

July 12, 2022

Tanowa Troupe  
Docketing Division, Ohio Power Siting Board  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

**Letter of Notification**  
**Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project**  
**Case No. 22-0562-EL-BLN**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find enclosed for docketing in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-6-08(A) the proofs of publication for the Richland-East Leipsic 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project in the Defiance Crescent News and NW Signal on July 5, 2022.

Additionally, in compliance with OAC Rule 4906-6-08(B), enclosed please find an exemplar of the notice letters describing the proposed facility as were sent via U.S. Postal Service First Class Mail on June 29, 2022, to each owner and affected tenant of a property within or contiguous to the planned site for the above-referenced project.

Should the Ohio Power Siting Board desire further information or discussion of this submittal, please contact me at (330) 384-2526.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Energy Delivery Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

Attachments

# The Crescent-News

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SIGNATURE:

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TITLE:

Advertising Director

DATE:

7-5-22



**TIFFANY ANDERSON**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 6-2-2026

Notary Republic Signature Tiffany Anderson  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in  
my presence, this 5th day of July, 2022.

Notary Public commission expiring 6-2-2026

# Five injured, two seriously, in Farmer Township crash

FARMER — Five persons were injured, two seriously, in a two-vehicle crash just after 11 p.m. Sunday on Ridenour Road, about two miles northwest of here.

Two juveniles, whose names or ages were not released by the Ohio Highway Patrol’s Defiance post, were taken by air ambulance to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, with serious injuries, according to a news release issued by the Patrol.

The release noted that the two were passengers in a vehicle driven by a juvenile whose name also was not released.

The driver was operating a 2018 Ford Fusion southbound on Ridenour Road, allegedly failed to stop for a stop sign at Scott Road, causing a collision with an eastbound 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 pickup driven by Adam Goebel, 33, Montpelier.

The driver of the Ford was taken to Hicksville’s Community Memorial Hospital while Goebel and his juvenile passenger were taken by Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan, with non life-threatening injuries.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash, according to the Patrol. Safety belts were in use by all occupants involved in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation. The Patrol was assisted at the scene by the Defiance County Sheriff’s Office, Farmer Township Fire Department, Defiance County EMS, Williams County EMS and Samaritan.

## Downtown traffic still a City Hall topic

By TODD HELBERG  
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A little over two years ago a Toledo area firm presented Defiance City Council with a plan for significant changes to the city’s downtown traffic patterns.

Among the proposed changes were:

- establishing two left turn lanes on southbound Clinton Street traffic for motorists turning onto east-bound Second Street.
- installing a bicycle lane and buffer zone on Clinton Street.
- establishing single-lane travel on Clinton Street south of Second Street.
- eliminating parking in the 100 and 200 blocks of Clinton Street.

The idea was to slow down traffic and make the downtown more pedestrian

friendly.

But between the corona-virus situation in 2020 and subsequent discussions in City Hall about pedestrian safety downtown in general, not much has happened on that front.

Still, Mayor Mike McCann told *The Crescent-News* Monday that the idea is still alive.

“It’s not dead,” he said. “We’ve been talking here lately about the pedestrian safety issues downtown, and some have brought up the fact that the roadway enhancement project might help negate some of those pedestrian safety issues because it would calm the traffic.”

City officials have commissioned a study by Mannik & Smith Group, Maumee — the same company that made the 2020

downtown presentation —, to look at the possibility of eliminating right turn on red only turns downtown. One possibility, said McCann, is stopping traffic completely at a busy intersection like Second and Clinton streets to allow pedestrians to cross at certain intervals simultaneously.

Officials continue to wait patiently for the Mannik study, having thought it would have arrived by now.

In the meantime, they’ve decided to take a more comprehensive view of the downtown’s traffic and pedestrian patterns.

“Whatever they’re (Mannik & Smith Group) recommending is something we’re going to want to consider for the 2023 budget,” said McCann.

Budget discussions are likely to begin in September.

# Motorcyclist seriously injured

MALINTA — A Napoleon motorcyclist sustained serious injuries Saturday just west of here in Monroe Township in a crash involving a pickup truck.

Ronald Travelbee, 62, Napoleon, was taken by Holgate EMS to Henry County Hospital, Napoleon, with suspected “serious injuries,” according to the Henry County Sheriff’s Office crash report.

The incident occurred at roads L and 12 at about 6:32 p.m. Saturday.

According to the crash report, Travelbee was westbound on County Road L on a 2009 Harley Davidson Electra Glide approaching the intersection when a north-bound 2001 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Christopher Cowell, 37, Malinta, failed to yield. The report noted that Travelbee “put the bike onto its left side and slid across the road to avoid contact” with the pickup.

The motorcycle continued through the intersection and came to rest on the north side of Road L.

Travelbee was taken by Holgate EMS to Henry County Hospital for suspected serious injuries while Crowell was not injured.

Cowell was cited for failure to yield at the posted stop sign at the intersection. His vehicle had no damage while the motorcycle was lightly damaged.

## Huber will present ‘Legally Blonde Jr.’

HICKSVILLE — The Huber Youth Productions will present “Legally Blonde Jr.,” the musical, on July 16-17.

At the Delta Nu sorority House, word is out that Elle Woods (played by Aria Clem) is about to be engaged to Warner Huntington (Drake Rittenhouse). Margo (Jailyn Tunis), Serena (Lilly Cox), and Pilar (Lyla Clem) help Elle choose a dress for the occasion.

Just when Elle thinks that Warner is proposing, he breaks up with her, leaving her heartbroken. But she realizes her only solution is to follow him to Harvard Law School and prove to Warner she is serious enough for him. Kate (Allison Carnes) helps Elle study for the LSAT, and after finally passing, her application comes to the Harvard Admissions coordinators where Lowell, Winthrop (Titus Garmater) and Pforzheimer (Charlette Strong) finally decide to admit Elle after a showy personal essay.

On the first day of class, Elle meets fellow classmates, Aaron, Padamadam (Brock McDowell) and Enid (Kaylee Beunger) as well as Warner, who is shocked to see her on campus. Professor Callahan (Colton Hancock) kicks Elle out of class for being unprepared at the suggestion of Vivienne (Erica Ahmed) who happens to be Warner’s new girlfriend.

Emmett (Luke Eicher), Callahan’s teaching assistant, tires to console Elle, but she finds the nearest salon and meets Paulette (Lilia Bowden) who commiserates with her situation. Elle help Paulette win her dog back from her estranged boyfriend, Dewey (Gabe Schimmoller).

The interns quickly jump into the case of a fitness video guru, Brooke Wyndham (Allie Nelson) who is accused of killing her wealthy husband. Brooke shares with Elle her alibi, but Elle promises to keep it a secret due to her Delta Nu pledge to Brooke.

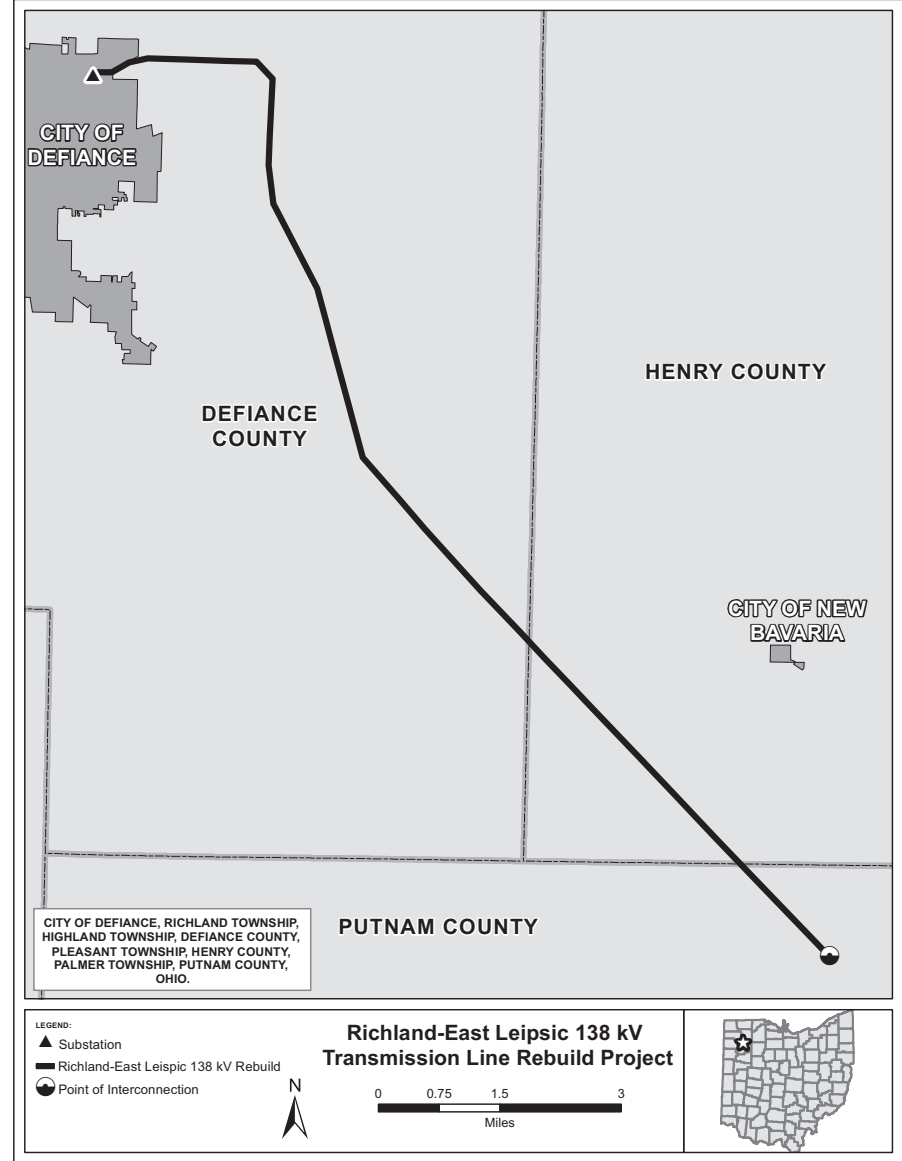
Back at the Salon, Paulette has her eyes for the UPS man, Kyle (Blayze Vance) but isn’t confident enough to go after him. Elle teaches her a guaranteed move to win any guy’s affection, but when she tries it, she accidentally breaks Kyle nose.

After refusing Callahan’s advances, Elle is convinced that she is seen as a joke and prepares to return home. But Paulette and Vivienne convince her to stay and fight. At the trial, Elle proves that Brooke’s stepdaughter, Chutney (Maren Carnes), has a flawed alibi and the truth comes out. Elle wins the case and goes on to become the valedictorian of her class.

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STATE OF OHIO  
COUNTY OF HENRY

Sally Heaston, being first duly sworn, says that she is the General Manager of The Northwest Signal a daily newspaper, published and of general circulation in the county of Henry aforesaid, and that the annexed notice was published in one issue in said paper, publishing on the 5th of July, 2022.

*Sally Heaston*

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 2022.

*Ramona L. Engelberth*

Notary Public

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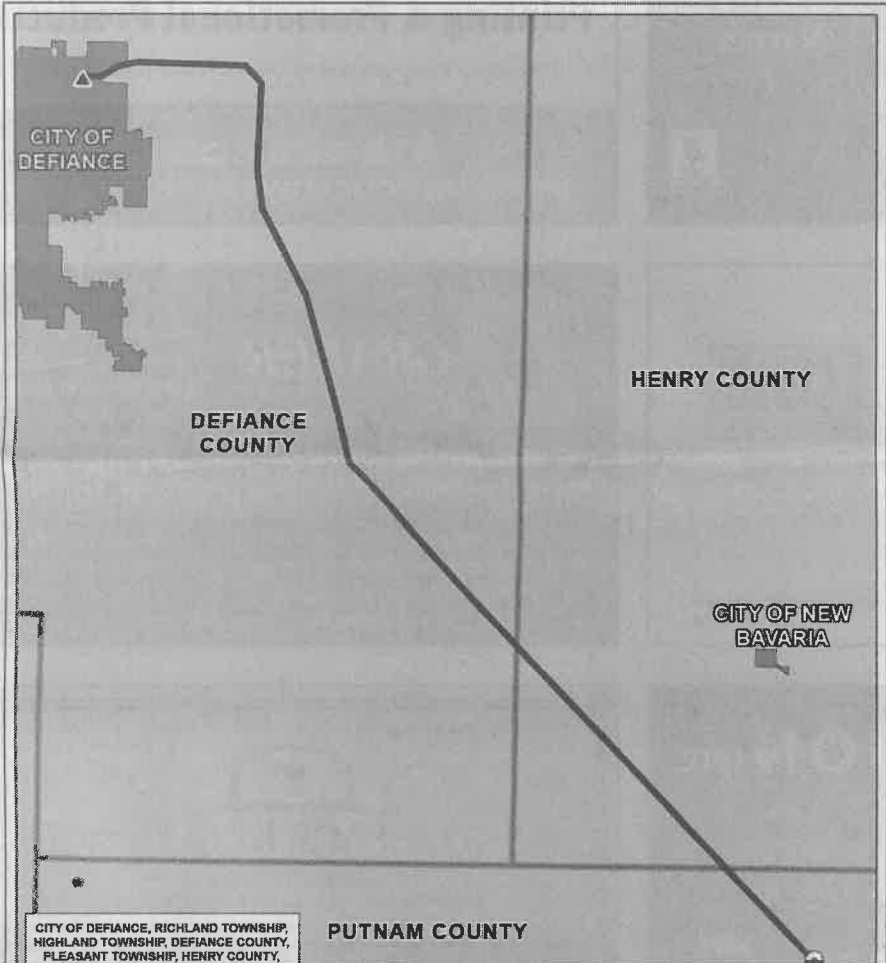
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# Family

## GENE'S SCENE

It was 62 years ago (in 1960) yesterday that the new 50-star American flag, designed by Robert Heft (former mayor of Napoleon), honoring Hawaii's admission as a state, was unfurled for the first time.

In January of 1959, Alaska was admitted into the Union. July 4 of that year, the 49-star flag became official, but it was short-lived. By the end of August, Eisenhower signed a proclamation adding Hawaii to the Union, as Heft had predicted. Congressman Moeller brought Heft's flag to the design committee, where Eisenhower himself selected the flag to become the national emblem. On July 4, 1960, Heft and Eisenhower stood together in Washington to watch the first 50-star flag be raised.

**It was a firecracker weekend, with everything starting on Thursday evening. Ann and I drove over to Defiance for the freewill concert by The Bulldogs (a band from the Fort Wayne area) in the triangle park near the former high school. This band played 90 minutes of '50s and '60s music, and a few brave souls (not Ann or me) even got up to show a few dance moves. The park is mostly shaded so the heat was not an issue and everyone brought their own chairs so seating wasn't an issue, either.**

Saturday afternoon, we ventured to my old stomping grounds in Archbold's Ruihley Park to celebrate the retirement/birthday of friend Delbert Thatcher. Del taught with me in the Archbold schools before leaving to start work as a State Farm agent. We both were members of the Archbold Jaycees, and Del even served as my best man in my first wedding.

Del and his family moved from Archbold to Elida, then to Milan, Ohio — all moves within the State Farm system. The couple purchased the childhood home of Del's wife Sue (Otte) in the Ridgeville area a few years ago and have been adjusting to Henry County living since that time.



Gene Grime

## Community Calendar

### Today

Children's story time at Napoleon Public Library, 10 a.m.

American Red Cross blood drive at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Holgate, 1-6 p.m.

Teen movie night, Hamler City Hall, featuring "Mary and the Witch's Flower," 5:30 p.m.; adult movie night, featuring "Message in a Bottle," 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 6

American Red Cross blood drive at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Deshler, 1-7 p.m.

River City Rodders Classic Car Cruise, downtown Napoleon, 6-8 p.m.

## Club news welcome

Written items and pictures should be e-mailed to [aaron@northwestsignal.net](mailto:aaron@northwestsignal.net); faxed to 419-592-9778; or mailed to *Northwest Signal*, 595 E. Riverview Ave., Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

## Grandparents have opinions on what's best for young man

DEAR ABBY: Our 26-year-old, college-educated grandson, "Ethan," crashed his company car and was arrested for DWI and possession of more than a gram of cocaine. His mother hired a lawyer, posted bond and is taking full charge of the situation. Ethan lost his responsible job, and his girlfriend kicked him out. He has a sizable inheritance, enough to pay the lawyer and fine. Since he has never been in trouble before, we are hoping he won't go to jail.

Although we love Ethan dearly, his dad and I agree he should handle this on his own without his mother (who is recently divorced from our son) running to his rescue. Ethan also needs help with his addictions. He has enough 529 account funds to turn this serious mistake into an opportunity to return to college and get a master's degree.

I don't know how much to get involved, directly with Ethan or his mother. Though my wife and I are on good terms with his mother, it appears she doesn't want our advice. I welcome your suggestions on what to do. — UPSET GRANDDAD IN TEXAS

DEAR GRANDDAD: **You can voice your opinion, but beyond that you should stay out of it. As well-meaning as you are, you can't force your former daughter-in-law — who is in full mother mode — or Ethan to abandon the path they are on. All you can do is point out the dangers they may encounter along the way and hope they will listen, however frustrating it may be.**

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé and I recently moved to a new area because his job was relocated. He was really excited to start this new adventure, and I was happy to come along. We've been together for 10 years (high school sweethearts), and we got engaged just before we moved.

I noticed he had been Snapchatting with someone. When I asked him about it, he refused to tell me who, but said I shouldn't be concerned. Eventually, he did tell me. It's a female co-worker. I don't know much about her other than she is recently divorced. I'm happy she's out of a bad situation, but I don't understand why she's Snapchatting my fiancé. I also don't understand why he hid it from me until I made a big



### Dear Abby

Written by Jeanne Phillips, also known as Abigail Van Buren. Contact her at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or write to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

deal out of it.

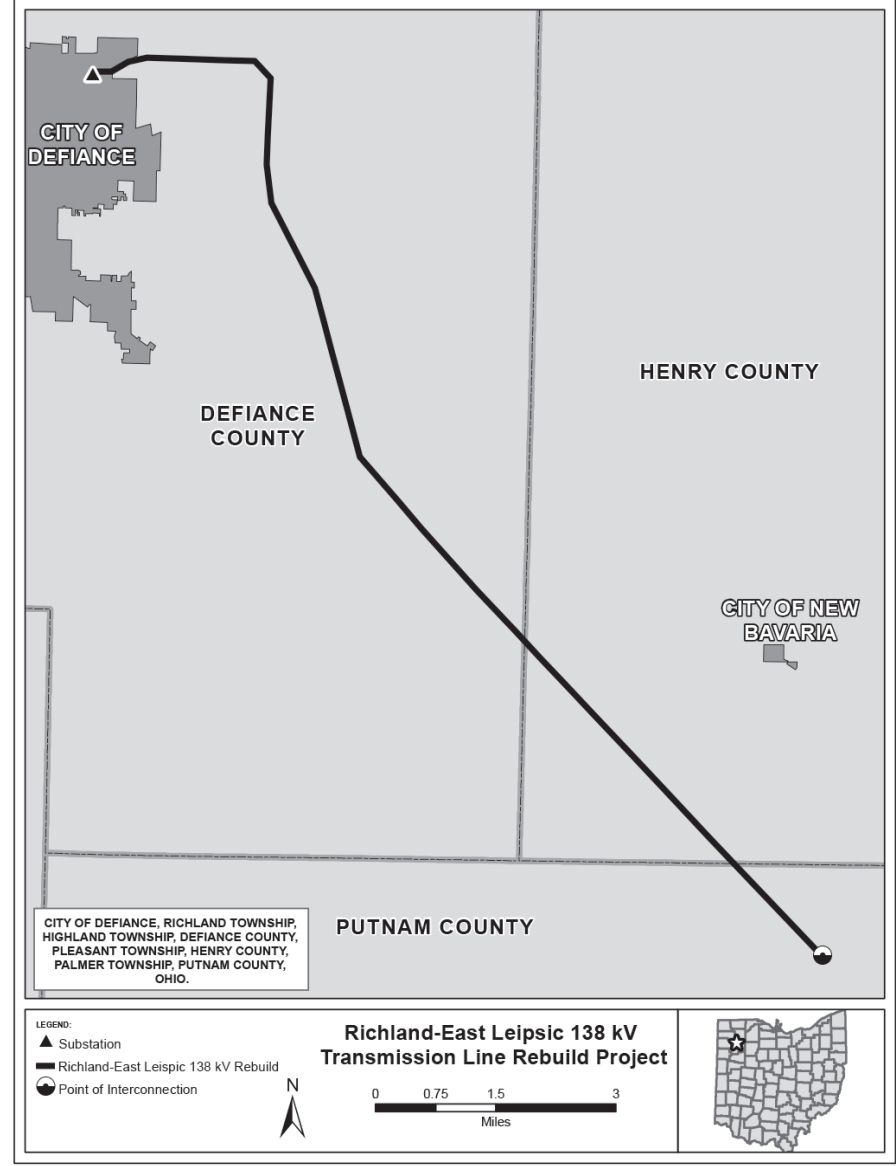
There are other details about her — which I'm not sure are 100% true — that could change my point of view about this, but since I don't know her, they are hard for me to believe. Should I be concerned, or is my anxiety taking over? I'll be addressing this with him again, but I'm not going to blow up in his face about it. — DOUBTING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR DOUBTING: **I'm glad you're not going to blow up because all it would do is make your fiancé defensive. You do, however, need to have a discussion with him about this co-worker. If you feel he hasn't been completely honest about her or her circumstances, and he has become secretive, recognize it as a huge red flag and proceed from there. Do not get married before this is resolved.**

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Finally, a copy of the LON application will also be posted on FirstEnergy’s website at [www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission\\_project/ohio.html](http://www.firstenergycorp.com/about/transmission_project/ohio.html) along with information on how to request a hard copy of the application, if you wish to order one.

All interested persons may participate and comment in the Board's proceedings. Pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-2-12, interested persons may file motions to intervene and/or file comments with the Board within ten days of the date of the publication of the public notice of the filing of this Project with the Board, or later if good cause is shown. Motions or petitions to intervene or to file comments should be addressed to the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and reference Case No. 22-0562-EL-BLN.

If you have any questions concerning the Project, an ATSI representative will be happy to answer them. You can contact ATSI at the transmission projects hotline number 1-888-311-4737 or by email at [transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com). The Project name and Case Number (22-0562-EL-BLN) should be referenced in all communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SMH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott M. Humphrys  
Transmission Siting Supervisor  
Transmission and Substation Design  
FirstEnergy Service Company

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