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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of a General Exemption of Certain Natural Gas Commodity Sales Services or Ancillary Services*
Case Nos. 21-903-GA-EXM, 21-904-GA-ATA, 21-905-GA-AAM

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.

The notice was published as follows:

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The People's Defender	September 14 & 21, 2022
Wilmington News Journal	September 17 & 24, 2022
The Pulse of Warren County	September 18 & 25, 2022

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

Very Truly Yours,

Minna Sunderman

Enclosures: As stated

cc: Parties of Record

Affidavit Proof of Publication

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

Clermont Sun	September 15 & 22, 2022
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Walt Dozier 9/27/22
Walt Dozier Date

State of Ohio
County of Franklin

On this day, the 27 day of September 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
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
November 25, 2025

Detective who used racial slur at club reinstated

Fox19

A Cincinnati police detective has been reinstated to active duty after being suspended for saying a racial slur while working an off-duty detail at a nightclub.

FOP President Dan Hils confirmed the reinstatement of police Detective Joehonny Reese on Tuesday night.

Reese, who is Black, was working off-duty at Energy Nightclub in Longworth Hall on Sept. 2 when bar security brought out a drunk, underage white teenager, Hils described previously.

The teenager physically threatened the bar security staff as well as Reese and another off-duty officer, according to Hils.

The officers allegedly asked the teen-

ager to leave, but they remained, continued to threaten the officers and repeatedly called them “fake n-words,” Hils explained.

Bodycam allegedly shows the teen attempt to assault the officers, which prompted the officers to use a taser and arrest the teenager.

During the encounter, Reese allegedly used the n-word when telling the teenager that he, Reese, wouldn’t be an n-word, according to Hils.

Reese was suspended a week after the incident.

Interim Cincinnati Police Chief Teresa Theetge said it is standard department practice to temporarily suspend police powers until an investigation into the use of a racial slur is complete, no matter the circumstances.

City Manager Sheryl Long voiced support for the temporary suspension, which she said is “expressly defined in the collective bargaining agreement between the FOP and City.”

Long continued: “Every case must go through the same, thorough investigation and critical review in order to avoid undermining the legitimacy of the process.”

Hils offered a statement that reads in part, “I appreciate the city manager for insisting that the police department quickly provide a resolution. Detective Reese was issued a notice of verbal counseling for coarse language. Even that minor documentation was unjustified.”

Members of Cincinnati City Council last month proposed a “zero tolerance

policy” for any police officer who used a racial slur, no matter the circumstances. The policy has yet to be adopted or implemented.

Prior instances of CPD employees using racial slurs have resulted in more serious punishments.

Former CPD Officer Rose Valentino was suspended and later fired after using the slur in an incident with a teenager outside a Western Hills High School.

CPD Officer Kelly Drach served a 56-hour suspension May 20-28 after admitting to using a racial slur on duty twice in late 2021 after talking on the phone to fraudulent telemarketers.

Enquirer Media partner Fox 19 provided this report.

Hamilton County now offering free tampons and pads at buildings

Scott Wartman
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

Free tampons and pads are now available at all county administrative buildings.

The Hamilton County taxpayers spent \$25,000 to install 74 dispensers for free menstrual products in 11 county-owned buildings. The bathrooms are publicly accessible, said county spokeswoman Bridget Doherty.

The Hamilton County Commission on Women & Girls recommended the county install the dispensers. The commissioners approved the measure in April “to make meaningful strides towards addressing gender inequity and period poverty in the region,” according to a release from the county.

The county hopes to set an example for private businesses to offer free menstrual products, said Mary Maune, project coordinator for the Commission on Women & Girls.

“Before we ask other businesses in Hamilton County to also offer free period products, we in Hamilton County want to take the lead on this,” Maune said.

Hamilton County commissioners planned to make a formal announcement of the program on Thursday at the Todd B. Portune Center for County Government, where nine of the dispensers have been installed.

Here’s a list of the locations of the dispensers and the number of dispensers:



Hamilton County installed dispensers for free menstrual products at its buildings. AP FILE

- Taft Law Center, 230 E. Ninth St., four
- 800 Broadway Building, 800 Broadway St., 19
- Todd B. Portune Center for County Government, 138 E. Court St., nine
- Hamilton County Courthouse, 1000 Main St., six
- Hamilton County Public Health Department, 250 William Howard Taft Road, six
- Hamilton County Job and Family Services, Alms & Doepke building, 222 E. Central Parkway, 21
- Hamilton County Justice Center, 1000 Sycamore St., two
- Juvenile Court Youth Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., two
- Coroner Crime Lab, 4477 Carver Woods Drive, Blue Ash, two
- 911 Communication Center, 2377 Civic Center Drive, one
- Sheriff Patrol Headquarters, 11021 Hamilton Ave., two

Prosecutor: Killing in OTR involving 14-year-old ‘captured entirely on video’

Kevin Grasha
Cincinnati Enquirer
USA TODAY NETWORK

A Hamilton County assistant prosecutor on Wednesday described a video that he said shows a 14-year-old boy fatally shoot another teen on a crowded street in Over-the-Rhine.

Records show the teen who was shot, Shawn Lewis, was celebrating his 16th birthday on Friday night.

Shortly before 10 p.m., Lewis was at a bus stop near Orchard and Main streets. The 14-year-old – who is described in court documents as 6 feet tall and 135 pounds – approached Lewis and appeared to push him, Assistant Prosecutor Justin Bagley said at a detention hearing for the 14-year-old.

“While (Lewis) is stumbling to regain his balance, the defendant then pulls out a firearm, firing three shots at” him, Bagley said. Lewis was struck by two bullets.

The incident “was captured entirely on video,” Bagley said.

At Wednesday’s hearing, which

took place at the county youth center at 2020 Auburn Ave., Juvenile Court Magistrate Alexandra Jones ordered that the 14-year-old continue to be held at the detention facility. The Enquirer is not naming him.

At a Sept. 27 pretrial hearing, a date will be set for a separate hearing to determine if the 14-year-old’s case is transferred to adult court. Prosecutors are seeking to have him stand trial as an adult. He faces charges including murder.

The 14-year-old, who lives in West Price Hill, has no violent criminal record, his attorney Andrew Radin told Jones. His only criminal history is a ticket for marijuana, Radin said. The 14-year-old’s mother attended the hearing by phone.

Lewis was a 10th grade student at Dohn Community High School. Administrators told WLWT that he was the top student in his grade. They described him as hard-working, goal-oriented and a caregiver for his younger siblings.

Grief counselors were at the school this week.

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NATION & WORLD

TOP NATIONAL STORY

Tentative railway deal reached, averting strike

By Josh Boak
and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden announced Thursday that a tentative railway labor agreement has been reached, averting a nationwide strike that could have been devastating to the economy before the pivotal midterm elections.

Railroads and union representatives had been in negotiations for 20 hours at the Labor Department well past

midnight to hammer out a deal, as there was a risk of a strike starting today that could have shut down rail lines across the country.

The president brought business and union leaders to the Oval Office on Thursday morning, then hailed the deal in remarks in the White House Rose Garden.

“This agreement is validation of what I’ve always believed, unions and management can work together — can work together — for the benefit of everyone,” Biden

declared.

Biden made a key phone call to Labor Secretary Marty Walsh at 9 p.m. Wednesday as the talks were ongoing after Italian dinner had been brought in, according to White House officials who insisted on anonymity to discuss the conversations. On speakerphone, the president told the negotiators to get a deal done and to consider the harm to families, farmers and businesses if a shutdown occurred, the officials said.

What resulted from the

back and forth was a tentative agreement that will go to union members for a vote after a post-ratification cooling off period of several weeks. One union had to wake up its board to move forward on the agreement, which involved 50 calls from White House officials to organized labor officials.

In the Oval Office, a beaming Biden joked that he was surprised everyone was “still standing” after the late night and that they should be “home in bed.”



President Joe Biden said Thursday a tentative railway labor agreement has been reached, averting a strike that could have been devastating to the economy. ANDREW HARNIK / ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITE HOUSE

Poll shows Biden approval sharply rising ahead of upcoming midterms

By Josh Boak
and Hannah Fingerhut
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden’s popularity improved substantially from his lowest point this summer, but concerns about his handling of the economy persist, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Support for Biden recovered from a low of 36% in July to 45%, driven in large part by a rebound in support from Democrats just two months before the November midterm elections. During a few bleak summer months when gasoline prices peaked and lawmakers appeared deadlocked, the Democrats faced the possibility of blowout losses against Republicans.

Their outlook appears better after notching a string of legislative successes that left more Americans ready



President Joe Biden poses for a photo after speaking about the Inflation Reduction Act during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House on Tuesday. AP

to judge the Democratic president on his preferred terms: “Don’t compare me to the Almighty. Compare me to the alternative.”

The president’s approval rating remains underwater, with 53% of U.S. adults disapproving of him, and the economy continues to be a weakness for Biden.

Just 38% approve of his economic leadership as the country faces stubbornly high inflation and Republicans try to make household finances the axis of the upcoming vote.

Still, the poll suggests Biden and his fellow Democrats are gaining momentum right as generating

voter enthusiasm and turnout takes precedence.

Average gas prices have tumbled 26% since June to \$3.71 a gallon, reducing the pressure somewhat on family budgets even if inflation remains high. Congress also passed a pair of landmark bills in the past month that could reshape the economy and reduce carbon emissions.

Republicans have also faced resistance since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. And Biden is openly casting former President Donald Trump as a fundamental threat to democracy, a charge that took on resonance after an FBI search of Trump’s Florida home found classified documents that belong to the U.S. government.

This combination of factors has won Biden some plaudits among the Democratic faithful, even if Americans still feel lukewarm about his leadership.

NEW DETAILS

Griner, Whelan families to meet Biden amid U.S.-Russia talks

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden plans to meet at the White House today with family members of WNBA star Brittney Griner and Michigan corporate security executive Paul Whelan, both of whom remain jailed in Russia, senior administration officials said.

The separate meetings are to be the first in-person encounter between Biden and the families and are taking place amid sustained but so far unsuccessful efforts by the administration to secure the Americans’ release. The administration said in July that it had made a “substantial proposal” to get them home, but despite plans for the White House meetings, there is no sign that a breakthrough is imminent.

Griner has been held in Russia since February on

drug-related charges. She was sentenced last month to nine years in prison after pleading guilty and has appealed the punishment. Whelan is serving a 16-year sentence on espionage-related charges that he and his family say are false. The U.S. government regards both as wrongfully detained, placing their cases with the office of its top hostage negotiator.

Friday’s meetings, which both families have long sought, are intended to underscore the administration’s commitment to bringing home Griner, Whelan and other Americans jailed abroad, as well as to “connect with them on a human level as they undergo an ordeal that the Russian government has imposed on them,” said one of the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as the meetings had not yet been publicly announced.

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CONTINUING COVERAGE

Trump docs probe: Court lifts hold on Mar-a-Lago records

By Eric Tucker and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a stark repudiation of Donald Trump’s legal arguments, a federal appeals court on Wednesday permitted the Justice Department to resume its use of classified records seized from the former president’s Florida estate as part of its ongoing criminal investigation.

The ruling from a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit amounts to an overwhelming victory for the Justice Department, clearing the way for investigators to continue scrutinizing the documents as they consider whether to bring criminal charges over the storage of of top-secret records at Mar-a-Lago after Trump left the White House. In lifting a hold on a core aspect of the department’s probe, the court removed an obstacle that could have delayed the investigation by weeks.

The appeals court also pointedly noted that Trump had presented no evidence that he had declassified the sensitive records, as he maintained as recently as Wednesday, and rejected the possibility that Trump could have an “individual interest in or need for” the roughly 100 documents with classification markings that were seized by the FBI in its Aug. 8 search of the Palm Beach property.

The government had argued that its investigation had been impeded, and national security concerns swept aside, by an order from U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon that temporarily barred investigators from continuing to use the documents in its inquiry. Cannon, a Trump



Protesters stand outside as Donald Trump’s lawyers enter Brooklyn Federal Court on Tuesday in New York. A judge has lifted the hold on the Mar-a-Lago records. AP

MORE DETAILS

Trump claims he can declassify documents ‘even by thinking about it’

Former President Donald Trump said in a broadcast interview Wednesday that he can declassify documents “even by thinking about it.”

“There doesn’t have to be a process, as I understand it,” Trump told Fox News’ Sean Hannity, after Hannity pressed him on which process he took to declassify the documents.

He continued, “If you’re the president of the United States, you can declassify just by saying it’s declassified, even by thinking about it.”

Trump’s comments came before the ruling from the appeals court authorizing the Department of Justice to review the 100 classified documents he took. The court said that although the former president has said he declassified the documents before he left office, there are no records of it. Court documents released since the FBI’s Aug. 8 search of Trump’s home in Florida showed that he kept classified documents marked “secret” and “top secret.”

The FBI seized documents as part of an ongoing investigation that may involve criminal laws prohibiting improper removal of sensitive documents and obstruction of justice. — FROM WIRE REPORTS

appointee, had said the hold would remain in place pending a separate review by an independent arbiter she had appointed at the Trump

team’s request to review the records.

The appeals panel agreed with the Justice Department’s concerns.

“It is self-evident that the public has a strong interest in ensuring that the storage of the classified records did not result in ‘exceptionally grave damage to the national security,’” they wrote. “Ascertaining that,” they added, “necessarily involves reviewing the documents, determining who had access to them and when, and deciding which (if any) sources or methods are compromised.”

An injunction that delayed or prevented the criminal investigation “from using classified materials risks imposing real and significant harm on the United States and the public,” they wrote.

Two of the three judges who issued Wednesday’s ruling — Britt Grant and Andrew Brasher — were nominated to the 11th Circuit by Trump. Judge Robin Rosenbaum was nominated by former President Barack Obama.

Lawyers for Trump did not return an email seeking comment on whether they would appeal the ruling. The Justice Department did not have an immediate comment.

The FBI last month seized roughly 11,000 documents, including about 100 with classification markings, during a court-authorized search of the Palm Beach club. It has launched a criminal investigation into whether the records were mishandled or compromised, though is not clear whether Trump or anyone else will be charged.

Cannon ruled on Sept. 5 that she would name an independent arbiter, or special master, to do an independent review of those records and segregate any that may be covered by claims of attorney-client privilege or executive privilege and to determine whether any of the materials should be returned to Trump.

ABORTION LAWS

Judge blocks Indiana abortion ban a week after it took effect

By Tom Davies
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana judge on Thursday blocked the state’s abortion ban from being enforced, putting the new law on hold as abortion clinic operators argue that it violates the state constitution.

Owen County Judge Kelsey Hanlon issued a preliminary injunction against the ban that took effect one week ago. The injunction was sought by abortion clinic operators who argued in a lawsuit that the state constitution protects access to the medical procedure.

The ban was approved by the state’s Republican-dominated Legislature on Aug. 5 and signed by GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb. That made Indiana the first state to enact tighter abortion restrictions since the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated federal abortion protections by overturning *Roe v. Wade* in June.

The judge wrote “there is reasonable likelihood that this significant restriction of personal autonomy offends the liberty guarantees of the Indiana Constitution” and that the clinics will prevail in the lawsuit. The order prevents the state from enforcing the ban pending a trial on the merits of the lawsuit.

Republican state Attorney General Todd Rokita said in a statement: “We plan to appeal and continue to make the case for life in Indiana.”

Indiana’s ban followed the political firestorm over a 10-year-old rape victim who traveled to the state from neighboring Ohio to end her pregnancy. The case gained wide attention

when an Indianapolis doctor said the child came to Indiana because of Ohio’s “fetal heartbeat” ban.

An Ohio judge has temporarily blocked that state law, indicating he will allow abortions to continue up to 20 weeks’ gestation until after a court hearing scheduled for Oct. 7.

With Indiana now on hold, bans on abortion at any point in pregnancy are in place in 12 Republican-led states. In Wisconsin, clinics have stopped providing abortions amid litigation over whether an 1849 ban is in effect. Georgia bans abortions once fetal cardiac activity can be detected and Florida and Utah have bans that kick in after 15 and 18 weeks gestation, respectively.

The Indiana ban, which includes limited exceptions, replaced state laws that generally prohibited abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy and tightly restricted them after the 13th week.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, which is representing the abortion clinics, filed the lawsuit Aug. 31 and argued the ban would “prohibit the overwhelming majority of abortions in Indiana and, as such, will have a devastating and irreparable impact on the plaintiffs and, more importantly, their patients and clients.”

Ken Falk, the ACLU of Indiana’s legal director, pointed to the state constitution’s declaration of rights including “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” in arguing before the judge on Monday that it included a right to privacy and to make decisions on whether to have children.

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Chief Freeland reaches 25th year with GPD

Georgetown Police Chief Robert Freeland reached his 25th year with the Georgetown Police Department last week. Congratulations to Chief Freeland!

Brown County Seniors to meet

The Brown County Seniors will have a meeting September 28 at the ABCAP Gym 406 W. Plum Street at 12:00p.m. There were 14 members and 2 guests at the last meeting. In order for this organization to continue, they need more members to participate. BC Seniors wants to thank OVM for the pies and the Villa for the chicken that they provide for our meal. Don't forget to bring a covered dish to share. Senior Nutrition at 505 N Main St is now open for lunch. Everyone had a good time playing Bingo. They will be having their meeting in September even though it is fair week. Senior Day at the Fair is Thursday, September 29. The birthdays for the month of September are: Patricia Arthon, Betty Gelter, Mary Jordan, Nancy Swope, Karen Woodruff. Be in prayer for those who are suffering in the Ukraine war, prayer for our Military and the ones who are sick, in the hospital and the nursing homes.

Schroeder takes over as Sardinia mayor

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County Christian School. A reason was not given for Townes' resignation, but it could very well relate to federal charges she faced after being accused of stealing more than \$700,000 from a former employer. According to previous news reports by *The News Democrat*, Townes was arrested by federal agents on April 29 of 2021 at her home. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Cincinnati released the following information regarding the arrest of Townes. According to court documents, Coday-Townes previously served

as the office manager for Custom Built Crates in Clermont County. In that role, the defendant was responsible for accounts payable and bookkeeping, including inputting and sending data to a third-party payroll company, according to court documents. The indictment alleged that from 2013 until 2019, Coday-Townes wrote checks using an employers' signature stamp from Custom Built Crates' operating accounts to pay off her personal credit cards, *The News Democrat* reported in 2021. She also allegedly made false entries into the accounting database, indicating the checks

were to vendors rather than to her personal credit cards. Coday-Townes also allegedly entered overtime hours for herself, even though she was ineligible for overtime as a salaried employee. The indictment alleged that Townes stole \$700,666.21 from her employee over the course of six years. Coday-Townes was then charged with wire fraud, punishable by up to 20 years in prison, and aggravated identity theft, which carries an additional mandatory sentence of two years in prison, according to previous reports by *The News Democrat*.

Ripley's DORA opens

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town around," said Ripley Village Council member, Alvin Wallace, who pushed to get the DORA District open in Ripley. "This initiative not only serves one business, it serves the entire business community here in Ripley," Brown County Chamber of Commerce Chairperson, Jennifer Patrick, said during the DORA ribbon cutting held in Ripley. "This is just something that I think will elevate not only visitors on the river, but visitors along (US Route) 52, and I think it's just something that will set a precedent for the rest of the county,"

Patrick added. The Village of Ripley is hosting a block party on Sept. 17 from noon to midnight in its DORA District. The block party will include music, food, fun and an adult beverage by the river inside our DORA District. Alexa Forsythe will perform from 3-6 p.m. and



Boone Alley will take the stage at 7 pm on Main Street in Ripley. "People want to be entertained," said Wallace.

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Wade’s ‘Best of Brown County’ Experience

Brown County’s Best Photographic Spot: Meranda-Nixon Winery

The Brown County Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the 2022 “Best of Brown County” awards earlier this year. The “Best of Brown County” was created to celebrate all that Brown County has to offer, including food and drink destinations, live entertainment, and local historic sites. Wade Linville (editor of The News Democrat, The Ripley Bee, and The Brown County Press) will be writing about his experience at all of the 13 locations that earned a “Best of Brown County” award. This is part 11 of Wade’s “Best of Brown County” Experience featuring Brown County’s 2022 Best Photographic Spot, Meranda-Nixon Winery.

There is a place in Brown County where you can go to and relax in peace and tranquility, enjoying a delicious glass of wine while overlooking the vineyards where the grapes used to make the wine are grown. That place is Meranda-Nixon Winery located at 6517 Laycock Road outside of Ripley. In fact, there are people who have made Meranda-Nixon Winery their home away from home to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery, and that is why Meranda-Nixon Winery is the winner of the Brown County Chamber of Commerce’s 2022 “Best of Brown County” Best Photographic Spot Award.

Joe and Yevona Troxell have been traveling from

their home in Amelia to visit Meranda-Nixon Winery on a regular basis for the past five years, and are among those who consider the winery their second home.

In less than a couple of weeks, the Troxells will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary at Meranda-Nixon Winery.

“It’s beautiful, and they are always so welcoming,” Yevona Troxell said of Meranda-Nixon Winery, its owners, and its staff. “If you feel like you want to go somewhere and hang with a friend, you come here because they treat you like a friend.”

“And they have the best wine ever,” she continued.

Meranda-Nixon Winery opened in 2007 and is owned and operated by Seth Meranda and his wife Maura.

Upon graduation from The Ohio State University’s College of Agriculture, Seth Meranda returned to his great grandfather’s family farm and grew tobacco and grain crops prior to planting Meranda Vineyards in 2003. Seth Meranda’s late wife, Tina Nixon-Meranda, grew up on the Nixon family farm in Warren County, graduated from Cincinnati State, and became active in the Brown County farm in 1998. Tina Nixon-Meranda was a former Brown County Clerk of Courts and lost her battle with lung cancer on October 1 of 2012, around five years after the winery opened



Meranda-Nixon Winery is the winner of the Brown County Chamber of Commerce’s 2022 “Best of Brown County” Photographic Spot Award. Photo by Wade Linville



Seth and Maura Meranda with their four children - Preston, Austin, Lizzie, and Ben. Photo provided

for business.

Tobacco farming was big business in Brown County until the federal “tobacco buyout” that led to thousands of farmers across the U.S. looking for other profitable crops to grow. The Merandas saw a future in the wine industry, and Seth Meranda used his

education and farming knowledge to produce high quality grapes for making delicious wines which include their popular whites and reds.

“I go to a lot of wineries and they have the best reds I’ve ever tasted,” said Joe Troxell.

According to the Troxells, there is nothing more relaxing than enjoying a glass of Meranda-Nixon wine while watching the sunset over the Meranda-Nixon vineyards.

With a rolling landscape that stretches for miles and distant trees that meet the sky, Meranda-Nixon Winery has a view like no other in Brown County.

The view makes it the perfect place for weddings, anniversaries, or

other special occasions.

Seth and Maura Meranda’s four children - Preston, Austin, Lizzie, and Ben - help with work at the winery when not in school, as well as other family members.

The family-run business has been a great success over the years, as the popularity of their wines now spans well beyond Brown and its surrounding counties.

“It’s an honor that we are able to share what we have with others through pictures,” said Maura Meranda when asked how it felt to be voted as Brown County’s Best Photographic Spot. “People love coming here and relaxing, and they love the view.”

“When they come here and start taking pictures,

it makes me smile,” she added.

The next time you plan for a night out on the weekend at a beautiful location, visit Meranda-Nixon for dinner and a glass of wine.

“We have our steak and salmon dinners, and a lot of people will sit out here and have dinner, and they can stay and enjoy the view as long as they like,” said Maura Meranda.

Meranda-Nixon Winery is open Fridays from 1-7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Mondays through Thursdays are by appointment only.

You can contact Meranda-Nixon Winery by phone at (248) 891-0935 or visit its website at <http://www.meranda-nixonwinery.com>.

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WHITE HOUSE

Poll shows Biden approval sharply rising ahead of upcoming midterms

By Josh Boak and Hannah Fingerhut
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden’s popularity improved substantially from his lowest point this summer, but concerns about his handling of the economy persist, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Support for Biden recovered from a low of 36% in July to 45%, driven in large part by a rebound in support from Democrats just two months before the November midterm elections. During a few bleak summer months when gasoline prices peaked and lawmakers appeared deadlocked, the Democrats faced the possibility of blowout losses against Republicans.

Their outlook appears better after notching a string of legislative successes that left more Americans ready



President Joe Biden poses for a photo after speaking about the Inflation Reduction Act during a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House on Tuesday. AP

to judge the Democratic president on his preferred terms: “Don’t compare me to the Almighty. Compare me to the alternative.”

The president’s approval rating remains underwater, with 53% of U.S. adults disapproving of him, and the economy continues to be a weakness for Biden.

Just 38% approve of his economic leadership as the country faces stubbornly high inflation and Republicans try to make household finances the axis of the upcoming vote.

Still, the poll suggests Biden and his fellow Democrats are gaining momentum right as generating

voter enthusiasm and turnout takes precedence.

Average gas prices have tumbled 26% since June to \$3.71 a gallon, reducing the pressure somewhat on family budgets even if inflation remains high. Congress also passed a pair of landmark bills in the past month that could reshape the economy and reduce carbon emissions.

Republicans have also faced resistance since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. And Biden is openly casting former President Donald Trump as a fundamental threat to democracy, a charge that took on resonance after an FBI search of Trump’s Florida home found classified documents that belong to the U.S. government.

This combination of factors has won Biden some plaudits among the Democratic faithful, even if Americans still feel lukewarm about his leadership.

NEW DETAILS

Griner, Whelan families to meet Biden amid U.S.-Russia talks

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden plans to meet at the White House today with family members of WNBA star Brittney Griner and Michigan corporate security executive Paul Whelan, both of whom remain jailed in Russia, senior administration officials said.

The separate meetings are to be the first in-person encounter between Biden and the families and are taking place amid sustained but so far unsuccessful efforts by the administration to secure the Americans’ release. The administration said in July that it had made a “substantial proposal” to get them home, but despite plans for the White House meetings, there is no sign that a breakthrough is imminent.

Griner has been held in Russia since February on

drug-related charges. She was sentenced last month to nine years in prison after pleading guilty and has appealed the punishment. Whelan is serving a 16-year sentence on espionage-related charges that he and his family say are false. The U.S. government regards both as wrongfully detained, placing their cases with the office of its top hostage negotiator.

Friday’s meetings, which both families have long sought, are intended to underscore the administration’s commitment to bringing home Griner, Whelan and other Americans jailed abroad, as well as to “connect with them on a human level as they undergo an ordeal that the Russian government has imposed on them,” said one of the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity as the meetings had not yet been publicly announced.

Railway deal

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work together – can work together – for the benefit of everyone,” Biden declared.

Biden made a key phone call to Labor Secretary Marty Walsh at 9 p.m. Wednesday as the talks were ongoing after Italian dinner had been brought in, according to White House officials who insisted on anonymity to discuss the conversations. On speakerphone, the president told the negotiators to get a deal done and to consider the harm to families, farmers and businesses if a shutdown occurred, the officials said.

What resulted from the

back and forth was a tentative agreement that will go to union members for a vote after a post-ratification cooling off period of several weeks. One union had to wake up its board to move forward on the agreement, which involved 50 calls from White House officials to organized labor officials.

In the Oval Office, a beaming Biden joked that he was surprised everyone was “still standing” after the late night and that they should be “home in bed.”

The strike would also have disrupted passenger traffic as well as freight rail lines, because Amtrak and many commuter railroads operate on tracks owned by the

freight railroads. Amtrak had already canceled a number of its long-distance trains this week, and said the rest of its long-distance trains would stop Thursday ahead of the strike deadline.

Following the tentative agreement, Amtrak said it was “working to quickly restore canceled trains and reaching out to impacted customers to accommodate on first available departures.”

The five-year deal, retroactive to 2020, includes the 24% raises and \$5,000 in bonuses that a Presidential Emergency Board recommended this summer. But railroads also agreed to ease their strict attendance policies to address some of the

unions’ concerns about working conditions.

Railroad workers will now be able to take unpaid days off for doctor’s appointments without being penalized under railroad attendance rules. Previously, workers would lose points under the attendance systems that the BNSF and Union Pacific railroads had adopted, and they could be disciplined if they lost all their points.

The unions that represent the conductors and engineers who drive the trains had pressed hard for changes in the attendance rules, and they said this deal sets a precedent that they will be able to negotiate over those kinds of rules in the future. But

workers will still have to vote whether those changes are enough to approve the deal.

The threat of a shutdown had put Biden in a delicate spot politically. The Democratic president believes unions built the middle class, but he also knew a rail worker strike could damage the economy ahead of the midterms, when majorities in both chambers of Congress, key governorships and scores of important state offices will be up for grabs.

That left him in the awkward position on Wednesday. He flew to Detroit, a stalwart of the labor movement, to espouse the virtues of unionization, while members of his administration went all-out

to keep talks going.

As the administration was trying to forge peace, United Auto Workers Local 598 member Ryan Buchalski introduced Biden at the Detroit auto show as “the most union- and labor-friendly president in American history” and someone who was “kickin’ ass for the working class.” Buchalski harked back to the pivotal sit-down strikes by autoworkers in the 1930s.

In the speech that followed, Biden recognized that he wouldn’t be in the White House without the support of unions such as the UAW and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, saying autoworkers “brung me to the dance.”

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CRIME

Fugitive in massive Navy bribery scandal caught in Venezuela

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A Malaysian defense contractor nicknamed “Fat Leonard” who orchestrated one of the largest bribery scandals in U.S. military history has been arrested in Venezuela after fleeing before his sentencing, authorities said.

The international man-hunt for Leonard Glenn Francis ended with his arrest by Venezuelan authorities Tuesday morning at the

Caracas airport as he was about to board an airplane for another country, the U.S. Marshals Service said.

Francis had traveled to Venezuela from Mexico with a stopover in Cuba, Interpol Venezuela Director General Carlos Garate Rondon said in a statement posted on Instagram. Francis was headed to Russia and was arrested at the main international airport in Caracas, the agency said.

The arrest came on the eve

of his scheduled sentencing in a federal court in California for a bribery scheme that lasted more than a decade and involved dozens of U.S. Navy officers.

There was no immediate word on when he might be extradited to the United States.

The U.S. government faces an uphill challenge returning the fugitive back to American soil. The U.S. government doesn’t recognize Nicolas Maduro’s socialist govern-

ment, has no embassy in the country and has imposed crushing sanctions on the country that has further embittered relations. Law enforcement cooperation between the two countries is rare.

Francis was under home arrest in San Diego when he cut off his GPS ankle bracelet and escaped on Sept. 4. Ten U.S. agencies searched for Francis and authorities issued a \$40,000 reward for his arrest.

CAPITOL RIOT

Book about Jan. 6 to feature foreword from Rep. Schiff

By Carlos De Loera
Los Angeles Times

U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff of California is not done talking about the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Random House announced Wednesday that Schiff, a member of the committee investigating the events of Jan. 6, 2021, will be writing a foreword for the upcoming book “January 6 Report: The Findings of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.”

According to a press release, the book is “the official report of the investigation into the attack – perhaps the most vital congressional investigation in American history – with exhibits, witness testimony, and an exclusive foreword written

by Congressman Adam Schiff – who offers critical insights into this harrowing chapter in American history.”

Schiff, D-Calif., will not be compensated for his contribution, the release noted.

Historically, published accounts of federal investigations have done well on the bestsellers lists. Attorney Kenneth Starr’s criminal investigation of Bill Clinton, which led to the then-president’s Senate impeachment trial in 1999 (he was acquitted), was released as “The Starr Report” and became a worldwide bestseller.

And in 2019, “The Mueller Report,” which documented attorney Robert Mueller’s investigation into Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election, also became a best-seller and spawned multiple books about it.

MIDEAST

9 killed as Iran protests over woman’s death spread

Associated Press

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES — Clashes between Iranian security forces and protesters angry over the death of a 22-year-old woman in police custody have killed at least nine people since the violence erupted over the weekend, according to a tally Thursday by The Associated Press.

The scope of Iran’s ongoing unrest, the worst in several years, still remains unclear as protesters in at least a dozen cities – venting anger over social repression and the country’s mounting crises – continue to encounter security and paramilitary forces.

To prevent protests from spreading, Iran’s biggest telecom operator largely shut down mobile internet access again Thursday, said Netblocks, a group that monitors internet access, describing the restrictions as the most severe since 2019.

An anchor on Iran’s state television suggested the



Protesters in Tehran, Iran, chant slogans in this Wednesday photo taken by an individual not employed by the Associated Press and obtained by the AP outside Iran. AP

death toll from the mass protests could be as high as 17 on Thursday, but did not say how he reached that figure, adding that official statistics would be released later.

In a country where radio and television stations already are state-controlled and journalists regularly

face the threat of arrest, the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard urged the judiciary on Thursday to prosecute “anyone who spreads fake news and rumors” on social media about the unrest. Widespread outages of Instagram and WhatsApp, which are used by protesters, also

continued Thursday.

The demonstrations in Iran began as an emotional outpouring over the death of Mahsa Amini, a young woman held by the country’s morality police for allegedly violating its dress code. Her death has sparked sharp condemnation from the United States, the European Union and the United Nations.

The police say Amini died of a heart attack and was not mistreated, but her family has cast doubt on that account. Independent experts affiliated with the U.N. said Thursday that reports suggested she was severely beaten by the morality police.

The protests have grown in the last five days into an open challenge to the government, with women removing and burning their state-mandated headscarves in the streets and Iranians calling for the downfall of the Islamic Republic itself.

“Death to the dictator!” has been a common cry in the protests.

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Hatten said autopsies would be performed to determine the exact cause but reports wouldn’t be available for a few weeks.

Prinz said the mother arrived on the scene eight to 10 minutes after crews arrived to fight the fire. The West Chester police are investigating the incident. Barb Wilson, director of public information and engagement, said, “In any investigation involving children, the police work with social/family services.”

Julie Gilbert, executive director of Butler County Job and Family Services, told the Journal-News she can neither “confirm or deny” whether her agency is now or has ever been involved with this family.

Children Services cases are generally filed with the Butler County Juvenile Court. Tim Myers, director of the Juvenile Justice Center, said he checked the names of the two children who died and “the two youth are not in our system anywhere.”

Prinz said about 21 of his people were on the scene along with crews from Fairfield and Liberty townships. Sharonville and Springdale fire departments also responded, so about 47 people were on hand to help.

He said dealing with tragedies like this is never

easy: “All in all, our guys are doing pretty well. Not to say they’re not struggling, because they are, but we have mechanisms in place to help them cope.”

“It’s a significant blow to us in our department,” Prinz said. “We train and we train very hard to save lives, and when we’re not able to save a life, especially in light of the recent news, it’s another blow to our department.”

He said his people can avail themselves of the peer counseling program, some other outside resources and they plan to have a pet counseling session next week. They have had the pet team in for an introduction, but this will be the first therapeutic session. He said the dogs especially work wonders.

“They just lighten the mood, get people to open up, it’s really amazing what they do and how they do it,” Prinz said. “They’re just so loving and compassionate in their own way, and they’re

‘When you have a baby that you have to do CPR on, that is always something that sticks with you.’

Carmen Kuehn
West Chester Twp.
firefighter/paramedic

able to just put that person that’s holding onto those feelings, it just gives them the ability to just transfer those feelings to the pet and the pet just washes away with them.”

While the fire/rescue scene was still active, Prinz called Carmen Kuehn, a firefighter/paramedic on his staff who spearheaded a program about four years ago to help her peers deal with tough situations like these.

Kuehn said they spoke to everyone to at the scene and they followed up with some after. At first glance everybody seems to be OK: “It’s our job, it’s what we do and we just chuck it away as something we’ve done the best that we possibly could.”

She said now they are setting up debriefings to make sure everyone remains on an even keel, but when children are involved it has a lasting impact.

“When you have a baby that you have to do CPR on, that is always something that sticks with you for long periods of time,” Kuehn said. “It’s something you just have to learn to work through and realize that you didn’t put that child in that situation, and you did the best that you could. But, yeah, it sticks with most firemen for typically their career if not their life.”

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Drones

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baseball team.

“This is a growing problem that poses a direct risk to the players and the individuals in the stands,” said Parker.

“Even if the operator does not have an intent to harm, the operator could easily lose control and injure someone. Moreover, the sight of a drone flying overhead could lead to a panic in the crowd. If you attend these

events like Reds games and Bengals games – leave the drones at home.”

“Flying a drone over a stadium full of fans is dangerous and illegal without the proper FAA training, licensing, and approved flight plan,” stated FBI Cincinnati Special Agent in Charge J. William Rivers. “We will continue to work with the FAA and local police to investigate these incidents when proper FAA protocols... are not followed.”

Any drone that weighs more than .55 pounds and

less than 55 pounds must be registered with the FAA, Parker’s office said.

Dabney’s and Lenhoff’s drones are not registered with the FAA and they do not have remote pilot certifications.

The defendants are each charged with operating an unregistered drone – a federal crime punishable by up to three years in prison.

Dabney is also charged with violating a temporary flight restriction, which is punishable by up to one year in prison.

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Brown on FB Policy Committee

Nathan Brown of Hillsboro is serving on the 2022 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Policy Development Committee. The committee collects and organizes public policy recommendations from county Farm Bureaus and presents the final policy suggestions to be voted on by Ohio Farm Bureau's delegates during the state annual meeting in December.

In its initial session, the committee heard from government leaders, subject matter experts and Farm Bureau staff on topics such as farmland preservation; the farm bill; SEC climate reporting at the farm level; funding alternatives for the gas tax; biosecurity measures to protect livestock from chronic wasting disease, highly pathogenic avian influenza and swine fever; and the United States EPA approval process for ag technology such as Enlist, atrazine and others.

The policy committee consists of 10 members from the Ohio Farm Bureau Board of Trustees and 10 representatives of county Farm Bureaus. Brown serves on the board of trustees representing farmers from Adams, Brown, Clermont and Highland counties. Ohio Farm Bureau's mission is working together for Ohio farmers to advance agriculture and strengthen our communities. Learn more at ohiofarmbureau.org.

Submitted by Ty Higgins, senior director of communications, Ohio Farm Bureau.

Proper harvesting of red and green tomatoes

By Melinda Myers
For The Times-Gazette

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Harvesting when they are fully ripe ensures the best flavor for eating fresh, cooking and preserving. Visit your garden often and watch for the fruit to turn from green to fully colored. Then leave them on the plant for five to eight days. Vine-ripened tomatoes have the best flavor for using fresh or preserving.

Check plants regularly and keep harvesting, so the plants continue to produce. This also reduces problems with insects and disease organisms attacking overripe or rotting fruit. Store mature, fully colored tomatoes in cool, 45- to 50-degree conditions with high humidity. They will last about seven to 14 days in these conditions.

When growing indeterminate tomatoes, you will notice the plants keep growing and producing more flowers and fruit until the frost kills the plant. Redirect



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com
"Tye Dye" tomato in the garden with red and green tomatoes to harvest.

the plant's energy from sprouting new blossoms and fruit to ripening the fruit that is already on the plant. Prune off the stem tip of indeterminate tomatoes about a month before the average first fall frost in your area. This allows the existing flowers to develop into

fruit and the existing fruit to mature before the end of the growing season.

Extend the harvest season with the help of floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light, and water through, but trap heat around the plants. Protecting

plants from the first few fall frosts often provides time for more tomatoes to ripen.

Sometimes you cannot protect plants from frost or hungry critters prevent you from leaving the tomatoes on the plant to fully ripen. You can pick any tomatoes that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The blossom end should be greenish white or starting to color up. Use blemished and cracked fruit right away since these do not store well.

Store green and under-ripe tomatoes in a cool 60- to 65-degree location to maximize their storage life. Set the tomatoes on heavy paper spread apart so they are not touching. Or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not make direct contact. This helps prevent rot spreading from one fruit to the next.

These tomatoes will ripen over the next few weeks. You can speed up the process by moving a

few tomatoes to a bright, warm location a few days before they are needed.

Extend the tomato season next year by growing a Long Keeper. The flavor is not as good as vine-ripened fruit, but you can pick these before the first fall frost and enjoy garden tomatoes for up to three months.

And don't let the rest of the green tomatoes go to waste. Use them for frying, chow chow, green salsa, and other tasty treats.

Keep harvesting and enjoying your garden-fresh tomatoes as long as your growing season allows. Then make space to store them a few weeks after the first fall frost.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardeners Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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An illustration depicts NASA's DART probe, foreground right, and Italian Space Agency's (ASI) LICIACube, bottom right, at the Didymos system before impact with the asteroid Dimorphos, left. DART is expected to zero in on the asteroid Monday with intent to slam into it head-on at 14,000 mph. The impact should be just enough to nudge the asteroid into a slightly tighter orbit around its companion space rock.

EXPLAINER

Why NASA’s ‘Dart’ spacecraft will soon crash into an asteroid

By Marcia Dunn
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — In the first-of-its kind, save-the-world experiment, NASA is about to clobber a small, harmless asteroid millions of miles away. A spacecraft named Dart will zero in on the asteroid Monday, intent on slamming it head-on at 14,000 mph (22,500 kph). The impact should be just enough to nudge the asteroid into a slightly tighter orbit around its companion space rock — demonstrating that if a killer asteroid ever heads our way, we’d stand a fighting chance of diverting it. Telescopes will watch the crash. It will take months to find out if it changed the orbit. The \$325 million planetary defense test began with Dart’s launch last fall.

Asteroid target

The asteroid with the bull’s-eye on it is Dimorphos, about 7 million miles (9.6 million kilometers) from Earth. It is actually the puny sidekick of a 2,500-foot (780-meter) asteroid named Didymos, Greek for twin. Discovered in 1996, Didymos is spinning so fast that scientists believe it flung off material that eventually formed a moonlet. Dimorphos — roughly 525 feet (160 meters) across — orbits its parent body at a distance of less than a mile (1.2 kilometers). “This really is about asteroid deflection, not disruption,” said Nancy Chabot, a planetary scientist and mission team leader at Johns Hopkins University, which is managing the effort. “This isn’t going to blow up the asteroid. It isn’t going to put it into lots of pieces.” Rather, the impact will dig out a crater tens of yards (meters) in size and hurl some 2 million pounds (1 million kilograms) of rocks and dirt into space. NASA insists there’s a zero chance either asteroid will threaten Earth — now or in the future. That’s why the pair was picked.

Dart, the impactor

Johns Hopkins took a minimalist approach in developing Dart — short for Double Asteroid Redirection Test — given that it’s essentially a battering ram and faces sure destruction. It has a single instrument: a camera used for navigating, targeting and chronicling the final action. Believed to be essentially a rubble pile, Dimorphos will emerge

as a point of light an hour before impact, looming larger and larger in the camera images beamed back to Earth. Managers are confident Dart won’t smash into the larger Didymos by mistake. The spacecraft’s navigation is designed to distinguish between the two asteroids and, in the final 50 minutes, target the smaller one. The size of a small vending machine at 1,260 pounds (570 kilograms), the spacecraft will slam into roughly 11 billion pounds (5 billion kilograms) of asteroid. “Sometimes we describe it as running a golf cart into a Great Pyramid,” said Chabot. Unless Dart misses — NASA puts the odds of that happening at less than 10% — it will be the end of the road for Dart. If it goes screaming past both space rocks, it will encounter them again in a couple years for Take 2.

Saving Earth

Little Dimorphos completes a lap around big Didymos every 11 hours and 55 minutes. The impact by Dart should shave about 10 minutes off that. Although the strike itself should be immediately apparent, it will take months to verify the moonlet’s tweaked orbit.

Governors’ races take on new prominence, with higher stakes

By Sara Burnett
and John Hanna
Associated Press

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Governors’ races often are overshadowed by the fight for control of Congress during mid-term elections. But this fall, the nation’s political future hangs just as much on governors’ mansions as it does on Capitol Hill.

With abortion rights, immigration policies and democracy itself in the balance, both parties are entering the final weeks before the Nov. 8 election prepared to spend unprecedented amounts of money to win top state offices. Those elected will be in power for the 2024 election, when they could influence voting laws as well as certification of the outcome. And their powers over abortion rights increased greatly when the U.S. Supreme Court in June left the question to states to decide.

“Governors’ races matter more than ever,” said North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, chair of the Democratic Governors Association, the group working to elect Democrats to lead states.

For Democrats, Cooper said, governors “are often the last line of defense” on issues that have been turned over to states, including gun laws and voting rights in addition to abortion. That’s been especially true in places with Democratic governors and Republican-controlled legislatures, such as Wisconsin and Kansas — states both parties have made top targets for victory in November. Democrats are leading Republican candidates in two important battleground states with GOP-led statehouses, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly is the only Democratic governor running for reelection in a state carried by former President Donald Trump in 2020. The former legislator won the office in 2018 against a fiery conserva-



Morry Gash | AP file
Wisconsin Republican gubernatorial candidate Tim Michels, left, speaks as former President Donald Trump, right, listens at a rally in Waukesha, Wis. Democratic Gov. Tony Evers faces Michels, who was endorsed by Trump. Michels has claimed the 2020 presidential election was rigged — a lie Trump has pushed in an effort to overturn his loss to Biden — and supports changes to voting and election laws in the state, a perennial presidential battleground.

tive after running as a moderate who promoted bipartisanship.

She now faces three-term state Attorney General Derek Schmidt, who has repeatedly tried to tie her to President Joe Biden and criticized her as too liberal for the red state. Schmidt’s campaign has been hurt, however, by a third-party bid from a conservative state lawmaker.

During a debate at the Kansas State Fair this month, Schmidt portrayed Kelly’s position on abortion as too extreme, telling a crowd she supports abortion without restrictions.

Kansas has been the unlikely site of Democratic hopes in regard to abortion rights. In August, Kansas voters overwhelmingly defeated a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would have allowed the GOP-controlled Legislature to greatly restrict or ban abortion. Kelly opposed the measure, though she has tried to focus her campaign elsewhere.

Schmidt said he respects the outcome of the vote but that the abortion debate isn’t over.

“What was not on the ballot was Governor Kelly’s position,” he said.

Throughout nearly two decades in elective politics, Kelly has opposed nearly every restriction on abortion now in Kansas law. But asked about Schmidt’s characterization of her position on abortion, she said, “You know, I have never said that.”

Kelly hasn’t emphasized abortion as an issue, though many Democrats think it would help her. Instead, she has been touting the state’s fiscal strength and her work to lure businesses and jobs. “Maybe I’m not flashy, but I’m effective,” she said at the end of the state fair debate.

In Wisconsin, Democratic Gov. Tony Evers warns voters that democracy is on the ballot this fall and notes he has vetoed more bills than any governor in modern state history, including measures Republicans pushed to change how elections are conducted.

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Michels is among several Trump-backed nominees who emerged from sometimes brutal GOP primaries. In some cases, more moderate or establishment Republicans warned that the far-right pick endorsed by Trump would struggle to win in a general election.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey, chair of the Republican Governors Association, acknowledged the intraparty turmoil during a discussion at Georgetown University’s Institute of Politics and Public Policy last week.

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Old traditions gone

Chapter 30- Part 5
This week, the year is 1908 and little Lena is not so little any more. Her mind wanders off on rabbit trails as she sits and ponders the stories she has heard again and again over the years. It seems that the stories about Aunt Lou were especially interesting to a young girl in her teenage years. As she reviews those stories in her thoughts, she wonders what Aunt Lou’s life might have been like if it had not been for her weak constitution.

At my age, then 15, Aunt Lou’s life seemed very romantic and I fancied the collaboration with the Methodists and Campbellites was a tribute to her esteem of the piety of lost loves of those faiths, for many were the stories of her romances I had heard from Aunt Mary Ann (McCreight). So, one day I said, “Aunt Lou, what was the worst disappointment of your life?” (Aunt Lou would have been age 57 at the time.) I waited dreamily to hear the stories. Which would it be? The shouting Methodist lover who had waited several years for her to become strong? The story of Robert, who she had worked so hard to win her back? (He had succeeded, and then his family had moved away. Next word they heard was that he had died at the age of 15). Or, the Campbellite youth from Peebles,” she surely would have married in spite of her delicate constitution, if he had been willing to “Come In” with the Covenanters.” Maybe it would



Joyce Wilson

Contributing Columnist

be some secret lost love I had never heard of.
She looked thoughtful for a moment and I could hardly wait for the story. Then she said, “Well, to tell the absolute truth, my greatest disappointment has happened more than once — a bad baking of salt rising bread!” The more I thought it over, the more I firmly believed she was telling the “absolute truth,” for Aunt Lou was very realistic. (I would have loved to meet Aunt Lou!)
One ex-Gaileysite, my Uncle Cargill Wickerham, (only son of John Milligan & Eleanor (Ralston) Wickerham and the brother of Victoria and Aunt Lou) could not become reconciled to so much change in the church. He sold his farm and they moved within bounds of one of the old orders of Covenanter churches in 1909. (They relocated to Logan County, Ohio, a very popular location for people of the Covenanter faith. A lot of Covenanters from Adams County had left and moved to Logan County over the years.) (We will learn more about Cargill and his family in later stories.)
By this time practically all the old outward peculiarities that had come down from ancient times when all had been Covenanters had disappeared from the Tranquility church — whether for

better or for worse spiritually, only God knows.
As I look back on this (Tranquility) church of my childhood and early youth, I feel sure in my own judgment that none of the inward qualities that gave them the real right to be numbered among God’s peculiar people,
had been lost. I feel sure those differences dragged out in the open gave no comfort to any enemy of Christianity. All were solidly bound together on the essential creed of Christianity, “Ye must be born again,” as in the orthodox world today. Then, there may have been a more narrowed horizon. But it was and is a free way of a free people.
Few today have ever heard of those staunch old Steelites and Gaileysites of “The Ridge” and elsewhere, but the Spirit that animated them will live on in God’s chosen ones no matter by what name they may be called.
With this, the author, Lena (McCoy) Mathews ends her book entitled “Lets Keep Their Memory Green.” The book begins circa 1796 with the settling of the “The Ridge” (Nichols Ridge in Adams County, Ohio) and continues over the next 100 plus years. I hope you have enjoyed hearing the tales of those generations as well as those of her own childhood. Next week I would like to share with you some highlights of Lena McCoy’s life as she reaches adulthood and has a family of her own.

Community ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLSD Board meets September 14
The Manchester Local School District Board of Education will meet in regular session on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Manchester High School

St. Vincent de Paul

has new operating hours
St. Vincent de Paul has new hours that they are open to the public. They have food, clothes and help with water and electric bills. The new hours are Wednesday and Friday, noon- 2 p.m. each day.

Liberty Chapel UMC holding Saturday Food Pantries
The Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church, located at 3889 White Oak Road in Blue Creek, will be hosting Saturday food pantries. On the first and third Saturdays of the month

Winchester NA Recovery Saturdays at 7 p.m
Winchester NA Recovery will meet at the Winchester CCCU Church on Saturdays at 7 p.m. These are open meetings and the church is located at 1540 Tri-County Road.

Living Clean Group meets on Thursdays
The Living Clean Group will meet on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Church in West Union. These are open meetings and the church is located at 612 East Mulberry Street.

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Poe explained that the next nine months would be about getting to know and touring the Adams County community. She asked, “What mission are we on in this community – in our personal lives? Is it a good mission? How do I use my leadership skills to accomplish that purpose?”

Peggy Chalker with Southern State Community College and a Leadership Adams board member is a transplant to Adams County and fell in love with the area. She was a pioneer for Leadership Adams, which started in 2010. She shared, “The opportunities have been great and meeting so many people with the diversity of every class. You all have amazing gifts to give and to share.” She likened the group to a fraternity. She said, “You’ve got folks dedicated to what leadership programs can do for the county. It’s primarily creating networks and connections, and you’ll always have those connections.”

Executive Director of Leadership Adams, Jeff Foster, was born and raised in Adams County. He explained that the group would have a project to design and complete for the benefit of the county. He encouraged, “For the coming weeks, kick around the idea of projects.” He shared, “Leadership Adams gave me new directions – a different



Amy Vogler and Tiffany DeMint in stitches over the “mousetrap” smothering. (Photo by Sherry Larson)

way to go after retirement. It’s going to make an impact on you.”

Brandon Howard from the campground was the day’s activity director/facilitator. He directed a fun icebreaker that brought out a healthy bit of competition and drove home the importance of trust and communication. He proved an effective teacher who gained our trust and respect as the day progressed.

Many Leadership Adams classes have sponsorships, and Thursday’s class was funded by Southern Ohio Communication Services (SOCS). President of SOCS Gary Cooper participated in last year’s class and was impressed with the process. He described last year’s log activity as

“breaking down barriers.” He said, “I’ve never done an exercise like that before.” Amy Queen another Leadership Adams alumni stated, “Every experience was meaningful. Born, raised, and involved in my county and community is important to me.” She especially enjoyed touring GE and hiking Buzzard’s Roost.

The next several months promise to be informative and collaborative. John C. Maxwell’s book “The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership” is our resource. Maxwell says, “My life sentence is, ‘I want to add value to leaders who will multiply value to others.’” Let’s hope that Leadership Adams Class 11 leaves that as our legacy.

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shocked by Madden’s actions. Hull indicated a strained relationship between Jason and Rachel. She stated, “Unfortunately, things have come about in a horrific way – it’s unimaginable.” Of the Madden’s son, Hull said she believes he is with a family member and said, “I hope he will find whatever he needs to communicate his feelings and desires. There’s many family members who love him.” Hull continued to say that she wanted this young man to feel supported. She stated, “His feelings need to be considered. He needs to have his innocence and his own healing without added pressure from anybody.”

This tragedy affects many people, including the people at Southern Ohio Lumber, police officers, family, friends and the community. For those who deliver news, especially those receiving news and even those of us reporting the infor-

mation, the trauma of the experience touches lives. It’s heartwarming to know leaders in the community like Sheriff Rogers, who took the time to return our call and helped me do my job and report with as much accuracy and sensitivity as possible. It’s what our readers deserve and, more importantly, what the family deserves.

This story is a story

that we will never fully know. But we can offer empathy, care, and concern for a young man’s life that is forever changed. Let’s be ever cognitive to put the heart and wellness of this child first. Yes, there are some stories we only know in part, but there are other stories we can help write, and maybe, just maybe, they’ll have a better ending.

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Winchester Happenings

By Joyce Porter and Patsy Roberts

The Winchester Homecoming will have our final meeting this year on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Council Office. We will have election of officers and review results of this year’s festival. If anyone has a suggestion for improvement or events next year, please let us know.

Please add Linda Puckett to your prayers. She recently underwent surgery and is now recuperating.

We have had visitors attend Town Council meeting to address uncontrolled weeds in the community. As I have driven around, not only weeds in yards but around falling down houses and trailers are a huge eyesore. If you would like to file a report (complaint), please take a photo, add the location and send to the Village of Winchester Town Hall. If you prefer to send to me, I will take to the council meeting.

Patsy and I went over to visit the Simon Kenton Festival on Saturday and decided to visit the Gray Wolf Antique Store while there. Patsy found a miniature replica of the USS

Texas, which was the first US battleship to become a permanent museum ship. It served in both WWI and WWII. Our Dad was in WWII and served on this ship. The replica is in excellent condition and interestingly, was made in Japan and sold in the ship Gift Shop.

W3CU Compassion Ministries (food) is 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday each month. The clothing pantry will be open from 3 – 6 p.m. We are looking at having an additional day to better serve anyone in need. The next date is October 20. Clothing donations can be dropped off on Tuesday mornings between 9 – 11 a.m. (except pantry week) and please include the name of the donor.

The next Winchester Village Council meeting will be held on October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. If you have an agenda item, call Ashley in the Town Hall (937-695-0880).

Winchester’s Past (Patsy Roberts): William Henry Middlesworth was born in 1829 and passed away in 1919. His parents were James Middlesworth and Mary Cooper. William

lived in Jackson Township and was a lifetime farmer. He married Mary Jane Nixon (1830-1864). She was the daughter of James Nixon and Joanna Chipps. They had three children: Mary (1857-1931), Joanna (1859-1915), and Ivan (1859). After Mary’s death he married Jeanette (Jennie) Frow (1842-1922). She was the daughter of Eliza Patton (1814-1882) and Archibald Frow (1811-1880). William and Jennie had 6 children: Belford (1865-1929), Archibald (1867-1952), Eliza (Lida) (1870-1891), John Thomas (1873-1896), Jacob (1875-1949) and Anna (1878-1888). William, Jennie, Lida, Thomas, and Anna are all buried in the old part of the Winchester Cemetery and their headstones are part of the ongoing cemetery restoration. Jennie’s mother, Eliza, is also buried in the old part of the cemetery and most likely her father Archibald is buried in an unmarked grave.

I know people have information you would like to include in the Winchester news; just let me know. Information is due by Sunday evening and can be sent by calling (937) 205-2309 (leave a message) or by email at japorter45697@gmail.com.

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LOCAL

WARREN COUNTY NEWS

By Amy Burzynski
Staff Writer

LEBANON

Prosecutor hosts anti-theft training Monday

Over the years, Warren County has been exposed to several cases involving misappropriation of funds collected for the benefit of nonprofit, church, school, charitable or other community organizations. These have included internal thefts against a local chamber of commerce, boosters and other sports organizations.

Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell and the Warren County Police Chiefs Association are again co-sponsoring a community training that provides information concerning money-handling systems, anti-theft procedures, and internal controls for the benefit of community organizations.

The training will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday in the multipurpose room of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, 520 Justice Drive. Attendees will need to enter through 500 Justice Drive (Common Pleas Court Building). The training, presented as a public service, is free and open to the public.

The training is designed for board members, officials, directors and volunteers associated with nonprofit, church, school, charitable or other community organizations.

For more information, call 513-695-1325. STAFF REPORT

WARREN COUNTY

Detachment to hold run/walk for Warrior Homesteads

Detachment 968 of the Marine Corps League in Mason will host Home Run for Warrior Homesteads 5K

Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Sept. 24 at Armco Park, Ohio 741, Lebanon. The proceeds will go to Warrior Homesteads, an organization that constructs small homes so homeless veterans can be provided permanent housing.

Although runners will be timed, families and walkers are welcome. Displays of tiny homes and other supporters will be present, as well.

Online registration at www.Timingspot.com. STAFF REPORT

DEERFIELD TWP.

Roads closed for 5K race Sept. 24

Innovation Way, between Socialville-Fosters Road and Duke Boulevard, as well as Duke Boulevard between Innovation Way and Digital Way, will be closed on Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon for a local 5K race.

The detour for these closures will utilize Socialville-Fosters Road, Mason-Montgomery Road and Irwin-Simpson Road.

For more information, visit wceo.us or call 513-695-3301. STAFF REPORT

SPRINGBORO

Women's health forum scheduled

The Christ Hospital Health Network will host Women: Let's Talk About Your Health Sept. 29 at Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. Wine and cheese reception will be held from 6-7 p.m., followed by Q & A forum 7-8 p.m.

The forum will have a panel of experts for a Q & A by guiding women through each life experience and transition. Whether a woman has been trying to get pregnant, struggling with stress and fatigue or needs help with yearly healthcare

needs, providers will be there to answer questions.

Registration deadline is Sept. 20 at tinyurl.com/38ftf9vh. CONTRIBUTED

LEBANON

Horse Drawn Carriage Parade seating box sales

The Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce will be offering reserved seating boxes again this year for its 33rd annual Horse Drawn Carriage Parade. The parades will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 3.

Officials said the boxes will be in the same location again this year, the block between Mulberry and Silver streets, and the boxes will be on both sides of the street again.

New this year, the Lebanon Chamber is also partnering with Lebanon Christian School to offer VIP parking.

The cost of a reserved box is \$200 per parade again this year, and the cost for a VIP parking pass is \$50, with 100% of the proceeds from the VIP parking going to Lebanon Christian Schools.

For more information, email the Lebanon Chamber at info@lebanonchamber.org. CONTRIBUTED

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LOCAL

WARREN COUNTY
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

By Amy Burzynski
Staff Writer

The following list of recent real estate transactions in the Mason and Lebanon areas was compiled through public records.

Deerfield Twp.

9723 Carriage Run Ct.	\$760,000
6896 Fallen Oaks Dr.	\$303,000
9369 Gardenside Ln.	\$700,000
5822 Maxfli Ln.	\$526,500
5873 Maxfli Ln.	\$530,000
7839 Meadowbrook Dr.	\$150,000
2877 Mossy Brink Ct.	\$164,000
6492 Quail Lake	\$325,000
9375 Snider Rd.	\$286,500
7914 Woodview Ct.	\$370,000

Lebanon

303 S. Broadway St.	\$524,000
532 Creekside Ln.	\$115,000
213 Highland Ave.	\$232,000
81 Holland Ave.	\$180,000
309 Ivy Forge Ct.	\$254,000
475 Lookout Ridge Dr.	\$203,500
14 Mound St.	\$254,900
421 North Church Dr.	\$305,000
1575 Tollgate Ct.	\$285,000
248 Triple Crown Dr.	\$305,000

Mason

339 Bexley Ct.	\$121,000
5422 Birch View Dr.	\$951,000
5163 Chateaugay Dr.	\$288,000
4728 Country Downs Dr.	\$965,000
310 Cox St.	\$248,500
7192 Freedom Way	\$525,000
6139 Green Meadow	\$435,000
7147 Gruber Dr.	\$525,000
6569 Indianwood Dr.	\$406,000
6296 Inverness Way	\$290,000
4943 Isaac Ln.	\$442,000
1271 Kay Dr.	\$325,000
4307 Longden Ct.	\$320,000
5910 Maple View Dr.	\$839,871
3797 Marble Ridge Ln.	\$570,000
4472 Millbrook Ln.	\$530,000
6703 Pondfield Ln.	\$248,000
3546 Rydal Ln.	\$291,000
5405 Sentinel Oak Dr.	\$820,420
3505 Top Flite Ln.	\$585,000
421 Wellington Ct.	\$131,000
4574 Winterberry Ct.	\$525,000

South Lebanon

324 Forest Edge Dr.	\$560,000
384 Pike St.	\$79,000

Contact this reporter at 513-820-2170 or email amy.burzynski@coxinc.com.

Lebanon

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defend personal liberties and defend the freedom of choice.

He said drugs are dangerous, but alcohol use is more addictive than medical marijuana, yet the city permits a DORA district and brewers in the city.

City officials said the new regulation has one exception for the city's lone medical marijuana dispensary already in operation as a conditional use.

The zoning code amendment was developed after council members said they were concerned about the issue last year when a new rule by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy increased the number of medical marijuana dispensary licenses from one to seven in the

district that includes Warren, Clinton and Clermont counties.

The state Board of Pharmacy approved adding 73 more dispensary licenses on April 19, 2021, to the 57 current licenses already created. That would bring the total of licenses that could be issued to 130 after the next application round is completed.

Warren, Clinton and Clermont counties are in one of the 31 dispensary zones in the state. There is one dispensary in the zone which is located in Lebanon – About Wellness Ohio, 1525 Gentown Drive, Suite B. The next closest dispensary is Columbia Care Monroe, formerly Strawberry Fields, 300 N. Main St. in Monroe.

Other provisions of the regulations include:

■ No medical marijuana dispensary shall be located

within 500 feet of a school, church, public park, public playground or public library, consistent with state of Ohio spacing requirements.

■ The exterior of any medical marijuana dispensary shall be properly screened so that its activities, with exception of any administrative tasks occurring inside the facility, could not be seen by the public within the right of way.

■ An application for zoning verification permit shall be made to the City of Lebanon and shall include copies of the application for and the provisional license granted by the Ohio Department of Commerce.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing in Case Nos. 21-903-GA-EXM, 21-904-GA-ATA, and 21-905- GA-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of a General Exemption of Certain Natural Gas Commodity Sales Services or Ancillary Services, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.

On April 27, 2022, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy) filed an application pursuant to R.C. 4929.04, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-03, and the Stipulation and Recommendation adopted by the Commission in Case No. 14-375-GA-RDR, et al., for approval to transition from its gas cost recovery process to a natural gas auction in the form of a standard service offer (SSO) and for approval of a general exemption of certain natural gas commodity sales services or ancillary services contained in the Ohio Revised Code. Additionally, Duke Energy requests approval of several proposed riders pursuant to R.C. 4929.11, specifically SSO Rider, SSO Rate, SSO Cost Reconciliation Rider (Rider SSOCR), SSO Service, and Auction Transition Cost Rider (Rider ATC). Further, Duke Energy requests approval of all applicable accounting authority necessary to implement Rider SSOCR and Rider ATC pursuant to R.C. 4905.13. Duke Energy also requests approval of a bill format change, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-11(D), for natural gas customers to include a price-to-compare message, which Duke Energy believes is consistent with the existing message for electric customers.

A hearing in this proceeding will commence on September 27, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Additionally, consistent with R.C. 4929.04, any member of the public may submit comments regarding the application. People may do so through submissions on the Commission's docketing website at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us> or by mail to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Attention: Docketing Division, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Written comments should reference Case No. 21-903-GA-EXM. As with all cases before the Commission, comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of the case.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

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