danger of being watered down by the Republicans in the

Senate. Tuesday’s news conference was part of a campaign to build pressure on Congress and argue that American public opinion favors serious reform of gun laws at a national level.

“We know what the solutions are. We’ve seen them work in some states and we’ve certainly seen it in other countries,” said Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., Raising the national age limit to 21, “would be a major game-changer in a lot of these shootings,” she said.

Sen. Chris Murphy, whose home state of Connecticut was the site of the murder of 20 schoolchildren at Sandy Hook Elementary a decade ago, is one of

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the leaders of bipartisan congressional negotiations seeking an acceptable deal.

Senators have been meeting privately in a small bipartisan group headed by Murphy, a Democrat, and Republican Sen. John Cornyn, trying to hash out a compromise that could become law.

But lawmakers have been here before – unable to pass any substantial gun safety laws in the face of steep objections from Republicans in Congress, some conservative Democrats, and the fierce lobby of gun owners and the National Rifle Association. No major legislation has made it into law since the 1994 assault weapons ban, which has since expired.

On Tuesday, Murphy warned Senate Republicans that the time for symbolic gestures had passed and shifting American public opinion now favors serious nationwide gun control measures.

“We’re not going to settle for a piece of legislation that just checks a box,” he said. “We need to put pressure on the United States Senate to do the right thing.”

Kroger

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prominently within the state of Texas, have presented us with incentive packages in an effort to secure the investment and job creation associated with this proposed project. Our ability to retain these job opportunities locally, and consolidate core functions, is dependent upon this incentive.”

Kroger states the incentives would

not only retain the 145 jobs and \$9.3 million in payroll, but allow it to add six jobs in three years. The company would invest \$16 million to build the addition and \$54 million to purchase and install new machinery and equipment.

The expansion will allow Kroger to install a state-of-the-art aseptic milk line capable of producing various sizes of half & half creamer, heavy whipping cream, coffee creamers, Carbmater milk beverage and PET bottles varying in size from 8 to 64 ounces.

The Advocate asked Kroger if it will

choose only one location to expand from its options in Newark and in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas. The Advocate also asked the company if the expansion does not occur here, could the existing facility in Newark move to another location.

Ken McClure, the Kroger regional director for corporate affairs, responded with the following: “At this time, we are conducting due diligence on a potential project in Licking County and have nothing additional to share. I’m happy to reach back out to you should we have

something to announce.”

The expansion would begin by Sept. 30 and finish by June 30, 2023, the company states. The enterprise zone agreement is between Kroger and the Licking County Commissioners, but Newark City Council will consider a resolution consenting to the agreement.

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Madison fire chief calls for cost study for new fire station

Current facility is rapidly deteriorating, Justus tells trustees

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Madison Township Fire Chief Ken Justus says the fire department's main fire station on Expressview Drive needs to be replaced because it is more than 50 years old, was created in a building that was not designed to be a fire station and is rapidly deteriorating. Justus suggested to the township trustees at their regular meeting Monday that the board schedule one or more work sessions with several architectural firms to "get an idea" what might be needed in a new facility and how much it would cost sometime in the future to build one.

"It's kind of hard to plan and figure out how to build a building if you have no idea what it's going to cost," he said, adding that he would like to bring back representatives of several firms that the department had informal discussions with in January and February. "We're at the point where we've given them enough time (to put together some information)."

During the first public comment period, Beal Road resident Jane McGinty questioned the timing of the chief's request in light of the current state of the national economy.

"How in the world do you think now is the time to even talk about a fire station?" McGinty asked.

Justus assured McGinty that officials

are not trying to hurry up and have a new fire station built by the end of the year. He said officials are only trying to have an idea of what type of facility might be needed for the future in order to determine how it is going to be paid for.

"We're not trying to approach this from an aspect of asking for additional money. We're trying to figure out if we can afford it with the money we have," Justus said. "We already have certain levies in place, so the issue is can we adjust what we spend in other fields and use that money to pay for that station. We won't know that until we know what it's going to cost."

Justus pointed out that Washington Township is in the process of building an "enormous" facility but went out for bids with cost figures that were two or three-years-old. As a result, bids came in so much above budget that officials had to take things off and redesign the building so the township could afford it.

Justus said that Madison's main fire station, which was bought as a warehouse and converted to a fire station, now is "falling down." Beams at the front of the building are rusting out, electric service is substandard, heating and ventilating systems need to be replaced, a sewer line that was patched needs to be replaced and the possibility exists that there is black mold.

Justus pointed out that the building never was set up for the EMS operations that exist today and fire equipment that is getting bigger and heavier. He also said that the cost of new vehicles is going up 7% every two months and that other costs also are rising to the point where officials need to factor inflation into any future costs.

"We're looking at major expenses at that building and what comes into play is, Do we put money into an old building that keeps falling down or do we plan for the future? If we don't have an idea of costs, we won't be properly prepared," Justus said. "I take it as an important mission to find a way to, down the road, have a better building and it's not just a better building for me but for the community."

Aging road equipment also a concern

Trustees also revisited the issue of how to pay to replace aging road department equipment. Trustee Jim Houser said the situation has changed in light of a written opinion read earlier in the meeting from a contracted attorney who outlined additional types of expenses that could be covered with the township's expected \$1.2 million allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Houser said the department needs a new pickup, a front end loader or medium sized excavator, a new plow truck and a new road grader that carries a \$500,000 price tag. Trustees' Chairwoman Kathy Swank scheduled a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday to continue discussions on how to use ARPA funds.

In a separate issue involving the road department, trustees discussed a request by road department supervisor Jimmy Baker to hire one or two part time summer employees to help with the large number of projects this year, particularly with the number of roads that will need to be prepared for resurfacing and chip and seal. Houser said Baker was not happy with the temp service the

township used in the past.

Trustee Tom Craft pointed out that Baker had the opportunity to interview the people sent in by the temp service. He also said hiring temporary help or using a temp service is a liability issue.

"With a temp service, we pay a lump sum and we don't have to pay workers' compensation. That's why we went to a temp service before," Craft explained.

No formal decision was made on the request.

Zoning board positions need to be filled

Trustees did decide to advertise on an independent township Facebook page to fill vacancies on the township Board of Zoning appeal and the zoning board. Madison currently needs one member, an alternate and a secretary for the BZA and a secretary for the zoning board.

During administrative reports, zoning inspector Wayne Liggett suggested that the township make changes in zoning regulations to help clean up problem properties. He said the township needs a way to deal with issues that have been pending for a year in Mansfield Municipal Court.

Liggett also asked residents to be more patient with complaints about high grass, especially in light of damp conditions caused by recent rainy weather. He said he has been spending time on the road investigating complaints that turn out to have been resolved, keeping him from being in the office to handle permit requests.

"I try to give people their permits the day they come in," Liggett said.

Mansfield police awarded \$166,481.26 to fight illegal drug activity

Lou Whitmire
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USA TODAY NETWORK

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine Tuesday announced over \$3.6 million in funding for 41 local law enforcement agencies, including the Mansfield Police Department, to help their drug task forces enforce the state's drug laws and combat illegal drug activity.

The Mansfield Police Department was awarded \$166,481.26, according to the news release.

Grants from the 2022 Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund will support drug task forces that impact 67 counties on issues of drug trafficking, pharmaceutical diversion, and other organized criminal activity associated with the drug trade. The program, which is administered through the Office of Criminal Justice Services, is also intended to help local entities enhance the safety of Ohioans through multi-jurisdictional task forces, the news release said.

"Ohio's drug task forces play an absolutely critical role in removing drugs

from the streets and holding drug traffickers accountable," said DeWine. "These grants are flexible so drug task force commanders can tailor their plans to the greatest benefit for their local communities."

Funds can be used by agencies to investigate drug trafficking organizations and disrupt the drug supply through intelligence gathering, information sharing, and multi-agency coordination. Grants can also be used to support local

work to help drug overdose victims and their families through education, support, and treatment options, the news release said.

The Ohio Drug Law Enforcement Fund is part of the Drug Interdiction, Disruption and Reduction Plan that is funded through Ohio's operating budget.

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- Sweetly tender, fond and true, there's never a day that we do not think of you.
- Your memory is dear today as the hour you passed away.
- In our home you are fondly remembered, sweet memories cling to your name.
- We miss you today as much as we did when God called you home.
- Life is very empty without you as we were so happy together.
- Your absence to us is a sorrow and your loss we will always regret.
- Your presence is ever near us; your love remains with us yet.
- On earth you nobly did your best, may Jesus grant you heavenly rest.
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Primaries give insight on voter morale

Election denial backfires for GOP candidates

Nicholas Riccardi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former President Donald Trump's crusade for vengeance suffered two devastating blows after Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger won their primaries Tuesday despite rejecting Trump's entreaties to reverse his 2020 election loss.

It's a huge warning sign for the way Republican voters view the former president's crusade to punish those who were not willing to overturn the will of the voters in 2020.

Voters also demonstrated an openness to embracing scandal-plagued candidates — depending on the candidate, and the scandal.

Here are some takeaways from Tuesday's primary elections in Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas and Minnesota:

Trump's biggest primary defeat

Trump had hoped to turn Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp into an example of the danger in defying him. Instead, Kemp on Tuesday became an example of how Republican incumbents might not have as much to fear from Trump as the former president would like.

Kemp cruised past former U.S. Sen. David Perdue in the Republican primary. The victory came a year and a half after Kemp rejected Trump's demands to help overturn the presidential election by declaring Trump the winner in Georgia instead of Joe Biden, who actually won. Perdue's campaign fixated on Trump's lie that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from him, but Kemp won by flexing the power of his office.

Now Kemp will face Democrat Stacey Abrams in a rematch of their 2018 gubernatorial clash. Unlike Trump in 2020, Perdue accepted his defeat Tuesday night, even seeming to brush aside some supporters who took up a chant suggesting there was fraud.

"I'm sorry, but what we're going to do right now is make sure Stacey Abrams is



Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp waves to supporters during an election night watch party Tuesday in Atlanta after easily beating out primary challenger U.S. Sen. David Perdue, who was backed by former President Donald Trump.

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not governor of this state," Perdue said.

Danger of election denial

The Georgia governor's race wasn't the only Trump grudge match that backfired on the former president. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who personally rejected Trump's call to "find" enough votes to declare him the winner in Georgia, defeated his Trump-backed primary challenger as well.



Raffensperger Trump recruited U.S. Rep. Jody Hice from a safe congressional seat to face Raffensperger in the Republican primary, but Hice lost. Trump endorsed primary challengers to the insurance commissioner and attorney general, and they, too, lost.

"Georgia underscores one of Trump's big problems if/when he runs again," Brendan Buck, a former spokesperson for onetime House Speaker Paul Ryan, tweeted Tuesday.

Trump has scored some primary victories with election deniers — most significantly last week in Pennsylvania, when Republican voters there chose his

preferred gubernatorial candidate Doug Mastriano, who said he wouldn't have certified Biden's 2020 win of the state.

But multiple Republicans have made clear they're eyeing 2024 presidential bids, including Pence and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis. And they have distanced themselves from Trump's election allegations.

Declining power of scandal

Trump did notch some wins Tuesday. They came with baggage, but that didn't seem to stop them.



Walker

Former football great Herschel Walker, Trump's pick for U.S. Senate in Georgia, dominated his Republican challengers. Party leaders had first shied away from him because of his checkered history.

But eventually even Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell ended up embracing Walker as the party's best chance to oust Democratic U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock. The bet is that voters won't care as much about scandals in post-Trump America.

That theory certainly got a boost

Tuesday in Texas. Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton was indicted in 2015 on securities fraud charges and is still awaiting trial. He's under investigation for corruption by the FBI and by the state bar of Texas for his role in trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election. Yet he easily won his primary against Land Commissioner George P. Bush, powered by his ability to use his office to cater to conservative causes by, for example, investigating the parents of transgender children.

Back in Georgia, firebrand Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene won her Republican primary, shrugging off challengers who complained Greene was giving the party a bad name by engaging in Holocaust denial and other headline-grabbing, bombastic behavior.

A game of inches

The marquee Democratic matchup of the night — in Texas' 28th Congressional District, between progressive Jessica Cisneros and centrist Rep. Henry Cuellar, one of the last abortion rights opponents in the Democratic caucus — was too early to call Wednesday.

The two candidates were separated by the thinnest margin of votes in a rematch two months after they were forced into a runoff.

After the collapse of much of Biden's agenda in Congress, progressives have gotten a boost in recent primaries. Their candidate, Summer Lee, narrowly won the primary in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District last week. In Oregon's 5th Congressional District, centrist Rep. Kurt Schrader was trailing a progressive challenger after their primary last week; the results were delayed by ballot counting problems.

Still, the left lost a key congressional primary in the Cleveland area just a few weeks ago. They had an awful track record in 2020. And some Democrats worry that leftist wins in places like Oregon's 5th or Texas' 28th will make it harder for the party to hold those relatively moderate districts, especially in what's looking like a dismal fall for Democrats. After Texas, the struggle between the Democrats' left and centrist wings seems poised to go on.

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Obituaries

Eva Mae (Seale) Brunk

WEST LIBERTY - Eva Mae (Seale) Brunk, 93, of West Liberty, Kentucky, passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at Morgan County Kentucky Appalachia Regional Hospital.

Eva was born on December 22, 1928 in Hazard, Kentucky, and was the daughter of Carl and Bonnie (Campbell) Seale.



A wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and an excellent mother-in-law, Eva loved her family dearly. A woman of faith who was active in the church as a Welcome Center greeter and former Sunday School Teacher. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, where she was an officer in the United Methodist Women. Eva loved playing bridge with a couple different groups in her spare time.

She leaves behind her children, Jamie (Sue) Brunk of West Liberty, KY and John (Mary) Brunk of Georgetown, TX; her grandchildren, Jon (Susan) Brunk of Severna Park, MD, Joe (Ally) Brunk of Bowling Green, KY, Jacob (Rachel) Brunk of Katy, TX and Emma Brunk of Waxachachie, TX; her great-grandchildren, Elijah, Eden, Ethan, Elliana, Eva and Esther; her brother-in-law, Doug (Judy) Brunk of Mansfield; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Brunk; and her brother, Harold Seale.

Family and friends may visit from 6:00-8:00 pm Thursday, June 2, 2022 at the Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, 98 S. Diamond Street. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 3, 2022 at 11:00 am with Rev. Jamie Brunk and Rev. Lorry Mabilia officiating. Eva will be laid to rest in Mansfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to First United Methodist Church, 12 N. Diamond St. Mansfield, OH 44902 or West Liberty UMC, PO Box 295, West Liberty, KY 41472.

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Kathleen Myra Reece

MANSFIELD - Kathleen Myra Reece, 87, of Mansfield, passed away at her home surrounded by her family on Monday, May 30, 2022.

Kathleen, affectionately known as Kay by her friends and family and as "Babe" by her adoring husband, was born on January 12, 1935 in Mansfield, Ohio, and she was the daughter of Kenneth and Katherine (Lehman) Russell. Kay was a member of Foursquare Gospel Church. When her husband, George, pastored she was very active and she volunteered for many years at the church food pantry. A true servant, Kay was gentle and always kind. Kay's favorite thing in life was being a wife and mother. She loved and adored her family and cherished time spent together making many fond memories. One of her favorite things to do was attend her grandchildren's sporting events and other events. Kay enjoyed staying fit and loved going to the gym. She met with her classmates of the class of 1953, "The Club", every year to catch up.

She leaves behind to cherish many fond memories her husband of 68 plus years, George Reece; her children, Stephanie (Todd) Kiger, Shelli Caruthers, George (Carol) Reece III, Garrick (Kim) Reece, and Garth (Chrissy) Reece; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and her best friend, Mert. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Gail Shiefer.

Family and friends may visit from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the Diamond Street Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, 98 S. Diamond Street. Her husband, George, will officiate the funeral service on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10:00 am at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest at Mansfield Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Youth Fund at Foursquare Gospel Church, 383 Davidson St. Mansfield, OH 44907.

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Maureen Patricia Ingram

SHELBY - Maureen Patricia Ingram, 85, went peacefully to our Lord surrounded by family on Sunday night, May 29, 2022 in Gaylord, Michigan.

She was born in 1936 in Perth, Scotland, the daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Josephine Porter. She lived in Scotland until she moved to High Wycombe, England in 1944. She was a graduate of Saint Bernard's Catholic School in High Wycombe, England.

Maureen met her late husband, Denzil Ingram, while he was serving in the United States Air Force in High Wycombe, England. In 1957, Maureen moved to the United States to live with her brother and parents where she and Denzil were reunited and married in Shelby, Ohio in 1959. It was in Shelby where they made their home for 62 years before moving to Gaylord, Michigan in 2021 to be closer to family. Maureen retired from the Mansfield News Journal in 1995 after serving 25 years in a variety of positions.

Maureen enjoyed gardening, traveling, antiquing, and spending time with family and friends. We will miss her for her gentle nature, wisdom, guidance, quick wit and dedication and love for her family.

Maureen is survived by her daughter: Maria (Dave) Barton of Indian River, Michigan; son: Jim (Rachelle) Ingram of Mint Hill, North Carolina; three grandchildren: Drew (Mandi) Ingram, Spencer Ingram, and Cassie Barton; great grandson: Denver Ingram; sisters: Shelagh Manhart of Loveland, Colorado and Sophie Swallow of Reading, England; and sister-in-law: Reba Montgomery of Monroe, Ohio. In addition to her parents, Maureen was preceded in death by her husband: Denzil Bertis Ingram on October 8, 2021; brother: Andrew Porter; and brothers-in-law: James Ray Ingram and Robert Montgomery.

Family and friends are welcome at the Penwell Turner Funeral Home, 168 West Main St., Shelby, Ohio on Friday, June 3, 2022 from 5-7 pm, where funeral services will immediately follow at 7 pm. Father Jeff Smith will officiate and burial will follow on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10 am at Oakland Cemetery, Shelby.

To share a memory or send a condolence to the Ingram family, please visit: www.PenwellTurner.com or Maureen's post on the funeral home's Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/PenwellFuneral.



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Heritage League continues banner project



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Banners bearing photos of former and present Clyde veterans will again be hung in downtown beginning in June. The banners are a joint project of the Clyde Heritage League and the city.

Banners were individually purchased by families. The Clyde Heritage League is again taking applications for the 2202 Veterans Banner Project. Cost is \$120 per banner. Only a maximum order of 64 new banners is being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Order deadline is 5 p.m. June 16. Only digital submissions of photographs are accepted. Photos scanned must be 8 by 10 inches or larger with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

If a person does not have a computer/printer for scanning their photo, one can bring their veteran's photograph to the museum to be scanned there during open hours on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Banners will be hung in two time pe-

riods with 32 in each period. The first round may start in late June and go through to the end of August, and the second will start in early September and through to early November.

Call 419-547-7946 to request an application and letter by email or stop into the museum to fill out an application. No out of state applications will be accepted. The best option is to stop at the museum to fill out the application and have a photo scanned.

The museum is housed in the former Grace Episcopal Church built in 1886 and is across from the post office on Buckeye Street. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. Contact the museum at 419-547-7946, <http://www.clydemuseum.org/> or email curator@clydemuseum.org.

Library eyes summer reading program

"Oceans of Possibilities" is the theme for the Summer Reading Program at the Clyde Public Library. Weekly programs begin the week of June 6. Sessions are held Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Each session includes stories, crafts and guest speakers. When checking out library books at the circulation desk, kids will be able to pick a prize from a treasure chest. Parents can register children by calling 419-547-7174.

The library online virtual summer reading program with Beanstack is continuing in 2022. With Beanstack, between June 6 and July 29, one can electronically log their minutes, hours or books read each day between June 6 and July 29.

Safety Village back for youngsters

Safety Village is an early childhood safety education program designed to introduce safety awareness to young children.

During the 20-hour course (two hours a day for two weeks), children learn safety behavior in a miniature village with streets, sidewalks and working traffic light, all scaled down to the size of a five or six year old. Classes will be conducted by two teachers with the help of teenage volunteers.

To be eligible, children must go into kindergarten or first grade in the fall of this year. Children who have attended

before are eligible to attend again, provided they meet the guidelines.

Call or 419-547-9656 for more information.

Clyde-Green Springs Safety Village is held at Clyde Elementary School on South Main Street. The cost is \$25 per child, which covers all materials and a Safety Village T-shirt. Bicycle safety helmets will be given to each child. If the registration fee is financial problem, call or 419-547-9656. To be assured of a T-shirt, register by May 24.

Sessions are held 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m. June 6-17. Class size is limited to 30 students in each class. There are about 10 openings available in each session, said Tricia McElfresh, co-director with Pat Gerber. To register, call 419-547-9656.

Safety Village covers topics like pedestrian traffic, bus, fire, bicycle, drug, playground safety, and not going with strangers. Children meet firemen and police officers and will visit the Clyde or Green Springs police and fire stations. There are movies, songs, poems, and the daily use of Safety Village.

Clyde-Green Springs Safety Village is a nonprofit, public supported organization created to promote safety awareness.

Jeanette Liebold Ricker writes about Clyde and Green Springs. Contact her at 419-547-8177 or by email at jeanette.ricker@gmail.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Fremont schools, GLCPA team up for June programs

FREMONT — Fremont City Schools and Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) will team up to offer summer learning and afterschool programming at Fremont Ross High School beginning this June.

The Afterschool Program will serve 120 students in grades 9 through 12 during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. The Summer Learning Program will also serve the same number and grades of students over three summers from 2022 through 2024.

For the first year, the Summer Learning Program will operate June 13 to Aug. 2. The Afterschool Program will take place Sept. 13, 2022 to May 26, 2023.

Summer Learning programs are funded by a \$900,000 Ohio Department of Education grant and Afterschool programs are funded by a \$1 million ODE grant to address students' academic, social, and emotional needs, especially for students who experienced learning disruptions due to the pandemic.

For more information or to enroll, call Great Lakes Community Action Partnership at 1-800-775-9767 or visit glcap.org/afterschool.

Conservation district names poster winners

OAK HARBOR — The Ottawa Soil and Water Conservation District announced the Ottawa County Healthy Soil: Healthy Life poster contest winners.

Ottawa County chose the top two posters and the first place poster will be sent to the state competition. Both winners come from Genoa Middle School and are in seventh grade. Lucy Schlageter won first place and Ava Houghtaling came in second. Both girls will be featured on Ottawa SWCD's social media and have their posters made into placemats for the District's Annual Banquet in September.

Ottawa County Election Board to meet May 25

OAK HARBOR — The Ottawa County Board of Elections will meet at 9 a.m. May 25 for the regular board meeting and to conduct the Official Canvass of the May 3 Primary Election. The meeting and canvass will be held at the Board of Elections office, 8444 West Ohio 163 in the Veterans Memorial Building.

Ohio Justice Bus to offer services in Port Clinton

PORT CLINTON — The Ohio Justice Bus will offer free legal advice to OhioKan clients and Ottawa County residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, 570 S. McKinley Drive. Services will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. Bring all required documentation.

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And while none of these may be as exciting as visiting another country or bungee jumping off a cliff, there are quite a few things happening in our fair village this weekend to help keep boredom at bay.

First, for the sports fans, we have a baseball tournament hosted by the Woodmore Select ball teams with approximately 20 teams from surrounding communities participating.

Ball games, farmers market, garage sales to keep town busy

The tournament for 12- and 14- year-olds began Wednesday night and will run through the weekend. There will be two games starting at 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. Games will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and play will continue throughout the day.

Monday will be championship day with games again starting at 10 a.m. The

tournament is being played on the diamonds located behind Woodmore Elementary at 800 West Main St. Price of admission is \$2 per day or \$5 for a tournament pass.

For the treasure hunters, the Woodville All-Town Garage Sales are Thursday through Saturday. Print copies of the official roster are available at McDonald's and at the Sunoco and Marathon gas stations. The roster can also be found on Facebook at @WoodvilleAllTownGarageSales. Included in that list are a mini book sale at the library and a garage sale fundraiser for the Woodville Food Pantry. A look at the items listed for each sale indicates that there is something for just about everyone.

For those who love to shop, the village has the first farmers market of the season on Saturday morning. Vendors will be bringing everything from plants and produce to arts and crafts and syrup to mushrooms. Even the food pantry will be bringing homemade baked goods as a fundraiser. The market runs from 9 a.m. until noon at Trail Marker Park on South Cherry Street. The list of vendors can be found on Facebook at @WoodvilleFarmersMarket43469.

For those craving a taste of carnival food, Frank's Fries will be at Country Creek Greenhouse from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The greenhouse is at 1283 East Main St.

Memorial Day Parade returns

For those who wish to gather to observe the true reason for this holiday weekend, Woodville's Memorial Day Parade will return after a two-year hia-

tus. The parade will step off at 8:30 a.m., beginning at Elm Street and proceeding east on Main Street. There will be a brief stop at the Portage River Bridge to drop a memorial wreath in the river.

The parade will continue onto Bridge Street and then west on First Street to end at Veterans Park where there will be a brief service to honor our fallen soldiers.

Following the service, everyone is invited for a free community breakfast with friends and neighbors. The breakfast will be held in the gym at Solomon School, 305 West Main St. Donations will be accepted.

And finally, for those out for a stroll or some other form of exercise, the military banners have returned to the light poles lining the streets of town. The banners feature members of our community, past and present, who have served in any branch of the military.

Elmore parade set for Monday

For anyone not able to attend the parade in Woodville, there will also be a Memorial Day parade in Elmore later in the morning Monday. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Woodmore High School and proceed down Toledo Street. There will be a stop at the Harris-Elmore Public Library where attendees can listen to a speech given by the American Legion. At the conclusion of the speech, the parade will travel down Clinton Street then Rice Street to Augusta Street and will return to the high school.

A little reminder for navigating village streets in search of garage sales — local schools are still in session through Friday; students will be walking to and

from the school.

Garbage pickup in the village is today. And last but not least, mail carriers also need access to customers' mailboxes.

Donation drive for Humane Society

The Woodville Buckeyes 4-H Club will be holding several donation drives this summer for the Humane Society of Sandusky County. The first one will be at the farmers market on Saturday. Items on the Humane Society wish list include dog and cat food, treats, non-clumping cat litter, blankets, toys, and cleaning supplies. A longer list is posted on the club's Facebook page at @WoodvilleBuckeyes4H. Donations may also be dropped off at the Woodville Library.

Honor ride for Veterans

The American Legion Post in Elmore will kick off Ohio Bike Week with an Honor Ride to the Sandusky Veterans Home on Saturday. The event is open to all motorcycle riders wishing to honor military veterans. Residents at the home will vote for their favorite bikes and the winner will receive a trophy.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. at the Legion on Veteran Avenue in Elmore where food and beverages will be available. After a blessing of the bikes, the escorted ride will depart at 12:30 p.m. and arrive at the Veterans Home at 1:30 p.m. The fee to participate is \$20 per bike and \$10 per passenger. Proceeds will benefit the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky and American Legion Riders Chapter 279.

The Ohio Veterans Home requires masks when interacting with the residents.

Contact Rene Dix at 419-307-0914 or via email at rene.dix@email.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Ohio Turnpike to host event at service plaza

CLYDE — The Ohio Turnpike and the Ohio Highway Patrol are teaming up ahead of Memorial Day to host a customer appreciation event at the turnpike's Commodore Perry Service Plaza in Clyde on Friday.

Everyone is invited to attend the event, which runs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service plaza on the Ohio Turnpike is at milepost 100 eastbound in Sandusky County.

Historical Society launches podcast

PORT CLINTON — Catawba Island Historical Society will launch a new podcast titled "Now Listen to Me...Catawba Island Fun Facts, Lore, Anecdotes and Sometimes Even a Little History".

The first episode, Catawba Island Driving Tour Part 1, will be released on Sunday. New episodes will be available each Sunday for 10 weeks thereafter. They can be found on Spotify, Amazon Music, Apple and other podcast platforms.

Memorial Day Mass set at St. Joseph Cemetery

FREMONT — A Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at Fremont St. Joseph Cemetery at 997 Cleveland Ave. at 9 a.m. Monday at the St. Casimir Altar. Those attending should bring their own chair. In case of rain, Mass will be held at Fremont St. Ann Catholic Church, 1011 West State St.

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Uvalde police chief says he's complying

DPS, others: No response to requests for interviews

Jim Vertuno
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The school district police chief who served as on-site commander during last week's deadly shooting in Uvalde, Texas, said Wednesday that he's talking daily with investigators, contradicting claims from state law enforcement that he has stopped cooperating.

In a brief interview, Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Police Chief Pete Arredondo told CNN that he's speaking regularly with Texas Department of Public Safety investigators.

"I've been on the phone with them every day," Arredondo said. The chief has been the focus of ire in the community and beyond over allegations that he delayed sending officers into the school on May 24, believing that the gunman was barricaded inside adjoining classrooms and the children were no longer at risk.

Travis Considine, chief communications officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Tuesday that Arredondo had not responded to DPS requests for two days, while other officers in the Uvalde city and schools police departments continue to sit for interviews and provide statements.

Arredondo has not responded to multiple requests for comment from The Associated Press. Considine told AP on Wednesday that Arredondo had not responded to Texas Rangers' requests for follow up interviews as of Tuesday. The Texas Rangers – the investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety that focuses on major crimes – had no immediate response to Arredondo's insistence he was in regular touch with DPS.

Nineteen children and two teachers died in the attack at Robb Elementary School, the deadliest school shooting in nearly a decade. Funerals began this week, and U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona attended Wednesday's services for teacher Irma Garcia, who was killed in the attack, and her husband, Joe Garcia, who died of a heart at-



A funeral procession for Irma Garcia, slain May 24, and her husband Joe Garcia, who died two days later, is seen Wednesday in Uvalde, Texas. ERIC GAY/AP

tack two days later.

The district announced Wednesday that students and staff would not return to that campus, though plans were still being finalized on where the students would attend classes in the fall.

Texas state Sen. Roland Gutierrez said Wednesday that his office is working with state and federal agencies to request upwards of \$45 million in federal funding for the school.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, its School Emergency Response to Violence, known as Project SERV, "funds short-term education-related services" to help educational facilities "recover from a violent or traumatic event in which the learning environment has been disrupted."

Gutierrez said he is unaware of any plans to tear down Robb Elementary but that funds obtained through the program by other schools have traditionally been used to rebuild.

State officials have said 19 police officers waited for more than an hour outside the classroom where Salvador Ramos, 18, opened fire, despite repeated pleas from children calling 911 for help.

The Combined Law Enforcement As-

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sociation of Texas, which represents police officers, has urged its members to cooperate with "all government investigations" into the shooting and police response, and endorsed a federal probe by the Justice Department.

The confusing and sometimes contradictory information released in the week since the deadly shooting continued Tuesday with the revelation that the exterior door used by the gunman was not left propped open by a teacher, as police previously said.

They have now determined that the teacher, who has not been identified, propped the door open with a rock, but removed the rock and closed the door when she realized there was a shooter on campus, Considine said. But, Consi-

dine added, the door that was designed to lock when shut did not lock.

"We did verify she closed the door. The door did not lock. We know that much, and now investigators are looking into why it did not lock," Considine said.

Considine said the teacher initially propped the door open but ran back inside to get her phone and call 911 when Ramos crashed his truck on campus.

"She came back out while on her phone, she heard someone yell, 'He has a gun!', she saw him jump the fence and that he had a gun, so she ran back inside," removing the rock when she did, Considine said.

Since the attack, law enforcement and state officials have struggled to present an accurate timeline of the event and how police reacted, sometimes providing conflicting information or withdrawing some statements hours later. State police have said some accounts were preliminary and may change as more witnesses are interviewed.

On Wednesday, Gov. Greg Abbott asked top lawmakers to convene a legislative committee to examine and make recommendations on "school safety, mental health, social media, police training, firearm safety and more."

The next Texas legislative session is set for January, although some lawmakers have urged Abbott to call a special session in response to the shooting.

After previous mass shootings at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Santa Fe High School and an El Paso Walmart, Abbott began "roundtable" discussions, sometimes involving survivors and victims' families.

After the 2018 shooting at Santa Fe High School, lawmakers in 2019 approved \$100 million for schools to improve campus safety with metal detectors, vehicle barriers, shooter alarms systems and other safety measures. They also allowed more teachers to carry guns on campus and be trained in campus shooter response.

But Abbott and state lawmakers resisted calls for stricter gun ownership measures. In 2021, Abbott signed into law a measure that allows people 21 and older to carry handguns without a license or training.

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WILLARD

Gary Dean Lyons Jr., 55, Willard, passed away on May 16, 2022, at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. Gary was born on Aug. 20, 1966 in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, to Elizabeth (Strong) Lyons and the late Gary Lyons Sr.

Gary graduated from Willard High School in 1985. He later served his country in the Navy for 8 1/2 years. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Moose Lodge. Gary loved his Camaro, Harley Davidson, and F-150. He enjoyed music and concerts, and could often be heard driving down



the road blaring his favorite music.

Gary is survived by his mother, Elizabeth (Strong) Lyons of Willard, and brother

Jayson Lyons of Willard.

Gary is preceded in death by his father, Gary Lyons Sr., and grandmothers Lulubelle Smith and Bernadine Lyons.

Visitation for Gary will be held 2-5 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Secor Funeral Home in Willard. His funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2022, at the funeral home, with Elder Philip Beverly officiating. Burial will follow at the Forest Cemetery in Fredericktown, Ohio, with military honors. Condolences may be left to the family at www.secorfuneralhomes.com.

Huron County indicts 7

By COLLEEN CARROLL

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NORWALK

A Huron County grand jury indicted seven people on varying felony offenses last week.

Among those indicted include two men both charged with several felonies for allegedly breaking into several houses in Huron County between August of 2021 and February of 2022, according to their indictments. Both Kyle Puder, 39 and Edward Blair, 46, have court hearings scheduled in the coming weeks.

Those indicted include:

- Kyle S. Puder, 39, Huron County Jail, three counts of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, six counts of breaking and entering, two counts of theft from a person in a protected class, two counts of grand theft of a firearm or a dangerous ordnance, one count of burglary, one count of tampering with evidence, one count of petty theft and one count of aggravated theft
- Edward Blair, 46, Huron County Jail, three counts of engaging in a pattern of

corrupt activity, six counts of breaking and entering, two counts of theft from a person in a protected class, four counts of receiving stolen property, one count of aggravated theft, one count of petty theft and three counts of having weapons under disability

- Johnie L. Hicks, 30, Willard, one count each of burglary, receiving stolen property, breaking and entering, aggravated possession of drugs

- Lovara L. Dye, 47, Willard, one count each of complicity in the commission of an offense, breaking and entering, aggravated possession of drugs, illegal use of supplemental assistance program benefits or WIC program benefits

- Pamela E. Bernard, 36, Collins, one count of theft

- Shane A. Signs, 47, 200 block Ohio 61, two counts of felonious assault

- Travis L. Shepherd, 20, Greenwich, one count each unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, importuning, sexual imposition

An indictment is merely a formal charge and does not denote guilt or innocence.

Commissioners displeased with opioid board direction

By MIKE MAGNUSON

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NORWALK

The Huron County Board of Commissioners and the Huron County assistant prosecutor expressed displeasure Tuesday with proposals regarding the direction of the Ohio Opioid Settlement Project's board of directors.

Commissioner Terry Boose attended the May 11 meeting of the organization's Region 19, which was created to equitably distribute funds gained from the 2020 federal lawsuit against opioid manufacturers and distributors for contributing to the opioid crisis. Boose said members discussed the option of restricting board membership to include only members who were not duly elected officials.

"Their big consideration is whether elected officials can be on the board," Boose reported to the commissioners' open session.

Huron County Assistant Prosecutor Randall Strickler was incredulous.

"Really? Come on," Strickler said. "That's ridiculous."

Harry Brady, vice president of the board of commissioners, also expressed his displeasure.

"It's a classic example of rolling out a program without having any sort of plan firmed up," Brady said of the state board.

"I blame our attorney general in part," said Boose, dividing his exasperation between Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and the lack of clear leadership by the state board.

"Their way of moving forward and our way of moving forward is totally different."

"They absolutely haven't given us any guidance as to what to do," Strickler said. "It keeps changing."

Increased difficulties at the state level have lead to delays in receipts of lawsuit monies, Boose said.

"Supposedly that's complicating the formula, so they can't figure it out."

"That's government at it's finest," said Brady, "We have a hard time putting boards together right now."



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Randy Strickler.

Brady and Bruce "Skip" Wilde agreed that excluding elected officials from the state board's membership would limit the body's accountability.

"We have to have some representation," Wilde said about elected officials.

In other matters, the board discussed prior plans to remodel the commissioners' building's basement, to house the Huron County Board of Elections. Formerly estimated at about \$80,000, new estimates approach \$400,000, far more than commissioners are willing to pay, said Brady. Wilde agreed, saying that at the new cost, consideration of the project had ended.

"It's over," Wilde said.

Brady clarified, however, that the elections board's primary objective, expanding its space to allow for more efficient in-person voting at the facility outside of the building's Meeting Room A, might be able to be accomplished for the original sum. He noted that something would need to be done eventually, to address the need. Brady said he would seek the opinion of Pete Welch, director of operations for the county.

"I would be all for that; to free up Meeting Room A for the rest of its life," said Wilde.

Boose said the existing small examination rooms, formerly used by the Huron County Board of Health, might be useful for storage.

Crime/Accidents

PERKINS POLICE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

1:02 a.m. — Hayes Avenue and Orlando Pave Drive, Shakita M. Williams, 44, driving under suspension, speed.

2:48 a.m. — 5900 block Milan Road (U.S. 250), Alexander D. Cortes-Quintones, 33, 7000 block Kalahari Drive, assault, domestic violence.

7:26 a.m. — 2800 block Columbus Ave., Adrianna Hale, 25, 600 block Hancock St., warrant

7:41 a.m. — 200 block Doerzbach Ave., officer gives a kid a ride to school.

9:06 a.m. — Ransom and West Bogart Roads, large construction truck blocking mailbox, parking ticket issued.

11:15 a.m. — 1800 block Hunters Way, officer assists with vehicle lockout.

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF

TUESDAY, MAY 17

3:11 p.m. — 2600 block Tiffin Ave. (Ohio 101), Margareta Township, three-year-old bitten by a dog.

3:58 p.m. — 10300 block Hayes Ave. (Ohio 4), Margareta Township, man finds a license plate near his property.

NORWALK POLICE

TUESDAY, MAY 17

5:33 p.m. — 100 block N. Hester St., kids trespassing at a park.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

1:32 a.m. — First block Ontario St., Chase D. Conley, 22, same address, warrant.

HURON COUNTY SHERIFF

TUESDAY, MAY 17

11:23 a.m. — Townline Road, officers help firefighters with a field fire.

3:29 p.m. — 4800 block West River Road, Wakeman Township, unruly juvenile.

8:58 p.m. — 300 block Clark St., Willard, Tyler A. Barnett, 30, Willard, warrant.

10:29 p.m. — 100 block S. Main St., North Fairfield Village, Cliff A. Alheit, 42, Amherst, warrant.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

4:57 a.m. — 1500 block Greenfield Township, driver hits a deer.

9:13 a.m. — 3300 block Greenwich Angling Road, Greenwich, unruly juvenile at middle school.

10:26 a.m. — 300 block Ohio 61, Norwalk,

verbal domestic reported.

WILLARD POLICE

TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:30 a.m. — 700 block Park St., disturbance reported.

8:51 a.m. — 200 block W. Maple St., suspicious vehicle reported.

10:31 a.m. — 300 block W. Pearl St., suspicious person reported.

4:37 p.m. — 700 block Wessor Ave., civil matter.

5:31 p.m. — 100 block S. Myrtle Ave., officer assists with vehicle lockout.

6:07 p.m. — 400 block Spring St., Lisaann R. Brown, 49, same address, domestic violence.

6:44 p.m. — 500 block Quail Creek, officer assists with vehicle lockout.

7:06 p.m. — 600 block S. Myrtle Ave., civil issue.

9:52 p.m. — 100 block S. Main St., loud music complaint.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

12:09 a.m. — 100 block Woodland Ave., suspicious person reported.

10:16 a.m. — First block East Maple St., parking ticket issued for illegal parking.

2:21 p.m. — First block Woodland Ave., caller reported an animal complaint.

BELLEVUE POLICE

TUESDAY, MAY 17

4:16 a.m. — 200 block Broad St., caller reports someone trying to get into their house, officer finds a raccoon rummaging through garbage.

1:46 p.m. — West Main Street and Greenwood Heights, traffic light broken.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

12:05 a.m. — Southwest Street and Belle Avenue, suspicious person reported.

NEW LONDON POLICE

TUESDAY, MAY 17

8:47 a.m. — West Main Street, 911 hang-up call, everything ok when officers check.

5:33 p.m. — Third Street, officer assists with vehicle lockout.

9:37 p.m. — West Main and Grant Street, driver arrested on a warrant.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

1:44 a.m. — Walnut Street, a complainant reported a suspicious man running through her yard. Woman asks for extra patrol.

Police looking for driver in hit-and-run accident

By MIKE MAGNUSON

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NORWALK

A wheelchair-bound Norwalk man was struck in a hit-and-run collision Tuesday night at the corner of East League Street and Milan Avenue.

Scott Biller, of Norwalk, was legally crossing Milan Avenue in the crosswalk, about 9:02 p.m., according to the report by the investigating officer, Norwalk Police Sgt. Zach O'Neal. The report said Biller was struck by a full-size blue crew cab Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck, which backed up and fled south on Milan Avenue.

O'Neal's report indicates Biller was taken to Fisher-Titus Medical Center by emergency medical personnel from North Central EMS

with non-life-threatening injuries.

The truck may show damage to the right front fender/light housing area, and a photograph of the truck, as well as witness statements were obtained. O'Neal said the department has not released the photograph because it is still undergoing forensic enhancement. He said the police department will eventually find the responsible party, but that police would prefer the driver turn him or herself in before it becomes necessary. Still, O'Neal emphasized, the NPD will continue to seek information from the public.

"We're looking for help from the community"

Anyone with additional information may contact the Norwalk Police Department.

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Record

MARKET PRICES

Sunrise Cooperative market prices: Wednesday

Clarksfield corn — \$7.51; soybeans — \$16.83; wheat — \$12.11
Monroeville corn — \$7.41; soybeans — \$16.88; wheat — N/A

OHIO LOTTERY

Note: The latest evening results: Not available by deadline

Sunday's daytime results:

PICK 3 4 2 0

PICK 4 3 1 9 7

PICK 5 8 6 6 5 3

Saturday's evening results:

PICK 3 0 6 7

PICK 4 6 7 6 7

PICK 5 3 2 0 2 4

ROLLING CASH 5

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CLASSIC LOTTO

Tuesday's drawing

1 25 26 29 31 44

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MEGA MILLIONS

Friday's drawing

11 41 43 44 65

Mega Ball 13

Megaplier 3

POWERBALL

Tuesday's drawing

7 15 22 36 64

Power Ball 13

Power Play 2

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TRACK & FIELD | DIVISION III REGIONAL

New London's Gum, South Central's Osborn advance to state meet

By Reflector staff

PORT CLINTON

Two area Firelands Conference standout throwers earned their respective spots at next week's Division III state track and field championships on Wednesday.

New London's Kaitlyn Gum and South Central's Claire Osborn each finished among the top four at the first day of the regional championship meet at Tru-Lay Stadium in Port Clinton.

Gum won the event with a throw of 40-feet-3.75 inches, while Osborn was fourth at 37-feet-4.5 inches.

Full results from Wednesday's meet at Port Clinton were not available at deadline. For full results of the meet, visit norwalkreflector.com.

At the Div. I Findlay regional, Norwalk's Carson Bauman placed fifth in the pole vault (13-feet-8), while Shyanne Moser was 13th in the shot put (33-feet-0.5). Norwalk's 4x800-meter relay team of Summer Moehlman, Kylie Moser, Joscey Thomas and Zuri Immell placed 14th in 10:08.65.

Also for the Truckers, freshman Ben Rothhaar ran a 49.36-second time to place fifth in the preliminary race of the 400-meter dash, and qualified for Saturday's finals.



Reflector photos/SARAH BECK

New London's Kaitlyn Gum in action in the shot put competition on Wednesday at the Division III regional championship meet in Port Clinton. Gum won the event to advance to next week's state championships.



LEFT: South Central's Claire Osborn during the shot put competition on Wednesday at the Division III regional championship meet in Port Clinton. Osborn placed fourth in the event to advance to next week's state championships. **RIGHT:** St. Paul's Sam Scavuzzo competes in the long jump.



ABOVE: Western Reserve's Aiden Beck and St. Paul's Aidan Kusser compete in the 300-meter hurdle preliminary race. **LEFT:** St. Paul's Sebastian Gomez hands the baton to teammate Ian Deeter in the 4x800-meter relay.

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NORWALK REFLECTOR



UST system(s) that requires a remedial action plan. Notice is hereby given that a confirmed release of petroleum has occurred from the UST system(s) located at:

Shady Lane Complex
258 Benedict Ave
Norwalk, Ohio
Huron County
BUSTR Release Number:
39002247-N00001

A proposed remedial action plan (RAP) dated December 2, 2021, was submitted by the owner and/or operator of the UST systems for the review and approval of the State Fire Marshal (SFM). Once the SFM has reviewed and approved the proposed RAP, the owner and/or operator of the UST systems will be required to implement the proposed RAP.

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May 26, June 2, 9, 2022

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May 26, 2022

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BASEBALL | DIVISION III REGIONAL

Simon leads Edison's charge back to regional

By BRIAN KOLLARS

Tandem Media Network

MILAN TWP.

Baseball is in Thomas Simon's blood.

So are hunting and fishing. When you add that all up, his choice of Westminster College as a place to study, play ball and enjoy the northwest Pennsylvania outdoors makes perfect sense.

Westminster spotted Simon at a showcase at Slippery Rock University last summer. Once the Edison High School senior did his homework (with a 4.1 GPA he's pretty good at that) and visited the campus in New Wilmington, Pa., he was hooked. He committed last October.

"I fell in love with it, the small campus feeling," Simon said this week. "One of my favorite trout streams in Pennsylvania is actually five minutes from the school, so me and dad went up there in March. When the family comes up he'll be able to go fishing and watch baseball, so he'll like that."

"I'll be fishing, too, I'm sure. It's meant to be."

Simon, one of the best all-around baseball players in northern Ohio, is excited to make his mark at the NCAA Division III program that Simon says is "on the rise."

But first, he'd like to take care of some unfinished business at this week's Division III regional at Elida.

The Chargers will play Fredericktown at 5 p.m. Thursday in the second semifinal. Eastwood and Ottawa Hills meet in the regional opener at 2 p.m.

Edison will play on the same field where it lost a 3-2 heartbreaker in 11 innings to eventual state runner-up Archbold in a regional semifinal last year. Simon started on the mound for the Chargers and was electric, striking out 14 batters in nine innings.

"We only lost one starter from last year and we were that close," Simon said. "We've proven it so far in this tournament. We have the potential."

Sectional scare

Simon, a slender left-hander with a live arm and full beard, will get the call for the second straight year in a regional semifinal. He's glad to simply be in uniform after badly spraining his right ankle in a sectional final against Western Reserve. Simon was hit by a pitch in his left calf, jumped around in pain and ended up damaging his pitching plant foot.

"Less than five minutes after I took off my cleat it looked like somebody had shoved a baseball under my skin," Simon said. "That was pretty scary. That whole weekend I was icing and elevating and doing exercises the trainer gave me."

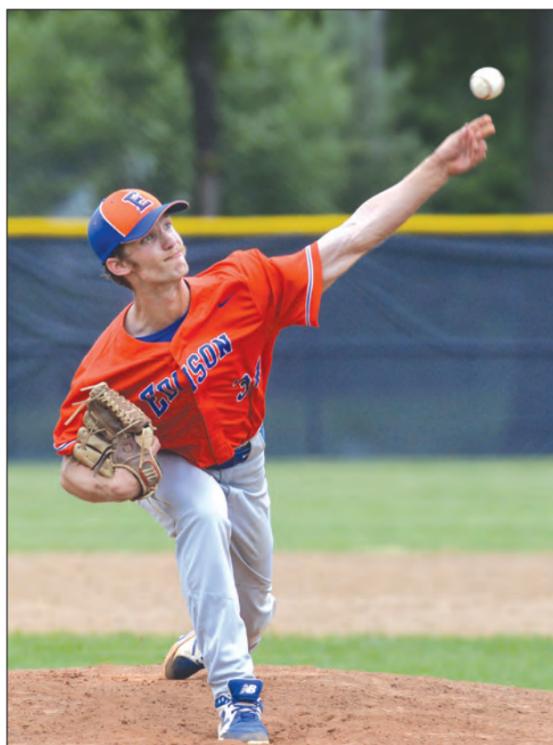
He wore a walking boot for a few days and got the start in a district semifinal win last Thursday against Wynford. The ankle isn't 100 percent, but Simon looked fine running during the district tournament.

It wasn't the first injury Simon has experienced. He was Edison's starting quarterback in football until concussion issues sidelined him midway through last season. A game at Port Clinton was Simon's last in the sport.

"They sacked me five or six times. The last time I smacked my head on the turf and it didn't feel right," he said. "Coach (Jim) Hall knew it was best not to go back out and I agreed. As much as I wanted to go back out there I knew it was in my best interest to hold off and get ready for my senior season of baseball."

Simon, who also played safety for the Chargers, loved football as much as baseball.

"There were times when I thought it'd be so cool to go to a small school and play football," he said. "I played quarterback, but I loved coming up from safety and hitting people. That hurt me in the long run with concussions. I definitely miss being out there on Friday night."



Reflector photo/ERIN CALDWELL

Edison's Thomas Simon delivers the pitch during a Division III district semifinal game against Wynford at Norwalk High School on May 26 at Norwalk High School.

His first game as a player-coach was a victory over Willard. Simon was happy for his teammates, but he had to leave the locker room celebration early.

"Everybody was celebrating in the locker room and I left and started letting tears loose in the truck because I missed it so much," he said. "At the same time, I knew everything happens for a reason and I could help out on the sidelines and be there for my teammates."

Fun with Naturals

Simon has always been big on team and family. He played on the same travel ball squad — the Norwalk Naturals — from the age of 9 to 16. That's somewhat unusual for an elite player in this day and age of big-money youth sports.

"We were a local team that went out and kicked some butt against all these big travel teams," he said.

Current teammates Brady Barker, Clint Finnen, Noah Smith and Bryce Michaelis did future Norwalk standouts Eli Obringer, Sam Battles, Ian Minor and Caleb Sommers and future St. Paul player Eli Fisher.

Greg Obringer and Larry Fisher coached the team.

"Our 12U team was 38-3 with 10 of us from just around here, within a 10-minute drive of each other," Simon said. "It was the best time I had when I was growing up playing baseball. We had that family feeling and still keep in contact today."

One of Simon's most vivid travel ball memories was a Naturals victory over the powerful Muskingum County Muck Dogs, who featured a player now committed to Auburn University.

"We beat them under the lights and they didn't know what to do. We were just a bunch of kids from Milan and Norwalk," Simon said. "It was the best scene I've ever played in. They were good. They'd beat us nine times out of 10, but we beat them in the championship."

"The trophy was taller than our shortest player, Eli Fisher from St. Paul."

Simon's success on the baseball diamond was not a surprise considering his bloodlines.

His dad, Brad, is a 1996 Edison graduate who went on to star at Bowling Green State University as a catcher. He helped the Falcons win Mid-American Conference titles in 1998 and 1999.

Brad's older brother, Ben, is a 1993 Edison graduate and first-team All-Ohio player. He played at Eastern Michigan and was a seventh-round draft choice by the Los Angeles Dodgers after his junior season.

Ben spent seven years in the Dodgers organization and made it to the Triple-A level. After leaving the Dodgers he played three years in an independent league, once striking out Baseball Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson.

Thomas' mother Annette

(Rockwell) was a softball, volleyball and basketball standout at Edison. His late grandfather, Thomas, for whom he is named, was a promising hockey player.

Thomas said his family name brought expectations, but he's taken those in stride.

"People saw Ben play in the early 90s and my dad play in the mid-90s so, 'Oh, he should be good.' That comes with a lot of responsibility, but it's also fun to show what I can do," Simon said. "My dad has always known my potential. He never wanted me to get caught up in the name and just play. It's going pretty good right now."

Senior standout

Simon is 7-1 on the mound this season with a 1.77 earned-run average. He's struck out 89 batters and walked only 13 in 55.1 innings of work. At the plate, he's batting .417 with a team-high 33 runs. Last year he struck out 111 in 67.2 innings.

The SBC Bay Division Player of the Year throws a fastball, curveball and a changeup. He credits his sophomore brother Blake with helping him improve his changeup.

"He's taught me how to throw it better than I ever did. His changeup is way better than mine so I give him all the credit," Simon said. "And Uncle Ben started teaching me how to throw a curveball, so I mix it in as well. Fastball-changeup. Just being able to change speeds is a killer at this level."

The work Simon has put in has not been lost on Edison coach Sean Hoover.

"It's always beneficial when your best players are your hardest workers," Hoover said. "That's the way Thomas has been for four years. He takes his reps seriously and works hard, and when he struggles he works harder."

Simon, who graduates from high school on Sunday, has proven to be a good student and one day hopes to be on the teaching end. He plans on studying education and wants to coach baseball.

"I've had a lot of teachers and coaches who have impacted me and changed my outlook on life and I'll remember them forever," he said. "I feel that I can impact kids the way those coaches and teachers did for me. I feel that if I can do that it'd be pretty cool."

After a summer fishing trip to Wyoming with his dad and brother, Simon will focus on college.

"We've been going to Pennsylvania for 10 years," said Brad Simon. "We get a cabin and go fishing. He told me he wants to go to school, go fly fishing and play baseball. It was kind of a joke, but it stuck."

Thomas' favorite fishing spot near campus is Neshannock Creek, an easy five-minute drive. He already has his schedule figured out.

"If I'm not at baseball practice, I'll probably be down the road fishing."

BASEBALL | REGIONAL PAIRINGS

REGIONAL TOURNEY PAIRINGS

Rankings are from the final Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association State Poll released May 16.

DIVISION I

Region 1
North Canton Hoover vs. No. 5 Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit, at Louisville High School 2 p.m. Thursday
North Royalton vs. Chagrin Falls Kenston, at Louisville High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Louisville High School, Fri., June 3 at 5 p.m.

Region 2
Hilliard Darby vs. No. 13 Grove City, at Dublin Coffman High School, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 8 New Albany vs. Westerville North, at Dublin Coffman High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Dublin Coffman High School, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 3
Sylvania Northview vs. Whitehouse Anthony Wayne, at Bowling Green State University, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 12 Cleveland St. Ignace vs. Strongsville, at North Ridgeville High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at North Ridgeville High School, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 4
No. 1 Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller vs. Fairfield, at Batavia Midland Baseball Complex, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 3 Mason vs. Lebanon, at Batavia Midland Baseball Complex, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Batavia Midland Baseball Complex, 5 p.m. Thursday

State semifinals
June 10, Akron Canal Park
Semifinal Game 1: Region 3 vs. Region 1, 10 a.m.
Semifinal Game 2: Region 2 vs. Region 4, 1 p.m.
Championship: 4 p.m. June 11

DIVISION II

Region 5
Chagrin Falls vs. Chardon, at Canton Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium, 2 p.m. Thursday
Louisville vs. No. 13 Hunting Valley University School, at Canton Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Canton Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 6
No. 1 Defiance vs. No. 10 Tiffin Columbian, at Bowling Green Carter Park, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 18 Akron Archbishop Hoban vs. Sandusky Perkins, at Bowling Green Carter Park, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Bowling Green Carter Park, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 7
Steubenville vs. New Philadelphia, at Gnadenhutten Indian Valley High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Washington Court House Washington vs. Columbus Bishop Hartley, at Ashville Teays Valley High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Ashville Teays Valley High School, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 8
Clevelands Taylor vs. No. 7 Hamilton Badin, Thurs., at Mason High School, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 20 Delaware Buckeye Valley vs. Eaton, at Mason High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Mason High School, 5 p.m. Friday

State semifinals
June 10, Akron Canal Park
Semifinal Game 1: Region 6 vs. Region 8, 4 p.m.
Semifinal Game 2: Region 7 vs. Region 5, 7 p.m.
Championship: 7 p.m. June 11

DIVISION III

Region 9
Gates Mills Hawken vs. Canfield South Range, at Massillon Washington High School, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 5 Apple Creek Wayneedale vs. Youngstown Ursuline, at Massillon Washington High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Massillon Washington High School, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 10
No. 2 Pemberville Eastwood vs. No. 8 Toledo Ottawa Hills, at Elida Middle School, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 10 Milan Edison (20-8) vs. No. 16 Fredericktown (18-5), at Elida Middle School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Elida Middle School, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 11
Mentor vs. Proctorville Fairland, at Chillicothe VA Memorial Stadium, 12 p.m. Thursday
No. 4 Baltimore Liberty Union vs. West Lafayette Ridgewood, at Mount Vernon High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Lancaster High School, 3 p.m. Friday

Region 12
No. 1 Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy vs. Springfield Northeastern, at Wright State University, 5 p.m. Thursday
Reading vs. St. Bernard Roger Bacon, at Wright State University, 2 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Wright State University, 5 p.m. Friday

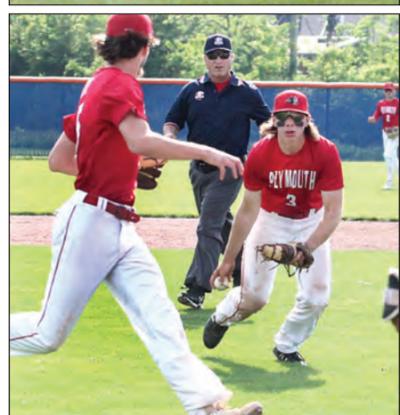
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June 9, Akron Canal Park
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Championship: 1 p.m., June 11

DIVISION IV

Region 13
Tiffin Calvert vs. Bristolville Bristol, at Gates Mills Gilmour Academy, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 5 Jeromesville Hillsdale vs. Warren John F. Kennedy, at Gates Mills Gilmour Academy, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Gates Mills Gilmour Academy, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 14
Plymouth (19-7) vs. No. 23 Antwerp (18-5), at Hamler Patrick Henry High School, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 3 Van Wert Lincolnview vs. Leipsic, at Hamler Patrick Henry High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Hamler Patrick Henry High School, 5 p.m. Friday

Region 15
No. 11 Berlin Hiland vs. No. 13 Mowrystown Whiteoak, at Lancaster High School, 2 p.m.



Reflector photos/JERRY HARRINGTON

TOP: Plymouth's Carson Tucker in relief at shortstop runs down a short fly ball to the outfield for an out in the sixth inning of a Division IV district championship game on May 28 at Heise Park in Galion. **ABOVE:** Plymouth first baseman Ethan Gillum fields a South Central bunt and tosses the ball to Zeth Gothering over to cover first base for the out.

No. 4 Newark Catholic vs. No. 1 Lucasville Valley, at Lancaster High School, 2 p.m.
Championship: at Lancaster High School, 6 p.m. Friday

Region 16
South Charleston Southeastern vs. Russia, at Cincinnati Princeton High School, 2 p.m. Thursday
No. 6 Fort Loramie vs. No. 12 Howard East Knox, at Cincinnati Princeton High School, 5 p.m. Thursday
Championship: at Cincinnati Princeton High School, 5 p.m. Friday

State semifinals
June 9, Akron Canal Park
Semifinal Game 1: Region 16 vs. Region 15, 10 a.m.
Semifinal Game 2: Region 13 vs. Region 14, 1 p.m.
Championship: 10 a.m. June 11

SOFTBALL

State semifinal pairings

All games at Akron Firestone Stadium

DIVISION I

Pataskala Watkins Memorial (28-2) vs. Holland Springfield (24-6), 3 p.m. Thursday
North Canton Hoover (19-6) vs. West Chester Lakota West (26-4), 5:30 p.m. Thursday
Championship: 1 p.m. Saturday

DIVISION II

Heath (23-5) vs. Wooster Triway (28-1), 10 a.m. Thursday
Oak Harbor (24-8) vs. Plain City Jonathan Alder (25-1), 12:30 p.m. Thursday
Championship: 10 a.m. Saturday

DIVISION III

Massillon Tuslaw (20-5) vs. Casstown Miami East (24-4), 3 p.m. Friday
Cardington-Lincoln (24-4) vs. Wheelersburg (25-1), 5:30 p.m. Friday
Championship: 7 p.m. Saturday

DIVISION IV

Bradford (23-5) vs. Strasburg-Franklin (25-4), 10 a.m. Friday
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'We really don't agree with that, and don't think you can do that, and we can't support

this in any way.' And they went ahead and did that RFP, so we've had to respond accordingly. We have not heard from them at all in response to our

communication."

The county's legal complaint states that in 1991, the county and the college signed an agreement to transfer about 10 acres from

the county to the college, which also allowed for additional future transfers. Then in 1993, it says, the county transferred another parcel, of about 25 acres, to the college. Both the 1991 agreement and the 1993 warranty deed, according to the county, included "reverter clauses," specifying that failure of the college to use the land as agreed would cause ownership to revert to the county.

The complaint alleges that since the transfer of land was done, Hocking College

has shown only one instance since 1996 of using the land for a public purpose, in constructing a single building and associated parking lot on a parcel of about five acres.

On March 31, the complaint states, Hocking College released a request for proposals pertaining to the remaining land, around 15 acres. The RFP, the complaint adds, includes "no reference of any educational use of the property, nor use of the property for a public purpose."

The college's RFP states that the college "desires to spur economic development in the area, and toward that goal is considering" selling the land, leasing it, or creating a partnership to develop

it. The RFP calls for proposals on each of these options, from individuals, government entities, for-profit and non-profit entities, or corporations. It says proposals will be evaluated based on criteria including their financial benefit to the college, and the economic impact to Perry County and the local community."

The county is arguing in its court case that by the terms of the land transfer deal, "the unused remainder of the property must revert back to the board (of commissioners) as only a fraction of it has been used for the purpose contemplated in those documents."

Email at jphillips@perrytribune.com.



Request for Proposals (RFP) for After School and Camp Programs

Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) is accepting applications from organizations to operate summer camp, general camp and or after school programing in order to address the need for safe and constructive opportunities for Perry County youth ages 6-18 (still in school if 18 years of age).

This project is funded by the Perry County Department of Job and Family Services' (PCDJFS) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding and allocated for the purchase of summer camp, general camp and or after school programs for the time period beginning on June 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023. The first round of applications is due by May 23, 2022. Any submittals after May 23rd will be reviewed on a rolling basis. To request the RFP contact Jessica Stroh at 740-767-4500 or by e-mail at Jessica.stroh@hapcap.org.

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SPORTS**All-Southeast District Baseball team released**

BY KIENAN O'DOHERTY

Perry County Tribune Sports Editor

The Southeast All-District Baseball teams were released, and Perry County players stood out.

Division II

Sheridan's Caden Sheridan and New Lexington's Tatem Toth were awarded first team honors. Toth led the Panthers to an upset of #4 Miami Trace in the sectional tournament, while Sheridan has been anchoring a Generals' squad that has advanced to the district final.

Two Generals made the second team, as Blaine Hannan and Coyle Withrow earned their spots. New Lex's Isaac McGill earned honorable mention.

The Panther's Hunter Kellogg and Donovan Shriner, along with Sheridan's Corey Amspaugh and Sam Taylor, were named special mention.

Division III

Ethan Sprankle capped off a stellar career for the Ceramics, as he was named to the first team. Austin Love earned second team honors, while Noah Dickerson was special mention.

The senior trio guided Crooksville to a sectional final berth after upsetting #9 Ironton.

Division IV

Gaige Canter led the Falcons in the postseason award department, earning second team all-district honors. Hunter Griffith earned special mention honors.

Perry County runner crushes NCAC championship for outdoor track for Wittenberg

BY JERRY R. MAROLT III

PERRY COUNTY TRIBUNE INTERN

PERRY COUNTY – Haleigh Willison, a Crooksville High School alum going to Wittenberg University, and her team have done exceedingly well at the last North Coast Athletic Conference championship held at Oberlin College for outdoor track.

Willison and her all-freshman team ran the

4x100 meter relay, and they finished first in the conference with a time of 49.1 seconds, making them conference champions for that event. She ran the 200-meter dash and advanced to the finals with a time of 26.5 seconds, placing 5th overall in the conference. She also ran the 100-meter dash and placed 11th in the conference.

The overall effort from Wittenberg athletes contributed to Willison, and five other of her teammates being All-NCAC women athletes for the season.

After the NCAC championship, Willison and her team went to Baldwin Wallace University and competed. Due to one member of their 4x100 team being hurt, they did not run the 4x100. However, Willison ran in the 200-meter and slightly improved her personal record of 26.55 from her previous record of 26.59.

Willison and her team have one meet left at the University of Mount Union. Given the circumstances, they hope to make it to nationals with their 4x100 team.

Whether they make it or not, Willison is excited and hopeful about her future as an athlete for Wittenberg's track program, and qualifying for nationals. "We're just trying to get the experience right now because, by the time we're all older, we definitely think we'll have a shot to make it," she said. "It would just be really great for our track team because we've only had a handful of national qualifiers. We have a really young team which is amazing."

According to the NCAC, the conference was founded in 1983 and currently consists of Allegheny College,

Denison University, DePauw University, Hiram College, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wabash College, Wittenberg University, The College of Wooster, and Earlham College as an affiliate member. It is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division III, and has championship competition in 23 sports, 11 for men and 12 for women. Wittenberg University is an NCAA Division III school located in southwest Ohio. The Wittenberg Tigers have had athletes qualify for the NCAA nationals; however, it's only been a handful for the women's track program, both indoor and outdoor.

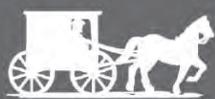
"I would like to thank Crooksville because without the track program there I definitely wouldn't have had the resources to come and run track in college. Which is really awesome," Willison commented. "My teammates here are great, I still have a lot of friends from home that still keep up with things which is really nice. My parents, they're great. That's about it!"

Willison is a freshman at Wittenberg University, studying nursing. Her goals as an athlete are improving her times and competing during the whole indoor and outdoor track season (she was previously unable to compete for half the indoor track season due to a stress fracture). She also said she wants to try and remain in the top eight in the NCAC for her events, specifically, place top 3 next year for the 200-meter dash, and continue to get 1st place in the conference with their 4x100 team.



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Haleigh Willison (third from left) competes against Ohio's very best.

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Businesses, organization partner on 'blessing box' project

NEW LEXINGTON – We've all heard the saying, "It's better to give than receive." That is exactly what three area businesses and one organization did a few months ago: they came together to give.

People's State Bank, The Perry County Tribune, National Telem Solutions and The Perry County Community Club have partnered together to place four "blessing boxes" in New Lexington.

A blessing box is a small, often handmade structure in which people leave donated items for others to pick up anonymously. They are generally located in common areas and are filled with things that will help those in need, which can include everything from toiletries to non-perishable food items.

The project was led by Michelle Davis, assistant vice president at Peoples State Bank. "When I joined the Perry County Health Network (PCHN), I had no idea the amount of homelessness and the families that needed food daily," Davis said. "It became evident that this it was something that needed to be addressed, and quickly."

She went on to say that Peoples State Bank was always looking for ways to help provide support within the community and this was the perfect opportunity. Davis was sharing her idea with Brenda Carney, general manager for The Perry County Tribune, and saying they would be seeking three sponsors to assist with the back with this project. Without hesitation, Carney said The Tribune was on board. Within another couple of days, National Telem Solutions and The Perry County Community Club had signed on as well.

The next decision was how many boxes and where. Knowing the need was county-wide, but also knowing that trying to cover the entire county was too much of a task to take on initially, the group opted to go with four boxes and to place them in New Lexington.

Michelle, along with her



From left: Colton Barnhart, Perry County Community Club; David Webber, National Telem Solutions; Brenda Carney, Perry County Tribune; Michelle Davis, Peoples State Bank; Judge Luann Cooperrider, Perry County Probate/Juvenile Court; Tony Davis, president/CEO Peoples State Bank; and Melissa Marolt, director, Perry County Library.

husband Jim, and with help from Tony and Deanna Davis and Harold and Judy Kunkler, began constructing the boxes.

While the construction process was being completed, Michelle began speaking with community members and individuals to seek out the most appropriate locations, ultimately deciding on Peoples State Bank-Plaza Branch; Perry County District Library; Arethusa Springs Park; and Fiore's Restaurant & Bowling Alley.

In reflecting on the group's wanting to place a box at the library, Director Melissa Marolt said, "When Michelle Davis reached out and asked if the library could be a location for one of the blessing boxes, the staff and board of trustees of Perry County District Library answered with a resounding yes. Knowing

the increasing need in our county, we are committed to helping all those we serve in ways that make a difference." She added that "the blessing boxes are definitely making a difference. The box at the library was placed in a spot that provides ease of access and discretion." Once it was in place, she said, it became a much utilized resource.

In thinking about their participation in the project, the partners offered the following comments: Colton Barnhart, of the Community Club, said, "The Perry County Community Club's only objective is to give back to the community, so we are very excited about this opportunity to support this project as it will provide a tremendous opportunity to give to those who may need the extra help.

Carney had this to say: "When Michelle told me

about her idea, I knew this was something that The Tribune absolutely had to be a part of. For over 150 years, we have dedicated ourselves to the Perry County Community, so how could we not step up and to help those in need? We are a part of Perry County and Perry County is a part of us. We are honored and privileged to be a part of the Blessing Box project."

David Weber, southeastern Ohio business development manager for National Telem Solutions, added, "Homelessness is an issue here in Perry and with no in-county shelter, it makes it even more difficult for those who are homeless to get the things they need. It is important for National Telem Solutions to support all of the communities they serve, and what greater way to help here than to be a part of this great

project? Raising awareness of the homelessness crisis is a personal mission to me and I am very fortunate that my company shares my passion."

In addition to the four project sponsors, since the "opening" of the boxes, many individuals, businesses, entities, etc have donated items including The Perry County Health Network membership, Genesis Perry County Medical Center, employees at Peoples State Bank, Lancaster Post of the State Highway Patrol, Leslie Aquino of Air Evac Lifeteam and Laura Kennedy of Fairhope Hospice.

All donations for the boxes are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at any branch of Peoples State Bank, the Perry County District Library in New Lexington, The Perry County Tribune or placed in the individual boxes themselves.

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Tours offer a new experience at Buckeye Lake

BY JERRY R. MAROLT III
PERRY COUNTY TRIBUNE
INTERN

BUCKEYE LAKE — There is a new way to experience Buckeye Lake with 3XP tours. 3XP is a business that provides three different tours where participants bike, kayak, and visit local establishments.

The three tours are the west tour, the east tour, and the kayaks and kids tour. Currently, 3XP can host up to 10 people per tour. Each participant is required to sign a waiver before attending a tour.

The west tour is available now, with bookings open on Thursdays through Sundays. It lets participants bike and kayak all across Buckeye Lake, visiting stops such as Buckeye Lake Brewery, Buckeye Lake Winery, and Boatyard Tavern-N-Grill. The east tour will be launching this summer and has guests kayak the lake and visit stops such as Horvath's Harbor, Papa Boos, Flip Flops Dockside Grill, The Port Smokehouse, and Waterfront on Buckeye Lake. Tickets for the west and east tours will cost \$65; the tours are around four hours long, and are available for those 21 or older.

The kayaks and kids tour will be available soon and has participants take a 30-minute kayaking lesson from a certified CPR guide, kayak for the next hour at Crane Lake, and then finish the tour with a visit to Dips on the Lake, an ice cream shop. The kayaks and kids tour will cost \$30, is around two hours long, and is open to all ages.

Participants are encouraged to bring a swimsuit, a change of clothes, water, and sunscreen. Waterproof bags are provided for accessories that need protection during kayaking, as well as lockers for things participants wish to protect from damage during the tour. If a tour has to be canceled due to weather (which can happen, as 3XP takes safety seriously), it can be rescheduled at no extra cost. Safety equipment is required and provided, and food and beverages are not provided during the stops along with the tours, but participants can purchase whatever they like. As a bonus to buying a ticket, participants are provided with a backpack, waterproof phone case, and sunglasses to keep after the tour.

Lynsey Comer and Jeff Comer started the business in November and did several "holiday shows" leading into the

new year and their current schedule. According to Lynsey, they've usually had six people per tour, with many couples taking tours. 3XP is currently one of the few tours available at Buckeye Lake, sharing the market with Captain Buck's pontoon boat tours and Buckeye Lake Historical Society and Museum's Queen of the Lake III boat tour.

According to Lynsey, the idea for the business came from the pandemic era when the Comers were brainstorming on how to "get outside and live more." They had done something similar in Traverse City, Michigan and because "Buckeye Lake was so close to home," they wanted others to come and "experience how cool it was." The community surrounding Buckeye Lake "has been excited for it," and support from their family, including their three kids, has been excellent as well, she said.

"Perry County is obviously a part of the lake," Lynsey noted. "The lake does sit in three counties, Fairfield, Licking, and Perry, but if Buckeye Lake is a place that you wanted to come to and you haven't come to, I definitely think this is the right time to start venturing here. They're doing a lot of improvements, obviously since the dam, but... if you're close to Buckeye Lake in Perry County, and you've never been, I would invite anybody to come out here and try it. There's so many little golden gems that are undiscovered out here."

They've gathered sponsorship support from all the businesses associated with the tours themselves. They've also had sponsorships from Marnita Swickard & Michelle Blizzard on behalf of e-Merge real estate, which covered their kayaks and bikes, as well as Matiesch Distributing Co, who helped cover their life jackets, and in return, 3XP helps promote one of their brands, Bud Light. For most of these efforts, Lynsey credited Jeff, who has a professional background in marketing.

She thanked the Buckeye Lake Region Chamber of Commerce for being "so welcoming" and Escape to Buckeye Lake for helping get them moving "in the right direction." She also gave thanks to their current partners along the tours, such as the aforementioned business stops in the west, east, and the kayaks and kids tours, noting in particular, Chef Shack, who provides them a 15%



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Jeff and Lynsey also do some charity with the business as well. According to Lynsey, they both initially met as camp counselors and worked for the Detroit YMCA. They recognized "a lot of intercity kids that didn't have the means to go to camp, but through the Y, they were able to be afforded that opportunity." Considering this, and wanting to do something similar, whenever 3XP has a fully booked tour of 10 people, they will pay for a kid's trip to YMCA camp Tippecanoe. "Just so kids can get that experience that maybe they wouldn't have," she said.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Buckeye Lake originated in the 19th century as a part of the Ohio Canal. After the canal's demise, the area became "Ohio's oldest state park." It featured a dance hall and amusement park that made the location very famous, but neither of these attractions exists today. Currently, the area promotes boating, hiking, fishing, picnicking, swimming, waterfowl hunting in season, and winter recreational activities, among many other things.

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RESTAURANTS

Could the restaurant staffing solution be right 'nextdoor'?

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Bruell owns a pair of established Cleveland restaurants — Parallax in Tremont and L'Albatros Brasserie in University Heights. Every night is busy, and Bruell and his son, Julian, are working daily.

So Bruell tried a new approach: He posted on nextdoor.com about his jobs, hoping that maybe parents would see the post and mention it to their kids returning from college. The site usually is geared toward fostering neighborhood connections, from inquiring about prospective services like lawn care to sharing news about burglaries to posting photos of lost cats. Bruell's initial post was Sunday, and the response was amazing.

"I was flabbergasted," he said. "We're busy, but we're dependent on people. Back of the house, we're fine. It's the front of the house. I've never seen anything like this."

Even at three or four shifts a week, someone could make "upwards of \$60,000 a year," he said, but many servers do not want to work more than that.

"At this time of year for us our business explodes because of the outdoor dining areas so we need to augment what we have already," he said. "And what we have already is still short-staffed. We need them now."

He added: "We're out there trying to find great people. We don't want to hire just bodies. We want to hire qualified people. We're willing to train people. Half of it is finding people who are willing to work and understand what hard work is."

He said the nextdoor.com post yielded a better response than indeed.com, a popular job-seeking site.

'OUTSIDE OF THE BOX'

The hiring challenge is continuing as L'Albatros came off a great year and Parallax had its best year ever, he said. And Bruell is getting set to see business continue, with patios at both restaurants expected to be filled as the weather becomes warmer. L'Albatros, in particular, has a patio that yields a peaceful garden-bistro vibe.

When it comes to hiring, Bruell said any approach "outside of the box" is welcomed.

Fine-dining restaurants aren't the only busy spots. Things are picking up this time of year at Hofbrauhaus, which recently returned to normal hours, opening at 11 a.m. daily.

Hofbrauhaus marketing manager Amanda Lassiter said the Chester Avenue brewpub typically hires more people this time of year. The catering business is picking up, and the spacious brewpub and bier garden are located near lots and garages less than a mile from Progressive Field — a perfect watering-hole respite



Above, a server at TownHall restaurant explains the ordering process to customers on May 15, 2020. Right, guests prepare to order their lunch in the outdoor dining area of the Ohio City restaurant. Plain Dealer files

before or after a ballgame.

"We're struggling like everyone else," she said. "We're pretty much hiring for most positions — servers, front-of-house, back-of-house, hostesses, bussers. We're just not getting anybody applying. I think people have just had it with the industry."

Hofbrauhaus has posted signs at Cleveland State University's campus seeking workers and also has used indeed.com and social media, she said.

"We've seen a decent amount of traffic on nicer days in the bier garden, and we're definitely hoping to pick up more," said Lassiter, who added a kids playground has been installed outside.

The workforce hiring conundrum remains: A recent story in QSR magazine said that in September, leisure and hospitality's 6.4% quit rate — the share of workers who quit jobs — more than doubled the national average.

"At the beginning of the pandemic, many team members were laid off or furloughed when dining rooms closed — even temporarily," the story says. "Two years later, many employees still feel



the sting of being let go and have moved on to secure work in other industries or jumped ship for higher pay and/or better incentives."

The owners of The Haunted House Restaurant know no other job climate. Their place opened at Cedar and S. Taylor roads last year, as delta variant numbers were being watched but before the omicron variant wave swept the country.

"It's been a struggle, but we're making it work," said Ryan Gullatt of the Cleveland Heights restaurant. "Sometimes we would have to come in and work ourselves."

That means if a manager calls off, an owner will have to pull double duty and step in as shift manager for the day or night.

"It's kind of a struggle," he said.

"We haven't done anything super creative to try to entice people to come work for us," he said. "It hasn't gotten to that degree yet. It's more so that we have a roll-up-our-sleeves type of situation."

The restaurant has used indeed.com and has hired family members, like Gullatt's niece, to work in certain roles. For higher-up positions, they use word of mouth.

MEANWHILE ...

Not everyone is feeling the pinch.

"Quite truthfully, we're in good shape," said Gregg Levy, a partner in Red, the Steakhouse. "Red has been around so long; we have a great reputation, people make good money. I gave Covid bonuses when people weren't working. That was the only somewhat unusual thing I did. I concentrated on trying to make everyone as whole as we could be."

That's important as patio season nears, when things "absolutely" will become busier, he said. Red's rooftop patio opens around Memorial Day in the Pinecrest development in Orange Village.

Both of his restaurants are doing well, especially downtown, Levy said.

"Our staff has been with us a long time," he said, attributing limited turnover, good pay and solid treatment of workers.

Staffing is something Levy and staff perpetually keep an eye on.

"There's always room to fill in for people; we're always keeping an eye on (hiring). As the summer months come around, as patio season comes around, we're going to do another wave of hiring. But knock on wood, I don't want to jinx myself," he said.

Another patio that will be filled is the funky, relaxing outdoor setting at Fat Cats in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood.

NEW GENERATION

Owner Ricardo Sandoval's approach has been to give a little something special back to his employees. So May 26-30 — a busy time for his restaurant — Sandoval is shutting the doors and treating his staff

to dinner at Peter Allen Inn in Kinsman while he helps friends at a nearby farm and restaurant.

"You're right," he said. "You have to be creative."

So he told his staff: "OK, everybody take off the rest of the weekend till Monday. One of the staff members said, 'We should just close for the whole weekend.' My generation is you're open every day except for the holidays. Hardcore is opening for the holidays. I'm trying to evolve and change."

Sandoval's getaway dinner perk for his staff comes when the restaurant, with downtown Cleveland in sight in the near distance, is doing brisk business.

"Summer in Tremont is extraordinarily busy, and we've been so busy. We have such a tremendous staff. The people we have are off-the-charts great," he said.

"Two years of being closed, it's just like an evolution of the employment aspect. People want a life to live. It can't revolve around work. My generation was work, get a job and work hard, and that's how you started. You get a vacation or a week. Now, that's not the case. ... It seems it's starting to get closer and closer to the European platform of work," he said.

"People don't want to work 50 hours a week. They want everything now. They want to be able to travel, they want to be able to take days off and go out to dinner, have certain days off, have a fixed schedule that's not flexible."

He also sees a generation of workers who want a platform for communication, to have a boss who listens to ideas.

"These guys are young, a lot of them are in their wheelhouse of creativity," Sandoval said. "I'm going to listen to them."

While he said Fats Cats is fortunate to have low turnover, "it is hard to find people."

Taking a two-way street for communication is helpful when it comes to reaching potential employees.

"I'm always asking, 'Do you know anybody who wants to work? Do you know anyone we could get to host?' Because they'll basically vet their friends."

He sees a generation that values a balance between work and personal life, but it takes money to achieve that, something he finds ironic.

"For me, what you used to pay a couple of years ago, you can't get anyone to work (now)," Sandoval said. "People are offering what appears to me an exorbitant amount of money and people are still not biting on it. That's the part I am missing. Where do these guys go? Where did the labor force go? It's still out there. They didn't just leave the country."

Bruell agrees with that sentiment.

"People want quality of life — work-life balance," he said. "To me, if you want quality of life, don't you have to have money? Having said that, here I am, I am offering the good life to people because they can make some great money."

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GLOBAL CENTER

Before Lee Weingart was against it, he was for it

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When cleveland.com initially reached out to Weingart to ask about the apparent contradiction, he denied his involvement with the quarter-percent sales tax and said he had “nothing to do with the Medical Mart.” When a reporter read paragraphs from his website taking credit for the work, he said “that doesn’t sound right to me ... I’ll have to go back and look at it.”

Later, he corrected himself — “it was 15 years ago, so you have to give me a little slack on that” — and confirmed county documents showing he was paid \$49,000 for his work. He also defended that the concept “made all the sense” at the time and was thought to be “a net positive” for the county. But he maintains he had nothing to do with how it turned out.

“The county was a client of ours, we had an assignment to do, and we got it done,” he said. “So I don’t think it’s fair to say I made money off of the convention center or the Medical Mart. All I did was put an amendment into state law that allowed the county commissioners to build the convention center and Medical Mart.”

Had he been in leadership at the time, he added, he never would have levied the tax to pay for it without taking it to the public for a vote.

Throughout the campaign, Weingart has called his views on the Global Center and plans to spend more money renovating it “a great contrast” between himself and Ronayne, who helped advocate for the original Medical Mart, while he was Mayor Jane Campbell’s chief of staff and said in 2013 that it added “extra value” to the convention center.

Weingart has also accused Ronayne of supporting plans to spend another

\$46 million to renovate the Global Center, at least \$5 million of which county council plans to fund using American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

Ronayne responded to those allegations Wednesday, calling Weingart “a pretender.”

“I believe Lee is speaking out of both sides of his mouth here,” Ronayne said. “He’s willing to say anything that he thinks will improve his political chances, and he is grandstanding to distract from his real beliefs on the record.”

Though Ronayne has said he supports repurposing the Global Center in some capacity as part of the convention complex, he said he has never approved of the proposed price tag. His vision for the building largely mirrors its current use, relying on a mixture of “visitor-related tenants” tied to the convention industry, while also leasing out other portions to tenants who would be responsible for funding their own improvements.

“Which, full circle, is why I don’t believe the \$46 million is the best use of ARPA or other funds, at this time,” Ronayne said.

Weingart would take it a step further. Not only does he oppose putting more money into the Global Center, but he also says he would try to sell it to salvage some of the tax dollars he said were wasted on it.

He says he doesn’t contest the benefits of the convention center in bringing more events to Cleveland over the years and spurring some economic impact — albeit not the \$1 billion that Destination Cleveland has estimated — but he doesn’t believe the proposed renovations at the Global Center will make the complex more attractive and profitable.



Lee Weingart, the Republican candidate running for county executive, years ago lobbied for the Global Center, which he says now was “a failure since before its doors opened.” Kaitlin Durbin, cleveland.com

The county should not be relying on travel, tourism and conventions as a long-term solution to economic growth, he argued.

“If they wanted to give it a new life and say it’s going to be part of convention center, I can’t stop them from doing that,” Weingart said. “But I certainly wouldn’t invest any more money to make that happen.”

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STATE LEGISLATION

Lawmakers OK bill slashing training requirements for armed school staff

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COLUMBUS — Ohio lawmakers voted Wednesday to slash the training teachers and other staff must go through before carrying a gun on school grounds, sending Gov. Mike DeWine a bill that Republicans fast-tracked in response to the mass shooting at a Texas elementary school last week.

House Bill 99 would require armed school staff to undergo an amount of training similar to that required of armed security guards and private investigators — who must complete 25 hours of firearms training. That’s compared with the 600 hours of overall training in current law, including on topics unrelated to firearms and the same training requirements for police, as interpreted last June by the Ohio Supreme Court.

The bill sets an initial cap of 24 hours of training, although it doesn’t prevent a local school district from requiring more.

The Senate voted 23-9 Wednesday to send the bill back to the House, which approved an earlier version of the bill in November. Two Republicans — Sens. Stephanie Kunze and Matt Dolan — joined all seven present Democrats in voting against the measure.

House Republicans then approved the Senate changes Wednesday evening in a party-line vote, 56 to 34.

DeWine, a Republican, issued a statement saying he plans to sign the bill into law.

“Last week, I called on the General Assembly to pass a bill that would allow local school districts, if they so choose, to designate armed staff for school security and safety,” DeWine said. “My office worked with the General Assembly to remove hundreds of hours of curriculum irrelevant to school safety and to ensure training requirements were specific to a school environment and contained significant scenario-based training. House Bill 99 accomplishes these goals, and I thank the General Assembly for passing this bill to protect Ohio children and teachers.”

House Republicans introduced HB99 last year and approved it in November to explicitly overturn the Supreme Court ruling, which sided against a Butler County school district policy allowing employees to voluntarily carry concealed firearms in school, so long as they have a conceal-carry permit and undergo active shooter training. Proponents include gun-rights advocates and some rural school districts, while opponents include teachers and police unions.

But the proposal picked up momentum recently as Republicans turned to school security, rather than toughening gun-control laws, as a focus in the aftermath of the



Lawmakers at the Ohio Statehouse on Wednesday passed House Bill 99, which would require armed school staff to undergo an amount of training similar to that required of armed security guards and private investigators — who must complete 25 hours of firearms training. David Petkiewicz, cleveland.com

Texas shooting, which left 19 children and two teachers dead.

During a floor speech Wednesday, Sen. Terry Johnson, a Scioto County Republican, co-opted the slogan “do something” used by Democrats and gun-control advocates in the aftermath of the fatal mass shooting in Dayton in August 2019.

In response, DeWine initially floated universal background checks on gun sales and an expanded “red flag” law but backed off, instead proposing more limited measures that Republican lawmakers still blocked anyway.

“We heard people say do something,” Johnson said. “Well, this is something. It’s a significant something. It’s something that needs to be done.”

In her own floor speech, Sen. Teresa Fedor, a Toledo Democrat, called on DeWine to veto the bill, saying it would make schools less safe.

Democrats also criticized Republican lawmakers, who for years have rolled back gun restrictions repeatedly in Ohio, for not taking up gun control measures that polling shows have broad national support, such as expanding background checks on gun purchases or banning high-capacity magazines.

“I think this bill’s crazy, and the people who are supporting it really need to think about what they’re doing,” Fedor said. “When there’s a terrible incident, every-

one in this room will have blood on their hands.”

Bill changes the Senate approved this week include adding requirements that the initial and ongoing training curriculum includes instruction on several specific topics, including de-escalation techniques, trauma and first-aid care, and “neutralization” of potential active shooters.

School districts could create an alternative curriculum if the Ohio School Safety Center approves it.

The revised bill also would create a mobile training team consisting of a chief officer and 16 training officers to help local school officials set up security protocols, communicate with law enforcement, and oversee weapons and emergency management training for school employees, among other things. The bill would appropriate \$6 million in state general revenue funds to pay for the mobile training team.

FORD

An electric announcement

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Asked about incentives, DeWine said the state did give Ford economic incentives to invest in Ohio, but that those details would be released later.

The three said Ohio is attracting manufacturing of the future. Ohio recently received a huge commitment from Intel to build a semiconductor manufacturing facility just outside of Columbus, in New Albany.

Separately, a former General Motors plant near Youngstown is the site of plans for electric-vehicle production. Lordstown Motors is developing an all-electric vehicle at the site. And FoxCon also plans to make the electric vehicle Fisker in the sprawling former GM plant along the Ohio Turnpike.

DeWine said Ohio is now poised to make electric vehicles and the chips and batteries. He said Ohio has a history of making things, and will have a future of manufacturing, too. Husted said it’s clear that companies are looking to Ohio and the U.S., instead of solely relying on the global supply chain for essential items.

Ford said it will invest \$100 million elsewhere in Ohio between the Lima Engine and Sharonville Transmission plants, creating 90 jobs.

The Ohio Assembly Plant currently assembles larger vehicles used more by professionals, like the F-650 and F-750 trucks, F-350, F-450 and F-550 super duty chassis cabs and the E-series cut-aways and stripped chassis.

The Lorain County plant has undergone multiple changes since its opening in 1974, originally making the Econoline van and once producing the Nissan Quest and Mercury Villager minivans, Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner small sport-utility vehicles.

Known previously as the Ohio Truck Plant, the name was changed to the Ohio Assembly Plant following an employee-naming contest in 1992 ahead of the switchover to making the Quest and Villager. It resumed Econoline van production in 2005 when Ford shut down the nearby Lorain Assembly Plant.

At the time, the company shifted small SUV production from Avon Lake to Kansas City.

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Indictments returned during a recent session of the Warren County grand jury:

Juan S. Pinales, 638

Lafayette Ave., Middletown; indicted on one count each of breaking and entering, theft, possessing criminal tools, and criminal damaging or endangering.

Scott Anthony Farley, 6501 Germantown Road, Lot 70, Middletown; indicted on one count each of receiving stolen property, and obstructing official business.

Malcolm Alexander Thomas, 40 Beam Drive, Apt. A, Franklin; indicted on one count each of carrying a concealed weapon; improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle; operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them; and driving under suspension or in violation of license restriction.

David Lee Pickett, 147 E. Fifth St., Franklin; indicted on one count each of breaking and entering, and theft.

Eric Som, 1501 Hazelgrove Drive, Cincinnati; indicted on one count of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle.

Lori Beth Cook, 1507 Fleming Road, Middletown; indicted on one count each of possession of drugs; and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them.

Tabitha Jo Dumm, 832 Adams Ave., Chillicothe; indicted on one count each of illegal conveyance of drugs of abuse onto grounds of a specified governmental facility; aggravated possession of drugs; and possessing criminal tools.

Steven Zonker, 5175 Deeridge Lane, Cincinnati; indicted on one count of aggravated possession of drugs.

Marcos Castillo-Gonzalez, 8722 Gingerwood Court,

Franklin; indicted on one count of failure to provide notice of change of address.

Charles Lavan Ohsner, 9164 Bertha Drive, Franklin; indicted on one count each of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, carrying a concealed weapon, and driving under suspension or in violation of license restriction.

Glenn Joseph Chasteen, 861 Liberty St., Hamilton; indicted on one count each of aggravated possession of drugs; and operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them.

Laurel Anne Mikeworth, 11706 Melrose St., Apt. 100, Overland Park, KS.; indicted on one count each of aggravated vehicular assault; vehicular assault; operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of

them; endangering children; and motor vehicle offense.

Richard Lee Morgan Jr., 6051 E. Ohio 22 & 3, Lot 12, Morrow; indicted on one count each of aggravated possession of drugs; driving under suspension or in violation of license restriction; possessing drug abuse instruments; and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Charles Wayne Wells, 5977 Meadowcreek Drive, Milford; indicted on one count each of aggravated trafficking in drugs, aggravated possession of drugs, tampering with evidence, possession of LSD, possession of a fentanyl-related compound, possession of drugs, and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Donald Benjamin Reynolds, 338 Summit St., Lebanon; indicted on one count each of aggravated possession of drugs, and illegal use or possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia.

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MASON CITY SCHOOLS

Members of graduating class going into service to country

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Wall, Case Western Air Force ROTC. CONTRIBUTED

KINGS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Spring athletic signing

Six student-athletes from the Kings Athletics programs made their official commitments to universities at the Kings Athletic Department's Spring Signing Day May 10 at Kings High School.

Students are Thomas Boster, baseball, Miami Hamilton; Mason Clark, baseball, New York University; Jack Harris, baseball, University of Northwestern Ohio; Sam Palmieri, baseball, Muskingham University; Conner Purcell, football, Thomas More University; and Jaidyn Schroeder, dance, UNC Chapel Hill.

Families, coaches, teachers, administrators, and

teammates attended the signing event to witness these student-athletes sign their letters of intent. CONTRIBUTED

Kings students in upcoming production

The following Kings students are in the Acting Up Young Performers Community Theater Production of Disney's "Descendants: The Musical."

Students are Leah Christman, Ava Gouille, Baylor Gouille, Maggie McKenna, Tristan McKenna, Sam Smalec, and Anna Weaver.

The production will take place June 10-12 at the Mason High School Theatre.

For more information, go to www.actingsup.com. CONTRIBUTED

COLLEGE NEWS

Ohio University

Amy Fox, of Lebanon, was honored as a Ohio University's College of Health Sciences and Professions 2022 Student and Faculty Awards recipient last week.

More than 40 individuals, student organizations and community partners were honored during this year's virtual event.

University of Mount Union

University of Mount Union students were acknowledged at the institution's Senior Recognition and Honors Convocation.

Madeline McCrackin, of Kings Mills, was awarded All-Ohio Athletic Conference Outstanding Academic Status at the 2022 Mount Union Honors Convocation.

McCrackin is on the women's lacrosse team at the University of Mount Union. These student-athletes are recognized as achieving varsity status and holding at least a 3.500 cumulative grade point average during the current academic year. CONTRIBUTED

Ohio Dominican University

Evan Ernst, of Mason, has graduated from Ohio Dominican University with an MBA with a concentration in Data Analytics. Evan is among 189 students who earned their degree following ODU's spring 2022 semester. CONTRIBUTED

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Alex James Botkin, of Maineville, was among 3,523 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during

commencement exercises May 13-14.

Alex earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with high distinction from the College of Business. CONTRIBUTED

University of the Cumberlands

Nicholas Buzzell, of Lebanon, was named to the President's List for Spring 2022 semester at the University of the Cumberlands.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours, maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. CONTRIBUTED

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LOCAL

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Miami's president buys home for retirement outside Oxford

Lewis Place house will remain as official presidential on-campus home and Crawford's primary residence.

By Michael D. Clark
Staff Writer

OXFORD — The leader of Miami University, who has traditionally resided solely in a school-provided home on the Oxford campus, has bought a house outside of Oxford, according to documents obtained by the Journal-News.

Miami President Gregory Crawford, who since his hiring by the school in 2016 has lived according to stipulations in his employ-

ment contract at the historic Lewis Place presidential home across High Street from the campus, purchased another house last year.

The Lewis Place house became Miami's official presidential home in 1903 and is on the Oxford Historical Register.

A long series of Miami presidents have lived in the historic home and in modern times residency in the Lewis Place house has been a requirement noted in presidential employment contracts, including Crawford's labor agreement.

And the home is often used by resident presidents for school-related social events.

But in July 2021, Crawford and his wife Renate signed a mortgage for a \$549,000 home on more than two dozen acres outside of Oxford,

according to documents obtained through a Journal-News records request.

When asked recently about the new house purchase, Crawford said while he now has two houses, his primary residence is still the Lewis Place and the new house is a "retirement" home.

He said the house purchase was a private transaction and the publicly funded Miami University provided no financial assistance.

Crawford, an Ohio native, is the 22nd president of the school and said his roots in the state was a part of his motivation to buy the off-campus house, which is less than a 10-minute drive to Miami.

"I was born and raised in Ohio,

Miami continued on A6



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WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

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MASON CITY SCHOOLS

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Students selected for hospital health care scholarship

Patrick Arp of William Mason High School and Emily Lin of Lakota East High School have been selected to receive the annual UC Health West Chester Hospital Healthcare Scholarship presented by local nonprofit MADECDC. Arp and Lin were chosen from a pool of applicants and will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. CONTRIBUTED

KINGS LOCAL SCHOOLS

School district participating in summer food service meal program

The Kings Local School District will be participating in a summer food service

meal program. The program will provide lunches to children free of charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Children between 1 and 18 years of age are eligible for free meals. Youth age 19-21 that have a mental or physical disability (as determined by state or local education agency) and who participate during the school year in a public or private nonprofit school program are also eligible to receive free meals.

Dine-in lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 6 through July 20, at South Lebanon Community Center, 83 N. Section St., South Lebanon.

Children do not need to be enrolled in Kings Local

Schools or a resident of Kings Local School District to attend. No pre-registration is required. For more information, call 513-398-8050, ext. 10027. CONTRIBUTED

High school student received a perfect ACT score

Kings High School junior Sam Webster learned he scored a 36, the highest possible score, on the ACT college admissions and placement exam. Fewer than half of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score.

Sam is the same student who earned a perfect score on the Advanced Placement exam in Computer Science in the spring of 2021. He is the son of Lyle and Jennifer Webster. CONTRIBUTED

Senior scholar athletes

For the past 27 years, the Kings Athletic Booster Club and the Kings Athletic Department have honored student-athletes who have maintained excellent academic standards while dedicating their time and energy to Kings athletics. On May 18, the Annual Senior Scholar-Athlete Luncheon was held. Thirty students were recognized at the luncheon where they were accompanied by their parents and a Kings staff member who has particularly influenced their academic and athletic success.

To qualify for this award, an athlete must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.850 or better for seven semesters while earning a minimum of five

varsity letters in multiple sports, or four varsity letters in one sport.

Senior Scholar Athletes are Thomas Barta, Andrew Bauman, Cassidy Bolon, Thaddeus Brockwell, Jacqueline Cunningham, Gabriella DeVage, Paige Doughman, Sara Doughman, Ansley Faul, Sofia Folchi, Katie Gabert, Kevin Glennon, Ben Granat, Ella Hancock, Evan Harper, Tyler Harris, Maya Hicks, Kinsey Huber, Lauren Johnson, Joshua Klasmeyer, Madelaine Larson, Megan Larson, Aiden Leamer, Gavin Legault, Abigail Noble, Carson Page, Jaidyn Schroeder, Morgan Skerl, Joshua Strong and Katie Wagenheim. CONTRIBUTED

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Indictments returned during a recent session of the Warren County grand jury:

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Timothy A. Livesay, 680 Hiteshue Ave., Monroe; indicted on one count each of failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer and receiving stolen property.

Kenton C. Waters, 31 Lindamede Lane, Miamisburg; indicted on one count each of aggravated possession of drugs, possession of drugs and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kemberly Kae Sweeney, 1505 Manchester Ave., Middletown; indicted on one count of aggravated possession of drugs.

Paul Marshall Pierce, 180 S. Edith St., Pontiac, Michigan; indicted on one count each of abusing harmful intoxicants; operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse or a combination of them;

and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael Lee Monaghan, 240 Ethelrob Circle, Carlisle; indicted on one count each of trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine, aggravated trafficking in drugs, aggravated possession of drugs and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Terrence Jimmell Price, Kings Inn Suites, 9365 Waterstone Blvd., Cincinnati; indicted on one count of theft.

Christopher Allen Sharpe, 4112 Lewis St., Middletown; indicted on one count each of aggravated burglary, robbery and domestic violence.

Leandre Ward, Lebanon Correctional Institution; indicted on one count of assault.

Robert Joseph Herzner, 505 3rd St., Apt. 3, Aurora, Indiana; indicted on one count of theft from a person in a protected class.

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Robert Casey Grifith, 1223 E. 2nd St., Apt. 17, Franklin; indicted on three counts of domestic violence, two counts of endangering children and one count of disrupting public services.

Tyler T. Bray, 3922 W. Ohio 122, Franklin; indicted on one count each of felonious assault, abduction and disrupting public services.

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Body armor again sees use in Buffalo shooting

Expert: It offers clues about shooters' mindset

Lindsay Whitehurst, Gene Johnson and James Anderson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When a shooter attacked a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, over the weekend, its security guard tried to stop him. At least one of his shots hit the gunman, but it didn't stop the deadly rampage because the gunman was wearing body armor.

Ten Black people died in the racist massacre, including security guard Aaron Salter, a retired Buffalo police officer hailed as a hero. It's the latest mass shooting in which the gunman apparently came prepared for anyone trying to stop him with a gun.

At least 21 mass shooters over the past four decades have worn some kind of body armor – and the majority of those were within the past 10 years, according to a database maintained by The Violence Project, a nonpartisan research group that tracks gun violence.

Among them: a massacre that killed 12 people and injured dozens more at a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, in 2012, and another in nearby Boulder that left 10 people dead at a supermarket last year.

"They're demonstrating this intent that 'I want to absolutely kill or hurt as many people as I possibly can before I just can't fight anymore,'" said Chris Burbank, the former police chief in Salt Lake City who's now with the Center for Policing Equity.

The Violence Project's database doesn't show a clear correlation with body armor and the number of victims. But such gear can enable attackers to



Workers assemble body armor vests at a factory in Pompano Beach, Fla., in 2014. Body armor comes into play in some mass shootings. J. PAT CARTER/AP FILE

shoot longer and is a symbolic way to adhere to societal expectations of what a mass shooting looks like, said James Densley, a criminal justice professor at Metro State University in Minnesota who co-founded The Violence Project.

"A mass shooting is intended to be a final act – you don't get away with a mass shooting," Densley said. "So it's meant to be a big spectacle, and it's meant to have people pay attention and to notice it. One of the ways you do that is you dress up pretending you're in the military."

Getting body armor isn't difficult under U.S. laws. It's illegal under federal law for a convicted felon to buy body armor, but other than that, there are few restrictions on purchasing it. Only one state blocks it from being ordered online and shipped to homes: Connecticut, which requires a face-to-face purchase.

Miami police Chief Jorge Colina said he would like to see more states consid-

er stricter rules.

"I don't think it's something that is really thought about too much, but we've seen it many times, and we've seen it here in South Florida," Colina said. "Somebody commits a crime wearing body armor, and it's terrifying. The idea that you may not be able to stop them if you had to use deadly force is terrifying."

Body armor hasn't been worn in the majority of mass shootings, said James Alan Fox, a criminologist at Northeastern University who has been tracking mass killings back to 2006 along with the Associated Press and USA TODAY.

But it does indicate a level of planning. Body armor was mentioned more than a dozen times in the online writings attributed to the white suspect in the Buffalo shooting, Payton Gendron, who was arrested at the supermarket and has pleaded not guilty to murder.

Pakistani Taliban extend truce

Munir Ahmed
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD – The Pakistani Taliban on Wednesday said they are extending a cease-fire with the government until May 30, after the two sides held talks hosted by the Afghan Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan.

The spokesman for the militant group in Pakistan, Mohammad Khurasani, said the talks between the Pakistani Taliban and the Islamabad government were being facilitated by Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers.

The Taliban in Kabul confirmed the talks and the extension of the cease-fire. Their spokesman, Bilal Karimi, said they are doing their "best for the continuation and success of the negotiations."

The Pakistani militant group – known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakista – is separate from but allied with Afghanistan's Taliban, who seized power in their country last August.

The TTP has long fought for stricter enforcement of Islamic laws in Pakistan, the release of their members in government custody, and a reduction of military presence in the country's tribal regions. They have also been emboldened by the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan and have over the past months stepped up attacks against government forces.

Khurasani, the TTP spokesman, said the group agreed to extend the cease-fire, which began on May 10, at the request of a delegation of the Pakistani tribal elders who separately met with the TTP this week.

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Ex-officer pleads guilty in Floyd death

Lane already convicted on federal charges

Amy Forliti, Steve Karnowski and Mohamed Ibrahim
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MINNEAPOLIS – A former Minneapolis police officer pleaded guilty Wednesday to a state charge of aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in the killing of George Floyd, admitting that he intentionally helped restrain the Black man in a way that created an unreasonable risk and caused his death.

As part of Thomas Lane's plea agreement, a more serious count of aiding and abetting second-degree unintentional murder will be dismissed. Lane and former Officers J. Alexander Kueng and Tou Thao have already been convicted on federal counts of willfully violating Floyd's rights. While they have yet to be sentenced on the federal charges, Lane's change of plea means he will avoid what could have been a lengthy state sentence if he had been convicted of the murder charge.

The guilty plea comes a week before the two-year anniversary of Floyd's May 25, 2020, killing. Floyd, 46, died after Officer Derek Chauvin, who is white, pinned him to the ground with a knee on Floyd's neck as Floyd repeatedly said he couldn't breathe. The killing, captured on widely viewed bystander video, sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the globe.

Lane, who is white, and Kueng, who is Black, helped restrain Floyd, who was handcuffed. Lane held down Floyd's legs, and Kueng knelt on Floyd's back. Thao, who is Hmong American, kept bystanders from intervening during the 9½-minute restraint.

All three are free on bond; the state trial scheduled for June is expected to proceed for Kueng and Thao.

Lane is scheduled to be sentenced on the state charge Sept. 21.

In his plea agreement, Lane admitted that he knew from his training that

restraining Floyd in that way created a serious risk of death, and that he heard Floyd say he couldn't breathe, and knew Floyd fell silent, had no pulse and appeared to have lost consciousness.

The state and Lane's attorneys agreed to a recommended sentence of three years – below state sentencing guidelines – and prosecutors agreed to allow him to serve that penalty at the same time as any federal sentence, and in a federal prison.

Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office prosecuted the case, issued a statement saying he was pleased that Lane accepted responsibility.

"His acknowledgment he did something wrong is an important step toward healing the wounds of the Floyd family, our community, and the nation," Ellison said. "While accountability is not justice, this is a significant moment ... and a necessary resolution on our continued journey to justice."

Lane's attorney, Earl Gray, said in a statement that Lane did not want to risk a lengthy prison sentence if convicted of aiding and abetting murder, so he agreed to plead guilty to aiding and abetting manslaughter.

"He has a newborn baby and did not want to risk not being part of the child's life," Gray said.

Wednesday's hearing was streamed over Zoom for Floyd's family members. Their attorneys issued a statement afterward, saying Lane's plea "reflects a certain level of accountability," but that it came only after his federal conviction.

"Hopefully, this plea helps usher in a new era where officers understand that juries will hold them accountable, just as they would any other citizen," family attorneys Ben Crump, Jeff Storms and Antonio Romanucci said. "Perhaps soon, officers will not require families to endure the pain of lengthy court proceedings where their criminal acts are obvious and apparent."



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Social media hammered by questions over ads

Michelle Chapman
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Social media has had a rough 2022 with lingering questions about advertising spending, political ads and a \$44 billion takeover of Twitter that may or may not be happening, depending on which Elon Musk tweet you read.

Then on Monday, Snap, which runs the Snapchat app that features vanishing messages and video special effects, issued a rather dire profit warning, saying "the macroeconomic environment has deteriorated further and faster than anticipated," since just last month.

Social media companies are competing for the same pool of advertising money that is increasingly under threat from both inflation and changes at Apple Inc. that can restrict the information platforms can collect on users, a big selling point for advertisers.

Shares of Snap Inc. plunged 40% at the opening bell Tuesday.

And with Wall Street unsure if the company is an outlier or a canary in the social media coal mine, shares of Facebook parent Meta Platforms, Twitter, Alphabet and Pinterest all slumped alongside it.

If early declines hold, it could wipe more than \$100 billion off the books collectively in a sector that is already under duress.

Snap late Monday said it now foresees revenue and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization coming in below the low end of its prior forecasted range.

Justin Patterson of KeyBanc Capital Markets, who follows social media, warned investors not to read too much into Snap's profit warning, calling it "a cautionary flag, but not one to sound the alarm on the entire sector."

"We believe it is better to view each channel in the context of the nature of advertisers and verticals, guidance history, revenue growth vectors, and investments to assess the level of risk to revenue and profitability from the macro environment," Patterson wrote.

The volatility comes in a week when



Snap Inc., which runs the Snapchat app, issued a profit warning due to current economic conditions.

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both Meta Platforms and Twitter hold their annual meetings with shareholders, with an intense focus on what could be a lively gathering for Twitter. Elon Musk has hit the pause button on the buyout, saying he needs more information on how many "spam bots" the social media platform truly has.

"We believe its currently a 60% chance that Musk tries to walk and use this spam account issue as the scapegoat to get out of the deal and a 40% chance Twitter's board and Musk come to a new deal price over the coming weeks," Dan Ives, who follows social media at Wedbush, wrote in a note to clients.

Twitter's stock fell more 3% when the market opened.

Adding to the social media tumult is Facebook's parent company Meta. The company said that it will start publicly providing more details about how advertisers target people with political ads just months ahead of the U.S. mid-term elections.

Meta is contending with a civil lawsuit against its chief, Mark Zuckerberg. On Monday, the District of Columbia sued Zuckerberg, seeking to hold him personally liable for the Cambridge Analytica scandal, a privacy breach of millions of Facebook users' personal data that became a major corporate and political scandal.

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West promises Ukraine highly advanced weapons

John Leicester and Frank Jordans
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine – The U.S. and Germany pledged to send Ukraine some of the most advanced weapons yet as Russian forces waging a grinding offensive in the east Wednesday closed in on capturing a key city.

Germany said Wednesday it will supply Ukraine with modern anti-aircraft missiles and radar systems, and the U.S. planned to unveil a new weapons package later in the day that includes high-tech, medium-range rocket systems.

The U.S. is trying to strike a balance by helping Ukraine battle ferocious Russian artillery barrages while not providing weapons that could allow Ukraine to hit targets deep inside Russia and trigger an escalation in the war.

The Kremlin accused the U.S. of “pouring fuel on the fire.”

Western arms have been critical to Ukraine’s success in stymieing Russia’s much larger and better-equipped military, thwarting its effort to storm the capital and forcing Moscow to shift its focus to the industrial Donbas region in the east.

But as Russia bombards towns in its slow advance in the east, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has repeatedly pleaded for more and better weapons and accused the West of moving too slowly. Military analysts say Russia is hoping to overrun the Donbas before any weapons that might turn the tide arrive.

But the new arms could help Ukraine set up and hold new lines of defense in the east by hitting back at Russian artillery pieces that have been battering towns and cities and by limiting Russian airstrikes, said French retired Gen. Dominique Trinquand, a former head of France’s military mission at the United Nations.

“The NATO countries – the European nations and the Americans – have progressively escalated the means that they are putting at Ukraine’s disposal, and this escalation, in my opinion, has had the aim of testing Russian limits,” he said. “Each time, they measure the Russian reaction, and since there is no reaction, they keep supplying increasingly effective and sophisticated weaponry.”

Germany has come under particular



A worker controls the removal of a destroyed Russian tank near the village of Stoyanka, outside Kyiv, on Wednesday.
DIMITAR DILKOFF/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

criticism, both at home and from allies abroad, that it isn’t doing enough.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz told lawmakers that the surface-to-air IRIS-T SLM missiles it will send are the most modern air defense system the country has. They can operate at longer ranges than the Cold War-era anti-aircraft equipment it previously provided.

“With this, we will enable Ukraine to defend an entire city from Russian air attacks,” he said. The radar systems Germany is sending will help Ukraine locate enemy artillery.

In addition to the rocket systems, the U.S. package will include helicopters, Javelin anti-tank weapons, tactical vehicles, spare parts and more, two senior administration officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to preview the package before it was formally unveiled.

One official noted that the advanced rocket systems will give Ukrainian forces greater precision in targeting

Russian forces inside Ukraine. The rockets, which have a range of about 50 miles and are highly mobile, will allow Ukrainian troops to disrupt Russian supply lines, said another Western official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. has received assurances that Ukraine will not fire rockets into Russian territory, according to the senior administration officials.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow does not trust such assurances.

“We believe that the U.S. is deliberately and diligently pouring fuel on the fire,” he said.

The announcements came as a regional governor said Russian forces now control 70% of Sievierodonetsk, a city that is key to Moscow’s efforts to complete its capture of the Donbas, where Ukrainian forces and Russian-backed separatists have fought for years and where the separatists held swaths of

territory even before the invasion.

Luhansk Gov. Serhiy Haidai said Ukrainian and Russian forces were battling it out in the streets.

The only other city in Luhansk that the Russians have not yet captured, Lysychansk, is still fully under Ukrainian control, he said, but is likely to be next.

“If the Russians manage to take full control over Sievierodonetsk within two to three days, they will start installing artillery and mortars and will shell Lysychansk more intensively,” Haidai said.

Zelenskyy said Ukraine is losing between 60 and 100 soldiers a day in battle.

In southern Ukraine, a regional governor sounded a more positive note, saying Russian troops are retreating and blowing up bridges behind them.

“They are afraid of a counterattack by the Ukrainian army,” Vitaliy Kim, governor of the Mykolayiv region, said on the Telegram messaging app.

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SANDUSKY

• **Barbara Ellen (Everson) Leto**, 77, Sandusky, died early Monday morning, May 16, 2022, at her son's home in Mt. Orab, Ohio, after a lengthy battle with cervical cancer. Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 11 a.m. until time of the funeral services at 1 p.m. at the David F. Koch Funeral and Cremation Services, 520 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky. Other arrangements to be announced later by the funeral home.

OAK HARBOR

• **Jackie Lynn Zunk**, 63, Oak Harbor, died Sunday, May 15, 2022, at her residence after an extended illness. Funeral services will be noon Friday, May 20, 2022, at the Robinson-Walker Funeral Home & Crematory, Oak Harbor. Visitation will occur two hours prior to the services, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the funeral home.

PORT CLINTON

• **Jacqueline (Jacquie) R. Below**, 60, Port Clinton, died unexpectedly on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at her residence. Arrangements are pending at the Gerner-Wolf-Walker Funeral Home and Crematory, Port Clinton, Ohio.

DOUGLAS 'DUKE' CHARLES KLEINER

DEC. 11, 1943 - MAY 16, 2022

HURON

Douglas "Duke" Charles Kleiner, 78, residing in Huron and formerly of Livonia, Michigan, peacefully passed away Monday, May 16, 2022, at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Duke was born on Dec. 11, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Gerald C. and Elaine M. (Andre) Kleiner.

Duke was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Conyngham from 1962 to 1966. He was a salesman for the family business, Shield Tool & Dye in Detroit, Michigan. In his spare time, he loved fishing, boating, playing golf, fiddling around in the garage and working on home improvement projects for his family.

Duke is survived by his



children, Michael Kleiner of Sandusky, Debbie (Ryan) Smith of Huron and Jennie (Kane) Begeman of Toledo; grandchildren, Cameron, Keegan, Ainsley and Everett; sisters, Donna Kleiner and Diane Marion both of Michigan; brother, David (Marge) Kleiner of Michigan, and numerous nieces,

nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, Duke is preceded in death by his companion, Bonnie Melnik.

Friends may call on Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 2 p.m. until the time of funeral services at 4 p.m. at Groff Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1607 E. Perkins Ave, Sandusky. The American Legion Post 83 will conduct military honors following services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Michigan.

Those wishing to contribute to Duke's memory may do so to the Maritime Museum of Sandusky, 125 Meigs St., Sandusky, OH 44870.

Condolences may be shared at www.grofffuneralhomes.com.

FDA clears booster shot for kids

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

U.S. regulators on Tuesday authorized a COVID-19 booster shot for healthy 5- to 11-year-olds, hoping an extra vaccine dose will enhance their protection as infections once again creep upward.

Everyone 12 and older already was supposed to get one booster dose for the best protection against the newest coronavirus variants — and some people, including those 50 and older, can choose a second booster.

The Food and Drug Administration's authorization now opens a third shot of Pfizer's vaccine to elementary-age kids, too — at least five months after their last dose.

There is one more hurdle: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention must decide whether to formally recommend the booster for this age group. The CDC's scientific advisers are scheduled to meet Thursday.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech make the only COVID-19 vaccine available for children of any age in the U.S. Those ages 5 to 11 receive one-third of the dose given to everyone 12 and older.

Whether elementary-age children need a booster has been overshadowed by parents' outcry to vaccinate even younger tots, those under 5 — the only group not yet eligible in the U.S. Both Pfizer and rival Moderna have been studying their shots in the youngest children, and the FDA is expected to evaluate data from one or both companies sometime next month.

For the 5- to 11-year-olds, it's not clear how much demand there will be for boosters. Only about 30% of that age group have had the initial two Pfizer doses since vaccinations opened to them in November.

But Pfizer's vaccine "is effective in helping to prevent the most severe consequences of COVID-19 in individuals 5 years of age and older," said FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks. "A booster dose can help provide continued protection against COVID-19 in this and older age groups."

In a small study, Pfizer found a booster revved up those kids' levels of virus-fighting antibodies — including those able to fight the super-contagious omicron variant — the same kind of jump adults get from an extra shot.

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Cases rising, but COVID-19 situation in Ohio still not alarming

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COVID-19 cases are rising in the U.S. and Ohio but serious cases remain relatively low, state health department director Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff said in a Wednesday news conference.

The health department hosted its first news conference on COVID-19 in weeks, and Vanderhoff announced a new online resource for Ohioans seeking testing and treatment.

The disease does remain serious for many people locally and across the country. Vanderhoff noted that 582 people are hospitalized with COVID-19 across Ohio, although some of them actually were put into the hospital for other reasons. That compares with more than 6,700 people hospitalized when hospitalization numbers hit their peak on Jan. 11, he said.

Case numbers also are rising in Ohio. There were 15,970 new cases reported last week, compared to a three-week average of 11,905 cases a week. Vanderhoff cautioned that with many people now using at-home rapid tests, many cases likely aren't being reported.

Vanderhoff invited Ohioans to visit the new "COVID-19 Testing and Treatment" section of the state's official COVID page, coronavirus.ohio.gov, useful for Ohioans who may be sick and need to get help.

Paxlovid, the medicine that can be used to treat COVID-19, must be used within five days that COVID-19 symptoms appear, Vanderhoff said, so it's important for Ohioans who feel sick to get tested as soon as possible and then see a doctor right away.

People should keep up-to-date on vaccinations to avoid serious illness if they do get infected, Vanderhoff. For most people, that involves getting three shots: Two shots of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine and a third booster shot.

However, people who are immunocompromised or who are older should get a second booster shot, Vanderhoff said. The second booster is available for everyone older than 50.

On Monday, the FDA announced it has

approved Pfizer booster shots for children who are 5-11 years old. The CDC needs to approve boosters for kids, too, but that's expected to happen soon, Vanderhoff said.

Shots still aren't available for kids under 5, but parents should be pleased that federal agencies are taking their time and being careful are they evaluate the safety and efficacy of vaccines for young kids, Vanderhoff said.

Vanderhoff said Ohioans who want to keep track of the local COVID-19 situation should keep an eye on the CDC's COVID data tracker page, covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker, which offers a report for each county in the U.S.

On Wednesday, a CDC map showed a "low" community transmission rate for 87 of Ohio's 88 counties. The exception was Lawrence County on the state's southern border, which is rated "moderate."

Vanderhoff said hours are being trimmed for the state's COVID-19 information hotline. Starting Monday, the hotline will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays but no longer on weekends. To access the hotline, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

The Biden administration announced Tuesday that a third round of free at-home COVID-19 tests are being made available at COVIDTests.gov.

"We have made eight tests available per order," said Dr. Ashish Jha, COVID-19 coordinator at the White House. Previously, each American could order four tests, he explained.

Baby formula update

Parents across the U.S. have been frustrated by a shortage of baby formula. Vanderhoff advised parents seeking formula to ask store employees for help. He said manufacturers say they are trying to meet demand.

"We strongly warn against any attempt to dilute your formula or make homemade formula," he said.

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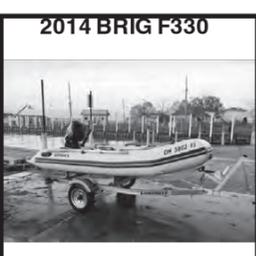
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Trial

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formal and through BGSU.

"In spring it's more informal, it's really not run through the university," Sweeney said.

Sweeney said he attended two Big/Little events.

During these events, pledges are led to a room in the basement of a house, located at 318 N. Main St., blindfolded and revealed to their Big, he said.

Family bottles, a fifth of alcohol, are also unveiled, Sweeney said.

"There's an expectation to try and drink the bottle," Sweeney said. "You're in this social-pressure atmosphere in the room."

The Big is supposed to make sure the Little is safe and has a fun night, Sweeney said. Sometimes Littles would sleep on the couch, and the Big on the floor.

"A lot of Littles throw up and are heavily intoxicated," Sweeney said.

He was initiated in spring 2019, along with eight other pledges. Henricksen was the president.

"We were partying pretty hard that semester," Sweeney said.

The fraternity brothers also attended sports and

cleaned for other members. They were required to get signatures from fraternity members, buying a brother a meal or a drink or doing pushups, to get them to sign, he said.

Sweeney's first year ended with the Big/Little event and being presented with a fifth of Captain Morgan to drink.

He finished his bottle, with a little assistance from his Big and another member, he said. It took him an hour.

He threw up once, "pretty excessively," then continued drinking. He believes everyone else also vomited. The majority finished their bottle.

"Why did everyone finish their bottle?" asked Wood County Prosecutor Paul Dobson.

"Because of the tradition, the expectation," Sweeney said.

He said Henricksen was at his Big/Little event in 2019, doing homework.

Things were different in spring 2021, with the pledges, Sweeney said. It was not a great class, he said, with the men not showing up at events or as engaged in the process "as we would have liked."

The class was considered "soft" and there were worries about the pledges not be able to drink the bottles, Sweeney said.

"If they can't finish,

TWO ON TRIAL

Jacob Krinn, 21, Delaware, has been indicted for first-degree felony involuntary manslaughter; third-degree felony involuntary manslaughter; third-degree reckless homicide; felonious assault, a second-degree felony; one count hazing, a fourth-degree misdemeanor; one count failure to comply with underage alcohol laws, an unclassified misdemeanor; and obstructing official business, a second-degree misdemeanor.

The first-degree manslaughter charge reflects the allegation that Krinn caused Foltz's death as a result of committing a felony. The state is alleging that felony was felonious assault.

The first-degree manslaughter carries a maximum penalty of 11 years in prison.

If Krinn is found guilty on all charges, he faces a maximum 19 years in prison.

Troy Henricksen, 24, Grove City, was indicted for felony involuntary manslaughter, reckless homicide, tampering with evidence, eight counts hazing and seven counts failure to comply with underage alcohol laws.

I'm forcing it down their throat," read one text by Sweeney. "Maybe not that extreme, but you know the vibes."

Sweeney said he did not know Foltz.

On the night of the Big/Little event, March 4, 2021, Sweeney said his Little finished his family bottle. He said he saw Foltz at the end of the night, sitting on a recliner, without a drink, his head bobbing to music.

"He looked drunk, but nothing that made me concerned," Sweeney said.

While at a bar later, he got a text at 11:45 p.m. that Foltz had been taken from his apartment in an ambulance.

"It ruined my mood,

my night," Sweeney said. "I felt terrible."

When he woke up the next day, there were five police cars surrounding the frat house. Sweeney said he initially lied to police.

Krinn's attorney, Samuel Shamansky, said that Sweeney continued to not be forthcoming as the investigation went on.

Shamansky said that the pledges did not have to drink the night of the Big/Little event.

"Nobody forced anyone to do a thing," Shamansky said, adding that they could pour it in a sink or give it away.

Sweeney agreed.

Shamansky also asked if brothers who didn't drink went on to have success in the fraternity. Sweeney said yes.

Henricksen's attorney, Eric Long, pointed out that the Littles blindfolded themselves the night of the party and were not forced to sit and drink; they could walk around.

"Nobody told you that you had to drink," Long said. "The decision to drink the bottle is a personal choice."

"True," Sweeney said.

On re-direct, Dobson asked what would have

happened to a pledge if he had not drank the bottle.

"If they said no to drinking, they'd probably be called soft," Sweeney said, also using a derogatory word.

Grant Hartnett was a pledge with Foltz in spring 2021. They were dreading the Big/Little night, he said.

"I just had a horrible feeling," Hartnett said. "I remember Stone saying to me he was very nervous."

He told Hartnett that he was going to beat the bottle, meaning finish it quickly, Hartnett said.

"If I had known we were going to drink a fifth, I wouldn't have gone," he said.

Shamansky said no one made him drink.

"Let's just be clear, you ... went there voluntarily and you had an inkling that alcohol was going to be consumed," he said.

"This was all your decision, right?"

"Yes," Hartnett said.

Long said that Hartnett only decided he was a hazing victim after talking to police.

Wood County Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Pamela Gross asked if Hartnett would have felt comfortable pouring his bottle out.

"That was not the feeling, the feeling was to drink it," he said.

Foltz's mother, Shari, was first on the stand Wednesday.

She said Foltz was troubled in the weeks leading up to his death.

"We were very close. It was unlike most mother-son relationship. We spoke daily. We text daily. We had a very close relationship," she said.

He told her at the end of January that he was going to rush for a fraternity.

At first he seemed like he was looking forward to it, then he got anxious, Shari Foltz said.

"He wasn't himself. I knew there was something there that wasn't right," Shari Foltz said, adding that her son was taking an anti-depressant.

He was supposed to come home to Delaware, Ohio, the night of Feb. 19. He didn't arrive until 4 a.m. He told his mom that he had to stay with the fraternity until he was able to correctly say the preamble.

"They were making him stay until he could recite it," she said.

Stone told her that he was dreading the March 4 event.

"We are drinking a lot ... not looking forward to that," Shari Foltz said he texted her. "He said it's a ritual, I guess."

She told him to be smart about it.

"Obviously I had no concept of ... any idea of what was going to happen," she said.

"When was the next time you heard from Stone?" Dobson asked.

"I didn't," she said.

At midnight on March 5, the dogs woke her up. She checked her phone and saw that she had missed a lot of calls and texts.

One of them said "Stone's in trouble," she said.

Upon arriving at Wood County Hospital, she and her husband, Cory, were told Foltz had been in cardiac arrest.

"They said it didn't look good, he had drank a bunch of alcohol," Shari Foltz said.

The family was told the next day that he wouldn't survive. Stone was kept alive for another day while they got his body ready for organ transplant, Shari Foltz said.

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Audition for 'Sleeping Beauty'

PEMBERVILLE — The Pemberville Children's Theatre Workshop will hold auditions for "The Spell of Sleeping Beauty" at the opera house, 115 Main St.

They will be Saturday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 p.m.

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The production will be Aug. 5-7.

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The Pemberville Children's Theatre Workshop is made possible through the Gale and Marlyn Williamson Performing Arts Fund.

NBC

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to the base of the wall in our center field and that's pretty deep," Leady said.

A loss to Otsego could have meant both teams shared the NBC title, but it was a relief for Leady

and his team to get the championship behind them so they can now face the tournament.

Leady credited the Knights for making the championship run a challenge.

"It was really good for us. They have a really nice team," Leady said. "It's a really good high school baseball team. They've won 18 games and that is hard to do. You have to give them a lot of credit."

Arntson also had a double and two RBIs

and senior Dylan Hoffman and juniors Case Boos, Jackson Bauer and Tristan Schuerman had base hits for the Eagles. Senior Lake Boos was hit by a pitch.

Otsego senior Devin Coon had both of the Knights' base hits, including a double, plus he was hit by a pitch.

Steele went 4.1 innings, striking out two, walking two, allowing four hits and four runs. Kelly closed, walking one, allowing two hits and one run through 1.2 innings.

Reject

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Nearly 70% of deals involve social media posts, the Opendorse data shows.

David Ridpath, an associate professor of sports business at Ohio University, frames the opportunity for student-athletes to benefit financially as a civil rights issue. Athletes are not employees of the

schools they attend and should not be restricted from earning money, he told the AP in April, adding that amounts won't be large but could put "a few extra bucks in their pockets."

"In my view, it's all been positive," Ridpath said. "College and, by extension, high school athletes, are not employees and should not be restricted to any market place where they have value."

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Perrysburg's Yager, Gibbs are lacrosse NLL Players of Year

NLL BOYS LACROSSE

Perrysburg senior midfielder Tyler Yager is the Northern Lakes League Player of the Year in boys lacrosse.

The Yellow Jackets finished 11-6 overall and shared the NLL title with Anthony Wayne (12-3), both finishing with 7-1 league records.

Perrysburg first team choices are Yager, senior attack Steven Speer, senior defenseman Will Blanchard and Brody May, junior long stick midfielder Ethan Johnson, and freshman faceoff specialist Zach Schroeder.

Bowling Green junior attack Evan Brandt is also first team. The Bobcats finished 8-11 overall and 1-7 in

the NLL.

Perrysburg second team choices are senior attack Josh Carter, senior midfielders Joe Ettore and Jared Courtright, and senior goalie Beau Craig.

BG junior midfielder Michael Kisor is a second team selection.

Perrysburg junior attack Cameron Davidson and BG sophomore attack Reece Rath are third team.

In the league standings, Sylvania Southview (6-10, 4-4) finished third followed by BG and Sylvania Northview (4-12, 1-7).

NLL GIRLS LACROSSE

Perrysburg junior midfielder Megan Gibbs is the Northern Lakes League

Player of the Year in girls lacrosse.

Perrysburg won the league title, finishing 14-3 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

Perrysburg first team choices are Gibbs, junior attack Lauren Gorez, senior midfielder Mia Haschak, junior defenseman Abby Robertson and sophomore defenseman Shaye Ledyard.

Perrysburg sophomore attack Ariyah Ellis is second team and junior defenseman Jillian Speer is third team.

The NLL finished in a three-way tie for second between Anthony Wayne (8-7, 2-4) and the two Sylvania schools, Northview and Southview, which both were 7-6 overall and 2-4 in the league.



Scott W. Grau | Sentinel-Tribune

File. Perrysburg's Tyler Yager moves the ball during a game at Anthony Wayne High School this season.

PREP ROUNDUP

Outright NLL baseball championship goes to Perrysburg

PERRYSBURG 10, SPRINGFIELD 2

PERRYSBURG — Perrysburg baseball defeated visiting Springfield, 10-2, Tuesday to win an outright Northern Lakes League baseball championship.

The Yellow Jackets unloaded for six runs in the third inning and outthit the Blue Devils, 11-4, as Perrysburg improved to 22-5 on the season.

Matt Hubbard was 2-for-3 with a double and five RBIs and Ben Robeson was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead Perrysburg's offense.

Ryan Thompson had a triple and Kanyon Gagich, Connor Walendzak, Matt Gast, Guillermo Materan, A.J. Bernthisel and Max Heltzel had base hits for the Jackets.

Bernthisel, Gagich, Heltzel,

Gast and Hubbard had stolen bases for Perrysburg.

T.J. Takats started on the mound, striking out three, walking three and allowing three hits and two runs through four innings, getting the win.

Jack Losee pitched an inning, striking out one, allowing one hit and no runs, and Nick Hartzell and Connor Trzcinski also pitched an inning each with Trzcinski striking out one batter.

For the Blue Devils, Jack Semler, Will Scott, Dallas Allen and Adam Iserman had one base hit apiece. Tanner Whitmire and Gavin Robinson successfully laid down sacrifice bunts.

Scott started on the mound for the Blue Devils, pitching

four innings and taking the loss, and Robinson closed the final two innings.

Perrysburg took on Southview again Wednesday in a Division I district semifinal at Liberty-Benton High School. The winner gets the Clay-Sylvania Northview winner on Friday at 5 p.m.

EASWOOD 11, LAKE 1

PEMBERVILLE — The Northern Buckeye Conference baseball champions closed the regular season with an 11-1 win over visiting Lake Monday.

The Eagles are 24-1 overall and 13-1 in the NBC heading into district action this week.

Eastwood employed four pitchers, who combined to only allow one hit. Ethan Rapp started, striking out one, walk-

ing one and not allowing a hit or run, pitching one inning.

Andrew Badenhop pitched two innings, striking out one, walking five, and allowing no hits and one run.

Jackson Bauer pitched an inning, striking out one, walking one, and Toby Marten pitched two innings, striking out one, walking two and allowing one hit.

Offensively, Jordan Pickerel was 3-for-4 with an RBI, Lake Boos was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs and Dylan Hoffman was 2-for-3 with a double and RBI.

Isaac Cherry and Andrew Arntson hit doubles and Case Boos and Bauer had base hits. Case Boos also had a stolen base.

For Lake, Keagon Henry

had the only base hit, Conner Moore was hit by a pitch and Cam Hoffman had a stolen base. Michael Tolles walked three times.

Hoffman, Moore and Matt Perry pitched for the Flyers with Hoffman taking the loss.

Both teams continue tournament runs this week. Eastwood will take on Minster in a district semifinal this afternoon, at Elida High School's Ed Sandy Field, with first pitch scheduled for 2.

The winner gets the Coldwater-Lima Bath winner on Saturday at 2 p.m.

On Thursday, Lake will take on Ottawa Hills at 4:30 p.m. at Defiance High School in a district semifinal. The winner gets the Tinora-Archbold winner on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Sports world reacts to the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas

By The Associated Press

In Dallas, Steve Kerr and Jason Kidd did not want to talk about basketball. LeBron James made no effort to hide his anger. Jayson Tatum of the Boston Celtics, a young father, called the news "devastating."

The sports world reacted swiftly Tuesday to the news of an 18-year-old gunman opening fire at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and killing at least 19 children.

It was the deadliest shooting at a U.S. grade school since a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, almost a decade ago.

"I'm fed up. I've had enough. We're going to play the game tonight. But I want every person here, every person listening to this, to think about your own child or grandchild, mother or father, sister, brother. How would you feel if this happened to you today?" — Steve Kerr, coach of the Golden State Warriors, who urged Congress to mandate background checks for gun purchases before his team faced the Dallas Mavericks in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

"My thoughts and

prayers goes out to the families of love ones lost & injured at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX! Like when is enough enough man!!! These are kids and we keep putting them in harms way at school. Like seriously "AT SCHOOL" where it's suppose to be the safest!" — LeBron James, in a tweet.

"The news of what's happening, not just here in Texas but throughout our country, is sad." — Mavericks coach Jason Kidd.

"Uvalde, There are no right words. Our hearts are with you and all of our neighbors impacted by today's horrific shooting." — statement from the San Antonio Spurs, via Twitter.

"To the victims, their families and the entire Uvalde community, you are held close to our hearts today and in the weeks to come." — statement from the Houston Texans, via Twitter.

"The unthinkable and unimaginable. As I look at my daughter my heart is hurting for all the lives lost and their loved ones. A parents worst nightmare. Enough is enough. No more gun violence, no more terrorism. This is sickening." — Seattle Storm forward Breanna

Stewart.

"When is enough going to be enough? Senseless killings, kids dying at the hands of a gun. Seeing so many kids get their hands on guns is painful! Schools aren't safe. Grocery stores aren't safe. Kids killing kids. Protecting gun laws can't be more important than saving lives." — Sports agent Rich Paul, who represents, among others, LeBron James.

"Devastated doesn't even begin to describe it. Horrifying horrifying news out of Texas." — Arizona Cardinals defensive end J.J. Watt.

"Tonight we play for Uvalde, Texas." — the WNBA's Dallas Wings, in a statement.

"Has to stop man..... prayers to all the families in Texas." — Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

"When will we care about the protection of our children above everything else? Children shouldn't be gunned down in school. It's absolutely unacceptable that this is continuing to happen. These children represent our country's future, our hopes, our dreams." — New York Yankees pitcher Zack Britton.

Ohio lawmakers debate training for armed school employees

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio school districts could once again arm employees under legislation being fast-tracked by Republican lawmakers to counter the impact of a court ruling that restricted the practice.

The measure aims to undo the effect of an Ohio Supreme Court ruling last year, which held that under current law armed school workers would need hundreds of hours of training.

Under the latest version of the bill, school employees who carry guns would need up to 24 hours of initial training, then up to eight hours of requalification training annually. The bill didn't specify a total minimum training requirement, leading to

criticism from Democrats that the legislation is being pushed too quickly without all the details.

Training must include how to stop an active shooter, how to de-escalate a violent situation, trauma and first-aid care, at least four hours in "scenario-based or simulated training exercises," and completing "tactical live firearms training," according to the bill.

The GOP-controlled Senate was expected to approve the measure Wednesday. More than two dozen states allow the arming of school employees under some circumstances.

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine supports the legislation, as long as it requires adequate and annual training for armed employees. DeWine underscored his



Andrew Welsh-Huggins | AP
Rob Sexton, lobbyist for Buckeye Firearms Association and a supporter of GOP legislation that would permit Ohio school districts to arm employees by creating training standards, testifies in favor of the latest version of the bill on Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Sexton urged lawmakers not to make training requirements so burdensome that employees would decide against participating.

support last week as he announced plans to spend "a significant amount of money" to help schools create physical barriers against attacks without going into details.

The Supreme Court rul-

ing came after Madison local schools in southwestern Ohio voted to allow teachers and staff who received 24 hours of one-time concealed weapons training to carry firearms following a 2016

school shooting. After the district adopted the armed program in 2018, a group of parents successfully sued the district to prevent teachers from being armed without extensive training, equivalent to what a police officer undergoes.

One of those parents, Erin Gabbard, testified in opposition to the bill Tuesday, calling it radical and reckless.

"This does not protect our children, it endangers them," Gabbard said. "Allowing teachers to go armed with our children at school with at most 24 hours of training is woefully inadequate. It makes our children less safe."

Bill opponents, including educators and gun control advocates, far outnumbered supporters at Tuesday's hearing. One supporter, Buckeye Fire-

arms Association lobbyist Rob Sexton, said arming teachers would give children a fighting chance in the event "the worst happens in our schools."

He also warned against making training so rigorous that it "becomes a disincentive that people don't actually wind up enrolling in the program. We actually want school districts and people to be willing to take advantage of this option to protect our kids."

Since the bill requires that armed employees have a concealed weapons permit, that adds eight hours to the training requirement, Sexton said.

The bill is opposed by major law enforcement groups and gun control advocates, and supported by a handful of police departments and school districts.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2022. There are 212 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history

On June 2, 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people. (McVeigh was executed in June 2001.)

On this date

In 1924, Congress passed, and President Calvin Coolidge signed, a measure guaranteeing full American citizenship for all Native Americans born within U.S. territorial limits.

In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; he was 37.

In 1953, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in London's Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1961, playwright and director George S. Kaufman, 71, died in New York.

In 1962, Soviet forces opened fire on striking workers in the Russian city of Novocherkassk; a retired general in 1989 put the death toll at 22 to 24.

In 1966, U.S. space probe Surveyor 1 landed on the moon and began transmitting detailed photographs of the lunar surface.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.

In 1981, the Japanese video arcade game "Donkey Kong" was released by Nintendo.

In 1999, South Africans went to the polls in their second post-apartheid election, giving the African National Congress a decisive victory; retiring president Nelson Mandela was succeeded by Thabo Mbeki (TAH'-boh um-BEH'-kee).

In 2011, a judge in Placerville, California, sentenced serial sex offender Phillip Garrido to life in prison for kidnapping and raping Jaycee Dugard; Garrido's wife, Nancy, received a decades-long sentence.

In 2016, autopsy results showed superstar musician Prince died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a powerful opioid painkiller.

In 2020, defying curfews, protesters streamed back into the nation's streets, hours after President Donald Trump urged governors to put down the violence set off by the death of George

Floyd. Police said four officers were hit by gunfire after protests in St. Louis that began peacefully became violent. The bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington sharply criticized Trump for staging a visit to St. John's Church across from the White House after authorities had cleared the area of peaceful protesters. Mayors and governors from both parties rejected Trump's threat to use the military against protesters.

Ten years ago:

Ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was sentenced to life in prison after a court convicted him on charges of complicity in the killing of protesters during the 2011 uprising that forced him from power (Mubarak was later acquitted and freed in March 2017; he died in February 2020). Richard

Dawson, 79, a British-born entertainer who made his mark in the 1960s television sitcom "Hogan's Heroes" and later became a popular TV game show host, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago:

Environmental campaigners protested President Donald Trump's decision to pull the United States out of the Paris climate accord, while nations around the world pledged to double down on their efforts to curb global warming. Three former Penn State administrators were handed jail and house-arrest sentences ranging up to nearly two years for burying child sexual abuse allegations against Jerry Sandusky.

One year ago:

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's opponents announced that they had reached a

deal to form a new governing coalition, paving the way for the ouster of the longtime Israeli leader. The NFL pledged to stop the use of "racing" in a \$1 billion settlement of brain injury claims; the practice had made it harder for Black players to show a deficit and qualify for an award. Trainer Bob Baffert was suspended for two years by the Churchill Downs racetrack in Louisville, Kentucky, after an additional drug test of Kentucky Derby winner Medina Spirit confirmed the presence of a steroid. (Medina Spirit was later disqualified from his Derby victory; the colt collapsed and died in December 2021 following a training run at Santa Anita.) Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski (shuh-SHEF'-sknee) announced that the next season would be his last with the Blue Devils.

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Thefts

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wasn't an organized crime thing. It was a 'we needed money' thing."

Coon argued against consecutive sentences, saying there was no serious economic harm, and this was not an organized criminal activity.

Reger read Owens' prior offenses, including embezzlement and writing bad checks in 2004,

larceny in 2005, retail fraud in 2006, and failure to return rental property in 2015.

For each charge, a sentence of community control was imposed, he said.

"Community control didn't seem to accomplish the task," Reger said.

He imposed a six-month prison sentence for each of the five counts of breaking and entering, for a total of 30 months.

Owens will be given credit for the five months

he has served in the Wood County jail.

Coon asked for the court to appoint counsel for appeal. That request was approved. A request to stay the prison sentence until the appeal was heard was denied.

Also on Tuesday, McClintock, 33, of Homer, Michigan, appeared in Reger's courtroom. She is staying at the Aurora Project in Toledo and formerly had been at Devlac Hall since Feb. 23 for addiction treatment.

McClintock also was indicted for five counts breaking and entering, all fifth-degree felonies, and receiving stolen property, a fourth-degree felony.

She pleaded guilty to the five breaking and entering charges.

Reger said prison was neither presumed nor not presumed but because she pleaded guilty to multiple offenses, it was a possibility.

He could impose a sentence of up to 12 months for each charge.

Sentencing for McClintock will be July 5.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Surrendering Mariupol troops leave steel plant, face uncertainty

By Oleksandr Stashevskiy and Ciaran McQuillan
Associated Press

KYIV, UKRAINE — Nearly 1,000 last-ditch Ukrainian fighters who had held out inside Mariupol's pulverized steel plant have surrendered, Russia said Wednesday, as the battle that turned the city into a worldwide symbol of defiance and suffering drew toward a close.

Meanwhile, the first captured Russian soldier to be put on trial by Ukraine on war-crimes charges pleaded guilty to killing a civilian and could get life in prison. And Finland and Sweden applied to join NATO, abandoning generations of neutrality for fear that Russian President Vladimir Putin will not stop with Ukraine.

The Ukrainian fighters trooping out of the ruined Azovstal steelworks that became the last stronghold of resistance in the city face an uncertain fate. Some were taken by the Russians to a former penal colony in territory controlled by Moscow-backed separatists.

While Ukraine said it hopes to get the soldiers back in a prisoner swap, Russia



Russian servicemen frisk Ukrainian servicemen after they left the besieged Azovstal steel plant Wednesday in Mariupol, Ukraine. RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY PRESS SERVICE

threatened to put some of them on trial for war crimes.

It was unclear how many fighters remained inside the plant's labyrinth of tunnels and bunkers, where 2,000 were believed to be holed up at one point. A separatist leader in the region said no top commanders had emerged from the steelworks.

The plant was the only thing standing in the way of Russia declaring the full capture of Mariupol. Its fall would make Mariupol the biggest Ukrainian city to be taken by Moscow's forces, giving a boost to Putin in a

war where many of his plans have gone awry.

Military analysts, though, said the city's capture at this point would hold more symbolic importance than anything else, since Mariupol is already effectively under Moscow's control and many of the Russian forces that were tied down by the drawn-out fighting have already left.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said 959 Ukrainian troops have abandoned the stronghold since they started coming out Monday.

Video showed the fighters

carrying out their wounded on stretchers and undergoing pat-down searches before being taken away on buses escorted by military vehicles bearing the pro-Kremlin "Z" sign.

In the war-crimes case in Kyiv, Russian Sgt. Vadim Shishimarin, a 21-year-old member of a tank unit, pleaded guilty to shooting an unarmed 62-year-old Ukrainian man in the head through a car window in the opening days of the war. Ukraine's top prosecutor has said some 40 more war-crimes cases are being readied.

NATO talks with Finland, Sweden falter but continue

By Lorne Cook
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — NATO envoys failed to reach a consensus on Wednesday about whether to start membership talks with Finland and Sweden, diplomats said, as Turkey renewed its objections to the two Nordic countries joining.

The envoys met at NATO headquarters in Brussels after Finland and Sweden's ambassadors submitted written applications to join the military organization, in a move that marks one of the biggest geopolitical ramifications of Russia's war on Ukraine — and which could rewrite Europe's security map.

The diplomats declined to say precisely who or what was holding up the procedure. They pointed to the messages from many of the 30 NATO allies welcoming Finland and Sweden's request.

Lithuanian Ambassador Deividas Matulionis told Swedish and Finnish media that the envoys had exchanged views about their national security. "The dis-

cussion was about that, but it is up to Turkey to comment," he said.

NATO officials underlined remarks Wednesday by Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, that "we are determined to work through all issues and reach a rapid conclusion." Meetings and diplomatic outreach aimed at resolving the problem will continue.

But Turkey is the only ally to have clearly voiced its opposition. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insists that Finland and Sweden must show more respect for Turkish sensitivities about terrorism. He is refusing to budge over what he says is their alleged support for Kurdish militants.

Erdogan accuses the two countries of turning a blind eye to activities of the banned Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, even though the group is on the European Union's anti-terror blacklist.

Finland and Sweden cooperate closely with NATO. They have functioning democracies, well-funded armed forces and contribute to the alliance's military operations and air policing.

Russian soldier, 21, pleads guilty at war crimes trial

Associated Press

KYIV, UKRAINE — A 21-year-old Russian soldier facing the first war crimes trial since Moscow invaded Ukraine pleaded guilty Wednesday to killing an unarmed civilian.

Sgt. Vadim Shishimarin could get life in prison for shooting a 62-year-old Ukrainian man in the head through an open car window



Sgt. Vadim Shishimarin

in the northeastern Sumy region on Feb. 28, four days into the invasion.

Shishimarin, a captured member of a Russian tank unit, was prosecuted under a section of the Ukrainian criminal code that

addresses the laws and customs of war.

Ukrainian Prosecutor General Iryna Venediktova previously said her office was readying war crimes cases against 41 Russian soldiers for offenses that included bombing civilian infrastructure, killing civilians, rape and looting.

It was not immediately clear how many of the sus-

pects are in Ukrainian hands and how many would be tried in absentia.

Prosecutors plan to continue presenting evidence against Shishimarin following his guilty plea, although the trial is likely to be shorter.

As the inaugural war-crimes case in Ukraine, Shishimarin's prosecution was being watched closely.

Investigators have been collecting evidence of possible war crimes to bring before the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Venediktova's office has said it was looking into more than 10,700 potential war crimes involving more than 600 suspects, including Russian soldiers and government officials.

With help from foreign

experts, prosecutors are investigating allegations that Russian troops violated Ukrainian and international law by killing, torturing and abusing possibly thousands of Ukrainian civilians.

Shishimarin's trial opened Friday, when he made a brief court appearance while lawyers and judges discussed procedural matters.

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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

FDA chief under fire for baby formula response

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The head of the Food and Drug Administration faced bipartisan fury from House lawmakers Wednesday over months of delays investigating problems at the nation's largest baby formula plant that prompted an ongoing shortage.

FDA Commissioner Robert Califf laid out a series of setbacks in congressional testimony that slowed his agency's response, including a COVID-19 outbreak at the plant and a whistleblower complaint that didn't reach FDA leadership because it was apparently lost in the mail.

Califf testified before a House subcommittee probing the shortage, which has snowballed into a major political controversy and forced the U.S. to begin airlifting products from Europe.

The FDA's response was: "Too slow and there were decisions that were suboptimal along the way," Califf told lawmakers.

The FDA and President Joe Biden face mounting political pressure to explain why they didn't intervene earlier to try and head off the supply crisis.

"Why did it take an onslaught of national media attention for the Biden administration to act with a sense of urgency required to address an infant formula shortage?" asked Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Virginia, the committee's ranking Republican. The panel is also scheduled to hear from three formula manufacturers, including Abbott Nutrition.

The shortage mostly stems from Abbott's Michigan plant, which the FDA shut down in February due



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to contamination issues. Califf gave the first detailed account of why his agency took months to inspect and shutter the plant despite learning of potential problems as early as September.

"We knew that ceasing plant operations would create supply problems but we had no choice given the insanitary conditions," Califf said in opening testimony.

FDA staff began honing in on Abbott's plant last fall while tracking several bacterial infections in infants who had consumed formula from the facility. The four cases occurred between September and January, leading to hospitalization and two deaths.

The FDA planned to begin inspecting the Sturgis, Michigan, plant on Dec. 30, according to Califf's testimony. But Abbott warned that about a dozen of its employees had tested positive for COVID-19 and requested a delay. As a result, the FDA didn't begin its inspection until Jan. 31.

After detecting positive samples of a rare-but-dangerous bacteria in multiple parts of the plant, the FDA

closed the facility and Abbott announced a massive recall of its formula on Feb. 17.

Abbott and the FDA have reached an agreement to reopen the plant next week, under which the company must regularly undergo outside safety audits.

Califf also struggled to explain the FDA's months-long timeline in responding to an October whistleblower complaint alleging numerous safety violations at Abbott's plant, including employees falsifying records.

Several FDA staffers reviewed the complaint in late October when it was sent to a regional FDA office, but an interview didn't take place until two months later, in part due to the whistleblower's scheduling conflicts.

Senior FDA officials eventually received the complaint via email, but not until February due to "an isolated failure in FDA's mailroom, likely due to COVID-19 staffing issues," according to the FDA testimony. A mailed copy addressed to then-acting commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock has still not been located.

OPIOID CRISIS

Tentative \$161.5M settlement reached in W.Va. opioid trial

By John Raby
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.VA. — Attorneys for the state of West Virginia and two remaining pharmaceutical manufacturers have reached a tentative \$161.5 million settlement just as closing arguments were set to begin in a seven-week trial over the opioid epidemic, Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said Wednesday.

Morrisey announced the development in court in the state's lawsuit against Teva Pharmaceuticals Inc., AbbVie's Allergan and their family of companies. The judge agreed to put the trial on hold to give the parties the opportunity to work out a full settlement agreement in the upcoming weeks.

"Today does represent a very big day for our state," Morrisey said.

The trial started April 4. The lawsuit accused the defendants of downplaying the risks of addiction associated with opioid use while overstating the benefits.

Under the tentative deal, West Virginia would receive more than \$134.5 million in cash, while Teva would supply the state with \$27 million worth of Narcan, a medication that can reverse opioid overdoses, restore breathing and bring someone back to consciousness.

By reaching a settlement, "it obviously puts us in a position where we mitigate risk," Morrisey said. "We could win if we kept going to trial. I think we would have won. No guarantees, of course. But then we might be subject to five years of appeals and then we wouldn't see any resources for five years."

"I want to make sure we start to put feet on the ground now. And I want to



By reaching a settlement, "it obviously puts us in a position where we mitigate risk," said West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey. MATTHEW UMSTEAD/THE HERALD-MAIL

see resources targeted to this epidemic now."

Under a plan announced by Morrisey in February, 72.5% of the settlement will go to a nonprofit foundation established to distribute money in opioid-related litigations, 24.5% would be allocated to local governments and 3% would go to the state. The foundation would consist of an 11-member board, including five state appointees and representatives from six regions of the state. The board members will have expertise in fields such as mental health, substance misuse and law enforcement.

West Virginia had reached a \$99 million settlement with drugmaker Johnson & Johnson's subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. last month over the drugmaker's role in perpetuating the opioid crisis in the state that has long led the nation in drug overdose deaths.

Before the trial started, Morrisey's office announced the state settled part of the lawsuit involving another defendant, Endo Health Solutions, for \$26 million.

In separate, similar lawsuits, West Virginia previously reached a \$37 million settlement with McKesson Corp. in 2019, and \$20 million with Cardinal Health Inc. and \$16 million with AmerisourceBergen Drug Co. in 2017.

After years of lawsuits, drugmakers, distribution companies and some pharmacies have been settling cases over the toll of opioids.

In deals finalized this year, the three biggest distribution companies and drugmaker Johnson & Johnson agreed to settlements totaling \$26 billion over time. OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma is in court trying to win approval for a national settlement including up to \$6 billion in cash, plus using future profits from a remade version of the company to fight the opioid crisis.

In other settlements this year, the distributors have agreed to pay Washington state, which did not participate in the national settlement with them, over \$500 million, and a group of companies are sending \$276 million to Alabama.

In all, proposed and finalized settlements, judgments and criminal penalties over opioids have reached more than \$47 billion since 2007.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

U.S. sending medium-range rocket systems, Biden says

By Lolita C. Baldor and Ben Fox
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. will send Ukraine four sophisticated, medium-range rocket systems and ammunition to help try to stall Russian progress in the Donbas region of its country, but it will take at least three weeks to get the precision weapons and trained troops onto the battlefield, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

Colin Kahl, the defense undersecretary for policy, said the U.S. has received assurances at the highest government levels that Ukraine will use the rockets to defend its nation and not launch them into Russia. The agreement underscores U.S. concerns about provoking a wider war with Russia while still providing Ukraine the weapons it has desperately requested in recent weeks.

The rocket systems are part of a new \$700 million tranche of security assistance for Ukraine from the U.S. that also includes helicopters, Javelin anti-tank weapon systems, radars, tactical vehicles, spare parts and more.

Asked if the weapons are arriving too late to make a difference, as Russia makes progress in the east and south, Kahl said he doesn't think so.

"It is a grinding fight," he said during a Pentagon briefing. "We believe that these additional capabilities will arrive in a timeframe that's relevant and allow the Ukrainians to very precisely target the types of things they need for the current fight."

The U.S. decision to provide the advance rocket systems tries to strike a bal-



The U.S. will send four medium-range High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems to Ukraine. AP FILE

ance between the desire to help Ukraine battle ferocious Russian artillery barrages while not providing arms that could allow Ukraine to hit targets deep inside Russia and trigger an escalation in the war.

In a guest essay published Tuesday evening by The New York Times, President Joe Biden confirmed that he would "provide the Ukrainians with more advanced rocket systems and munitions that will enable them to more precisely strike key targets on the battlefield in Ukraine."

Biden had said Monday that the U.S. would not send Ukraine "rocket systems that can strike into Russia." Any weapons system can shoot into Russia if it's close enough to the border. The aid package unveiled Wednesday would send what the U.S. considers medium-range rockets — they generally can travel about 45 miles, officials said.

"The Ukrainians have given us assurances that they will not use these systems against targets on Russian territory," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednes-

day. "There is a strong trust bond between Ukraine and the United States."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Wednesday that the U.S. is "deliberately and diligently pouring fuel on the fire." He added that the Kremlin doesn't trust Kyiv's assurances that the multiple rocket launch systems supplied by the U.S. will not be used to attack Russia.

"In order to trust (someone), you need to have experience with situations when such promises were kept. Regrettably, there is no such experience whatsoever," Peskov said.

The expectation is that Ukraine could use the rockets in the eastern Donbas region, where they could both intercept Russian artillery and take out Russian positions in towns where fighting is intense, such as Sievierodonetsk.

Sieverodonetsk is important to Russian efforts to capture the Donbas before more Western arms arrive to bolster Ukraine's defense. The city, which is 90 miles south of the Russian border, is in an area that is the last pocket

under Ukrainian government control in the Luhansk region of the Donbas.

Biden in his essay added: "We are not encouraging or enabling Ukraine to strike beyond its borders. We do not want to prolong the war just to inflict pain on Russia."

It's the 11th package approved so far and will be the first to tap the \$40 billion in security and economic assistance recently passed by Congress. The rocket systems would be part of Pentagon drawdown authority, so would involve taking weapons from U.S. inventory and getting them into Ukraine quickly. Ukrainian troops would also need training on the new systems, which could take at least a week or two.

Officials said the plan is to send Ukraine the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, which is mounted on a truck and can carry a container with six rockets. The system can launch a medium-range rocket, which is the current plan, but is also capable of firing a longer-range missile which has a range of about 190 miles and is not part of the plan.

WASHINGTON

Biden cites strain on families from formula shortage

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Wednesday acknowledged the strain on families from nationwide shortages of infant formula as he met with manufacturers while his administration tries to address the situation by importing foreign supplies and using the Defense Production Act to speed domestic production.

The White House said a third round of formula shipments from overseas will begin next week, from producer Kendamil in Britain. Shipments from Bubs Australia will be delivered next week as well.

"There's nothing more stressful than feeling you can't get what your child needs," Biden said, adding that as a "father and a grandfather," he understands how difficult the shortages have been for parents and their children.

Biden hosted a roundtable with leaders of manufacturers ByHeart, Bubs Australia, Reckitt, Perrigo Co. and Gerber. The list is notable for the absence of Abbott Nutrition, whose Michigan plant was shut down in February over safety concerns, sparking the shortage in the United States.

The meeting was a chance to provide an update on what the administration is calling "Operation Fly Formula" to import formula and to use the Korean War-era production law to require suppliers to prioritize their orders in a bid to ease production bottlenecks.

The White House said the latest round of shipments



President Joe Biden meets virtually with infant formula manufacturers in Washington on Wednesday. SUSAN WALSH / ASSOCIATED PRESS

would bring Kendamil formula from Heathrow Airport in London to U.S. airports over a three-week period, starting June 9. The flights will carry about 3.7 million 8-ounce bottle equivalents, shipped free of charge by United Airlines.

The first shipments will include Kendamil Classic Stage 1 and Kendamil Organic formulas, which will be available at Target stores across the United States.

Bubs Australia will ship the equivalent of 4.6 million 8-ounce bottles of its infant formula on Defense Department-contracted commercial aircraft from its hub in Melbourne, Australia, to Pennsylvania and California on June 9 and June 11, respectively.

The push on imports will help but will not immediately end supply shortages that have left people facing empty shelves or limits on purchases.

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Garaway Baseball

May 16

Varsity

Garaway - 12

Newcomerstown - 2

Recap: Garaway defeated Newcomerstown 12-2 in 5 innings in the sectional-semi final on the Hill Monday, May 16. Doran Mast went the distance to pick up the win. Garaway was up 10-0 in the top of the 4th with two outs when the game was delayed due to lightning. Mast struck out 8 on the night and had two singles and 3 RBI's to help his cause. Cameron Coblentz had a double and a single and 2 RBI's and Preston Miller had a double and 2 singles as well as Garaway had 12 hits on the night.

May 19

Garaway - 0

Choshocton - 3

Hiland Baseball

May 16

Varsity

Hiland - 2

Waynedale - 4

Recap: Pitching - Losing Pitcher - B. Yoder (35 - 24); D. Miller (40 - 24); N. Yoder (29 - 23); Batting - TB: J. Toadaro (2), C. Yoder (2), N. Yoder (2); SF: A. Weaver; LOB: 4.

May 19

Varsity

Hiland - 10

Shenandoah - 0

Recap: Pitching - Winning Pitcher - I. Yoder (71 - 51); Batting - 2B: N. Yoder, D. Miller; 3B: D. Miller; TB: I. Yoder, G. Miller (2), N. Yoder (3), D. Miller (5), A. Weaver, B. Yoder; SAC: C. Yoder; SF: J. Toadaro; HBP: C. Yoder; SB: A. Weaver; LOB: 1.

Garaway Boys Track win IVC South, Advance to Regionals



Submitted photo

Some of the members of the Garaway Boys Track team flanked by coaches were smiling big after winning big at West Holmes last weekend.

Budget Sports Report

It was a good week for the Garaway track program on the boys side of things for the past several weeks. The boys won the IVC South Championship on May 13 at Newcomerstown. The team saw many members advance to Districts last weekend from the contest held at West Holmes High School, including:

Shot Put
Brayden Adams - Second Place; Tate Amicone - Fourth Place

Discus
Tate Amicone - Third Place - 144 feet, 8 inches

400 Meter Dash
Brendan Chapman - First Place

4 by 400 Relay
JD Young, Quinten Schwartz, Bobby Palmer, Brendan Chapman

4 by 800 Relay
Quinten Schwartz, Bobby Palmer, Parker Graf, Brendah Chapman

Children's soccer coming to community

By Jason Keller
The Budget

Goal!

That is a word that will be coming to a yet to be named home base soccer field for the new Garaway Soccer Program. The effort is being led by Brian Trexler of Baltic and a team of board member he has put together over the past year.

The group believes that sports are important and that by broadening the horizons of local youth to sports not offered to them in a traditional setting, they can keep youth active and engaged. They believe that sports are crucial to an individual's self-development and learning and are excited to bring soccer to the community. It should be pointed out that while the name Garaway is being used for the youth sport, it is no way affiliated with or owned by the Garaway Local School District.

"This is a community organization funded by corporate and industrial sponsors and partners with additional support from private donors who also want to bring local you more athletic opportunities and activities," Trexler pointed out.

He noted that registration is not limited to just students in the Garaway District or who attend school there. "Registration is not limited to students in the Garaway District," Trexler explained.

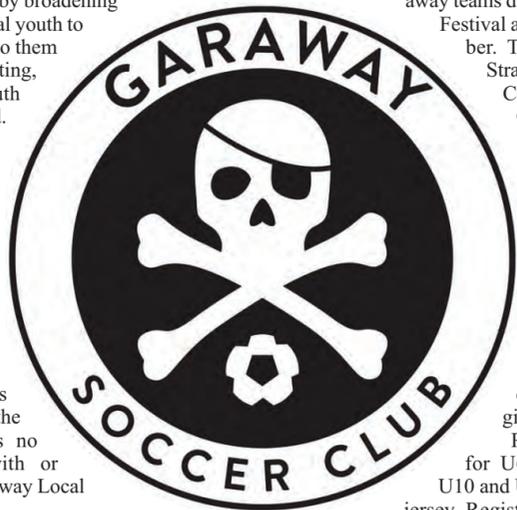
"We welcome all private school and home school students as well as any children from surrounding school districts."

Currently, the program is enrolling for a proposed fall season for students from Pre-K to Sixth Grade. Practices would begin in August with games from the end of August through October. There would be no games Labor Day weekend. In addition, Trexler will be asking the league (Tri County) to not schedule games for Garaway teams during the Ohio Swiss Festival at the end of September. The league includes Strasburg, Sandy Valley, Carrollton, Canton City, Fairless, and TC United. There are four age brackets - Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, and Under 12. Teams will be formed based on the grade a student is entering in the fall. Teams will include both boys and girls.

Registration is \$30 for U6 and \$40 for U8, U10 and U12. This includes a jersey. Registration is open from June 1 until July 1. There will be four local sign up days: June 4 - Baltic at Village Hall; June 11 - Dundee at Methodist Church; June 18 - Ragersville Baseball Pavilion; June 25 - Sugar-creek at Cherry Ridge Park (Ladrach Park). All will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"We are excited to see youth develop and grow their skills," Trexler said.

For more information, call or text 330-390-5900 or email garawayssoccer@gmail.com.



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Garaway Middle School honors students

Budget Staff Report

Garaway Middle School students were honored to round out the school year.

Garaway Middle School eighth grade students Zoe Jump, daughter of Joshua and Jennifer Jump, and Dillon King, son of Jonathan and Katie King, received the Ohio High School Athletic Association's prestigious Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award. The award, named for two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin, is presented each year to a female and a male who have been outstanding in their efforts to promote sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity.

Presented with the Award of Excellence for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity were Audrey Immel, daughter of Tony and Jamie Immel and Keaton Beucler, son of Amanda and Jed Fish. This award is given to a student who has exhibited qualities that embody good citizenship, good moral character, and good sporting behavior.

Lainey Hershberger, daughter of Toby and Rachel Hershberger, received the Jaime Lee Young Memorial Award that acknowledges an eighth grade student at Garaway Middle School who excelled in sports, school, and extracurricular activities, as well as a proven leader who learned to accept and carry out responsibilities. This award is sponsored by the Jaime Lee Young Memorial Fund--Jim and Sandy Young.

The Teachers' Academic Ex-

cellence Award was given to Regina Beachy, daughter of Jonas and Leah Beach and Tanner Rowe, son of Terry and Amber Rowe. This award is given by the middle school teaching staff to an eighth grade boy and girl for their outstanding academic performance.

Deegan Yoder, son of Zach and Allison Yoder and Elliana Compton, daughter of Scott and Deanna Compton, received the Award of Excellence for their excellent academic achievements, exhibited courage, self-

less behavior, and add value to whatever environment they are present.

I Dare You Leadership Award went to two seventh graders, Abigail Steiner, daughter of Dustan and Nichole Steiner, and A J Miller, son of Michael and Amber Miller. This award honors two extraordinary seventh grade students whose talents and leadership potential are emerging. They demonstrate leadership capacities, strive for superior accomplishments, set high expectations for

themselves, and are always willing to lend a hand when needed.

Jackson Gerber, son of Sedric and Carrie Gerber, received the Ray Kroc Award. This award is named after the founder of McDonald's and honors students who have demonstrated the characteristics exemplified by Kroc--persistence, determination, hard work, and all around excellence.

The ceremony was held Monday, May 23.



Regina Beachy



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Specialty Items - 11:30 a.m. - White Oak Timber Frame Pavilion; Holmes County Trail Commemorative Item ... and other specialty items.
Log Cabin - 12:00 p.m.
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East Holmes honors faculty, staff

By Jason Keller
The Budget

Celebrating another year in service to the greater Holmes County community was at the heart of a gathering of faculty and staff at East Holmes recently.

“We are proud and appreciative of the investments our staff makes with our students each year,” noted Superintendent Erik Beun.

The teacher of the year - Michelle Mishler was named. She is part of the team at Hiland 7 - 12 where she serves as an Intervention Specialist.

In addition, the Classified Staff Person of the Year - Troy Phillips - was given kudos. He is the head custodian at Flat Ride and Wise Schools.

Retiring members of the staff were honored in addition to those who have served for 20 and 30 years, respectively. All are pictured on this page. Each was given a token of appreciation for their time and talents and praised for their work ethic and dedication to the East Holmes Local School District.



Submitted photo
Retirees after the 2021-22 school year included: Front (l - r) - Norma Schlabach, Marlene Miller, Donna Miller, and Jane Martin; Back (l - r) - Jack Armstrong, Rita Kline, Karen Halfhill, Bev Raber, Jan Novak, and John Whitmer; Not pictured: Betty Kandel.



Submitted photo
Michelle Mishler (left), Intervention Specialist at Hiland 7 - 12, was named as the Teacher of the Year while Troy Phillips (right), Head Custodian at Flat Ridge / Wise Schools was Staff Member of the Year.



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Members of the East Holmes Local Schools staff reaching 20 years of service milestones included (l - r) -- Bert Jones, John Monigold, Jason Weigman, Jay Custers, Emily Schmucker, Jan Isaac, and Lynn Johnson.



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Members of the East Holmes Staff who have served for 30 years were honored and included (l - r) - Heidi Johnes, Daren Maurer, Vicki Antquera, and Suzanne Kalman.

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Service Director updates Council on traffic lights, 2nd Street, other projects

By Phillip Buffington
Associate Editor

Lately, the City of Wellston has been bustling with activity. Numerous projects are either already underway or are upcoming, and Safety/Service Director Anthony Brenner recently shared updates on these various endeavors with members of Wellston City Council.

Near the start of the May 5 meeting, Councilwoman Teresa Lemaster raised a question regarding a project that tentatively aims to install pressure sensors on the side streets of the city's red-light intersections to better control the flow of traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue. However, she said this project does not address the traffic light at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and 6th Street, which, she added, was what prompted the initial discussion on traffic lights in the first place.

That light is and has been flashing yellow for drivers on Pennsylvania Avenue and flashing red for drivers on 6th Street for several months, which has led to some complaints. For example, during a Council meeting in December 2021, Ryon Stroud, a South Pennsylvania Avenue resident who along with his wife, Tina, owns the Rusted Barn on Broadway Street in Wellston, said he lives just down the road from the intersection in question.

"What this has done is create havoc for me, personally," Stroud said last December. "Not to mention, I think it's a safety hazard in general. We live there and walk across the street to Dollar General and places of that nature on a regular basis. It has become fairly dangerous to cross because traffic is so sporadic. It's a nightmare."

Stroud added that his neighbors' vehicles are now being parked in front of his home because of the intersection's lights being altered.

Back to the May 5 discussion, Councilwoman Lemaster said she had recently

witnessed traffic backed up past the Wendy's restaurant for the light at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and 11th Street, which she attributed to the constant flow of traffic allowed by the light at the 6th Street intersection. In response, Service Director Brenner said side-street pressure sensors would prevent such bottlenecks.

"The lights switch now for no reason," he explained. "You stop at lights now sometimes just to watch no one cross. These sensors will stop that because the lights will only switch if a car is present, which will keep traffic moving."

The May 5 agenda included a third-and-final reading for Resolution 2022-23, which authorizes additional funding in the city's sales tax fund. At least a portion of that funding will be used to move forward with installing these side-street detection pressure monitors at all red-light intersections in Wellston, the cost of which is roughly \$12,000 per intersection, according to previous comments from Brenner.

That resolution was unanimously approved as an emergency on the evening of May 5, though Brenner stated the city was still "months away" from proceeding with the pressure-sensor project.

Another discussion that arose on that topic was the possible installation of a pedestrian crossing on Pennsylvania Avenue, as the flow of traffic there is and will continue to be steady. Brenner said these types of crossings tend to work more efficiently toward the middle of a city block as opposed to at an intersection. Some of the proposed locations for such a crossing mentioned during the meeting include near the Subway restaurant, or near Dollar General and Saints Peter and Paul.

Regarding the ongoing project on 2nd Street, Brenner told Council members that the main service line has been fully installed, as have the new fire hydrants,

and that the new taps are almost completely in place as well. The new lines were set to be pressurized on May 14. Brenner said if the new lines can hold with no leaks for a couple of days, employees would begin hooking the new taps up to the meters, and that the old service line would be capped and officially abandoned.

Once again, this topic led to Brenner addressing the 60 to 65 percent of treated water the city is currently losing at various mostly unknown locations.

"During this process, we've been digging up the lines to run the new taps, and we've found multiple leaks," he stated. "We're quickly realizing where we're losing our treated water. A lot of these old metal lines are rusted out."

Brenner added that the upcoming project on New York Avenue and Broadway Street would likewise involve the replacement of water and sewer lines, which could lead to additional discoveries of leaks.

As most projects in Wellston involve the use of grant funding, including the New York/Broadway project, Brenner wished to explain to the public how receiving such funding works.

"You may hear we got this grant or that and wonder where the money is or why nothing is being done," he said. "It takes quite some time for these to take effect."

As an example, Brenner pointed to the nearly \$700,000 in grant funding the city was awarded from the Ohio Department of Transportation for use in a project that will revamp the section of Ohio Avenue between 'A' Street and 2nd Street in the historic downtown district. That money, he explained, will not be in the city's possession until 2025.

"People see these grants then don't see anything happen," Brenner continued. "It's just how these things work. The money is announced, it arrives, we have to do contracts, send the

project out to bid, they have to get the equipment; it's a year before we can move. I promise you we're not wasting the money. We have six or seven grants in progress right now. We try for every one we can get."

In other business

* Service Director Brenner stated the project at Kelli Lambert Memorial Park on West Broadway Street is currently expected to be complete before the end of summer.

* The project to renovate the Depot has been sent out for bid, and Brenner said he expected those to be received by the city during the week of May 9.

* Resolution 2022-19, which establishes a commercial water rate for Scott Ford's carwash near Auto Zone on Pennsylvania Avenue, was approved by a vote of 5 to 1, with Councilwoman Lemaster voting against the measure. The approval of this legislation was contingent upon Ford reopening the carwash. Lemaster stated Ford was "supposed to be open by May 1 and wasn't even down there checking on things until May 1."

* Ordinance 2022-21, which increases the limit on the credit cards of certain city department heads to \$10,000, was approved by a vote of 5 to 1, with Councilwoman Lemaster voting against this measure as well.

* Wellston Police Department (WPD) Chief John Robinson thanked the city's voters for approving the new 1-mil, five-year WPD levy during the May 3 Primary Election. "It's been pointed out to me since it passed that it's pretty unusual for a new levy to pass on the first go-around, especially for police," the chief said. "I think that speaks volumes for the quality of people we have working in our police department. They care and are doing a good job."

The next meeting of Wellston City Council is set for Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the City Building, 203 E. Broadway St.

PUCO schedules public hearings on proposed Columbia Gas of Ohio rate increase

Local hearing to be held in Athens on June 7

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has scheduled four public hearing dates to provide customers the chance to express their views on the applications of Columbia Gas of Ohio to increase their rates, charges, and approval for an alternative rate plan.

The local public hearing for this region will be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Athens City Council Chambers, third floor, 8 E. Washington St., Athens, OH 45701.

Individuals who testify will be required to provide their full name and contact information. Those who testify at the public hearing will have their comments added to the case record. Customers may also submit comments online at PUCO.ohio.gov or by mail addressed to 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. Comments should include the case numbers 21-0637-GA-AIR, 21-0638-GA-ALT, 21-0639-GA-UNC, 21-0640-GA-AAM

Case background

Columbia Gas of Ohio submitted its applications for rate increase and charges, and for approval of an alternative rate plan on June 30, 2021.

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Learn more about the rate-case process, and "What is a Rate Case?" on the PUCO website.

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May is Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month

May is Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month in Ohio, and Jackson County Job and Family Services (JFS) is spreading the word that "Fraud Costs All of Us."

"In Jackson County, nearly one in three individuals receive some form of agency assistance at some point throughout the year. The majority of these residents are either working or are relatives caring for children," said Tammy Osborne-Smith, JFS Director.

Each year, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services disburses more

than \$2 billion in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, more than \$200 million in Ohio Works First cash assistance and more than \$600 million in childcare provider subsidies.

"Individuals who deceive caseworkers or provide false information on an application for benefits account for a very small percentage of the funding disbursed, but our organization takes even the smallest fraud cases very seriously. Our fraud team, along with our agency attorney, work in partnership with local law enforcement,

the Prosecutor's office, and the courts to ensure that diligent efforts are made to ensure compliance," Osborne-Smith stated.

Applicants and recipients of public assistance programs are encouraged to report their situations accurately and timely in order to avoid facing potential criminal charges, program disqualification and repayment of benefits issued improperly. Residents of Jackson County may report suspected public assistance fraud by calling JFS at 740-286-4181 or going to jfs.ohio.gov/fraud.

JPD officers visit Northview with new K-9 Arka



Earlier this month, Jackson Police Department (JPD) officers Kerry Ross and Justin Sizemore visited Northview Elementary School to talk with students about summer safety and to show off the agency's new K-9 Arka. JPD representatives say they were glad to have been invited to the school and wish to extend thanks to Northview and the Jackson City School District for the opportunity. Officer Sizemore is pictured alongside K-9 Arka visiting with a couple of Northview students. (Photo Courtesy of JPD)

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29th Annual Oak Hill Festival of Flags announces festival schedule

Below is the schedule for the 29th Annual Oak Hill Festival of Flags, which will take place from Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30. All events will be held at Aetna Park on the grounds of the Imogene Brunton Davis Memorial Building, located at 415 N. Front St. in Oak Hill, unless noted otherwise. The entertainment is free, but all are encouraged to bring their own chair. Due to circumstances beyond control, some events may have to be moved or canceled with little or no warning.

Friday, May 27

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Senior Citizens Bingo at the MJFF Bingo Hall. (Sponsored by Four Winds Community)
 12 p.m. – Concessions, Crafts, Rides and Games open. (Rides open pending State inspection)
 5:30 p.m. – Official Opening Ceremony: Welcome and Introduction of guests, presentation of colors by Oak Hill Boy Scouts, National Anthem, recognition of 2021 Festival Royalty, ringing of Centennial Bell.
 7:30 – Rock House Band.

Saturday, May 28 (Kids Day)

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Youth Fishing Tournament at Jackson Lake. Check in at beach shelter house. (Sponsored by the Madison-Jefferson Fire Department)
 10 a.m. – Registration opens for Pretty Baby Contest.
 11 a.m. – Pretty Baby Contest. (Sponsored by Raymond and Charlotte Darnell)
 12 p.m. – Concessions, Crafts, Rides and Games open.
 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. – Free Kids Activities.
 2 p.m. – Kids Snack Time. (Sponsored by RESCO/Cedar Heights Clay Co.)
 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. – SupaFun Band with performances through the afternoon. (Sponsored by Cross & Sons Farm Equipment and Southern Ohio Monument)
 1:30 p.m. – Pretty Baby Contest Winners announced.
 2 p.m. – 2022 Festival Queens Pageant.
 3:30 p.m. – VIP Event with Dwight Icenhower at the Liberty Theater. Must purchase ticket in advance to attend; tickets are \$25, which includes a meal, special gift and reserved seating at the Festival for Icenhower’s show)
 4 p.m. – Crooked Foot Band.
 7:30 p.m. – Dwight Icenhower and the Promised Land Band (tribute to Elvis Presley). Reserved tickets \$10.

Sunday, May 29

11 a.m. – Community Church Service.
 12 p.m. – Concessions, Crafts, Rides and Games open.
 1 p.m. – Queen’s Tea at the Liberty Theater.
 1 p.m. – Gary Everett.
 2:15 p.m. – Baton Exhibit.
 2:30 p.m. – Parade Line-Up Begins (old Oak Hill School lot at intersection of West Main Street and Western Avenue).
 4 p.m. – Grand Parade, led by Grand Marshal Martha Detty-Foster.
 5 p.m. – Introduction of visiting Queens.
 5:30 p.m. – Crowning of 2022 Festival Queens.
 6 p.m. – Red Brush Band.
 7:30 p.m. – Country Star Morgan White.

Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)

8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Jack Thomas Memorial Pancake Breakfast at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church.
 10 a.m. – Memorial Day Parade to CM Cemetery.
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Registration for Car Show at Oak Hill Middle/High School.
 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Concessions, Crafts, Rides and Games open.
 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Car Show at Oak Hill Middle/High School.
 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Registration for Karaoke Contest.
 1:30 p.m. – Karaoke Contest: Free contest with Cash Prizes. (Sponsored by Ohio Valley Bank)
 4 p.m. – Festival Closes.

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Oak Hill Festival of Flags announces weekend activities

The Oak Hill Festival of Flags Committee has announced the times and dates for several events that will coincide with other scheduled Festival of Flags activities. The festival is scheduled for Friday through Monday May 27-30 with most of the activities taking place at Aetna Park.

The Festival of Flags Pretty Baby Contest will be held on Saturday, May 28. The Darnell family is sponsoring the contest. Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The contest will begin at 11 a.m.

On Saturday, May 28, free snacks will be available for children from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be a Kids’ Sidewalk Chalk Art Display during

this time. A free prize tree will also be offered. These snacks and the display are made possible and sponsored by Cedar Heights Clay/RESCO.

The Oak Hill Festival of Flags is pleased to announce that the 6th Annual Community Church Service will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at the festival stage area. Seven area churches will participate: Trinity Wesleyan, Oak Hill Church of the Nazarene, Liberty Baptist, St. Paul Methodist, Evangelical CCC, Oak Hill Presbyterian and Faith Methodist. All are welcome at this great service, which will feature music, scripture readings and the sermon, which will be delivered by Pastor Jeffrey A. Lambert. Attendees are

asked to bring a chair and join in this wonderful Oak Hill tradition!

The Festival of Flags Karaoke Contest will be held on Monday, May 30. This contest is sponsored by Ohio Valley Bank. Registration will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is free to enter. The contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes are available!

Also, the Festival Of Flags Car Show will be conducted at a different location this year as it is moving from Aetna Park to the Oak Hill High School/Middle School parking lot. The show is scheduled for Monday, May 30 with registration from 10 a.m. to noon and the show from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsors step up to provide festival ride passes

There should be a lot of happy kids at the Oak Hill Festival of Flags this weekend.

Festival officials announced on Monday morning that enough sponsors and donors had stepped up to provide free ride passes to all Oak Hill Elementary students, approximately 580 children in grades pre-kindergar-

ten through the 5th grade. The distribution of the ride passes to students was completed on Monday.

“We are very fortunate to live in a giving community,” a festival representative stated on the festival’s Facebook page. “This community effort affords many families the opportunity to attend

the festival and enjoy it as a family. We invite all families to come and enjoy the festival and spend time together.”

In addition to the free ride passes, there will also be a Kids Day celebration from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday which will offer free snacks, drinks, activities, and prizes for all kids.

Wellston Alumni announce Alumni Banquet Toastmaster

One of the grand traditions of the annual Wellston Alumni Banquet is the “Toastmaster.”

Each year, that honor goes to the Wellston High School class that is celebrating their 50th year reunion. This year, the class of 1972 has selected Gretchen Crabtree to be the Toastmaster for the 132nd Annual Wellston High School Alumni Banquet.

Gretchen Crabtree is a lifelong resident of Wellston. She has been involved in many community, school and church activities throughout her life. Because of her community activities, Gretchen has been awarded the Bob Walton Award, the Wellston Alumni Association President’s Award and Rotary’s Paul Harris Fellow recognition. She has retired from the library world after serving as the assistant

director at the Wellston Library for 10 years, then later served as the fiscal officer at the Jackson City Library for 22 years. Also, she recently served 16 years on the Wellston City Schools Board of Education. Gretchen is grateful to be a 27-year colon cancer survivor.

She has been married to Gary Crabtree for 43 years, and they have four children: Katie, Colin, Emily and Mac, who all reside in the Columbus area. Gretchen enjoys reading, walking, playing the piano, watching Jeopardy and the Andy Griffith Show, hosting Bible study and rescuing cats. After attending the last 16 alumni banquets, she knows the importance of keeping the reminiscing brief and promises to do so.

The 132nd Annual Wellston Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May



Gretchen Crabtree

28 at the Wellston Middle School. The ticket price includes a fully catered buffet which will begin at 5 p.m., and the Alumni program will start at 6 p.m. The cost of each ticket will be only \$20.

Wellston High School Alumni Banquet tickets are now on sale at Brodigan’s Sports and Trophies on South Ohio Avenue in Wellston.

Division of Forestry provides over \$394K to support rural Ohio fire departments

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry recently approved grant funding for 57 projects totaling \$394,274 for fire departments in rural areas of Ohio, including three in Jackson County and one in Vinton County, through the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant program.

“We are pleased to be able to provide funding to local volunteer fire departments for the acquisition of upgraded firefighting equipment,” said Dan Balsler, Chief of the ODNR Division of Forestry. “In addition to the training we provide, this equipment will increase the efficiency of our frontline partners in wildfire prevention and suppression.”

VFA Grant projects are focused on supporting rural fire departments and helping them continue to deliver safety services to their communities. VFA grants are open to fire departments that serve communities with less than 10,000 people within the ODNR Forestry wildfire protection area.

The grant funds may be used by fire departments to purchase Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs), slip-in wildfire pump units, wildfire and structure fire personal

protective equipment (PPE), MARCS radios, tools, and other items to support fire department operations and development. VFA grants may fund up to 50 percent of the total project cost, not to exceed \$10,000 per grant.

Locally, the Zaleski Volunteer Fire Department in Vinton County was awarded \$620.48 for wildfire tools, the Jackson Fire Department was awarded \$10,000 for MARCS communication devices, the Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Unit Inc. was awarded \$2,262.50 to purchase a slip-in for a UTV, and the Wellston Fire Department was awarded \$10,000 to purchase a UTV.

In a press release from the ODNR Division of Forestry, it is stated that many rural fire departments in Ohio have tight budgets, and most of their limited resources must be focused on absolute essentials for keeping emergency services up and running. ODNR Forestry’s VFA grant program helps supplement fire department budgets and facilitates important purchases like firefighter PPE and basic fire-suppression equipment.

VFA grant funding is provided to ODNR Forestry from the U.S. Forest Service.



Four Winds resident Rosa McClaskey celebrates 102nd birthday

Rosa McClaskey, a resident of the Four Winds Community on Seth Avenue in Jackson, celebrated her 102nd birthday on Monday, May 23. Surrounded by caretakers, friends, and relatives, McClaskey blew out the candles on her cake, was serenaded with a rendition of "Happy Birthday," and was gifted a special proclamation courtesy of Jackson Mayor Randy Evans. "Longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community, which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and the experience this individual brings," Mayor Evans read. Born May 23, 1920, in Kentucky, McClaskey has been a resident of Jackson County since the early 1960s. She was wed to Charles McClaskey, with whom she shares three sons — Charles, Roger, and Tom — as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. "In addition to being a wife, mother, and grandmother, she's been active in church, and spent 13 years at Indiana University running the dish room," Mayor Evans continued. "She also ran her own restaurant in Hamden while raising her three boys." Rosa has been a resident of Four Winds since 2016, where she enjoys a variety of activities including the occasional manicure, a cold drink, and socializing with her friends. "During a long and productive lifetime, she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and of all ages," said Mayor Evans. "The U.S. has the greatest number of centenarians in the world, and today, Mrs. McClaskey should be honored for her 102 years on this earth. I deem it an honor and a pleasure to extend this certificate of recognition to Mrs. McClaskey on this occasion with sincere congratulations and best wishes for many more happy and productive years." In speaking with The Telegram prior to her recognition, Rosa aptly displayed the fact that her many years have not diminished her quick wit, as when she was asked how she felt, she responded, "With my fingers." Though she did not offer up any specific advice on how to live over a century, Rosa did express her appreciation to those around her for "being so good" to her. (Telegram Photos by Phillip Buffington)



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Soul'D Out to perform at Bible Baptist Church June 5

The nationally-renowned gospel singing group, Soul'D Out, will perform free concerts at the Bible Baptist Church in Wellston on Sunday, June 5. Its performances will replace the regular Sunday School session at 10 a.m. and the regular worship service at 11 a.m. A church spokeswoman stated the concerts are open to the public and the church is welcoming anyone interested to attend. The Bible Baptist Church is located at 414 Park Ave. in Wellston. (Photo Courtesy of Bible Baptist Church)



Zach Farmer Foundation to hold 3rd Annual 5K Fundraiser

On Saturday, June 4, the Zach Farmer Foundation will hold the 3rd Annual Zach Farmer Memorial 5K in Piketon. Funds from this event will go to the Foundation, which was established in 2020 to lighten the financial burden of those fighting cancer by providing assistance for food, transportation, hotel accommodations and other expenses to families and individuals in Pike, Ross, Scioto, Jackson, Adams and Highland counties. This year, in addition to a 5K run through the streets of the Village of Piketon, a 1.1-mile fun walk (11 was Farmer's number for the Buckeyes) and a Kid's Mascot Run for children will also take place. Crazy Horse, mascot of the Chillicothe Paints, among other local high school and busi-

ness mascots, will run with children along a 100-meter course. All events will take place at Piketon High School, where Zach was a 2013 graduate and multi-sport athlete, including a baseball standout. Awards for the 5K will be presented at 10:30 a.m. at Zach Farmer Memorial Field, prior to the start of the Post 142 Shockers double-header vs. Lancaster Post 11. Farmer played baseball for Ohio State, including nine starts and 34 strikeouts in 10 appearances for the Buckeyes as a freshman in 2014 before being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia that April. He passed away on August 4, 2015. During high school, Farmer's baseball accomplishments

at Piketon included first team All-Ohio three years, honorable mention All-Ohio once and he was second in Ohio High School Athletic Association history in career strikeouts with 599, among others. Registration for the 5K and 1.1-mile walk is \$20 prior to Monday, May 30. Race day registration for the 5K and 1.1-mile walk is \$25. Registration for the Kid's Mascot Run is \$10 prior to May 30. Race day registration for the Kid's Mascot Run is \$15. All registrations received prior to May 30 include a Zach Farmer Memorial 5K t-shirt. T-shirt availability for day of race registration is not guaranteed. Registration is available at tinyurl.com/2022ZF5K or at Ritchie's Marketplace in Piketon.

Free meals for kids available through Summer Rural Meals Program

This summer, the Southeast Ohio Foodbank will be participating in the Summer Rural Delivery Meals Program. Participating children who meet the income requirements and live within Athens, Gallia, Lawrence, Jackson, Meigs, Morgan, Perry, Vinton and Washington Counties will be able to pick up free meals during the summer when school is not in regular session. The distribution sites will be located at South Elementary (Morgan), Trimble Middle-Elementary, and Nelsonville-York Elementary. This program is made possible through the support of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Please note that the Southeast Ohio Foodbank has been awarded a limited number of boxes to distribute each

week. Therefore, applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis. Your child may be placed on a waiting list if all slots have been filled before their application is received. Kids will receive two free breakfasts and nine free lunches each week for 10 weeks to consume at home. Each food box will contain one 32 oz. shelf-stable milk parcel. All food in the box is shelf stable. Meals can be picked up by the child, parent/guardian or another adult designated by the parent/guardian on the enrollment form (please leave a note on your enrollment form with the names of any other adults that have permission to pick up the box on your behalf). Pick-up Information: South Elementary, Morgan County: Meal pick-up will be every Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting on June

7 and ending on August 9. Nelsonville-York Elementary: Meal pick-up will be every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting on June 8 and ending on August 10. Trimble Middle-Elementary: Meal pick-up will be every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting on June 9 and ending on August 11. To enroll your child, please complete the application (which can be found at hapcap.org/rural-delivery-meals-program) and return it to Rose Frech, the Southeast Ohio Foodbank Director, at rose.frech@hapcap.org. For more information, please contact the Southeast Ohio Foodbank by calling 740-385-6813. For information on all other HAPCAP programs, please contact Valerie Keeney at valerie.keeney@hapcap.org, or (740) 767-4500.

AAA7 offers free community suicide awareness/prevention training

The Area Agency on Aging District 7 (AAA7) received funding from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's (FAO) Cause Connector giving program to help support an important community training for suicide awareness and prevention called QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer. Cause Connector is a charitable matchmaking site created to help more donors support local nonprofit projects in Appalachian Ohio. The AAA7 is hosting a virtual QPR training coming up on Tuesday, June 7. Through the Suicide Prevention Foundation, AAA7 staff have been trained to provide the community educational program QPR: Question, Persuade, and Refer. Much like the well-known CPR, the fundamentals of QPR are easily learned and applied through a short training which can be done virtually or online. QPR, like CPR, functions as a "chain of survival," allowing lay persons and professionals to respond to a life-threatening event: suicidal crisis. The training provides a booklet for each participant

which becomes the resource to assist suicidal persons and is an instrumental part of the training. Teachers, coaches, local clergy, police officers and any community individual can learn the QPR method to help recognize signs and clues of suicidal behavior, how to approach and communicate with a suicidal person, and where to refer them for assistance. In Ohio, five people die each day by suicide. A report released by the Ohio University College of Health and Sciences in July 2020 found rural counties have higher incidences of suicide and less resources to treat mental health conditions in Ohio. Of Ohio's 88 counties, 37 have above the United States average deaths from suicide. Adams, Gallia and Jackson Counties have 20 suicides per 100,000 individuals annually; Brown County has 18 per 100,000; Highland, Pike and Ross Counties have 17 per 100,000; Scioto and Lawrence Counties have 13 per 100,000; and Vinton County has 11 per 100,000. The Area Agency on Aging District 7 serves all ten of

these counties with a mission of providing resources and services for the area. In addition to the training on June 7, other training dates have been set for the remainder of the year and are available to anyone in the community who is interested. Dates include Aug. 2, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6. Sessions will begin at 10 a.m., and the training will last a couple hours. Attendees will receive materials ahead of time to use in the training. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, or if you have questions about the training, please call the AAA7 Training Department at 1-800-582-7277, extension 252 or e-mail info@aaa7.org. To register for the training, log on to aaa7.org, go to the "Training" tab and click on "Training Registration". Your local Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. provides services on a non-discriminatory basis in ten counties in Southern Ohio including Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton.

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

A pop of purple and blue in the garden



Mary Lee Minor
Guest columnist

Today is off to a start with darkened skies and drizzle. That might be a blessing after the recent dry spell. With the last of the daffodils fading fast, a temptation to be sad threatens me. But the perennial flower beds always have more promises in store for the grower.

Flower bed colors have moved into a range that is more subdued than the spring bulbs. It is the old story of darker colors receding — purples. A stroll revealed the larger alliums opening into a variety of lavenders. Though clumps of garden chives display the tight buds, even those are tinted purple.

A few more days and the spherical heads will show off in lavender. The clematis on the southwest corner has more or less exploded, in purple. Some of the small irises that hug the ground are purple. The only part of the grape hyacinths with remaining color are the tippy tops. One variety, Azureum, still happily stands in a two-tone light blue.

Bring on parade of color and with ipheion

In this quiet period, just before peonies begin their parade of bright happiness and little pale blue forget-



This clump of ipheion named Jessie was planted beneath a nine bark shrub where the bright blue reigns for eight weeks. PROVIDED BY MARY LEE MINOR

me-nots still heavily coat the soil surfaces with a soft blue, a new blue-eyed clump peeks out at me. Just below the ninebark is a jewel called ipheion. Its name is Jessie. It is a small bulb of spring, so you need to order them for fall planting. Ipheion holds claim to a number

of virtues. It is robust and hardy. Its star shape brings on a violet scent. It is dainty. It blooms up to eight weeks, which is a stretch for any bulb.

Easy to grow, it can be cut and used to cheer your kitchen area. It has no maintenance and is disease-free. Since it behaves like a ground cover, it can be planted beneath shrubs in full sun or part shade. It graces walks and pathways and embraces rockeries. Do people still plant rock gardens? It will multiply over the years to come and be pleasant. The deer have shown no interest in it. That is a coup in the yard.

There is another aspect that may be good. Ipheion comes in a variety of colors, nearly all pastel. Charlotte Bishop is pink. Albert Costillo is white. Check out your suppliers. Some companies offer an ipheion mix. All have delicate, narrow, grass-like leaves. During summer dormancy they can be divided.

As the bright blue ipheion lingers beneath the ninebark shrub, the columbine are erect and purple. A yellow standard iris, Honey Glazed, brags with its yellows. A few tulips which I covered in plastic netting show off at the flagpole. The deer gobbled the rest. The hostas have exploded. Other shrubs and trees have opened leaves to demonstrate their colors.

Even late spring brings delight to gardeners. Life is good.

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IN BRIEF

Galion City Health Department awarded grant for mosquito control

GALION – The Galion City Health Department is among 48 local health departments and municipalities in 42 counties sharing \$813,610 in grant funding from Ohio EPA for mosquito control activities, including \$143,000 to remove scrap tires, which can become breeding grounds for mosquito larvae. The funding will help mitigate the spread of mosquito-borne viruses such as Zika, West Nile, and La Cross Encephalitis. Galion City Health Department is receiving \$12,700. The EPA also awarded \$23,990 to Richland Public Health.

Mosquito control grants specifically target:

- mosquito surveillance;
- larval control;
- adult mosquito control, such as spraying where mosquito presence poses a risk to public health;
- community outreach; and
- breeding source reduction, including trash or tire removal.

Grants are being issued in collaboration with the

Ohio Department of Health's larger effort to mitigate the potential for an outbreak of mosquito-borne viruses. Over the last six years, Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health have awarded \$6.7 million to local health departments and communities for mosquito control programs.

Bucyrus school board to discuss grant dollars

The Bucyrus City Schools Board of Education will hold its regular meeting at 5 p.m. today at 170 Plymouth St.

The Bucyrus City School District is inviting public participation in determining the allocation of Federal IDEA-B Special Education grant dollars. Under the General Education Provisions Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004, the Bucyrus City School District is required to accept public comment. The grant for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2023 includes the required assurances and certifications for the Bucyrus City Schools to be eligible to receive the FFY 2022-2023 Part B Funds.

Also, public participation is welcome in determin-

ing the allocation of Title I funds.

Please contact Debbie Musick (dmusick@bucyrusschools.org) at 419-562-4045, ext. 3000 before noon if you wish to participate. You may also contact the following district personnel during office hours (Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm): Superintendent Matthew W. Chrispin, mchrispin@bucyrusschools.org, 419-562-4045, ext. 3225, and Dr. Tamara Wallace, director of Student Services, twallace@bucyrusschools.org, 419-562-4045, ext. 3237.

Upcoming meetings:

- City of Bucyrus Board of Control, 3:30 p.m., today, Council Chambers, Bucyrus City Hall, 500 S. Sandusky Ave., Bucyrus
- North Central State College Foundation Board of Trustees, 11:30 a.m., May 26, Room 339, Health Science Building, 2441 Kenwood Circle, Mansfield. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is asked to contact the Foundation Vice President Chris Copper at ccopper2@ncstatecollege.edu or at 419-755-4753.

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

Bucyrus marks five years as a Tree City USA

Mary Lee Minor
Special to Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum
USA TODAY NETWORK

When communities in Northwest Ohio came together May 11 to celebrate efforts in urban forestry, Bucyrus Tree Commission members were present. Hosts for this year's Tree City USA ceremony were the cities of Findlay, Ottawa, Arcadia and the University of Findlay.

Each host city shared a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting their efforts in urban forestry. Findlay invited tree cities to the Old Mill Stream Centre on the Hancock County Fairgrounds in Findlay. The Arbor Day Foundation and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources recognized the efforts of many cities which have continued working on master plans through a tree commission with support and cooperation from city officials including councils.

Bucyrus marks 5 years as a Tree City USA

These city tree commissions promote the observance of Arbor Day, remove trees which lack health, undertake the planned planting of trees in tree lawn areas and maintain them. Bucyrus



Mayor Jeff Reser, left, attended the Northwest Ohio Tree City USA awards ceremony in Findlay on May 11 with Bucyrus Tree Commission members, from left, Jeff Panovich, John Rostash, Valeries Spreng and Mary Lee Minor. Brad VanVoorhis was unable to attend. At the far right is Stephanie Miller, regional urban forester who presented the five-year award. PHOTO PROVIDED BY MARY LEE MINOR

is young in the game but has reached five years in the effort. Reports which are filed contain meeting minutes, publicity for Arbor Day including a proclamation from the mayor, tree installation and maintenance including watering, learning to prune young trees, removing stumps and utilizing the recycling of the materials through composting.

There is a so much more to this process. Our local efforts have been supported by Stephanie Miller, ODNR Division of Forestry. In her position as regional urban forester, she sends out weekly in-

formation about workshops and schooling to improve the focus on urban forestry in many communities.

Bucyrus has had special events to move this energy forward. For instance, the Bicentennial year brought the creation of Norton Grove, a family tribute established in Aumiller Park. This was expanded when trees were planted for each of the 12 children.

The Catharts of Bucyrus Railcar pledged funding to plant 200 trees supporting the Bicentennial year. This provided an opportunity to offer residents a

chance to opt for a tree to be planted on their own property's tree lawn. This has been initiated and will continue. Planning for the future by commission members is done with purpose and vision to insure a tree canopy and many other benefits.

150th anniversary of Arbor Day

The Bucyrus City school children at the elementary and high school buildings joined tree commission members in observing the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day.

On Veterans' Day, 2021, 100 years after an American elm tree had been planted as a memorial on Mary and West Mansfield streets, the Bucyrus Tree Commission planted a shingle oak to replace the original elm, involving schoolchildren and veterans.

And so, on May 11, the members of the Bucyrus Tree Commission were presented a five-year plaque to honor Bucyrus for five years as a Tree City USA. The event provided encouragement.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Galion church to host local male singing group on June 5

GALION – "United In Harmony," a notable Bucyrus-area male choir, will sing at the 10 a.m. morning worship service of First United Church of Christ of Galion on June 5.

Tom Jeffers, who is both a "United In Harmony" singer and a member of First United Church of Christ, described the group as "20-some awesome singers" who have been blending their voices in public spaces for nearly two decades. Music typically presented includes categories such as faith, patriotic and popular rock.

Among pieces planned for Galion are "Holy, Holy, Holy," the beloved Franz Schubert Sanctus, which will lead into a closing celebration of open Communion

to anyone from any denominational affiliation who wishes to participate.

The group has performed for various Sunday morning church services and at the Music at the Mural outdoor concerts in Bucyrus. It will appear at the Cleveland Guardians game on Sept. 14. This year, First United Church of Christ is celebrating its 175th anniversary as an organized congregation in Galion.

Crestline brunch to raise funds for veterans' banners

CRESTLINE – The Crestline Community Development Team is hosting a "Red, White and Blue Banner Benefit Brunch," catered by Special Occasions, at noon on June 19 at the Crestline St. Joe Convocation Center, 333 N. Thoman St. This benefit is to raise funds to create

veterans' banners for the village of Crestline.

Tickets are \$15, presale only, and can be purchased at First Federal Bank Crestline, Park National Bank Crestline, Holcker Hardware Crestline and the Crestline Advocate. Seating is limited to 100 people. Tickets must be presented at the door on the day of the event.

Card helps deaf, hard-of-hearing communicate with law enforcement

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Traffic Safety Office, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and statewide law enforcement partners have developed a new communication card to help individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing exchange in-

formation with law enforcement.

The new card, which can be downloaded onto a phone or printed and stored inside a vehicle, wallet, or purse, includes various pictures that deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals can point to in order to help them more easily communicate during interactions with law enforcement. The communication card also displays icons of common violations and provides tips for law enforcement to help officers effectively communicate with those who are hard of hearing or deaf.

The Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, and Ohio State Highway Patrol also participated in the development of the card.

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OVER THE GARDEN FENCE

A retreat to nature

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Frequently, people ask me if there is ever relaxation in my life. Once in a while viewing the buzzards in the dead tree behind the house draws my attention. There are days when weeding brings moments in the sun. If sleeping is classified as relaxation, then yes, I relax.

Last week, an adventure called Nature Study Retreat called me way down to Jackson County where a week of early bird walks, visits to trails at Lake Katherine and the Leo Petroglyphs took the edge off the desire to hike. It was supposed to be relaxing. June Gebhardt and I attended the week which has been a tradition for 76 years.

Cantor's Cave 4-H Camp offered the usual sleeping lodge with bunks, a dining hall, trails, a small pond, Little Salt Creek, canoes, cabins and a fire pit. We completed the image dressed in hiking boots, jeans and carrying binoculars.

Cantor's Cave is actually a pair of natural shelters. The first couple of days after super scary hikes my curiosity about the "caves" led to finding a young staff member who agreed to take all of us and the visiting naturalist along the narrow,

high walls. Not wanting to exaggerate here, my experiences have led me on many frightening routes. But this walk was treacherous. Several times we accepted a hand of the leader or fellow camper to help make the next step on this uneven path. A few times when my head could not visualize the next step, I sat down on a rock and moved my bum to the next mossy stone. Some security. In times when we halted, the view down into the valley or hollow brought beauty and wonder.

Arriving at Echo Cave covered in mosses and ferns was a relief. We carefully moved to the bridge. Safety. Relief. Our guide shared some history and from his position at the opening of the 105 foot-wide cave. Acoustics were marvelous. We could see the small cave (shelter) Indian Cave ahead. The trip back down the other side, though steep, was much less frightening.

In the end most of us were proud to have managed the challenge.

During the week we visited Buckeye Furnace where iron ore smelting began around 1850. This meant that forests were cut down so that charcoal could be made to keep the furnaces working all day and all night. Families' wages went right back into the company as goods



This is what the Buckeye Furnace site looked like last week when the Nature Study group visited. No steam, no heat. It is quiet and has been since the 1890s when ore supplies were exhausted and forests were barren in Jackson County.

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were purchased from the company store. Churches and schools were part of each furnace operation. We viewed the boilers, the furnace and the engine house which were abandoned as furnaces ended operations long ago.

It comes down to this — my trip for relaxation was stimulating. Being dressed and ready to identify bird con-

versations at 7 a.m. may not have allowed a long, restful night, but listening to the start of day is relaxing. Having meals prepared for you is relaxing. The plant auction was relaxing. Speakers on astronomy, bird migration and Ohio mound building all expanded our knowledge base.

Life was good away from routine.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Roadwork planned on two Crawford County highways

Two construction projects are anticipated to affect highways in Crawford County next week. All outlined work is weather permitting.

Ohio 39, just north of Ohio 98, will close Monday for a culvert replacement. The detour route for northbound motorists will be Ohio 39 to Ohio 98, southwest on Ohio 98 to Ohio 602, north on Ohio 602 to Ohio 103, east on Ohio 103 to Ohio 39, and reverse for southbound motorists. Work is expected to be completed by June 17.

Ohio 602, between County Route 330 (Old Lincoln Highway) and Ohio 96, will close Monday for 60 days for full-depth pavement reclamation project. One-way local traffic will be maintained. The

detour route for southbound traffic will be Ohio 602 to Ohio 96, west on Ohio 96 to Ohio 98, south on Ohio 98 to U.S. 30, east on U.S. 30 to Ohio 602, and reverse for northbound motorists. The road is expected to reopen Aug. 5. The estimated completion of the entire project is October.

Bucyrus American Legion donates to 'Gifts for Yanks'

Members of Post 181 on May 26 delivered their annual donation to the Department of Ohio American Legion's "Gifts for Yanks" who gave program. Established in 1952, the Gifts for Yanks program provides a gift to every veteran receiving care in an Ohio Veterans Home or a VA medical facility located within the state of Ohio. The program

also offers a budget to the American Legion VA Voluntary Service representative to support VAVS events and programs.

These funds were raised through donations received throughout the year from members, memorials made in memory of deceased members and the dedicated proceeds from their monthly fish dinners. This year's \$12,000 donation is believed to be the largest donation in the post's history.

Anyone who wishes to donate to this program can send donations or drop them off at the post, 123 E. Rensselaer St. Bucyrus, 44820.

Lions Club collecting usable eyeglasses

The Bucyrus Lions Club will be col-

lecting usable eyeglasses at the First Friday event this Friday. The club will have a table display on South Sandusky Avenue with a box for donating eyeglasses. Individual lenses or broken frames are not acceptable.

These glasses are given to people on reservations and in other countries. Reading glasses are badly needed as many older people make their money by doing close work.

The club will also be giving out toy footballs and bookmarks to children. Information about the club and its service activities will be available. The club is involved in meeting vision needs in Bucyrus and donating to food pantries and other needs.

For more information, call Joy at 419-563-8679.

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In its applications, Columbia requests approval of an increase in gas distribution rates and an alternative rate plan. In its rate case, Columbia requests a rate increase of \$221,429,000, an increase of 21.3 percent over current revenues. After its review of Columbia's application and records, the Staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase in the range of \$35,197,000 to \$57,554,000, which represents an increase of between 3.98 percent and 6.34 percent over current revenues. Columbia's application for alternative rate plans seek to implement the following elements: the continuation of the infrastructure replacement rider for an additional five-year period; the continuation of the capital expenditure program rider for an additional five-year term; and the creation of a federally mandated investment rider to recover costs to comply with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration "Mega Rule" and other future mandated governmental spending.

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