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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*
Case Nos. 21-887-EL-AIR, *et al.*

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Please find attached the affidavit and newspaper notices from the newspaper publishers verifying publication of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s legal notice in the above-referenced proceedings.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Certified Paralegal

cc: Parties of Record

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I, Walt Dozier, do hereby attest that the Duke Energy Legal Notices did appear in the following newspaper(s) as ordered:

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Walt Dozier 7/18/22
Walt Dozier Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 18 day of July 2022 before me, Chana L Powell, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walt Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Chana L Powell
Notary Public



CHANA L. POWELL
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State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
November 25, 2025

Abortion access on the ballot?

Barriers to gubernatorial candidate Whaley’s wish

Jessie Balmert
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Nan Whaley wants to sidestep Ohio’s GOP politicians and put abortion access on the ballot as early as 2023.

The idea is appealing to abortion rights advocates because Ohio’s GOP-controlled Legislature and Republican Gov. Mike DeWine are committed to banning the procedure.

“We know that Mike DeWine and the extremists in the Legislature are going to stop at nothing when it comes to completely banning abortion,” Whaley told reporters Wednesday.

But the road to the ballot is costly, cumbersome and comes with no guarantee of success. Statewide efforts to amend the Ohio Constitution require millions of dollars, paid signature collectors and a coalition of supporters with deep pockets. A 2015 constitutional ballot issue to legalize marijuana spent more than \$35 million.

Would it make the ballot?

To make the ballot, backers would need to collect signatures from 10% of electors in the last governor’s race. That number is currently 442,958 valid signatures from at least 44 of Ohio’s 88 counties, but it will change after the 2022 election.

The process isn’t quick. “I do know the possibility is being discussed,” said attorney Jessie Hill, who has sued Ohio to restore abortion access. “But a ballot initiative is a lengthy and expensive process, so those are real barriers, especially for immediate action.”

It’s already too late to make the 2022 ballot, and Whaley wants to focus on unseating DeWine first. She contends that having the backing of the sitting governor would mean more anyway.

“I want voters to know that when I’m governor, I will be fighting for abortion rights even if that means going directly



Ohio gubernatorial candidate Nan Whaley speaks during a rally organized by the Democratic Party at the Ohio Statehouse following the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. BROOKE LAVALLEY/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

to voters with a ballot initiative,” she said.

Ohio’s abortion clinics filed a lawsuit at the Ohio Supreme Court that same day to allow abortions up to 22 weeks after a pregnant person’s last period – the state’s law before the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision came Friday. Attorneys argued that the Ohio Constitution protects access to abortions.

Still, Whaley says that logic doesn’t conflict with her proposal to protect abortion access in the state constitution. “We need to be pursuing every single avenue to protect women’s rights,” she said.

Would it pass?

Despite the hurdles, abortion rights advocates could push for a ballot initiative as soon as next year. But would it pass?

About 53% of Ohioans polled by USA TODAY Network Ohio/Suffolk University in late May said they wanted to protect abortion rights here. Another 39% wanted the Ohio Legislature to restrict access to the procedure. The margin of error was plus or minus 4.4 percentage points.

The partisan divide was stark: 85%

of Democrats backed abortion rights compared to 21% of Republicans.

But Whaley said past polling was all hypothetical. After Friday’s decision, women of all political backgrounds are realizing the impact of Ohio’s restrictive abortion policies.

“I do think more and more women will say this isn’t making any sense,” Whaley said. “I believe firmly that this is a pro-choice state.”

Language also matters. Whaley said she would support an amendment to return Ohio to the standard set in *Roe v. Wade*, which permits abortions up until viability. But Ohio Right to Life President Mike Gonidakis said abortion advocates like Planned Parenthood would push for a more extreme measure.

He welcomes the ballot battle. “We believe that we would easily win and settle it once and for all.”

Akron Beacon Journal reporter Doug Livingston contributed to this article.

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DeWine delays execution of inmates

State having difficulty receiving lethal drugs

Wayne Baker
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Gov. Mike DeWine is delaying the executions of two inmates, citing ongoing issues getting access to the drugs used in the process, according to a release from his office.

DeWine is issuing the reprieves due to ongoing problems involving the willingness of pharmaceutical suppliers to provide drugs to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, pursuant to the agency’s protocol, the release states.

The governor issued reprieves of execution for these inmates: Antonio Franklin, who was scheduled to be executed on Jan. 12, 2023. The new date of execution has been moved to Feb. 11, 2026.

Stanley Fitzpatrick was scheduled to be executed on Feb. 15, 2023. The new date of execution has been moved to April 16, 2026.

Recently, DeWine has issued reprieves of three other executions that had been set to occur in 2022, rescheduling them for 2025.

In executive orders issued Feb. 18, DeWine halted the executions of Percy Hutton, Douglas Coley and Cedric Carter, who had been scheduled to be put to death June 22, July 20, and Aug. 24 of this year, respectively, according to a statement from DeWine’s office.

The governor rescheduled Hutton’s execution for June 18, 2025, Coley’s for Sept. 24, 2025 and Carter’s for Aug. 27, 2025.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukrainian governor urges evacuation of 350,000 residents

By Francesca Ebel
Associated Press

KRAMATORSK, UKRAINE — AThe governor of the last remaining eastern province partly under Ukraine's control urged his more than 350,000 residents to flee as Russia escalated its offensive and air alerts were issued across nearly the entire country.

Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko said that getting people out of Donetsk province is necessary to save lives and enable the Ukrainian army better to defend towns from the Russian advance.

"The destiny of the whole country will be decided by the Donetsk region," Kyrylenko told reporters in Kramatorsk, the province's administrative center and home to the Ukrainian military's regional headquarters. "Once there are less people, we will be able to concentrate more on our enemy and perform our main tasks," Kyrylenko said.

The governor's call for residents to leave appeared to represent one of the biggest suggested evacuations of the war, although it's unclear whether people will be willing and safely able to flee. According to the U.N. refugee agency, more than 7.1 million Ukrainians are estimated to be displaced within Ukraine, and more than 4.8 million refugees left the country since Russia's invasion started Feb. 24.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said air alerts were issued Tuesday night in nearly all of the country, in many places after a long period of relative calm during which people searched for an explanation.

"You should not look for logic in the actions of terrorists," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address. "The



A Ukrainian serviceman looks at the rubble of a school that was destroyed some days ago during a missile strike on the outskirts of Kharkiv, Ukraine. ANDRII MARIENKO / AP

Russian army does not take any breaks. It has one task — to take people's lives, to intimidate people — so that even a few days without an air alarm already feel like part of the terror."

Much of the military activity appeared concentrated in Ukraine's east. The Kramatorsk governor said that because they house critical infrastructure such as water filtration plants, Russia's main targets are now his city and a city 10 miles to the north, Sloviansk. Kyrylenko described the shelling as "very chaotic" without "a specific target ... only to destroy civilian infrastructure and residential areas."

Sloviansk also came under sustained bombardment Tuesday. Mayor Vadim Lyakh said on Facebook that "massive shelling" pummeled Sloviansk, which had a population of about 107,000 before Russian invaded Ukraine more than four months ago. The mayor, who urged residents hours earlier to evacuate, advised them to take cover in shelters.

At least one person was killed and another seven wounded Tuesday, Lyakh

said. He said the city's central market and several districts came under attack, adding that authorities were assessing the extent of the damage.

The barrage targeting Sloviansk indicated that Russian forces were advancing farther into Ukraine's Donbas region, a mostly Russian-speaking industrial area where the country's most experienced soldiers are concentrated.

Sloviansk has previously taken rocket and artillery fire during Russia's war in Ukraine, but the bombardment picked up in recent days after Moscow took the last major city in neighboring Luhansk province, Lyakh said.

"It's important to evacuate as many people as possible," he warned Tuesday morning, adding that shelling damaged 40 houses on Monday.

The Ukrainian military withdrew its troops Sunday from the city of Lysychansk to keep them from being surrounded. Russia's defense minister and Putin said the city's subsequent capture put Moscow in control of all of Luhansk, one of two provinces that make up the Donbas.

The office of Ukraine's president said the Ukrainian

military was still defending a small part of Luhansk and trying to buy time to establish fortified positions nearby.

The question now is whether Russia can muster enough strength to complete its seizure of the Donbas by taking Donetsk province, too. Putin acknowledged Monday that Russian troops who fought in Luhansk need to "take some rest and beef up their combat capability."

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said Tuesday that the war in Ukraine would continue until all of the goals set by Putin are achieved. However, Shoigu said "the main priorities" for Moscow at the moment were "preserving the lives and health" of the troops, as well as "excluding the threat to the security of civilians."

When Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine more than four months ago, his stated goals were defending the people of the Donbas against Kyiv's alleged aggression, and the "demilitarization" and "denazification" of Ukraine.

Pro-Russia separatists have fought Ukrainian forces and controlled much of the Donbas for eight years. Before the invasion this year, Putin recognized the independence of the two self-proclaimed separatist republics in the region. He also sought to portray the tactics of Ukrainian forces and the government as akin to Nazi Germany's, claims for which no evidence has emerged.

The General Staff of the Ukrainian military said Russian forces also shelled several Donetsk towns and villages around Sloviansk in the past day but were repelled as they tried to advance toward a town about 12 miles to the city's north.



Finland's Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto (left) Sweden's Foreign Minister Ann Linde (right) and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg attend a media conference after the signing. OLIVIER MATTHYS / AP

NATO

NATO nations sign accession protocols for Sweden, Finland

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The 30 NATO allies signed off on the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland on Tuesday, sending the membership bids of the two nations to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals — and possible political trouble in Turkey.

The move further increases Russia's strategic isolation in the wake of its invasion of neighboring Ukraine in February and military struggles there since.

"This is truly a historic moment for Finland, for Sweden and for NATO," the head of the alliance, Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, said.

The 30 ambassadors and permanent representatives formally approved decisions made at a NATO summit in Madrid last week, when the leaders of member nations

invited Russia's neighbor Finland and Scandinavian partner Sweden to join the military club.

Securing parliamentary approval for the new members in Turkey, however, could still pose a problem even though Sweden, Finland and Turkey reached a memorandum of understanding at the Madrid summit.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned that Ankara could block the process if the two countries failed to grant Turkey's demands for the extradition of people it views as terror suspects. The people wanted in Turkey have links to outlawed Kurdish groups or the network of an exiled cleric accused of a failed 2016 coup in Turkey.

He said Turkey's Parliament could refuse to ratify the deal. It is a potent threat since NATO accession must be formally approved by all 30 member states, which

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mexico agrees to invest \$1.5B in ‘smart’ border tech

By Will Weissert and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mexican President Andres Manuel López Obrador agreed to spend \$1.5 billion to improve “smart” border technology during meetings Tuesday with President Joe Biden — a move the White House says shows neighborly cooperation succeeding where Trump administration vows to wall off the border and have Mexico pay for it could not.

A person familiar with a series of agreements the two countries hammered out as their leaders met in Washington said they also called for other things like expanding the number of work visas the U.S. issues and welcoming more refugees. They also would create joint patrols for Mexico and Guatemala to hunt human smugglers along their shared border.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the agreement hadn’t been formally announced. But the Biden administration was most excited about securing border funding from Mexico after years of failed attempts by former President Donald Trump.

The agreements came hours after the meetings began with López Obrador offering more than half an hour worth of comments. He touched on everything from Americans heading south for cheaper prices at the pump at Mexican gas stations to the New Deal politics of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, while chiding conservatives and saying the U.S. and Mexico should reject the “status quo” on the border.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



President Joe Biden and Mexican President Manuel López Obrador, during a meeting Tuesday at the White House, insisted the relationships between the two countries remained strong. SUSAN WALSH / AP

López Obrador said both countries “should close ranks to help each other” amid spiking inflation and border challenges brutally underscored by 53 migrants who died last month after being abandoned in a sweltering tractor-trailer on a remote back road in San Antonio.

Though in the past he’s not shied away from U.S. criticism, López Obrador struck a positive tone with Biden while heaping praise on Vice President Kamala Harris.

Biden was equally conciliatory, saying, “I see, we see Mexico as an equal partner” and shrugging off differences of opinion on policy with López Obrador, “You and I have a strong and productive relationship and I would argue a partnership.”

That was a departure from last month, when López Obrador declined Biden’s invitation to the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles after unsuccessfully urging the U.S. to include the leaders of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela — all countries

with anti-democratic regimes.

Speaking of the migrant deaths in Texas — which included people from Mexico and Central America — Biden said “we know we have to meet these challenges together.” He said the U.S. and Mexico agree on the need to increase opportunities for legal migration, especially since more workers can help alleviate U.S. labor shortages and potentially help calm rising prices.

Immigration has been a political flashpoint for Biden as top Republicans have pointed to a rising number of people from Mexico and Central America crossing the southern U.S. border illegally while slamming the administration and top Democrats for not doing more to slow it. López Obrador acknowledged those criticisms, but said the situation at the border will require solutions, not just politics.

“The way out is not through conservatism. The way out it through transformation,” he said. “Transform, not maintain the status quo.”

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jill Biden apologizes after Latinos remark causes a stir

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jill Biden apologized Tuesday for saying Latinos are “as unique” as San Antonio breakfast tacos during a speech to the nation’s largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization.

“The first lady apologizes that her words conveyed anything but pure admiration and love for the Latino community,” tweeted Jill Biden’s spokesperson, Michael LaRosa.

The first lady flew to San Antonio on Monday to address the annual conference of UnidosUS, a Latino civil rights and advocacy group formerly known as the National Council of La Raza.

She also spoke at a Democratic Party fundraiser



First lady Jill Biden

dered when she described Latino diversity “as distinct as the bodegas of the Bronx, as beautiful as the blossoms of Miami and as unique as the breakfast tacos here in San Antonio.”

She also badly mispronounced “bodegas,” small stores in urban areas typically specializing in Hispanic groceries.

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists and others registered their offense on social media,

with the journalists’ organization tweeting that, “We are not tacos.”

“Using breakfast tacos to try to demonstrate the uniqueness of Latinos in San Antonio demonstrates a lack of cultural knowledge and sensitivity to the diversity of Latinos in the region,” NAHJ said.

The association said the first lady and her speechwriters should “take the time in the future to better understand the complexities of our people and communities.”

Hispanic voters generally favor Democrats, though the group’s support patterns vary widely in different parts of the U.S., and Latino support for the Democratic presidential candidate softened in 2020 compared to 2016, according to Pew Research Center data.

SYRIA

Pentagon: U.S. kills IS group leader in Syria in drone strike

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Tuesday that it killed a leader of the Islamic State group in Syria in a drone strike.

U.S. Central Command said in a news release that Maher al-Agal was killed Tuesday and an unidentified senior official in the Islamic State group was seriously injured.

The Pentagon said there were no civilian casualties, though it wasn’t possible to immediately confirm that

information.

The U.S. carried out the strike outside Jindaris, a town in northwest Syria close to the Turkish border.

The attack “takes a key terrorist off the field and significantly degrades the ability of (IS) to plan, resource, and conduct their operations in the region,” said President Joe Biden in a statement. “And, like the U.S. operation in February that eliminated (IS’s) overall leader, it sends a powerful message to all terrorists who threaten our homeland and our interests

around the world.”

The Islamic State group at the height of its power controlled more than 40,000 square miles stretching from Syria to Iraq and ruled more than 8 million people. While the group’s territorial state collapsed in 2019, its leaders have turned to guerrilla tactics and have been able to “efficiently restructure themselves organizationally,” according to the Washington-based Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a nonpartisan think tank.

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Why Do I Hear... But Not Understand?

Study by Cambridge University in England Reveals Key Answer

Hearing hair cells (called stereocilia) in your inner ear are responsible for sending sound impulses to the brain.

Normal Hearing Cells

Damaged Hearing Cells

Dead Hearing Cells

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Until recently, there was no practical way to identify dead regions of hearing cells in the ear. However, a new British-developed procedure using standard test equipment now allows for identification of dead hearing cell regions. The study suggests that the presence or absence of dead regions may have serious implications in the fitting of hearing aids.

This research reveals that amplifying dead cells is a mistake which will result in poorer speech understanding in noise. A new type of digitally programmable microcircuit is now being released that can be programmed to bypass the dead cells. As a result, the patient’s usable hearing cells receive amplification, thereby improving speech understanding in noise.

“We are employing a like method in our diagnostic sound booths using a sound field speech in noise procedure”, said Lowell Scott of Acute Hearing Centers. “This test simulates hearing in a

noisy crowd. We are able to determine maximum speech understanding by frequency shaping this new hearing aid.” The results have been phenomenal. These new products come in all shell sizes, including the smallest digital models, with low introductory prices available. During its release, Acute Hearing Centers is offering this new frequency-shaping hearing instrument on a 30-day satisfaction trial. “Your satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed,” Scott said.

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TCN schools making updates over summer

By Callista Kisling
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LEWISBURG — The Tri-County North Local Schools Board of Education met on Monday, June 27, and discussed various updates being completed within the district. Superintendent Bill Derringer reported on ongoing improvements being completed in the district office. It will be painted and is getting new carpet. The carpet will include the school's logo, a panther, to show more school pride, according to Derringer. Derringer also informed the board there are new nutritional standards. The board or anyone in the public is welcome to

review the new standards, he said. Derringer reported on three resignations: Amy Owens, the assistant head cook; Maria Flaherty, a paraprofessional aide and TCN Middle School Principal Joe Hoelzle. Board members approved a motion giving Derringer the ability to hire new employees before getting them approved by the board. According to school officials, the board meetings often fall close to the beginning of the school year and it makes it difficult to get board approval for new employees before the school year begins. Giving Derringer the ability to approve and hire employees will ensure new

employees will be able to start on time. Derringer also provided an update on the district's new turf and track. Pavement for the track is completed and the asphalt has to be cured for 21 days before it will be sealed with a rubber coating of a quarter inch of material, he explained. The pavement has to release moisture before it can be covered. According to Derringer the turf, has been delivered but has not yet been installed. "Once that happens the project is pretty much complete and they're on schedule right now as we agreed to have things done by Aug. 1," he said of the project. According to Derringer,

there was some trouble with construction in the shot-put area. The shot-put area was supposed to be in red, he noted, however, the construction crew made the area gray. Derringer and the board approved the area to be done in red. Derringer and his staff have discussed with the crew getting it changed to the color discussed, but if it is not, the school will be getting some kind of credit with the company. Other construction around the track and field facilities included tile being put down for drainage. Derringer explained where different tiles were installed around the fields and walkways to prevent flood-

ing in the new areas. Derringer also updated the board regarding the school's gym floor. "We are actually on our final sanding for the gym floor," he said. "Basically, you can sand the gym floor every 10 years and you basically get three sandings off of a floor." After this sanding, the school will have an additional 10 years before they need to replace the floor, he explained. When it is time to replace the floor, the school will have to rip out the old flooring and put all new wood down, along with a new sealant. Reach Callista Kisling 937-683-4056.

New salon in Camden

By Nathan Hoskins
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CAMDEN — Mayor Toni Keesler and members of the Camden Village Council welcomed Nicki Henry and her new beauty salon to Camden with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 25. Hair by Nicki is located at 217 East Central Avenue in what was once the Dodge Coal and Ice Company Office building. Mayor Keesler began the ceremony with a congratulatory statement: "Welcome everyone today, and thank you for coming. This building has never looked better, but more important is the impact and contribution it is going to make to our community. On behalf

of the village council, I would like to thank Nicki for bringing her business to Camden, and also for being a part of our community. Thank you." Henry expressed her gratitude to those gathered afterward, "I just want to say thank you to my husband, my family and to my clients. To Camden, for welcoming me, and everybody who has helped make this happen. I'm excited for my future and building up the salon!" Henry is a West Alexandria native and Twin Valley South graduate; she and her husband Donovan have been married for 12 years, and now live in Camden with their three children, Kenslee, DJ and Carson. Nicki has worked in cosmetology for 15 years and she has been an independent con-

tractor for over six years of that time. Previously in her career, Nicki worked at Smart Styles, Fiesta Hair Salon, Just Teasin' and had numerous internships at other hair salons around Ohio. Nicki accredits much of her current success to the support of her husband, for helping her achieve her dreams. "I feel like Camden is really trying to get built back up, and I would like to be a part of that. I feel that everybody deserves to feel something special about themselves and I want to make people feel beautiful. So, if I can contribute to somebody's confidence and also give back to the community and be involved and things like that, then I have reached my goal," she said.



Nathan Hoskins | The Register-Herald
Kenslee, DJ, Carson and Nicki Henry and Camden Mayor Toni Keesler held a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Hair By Nicki in the village.

Hair by Nicki aims to specialize in all ages of styling. "I style anyone from two years old and it's their first haircut, to eighty-five. I've done funerals and everything else. I see (clients)

through all walks of life, and that's really important to me too, because I build a really good relationship with them," Nicki added. Hair by Nicki is open for business, is currently

scheduling appointments and looks to accommodate walk-ins. Reach Nathan Hoskins at 937-683-4057 and follow on Twitter @NathanHoskins13

GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

EATON — A Preble County grand jury issued the following indictments during a Tuesday, July 5, session: Curtis Lee Fugazzi, 8591 Ptarmigan Ct., West Chester, possession of cocaine, illegal use or pos-

session of drug paraphernalia and improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle; Cameron Scott Holloway, 220 Voyager Blvd., Dayton, aggravated possession of drugs and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia;

Christopher Logan Dane, 458 Park Avenue, Eaton, aggravated possession of drugs. Also: Travis L. Marker, 315 Liberty Street, Eaton, aggravated possession of drugs; Christina Cheryl Randall, 901 U.S. 35

West, Eaton, theft and theft; David Neal Morrison, 408 Elmwood Drive, Eaton, failure to Comply with an order or signal of a police officer, receiving stolen property, possessing criminal tools and complicity in the commission of an offense; Joshua Shayne Shepherd, 2453 Bushnell Avenue, Dayton, aggravated possession of drugs and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Also: Destiny Berry, 229 N. Cherry Street,

Eaton, aggravated possession of drugs, illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine; Tonya Nichole Malinovsky, 422 Lexington Avenue, Eaton, tampering with evidence, aggravated possession of drugs and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia; Jacob Curtis Evans, 604 S. Main Street, Arcanum, escape, receiving stolen property, receiving stolen property, aggravated possession of drugs, receiving stolen

property, breaking and entering, receiving stolen property, illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, petty theft, resisting arrest and possessing drug abuse instruments. Also: Mona Renee Hyde, at large, aggravated possession of drugs and illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia; Dale M. Letner, 314 North Street, Eaton, having weapons while under

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Preble

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have approximately 2 acres, exclusive of road right-of-way, if any, reclassified from Agricultural to Restricted Rural Residential. The area of land sought to be reclassified contains approximately 497.6 feet frontage along the south side of Lewisburg-Western Road, approximately 1440 feet east of Bohn Rd. and Prices Creek Rd. in Harrison Township. The

proposal was to separate off from the farm, a 2.200-acre tract of land for the construction of a new home. •Case #1568. Stephen A. Pope, P.S., Agent for Mindy L. White, FKA Mindy L. Hurd submitted application to have approximately 9.75 acres, exclusive of road right-of-way, if any, reclassified from Special Use Provision to Restricted Rural Residential, Rural Residential and Agricultural. The area of land sought to be reclassified contains approximately 119.9 feet

frontage along the west side of West Florence-Campbells-town Rd., approximately 681.5 feet north of Crawfordsville-Campbellstown Rd. in Jackson Township. The proposal was to separate off approximately 6.763 acres and combine it with the "Beiser" farm to the north, and to also separate off approximately 1.393 acres of pasture land and add it to an adjacent property, leaving the 1.677 acres to support the existing home and garage.

Movie

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The featured film is the animated movie, "Sing." This free downtown event will run from 6-11 p.m. and will include vendors, a bounce house, food and more. Sponsorships and vendor spots for Family Movie Night are still

available. Email events@downtowneatoninc.org for additional information. Family Movie Night is sponsored by Henny Penny, Preble County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Charles Family Hearth & Hot Tub, Lawn Plus, Country Mile Realty, Dues Law LLC., SVG Motors, TimkenSteel, Opti-vise IT, NECCO, LCNB, and the Eaton

Place Restaurant. Visit www.DowntownEatonInc.org for additional information including a full schedule for this year's remaining activities, and follow Downtown Eaton Inc. on Facebook at @downtowneaton for its latest news and events. Next up is the Old Fashioned Downtown Saturday Night Car Show, on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Roades begins as SSCC president

Dr. Nicole Roades has taken the helm as sixth president of Southern State Community College, replacing Dr. Kevin Boys, who retired at the end of June.

Roades, former Vice President of Academics at the college, said she was looking forward to leading the college into a new era while continuing the practices that have made SSCC a first choice for prospective students in the area.

“I’m humbled and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving my community in this new role,” said Roades. “Southern State has been an integral part of my existence, now accounting for over half of my life committed to our great mission. I knew when I was 16 years old that I wanted to be a part of the work we do at Southern State.”

Since 1998, Roades has advanced through leadership roles at SSCC in student services, communication, assessment and planning, and advancement.

“Southern State was the right choice for me in the beginning, and it still is today,” said Roades. “I’ve always loved this college and I’m thrilled at the opportunity to lead it into the future.”

Roades said she is eager to leverage her extensive institutional history in conquering the unique challenges of today.

Among her early priorities, Roades stressed that Southern State’s long-term sustainability will rest on prioritizing workforce development and enrollment while strengthening the resilience of students, faculty, and staff in a post-pandemic era.

“I am entering a leadership role amidst unprecedented change and growing scrutiny over the value of education,” said Roades. “I believe I was made for these times as my passion for education, Southern State, and my community runs deep. I eagerly embrace the challenges before me and look forward to joining other education leaders across the region to make a difference for Southern Ohio.”

Roades and her husband, Brad, live in Hillsboro with their two children, Jack and Katy Jo.

Roades follows retiring President Dr. Kevin Boys, who joined the college in 2010 following a long career in K-12 public education serving both Sycamore and Loveland City Schools.

Boys had intended to retire last summer but agreed to serve an additional year to see the college through what was hoped to be the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I felt it imperative that I stay to see us through the many challenges that this pandemic has brought our way,” he said previously. “It will be time for fresh leadership to take on new challenges as the college recovers from the pandemic and explores new opportunities to further its important mission.”

Dr. Erika Goodwin is filling Roades’ role as Vice President of Academics.

Goodwin comes to Southern State from Wilmington College where she had a 27-year career as both a senior staff member, most recently Provost and Chief of Staff, and as a tenured full professor of Sport Sciences and Athletic Training.

“I am honored and thrilled to begin this appointment and work with Dr. Roades, the faculty, staff and students at Southern State,” said Goodwin.

Goodwin and her husband, Brad, live on a farm just north of Wilmington with their daughters, Emily and Gracie.



Dr. Nicole Roades



Northern Yankee Moonshine held its ribbon cutting and grand opening in Ripley on July 9. Photo by Wade Linville

Northern Yankee Moonshine holds grand opening

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Discovery Channel’s Moonshiner’s spin off, “Master Distiller.” With the large number of entries received, it was an honor just to be chosen to compete on the series.

He appeared on Season 2, “Spirit of the South” episode. Contestants competed through a series of challenges to make the best Peach Brandy. Doug made it to the finals and was able to distill his Signature Peach Brandy, A Honey Peach Brandy.

He chose to add honey to his Peach Brandy as a tribute to his family’s southern heritage. His relatives raised bees and often used honey in their moonshine.

Doug won the final challenge and the title of “Master Distiller.” His prize for winning on the show is a limited run of his Signature Honey Peach Brandy. It will be produced and distributed by Sugarlands Distillery in Gatlinburg.

After a long search, Northern Yankee Moonshine found a home to open their craft distillery in Ripley. The building will house the distillery and tasting room. In their tasting room, visitors were treated to picture galleries, historical items, a retail store, and the opportunity to taste a variety of liquors.



Northern Yankee Moonshine’s grand opening in Ripley on July 9 was well-attended. Photo by Wade Linville



The Motown Sounds of Touch will be coming to the Courthouse Square in Georgetown July 21.

Next Georgetown ‘Concert on the Square’ is July 21

The Motown Sounds of Touch will be coming to the Courthouse Square for a concert, 101 S.Main St., Georgetown, OH on Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 pm.

Touch has shared cen-

ter stage with some of the best and top acts in the concert industry including Rick Springfield, Al Green, Mickey Thomas and Starship, The Temptations, Eddie Money, Night Ranger, The Spin-

ners, Lou Gramm/Foreigner and the legendary Ray Charles.

Touch was a top three finalist on the popular NBC show “The Winner Is” hosted by Nick Lachey.

Brown County indictments

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Vaughn, 40, of Batavia, was indicted on one count of aggravated possession of drugs (Methamphetamine, fifth degree felony).

Richard Scott Breeze, 34, Hamersville, was indicted on failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer (third degree felony), one count of aggravated possession of drugs (Methamphetamine, fifth degree felony), and one count of OVI (first degree misdemeanor) with specifications of forfeiture of properties (Harley Davidson motorcycle and \$69.30 in U.S. currency).

Michael Klass, 43, of Waynesville, was indicted on one count of having weapons while under dis-

ability (third degree felony) with a specification for forfeiture of a weapon (Ruger 9mm handgun).



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OPIOID CRISIS

After West Virginia opioid verdict, another opioid case is postponed

By John Raby
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.VA. — A trial in a lawsuit accusing three major U.S. drug distributors of causing a health crisis throughout West Virginia was postponed Tuesday, a day after the companies prevailed in another case in the state.

Attorneys who represented Cabell County and the city of Huntington on the losing end of a verdict announced in federal court Monday were granted a continuance of a trial a day later in Kanawha County Circuit Court. The trial involves over 100 other cities and counties statewide against the same defendants: AmerisourceBergen Drug Co., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corp.

Attorneys on both sides met in the judge's chambers just prior to the start of the hearing. Once in the courtroom, the plaintiffs' attorneys asked



Attorney Paul T. Ferrell Jr. (right) with Bob Fitzsimmons, asks West Virginia Circuit Court Judges Alan Moats and Derick Swope for a continuance in the opioid trial on Tuesday. CHRIS DORST/CHARLESTON GAZETTE-MAIL VIA AP

that the start of the trial be continued. The defense had no objections and the request was approved.

In the federal bench trial, U.S. District Judge David Faber said the plaintiffs offered no evidence that the compa-

nies distributed controlled substances to any entity that didn't hold a proper registration from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration or the state Board of Pharmacy. The defendants also had systems in place to mon-

itor suspicious activity, as required by the Controlled Substances Act, he said.

"Plaintiffs failed to show that the volume of prescription opioids distributed in Cabell/Huntington was because of unreasonable conduct on the part of defendants," Faber wrote in a decision that came nearly a year after closing arguments in that case.

The lawsuit alleged the distributors created a public nuisance by flooding the community with 81 million pills over eight years. The suit sought more than \$2.5 billion that would have gone toward abatement efforts. But Faber said the state's Supreme Court has only applied public nuisance law in the context of conduct that interferes with public property or resources.

He said to extend the law to cover the marketing and sale of opioids "is inconsistent with the history and traditional notions of nuisance."

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In his new role, the city will pay Lolli \$5,681 in each of the first two months of this agreement as one-time payments, according to city documents.

During the last four months, Tom Snively has acted as interim fire chief. Lolli was named acting city manager after the city of Middletown and City Manager Jim Palenick signed an agreement for Palenick's removal after less than two years.

At the time, Vice Mayor Monica Nenni said when council considered Palenick's replacement Lolli was the "obvious choice" because he has been "a staple of Middletown for years and will bring a consistency to the city manager's office that is needed right now."

Council member Rodney Muterspaw, Middletown's former police chief, worked closely with Lolli and said he knows what Lolli "can bring to the table" as a leader.

"This is a huge decision for our city ... it's monumental because the city manager sets the tone and the direction for key projects and staff morale for years to come," Muterspaw posted on his Facebook page. "He has already increased a lot of morale in the building,

although we're not where we need to be yet, but people in the city genuinely appreciate and respect him because he loves Middletown and sincerely has no agenda other than to make our city better, where he has lived his whole life. He's the real deal."

Tal Moon, another council member, said he has been "very impressed" with the way Lolli stepped in and managed the city's most important community projects.

"At his core, Paul is a Middletonian and his driving motivation is a stronger, more connected, more vibrant Middletown," Moon said.

Palenick was paid \$165,000 annually as city manager. The city agreed to pay him a gross sum of \$128,764.67 for six months salary, benefits and accrued time off, according to the separation agreement that he and Law Director Ben Yoder signed.

Palenick, who started in July 2020, succeeded former city manager Doug Adkins, who was terminated by Middletown City Council in December 2019.

If Lolli is hired, then he will be the third city manager in three years.

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Ryan said it's a source of frustration for not only the residents and businesses but also first responders.

Scott Scrimizzi, Hamilton's director of Public Safety, said in addition to residential and business frustrations, the blocked crossing impedes public safety.

"Because of where fire Station 26 is located, a lot of their runs might be in the Grand Boulevard area," he said. "They've got to make a decision pretty quick to see if the crossing is blocked."

An emergency service call to Hamilton Plaza could result in a delay of minutes, which literally could be a life-or-

death medical emergency, Scrimizzi said.

One of the reasons why the crossing is blocked is due to the length of the trains. The average CSX train is 11,000 feet, but could be as short as 8,500 feet and as long as 13,000 feet. This is due to staffing shortages, Ryan said. CSX's director of state relations, Rusty Orben, who was at the meeting last week, was not available for comment.

With staffing shortages, a problem many businesses have experienced in recent years, the trains need to get longer.

"They said, 'Hopefully that will reduce when we get more staff,' but it only takes one train to block Laurel Avenue," Ryan said.

The vice mayor did call

it a "good conversation," though, believing the issue of blocked intersections was not resolved.

"It was really a lot of back and forth," Ryan said. "They are going to be working with us on a few items to potentially help reduce some things going on. But at the end of the day, it's business to them."

Porter said a regional approach may be needed.

"When they do have optionality, where they choose to stop a train, if we have a preference of certain at-grade crossings, then they can take that into consideration," he said. "Also, if we can work with neighboring communities to have preference. If that crossing is not blocked at Laurel, the next crossing down is at Symmes

Road (in Fairfield). If we could work at a regional level and have a regional recommendation to CSX, they would take that into consideration when they are blocking intersections."

Fairfield Public Works Director Ben Mann said it has been several years since they've talked with CSX, and though they initially addressed the concerns of simultaneously blocking Symmes and North Gilmore roads, but "it's starting to fall back to the way it was."

Mann said it's a problem when trains are blocking either intersection, especially during rush hour, and said the transportation company's "biggest issue" is the longer trains.

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“With the way the economy is, our donations have been down a little bit. We just need to raise funds around 60,000 [dollars] or so to get a new air conditioner and some of the other things [fixed],” Russo said.

Russo said the center is known by the general community for the food assistance it provides to lower income folks, but it’s further

known by the folks it serves as a safe space to connect with mental health options, Job and Family Services or Veterans Affairs.

Swain, who sits on New Life Mission’s Board, said the center is also an important cooling resource for people without homes.

“Our homeless population, they’re still human beings,” Swain said. “They need meals, they need to be able to get relief from this heat. We are asking – begging – for help for our

mission.”

Russo said New Life Mission has been a place that Butler County’s homeless population trusts, which allows the center to direct them to resources and additional help.

“We’re talking about people that sometimes society looks on as ‘those people,’ but they’re people,” Russo said. “They’ve had aspirations, dreams, and for one reason – or about a thousand and one reasons – have ended up on the street [or]

in poverty.”

Russo said the center serves to “connect people, to walk along with them and to help them move past where they’re at.”

Jones said Russo does a “marvelous job” running the center, and that it helps keep people alive.

“You gotta have compassion, so that’s what we’re asking for today,” Jones said.

More information about New Life Mission can be found online at MissionHamilton.org.



Butler County Clerk of Courts Mary Swain and Sheriff Richard K. Jones did a Facebook Live to raise money for New Life Mission in Hamilton. NICK GRAHAM / STAFF

Relief

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Butler County residents.

The county received an eclectic array of funding requests including economic development projects, help for the homeless, propping up small businesses, park and bike trail expansion and a new county morgue to name a few. They ranged in price from \$24 million for new advanced aviation and manufacturing training centers in Middletown and Hamilton to \$125,000 for healthcare worker training.



Demolition of the former Middletown Paperboard site is a project the Butler County commissioners have agreed to fund using American Rescue Plan Act funding. FILE

The city of Middletown was a big winner receiving \$3 million to clean up the Middletown Paperboard “disaster area” after fire ravaged the vacant building two years ago; \$1.5 million to help pay for expansion of the Sonny Hill Community Center and \$7 million for Butler Tech’s advanced aviation training center at the city’s airport.

“We are elated and excited to get moving forward on the reclamation of the Middletown Paperboard site...,” soon-to-be City Manager Paul Lolli told the Journal-News. “That’s a priority for Middletown to get that blighted site that is just kind of disaster area all cleaned up and ready to do some development on it.”

The original estimate was \$2.4 million for the project but inflation drove the price

up \$1 million. The city originally asked for \$6.6 million to help “transform and redevelop” the Ohio 4 corridor entrance to the city and also support the Oakland Neighborhood revitalization.

Lolli said “we’ll look into the future to see what we need as far as funding” for remediation of the 24-acre former AK Steel headquarters and research site; to acquire, demolish and remediate the old 19-acre CETA site and for the Oakland neighborhood housing initiative.

The city and schools also had asked the commissioners for \$6 million to help with the estimated \$12 million Sonny Hill Community Center expansion. The com-

missioners decided to invest \$1.5 million in the project and the city and schools have also committed funding.

Commissioner T.C. Rogers recommended the lower amount saying the money will help them address the negative effects of the pandemic and “I want to do to be consistent with what we’ve done with Hamilton.”

“I think it’s a factor about how much money goes to one community versus another,” Rogers said. “I know that we’re doing other things in the Middletown area, and you add those up and we’re making a significant contribution.”

Middletown School Board President Chris Urso said they “appreciate any allo-

cation the commissioners deemed worthy” for their project. He said they can obviously “pare down” the project but hopes the commissioners might consider giving them more money in the second round of funding.

“We’re hopeful that maybe down the road we can engage and that door is hopefully still open and we can engage in conversation with the commissioners if there are some resources still left on the table,” Urso said. “Because the money would be well used. Any amount we’re allocated, we’re going to be the best fiscal stewards possible.”

He said he felt Commissioner Don Dixon was open to considering additional money. Dixon told the Journal-News “it could happen, but there’s no guarantees.”

The commissioners also gave \$1.5 million to the Greater Miami Valley YMCA to make improvements to the Booker T. Washington Community Center in Hamilton, they asked for \$1.9 million. BTW Center Director Ebony Brock said the contribution “means quite a bit to the city.”

“I honestly believe it’s going to be beneficial for the city but it’s also going to continue the transformative work we do here at the BTW Center,” Brock said. “The amount of people we serve throughout the year, we now are able to serve even more with the addi-

tional space. I am excited about the opportunities and possibilities to come.”

Both of the big cities will also benefit from the \$15 million award the board agreed to give Butler Tech for two new advanced technology training centers, an aviation facility at Hook Field in Middletown (\$7 million) and advanced manufacturing in Hamilton (\$8 million). The vocational school wanted \$22.9 million. Butler Tech officials could not be reached for comment but Lolli said the new center at the airport will be a boon for economic development.

“That’s a huge win for not only Butler Tech but for the city of Middletown,” Lolli said. “The city if Middletown owns the airport so that will help us tremendously in terms of promoting aviation, having an aviation school out there, partnering with Butler Tech to expand opportunities for young people who want to get into aviation as a career and all of the ancillary things, maybe it will produce jobs in that area.”

The commissioners will have approximately \$27 million left in ARPA funds, however they have also said they want to invest in a new morgue so Butler County Coroner Dr. Lisa Mannix can locate her entire operation under one roof and give the sheriff money to expand his 911 dispatch center. Those

projects are estimated at \$3.1 million and \$4.5 million respectively.

County Administrator Judi Boyko said they could possibly use some of the \$15 million capital reserve fund that was established to finance recommendations from the new space study or ARPA.

The commissioners also agreed to spent \$4 million helping townships with their roads next year and have earmarked another \$4 million for 2024. Ross Twp. Trustee Ellen Yordy was thrilled to hear the news because they have several roads that desperately need attention.

Many of the funded projects don’t on their face appear to qualify for ARPA funds, but the U.S. Treasury relaxed the rules along the way. Expanding internet service was one category specifically identified for funding and the commissioners set a \$10 million budget Monday. The requests for proposals are due July 29.

The Butler County Visitors Bureau was directly hit by the pandemic when travel screeched to a halt. Mark Hecquet president and CEO of the BCVB was looking for \$1.4 million to recoup lost hotel tax revenues due to the pandemic and commissioners approved \$750,000.

Hecquet said, “To help expedite the recovery of our travel industry here locally, so it’s a fantastic lifeline from the commissioners.”

Why Do I Hear... But Not Understand?

Study by Cambridge University in England Reveals Key Answer

Until recently, there was no practical way to identify dead regions of hearing cells in the ear. However, a new British-developed procedure using standard test equipment now allows for identification of dead hearing cell regions. The study suggests that the presence or absence of dead regions may have serious implications in the fitting of hearing aids.

This research reveals that amplifying dead cells is a mistake which will result in poorer speech understanding in noise. A new type of digitally programmable microcircuit is now being released that can be programmed to bypass the dead cells. As a result, the patient’s usable hearing cells receive amplification, thereby improving speech understanding in noise.

“We are employing a like method in our diagnostic sound booths using a sound field speech in noise procedure”, said Lowell Scott of Acute Hearing Centers. “This test simulates hearing in a

noisy crowd. We are able to determine maximum speech understanding by frequency shaping this new hearing aid.” The results have been phenomenal.

These new products come in all shell sizes, including the smallest digital models, with low introductory prices available. During its release, Acute Hearing Centers is offering this new frequency-shaping hearing instrument on a 30-day satisfaction trial. “Your satisfaction is absolutely guaranteed,” Scott said.

If you hear, but are having trouble understanding conversation, take advantage of the complimentary demonstrations offered this week. **Call Acute Hearing Centers today to schedule your no-obligation appointment.**

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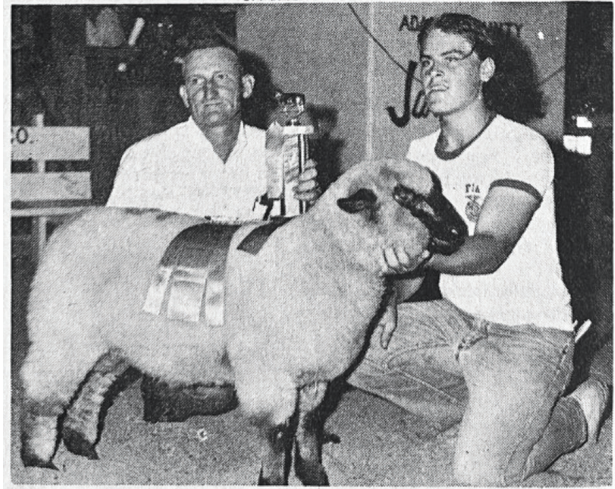
Esta Carter celebrating 99th birthday



Esta Carter will be celebrating her 99th birthday on July 8. If anyone would like to send her a birthday card, please mail to: 607 Broadway Street, Manchester, OH 45144.



Jerry Crum had the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Pig. He is shown above with representatives of Producers Stockyards, Hillsboro, with the Number One Pig at the Junior Fair.



Randy Brewer is shown with the new owner of his Grand Champion Market Lamb, Leon Pettit, a livestock dealer in Winchester, Ohio.

People get old before their time



Loren Hardin
Contributing Columnist

Ed was 88 years old when we met. He promised his friend he would look after his wife after his friend's death. Ed orchestrated Gladys' care, checked on her at least twice a day and eventually hired twenty-four-hour care. During our first meetings we tackled some difficult challenges and took care of some pressing business; but our meetings became less task-oriented and more personal. We shared experiences, ideas, beliefs and philosophies.

When Gladys's health declined, keeping Gladys at home became no longer possible and we arranged admission to a local nursing home. It was to be our last visit. Ed signed the form to revoke Gladys from Hospice and I stated, "Ed, I guess this is the last time we'll be seeing each other." Ed appeared surprised. But I explained that Gladys was no longer our hospice patient and that I was no longer their Social Worker. Then Ed asked, "But can't we just meet as friends?"

We've met as friends

every other Thursday for three years now. Ed frequently brings me a stack of verses, poems or articles and states, "I thought these might help you in your job... I really like this public relations stuff." Our meetings are very spontaneous but we always end up on a personally and spiritually relevant and challenging topic. Ed declares, "I like it when we get together unarmed and unhearsed."

Ed is now ninety-two and gratefully proclaims "I give God all the credit for my longevity. He is my pilot and my guide; my judge and my jury." Ed carries a beeper and cell phone and still does taxes for select clients. He drives about three-thousand miles a month taking his developmentally disabled daughter, Barbie, daily rides in his Ford Escort, "Because she loves it".

Ed shared, "People tell me all the time, 'Pops, you're too old to do that.' But I just tell them, 'I don't count my birthdays I count my blessings. I don't think about how old I am, I think about the job I have to do'". Ed added, "When I'm driving, I just obey the signs and keep it between the lines." Ed admitted, "I get frustrated when I hear people talk about being too old to do this or that." And he contends, "People get old before their time; because they get old in their minds".

I'm reminded of a Home Care patient I met several years ago. She and her husband were both Polish immigrants and were both in their late seventies. There was a small piano in the corner of the living room with several "Easy-Play" music books standing on the ledge of the keyboard. I asked, "Who plays the piano?" The husband replied, "My wife does. She always wanted to play the piano, so she started teaching herself about five years ago. And we've experienced so

much enjoyment singing together."

One more story and I'll close. While driving, I was listening to a call-in radio show, and a lady called in for advice about whether to enroll in college to pursue a new career. She shared, "I'm fifty-four years old. It will take me at least four years to get my degree; so, I'll be fifty-eight years old when I finish." She then asked, "Dr. Toni am I too old to start all over?" Dr. Toni asked, "How old will you be in four years if you don't go back to school and get your degree?"

"May it never be chiseled on your tombstone, 'Died, age forty, buried age seventy'". ("Coloring Outside the Lines", Howard Hendricks)

Loren Hardin is a social worker with SOMC-Hospice and can be reached at 740-357-6091 or at lorenhardin53@gmail.com. You can order Loren's book, "Straight Paths: Insights for living from those who have finished the course" at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Peebles Alumni awards scholarships



The Peebles High School Alumni Association recently awarded its 2022 scholarships. The recipients are, from left, Emmilee Nichols, Avery Storer, Katy Seas, Alan McCoy, Byron Stephens and Matthew Hudgel. (Photo provided)

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Manchester Veterans Club Cruise-In set for July 9

BY MARK CARPENTER
PEOPLES DEFENDER

The Manchester Veterans Club will host their fourth annual Cruise-In on Saturday, July 9. Registration runs from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., with awards at 2 p.m. The

first 20 vehicles registered will receive a dash plaque. There is a \$10 entry fee with Top 15 plaques Early to 1997 plus Top 5 Plaques from 1998 to Date. One Veterans Choice award will also be given out.

Music for the event will be provided by Turnt Up Entertainment. For more information, contact (937) 594-1781 or call the Club at (937) 549-3300. The Veterans Club is located at 211 Pearl Street in Manchester.



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There will also be a free camp for any considering playing football for West Union this season (for players entering 3rd-8th grade). Players should wear shorts and t-shirts and bring a drink.
- WHERE - FREEDOM FIELD** (on Old Cincinnati Pike, West Union)
- TIME - 6-7:30 P.M.**
- GRADES 3-12 FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023**
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You can feel the excitement about the upcoming West Union Football season. Scott McFarland will continue to be the West Union Football Director. Charles Webb (a former player and an experienced/successful coach) is the new head coach for high school. Charles has assembled a deep, experienced coaching staff to assist him. We encourage anyone interested in playing to visit wufootball.com to either sign up or read about the history of the program along with the programs philosophy/goal.

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Georgetown Post investigating serious injury crash

Press Release

The Georgetown Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is currently investigating a one vehicle serious injury crash that occurred on State Route 136 near Zane Trace Road in Liberty Township, Adams County, Ohio. The crash occurred at approximately 2:54 p.m.

The preliminary investigation shows that a 2004 Audi sedan, operated by Gabriella Brooke Shoemaker, age 27, of Manchester, Ohio, was traveling south-

bound on State Route 136. The vehicle driven by Ms. Shoemaker drove off the left side of the roadway and struck a tree.

Ms. Shoemaker was initially transported by emergency medical personnel to the Adams County Regional Hospital and later to the University of Cincinnati Hospital with serious injuries.

A juvenile occupant in Ms. Shoemaker's vehicle was transported by emergency medical personnel to Cincinnati Children's Hospital with serious

injuries. A second juvenile occupant was transported to the Adams County Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

Assisting at the scene were the West Union Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, the West Union Police Department, the Adams County Sheriff's Department, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The crash remains under investigation by the Ohio State Highway Patrol – Georgetown Post.

Adams County Library News



For this week's Staff Pick Book Review, Library Assistant and Programmer Sabrena reviews *Narwhal Unicorn of the Sea & Narwhal's School of Awesomeness* by Ben Clanton "The first book *Narwhal Unicorn of the Sea* is about two unique characters Narwhal and Jelly who at first believe the other is not real, that they imagined them. Soon though they become friends and have fun hanging out as friends do. In the second book *Narwhal's School of Awesomeness* Narwhal and Jelly meet a school of fish that are heading to a school called The Aquatic Academy. Once there they find out that the teacher is sick and school is cancelled! However, Narwhal soon decides to become the teacher for the day and quickly fun antics and awesome learning ensue. This book is filled with fun facts, a little mathematics, and witty verbal word play that is like reading a thesaurus, but much more fun!"

By JULIA McCANE KNOX

Imagination Library Graduates and families, join us for the Imagination Celebration at the Adams County Public Libraries on Monday, July 25 (Manchester Library and West Union Library) and Tuesday, July 26 (North Adams Library and Peebles Library). During this time, we will have passive programs, prize packets for Imagination Library grads, and Newport Aquarium Wave Programs on designated days. To receive your Imagination Library Prize Pack, please bring your final Imagination Library book – Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come! – to the Imagination Celebration.

Stingray Studies will be on Monday, July 25 at the Manchester Library at 10 a.m. and at the West Union Library at 1 p.m. Science of Sharks will take place on Tuesday, July 26 at the North Adams Library at 10 a.m. and at the Peebles Library at 1 p.m. In this program, you will get up close to these creatures and even touch them. Learn about the science behind stingrays or sharks as well as your part in their conservation. A limit of 125 people can attend each program, so pre-registration is required. Imagination Library Graduates must register, as well. Call the library or pre-register online. Please pre-register every interested member of your family, so we do

not go over our attendance limit.

If the West Union Library is one of your favorite places to visit, and you love to tell your friends about library services, you may be interested in being a Library Friend. The West Union Friends are urgently seeking interested individuals to serve as officers and lead the organization into the future. Do you have ideas for how to support or promote the library? We'd love to hear from you. To learn more about what a Library Friend does, go to adamscolibrary.org then click the post titled, "West Union Library Friends Needed." If you are interested in being a Friend of the West Union Library or know someone who would be, contact Director Nicholas Slone at (937) 587-2085.

Enjoy your favorite books and authors on screen this Summer with Kanopy. Kanopy provides a wide selection of diverse and inclusive films for the whole family to enjoy, including "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman". This movie presents the struggles of slavery and the power of the civil rights movement through the eyes of Jane.

Check out Hoopla Digital's Book Club Summer Selections for thrilling and captivating reads. Listen to audiobooks on your next road trip or relax in a hammock and read an e-book on your next camping trip. Hoopla's content includes e-books, audiobooks, and e-zines that you can access from either your browser or mobile app. You can borrow up to 20 titles a month with no waiting as all items are available for instant checkout, and you can also choose to stream titles online or download them for offline use.

Interested in stories about the unknown? Check out Libby and the Ohio Digital Library for paranormal-themed e-books and audiobooks, including "The Three-Body Problem" by Cixin Liu.

Healthy Aging Highlights: Osteoporosis

By TERESA CARR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

There is still time to see us at the Adams County Fair inside Merchant's Hall. We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces from the county and possibly meet some new folks. We hope to see you there!

Help yourself to a "Mr. Stripey" tomato or cherry tomatoes from our community garden containers in front of our office. There are several such container gardens all around our community. The tomatoes are free to the community in hopes of encouraging people to consider growing your own vegetables. You don't have to have a lot of yard space to enjoy the freshest vegetables straight out of your own garden.

From the National Institute on Aging – Healthy Aging Highlights: Osteoporosis

Although osteoporosis can strike at any age, it is most common among older people, especially older women. White and Asian women are most likely to have osteoporosis. Other women at great risk include those who:

- Have a family history of broken bones or osteoporosis
- Have broken a bone after age 50
- Had surgery to remove their ovaries before their periods stopped
- Had early menopause
- Have not gotten enough calcium and/or vitamin D throughout their lives
- Had extended bed rest or were physically inactive
- Smoke (smokers may absorb less calcium from their diets)
- Take certain medications, including medicines for arthritis and asthma and some cancer drugs
- Used certain medicines for a long time

- Have a small body frame

The risk of osteoporosis grows as you get older. At the time of menopause, women may lose bone quickly for several years. After that, the loss slows down but continues.

Also, some men may get osteoporosis. In men, the loss of bone mass is slower. But, by age 65 or 70, men and women are losing bone at the same rate.

State HEAP applications are still available at our agency for the 2017-2018 winter season. We have an aide to assist any senior 60+ with filling out the applications for State assistance only. Please call the agency if you have any questions or to schedule an appointment.

Summer Cooling Program has begun. Please contact ABCAP in Winchester for guidelines and other information at 1-800-233-7891. To schedule an appointment, please contact the toll-free automated number at 1-567-268-1009.

Birthday Remembrance

July 4, 1997 - September 5, 2014

Ryan,
Our hearts still ache in sadness
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.
Love you always son,
Mom, Dad and Rickey D.

The Adams County Ohio Valley School District is currently seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Confidential Secretary / Receptionist at the Administration Office. Application deadline is 07-11-2022. Candidate must be a high school graduate or have GED. Secretarial skills and work experience a must. Exemplifies professionalism and fosters goodwill to enhance the District's public image. Interested individuals should send resume and copy of HS diploma or GED to:

Personnel Office
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JANICE ANN (PRIEST) RUNYON

Janice Ann (Priest) Runyon, 84, of Hillsboro, Ohio, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022, at ProMedica Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hillsboro.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1938, in Leesburg, Ohio, the daughter of Charles and Orpha (Taylor) Priest.

She retired from the Hercules Pants Factory in Hillsboro.

She is survived by four sons, Brad Adams of Bangkok, Thailand, Brent (Melissa) Adams of Washington C.H., Curtis “Arnie” (Debra) Adams of Columbus and Andy (Tamara) Runyon of Greenfield; four daughters, Lisa Haney of Columbus, Carla Adams (Richard Stiffler) of Hillsboro, Ann (David) Elam of Hillsboro and Ruth Johnson of Greenfield; grandchildren, Pilar (Erin Guidotti) Adams, Megan Adams, Tia (Mark) Williams, Gentry (Kyler) Willis, Ciara (Chase) Holsinger, Kendra (Joe) Herald, JC (Connor Winters)

Adams, Lindsey Adams, Vanna Adams, Eddie Stewart, David Stewart, Nathan Hawkins, Andrea (Andy) Sloan, Taylor (Sarah) Hogle, Reihle Haney, Scout Haney, Emberly Rickman, Pyper Ross, and Andy (Lynnea) Johnson; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Eldon Runyon, on March 14, 2008; two brothers, George (Jo) Priest and Darrell (Shirley) Priest; one sister, Dora Carle Smith; father, Charles Priest; and mother, Orpha (Fred) Mercer.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9 at Murray-Fettro Funeral Home in Greenfield with Pastor Mark Current officiating. Cremation will follow.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.murrayfettro.com.

GREENFIELD P.D. REPORTS

The Greenfield Police Department has released the following information:

July 3 ARRESTS/CITATIONS

Theresa Louk, 66, of Greenfield, was arrested for public intoxication.

David Route, 27, of Washington Court House, was issued a citation for driving under suspension and expired plates.

Paul Munyon, 42, of Hillsboro, was issued a citation for driving under suspension and lanes of travel upon roadway of sufficient width.

Incidents

A resident in the 400 block of South Street advised that her vehicle had been hit over night. The police department was dispatched to the scene and advised that the hit-skip vehicle was a metallic green Ford. The investigation is ongoing.

A caller stated his mother lives in the 800 block of Lafayette Street, but she was out of state and a family friend called him and stated the back door was open. The police department responded to the residence and found that the family friend forgot to shut the door.

Military identifies WWII Army Air Force soldier from Ohio

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP) — The remains of an Army Air Force sergeant from Ohio who died after he was sent to a prisoner of war camp during World War II have now been positively identified, Defense Department officials announced Tuesday.

Tech. Sgt. William F. Teaff, 26, of Steubenville, was assigned to the 351st Bombardment Squadron, 100th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force. On March 6, 1944, he was the radio operator aboard a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber that was part of a larger mission to bomb targets in Berlin, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA.

German fighters attacked the B-17’s formation while it flew over the Netherlands, and Teaff’s plane was destroyed. The plane’s navigator was killed when aircraft was hit, but the rest of the crew bailed out before it exploded in the sky.

The crew was captured by the Germans and several of them, including Teaff, were sent to a

prisoner of war camp. Teaff died July 10 that year while being treated for diphtheria. He was one of three Americans who died in that POW camp.

After the war, the American Graves Registration Command couldn’t recover the three Americans’ remains because the POW camp — now inside Lithuania due to post-war border shifting — was deep inside the Soviet occupation zone. Despite continued efforts over the next few years, Teaff’s remains couldn’t be found and he was declared non-recoverable in March 1954.

After Lithuania became independent in 1992, officials learned the Soviet Union destroyed the POW camp in 1955 and reverted the area to farmland. In 2006, officials investigated the site and recommended excavation, but significant issues prevented them from sending a recovery team.

DPAA partnered with Ohio Valley Archeology Inc. in 2019, and a team was later able to find possible gravesites for the three missing Americans.

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records, on or around May 1, 2022, Yoakem caused or attempted to cause physical harm to to

a victim by means of a an ink pen and handcuff key. Charles Applegate II, 49, Hillsboro, was indicted for receiving stolen property, a fourth-degree felony.

According to court records, on or around

Jan. 31, 2021, and continuing thereafter, Applegate II received, retained or disposed of a 2004 F-150 truck that did not belong to Applegate. Also indicted on Tuesday were:

* Donald McKenzie,

45, Hillsboro, for aggravated possession of meth, a third-degree felony.

* Arnell Johnson, 34, Hillsboro, for aggravated possession of meth, a fifth-degree felony.

Reach Jacob Clary at 937-402-2570.

Parade

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Elm Street to Tissot’s Home Center for the duration of the festival.

This will be the first time in five years the festival has been held in the uptown Hillsboro

area. The festival was cancelled the past two years due to COVID-19, and the two years before that was held at Southern State Community College.

“It’s special to be able to come back and have it in the uptown area, and that’s something that mayor Justin Har-

sha wanted, and I think this location, once they get everything finished down there, is going to be a great site for a lot of things” festival committee president Rick Williams said. “That’s where it needs to be is uptown as a sort of homecoming for the people that maybe moved away and come

back to see friends and family in Hillsboro, and we’re only just a block from where we were for so many years.”

The full schedule of events for this year’s festival can be found at the-festivalofthebells.com.

Reach Jeff Gilliland at 937-402-2522.

Paxton

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thankful for the continued dedication and hard work of the Horick family, and so many others, that make this such a success every year,” said

Paxton Theatre board member Bev Ross.

Doors open for the evening performances at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday with the show starting at 7 p.m. each night. Doors open for the afternoon performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday with the show starting at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

Tickets and additional information are available online at paxtontheatre.org, or by calling 740-634-0029.

The Paxton Theatre is located at 133 E. Main St., Bainbridge. For more information, visit www.PaxtonTheatre.org.

The new Paxton Township Hall, completed in 1910, featured a large theatre seating more than 500. Early shows included live theatre,

movies, minstrels, vaudevilles, magic shows and other entertainment. The early ’60s brought the start of the Paint Valley Jamboree, currently operating in its 57th continuous season. Today, the Paxton Theatre offers a variety of live, family-friendly entertainment to audiences young and old.

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Tiger unsure how many Opens he has left at St. Andrews

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Whether it's on Friday or Sunday, Tiger Woods will cross over the Swilcan Bridge for the final time in the British Open at St. Andrews. He just doesn't know if that means this year or forever. "Who knows?" Woods said Tuesday, unwilling to contemplate a future in golf he knows so little about. The Open isn't likely to return to the Old Course for at least four years, probably a bit longer. Woods is 46 and with what he described as "a lot of hardware" in his right leg that was pieced back together following his February 2021 car crash. "I don't know — if it is that long — whether I will be able to physically compete at this level by

then," Woods said. "It's also one of the reasons why I wanted to play in this championship. I don't know what my career is going to be like. I'm not going to play a full schedule ever again. My body just won't allow me to do that that. "I don't know how many Open Championships I have left here at St. Andrews, but I wanted this one," he said. "It started here for me in '95, and if it ends here in '22, it does. If it doesn't, it doesn't. If I get the chance to play one more, it would be great. But there's no guarantee." And he is leaving nothing to chance. In the other two majors he played this year, at the Masters and PGA Championship, Woods played only 27 holes of practice ahead of the opening round. He played Ballybunion in Ireland

last week with Rory McIlroy. He walked 18 holes with a wedge and a putter on Saturday evening at St. Andrews. He played 18 holes on Sunday, and then nine holes each of the last two days. Throw in the four-hole exhibition and that's more than his previous two majors combined. Woods wasn't kidding when he said he wasn't about to miss this Open at St. Andrews, the 150th edition of golf's oldest championship. He won two of his three Opens on the Old Course. "Yesterday for those four holes, he was moving better than I'd seen him move in a while," said McIlroy, who played the "Celebration of Champions" with Woods over the four-hole loop on Monday. "That was really good to see. And his swing ... hitting the golf ball and swinging the club aren't the issue."

Alonso, Pujols, Acuña, Soto in for Home Run Derby

ATLANTA (AP) — Mets slugger Pete Alonso will try to become the first player to win the All-Star Home Run Derby three consecutive times against a field that will include the Cardinals' Albert Pujols, Phillies slugger Kyle Schwarber, the Braves' Ronald Acuña Jr. and Washington's Juan Soto. The New York first baseman said Monday he is one of nine participants in the July 18 competition at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. "It's a really fun event, and it's going to be super exciting," Alonso said before the Mets played at Atlanta on Monday night. "I have a really good plan to go into it and, again, I have just so much fun. I don't think anyone has more fun than I do, especially when it comes to this event." Dave Jauss, who was the Mets' bench coach and is now a Washington



David J. Phillip | AP
New York Mets' Pete Alonso hits a home run against the Houston Astros on June 21 in Houston.

Nationals special assistant, will pitch to Alonso for the second straight Derby. "Just need to give him about two pots of coffee for before and a case of Bud Lite for after, and he said he's good to go," Alonso said. Alonso hit 74 total home runs in last year's Derby at Denver's Coors Field and beat Baltimore's Trey Mancini 23-22 in the final round. Alonso joined Ken Griffey Jr. (1998-99) and Yoenis Céspedes (2013-14) in winning consecutive titles. Griffey also won in 1994 and is the only three-time champion. Pujols will participate in his fifth Derby after coming up short in 2003, 2007, 2009 and 2015. He and Detroit's Miguel Cabrera were added to the All-Star rosters as special selections by Commissioner Rob Manfred. Pujols will make his

11th All-Star appearance and participate in the Derby at one of his former homes. He played 85 games with the Dodgers last season after being cut by the Los Angeles Angels, then signed with St. Louis before this season, which he has said will be his last. The 42-year-old Pujols has five homers this season and 684 in his career, fifth on the career list. "It's an honor to be back in the All-Star Game and to have a chance to be part of the Home Run Derby, that's something I enjoy a lot and my kids will have a blast," Pujols said Monday night. "Hopefully, I can put on a good show for them, because at the end of the day, it's not about us, it's about putting a good show for the fans." Schwarber posted a home run highlight reel on his Instagram page on Tuesday and the Phillies later confirmed their lone All-Star representative would participate in the Derby. Schwarber has 28 home runs in his first season with the Phillies.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

McClain skills camp, fish fry

The McClain High School football team and cheerleaders will have a free skills camp on Sunday, July 24. Third through sixth graders can attend the skills camp from 5-6 p.m. at the football field. The football moms will have a fish fry, games and old gear for sale from 5-7 p.m.

V-ball Community Tourney

A Hillsboro Volleyball Community Tournament will be hosted by the Hillsboro High School Athletic Department starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30 at the high school gym. Participants must be 18 or older. The entry fee is \$150 and must be paid the day of the event. Teams can be made of four or five people. Teams of 4 must have at least one female on the court during play and teams of five must have at least two females on the court during play. Volleyball team spirit wear will be available for purchase along with concessions. The gym will open at 9:30 a.m. To sign up, email hillsborovolleyball@outlook.com by July 27. Include a team name and the players. The first place prize is \$150 and volleyball shirts and the second place prize is \$50 and volleyball shirts.

HCCAO Golf Outing

The Highland County Community Action Organization, Inc. will host its 16th annual golf outing on Friday, Aug. 19 at Buckeye Hills Country Club located, 7261 Limes Rd., Greenfield. Registration will open at 8 a.m. Shotgun scramble time is 9 a.m. Registration fees include the greens fee for 18 holes of golf, a cart and a lunch provided by All Seasons Catering. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place teams and most honest. There will be door prizes. To sign up or find out more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Laura Bosier at 937-393-3458.

11th Veterans Golf Outing

The 11th annual Veterans Golf Outing Sgt. Morris "Moe" New Memorial will be held Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Hillsboro Elks. Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. An honor guard memorial service is at 12 p.m. There will be skins, hole prizes, a 50/50 raffle, closest to the pin, longest putt, first and second place awards and a chili cookoff. There will be three simultaneous events: Veterans Open Foursome (teams must have at least two veterans), Open Foursome and Co-ed Foursome (teams must have at least one male or one female). The cost is \$200 per team. Food, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Host by the Highland County Veterans Honor Guard and Hillsboro Elks 361, all proceeds benefit the Georgetown Veterans Home and Highland County American Revolution War Memorial. Sign-up by calling the Elks Pro Shop at 937-393-3047 or for more information call 937-393-3730.

32nd Chamber Golf Outing

The Highland County Chamber of Commerce will host its 32nd annual golf outing on Friday, Sept. 23 at Buckeye Hills Country Club. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the shot-gun start will take place at 9 a.m. The tournament features 18 holes, an awards ceremony, lunch and a catered dinner. There will be a silent auction throughout the day that will include a variety of items including golf items, entertainment packages, family packages, spa and salon packages, and more. Participants will be able to enter various competitions for prizes including hole-in-one, poker run, putting and closest to the pin. Following the tournament, there will be an awards ceremony and recognition dinner. Space is limited. Registration is \$75 for an individual or \$300 for a team of four. For questions or to register, call the chamber at 937-393-1111.

Officials: Ex-Cowboys RB Barber died of heat stroke

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys running back Marion Barber III died of heat stroke, police said Monday. In a statement, police in the Dallas suburb of Frisco said the Collin County medical examiner had ruled Barber's death an accident. A police spokesman provided no further elaboration on the circumstances of the 38-year-old's death, and the medical examiner's office did not immediately respond to a message.

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Cadets complete officers' training

Submitted article

The cadets of Southern State Community College's Basic Peace Officer Training Academy were recognized at a special ceremony held June 29 at the college's Central Campus in Hillsboro.

"I stand in admiration of what you have done to get to this point and I am equally captivated with your decision to enter law enforcement," said Dr. Nicole Roades, SSSC President, as she addressed the audience in attendance. "This career choice is no easy pathway. Thank you for recognizing the value in this important work and for the role you will play in promoting a sense of security for your family, my family, and the community in general."

"A special thanks also goes to Commander Ron Fithen. We appreciate his vision for the Academy and his continued commitment to the associate degree program in law enforcement. Ron, you are essential to this Academy and this program and we are grateful for your service."

Five cadets were recognized for completing the program



Submitted photo
From left are Commander Ron Fithen of the Wilmington Police Department, and the members of the 30th graduating class of the SSSC's Basic Peace Officer Training Academy. They join nearly 300 previous graduates since 1998.

which covers the fundamentals of entry-level peace officer training and includes instruction in laws, administrative functions, firearms, human relations, criminal investigations, traffic accident investigations, traffic enforcement, patrols, civil disorders and prisoner bookings.

Students who completed the training program include Jerrod Kessler, Justin Brewer, Quinton Smith, and Gavin Moore of Greenfield; and Grant Patterson of Washington Court House.

Commander Fithen, a sergeant with the Wilmington Police Department, presented

the Basic Peace Officer Training Academy awards. The perfect attendance award was presented to Justin A. Brewer. The Academic Achievement Award was presented to Gavin Moore, and the Leadership Award (voted on by the cadets) was also presented to Moore.

In recognition of outstand-

ing psychological survival fortitude, Justin Brewer was presented the Fighting Spirit Award, in memory of Sgt. Tim Fryer.

In recognition of outstanding handgun performance, Jerrod Kessler was presented the Top Gun Award, in memory of Deputy Harry Smithson.

In recognition of maintaining outstanding physical condition, Moore was presented the Physical Fitness Award, in memory of Davide A. Soprano.

Most coursework for the training program takes place at Southern State. Instructors are recruited from various state, county and local law enforcement and corrections agencies.

In concert with the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, Southern State also offers an associate degree in Law Enforcement — <https://www.sssc.edu/academics/programs/law-enforcement.shtml>.

To learn more about the Basic Peace Officers Training Program, visit <https://www.sssc.edu/peaceofficer/index.shtml>.

For registration information, please call SSSC Academic Advisor Brenda Landis at 1-800-628-7722, Ext. 2840.

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the whole village," said Wellman.

According to her, two councilmembers who voted in favor of it — Harry Brumbaugh and Don Gephart — would be among those citizens exempt from the tax. Councilmember William Garner, who also would be exempt, voted "no", according to Wellman.

Much as with previous attempts with voters to pass such a tax, the ordinance would not affect senior citizens, those on Social Security, people paying an income tax elsewhere, or those on unemployment benefits. Those citizens would be exempt.

The money from this earnings tax would go toward the Blanchester Police Department. Mayor John Carman told the News Journal the

only residents who would have to pay the tax would be those working in the village or those working outside the village and not already paying an earnings tax.

If there's no successful referendum, the earnings tax will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

Carman advised in May that he foresaw the need for the police budget to increase the next year due to additional personnel being hired.

Carman earlier told the News Journal for its June 30 story that citizens have until July 9 to put a referendum for the tax on the November ballot.

Wellman, a social studies teacher in the Clinton-Massie district, said she's very passionate about voter participation and believes moments like this discourage voters.

"The number-one reason (for low voter participation) is because people feel like their vote doesn't matter and they may feel discouraged,"

she said.

She had attempted to get it filed earlier but had difficulty. She said she had been told by an official at the Blanchester Municipal Building that she had gone about it the wrong way. After consulting with the Clinton County Prosecutor and Board of Elections officials, she was advised she was doing it correctly.

Carman told the News Journal the process that was required. This includes getting a copy of the official ordinance along with an affidavit indicating the referendum was about the attached document.

"We're not trying to hinder anyone from doing a referendum," he said. "There's just a process that has to be done."

Anyone interested in adding their signature to the referendum can contact Wellman's husband, James Burch, or her son, Reagan Burch, via Facebook.

Reach John Hamilton at 937-382-2574

BPD: Wanted man arrested, had a stolen gun

News Journal

BLANCHESTER — Officers of the Blanchester Police Department observed a suspicious vehicle parked on Center Street at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 29.

They confirmed that the owner of the vehicle was wanted out of Warren County on a felony warrant. The vehicle was observed operating on Center Street and officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop.

"The Chevrolet Malibu failed to stop for officers when signaled and began driving at high rates of speed," stated Police Chief Robert Houghton in a news release. "Officers pursued the vehicle to Midland and back to Blanchester to a storage facility on Cherry Street. The driver

fled the vehicle on foot and the passenger was apprehended in the vehicle."

He said the passenger was transported via squad to Clinton Memorial Hospital to be treated for injuries sustained during the pursuit.

Houghton said items located inside the vehicle by officers included a loaded handgun that was entered as stolen from Dayton, along with cash, scales, drug paraphernalia, a bag containing a white crystal substance, and a bag of a white powdery substance.

Charges are pending upon further investigation and following consultation with Clinton County Prosecutor's Office.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office assisted Blanchester officers during the event.



Gary Huffenberger | News Journal
A concrete pad, where the modular sections will be set, conveys the footprint of the addition.

School

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It will house grades 7 through 12. The new-found facility will link up with the original school building via a 15-yard-long enclosed hallway.

Ultimately, the additional space will allow WCA to accept another 100 to 120 kids, he said. The administrator anticipates "growing into" the new space.

The additional facility is made possible by a donor and supporter of the school. The addition is a \$1 million or more facility, Oliver said.

Previously the modular

sections were in Cleveland where they were utilized by the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District. That district rented them after a school bond issue passed and district officials needed to find a way to accommodate students while a construction project took place.

The Wilmington Christian Academy is still taking applications for openings for the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

As a private Christian school, they don't admit anybody and everybody. Oliver emphasized WCA is "for faith-based families who desire faith-based education."

Applicant families are

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Open

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lost on Scheffler or anyone else.

“You just want to be part of that history,” Xander Schauffele said.

The Old Course has hardly changed from the last time it held the British Open, in 2015, when Zach Johnson won a three-man playoff. The card of the course is a mere 16 yards longer.

Then again, defense of the Old Course is all about the wind. Woods recalls hitting anything from 9-iron to 3-wood on the par-3 11th. It can be that strong.

And it’s been that way for the 600 years golf has been played at St. Andrews, and the 149 years since the first Open was held on the Old Course and Tom Kidd was declared the “champion golfer of the year.”

Who’s next?

All signs point toward youth on the Old Course. The last five major champions are in their 20s, a streak that began with Rahm at the U.S. Open last year, with Matt Fitzpatrick the latest entry from his U.S. Open title last month at Brookline.

And so much depends on the weather. The last time at St. Andrews featured a rare Monday finish because of flooding on Friday and raging wind on Saturday that led to delays of 10 hours.

The previous time, in 2010, McIlroy opened with a record-tying 63, only to get caught up in the wind the next day for an 80.

Spieth said relatively benign conditions could make the Old Course a “wedge contest” because dry conditions make the ball roll forever. Such is the Open on just about any links. John Daly won in a playoff in 1995 at

St. Andrews after finishing at 6-under 272.

The next time on the Old Course, Woods won at 19 under for an eight-shot margin.

“It was not necessarily built for today’s technology,” Spieth said. “But I think that even a nice 10 to 15 miles an hour would show something to it. And the fact that it doesn’t look like we are going to get any rain, so I think the defense could be how fast it plays.”

Rain or shine, a wee breeze or a gale, it’s still the Open at St. Andrews, a special time and place in any circumstances. It’s not so much making history as adding to it.

As three-time Open champion Sir Henry Cotton said years ago, “Winning The Open Championship can turn a good player into a star, but winning the Open at St. Andrews can turn a great player into a legend.”

Tiger

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Woods, who for so many years preferred that his clubs delivered the message.

What the PGA Tour wouldn’t give to have Woods at full strength, playing a full schedule, in the midst of one of the most disruptive moments in golf.

The British Open is only the third tournament Woods has played his year — four including the two-day charity pro-am in Ireland last week — and probably will be his last until he gets to the Bahamas at the end of the year for a holiday event he hosts.

While Norman was laying the ground work last fall and figuring out how to spend all that money from Saudi Arabia’s sovereign wealth fund, Woods was out of the public eye from February to the end of November recovering from his car crash outside Los Angeles.

He spoke for the first time in the Bahamas and said his allegiance was to the PGA Tour and “that’s where my legacy is.”

And then it was another four months before Woods played again at the Masters.

And after that, six weeks until the PGA Championship at Southern Hills, where he distanced himself from Phil Mickelson — nothing new there — when it came to the LIV Golf.

Woods now is back in the public two months later. His words are getting stronger.

His most pointed comments were for players who seemingly had their careers in front of

them, who had yet to even make it to the PGA Tour and chose to take money they otherwise would have had to earn through performance.

Woods spoke at his Hall of Fame induction in March of his parents taking out a second mortgage on their home to pay for his junior development. And when he turned pro and signed big endorsements deals with Nike and Titleist, the priority was to pay it off.

That was his road.

As he spoke Tuesday, the Official World Golf Ranking board had its annual meeting at St. Andrews. Still to be determined is whether LIV Golf gets world ranking points. Even if it goes through a one-year waiting period, most — if not all — of the players will be out of the top 50 by then. That makes it a long road back, especially if the majors — which seem to like LIV Golf as much as Woods — change their criteria.

“That is a possibility, that some players will never, ever get a chance to play in a major championship, never get a chance to experience this right here, walk down the fairways at Augusta National,” Woods said. “That to me, I just don’t understand it.”

LIV Golf still doesn’t have anyone from the top 15 in the world ranking, though it has some major champions with plenty of name recognition — Mickelson, a chief recruiter for Norman; Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau.

There was a time not along ago when DeChambeau couldn’t spend enough time

with Woods on the golf course (they played the same brand of golf ball).

Whatever influence Woods has, DeChambeau sees him only a few times a year. That’s the extent of how much Woods can play on a right leg he described as being full of hardware from surgeries.

One famous story over the years was how Mickelson would engage in banter with a room full of players, and Mickelson would end any debate by asking, “How many majors have you won?” But first, he would look over his shoulder to make sure Woods was not in the room.

Woods still owns the stage in golf. He always has. He just doesn’t get out as much.

Norman isn’t at St. Andrews for the gathering of British Open champions. It’s not clear whether he ever planned to attend, having skipped the last two times it was held at the home of golf.

The R&A figured he would be a distraction amid the celebration of the 150th edition and asked him not to come this year.

Woods thought it was the right call.

“Greg has done some things that I don’t think is in the best interest of our game,” he said.

He later referenced Norman trying to start a World Golf Tour in the early 1990s that was quashed.

The most powerful dissenting voice back then came from Arnold Palmer. The King was 20 years beyond his last PGA Tour win but still a consistent presence in golf.

That’s what the tour could use from Woods.

BRITISH OPEN ‘22: A glance at golf’s oldest championship

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Facts and figures for the British Open golf championship:

Event: 150th Open Championship.

Dates: July 14-17.

Site: St. Andrews (Old Course).

Length: 7,313 yards.

Par: 72.

Field: 156 players.

Playoff (if necessary): 3 holes, aggregate score.

Prize money: \$14 million.

Winner’s share: \$2.5 million.

Defending champion: Collin Morikawa.

Last year: Collin Morikawa won his second major in as many years with a dynamic short game for a two-shot victory over Jordan Spieth as the British Open returned after two years because of the COVID-10 pandemic.

Last time at St. Andrews: In the first Monday finish since 1988 because of rain and wind delays, Zach Johnson won a three-way playoff over Marc Leishman and Louis Oosthuizen. Jordan Spieth bogeyed the 17th hole and missed the playoff by one shot, ending his bid for the Grand Slam.

British Open champions at St. Andrews: Tom Kidd (1873), Bob Martin (1876, 1885), Jamie Anderson (1879), Robert Ferguson (1882), Jack Burns (1888), Hugh Kirkaldy (1891), J.H. Taylor (1895, 1900), James Braid (1905, 1910), Jock Hutchison (1921), Bobby Jones (1927), Denny Shute (1933), Dick Burton (1939), Sam Snead (1946), Peter Thomson (1955), Bobby Locke (1957), Kel Nagle (1960), Tony Lema (1964), Jack Nicklaus (1970, 1978), Seve Ballesteros (1984), Nick Faldo (1990), John Daly (1995), Tiger Woods (2000, 2005), Louis Oosthuizen (2010), Zach Johnson (2015).

Tiger Tales: Tiger Woods is playing his third major of the year. He finished 47th in the Masters and made the cut in the PGA Championship and then withdrew after the third round. He has won the British Open twice at St. Andrews.

Saudi league: There are 23 players in the field who played in the last Saudi-funded LIV Golf series.

Key statistic: The last five majors have been won by five different players in their 20s, the longest such streak in major championship history.

Noteworthy: The previous 10 times at the British Open have seen as many champions in their 40s as their 20s.

Quoteworthy: “I don’t think there’s a bigger achievement in golf than winning an Open Championship at St. Andrews.” — Jon Rahm.

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